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Michelle Suarez ’85, M.S. Ed. ’04
Executive Director, SIU Alumni Association

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The Personally Displaced
When former Daily Egyptian editor Jordan Wilson received an International Student Reporting Fellowship with the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting Campus Consortium in 2009, his investigative reporting took him to Kenya. There he reported on the post-election violence that displaced more than 750,000 people and provided the Southern grad with a life-changing journey that is impossible for him to forget.

A Rare And Fine Man
John LaPine, an alumnus who deals in rare books and manuscripts in Chicago, long ago realized he had little use for television. Ten years ago, striving to protect his children from the influence of television, discarded all of the sets in his home and severed all cables. It's safe to say he wouldn't be the person to ask for the latest updates of your favorite reality television program. "That's what I enjoy about the rare books business - I have my own reality show daily in this shop."

Serati Leads The Association
It has been a long and winding road for SIU Alumni Association President Ray Serati, and one that he is thrilled led him back to his southern Illinois roots. For many years he worked in the Illinois Capitol Press Corps covering all facets of state government and politics. Now retired, he is currently helping guide the Association through several key initiatives. Although he has long lived in Springfield, Ill., he says his heart has always stayed three hours south of the state's capitol.

In Search Of Bigfoot
Mysteries of nature – loch monsters, chupacabras, and Bigfoot – have long populated Loren Coleman's world. He is acknowledged as the current living American researcher and writer who most popularized cryptozoology, which is basically the biological study of "hidden animals." But don't expect this author of more than 6,000 columns and articles to blindly defend the creatures and critters that occasionally pop up in the news as "monsters." Instead, he calls himself an "open-minded skeptic."
Remembering Coach Cal

by Gene Green

The SIU family lost a dear friend—and the world an even better man—when Saluki Baseball Coach Dan Callahan passed away on Nov. 15 at age 52 following a long and heroic battle with a form of melanoma. It was a remarkable fight, as he worked at the job he loved until the bitter end and went about his daily life in an upbeat manner that belied the true struggles he and his family faced.

You meet thousands of people on this journey (research estimates that the average person will speak to more than 100,000 individuals during a lifetime), and Cal was near the top of my list. Quite frankly I never met anyone like him. One of my close friends probably summed him up best when he said Callahan was a “larger than life character.” His influence on countless people is hard to measure.

His friends called him “Cal.” Referring to him as Dan probably indicated you never had the privilege of knowing him well. Only his family would have even considered calling him by his given first name, while he in turn often referred to friends as “Big Shooter.”

Cal, who earned his master’s degree from SIU in 1987, served as a graduate assistant at Southern in 1986-87, and an assistant coach/academic coordinator in 1988 under then-head coach Itchy Jones. He was appointed to his first collegiate head coaching position at Eastern Illinois in 1988, and returned to Carbondale in 1995 when he succeeded Sam Riggleman. He would end his career with 442 SIU wins—second only to Jones—and was proud to come to work each day to a job he loved.

On The Road With Cal

For nine of the 16 years that he was SIU baseball coach, I served as the sport’s contact in the Saluki Sports Information office and traveled countless miles with the Springfield, Ill., native. Sitting on the team bus—usually in the seat directly behind Cal—time passed on America’s highways with great discussions on baseball strategy, laughing at stories I’d heard him tell 20 times, and learning all too well that if the Chevy Chase movie “Fletch” was on board we would be watching it again.

Cal’s impression of Fletch asking, “Can I borrow your towel for a second? My car just hit a water buffalo,” could often be heard if he walked into your hotel room and saw a bath towel hanging on a rack. Each time he said it, I laughed like it was the first time.

The man never met a stranger (often the stranger the better), and loved talking to people. His infamous conversations with cab drivers, waitresses, and others he had never before met were guaranteed to produce hilarious dialog. Cal, a man seemingly without an ego, would often tell people to “clear out three or four hours this evening so I can tell you all about myself.” He really loved making people smile—it was a wonderful gift.

When I think of Cal, I will remember three traits that in large part defined him. His honesty, loyalty, and sense of humor were unrivaled. If you did anything for him, big or small, you would receive a phone call or a handwritten note of thanks. Often it was both.

Talking to Coach Jones the day before Cal died, he said something that captured the thoughts of Saluki baseball players everywhere. “What a privilege it must have been for a young man to play for him,” Jones said. “It had to be a special time that they will never forget.”

He Had An Impact

In the days following his death, many of those players began to post their memories online to share with others. Reading many of those comments, it was interesting to see how Cal continues to affect them. One such example focused on how he always demanded players pick up their hotel rooms before they checked out on a road trip. He simply didn’t want to cause anyone who was employed there to incur additional work.

Former Salukis Dave Condon and Joe Schley drove down from Chicago to see Cal continued on page 63
Henderson Reflects On Callahan

For 16 years I have been blessed and honored to stand beside Dan Callahan, a truly great man. Not just from a baseball standpoint, but great in the way he treated people. He was so humble that he never knew how many lives he touched.

Cal had one simple rule that he told our players often: “Do the right thing.” I can say without hesitation that in the 16 years I worked with him I always heard him speak the truth. You might not like what he had to say, but you knew he was being honest and was speaking from the heart. We often talked about our responsibilities, and although the job was to coach baseball, he knew the responsibility was always to prepare young men to be successful in the real world.

He was not afraid to be tough on players when needed. He knew they might not understand now, but they would benefit later. He was passionate about baseball, and especially passionate about people. He had a greater mission than baseball, and received so much joy visiting with former players and knowing that they were happy and successful.

If you knew Cal, you knew he lived life to the fullest. I could tell a thousand stories from the garage “sessions” - in which he often played Houdini - to the prank phone calls, to the hotel suites at conventions, to a late night impromptu dinner with a homeless man in Chicago, to commandeering the city bus in downtown Chicago, to the barber shop session in downtown Washington D.C., etc., etc. He packed more into 52 years than most could have in several lifetimes.

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My heart aches, not just for me (if I might not understand now), but for his wonderful wife, Stacy, for his beautiful daughters Lexie and Carly, for his parents Gene and Ann, his sisters Lynn and Cheri, and for all the current and former players and coaches who had the honor of going to battle with him. He truly loved each of you.

Just a few weeks ago Cal, who I'm sure was not feeling too well, was working hard to get one of our former players tickets to a World Series game in San Francisco. He was not happy that he was having trouble “pulling it off,” but still was thrilled to try and bring some joy to someone else.

Cal, you always “pulled it off” and you always “did the right thing.”

Ken Henderson
Associate Head Coach
Saluki Baseball

Inviting Mr. & Mrs. Morris To Dinner

I enjoy when Southern Alumni has photos and stories featuring Delyte and Dorothy Morris. Each time it reminds me of a highlight event during my three years at SIU. In the Fall of 1964, me and my roommate, Jim Bell Jr., invited President Morris and his wife to the off-campus farmhouse we rented. We were a little surprised that they accepted, and it turned out to be a wonderful evening of conversation. We learned about the transition from “Normal U” to SIU, and they both were so gracious.

They shocked us when they informed us that no student had ever invited them to dinner at a student residence. The next day while we were in classes, Dorothy delivered a large basket of fresh apples to us with a thank you note.

I also enjoyed reading the September “A Step Back In Time” page regarding the possibility that a frugal student in 1910 could attend Normal U for “about $100.” During my first year at Southern in 1962, money was scarce and I decided to keep a record of every single expenditure for that school year.

The grand total for tuition, books, student activity fee, food, rent, travel to and from the Chicago area, and recreation was $998.00. So in 52 years, inflation appears to have multiplied costs by a factor of ten.

Robert Tingler '65
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Angelo & Juan Inn: Murphysboro - 10% off regular rate

Barton House Bed & Breakfast: Carbondale - Advance registration required for 10% discount.

Bella Terra Winery: Creal Springs - 10% off menu items

Bike Surgeon: Carbondale - 10% off new parts and accessories

Carson Wagonlit Travel Agency: Herrin/Marion, 5% off all preferred cruises & vacations

Coleman-Rhoads Furniture: West Frankfort - 10% off accessories

Common Grounds Coffee Shop: Carbondale - 10% off

*Enterprise Rent-a-Car: Carbondale - 10% off

Fazoli's: Carbondale - Free soft drink with entree

Furniture King: Carbondale - 15% off accessories

Gambit Inn: Vienna - 10% off room and 10% at Gambit Steak House

Garfield's Restaurant: Carbondale - 20% off (not available on lunch specials)

Gold's Gym: Marion - $109 enrollment fee waived

Green Retreat: Murphysboro - 10% off accommodations on stays two nights or longer and 10% off services

Hampton Inn: Carbondale - 10% off standard room rate

Harbaugh's: Restaurant: Carbondale - 10% off

Holliland's: Carbondale - Free appetizer with purchase of two entrees (excludes sampler/combo)

Huck's: Carbondale - (S. 31 location only): 3% discount per gallon of gas

Hundley House Bed & Breakfast: Carbondale - 20% off published rates

Hutter's: Carbondale - 10% off regular rates, 20% off for joint members

Italian Village: Carbondale - 10% off your meal

Lush Avola Salon & Spa: Carbondale - 10% off services

Makande Inn: Makanda - 10% off first night's stay

Mane Attraction Hair Studio: Carbondale - 10% off services for annual members ($15 or more), 15% off services for life members ($15 or more)

Marion Econo Lodge: Marion - 15% off room rate

Marion Ford Lincoln Mercury Hyundai: Marion - 10% off auto parts and service (including Quick Lane)

Mary's Restaurant: Herrin - 10% off lunch or dinner entrees. Also 10% off regular rates at Mary's Bed & Breakfast.

Midwest Ear Nose & Throat Clinic: Herrin - 10% off hearing aids

Murdale True Value: Carbondale - 20% off reg. paint, 5% off sale paint

Niemann Flooring, Inc.: Carbondale - 10% off regularly priced items

Owl Creek Vineyard: Cobden - 10% off gift and food purchases

Papa Mike's: Olive - 10% dine in only

Photography By Al PARR: Carbondale - 10% off matted prints featuring campus lake

Perseus Tire & Rubber: Granite City, Mt. Vernon, and Springfield, IL - 5% off oil change, 5% off any 4 tires, 10% repairs over $500

Quatro's Pizza: Carbondale - Free pitcher of soda with medium or large pizza

Red Hawk Golf Course: DuQuoin - 18 holes with cart for $25

Reppert's Office Supplies: Carbondale - 10% off regularly priced items

RX For Pools: Marion - 15% off store merchandise except for Polaris cleaners (not good with any other discount)

Saluki Bookstore: Carbondale - 20% off for life members, 15% off for annual members on SIU imprinted items

710 Bookstore: Carbondale - Illinois Ave. location only, 20% off for life members, 15% off for annual members discount on SIU Imprinted Items

Shawnee Winery: Vienna - 10% off merchandise

Spinoni's Pizza & Pasta House: Carbondale - $2 off any food purchase of $10 or more (not valid on specials or with other offers)

The Sports Performance Store: Marion - 10% off services, 10% off equipment

Super 8: Carbondale - 10% off standard room rate

Talent Education School: Carbondale - 20% off

Wiggles-N-Tunes Pre-K music class

Train Inn: Carbondale - 10% off advanced registration

Tres Hombres: Carbondale - $1 off dinner entree; $0.50 off lunch entree

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*Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 20% off

*Virus Killer: $15 enrollment fee waived (毕业后) in all cases

*Curves: 20% off

*Working Advantage: Discounts on theme parks, sporting events, online shopping, ski tickets, gift certificates, and more

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Minish Named Provost-Senior Vice Chancellor

Southern Illinois University Carbondale Chancellor Rita Cheng has announced the appointment of Gary Minish as provost and senior vice chancellor. He served as dean of SIU's College of Agricultural Sciences and professor of animal science, food and nutrition from 2004 until his retirement earlier this year.

Minish was selected from among four finalists, and his appointment was effective Dec. 15. He replaces Don Rice, who has served as interim provost and vice chancellor since 2006.

"Dr. Minish's record of achievement, his scholarship and his leadership abilities will serve our University well," Cheng says. "He understands our challenges and our strengths, and I am confident he will bring innovative ideas to this leadership role in academic affairs. I look forward to working with him to move our institution forward."

Minish says he is "excited and humbled" by his appointment as the campus' chief academic officer, and expressed appreciation to Cheng, the search committee, faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders.

"I am confident that together we can address the challenges and opportunities necessary to take this outstanding student-centered research University to the next level and make it the destination for learning and innovation," he says.

Cheng expressed her appreciation to Rice for his service. She also thanked the search committee, headed by College of Science Associate Dean Laurie Achenbach, for its work in narrowing the national search to four well-qualified candidates, as well as to members of the campus community for participating in the selection process.

Minish was born in Laramie, Wyo., and raised on a beef cattle and grain farm in Iowa. He earned his bachelor's degree in animal science from Iowa State and his doctoral degree in animal science from Michigan State. He was a professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University from 1974 to 1976 and from 1977 to 2001. He also served there as assistant dean and assistant director of resident instruction from 1984 to 1986; director of development and director of agriculture technology from 1986 to 1988; and as department head of animal and poultry sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences from 1994 to 2001.

He and his wife, Roberta, reside in Makanda, Ill.

Bryson 2010 Sturgis Award Recipient

Earlier this year longtime Southern administrator Seymour Bryson was named the 2010 Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Award winner. The award was presented at an SIU Board of Trustees meeting to a man who has served the University for more than 50 years.

The award is presented annually to an SIU employee who has made great contributions to the community.

Bryson came to SIU in 1955 on a basketball scholarship. He was the first chairman of Diversifying Faculty on the Illinois Board of Higher Education and chairman of the Illinois Committee on Black Concerns in Higher Education. He is now an assistant to the chancellor, executive director for Head Start and has helped raise funds for Saluki Way and for Project Hope and Opportunity.

Bryson says he was surprised, humbled, and appreciative of the honor, noting "I have always tried to help people the way people at SIU have helped me." The SIU Alumni Association life member received a bachelor's degree in social work in 1959, a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling in 1961, and a doctorate in educational psychology in 1972.

SIU Board of Trustees Chairman Roger Tedrick says Bryson "has been a fixture on the campus and has always been willing to donate his time to the University."

Through the years, he has been known for his involvement in a variety of professional associations, commissions, and organizations, while holding various elected and appointed positions and devoting much time to community service. He has served the state on the Guardianship and Advocacy Commission, the African American Family Commission, the State Use Commission, the Department of Rehabilitation Service Advisory Council and much more, along with a number of roles at the community level. He also has served as president of the Carbondale chapter of the NAACP, and president and member of the board of directors for the Carbondale United Way.

Sturgis was a member of the University's Board of Trustees from 1949 to 1951, and from 1953 until he retired in 1971. He was chairman of the board from 1969 until his retirement. For more information about this award and how to nominate someone, please go to http://bot.siu.edu/lwssturgis.html.
Davey Wins Award For Work With Young People

Jon Davey '80, M.S.'86, architecture professor and distinguished faculty member at Southern, is passionate about architecture and helping young people understand and appreciate the built world around them. A statewide award this month recognized him for the summer architectural workshops he created to meld those passions.

Davey is the recipient of the 2010 R. Buckminster Fuller Award from the Illinois branch of the American Institute of Architects. The AIA presents the annual award to recognize "the exemplary dedication of an AIA member to humanitarian concerns, social impact, or community endeavors" and Davey earned the accolade for more than two decades of working with young people in summer architecture workshops and camps.

The award is meaningful to Davey for several reasons, he said. It recognizes his love of educating young people and since it signifies recognition from other architects and professors, "That's really an honor," Davey says. "Buckminster Fuller taught here at SIU and he is associated with SIU nationally and internationally. This award means a lot to me," Davey said.

Davey created the Kid Architecture program in 1988 for students in grades four through six and about three years later added components for junior high and high school students. He says he was seeing youngsters grow up without really understanding the manmade world around them and that led to his decision to give them experiences that would open their eyes to that world.

More than 2,000 youths have participated in the unique architecture camps on the SIU campus, coming from all over the world to attend the workshops. Davey has also taken Kid Architecture on the road, bringing to about 5,000 in all the number of young people completing the program.

For more information about the architecture camps, look online at https://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/Academic-Camps/ or http://mvpage.siu.edu/ashfaq/KidArch/.

On The Side

Rec Center Reunion Planned For 2011 Homecoming

There will be a reunion for past Office of Intramural-Recreational Sports (OIRS)/Recreational Sports and Services (RSS)/Student Recreation Center employees, Intramural Sport and Sport Club participants and officials, lifeguards, fitness instructors, custodial crew, equipment desk, etc. during SIU Homecoming Weekend on Oct. 15, 2011. If you worked for, participated in, or interned there, you are invited to reunite with your Saluki family from "The Rec."

Please email your fondest/funniest stories and photos of your time here to Gary Tisdale, assistant director of marketing, at gtdale@siu.edu so it can be posted at www.reccenter.siu.edu. More reunion details will be available online, but you make your hotel reservations now! A list of lodging accommodations can be found at www.carbondalechamber.com by clicking on the Chamber Businesses link on the right side of the page.

Calling All SIU Design Alumni

You are invited to return to Carbondale April 7-8, 2011, to participate in the symposium SIUC Synergetics 2011: Where Innovation and Sustainable Development Meet and its concurrent design alumni reunion. Over two days we will not only be discussing, but developing strategies and procedures for fostering innovative, sustainable development.

With a focus on academic and business collaboration and partnerships, the event will bring current SIU faculty and students in design, architecture, business, and engineering together with leading practitioners from the business world in a working and social environment. Presentations by Bucky Fuller disciple Jay Baldwin and celebrated author Mark Victor Hansen will provide keynotes, while a variety of sessions, workshops, and social events will provide ample opportunity for the exchange of ideas, strategies, and stories.

Theta Xi Variety Show

The 64th Annual Theta Xi Variety Show will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 7 p.m. in Shryock Auditorium. This year's theme is 'A Celebration of Music Legends.' Chapters will be singing and dancing to some of the greatest music of all time.

Revenues from the show continue to support Scholarships. A silent auction will also take place at the show to assist in raising funds for the scholarships. Tickets will go on sale in February and will be available through SIU Event Services (http://southernticketsonline.com/).

More information regarding this year's show can be obtained at www.SIUGreeks.com, or you may send email to Greeks@siu.edu for more information. Alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend.
Dear Fellow Salukis:

Since arriving on campus six months ago, I have found the dedication, energy and passion of our alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents and many friends to be both inspiring and contagious. It is truly an honor to serve as chancellor, and I am proud to be a member of the University community.

We have many accomplishments to celebrate and a future full of promise. I would like to share just a few highlights with you.

In 2010, the University earned the maximum 10-year continuation of its institutional accreditation, a distinction the University has maintained since 1913. This stamp of approval confirms that we are delivering on our promise of excellence in teaching, research and public service, and reflects the outstanding commitment of all members of our University community.

Our researchers and scholars attracted a record-setting $78 million in externally funded grants. At this point in our fiscal year, we are on pace to break that record.

Collaborative efforts across the campus continue to generate national and statewide praise for the educational opportunities we provide to active members of the military and for veterans. In fact, Military Times Edge magazine ranks SIUC second in the nation in its listing of the 100 top colleges and universities for services provided to student veterans.

In keeping with our longstanding commitment to access and diversity, we again earned praise this year from the magazine Diverse: Issues in High Education. Our University ranks No. 1 for the number of African American students earning a bachelor’s degree in education. In addition, the University moved from 44th in the 2009 rankings to 33rd for all degrees awarded to African American students. These and the other positive results indicate we are on the right track and encourage us to make even greater progress.

As I’m sure you know, Saluki Stadium, the Boydston Center and the renovated SIU Arena all opened this fall. If you have not had an opportunity to visit these beautiful facilities, I encourage you to do so. You will be filled with Saluki Pride!

Our long-needed Transportation Education Center, which will house our nationally acclaimed aviation and automotive programs, is under construction, with completion scheduled for 2012. And we soon will see development of a Student Services Building to better serve our students. You also will soon learn about plans for an Alumni Association/SIU Foundation building in the McAndrew Stadium area.

This has been a year of great progress, and I am excited about 2011. To learn more about our many achievements and new initiatives, I invite you to read my State of the University address, which is available at http://www.siuc.edu/chancel/presentations/stateofuniversity2010.html.

Yes, we do have challenges. But I am confident in our ability to respond to these challenges because of our great assets — you, our incredibly supportive alumni, and our dedicated faculty and staff who believe deeply in our University.

Thank you for all that you do. Happy holidays to you and yours, and best wishes in the new year.

Sincerely,

Rita Cheng
Chancellor
To our members...

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- Host over 40 alumni events across the United States.
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- Gain over 6,500 friends on Facebook!
- Throw 6 home tailgate parties for members before Saluki football games!

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A young boy cries out as Wilson takes his photo. Most of the internally displaced persons, or IDPs, in Kenya were not born into poverty. Many people living in camps once had booming businesses and close-knit families before the outbreak of political violence changed that.

Editor's Note: Jordan Wilson is a former writer, photographer, and editor at The Daily Egyptian. In 2009, he was one of five people to receive an International Student Reporting Fellowship with the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting Campus Consortium. His investigative piece took him to Kenya as he reported on the post-election violence that has displaced more than 750,000 people in the Rift Valley. The following represents some of the things he saw—and felt—on this life-changing journey far removed from his hometown of Freeport, Ill.

I tried to ignore the gauze wrapped around her battered finger. The normally white cloth had faded pink, indicative of days of dried blood coated in dirt. Looking past her oversized and over-worn sandals, the Kenyan girl’s leg told another story. A white bone protruded through a mass of bloody and infected skin. There was a shortage of food and water but a surplus of sickness and sorrow. I was out of my comfort zone.

The Personally Displaced

Former Daily Egyptian Editor Goes To Kenya

Wilson, left, talks with Ndungu Wanjohi in Eldoret, Kenya. Wanjohi was the camp leader for the largest group of internally displaced persons in the country.
Post-election violence in erupted on Dec. 27, 2007, and continues to plague thousands today. The vicious attacks left between 500,000 and 750,000 Kenyans without homes. In September 2009, Kenyan president Mwai Kibaki pledged the government's support in the Rift Valley, saying both money and land for each family were on the way. More than a year later, most of the displaced citizens are still waiting for such assistance. Large numbers of young children make up a portion of the displaced Kenyans. "Everybody has to struggle on how your children are to eat," says one mother. "Even with the aid we are not content with the life at the camps."

When I made this journey a year ago thanks to a fellowship from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, I figured it to be just another assignment. Sure, reporting on Kenyans displaced because of post-election violence two years ago would evoke more emotion than anything I did in my years as a reporter and editor at The Daily Egyptian. But I assumed the sights, smells, and imagery would dissipate from memory. It's now a year later, and they haven't. I traveled to Africa last year to find hundreds of thousands of people, including mine.

What I found was disturbing: a politically charged power struggle that permanently changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people, including mine.

**Suffering Defined**

She wasn't speaking English, but I perfectly understood Jane Wambuini Njoroge. Her cracking voice resembled her hometowns or other places throughout the war-torn nation since late 2007, thousands remain displaced. Most displaced people lived in tents, the same ones they used when massive groups of Kenyans swarmed together in camps for internally displaced persons. The IDP camps for two years served as a safe haven for hundreds of thousands of people who were still displaced as a result of the 2008 presidential election. Post-election violence forced some 500,000 to 750,000 people from their homes. These were successful people who had everything taken away in a few vicious hours. Thousands were killed and injured. People were shot, burned, and hacked to death with machetes in broad daylight as long-simmering tribal tensions boiled over into a bloodbath that stunned the world.

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When Wilson returned to the states, his dream of continuing to climb up the journalistic ladder had cooled. "The assignment opened my eyes that there are bigger problems to deal with in this country than chasing corrupt politicians or reporting on mundane things I often covered for newspapers," he notes. "That realization led me to the job I have now."

Wilson currently serves as media director for Triple Threat Mentoring, a nonprofit company based in Aurora, III., that serves under-resourced young people. The group's mission is "empowering urban youth to develop confidence, character, and life skills." For the Freeport, Ill., native, the job is a great fit. "I had to get involved with something that would have a real impact in making the world around us a better place. That's my motivation now."
Answers Aren't Always Enough

Answers are hard to come by in Kenya, especially when it has to do with IDPs. My timing wasn't exactly the best, either. My visit fell the same week government officials were being investigated by the International Criminal Court for their alleged involvement in the violence. Tribes are politically aligned, which means an entire tribe being displaced can be a huge advantage for some politicians.

This investigation made for some tense times, as big-shot politicians did everything they could to conceal any alleged involvement in the attacks. During my two weeks in Kenya, I saw three stories in the local paper about people going “missing” because they were giving out damaging information about the government’s involvement in violence. One of my sources even had to move his family after being threatened by one political big-shot’s henchmen because he gave me too much information.

It was serious business. Regardless, answers slowly trickled in.

Some people have received the money promised by the government. A few hundred dollars, though, means squat for people who lost businesses, homes, and family members. The promise of land is another issue.

It’s too bad that political egos and ancestral bitterness will keep this problem from being solved. The dozens of IDPs I talked to will likely continue to suffer and struggle to eat ample food and drink clean water.

The IDP situation in Kenya isn’t a unique fight; similar scenarios play on around the globe with different characters and settings. That’s the answer I ultimately found, that the United States is a small box and there’s a lot of troubling times in all corners of the world that most Americans tend not to pay attention to.

After this trip, I was conflicted, torn, and saddened. You probably see stories dealing with refugees or IDPs briefly on the news or catch a paragraph or two in the paper. But when you read about it or see it, there are things you aren’t exposed to.

You don’t see the nine family members sharing a meal fit for one. You don’t see those same nine crammed in a raggedy tent the size of a half-bathroom. You don’t see the death. The destruction. The devastation.

This journey grabbed my attention, and I’m glad it did. Although I had excellent training, it was an education you cannot get in a Carbondale classroom.

Maybe you aren’t going to head to rural Kenya and help people in tents. That’s fine. But there’s likely someone just like Jane Wambuin Njoroge in your own backyard. Someone who is sick. Someone who is hungry. Someone literally crying for help.

I hope that reading this story might persuade you to answer that call, even if for a brief moment.

For more on Wilson’s reporting and to see his video accounts, go to pulitzercenter.org/people/jordan-wilson.
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Enrollment Management
To Launch New Initiatives

by Bonnie Marx

While there may be plenty of reasons to be concerned over the state of the University, one department is moving forward aggressively to find a brighter light at the end of the proverbial tunnel.

With six months on the job, John Nicklow, interim assistant provost in the Department of Enrollment Management, is brimming with ideas and ways to implement them. One of the most promising new initiatives is Legacy Tuition Scholarships, a program that provides a 20 percent discount to children (and grandchildren) of SIU graduates living in states outside the geographical region.

"We've been recruiting in California, Florida, and Texas," Nicklow says. "We're trying new initiatives that will be far more aggressive and intentional than they have ever been."

Looking for students outside the region is nothing new, but there's also a renewed push to recruit new students in Southern's backyard. Already in place is the Southern Stars program, which provides a 20 percent tuition discount to qualifying students in Illinois' 34 southernmost counties. Southern Stars awards are given on the basis of financial need and successful completion of a rigorous secondary school program of study.

"We want to build on the success of the Saluki First Year program (which helps smooth students' transitions to the University) and Saluki Cares (which connects students with campus resources to help them manage challenges, academic or otherwise)," Nicklow says. In 2011, all freshmen will be required to take — for credit — a student success course about living and learning.

Among other changes, Nicklow says, the office will create advertising directed at veterans; make major shifts in marketing and branding; and will triple (to about 300,000) the number of names it buys for recruitment purposes (those who mark certain interests and preferences on their ACT exams.)

Last year, Nicklow says, a lack of funding prevented buying any names at all. The year before that, only sophomores and juniors were identified.

One of the things that Katharine Suski '88, M.P. Ad. '04, associate director of undergraduate admissions, is working to streamline are the on-campus open houses. "We're lessening the sitting time," she says, "and being more aggressive with territories. Our mailing level has increased quite a bit."

Throughout the Department of Enrollment Management, which includes Undergraduate Admissions, New Student Programs, Records and Registration, and Financial Aid, and across campus the bywords are teamwork and cooperation.

"There have been reorganizations. We're increasing efficiency, work flow, and customer service," Suski says. "Before, there wasn't a culture of enrollment management on campus. Instead, colleges had a lot of parallel movement going on, as each tried to recruit. There were many people on campus that wanted to do something but just didn't know how."

Nicklow says he's excited about the distance-education connection. The credit-bearing site has moved from the Division of Continuing Education (DCE) to individual colleges, which gives them more incentive to offer courses. We'll
have more distance-education courses and degrees offered.

Under the old affiliation, Nicklow says, DCE got the credit for online enrollment. But under the new model, the colleges not only get credit, but receive a portion of the tuition. And faculty can teach online courses under their regular load, not apart from it.

Integrated into retention strategies will be tracking students who left prematurely "to try to get them to come back," Nicklow says. "Some leave for maturity reasons, some for financial. We're trying to understand, to reflect on why things are the way they are."

A new early alert system that tracks attendance in classes will also help, alerting campus officials to possible problems early on. But one thing is for certain, Nicklow says: "It will be hard to fall off the face of SIU without intervention."

Nicklow is no stranger to student recruitment and retention. A professor in civil and environmental engineering, he joined SIU in 1998 and served as associate dean of the College of Engineering for the past four years, where recruitment and retention were a part of the job.

Between 1997 and 2004, the average first- and second-year retention rates were 64 and 70 percent, respectively. Following two years of implementing approaches that included mentoring and an engineering residential college, the retention rate of first-year students rose to 74.3 percent, and the retention rate among second-year students rose to 77.5 percent.

Saluki Interactive Keeps You Connected

With the Internet application Saluki Interactive, it's never been easier to stay connected to Southern and to lend a helping hand in the University's recruitment and retention efforts.

When the creation of Saluki Interactive was announced in the 2009 State of the University Address, the chancellor said it "will allow alumni around the world to support SIUC in a variety of ways, including student referrals, participation in off-campus recruitment, events, and serving as advocates for the University in their locations."

At salukiinteractive.com, which is sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association, alumni can volunteer to attend open houses in their own communities, make calls to prospective students, host receptions for newly admitted students, or communicate with prospective students when University representatives aren't there, says John Nicklow, interim assistant provost in the Department of Enrollment Management, as well as for a variety of other opportunities.

If you're interested in volunteering or any number of other things - the place to start is salukiinteractive.com. For those without Internet connections or questions that aren't answered online, contact Mike Trude, coordinator of public information at Undergraduate Admissions, at trude@siu.edu or 618-453-1748.

[Image of Saluki Interactive's website]
Georgia Firm Brings Office, Jobs To SIU's Research Park

At a time when many companies are protecting the bottom line through layoffs or overseas outsourcing, a Georgia technology services business has brought a new office and new jobs to the Carbondale campus.

Marion, Ill., native Larry Mieldezis wanted nothing more than to stay in southern Illinois after getting a computer science degree almost 25 years ago from Southern. Unfortunately, in 1986 there was nothing for him and he had to move to a more metropolitan area. Now the Chief Operating Officer of the Atlanta-based Liaison Technologies, Inc., Mieldezis thinks the days of graduates having to leave rural areas to get jobs in the technology space are a thing of the past.

"When I graduated from SIU, I would have liked to have stayed in the area but I had to move away to really utilize my degree, first to New York and then to Seattle and finally to Georgia," he says. "But I've maintained a relationship with SIU and the computer science department over the years. The information technology talent is so strong at Southern, that we really wanted to come here.

"I think Liaison's rural sourcing strategy is a great thing for the University and the community. We were looking for an investment where the company itself and the employees can benefit for the long term."

Liaison recently set up a location in the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center at SIU. The company specializes in integration and data management services, allowing companies to connect electronically with business partners. The company exists in more than 35 countries such as the United Kingdom and Finland. The Carbondale office has 13 employees currently, and hopes to have 20 to 25 employees sometime in 2011.

As Liaison considered expansion, the options included overseas outsourcing of highly skilled technology positions or expanding existing metropolitan office locations. But Mieldezis had another idea, a plan involving his alma mater.

"We decided instead of going offshore to other countries with these jobs, we would try a different approach, staying onshore and finding a partner in Illinois to keep these jobs in the U.S," the SIU Alumni Association life member explains. He says the concept involved finding a rural location near a good university producing quality graduates in the field of information technology.

Because of the lower cost of living in such communities, companies can offer competitive wages and benefits to employees more economically than they could in metropolitan areas. He notes that keeping the jobs stateside avoids common problems associated with outsourcing jobs overseas, including language and cultural barriers, regulatory compliance and security requirements, political uncertainties and time zone differences.

"In fact, it's proven that for every one resource we hire in the United States, we would have to hire 1.5 in India or China. We've found an avenue that is cost-effective and it keeps jobs here at home in the states rather than overseas," says Mieldezis.

Essentially, Mieldezis says the company utilizes specialized technology in
combination with highly skilled integration and data management specialists to connect companies with their business community and trading partners. Liaison's hosted Software-as-a-Services (SaaS) technology leverages the Internet and links companies with their suppliers as well as business partners to ensure that all are speaking the same e-commerce technological language.

The company began in 2000, initially working with the pulp and paper industry. Since then, it has evolved into an international information technology company serving many different industries including pharmaceutical, distribution and financial services, along with an array of manufacturing markets. Headquartered in Alpharetta, Ga., north of Atlanta, Liaison employs about 180 people at locations that include London, Amsterdam, Santa Barbara, Helsinki and Tampere, Finland.

"We welcome Liaison to southern Illinois and to SIU," says Kyle Harfst, executive director of the Southern Illinois Research Park and director of technology and enterprise development for Southern. "This is an excellent example of an alternative to offshore outsourcing and we're excited to be a part of it, especially when it involves jobs for talented young University graduates."

Mieldezis is confident that the firm's implementation of rural sourcing will also be good for Liaison, its customers and its employees.

"We are happy we've been able to expand onshore where there's a good University producing students with a quality education and strong work ethic," he says. "We are an established company and we are profitable but we have benefited from the connections with SIU's Small Business Incubator and Kyle Harfst. It's been valuable to get help with the facilities and infrastructure in close proximity to the University. Our employees in Carbondale are an extension of our workforce around the world. Through the use of the Internet and technology, we all work as a single, virtual network."

In making the initial hires, Liaison worked with various academic units at SIU including the Department of Computer Science and the School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies. Information about job opportunities is also on the company website, www.liaison.com.

Ultimately, Mieldezis says the goal is to achieve such success at SIU that Liaison moves from the Small Business Incubator to a larger headquarters in the region and the Southern office becomes Liaison's model for onshore-based rural sourcing.
SIU Alumni Association Honors Three Distinguished Alumni

The Southern Illinois University Alumni Association honored three prominent graduates as Distinguished Alumni during the University’s Homecoming activities on Oct. 8. Their framed photos became part of the University's Distinguished Alumni Wall in the Student Recreation Center.

Individuals are selected for the honor they bring to Southern through outstanding performance in their career field or profession, or, for an exemplary history of service to SIU that benefits the University and enhances educational opportunities for current students.

The 2010 SIU Distinguished Alumni were: Daniel C. Holland Ph.D. '92, founder and director of The Neurobehavior Center of Minnesota where he is in private practice; Dorothy Evans Holmes M.A. '66, Ph.D. '68, an expert in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy, psychoanalytic applications to mental health issues of racial-ethnic minorities and the poor, and forensic psychology; and F. Lynn McPheeters '64 had a successful 40-year career at Caterpillar Inc., rising to the executive ranks before retiring in 2005 as vice president and chief financial officer. He joined the company in 1964 as a college graduate trainee in accounting and held several positions in the United States and served 15 years overseas.

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

• Holland completed a residency in clinical neuropsychology at the University of Washington School of Medicine after receiving a Ph.D. at SIU. A two-time Fulbright recipient, he is also a Contemplative Practice Fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies, a Fellow of the Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict at the University of Pennsylvania, a Research Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and a Mary E. Swizter Distinguished Fellow from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research/U.S. Department of Education. He is a recipient of the Janet E. Rafferty Scientist-Practitioner Award from the Department of Psychology at SIU.

In 2008, Holland left his position as a tenured full professor to provide clinical care to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars in the Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center of the Minneapolis VA Medical Center, and received a letter of commendation from Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki. He is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association.

• Holmes has published more than 30 articles, book chapters, and book reviews; presented numerous papers; and participated in conference panels. She serves as a professor of clinical psychology at George Washington University, where she is the director of the Professional Psychology Program and Clinic. She has also served on the editorial boards of four scholarly journals and made considerable contributions to the profession of psychology, including serving on boards and committees of the American Psychological Association, the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology, the American Association of State Psychology Boards, the Professional Examination Service, and the American Psychoanalytic Association. Additionally, she is training and supervising analyst at the Baltimore-
F. Lynn McPheeters

Washington Institute for Psychoanalysis, teaches at national and regional psychoanalytic forums and conferences, and is a fellow of three divisions of the American Psychological Association.

She has created SIU’s Dorothy Evans Holmes Graduate Scholarship. Holmes lives in Bluffton, S.C., with her husband, Raymond, and is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association.

- McPheeters, raised on an Illinois farm, graduated from Southern in 1964 and soon began his four-decade career at Caterpillar Inc. He was executive vice president of Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation in Nashville, Tenn., and returned to Peoria, Ill., to become Caterpillar’s treasurer in 1996 and was appointed vice president and chief financial officer in 1998. He has been a catalyst in ensuring Caterpillar and the University have a strong corporate-educational partnership, including establishing Southern as one of 12 Caterpillar Strategic Partner Schools.

- He completed the Advanced Management Program at Duke University in 1988 and Financial Management Program at Stanford University in 1996. He is a member of the SIU College of Business External Advisory Board and serves on the boards of RLI Corp., Mircolution Inc., and Crosslink USA. He is past chairman of OSF Saint Francis Medical Center Foundation Council in Peoria.

- McPheeters is currently president of the SIU Foundation Board and is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association.

- McPheeters and his wife, Susan, split time between Peoria, Hilton Head, S.C., and Copper Mountain, Colo. They have two daughters and two granddaughters.

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At 95, Mary Curd Simon has spent years as a teacher, mentor, active member of the community, and strong supporter of her alma mater. She’s not quite ready to slow down yet.

As reported in the recent issue of Saluki Pride, Simon was named one of the SIU Inspiring Women of 2010 who were honored at the gala on Oct. 23. The annual banquet honors women who serve as leaders in their communities and funds the Inspiring Women Scholarships.

Simon says when she first got the call that she had been named, she humbly declined because she felt she had her “day in the sun.” However, she ultimately decided that she had to accept. “There is no woman alive who could refuse such an honor,” she says.

The Carbondale native graduated from Southern Illinois Normal University in 1936 with a degree in education, and then received her master’s degree from the University of Illinois. Her husband, E.J., was recruited back to SIU in 1950. Simon became an English teacher at the university in 1959 and retired in 1973. She said she also spent about 20 months in Burma, now Myanmar, while E.J. served as an adviser to the Minister of Education.

Simon says after she left she realized exactly how much she loved teaching.

“I thought that at that time I was ready to get out,” Simon says. “After (my husband) died and I did some mentoring, I knew that I missed it.” She has good memories at the University and continues to remain active with her alma mater.

“I have great respect for the University’s quality,” Simon notes. “The school’s potential is tremendous. My experiences have been just marvelous there.”

Simon says her favorite project that she worked on at the University was the Dorothy Morris Gardens near Faner Hall because it “was probably the most beautiful and most memorable.”

She is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, as well as a past member of the WSIU Friends’ Board. She is also involved with the SIU Annuities Board, SIU Chancellor’s Council, Friends of Morris Library, and the Southern Illinois Symphony. She has been awarded the Outstanding Alumni Award from the SIU Alumni Association, Illinois Woman of Achievement by the state of Illinois, Carbondale Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year, and Carbondale Citizen of the Year.

Now, Simon wants to concentrate on getting more children in Carbondale to read through tactics such as starting a book collection at her church. Her passion in education remains strong because helping students is just what she does.

“If you change the direction of one student, I like to think you made a difference,” Simon says.

— Rodriguez is a 2002 graduate of SIU and a reporter for the Southern Illinoisan, where this story first appeared.
What Was Under the Alumni Tent?

It takes many people—and a lot of product—to host the complimentary pregame tailgate the Association offers to alumni and friends each Homecoming. Here are some of the things that occurred at this year’s event:

- 3,360 hotdogs/bratwurst were served
- 11 bags of charcoal cooked the meat
- 2,288 bags of chips were enjoyed
- Three fountain machines distributed 45 tanks of soft drinks
- 3,500 cups were used
- 22 kegs of beer were consumed
- 1,200 servings of Dippin’ Dots Ice Cream were dished out

Sun And Fun ...

A warm day provided the setting for the 2010 Homecoming Weekend, as SIU defeated Northern Iowa in overtime before a huge crowd at the new Saluki Stadium. Alumni and friends of all ages enjoyed the Association activities on the McAndrew Stadium turf beforehand, sending the 73-year-old facility out in style.
You can make a BIG difference at Southern!

Your SIU Alumni Association membership will make a big impact on Southern. Members help to support scholarships, Homecoming, reunions, alumni chapters and clubs, and much more. Check out what members have supported this year so far....

- $25,000 in textbook scholarships in 2010
- More than 40 alumni events all across the United States
- Twenty student scholarships to Saluki students
- The Extern Program, a real world job experience for Saluki students
- Saluki Interactive Volunteer Network

Plus...as a way to say thank you for your membership, use your membership card for discounts on Saluki apparel, cell phones, Dell computers, hotels, museum tickets, and even access to academic research archives. For a full list of discounts, check out page 5.

We invite you to become a member of the SIU Alumni Association and start making a big difference.

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Enrollment Growing In SIU's Online MBA Program

The online MBA program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale has experienced significant growth in its first year, according to officials with the College of Business.

The program went online in 2009 with 14 students enrolled. Since then, enrollment is up 60 percent. This fall, 24 students are working on their Master of Business Administration via the Internet connection to SIU.

“The growth of our online MBA program further confirms the demand for high-quality, accredited online education options from our University,” says College of Business Dean Dennis Cradit. “This encourages us to maintain our focus on these new programs and we look forward to continued success for the online MBA program in the future.

The two-year program utilizes a combination of videos, audio lectures and other online presentations and materials. It also features discussion boards and blogging tools, allowing students to interact with faculty and other students. Students advance through the program using learning modules with specific deadlines for completion.

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The SIU College of Business is also excited to launch a new online bachelor’s degree completion program, set to begin in January 2011. In this program, students who have completed at least 60 credit hours, including prerequisites from the College of Business and University Core Curriculum, may finish their bachelor's degrees in business administration from Southern in an online format.

As in the online MBA program, courses in the online bachelor's degree are taught by the same full-time faculty members as in the on-campus programs, and are fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. Students will have support from dedicated faculty and staff members, providing a superior student experience, without setting foot on campus.

The program consists of 60 credit hours of coursework and will be broken up into 10 "content areas," with two thematically-related, three-credit hour courses each. Typically, it should take 24 months to complete, consisting of six academic periods. The program is 100 percent online, although professors may elect to have proctored examinations.

Tuition rates for the online undergraduate are the same as the on-campus program, including in-state and out-of-state designations. For more information about the online bachelor's in business administration, visit onlineug@business.siuc.edu, email info@business.siuc.edu, or call 618-453-7487.

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Southern Again Named A Military-Friendly University

Southern Illinois University Carbondale continues to be among the nation's elite when it comes to providing educational opportunities to student active duty military and veterans.

For the fourth consecutive year, Military Advanced Education magazine lists SIU as one of the nation's 2010 top military-friendly colleges and universities. According to the magazine, the guide features colleges and universities "that best serve military service members, veterans, and their spouses and dependents."

"Our servicemen and women and student veterans have made many sacrifices for all of us, so we appreciate the opportunity to help them meet their educational and career goals," Chancellor Rita Cheng says. "The members of our faculty and staff are dedicated professionals and this recognition speaks to their commitment."

Southern is one approximately 20 schools in the nation to be listed all four years, says Glenn Berlin, associate publisher of the magazine. About 300 universities and colleges are included in the magazine, he said. "SIU's military-friendly policies have consistently been among the best of any school in America," Berlin notes.

Thomas Beebe, director of SIU's Office of Military Programs, says the recognition the University continues to receive underscores its commitment to active duty military and veterans who participate in the programs.

"This says something about the University, the military programs being among the best out there, and the people who work in these programs being among the best out there," he says.

There are approximately 1,400 active-duty and student veterans enrolled at 27 military bases and 12 civilian locations in the United States. In addition, there are 711 student veterans enrolled on campus this semester, the largest for any state institution in Illinois. The Office of Military Programs coordinates the activities of the University's three colleges that offer bachelor's degrees to active-duty military and reserve personnel, their families, retirees, and at some locations, community members. The program started at Scott Air Force Base in 1973.

In addition to about two dozen Southern faculty members who teach courses, approximately 232 adjunct faculty who also teach at the off-campus locations are "critical to the success of the program," Beebe says. "They are people who are not only qualified in their respective fields, in most cases they also work in that field on a day-to-day basis," Beebe said. "They bring not only the educational side but the practical side of the profession."

Other Kudos As Well ...

In May, SIU received the inaugural Governor's Award for Excellence in Veterans Education. In October, Military Times Edge magazine listed Southern second in the nation in making student military veterans' success a priority in that publication's inaugural survey, "Best for Vets: Colleges."

In June, that same magazine noted the University ranked 37th among active duty service members who used tuition assistance during the 2009 fiscal year. In August, G.I. Jobs magazine named the University as a "Military Friendly School for 2011" for the second consecutive year.

More information on veterans services offered at SIU is available at www.veterans.siuc.edu/. More information on the University's Office of Military Programs is available at omp.siuc.edu/.
A Rare And Fine Man

by Greg Scott

John LaPine, who deals in rare books and manuscripts at Printers Row Fine & Rare Books on Chicago's Dearborn Street, rides his bicycle to the city's lakefront at night and notices a common feature in each building he approaches.

"Everyone is parked in front of the blue light flickering on the wall. Television and electronic media have decimated the intellectual capacity of the average American," he says. "People are so consumed with things that don't matter...our culture is so whacked."

The two-degree alumnus of SIU Carbondale hasn't watched a television series since the heyday of "Upstairs, Downstairs," an Emmy award-winning British drama television series set in London in the 1970s. Ten years ago, LaPine, striving to protect his children from the influence of television, discarded each of the television sets in his home and severed all cables.

It's safe to say that LaPine wouldn't be the person to ask for the latest updates of your favorite reality television program.

"That's what I enjoy about the rare books business. I have my own reality show daily in this shop," he says. "I have no interest in watching iconic people wreck their lives by exposing themselves on television to millions of people who don't really care. They just want to occupy their time with something less important."

"If I want to be hypnotized by something, I'll look at my wife. That is much more enjoyable."

LaPine, who earned bachelor's degrees in German and political science from Southern in 1988, practiced litigation and criminal law for 11 years before making a life-changing decision six years ago. He walked out of his practice, threw his cell phone and pager into the Chicago River, and walked down Dearborn and purchased his book store.

"Life has never been the same," he acknowledges. "I have open access to a university education at my fingertips every day of the week. It doesn't get any better than that."

Now, LaPine is offering a similar opportunity to fellow SIU alumni worldwide. On August 15, the SIU graduate launched a rare books Web site that he spent the previous three years designing and developing. The site features an array of collections ranging from Arcombie's Illustrated Book of Genesis, to Martin Luther's personal notebooks and Ernest Hemingway's letters. In LaPine's words, "It's the finest antiquarian and rare books Web site on the planet."

The Chicago native says SIU alumni can receive a 25 percent discount off any purchase.

The Web address is:
www.chicagorarebooks.com or www.printersrowbooks.com. Customers are also invited to the Printers Row Fine and Rare Books Facebook page. LaPine also encourages customers to email him with ideas at: johnlapine@mac.com.

"Anything and everything that has any kind of literary value whatsoever will be listed on the site - provided that we have it in stock," he says. Additionally, LaPine estimates that he has 50,000 items stored in cardboard boxes on warehouse pallets. The books haven't been catalogued yet because he has been busy launching his site.

"We can store and list up to 12 million unique items. So there is plenty of space for expanding inventory and content," he says. "I welcome suggestions from anyone. This will be a spectacular website."

LaPine says he has never stopped learning.

"My favorite customers are those who obviously love books and are deeply immersed in literature. They understand what literature can do for human life and how it reflects human nature," he says. "In literature, if you read a hard-cover..."
book on a daily basis, you'll never be finished. You would have only cracked the very thin shell of what's available to read ... it's never-ending."

The witty and profound perspective of LaPine commenced as a youth when he left Chicago to join the Army. He lived eight years in Europe as a Russian, Polish, and German interpreter. After completing his military service, he visited and applied for admission into state universities. He selected Southern at the urging of liberal arts dean and political science instructor John Jackson.

"Dr. Jackson spoke to me on the phone ... he was the only person I had met in 10 years to say he would be happy to have me on campus," LaPine says. "He was the one person who could give you a straight and logical answer to any question. He is a consummate educator and administrator."

A self-proclaimed "committed" student at Southern, LaPine graduated with honors, sporting a 3.99 grade point average and accumulating an estimated 150 semester hours. He recalls enrolling in as many as 27 credit hours during a given semester.

And it's only natural that the Chicago resident reveres Morris Library, which he refers to as an "intellectual warehouse that landed in the middle of a corn field." He is a strong supporter of the library, having donated books featuring the work of Phyllis Wheatley, America's first African-American poet.

"You could park an 18-year-old kid in that library and provide a list of 100 books to read. In four years, that student would come out with a better education, appreciation for life and understanding of their own purpose in life than 90 percent of the college graduates working in the city of Chicago," he says.

"It seems like an unromantic place, but a person can acquire knowledge about any issue on this planet by simply opening a book. That's what higher education is all about."

For LaPine, his education at Southern went beyond garnering two degrees.

"SIU gave me the ability to teach myself. It was the beginning of a lifelong process of education," he says. "I learned that the more I read and learned, I became aware of how little I really understood and knew. It was simply the very beginning of my education that never stopped. I graduated from SIU with the finest education that a person could acquire."

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SIU Forestry Student Helps Children Learn About Nature

by K.C. Jaehnig

When a Monarch sits on your nose, it tickles.

So says Donovan McNelly, 9, and he should know. A female Monarch butterfly out at the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge rested on his nose for more than a minute after Ranger Jodie Delaney finished tagging her.

As he watched her finally fly away, Donovan, who said the butterfly's black-and-orange wings looked to him like a Mardi Gras mask, thought back to what Delaney had told him earlier that morning. If she weren't picked off by bird or dragonfly, if she survived weather and wind, this young Monarch would fly more than 2,000 miles to a remote spot in Mexico. There, a scientist would gently grasp her by the thorax, read the thin, paper tag on her hind wing, and learn that she had traveled through the Crab Orchard refuge to reach her winter home.

Donovan, along with some 60 other fourth-graders from Carbondale's Lewis School, had come to the refuge for the year's final “butterfly round-up.” Led by Delaney, a 23-year-old senior in forestry from Southern Illinois University Carbondale, the round-up included a breathtaking video on Monarch migration, huge replicas of the insect in various stages of its life cycle, butterfly capture and identification, and the tagging and release of three Monarch butterflies that had emerged from their chrysalises just hours before.

“Like many of the programs we do here, it has specific educational goals, but collecting and tagging the butterflies is also a lot of fun,” says Delaney, who began working as a part-time ranger in June through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Student Temporary Employment Program. “I love the beauty of the way children get involved and grasp things. It's so rewarding for me to help them get in touch with nature.”

Still chattering about what they had seen, the kids began piling into their yellow bus. Delaney scooped up her nets, her portable houses, and the small, netted cage that had so recently contained the flutter of delicate wings.

Fourth-graders from Lewis School take part in 2010's last butterfly round-up at Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge.
Challenges Haven't Stopped This Southern Grad

by Amy Van Patten Ofenbeck ‘92

What a wild ride the past 13 years have been, a journey consisting of eight brain and spinal surgeries that began when I was 26 and newly-married.

It all started in July 1997 when I collapsed working out at the gym. Rushed to the hospital, it was determined I had bleeding on the brain from an aneurysm I had no idea was there. Doctors stabilized me, clipped the bleed, and sent me to a rehabilitation facility. Only there a short time, I wasn’t doing well due to fluid building on my brain and was returned to the first hospital for a shunt (a small passage that allowed movement of the fluid).

After nine weeks in the hospital – including my 27th birthday – I returned home on my husband, Todd’s, birthday. That was a wonderful gift to us both … but now the real work was about to begin.

I was in speech, occupational, and physical therapy three hours a day, three days a week, for several months.

Probably the hardest thing to deal with was a paralyzed vocal cord that left me without a voice. Having been a radio-television graduate at SIU, I worked as a television news anchor and reporter after college. Speaking was my life, and I now had to wait almost nine months before I could hear my own voice.

I finished my therapies and scheduled a vocal cord implant to be performed at the Vanderbilt Voice Center. That was an interesting experience, as I was awake for the procedure. I had the implant, returned to work, and no one knew the difference. Returning there was a challenge – I was basically starting over – and I didn’t realize I had memory problems until then.

I felt I was making progress regarding the situation, until one day I sneezed and felt as though my head was going to explode. My shunt had stopped working and off to the hospital we went once again. That happened four more times in the next six months, as each time doctors would move the shunt over, it would start working, and they would stitch me up and send me home.

After the sixth time I still wasn’t feeling well. I was given an MRI which revealed a golf ball-sized cyst pressing on the shunt and causing it to malfunction. Doctors used an endoscope to puncture the cyst and everything started to work alright again.

Years later I began having some numbness in my right hand. My general practitioner treated me for carpal tunnel syndrome, but the condition didn’t improve. When headaches also began to be a factor, I went to see my neurosurgeon. After extensive tests he diagnosed me with syringomyelia due to Chiari malformation. In layman’s terms, my brain was sagging into my spinal canal causing a cyst to form. More surgery was needed … this time with a specialist in north Florida.

My husband and I went to Shands Hospital at the University of Florida in November of 2004, where I had decompression surgery. I was there five days, enduring by far the most difficult and painful procedure yet. I could hardly move afterward and was discharged using a walker.

The next six months were spent in physical therapy three times a week so I could walk unassisted again. Since then I have occasionally had to return to physical therapy.

As I said, it’s been a wild ride, but one I’m proud to say that I’ve survived. I’m fortunate now to be able to live normally, drive a car, and have a good job. It hasn’t been easy by any means, but it’s important for everyone to know that you can survive something like this.

I still have some challenges, but I don’t let it keep me down. All is good now!
Promoting Events With Passion

by Greg Scott

Opinions tend to vary on the baptism by fire method of introducing someone to new responsibilities or duties. But Lesley Cox '05 doesn't seem to have an issue with this particular approach.

The Southern Illinois University Carbondale speech communication graduate was working as a pharmaceutical sales representative in Chicago when a friend at FOX-TV in Springfield, Ill., submitted her resume to the station general manager for the dual role of promotions manager and on-air talent.

Cox was contacted for an interview, and during the third round of interviews was presented with her first test. "They placed me in front of a camera to see how I would respond. I had never done any on-air work before," she says. "Evidently, I did all right."

She was hired as the promotions manager for three television stations - FOX, The Central Illinois CW, and THISTV - all owned by GoCom Media. She is responsible for all promotional events for the stations, while serving as the on-air personality for FOX.

During her nine months in the role, Cox says she often studies the performances of other television talents as she strives to improve in this role.

"I watch other reporters and public figures on television. It's helpful to watch their actions, mannerisms, and even the way they style their hair," she says. "Honestly, I never really get too nervous. The first few times were a little rough, but it's important to review previous efforts and figure out how to get better. This is a practice I continue."

Cox promotes events spearheaded by the station in addition to community activities. She's also responsible for developing relationships with radio deejays in the GoCom Media's dominant market area (DMA). These associations are pertinent in promoting new shows and other FOX promotions.

The SIU graduate is no stranger to the airwaves herself. She's made on-air appearances in Champaign, Decatur, and Springfield. In addition, she is in the process of producing her own radio show and will be on the air for 30-45 minutes marketing her station and other promotional activities.

"This is a neat aspect of my job. I'm getting an opportunity to utilize skills that I attained in college, and I love it," she says. "The Springfield native initially chose Southern for its industrial design program. She studied design for just over a year before deciding to go another direction. "Industrial Design was an enjoyable field, but it was competitive, and I didn't see much hope for success," she says. "So I talked to my counselor and other students then decided to pursue a degree in speech communication with an emphasis on public relations."

Cox describes herself as a "social and outgoing" type. Public relations was a fit, and she quickly embraced it. She joined the Public Relations Student Society of America at SIU, which provided an opportunity for her to develop and tone presentation skills, and work with her peers on various University and community PR-related projects while representing the organizations.

"I recall participating in various committees and conducting presentations for PRSSA and in the classroom," she says. "Looking back, the presentations were pertinent because it gave me some public speaking practice. The hands-on knowledge I attained through PRSSA was particularly valuable because there's only so much you can learn from a textbook. It was just a terrific experience."

After graduating from Southern, Cox says it took a while for her to find a position in which she could use these skills. She toiled in various sales roles before landing a position as a pharmaceutical sales representative.

"Sales presented me with a great way to network and establish a professional career initially. Pharmaceutical sales is pretty intense but rewarding financially. However, that is when I had to decide what was more important."

"I'm so thankful to be in this role with GoCom media, and it's a great opportunity to utilize the skills I initially developed at Southern and during the early years of my career. I really love the people I work with and couldn't be happier."
The 2010 Honor Roll captures gifts made by individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations to SIUC through the foundation offices in Carbondale and Springfield between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2010.

Our giving societies (Allyn, Parkinson, Shryock, Pulliam, Morris, Old Main and Chancellor’s Circle) reflect cumulative giving from July 2008 - June 2010, recognizing those donors whose total giving reached a specific milestone level during the last two fiscal years. (The Division of Institutional Advancement temporarily excluded the aforementioned giving societies from last year’s honor roll, in lieu of our transition to a new computer system).

All other giving levels listed reflect contributions from July 2009 - June 2010. This report does present a clear picture of fundraising activity of the current fiscal year.

Prior to 2000, we listed the names of donors whose cumulative giving reached a milestone in years other than the current year and we continued to list those donors whether they made a gift during the current year or not. We discontinued this practice in order to present a clearer picture of the fundraising activity of the current fiscal year.

Every attempt was made to ensure accuracy in the reporting of donors in this publication as well as to honor the wishes of anonymous donors. However, we wish to apologize for any errors which may have occurred in the omission or inaccurate listing of any name. If an error is discovered, please contact the Director of Advancement Services at (618) 453-4915, and we will correct the error.
Our institution is counting on you more than ever. And you, alumni and donors of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, continue to come through. The accomplishments of this past year further demonstrate how committed you are to moving Southern Illinois University Carbondale forward.

Last year, we informed you that construction was well underway for the first phase of Saluki Way. Today, Saluki Way is a reality! Thanks to generous contributions from people like yourself, SIU Carbondale is proudly hosting football games in the new 15,000-seat Saluki Stadium and basketball games in the beautifully retrofitted SIU Arena. Additionally, the University dedicated the new Boydston Center, named in honor of Donald N. "Doc" Boydston, former director of athletics. This 56,000-square-foot facility houses locker rooms, meeting rooms, and office space for Saluki men's and women's basketball as well as the football program.

The $83-million project was funded through student fees, the support of the City of Carbondale, and contributions from alumni, friends, corporations and businesses. Therefore, your gifts helped to make it possible for SIU Carbondale to showcase the state-of-the-art athletic facilities coveted for many years.

We are also pleased to inform you of the successful completion of the Hope and Opportunity initiative. The University initiated this fundraising drive in 2007, with the primary goal of seeking $1 million from individuals and corporations to support scholarships and other financial aid for minorities and women. Again, thanks to your generosity, many students will receive an opportunity to pursue dreams that otherwise may not have been possible.

The success of the first phase of Saluki Way and Hope and Opportunity demonstrates that alumni and friends of SIU Carbondale truly care about the next generation. Your support does make a difference.

We appreciate your generosity and thank you for Investing in Saluki Futures.

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

As a longtime volunteer for Southern Illinois University Carbondale who enjoys visiting my alma mater, Homecoming was extra special this year. It was particularly gratifying to be honored as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient of SIU, an institution for which I have a great deal of pride and love. It made for a wonderful weekend for my family and me. SIU Carbondale is where it all started for me, and I'm forever appreciative and thankful for its impact on my life.

While I am humbled that the University honored me in this fashion, another occurrence made this particular journey to Carbondale memorable. My family and I enjoyed the Alumni Association's Homecoming pregame celebration hosted on the turf of McAndrew Stadium. We proceeded to watch our first-ever game in Saluki Stadium, the new home for SIU football.

What stands out about this experience? Sure, we visited with old friends, and yes, the Salukis won a thrilling, overtime football game. But walking from our old stadium to our new facility provided me with quite a perspective. It just reminded me of the passion and devotion our alumni and friends have for Southern. The University had a longstanding desire to enhance its athletic facilities. Our facilities were outdated and didn't reflect the quality of the academic experience students enjoy on our campus. People, like you, stepped up to make this happen. Now, our University features athletic facilities that mirror the accomplishments of our student-athletes, and the honor and prestige that many of you have brought to our University through your own achievements.

Due to economic challenges that impact each of us in some form or fashion, we have to make careful decisions with the resources we have at our disposal. Yet, at the same time, our University needs us more than ever before. The Foundation has three strategic priorities for funding: scholarships for students, support for faculty or University programs, and upgrading facilities. Increased private support is essential to reach all of these goals.

As you'll see on the following pages, our alumni are answering this challenge. My recent visit to campus evidenced your commitment to our University. Again, I share your devotion for Southern, and your generosity is greatly appreciated. As I stated here a year ago, all gifts – no matter the amount – help make our University an even better place. The difference is you!

Again, thanks so much for Investing in Saluki Futures.

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

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$500,000-$999,999

The fifth University president (1913-1933), Henry Shryock, joined the faculty in 1894 in the English Department. Credited to his administration were further curriculum revision, the rural education program, a significant physical education and athletic program, a new power plant and the construction of Shryock Auditorium.

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Art And Design Succeeds In Matching $500,000 Gift

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's School of Art and Design enhanced its research and scholarship efforts by successfully raising funds to match a gift from an Arkansas-based visual arts foundation.

In April 2005, Windgate Charitable Foundation, located in Siloam Springs, Ark., pledged $500,000 to the SIU Foundation for the benefit of the School of Art of Design. The donation was a challenge gift, meaning $500,000 had to be raised to receive the Windgate pledge amount. With the support of generous alumni and donors, the School raised well over its goal.

"Windgate's generosity enables us to enhance the quality of the academic experience for our students," says Peter Chametzky, director of the School of Art and Design. "Alumni and donors from each department in the School assisted us in meeting this challenge. Everyone really came together; we appreciate Windgate's support."

Windgate funds arts programs nationwide, specifically visual arts, arts and crafts, and art history preservation efforts. The organization was founded to support the idea of healthy family relationships through education programs for parents, conferences for marriage enrichment, and classes to develop well-rounded children devoted to their families.

The School met Windgate's challenge through its various comprehensive fundraising efforts, including a direct mail campaign to its alumni, and its popular Art Over Easy benefit. Art Over Easy features artwork produced by faculty, students, alumni, and community members. Funds are raised through an auction format.

Additionally, Chametzky says students in metals and glass made a contribution through their fundraising activities.

"That says a lot about our students. It demonstrates that they are happy and feel a sense of loyalty to our program," he says. "They were willing to part with their hard-earned money to support future students who will come here and benefit."

Chametzky says funds will be split to support faculty and student research activities in addition to scholarships.

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation, says: "The Windgate Foundation and all the other generous alumni and donors realize the importance of providing resources to our young aspiring artists. Windgate's challenge exhibits its respect and appreciation for the SIU Carbondale School of Art and Design. Furthermore, the support of our alumni, donors and students indicate that they want the School's excellence to continue well into the future."

Windgate has a history of supporting Southern. Richard Smith, a 1992 SIU Carbondale graduate and holder of the L. Brent Kington Chair in Blacksmithing, has a long relationship with Windgate. One of Smith's art patrons is a Windgate employee, who assisted the University in establishing this relationship.

"I'm thankful that Windgate is contributing funding at this level. It speaks highly of our excellence in teaching and research," Smith says. "It is critical for us to continue working with Windgate in the future. Hopefully, Windgate will further support various aspects of the School of Art and Design."
The following annual categories of giving within the Chancellor's Council have been established to recognize those individuals, businesses, and corporations that have chosen to make an annual gift in fiscal year 2010 (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010) of $5,000 or more to the SIU Foundation.

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Whereas the benefits of an outright gift can be derived immediately, a planned gift is a charitable contribution that is realized by the University in the future. Planned gifts are usually realized upon the death of the donor.

Another benefit a donor receives through this alternative is while making a substantial contribution, he or she can still provide for, and sometimes even enhance, their own financial security and that of his or her loved ones. In addition, planned giving offers substantial benefit to the donor in the form of tax deductions, professional management of assets, and increased income.

Yvonne Spencer, Director of Planned Giving for the SIU Foundation, says donors who select this option are making an impact on the University for years to come. “Outright gifts are the lifeblood of the University, since they are usually larger gifts that we know we can count on for years to come.”

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Following are planned giving options available to SIU Foundation donors:

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

Revocable Living Trust Agreement
A Revocable Living Trust Agreement provides for an eventful gift that can be revoked at the request of the donor during his or her lifetime. The donor receives no income tax deduction for the gift. However, savings can be realized in the form of an estate tax deduction for the amount passing to the University at the time of the donor’s death.

This type of planned gift offers a risk-free way to arrange for a charitable gift while still retaining the right to use the assets should the need arise.

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

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust
A Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust allows an individual to make gifts while still providing economic security for them and their loved ones. This option allows a donor to transfer assets to a trust, from which payments are made to the donor and/or his designees. When the trust period concludes, the assets remaining in the trust become the property of the charitable institution.

Some of the benefits to a donor can include increased income from low-yielding assets, the reduction or elimination of estate, capital gains and gift taxes, and the diversification of investment assets. The charitable remainder annuity trust provides a fixed income based on the value of assets at the time the trust is created.

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

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

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

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

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PotashCorp Contributes Lead Gift For Greenhouse

The world’s largest fertilizer enterprise is making a substantial contribution to Southern Illinois University Carbondale to better prepare the next generation of agriculture professionals for the workforce.

PotashCorp, an integrated producer of fertilizer, industrial and animal feed products with its commercial center based in Northbrook, has committed a lead gift of $250,000 to Southern’s effort to build a state-of-the-art, undergraduate teaching and research greenhouse facility.

This new 22,000-square-foot facility replaces a 50-year-old greenhouse that is the core learning laboratory for the entire Plant and Soil Science program. Total cost is estimated at $4.5 million.

“PotashCorp places a high priority on educational initiatives, particularly those related to production agriculture,” said David Delaney, president of PCS Sales at PotashCorp. “The students who will use this new facility will acquire the skills needed to ensure the world achieves food security. This will be a challenge as the global population increases and land for farming becomes increasingly scarce. Our financial assistance toward the new greenhouse is a sound investment in preparing future generations of agricultural professionals.”

Delaney is a 1983 graduate of Southern’s Plant and Soil Science program. He also serves on the College of Agricultural Sciences leadership board.

“The College of Agricultural Sciences is most appreciative of the PotashCorp generous support for the new Undergraduate Teaching and Research Greenhouse,” says Todd Winters, associate dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences. “This facility will greatly enhance the Plant and Soil Science program and the real world, hands-on experience our students will receive in a new modern laboratory facility.”

The new greenhouse will include computerized technology, subdivided environments, a headhouse and a classroom. The facility will also be accessible to and functional for students and patrons with disabilities.

“The University’s new undergraduate teaching and research greenhouse facility is essential to the future of the entire plant and soil science program,” says Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation. “This generous contribution clearly underscores PotashCorp’s commitment to preparing students for positions in a workforce that serves as a driving force in the economy of both the state of Illinois, as well as the entire nation. PotashCorp has a longstanding relationship with SIU Carbondale. The company’s continued support of our University’s mission is greatly appreciated.”

David Delaney, SIU alumnus and president of PCS Sales at PotashCorp.
Kuehns’ Estate Gift Benefits Agriculture Students

A Du Quoin couple remembered for their devotion to SIU Carbondale and the SIU Foundation will benefit students in the College of Agricultural Sciences for years to come.

A significant estate gift to the SIU Foundation from Harold and Nora Kuehn will fund scholarships for students pursuing degrees in plant and soil science and animal science.

“The Kuehn estate gift will help us recruit outstanding students in our Plant and Soil Science and Animal Science programs through scholarships,” says Todd Winters, interim dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences. “The Kuehns were proud supporters of our college. Agriculture students will continue to benefit from their outstanding show of philanthropy.”

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation, says: “This gift is a testament to the loyalty and generosity that Harold and Nora Kuehn exhibited to SIU Carbondale during their lifetime. The Kuehns cared a great deal for this institution, in particular, the College of Agricultural Sciences and its students. Harold was a leader who impacted the world of agriculture. The Kuehns’ legacy will be honored through the future generations of Salukis who will benefit from this bequest and forge new ground in the agriculture field.”

Harold, an Elkville native who received a bachelor’s in agriculture from Southern in 1951, became the first President of the Ag Alumni Society of SIU. He served on the board of directors for the SIU Alumni Association, including one year as president, 1984-85; and was a SIU Foundation board member for more than a decade, residing as its president from 1991-1994. Harold received distinguished service awards from both organizations, in addition to the Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Agriculture in 1996. He was on an advisory council to three SIU presidents.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Harold was a career farmer who produced grain and livestock; he was recognized with an Illinois Master Farmer Award. He was president of the Illinois Soybean Association in 1968 and one of its founders. His leadership went well beyond the state of Illinois. Harold traveled to 49 countries doing market development work for the Foreign Agriculture Service in USDA and American Soybean Association, including the first trade mission to Russia in 1972. He was the American Soybean Association president at the time.

Harold was a retired athletic official with the Illinois High School Association. He was also a longtime servant to the Board of Directors for Marshall Browning Hospital in Du Quoin. The Kuehn Medical Center opened December 2009 in Du Quoin. Nora worked at Crossman Wholesale Co. for 25 years, before retiring and selling the business to two of her employees. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Du Quoin. She often accompanied Harold to university events, and particularly enjoyed baseball and basketball. The Murphysboro native traveled to 38 foreign countries during the time of her husband’s service to agriculture. Nora was an active member of Beta Sigma Phi (Chapter Illinois Zeta Masters) since 1938, and her hobbies included ceramics, golf and swimming.

Harold and Nora Kuehn were married 46 years before they passed away.

Paul Conti, an SIU Foundation board member and retired executive in Glen Ellyn, says the Kuehns had a long-standing commitment to Southern. Conti, like Kuehn before him, has served on both the Foundation and Association boards.

Harold and Nora Kuehn

“I followed Harold on both boards so we spent a lot of time together. It was through the work of Harold and others that the Association and Foundation boards became as strong as they are today,” Conti says. “Harold helped enhance our alumni relations and fundraising efforts. It transformed us from being more than a quiet, bucolic organization in southern Illinois.

“You couldn’t find nicer and sweeter people than Harold and Nora. The Kuehns had a great love for the university and community … we are blessed to have known them. They were leaders and willing to share with SIU, their community and church. This gift is a continuation of that leadership and generosity.”

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Aisin Continues Support of Engineering Students

Aisin Manufacturing, a long-time donor to Southern Illinois University, presented a check for $20,000 to the College of Engineering. The funds will be used to support scholarships in the College. Aisin Manufacturing Illinois, LLC is one of three plants located in the Aisin Industrial Park in Marion.

The plant manufactures sunroofs, slide and back door components, center pillar garnishes, and door handles for the companies in the automotive industry, including Toyota, General Motors, Lexus, and Mitsubishi. Pictured from left are Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and Chief Executive Officer for the SIU Foundation Rickey McCurry; Aisin Electronics Illinois, LLC President Akito Yamauchi; Aisin Manufacturing Illinois, LLC President Makoto Endo; Aisin Light Metals President Katsunori Maeda; and Ramanarayan Viswanathan, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering.

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Viswanathan, Interim Dean of the College of Engineering.
An agricultural company with a longstanding relationship with Southern Illinois University Carbondale recently made a donation to support two professors’ research in plant pathology.

Monsanto donated $104,000 to be used for research on soybean diseases under the direction of Jason Bond and Ahmad Fakhoury, professors of plant pathology in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Monsanto Co. is a leading global provider of technology-based solutions and agricultural products that improve farm productivity and food quality. The company is focused on enabling both small and large-scale farmers to produce more from their land while conserving more of the world’s natural resources.

“Monsanto’s relationship with the University has been extremely beneficial. Because of this donation, two of our top-tier professors are able to conduct research on a topic that is important to the agricultural community,” says Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation. “Support such as this is vital in moving Southern forward.”

The donation stems from an ongoing research agreement between Monsanto and the University. Bond has been conducting routine research trials using the company’s products for three years through Monsanto’s grant contract office. This donation will allow Bond and Fakhoury to expand on these trials and delve further into this research.

“The money will support plant pathology research and field trials. It has helped to understand the molecular quantification of plant pathogens,” Bond says. “The funding has also allowed us to run more samples with molecular tools that give us very precise results.”

With the help of a team of students and technicians, Bond tests Monsanto’s products on soybean fields in five Illinois locations, including Carbondale, Paris, Pontiac, Tamms and Valmeyer. The research team consists of six undergraduate student workers, two graduate students and three full-time technicians.

“Funding such as this is important to the University. It not only allows Dr. Bond and Dr. Fakhoury to conduct much-needed research, but it also allows students to be involved in the research process,” says Todd Winters, associate dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences. “This research will have an impact on Monsanto’s products, as well as the farmers who utilize them.”
Supporting Advancement Activities

The SIU Foundation applies a one-time, six percent supplement fee to all gifts of cash and securities. The Foundation uses this fee to support their specific advancement activities. The SIU Foundation applies a one-time, six percent supplement fee to all gifts of cash and securities. The Foundation uses this fee to support their specific advancement activities.

It is the Foundation's goal to increase private support which will assist the various colleges of the University in providing quality services to its students, alumni, and the community we serve.
Near $50,000 was brought in as part of a special fundraising event this Fall to endow a scholarship fund for deserving students associated with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The event honored Mike Lawrence, a veteran newsman, former press secretary to Gov. Jim Edgar and a noted political analyst who joined the institute in 1997 as associate director, and became director in 2004 following the death of founder and former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon.

“Our ability to raise this amount of money for scholarships for our students is a tribute to how people feel about Mike Lawrence and his lifetime commitment to excellence, good public policy, and to making a positive difference in the lives of others, especially young people,” says institute Director David Yepsen.

“Some donors wrote personal notes sharing their feelings about Mike and his influence in their lives,” he adds. “Because that has made such an impact on me and others at the institute, I’m asking for all donors and friends to contribute to our story of how Mike influenced them, whether they are a former student, a co-worker or an admirer of his work at the institute, in journalism or in government. Each year when we award the scholarship to a student, we will also hand them a copy of those stories so they can better know Mike Lawrence.”

Lead gifts of $5,000 each were received from former Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar and his wife Brenda; SIU alumnus and institute board member Jerome Milleur; interim SIUC Provost Don Rice and his wife Pru, who is associate vice chancellor for research and administration at the University; and Lawrence and his wife Marianne.

Lawrence is pleased the beneficiaries are students involved with the institute and its Student Ambassadors program, which helps host speakers and publicize events. In return for their volunteer service, the institute tries to provide students with direct access to the guest speakers, and events that offer insight into internships and how public policy is made.

“I’m proud of the commitment to diversity, equal opportunity and helping young people of all races realize their potential — that is the core of our institute’s mission,” says Lawrence. Contributions may still be made online at www.paulsi.org, by sending a check to the institute at 1231 Lincoln Dr., Mailcode 4429, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901 or by calling Matt Baughman at 618-453-4001 to contribute using a credit card. Those who wish to send their stories about how Lawrence influenced their life can send it to the above address or send an email to dyepsen@siu.edu.
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Grant Will Support First-Generation Students

A private foundation is investing in Southern Illinois University. Carbondale's efforts to improve the graduation rate of first-generation students. A longstanding commitment to first-generation students – those whose parents did not attend college – was one of the reasons The Suder Foundation, of Plano, Texas, selected the University for the five-year, $1 million program. Along with SIU, the foundation awarded a grant to the University of Alabama. Southern and Alabama competed with 32 other universities.

Nearly 43 percent of SIU's 2009 first-time entering freshmen were first-generation students.

“We appreciate The Suder Foundation’s confidence in our University and we are excited about what this program will mean for our students,” Chancellor Rita Cheng says. “We provide support systems and additional tools to help our first-year students make a successful transition to the University, because success in that first year is key to students reaching their educational goals.”

The foundation is the creation of Eric Suder, founder and chief executive officer of ESI, based in Plano. As a result of the company's success with significance philosophy, he has started or become involved with several philanthropic programs, including the ESI Humanitarian Relief Fund.

During this first year of the “First Scholars Program,” SIU is receiving $60,000 for planning. The University will hire a planning coordinator to work with a core planning team to map out the program. According to the timeline submitted as part of the grant application, selection of a permanent First Scholars director is set for February 2011, with the individual beginning his or her duties that May.

One of The Suder Foundation's requirements of scholarship recipients is “Pay-It-Forward.” In addition to volunteering in campus and community organizations, First Scholar upperclassmen can serve as mentors for incoming participants. In addition, the returning participants can tutor other First Scholars. At Southern, key scholarship recipients, such as Presidential Scholars, will mentor first-year participants in the First Scholars program.

Saluki First Year will administer the First Scholars Program. SIU introduced Saluki First Year last fall as a comprehensive approach designed to smooth the transition to the University for all first-year students. Mark Amos, associate professor of English and Academic Affairs director of Saluki First Year, was the principal investigator on the application to The Suder Foundation.

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Football Ties For Nation’s Lead With Three Academic All-Americans

SIU football, which finished the season strong on the field, did so in the classroom as well. The Salukis tied for the nation’s lead in a major academic honor, as three student-athletes were selected to the 2010 ESPN Academic All-America Teams.

Senior wide receiver Joe Allaria and junior defensive end Chance Coda were voted to the first team, while offensive tackle David Pickard was selected to the second team. This is the first Academic All-America honors in the careers of each student-athlete. Southern’s three selections tie with Penn State for the most from a single team in all of Division I football (FBS and FCS).

“SIU head coach Dale Lennon says, “Plus, these individuals are significant contributors on an every play basis and are all in consideration for postseason awards.

With Mike McElroy’s second team selection to the 2009 ESPN Academic All-America list, Southern has now had four Academic All-Americans in the last two seasons. The Salukis had just six players in program history earn the prestigious award prior to the past two seasons.

This also marks the third time that SIU has had multiple Academic All-America selections in one year. Jon Manley and Dwayne Summers were both first team honorees in 1991 and Sam Finocchio (first team) and Dave Petruncio (second team) both garnered acclaim in 1970.

Allaria, a team captain, sports a 3.753 grade point average in marketing. He rounded out his career as the second-leading receiver in school history with 138 receptions. Allaria led the team in 2010 with 58 receptions for 511 yards and three touchdowns.

Coda, a fourth-year junior, carries a perfect 4.0 grade point average in accounting. He has started in all 36 games of his career and in 2010, had 30 tackles, and was second on the team with eight tackles for a loss and 4.5 sacks. Pickard graduated in three years with a bachelor’s degree in political science and carries a 3.933 grade point average.

Men’s Hoops Looks To Prove Poll Wrong

The SIU men’s basketball team has been picked to finish in ninth-place in the Missouri Valley Conference standings this year, in a poll conducted by coaches, media, and sports information directors. On paper, you can see why pollsters picked Southern to be a second-division team, as only two starters return from a team that finished 6-12 in the league last year.

Wichita State was the preseason pick to win the league title, and senior guard Justin Bocot wants to prove the prediction is off base.

“When our guys heard where we were picked, we all said this is wrong — this isn’t where we should be picked,” Bocot says. “It kind of hurts when you’re picked that low, but it also motivates you. I think we’re going to give people a run for their money in conference.”

The Salukis will be led by Bocot and senior forward Carlton Fay, who averaged 12.0 points per game last year and also infused fresh talent into head coach Chris Lowery’s Saluki lineup.

Southern opens up home conference play Jan. 1 with a 1:05 p.m. game against Northern Iowa. To see the full schedule, go to www.siusalukis.com.
Women's Basketball Picked 9th In MVC

The Southern women's basketball team was selected ninth in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll, the same place they were tagged last season.

Missouri State is the preseason pick to win the league, earning 27 first place votes.

The Salukis return a pair of starters in senior Katrina Swingler and 2009-10 MVC All-Freshman Team honoree Teri Oliver from a team that finished ninth in the MVC last season.

"I think there is a lot of parity in our league," second-year Saluki head coach Missy Tiber says. "It is going to be a year in our conference where it will be competitive top to bottom. It is an exciting time to be involved with Saluki Athletics with the completion of this part of Saluki Way."

Early on the squad has been trying to find its identity, says Tiber. "We're still trying to find it. This team is youthful and energetic, and I'm not sure they understand how good they can be."

The Salukis open home conference action Jan. 6 hosting Drake in a 7:05 p.m. start. To see the full women's schedule, go to www.siusalukis.com.

Walker Recognized For Honorable Act Of Heroism

SIU head swimming and diving coach Rick Walker was honored earlier this year with the Adolph Kiefer Safety Commendation award at the annual United States Aquatic Sports Convention in Dallas, Texas.

The award is presented to the individual or organization that demonstrates outstanding commitment to aquatic safety and has included luminaries from a variety of fields who have demonstrated ongoing or instantaneous acts of heroism.

After coaching at 11 world championships and numerous open water races around the world in nearly every kind of weather and water situation, Walker served as a referee in the women's 25K race at the 2009 World Swimming Championships in Rome, Italy. He heroically saved the life of two-time world championship medalist Kate Brookes-Peterson of Australia when she began struggling for air during the race.

"It was with great humility and somewhat awkward feeling that I accepted this award," Walker says. "I didn't think of my actions as heroic. I saw the danger unfolding, it happened, I dealt with it, and continued with the rest of my duties of the race."

Walker is in his 24th year as a coach at Southern Illinois and his 19th season as head coach. His Saluki women host the Missouri Valley Conference Championships Feb. 17-19, while the men host the Mid-American Conference Championships March 3-5. Both events are at the SIU Rec Center's Shea Natatorium.

Jim Hart Returns As Homecoming Grand Marshall

Former SIU athletics director and star football player Jim Hart returned to campus in October to serve as the parade marshall for the 2010 Homecoming Celebration. The 1967 Southern graduate and his wife, Mary, are now retired in Naples, Fla.

Hart was also recognized on the field during the football game with Northern Iowa, and received a standing ovation from the huge crowd. "The entire weekend was amazing, and the reaction from the people in town that weekend is something I will never forget," he says. "It was a special time for Mary and I, and we really appreciate being back in Carbondale as part of Homecoming."

Hart, a charter member of the Saluki Hall of Fame, was inducted in November into the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame. He and 15 other athletes were part of the hall's second induction class. A star quarterback for the St. Louis Cardinals, he still has the franchise career records for passing yards (34,639) and touchdown passes (209).
Boydston Center Opens At Southern

Southern Illinois University and Saluki Athletics recently dedicated the new Boydston Center, a spectacular 50,000-square foot facility that houses the Saluki football and basketball teams and is named in honor of former SIU Director of Athletics Don Boydston.

Boydston's 15 years as athletics director from 1957 to 1972 produced one of the nation's most well-rounded athletics programs. Between 1960 and 1972, Saluki teams won 12 national championships in gymnastics, cross-country, swimming, golf, and tennis. He died in 2005 at the age of 84.

Among the speakers during the dedication were SIU President Glenn Poshard, SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng, SIU Director of Athletics Mario Moccia, Cal State University Los Angeles President Jim Rosser, faculty representative Harold Bardo, family representative Seymour Bryson, and women's basketball player Eboni Crayton. Also in attendance at the ceremony was Boydston's widow, Jo Ann.

"It is only fitting that this wonderful facility is being named for Don Boydston," says Moccia. "He was one of, if not the most, influential director of athletics in the history of SIU. He presided over many national championships, the transition from the college division to the university division, but most importantly, he was the driving force behind the tracking and retaining of minority student-athletes for the first time in this institution's history. This building will forever honor and continue his legacy."

Poshard called Boydston "the model leader that faculty and students alike aspired to become. Hardworking, a great sense of humility, a competitive spirit, excellence in all that he did, and fairness were some of his most notable characteristics. Don and Jo Ann Boydston were a real team, working together to make SIU the great University that it is today."

Boydston was recruited to Carbondale in 1955 by then-SIU President Delyte Morris. He left his job as a professor in health education at the University of Mississippi to establish Southern's department of health education and guided the University's nationally recognized health education department — now the Department of Health Education and Recreation — for 33 years, along with the department's graduate program.

There is little doubt that the chapter written by Dr. Boydston is and will always be one of the great lessons for all who set foot on this campus to learn from and embrace," adds Cheng. "His enduring and enduring legacy is his commitment to students, and in particular students of color. He was, and is, in so many ways, a visionary."

As the AD, Boydston helped transform Saluki Athletics from small-college status into a Division I program, focusing not just on revenue-generating sports but also striving for success in non-revenue athletic offerings. Among his many accomplishments, he was on the planning committee for SIU Arena, which opened in 1964.

"This magnificent facility will impact each and every student-athlete at SIU and forever allow Southern Illinois University to attract the best student-athletes, coaches, and administrators long after the current people in those roles have moved on," Moccia notes. "It will truly give us an advantage for more years than anyone will ever know."

Former Track Standout Neil Lisk Dies At 38

Neil Lisk, an outstanding track and cross-country performer at Southern from 1991-94, died recently in Los Angeles, Cal., at 38 years old. The Aberystwyth, Wales, native passed away suddenly while gardening at his home.

The 1996 Mass Communication and Media Arts graduate had become a top director of photography in the motion picture industry. Based in Nashville, New York, and Los Angeles, he worked around the world as a cinematographer on movies such as The Colonel's Bride, Old Dogs, Broken Angel, Kettle of Fish, David & Fatima, and on several documentaries, television movies, music videos, and commercials.

As one of his colleagues in the industry noted, "Rare it is to know someone who actually makes those around him better people. Not by any conscious effort, but by simply being humble, real, and true."

The former Saluki is survived by his wife, Liz, and daughter, Millie.
Christmas came early this year for Saluki basketball fans. Southern took the wraps off of its newly renovated SIU Arena as the 2010 season began, and those who attended the dedication ceremony say their tour through the prized facility was a jaw-dropping experience. The experience of attending a Saluki game has forever changed.

The main entrance on the East side of the building is more than three times as big as the old entry and features a Team Store, the Saluki Hall of Fame, and a spacious area for fans to gather before entering the concourse. Once inside the concourse, fans discovered expanded concession areas, flat-screen TVs at every turn and new restrooms. A trip around the concourse is like taking a stroll down memory lane with wall-to-wall photos and graphics. From Walt Frazier to the ESPN Gameday visit, all of the historic moments in Saluki Basketball are captured and displayed.

As soon as you step inside the seating bowl, there is an overwhelming sensation of Saluki pride. The multi-colored seating of years past has been replaced with solid maroon. Large graphics adorn each corner of the building. The sparkling new video board looks like a giant plasma TV. The roof, which was re-painted white, creates a clean, crisp setting. Gone are the creaky, wooden bleachers. In fact, the upper bowl features some of the arena's most comfortable seats and best sight lines. It's an old cliché, but there's not a bad seat in the house.

"Renovated SIU Arena means the end of apologies, and the end of excuses," said Mike Reis, who emceed the dedication ceremony. "We no longer have to apologize for anything here in this facility, and there are no longer any excuses for not being good at what we do. No matter whether we play, whether we coach, whether we administrate, broadcast, or coach -- look at the tools we have."

The renovation, which was completed in phases during a 15-month timeframe, cost $29.9 million. It was financed with both public and private sources. "The completion of SIU Arena is a tremendous accomplishment, and it will have a big impact on our community's economy, our university and our athletic program," says SIU Director of Athletics Mario Moccia.
Southern’s Iron Man

Undaunted by stiff winds and searing heat, Saluki Kyle Monroe persevered—swimming, bicycling, and running a total of 140.6 miles in nine hours, 59 minutes, and six seconds. In so doing, the Southern graduate student joined the elite ranks of those qualifying for and completing the 2010 Ford Ironman World Championship at Kona, Hawaii, in October. From a field of 1,800 selected competitors from around the world, Monroe finished 452nd, and 48th in the 25-29 age group.

“The race begins at the ocean where you contend with salt and waves, and moves into the lava fields where there’s a lot of radiant heat, wind, and no vegetation,” Monroe says. “Although my time wasn’t quite as good as I wanted, I’m still happy with my finish, especially since this is just the second Ironman I’ve ever done.”

Monroe is no stranger to the world of sports. The Springfield, Ill., native ran cross-country and track at Rochester High School and competed in both sports for SIU while earning bachelor’s degrees in forestry and administration of justice. He ran the indoor mile and 3K races and the 1,500-meter and steeplechase races outdoors in addition to cross-country.

A spring 2007 graduate, Monroe is currently pursuing his master’s degree in forestry at the University. After all of those years of distance running, he was feeling a little burned out but wanted to keep in shape and stay involved in competition. He ran a short-distance sprint triathlon in his hometown in 2005 and enjoyed it, so he decided to train for the event that combines swimming, running, and biking.

“With the training, the hardest part is balancing all of the things in your life with your other interests and training,” he notes. After all, in an average week he’ll run 20-40 miles, swim 2-5 miles, and bicycle 100-200 miles. The daily workout varies according to his physical condition, race schedule, and whether it’s a build-up, recovery, or speed week, as well as his other obligations.

After competing in a few of the shorter sprint and Olympic distance triathlons, in 2009 he raced in his first half-Ironman event. This year, Monroe, 26, added two more of the half-Ironman competitions and in late August, entered his first full Ironman, the Ford Ironman in Louisville, Ky.

Amazingly, he finished 20th overall and third in the 25-29 age group. That earned him the right to participate at the Ironman World Championship. Thousands of people around the world compete in triathlon events each year, but just 1,800 get the opportunity to race in the Ironman World Championship.

Monroe says he appreciates the assistance and support he has received in his hometown and at SIU, crediting friends, relatives, and other supporters for enabling him to make the trip to Hawaii. Also invaluable to him is the training work he does with the Saluki Masters, the Surgeon Bike Team, and the SIU club cycling and triathlon teams.

Academics remain a primary focus for Monroe, as he plans to complete his master’s degree within the next year and will seek a career in his field. “Everything I’ve done has been because I’ve been at SIU,” he says. “During the summers I’ve been able to work for the forest service and get valuable experience. Running track and cross-country in high school and at SIU have prepared me for the Ironman distances I’ve been training for.

“I’ve also had access to the luxury of an Olympic-sized pool on campus to train in and to the great hills and other beautiful places to train, too. And, there are groups of people here that bike, swim, and run that I can train with. It’s great all the way around.”

Former Saluki Ordway Wins Columbus Marathon

Former Saluki cross country athlete Jason Ordway captured the 2010 Columbus (Ohio) Marathon, qualifying him for the U.S. Olympic trials in 2012. He won the men's division of the Nationwide Better Health Marathon in two hours, 18 minutes and eight seconds. He finished more than three minutes ahead of runner-up Peter Kemboi, a Kenyan racing out of Hebron, Ky.

Ordway’s final season at Southern was in 2009, and it was a stellar campaign. He was named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete team, helped SIU finish second at MVC meet, where he himself finished in 11th place with a time of 26:39, finished 31st at NCAA Midwest Region with time of 31:51.9, and won the 2009 Saluki Invitational with a time of 26:25.2.

Ordway earned a degree in science at Southern in 2010.
Freed Earns ‘Ultimate Saluki’ Honors

The challenging three-day battle was over and as the 16 Southern Illinois University students cast their ballots, it soon became apparent that SIU graduate student Brynn Freed was the 2010 “Ultimate Saluki.”

“I was so excited, especially to get so many of the votes,” Freed says of winning the Halloween weekend competition that’s similar to the CBS reality show “Survivor.” She claimed an Apple iPad for the achievement but says the experience itself was rewarding.

“I took away from this weekend a lot of friends and a real feeling of accomplishment. This was something I could do very well at. I’ve played sports and competed before but this reward wasn’t just about being the most athletic,” says Freed, who is pursuing her master’s degree in reading/language studies.

Anthony Grzyb, a senior aviation flight major, took second place. He won a Missouri Valley Conference basketball tournament package including tickets and lodging for two for the MVC tournament in March. Missy Gurga, a junior majoring in speech communication, finished in third place claiming a $500 textbook scholarship.

During the fifth annual Ultimate Saluki Challenge, 16 students were “stranded” at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center, battling the elements and one another during a series of intense challenges. Each contest gave them the opportunity to win immunity and a reward and each was indeed quite “challenging,” says Lynne Thompson-Cundiff, assistant director of fitness for recreational sports and services at SIU.

The events tested mental and/or physical prowess. Teamwork was essential. The competition involved a number of different elements. Contestants demonstrated their orienteering skills, paddled canoes, solved puzzles, and built fires with flint. One challenge required teams to move large wooden two-by-four skis with ropes and their feet and one team quickly developed a coordinated system that worked well.

The Ultimate Saluki Challenge is a collaborative event from Recreational Sports and Services, University Housing, the Student Programming Council, and Touch of Nature Environmental Center. During a chilly weekend, participants competed not just to stay in the contest and win prizes but also for such “luxuries” as blankets, food, and other sustenance items.

Mike Skupin, star of “Survivor: Australia” was the guest host for the Ultimate Saluki Challenge and presided over the final council.
the day before he died. As Condon explains, “any former player recalls Cal saying, ‘All your bath towels in the tub, put your room keys and remote on top of the TV, and get all of your trash in the garbage can.’” When Joe and I were checking out of our room on Sunday before going over to Cal’s house one last time, I found myself putting towels in the tub. I looked over at Joe and he was putting the room keys and remote on top of the TV! I said to him, ‘You still do that too?’ Joe answered, ‘Yes — every time I stay in a hotel.’ It was one of Cal’s instructions we never really understood at the time, but now most of us still do it to this day.”

During Cal’s battle with cancer, his wife, Stacy, and children Alexa and Carly, were his rock. When he arrived at work, he had another pillar of strength in longtime associate head coach Ken Henderson, who was at his side during his entire SIU career.

Everyone handles things in their own way, and Cal decided early on to become “the most ignorant cancer patient in America.” He told his doctors he did not want to know the prognosis or path this rare form of melanoma would take. “I can put up with some chemo and radiation — that’s just part of it. Anyone with cancer will tell you the same thing,” he once explained. “But if I don’t know the details, I can go about living my life as normally as I can.”

And that is exactly what he did.

Cal never complained as the disease took its toll. Not to his wife, not to Henderson, not to his players, and certainly not to his legion of friends. His upbeat demeanor in turn provided strength for those who came to check on him.

If you dropped by the baseball clubhouse to lift his spirits, Cal somehow found a way to make you feel better. It didn’t matter that sometimes he could barely hold his head up — the veteran Southern baseball coach always had a funny story to share and a few minutes of wonderful conversation that offered — maybe, just maybe — that things were going to be alright.

A Celebration Of Life
As editor of this magazine, it’s not often I allow such personal thoughts to appear, but I ask you to forgive me in this case. Cal was a wonderful husband and father, a son Gene and Ann Callahan were most proud, and a loving brother to his sisters Cheri and Lynn. For all of us who knew and loved him, we mourn his passing, but oh, … how we celebrate his life!

There will be no more infamous prank phone calls featuring uncanny impressions, no more bunt defense discussions, and no more moments of him roaring with laughter at the oddball things that simply cracked him up. What remains is a legacy shaped by being a good and decent man who sincerely tried to treat those around him the right way each and every day.

One line he often used to describe someone who didn’t treat others properly was that the person was “way too high on himself.” That kind of behavior truly irritated him, as it was always about the other person, and never about him. That is one reason why he left his family a letter spelling out detailed instructions to be followed after he died.

Cal wanted no formal service, no funeral, and absolutely no fuss. He simply asked that friends and former players gather at Abe Martin Field to tell stories, laugh, and have fun. He added that free beer and chicken wings should then be available for everyone. And that was exactly what happened on Nov. 22, when more than 1,500 people gathered to celebrate the life of a man they will never forget.

I had tears in my eyes when I started writing this, but I’m smiling now just thinking about Cal having beer and chicken wings as part of his final wishes! It was one last opportunity to be part of a “real good session” with people he loved.

God Bless you, Big Shooter. It was truly an honor to be your friend.

Dan Callahan Memorial Fund
The Callahan family requests memorials be made to the Coach Kill Cancer Fund at P.O. Box 3988, Carbondale, Ill., and/or to the Dan Callahan Memorial Fund set up through the SIU Foundation to benefit the Saluki baseball program.

For more information on the Dan Callahan Memorial Fund, please contact Kevin Ginther in the SIU Athletic Department at 618-453-5408.
Ray Serati of Springfield, Ill., serves as president of the SIU Alumni Association Board.

Serati earned his degree at Southern in 1959 and was named the University's "Outstanding Journalism Graduate." For many years he worked in the Illinois Capitol Press Corps covering all facets of state government and politics. Now retired, he is currently helping guide the Association through several key initiatives. Although he has long lived in central Illinois, he says his heart has always stayed three hours south of the state's capitol.

For SIU Alumni Association President Ray Serati, serving the organization is a way of giving back to a University he loves. "I grew up in Herrin, Ill., and know how important this institution is to the region," he says. "Having a strong Association and a strong University go hand-in-hand."

Southern Alumni: Although many associate you with Springfield, you actually were born and raised in Herrin. Growing up in the area, was it always a foregone conclusion that you would go to SIU if you went to college?

Ray Serati: Yes it was. I arrived in Carbondale in 1955, and most of my friends who were going to college were also coming to Southern. I was the first member of my family to attend a university, so that was exciting for all of us.

SA: Where did you live when you attended SIU?
RS: I lived in a house on Mill Street with seven other students, and in fact, lived there my entire college career. One of my roommates, James Calcaterra, was a person I went all through grade school, high school, and college with. We still talk to one another occasionally.

SA: Although you would go on to have a long career as a journalist, was that a field you knew you were going to pursue when you started college?
RS: Actually it was, as unlike many freshmen, I knew exactly what I wanted to study at SIU. I had been a stringer for the Southern Illinoisan while in high school, writing sports stories for the legendary Merle Jones. I enjoyed it, and knew that is what I wanted to do for a living when I graduated. It was an exciting time, as Dr. Howard Long was basically putting the department together back in those days. I have wonderful memories of his leadership, and also recall how much I learned from Dr. James Ford, who was my news writing instructor.

SA: Did you work at the Egyptian while you were a student?
RS: Strangely enough, I did not. I stayed at the Southern Illinoisan all through my four years of college, working at the downtown Carbondale office. In fact, my first full-time job following graduation was at that newspaper.

SA: How long did you stay there?
RS: Not long, because I soon took
Serati (left) and longtime KMOX Radio Sports Director Ron Jacober were classmates at Southern, and members of Sigma Delta Chi. This photo from 1958 notes that Serati was the group's president, while Jacober served as historian.

time out to go into the Army Reserve Program. When I came back I did return to the newspaper for a short time, but in 1960 moved to Springfield to work for United Press International. I would later get transferred to newspapers in Pierre and Sioux Falls, S.D., and in 1965 came back to Springfield to join Copley News.

SA: If you had to pick one memorable political event that you covered, what would it be?

RS: Without a doubt it would be the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. The entire scene was simply unbelievable. I was responsible for covering the Illinois Delegation, and what I was witnessing on the street was amazing. Some of the political unrest and violence that occurred that week certainly mirrored what was happening in other parts of the country; it was a sign of the times.

SA: Of all the political figures you covered, you said that the late Paul Simon was your favorite. Why is that?

RS: I actually got to know Paul when I was in still in school at SIU. He was often a visible figure on campus back in the late 1950s. He started out working in newspapers, and Southern's journalism school was a smaller program in those days, making it easier to get to know someone like him on a personal basis when he was at Southern. By the time he was on the political scene, he was still the honest, humble person I had met years before; that always impressed me. He really never changed, and he simply enjoyed meeting people. Some politicians, strangely enough, do not really care to interact with people, but Paul was never happier than when he was talking to the citizens of this state.

SA: As you were winding down your professional career years later, you began your involvement with the SIU Alumni Association. How and when did that occur?

RS: In 2004, the president of the Association was Springfield native Don Magee. That year one of the national board members had resigned, and Don asked me if I would be interested in filling the unexpired term. I did that, enjoyed the experience, was elected, and eventually elevated to the executive committee, and became the organization's president in 2010.

SA: What was it like being in that role at Homecoming this year?

RS: It was exciting — it would have been for me regardless of my role — but watching our alumni react to seeing Saluki Stadium for the first time and noting the progress of the Saluki Way project was a wonderful experience. There was an extra buzz in the air for sure. It was also nice to help honor the 50-year class, this year's Distinguished Alumni group, and just mingle with and talk to as many alumni as I could at the Association's pregame tailgate on the McAndrew Stadium field. When I experienced all of those things, and then saw the Salukis win a thrilling overtime game on a sunny afternoon against arch rival Northern Iowa, I thought it all added up to a beautiful weekend in Carbondale.

SA: You mentioned Saluki Way, and on the horizon is a plan for the construction of an Institutional Advancement building that will house the SIU Alumni Association. How is that project going?

RS: We are progressing with a plan,

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**The Serati File...**

- Currently national board president of the SIU Alumni Association
- Native of Herrin, Ill., graduated with a degree in journalism from Southern in 1959
- Won the Bell Ringer Award in a Copley News Writing Contest and was recognized for his coverage of the birth of the Fisher quintuplets in South Dakota while working for United Press International
- Ray and his wife, Margaret, (they met when she worked in the promotions department at the Springfield Journal Register) have three children and five grandchildren.
- Following his newspaper career, he became a spokesman for the police department in Springfield.
- Ray is a life member of the Association.
and have a committee in place to study how construction of this needed facility can best be accomplished in these challenging financial times. The building is proposed to be located at the main entrance of campus where McAndrew Stadium is, giving alumni and friends an accessible facility at a central location to utilize and enjoy when they return to campus. The Association's current office at Colyer Hall is not easy to find, and in many ways is anything but ideal. The organization has been moved countless times over the years, and it would be wonderful to finally have a location to call home.

SA: Is simply keeping things moving forward the biggest challenge you face during your presidency?

RS: That's correct; however, I sense we have great partners in place to help make that happen. From SIU President Glenn Poshard and SIU Board of Trustees Chairman Roger Tedrick, to SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng and SIU Foundation CEO Rickey McCurry, we have people working hand in hand with Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez, and that is what it takes: having everyone pulling in the same direction.

SA: Although Chancellor Cheng has not been at Southern as long as the others you mention, she has certainly been an energetic and impressive leader from the start, hasn't she?

RS: To see the level of her immediate interaction across the entire campus was impressive. I predict she will be an outstanding administrator at our alma mater. I think she has studied the situation carefully, is not afraid to make tough decisions, and has a legitimate vision for this institution's future. She also is welcoming, engaging, and hands-on. I think Chancellor Cheng was a great choice for this important position, and we look forward to working with her in the years ahead.
The reasons people choose to attend Southern are myriad, but the incentive for Loren Coleman '76 is likely unique. Now one of the world's preeminent cryptozoologists, he says "I picked SIU because of reports and folklore of black panthers and hairy apes in the southern swamps of the area."

Mysteries of nature – loch monsters, chupacabras, Bigfoot, and such – have populated Coleman's world since his age was barely in the double digits. Within a year or two he was doing fieldwork and investigations on his own, traveling and trekking extensively in pursuit of cryptozoological mysteries.

Now, nearly five decades later, Coleman is acknowledged as the current living American researcher and writer who most popularized cryptozoology in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. Most days he can be found at his International Cryptozoology Museum in Portland, Maine, which has served as the setting for several documentary television programs' inter-
views of Coleman regarding his books and continuing research.

For those unfamiliar with the term cryptozoology, it comes from the Greek “kryptos,” meaning “hidden” and zoology, the biological study of animals, giving it the literal meaning “study of hidden animals.”

But don’t expect Coleman, who has written more than 6,000 columns and articles as well as more than 30 books on the subject, to blindly defend the creatures and critters that occasionally pop up in the news as “monsters.” Instead, he calls himself an “open-minded skeptic.”

It’s not just about the so-called monsters, like Bigfoot or Mothman. “There are new animals being discovered every day, like the snub-nosed monkey of Asia,” he says. An editor of the Skeptical Inquirer said that “among monster hunters, Loren’s one of the more reputable, but I’m not convinced that what cryptozoologists seek is actually out there.”

But Coleman is and his credibility makes him “the go-to guy for a lot of media trying not to be sensationalistic,” he says. Two days before his interview with Southern Alumni, National Geographic came to call. The Christian Science Monitor has visited three times since last spring. “They see that cryptozoology is a lot more grounded than ever.”

At Southern, “I majored in anthropology, minored in zoology, and did some summer field work in archaeology,” Coleman says. He also found it compelling that in his first year at Southern he was assigned to Allen Hall, named for John W. Allen, noted historian and folklorist who for several years was director of the University Museum. “I tuned in on that fact right away.”

(Coleman’s official graduation year from Southern, 1976, is a bit misleading. In 1969, he was a senior, two courses away from graduation, when the University closed because of student unrest. His degree was granted in 1976 after he petitioned to get credit for one of the books he’d written. His first book came out in 1969.)

Despite his passion for the subject, Coleman knew that cryptozoology wasn’t going to pay the bills. His career focused on social service, social work, and even public policy. His first job in the mental health field, he says, was working at the outdoor laboratories at Southern.

Coleman spent 17 years working in residential treatment centers before earning a degree in psychiatric social work at Simmons College in Boston, and also has done doctoral coursework in social anthropology and sociology. For another 20 years, he was a professor and researcher at universities in New England. He continues work as a consultant for the Maine Youth Suicide Program and has been called on for statements in the aftermath of school shootings and how best to respond to the problem.

Coleman says he “always cared about kids (his social work) but teaching was very much a way to fund my other interests. … I needed to get out of research and get to cryptozoology. I also wanted to see my boys grow up and writing and consulting more could make the life I wanted to make.”

The SIU graduate’s own fascination with unclassified zoological enigmas came in the early 1960s when he first heard accounts of the Himalayan Yeti. But he quickly became disillusioned by modern science’s dismissal of the creatures and went to work establishing relationships with some of the most esteemed crypto-investigators.

During his earliest field investigations, Coleman was one of the few serious researchers to actually bear witness to the “Minnesota Iceman” carcass and he was one of the first investigators on the scene following the notorious “Dover Demon” encounters of 1977.

Although he was living back in his hometown of Decatur, Ill., in the early 1970s, he returned to the area when reports of the Big Muddy Monster started coming in. “The Big Muddy Monster was a big deal,” he remembers. “In the Decatur area and all the way down to Carbondale, people were reporting seeing a Bigfoot. There was the Farmer City Monster, who some said had a head the size of a steering wheel, and many different little incidents. I had the sense Illinois would explode with some big story.”

In 2003, Coleman opened his International Cryptozoology Museum in four rooms of his house, opening it only to serious researchers. In 2009, the museum went public, moving into a storefront at the rear of a book store in Portland, Maine. In addition to the 8-foot-tall Bigfoot likeness, the museum holds about 2,000 other items. He also writes for the blog Cryptomundo (www.cryptomundo.com).

Mysteries of nature populate Loren Coleman’s world but you won’t hear him use the word “believe.”

“Belief is the providence of religion,” says Coleman. “I distrust ‘believers,’ who are just as dangerous as the blind debunkers.”

This is one of more than 30 books Coleman has written on the subject. He’s also penned more than 6,000 columns and articles.
Association Board Member Cleveland Hammond Dies

SIU Alumni Association Board member Cleveland Hammond, who was St. Louis schools superintendent from 1996 to 2003, recently passed away. The 75-year-old lived in Belleville and served on several committees during his stint at the Association.

He and his wife, Yvonne, who met while students at Southern, had recently celebrated their 51st wedding anniversary. Both were 1958 graduates of SIU. In addition to his wife, among the survivors are three daughters, Deborah Hammond of Belleville, Rhonda Cantelow of Tuskegee, Ala., Marsha Walker of Birmingham; and three grandchildren.

### Alumni Deaths

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- **McCluskey, Josephine C.** 1932 07/16/10, Edwardsville, Ill.
- **Borrella, Loretta L.** 1931 07/29/10, Orient, Ill.
- **Wessels, Ruby C.** 1932 09/10/10, Belleville, Ill.
- **White, James W.** 1933 07/23/10, Springfield, Ill.
- **Wise, Lawrence E.** 1934 04/13/10, Peoria, Ill.
- **Holshouser, Emie M.** 1934 08/05/10, Venice, Fla.
- **Woods, William C.** 1936 07/27/10, Murphysboro, Ill.
- **Rushing, Mary I.** 1937 09/26/10, Rend Lake, Ill.
- **Hagg, Monroe J.** 1942 08/17/10, Sparta, Ill.
- **Starr, Lois M.** 1942 07/27/10, Las Vegas, Nev.
- **Gierke, Dorothy M.** 1943 07/17/10, Canton, Ohio
- **Roberts, Max G.** 1944 07/19/10, Cono Cordova, Ariz.
- **York, Madonna W.** 1944 08/08/10, Ennis, Wyo.
- **Connor, Robert E.** 1946 07/17/10, Canton, Ohio
- **Floyd, Thomas W.** 1950 09/16/10, Charleston, Ill.
- **Butler, Helen E.** 1950 08/09/10, Hammond, Ind.
- **Huntley, Dorothy Coleman, ex.** 1950 02/21/10, Cameron, Mo.
- **Vogler, Edwina W.** 1950 02/17/10, Charleston, Ill.
- **Scherling, Geneva W.** 1951 08/10/10, Carbondale, Ill.
- **Flann, Carolyne C., ex.** 1952 04/10/10, Columbus, Ind.
- **Gelso, Ronald A.** 1952 10/30/10, Metropolis, Ill.
- **Armstrong, Mary L.** 1957 06/30/10, Charlotte, N.C.
- **Crews, Donald R.** 1958 08/31/10, Peoria, Ill.
- **Koehler, William L.** 1958 11/15/10, Marion, Ill.
- **Bleyer, Lily K.** 1959 05/20/10, Peoria, Ill.
- **Morgan, Mary J.** 1960 08/18/10, Rockwood, Ill.
- **Strotheide, Norman L.** 1960 07/27/10, Tallahassee, Tenn.
- **Terrill, Charles J.** 1961 06/20/10, Belleville, Ill.
- **O'Keefe, James D.** 1961 08/01/10, Chicago, Ill.
- **Bunton, J. M.** 1961 08/04/10, Moweaqua, Ill.
- **Combar, Laurence E., M.S. Ed.** 1962 09/15/10, Benton, Ill.
- **Dempsey, Maurice K.** 1962 08/05/10, Venice, Fla.
- **Sladek, Thomas C.** 1963 09/10/10, Marion, Ill.
- **Kostick, William J.** 1964 07/23/10, Columbus, Ohio
- **Foster, Wendell E.** 1964 09/10/10, Chester, Ill.
- **Ellis, Myrtia R.,'66, M.S.** 1964 07/23/10, Marion, Ill.
- **Barefield, William C., '36** 09/15/10, Benton, Ill.
- **Miller-Janes, Arlene J., M.S., 71** 09/10/10, Marion, Ill.
- **Rhodes, Larry S., M.S., Ed.** 1965 09/10/10, Benton, Ill.
- **Kornell, Blanche H., ex.** 1966 08/20/10, Springfield, Ill.
- **Russia, Ralph E.** 1967 02/10/10, Neuburg, Ind.
- **Kopyt, Elfriede M.** 1968 09/16/10, Chicago, Ill.
- **Manning, William W.** 1968 08/20/10, Carbondale, Ill.
- **Barefield, William C., '36** 09/15/10, Benton, Ill.
- **Onion, Oma H.** 1969 09/15/10, Marion, Ill.
- **Billings, Bill G., M.S.** 1970 07/24/10, Morton Grove, Ill.
- **Ellis, Laurence E., M.S.** 1971 09/18/10, Prescott, Ariz.
- **Wonnell, Richard, M.S.Ed. '73, Ph.D. '77** 01/24/10, Milford, Ill.
- **Sladek, Thomas C.** 1973 08/01/10, Springfield, Ill.
- **Watkins, William E.** 1973 09/2/10, Peoria, Ill.
- **Cain, Roger D.** 1975 06/20/10, Alvadore, Tex.
- **Schulze, Lawrence A.,'72** 09/16/10, Murphysboro, Ill.
- **Hill, Carl M.** 1975 10/14/10, Hammond, Ind.
- **Barfield, William C., '36** 09/15/10, Benton, Ill.
- **Ellis, Myrtia R.,'66, M.S.** 1975 07/23/10, Columbus, Ohio
- **Gibert, Brian D.** 1975 08/22/10, Springfield, Ill.
- **Watkins, William E.** 1975 07/23/10, Columbus, Ohio
- **Eckardt, Ora J., M.S.** 1976 08/22/10, Herrin, Ill.
- **Ellis, Myrtia R.,'66, M.S.** 1976 08/22/10, Herrin, Ill.
- **Werkhoven, Richard, M.D.** 1976 08/04/10, Moweaqua, Ill.
- **Tinkham, Charles L.** 1976 08/01/10, Marion, Ill.
- **Strong, Robert D.** 1976 08/01/10, Marion, Ill.
thought an MBA was the best course of action, looking toward the future. I have a growing family and a full-time job, but this gives me an opportunity to achieve my goals and have a somewhat normal life.

“It’s been more challenging than I thought it would be, but I feel like what I’m learning through the program can’t be much different than the on-campus version.”

The online master’s program, taught by full-time faculty, allows students to complete their graduate degree while still working full-time. To participate in the online program, students must have a bachelor’s degree and take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) or the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Applicants with five years or more of professional work experience are exempt from the GMAT/GRE requirement. The online program allows students to earn 41 credits and finish their MBA in 24 months.

In her recent State of the University Address, Chancellor Rita Cheng said one of the goals for the University is the expansion of online degree programs.

Recruiting will begin soon for the 2011 online master’s class, with the college accepting applications beginning Jan. 1, 2011. The early decision application deadline is March 15, 2011, with the final deadline of May 15, 2011, for applications.

For more information about the College of Business’ online master’s programs, go to http://online.business.siuc.edu, e-mail onlinerep@business.siuc.edu, or call 618-453-7978.
Time Marches On For 106-Year-Old Southern Grad

by Laurel Walker

Let's see. Her calendar's a bit full. There's daily exercise, ceramics, weekly yoga, twice-a-week church services, occasional club activities with the 90s plus group, the lifelong learning classes, her beloved bingo, arts and crafts, Friday night movie, time set aside to read the daily newspaper. Is there room for a birthday party?

Southern graduate Millie Bayha turned 106 on Nov. 15. As the guest of honor at a birthday celebration thrown by The Arboretum senior retirement center in Menomonee Falls, Wis., where she lives, she was the life of the party.

Millie grew up in southern Illinois, married, and earned a teaching certificate at the University in 1928. She returned and got a bachelor's degree at SIU in 1941, and was an elementary school teacher in Berwyn, Ill., for 35 years, retiring at age 65. After retirement, she and her late husband, Ben, traveled widely and spent winters in Florida, finally settling at The Arboretum, close to their only son, Bob, 13 years ago.

Remarkably fit for her age - mentally and physically - Millie was asked the inevitable question: What's your secret? "I don't know the secret," she says, "but I was blessed with good health."

Good health, an active lifestyle, and a pleasant, optimistic disposition are perhaps all part of Millie's secret, says Thea Vorass, lifestyle director at The Arboretum. "She has a wonderful outlook on life and always is positive."

Add to that her willingness to try new things and to keep on learning, and this centenarian is one of the more endearing seniors you'll meet. At her Monday morning exercise class recently, Millie was doing the "Chicken Dance" - though understandably slower - with a couple dozen other residents a decade or two her junior. She tugged a yellow stretchy-band for arm and core strength. She leaned to the left and leaned to the right.

Daily exercise is important to her, but so is participating in many of the other activities organized for residents at The Arboretum. "I think if they're having the entertainment for us, we should take advantage of it," she says. "I've been happy here. I've had good care and good health."

How rare is she? About 1 in 5 million Americans reach age 110, experts say, equating to about 62 so-called 'super centenarians' based on a current U.S. population of 310 million. Somewhere between the tens of thousands and the dozens, there's Millie and her 106th birthday party. Three U.S. citizens, all 114, top the current list of oldest living persons.

Her son, Bob, is also a retired teacher, having worked 34 years at Milwaukee public schools. "My mom and dad said they were going to be happy to see their grandkids graduate from high school," he says. His mother has not only seen that, but watched them graduate from college and marry.

He calls his mother "a joy" - never mean to me except ..." Millie finishes his sentence with a chuckle: "When you needed it."

Bob uses his technology teaching expertise to help his mom cope with inconveniences of age. He's rigged up a handy light switch, remote controls, batteries and the rest to help with some short-term forgetfulness. A list of her often-asked questions - with answers - is near her favorite chair.

When she was hospitalized a few years back with pneumonia, it was the first time since she was 40 and giving birth to her son. Millie learned to use the computer, with one set up in her den and Arboretum classes to prompt her; when she was 95. She used it then, but says she doesn't really need it so doesn't use one now.

The march of time and history spanning Millie Bayha's life, beginning in 1904, has covered relentless change and events, from her father's crank-start roadster she learned to drive as a teenager to space flight, from the invention of television to the Internet.

Does anything cease to amaze you anymore? I ask her.

"No," she says succintly. "That's progress."

And so is another birthday.

--- Laurel Walker is a columnist for the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, where this story first appeared. The story and photo is reprinted here with the newspaper's permission.

Millie Bayha at an exercise class at a senior retirement center in Menomonee Falls, Wis. Bayha, who recently turned 106, keeps active with yoga, arts and crafts, and bingo.
Debate Team Eyes Another National Championship

by Emily Hunsaker

With two teams ranked second and third in the nation by the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence, Southern's debate team is in the midst of another successful season.

“Our goal as a team is always to win nationals in March, says Brandon Merrell, a senior from Seattle, Wash. “We were successful two seasons ago, and the following year we placed second. Now we have two teams that could certainly challenge for a national championship.”

Merrell teams with Mike Selck, a sophomore from Blue Springs, Mo. SIU’s other team is Ben Campbell, a freshman from Springfield, Mo., and Andrew Thomas, a junior from Stockton, Cal. Merrell and Selck were ranked second in the nation, while Campbell and Thomas sat at third, in the season opening rankings.

Todd Graham, director of debate, credits the team’s success to hard work and the overwhelming support of the University. “SIU has had a team here for almost 100 years, and we’ve been able to turn the corner in the last 10 years and make this team successful,” he says. “We’ve been really lucky that the administration at SIU has been so supportive. It makes Southern a great place for debate to call home.”

National championships are not new to the debate team. In fact, Southern has won six national titles, one in each of the last three decades. In addition, the team also lays claim to three National Top Speaker Awards. The team’s most recent championship win came in 2008 when Kevin Calderwood and Kyle Dennis brought home the title. While the team placed third at Nationals last season, Calderwood and Merrell were ranked No. 1 in the country by the NPTE. Calderwood is currently serving as a graduate assistant to the team while he pursues a master’s degree.

The success of this year’s team can be credited in part to the experience of its members, three of whom began debating in high school. Merrell, Selck, and Campbell each competed at the high school level before joining the team at SIU. Selck competed at nationals his senior year of high school, while Campbell won the Missouri state title his junior year.

Thomas took a different route to get to where he is today. He began his debate career while attending community college at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton, Cal. After beginning his college career later in life, Thomas stumbled upon debate by opting out of his final in speech class.

“In order to complete the speech class—which I didn’t even want to speak in—we had the option of competing in a debate tournament. I ended up finishing third in the competition,” Thomas says. “I found it was something I really enjoyed.”

After winning a gold medal at the national competition for community colleges, Thomas was recruited to compete for Southern.

Experience is not the only attribute the debate team’s members bring to the table. They also contribute a great deal of time, dedication, and devotion to this extracurricular activity. The team meets once a week to discuss research assignments doled out by Graham. At the time of the interview, members of the group were told to research topics such as Mexico’s politics in the wake of another assassination and beheading, as well as France’s retirement age.

Merrell says this type of ongoing research is essential to the team’s success.

The teams travel across the country to compete against other debaters. At each tournament, competitors are given a topic 20 minutes before the debate is scheduled to begin. Within that time, the debaters must organize a compelling argument using the research material they have on hand.

Each of the team members agree that debate is an educational experience that has enhanced his time at Southern.

“As an undergraduate, you often don’t have the opportunity to work directly with faculty members on research that interests you,” Merrell says. “Through debate, you not only get to research a wide variety of topics, but you also get to highlight those interests and have critical discussions with people from all around the country.”

They also know that the time and effort they put into this program will benefit them far beyond their time at SIU.

“I’m constantly learning new things and really broadening my horizons. It forces me to think about things in different ways,” says Campbell. “As a process, I’m constantly learning, constantly evolving, and constantly broadening my view of the world.”

Andrew Thomas (left) and Ben Campbell conduct research during one of the team's weekly practice sessions.
SIU vs. Illinois Tailgate

The SIU Alumni Association hosted approximately 850 alumni and friends to a reception prior to the Salukis facing the Fighting Illini in football. The event’s food in Champaign was catered by alumnus Marty Kamerer ’87 and his company, Michael’s Catering. Steve Falat was the official emcee and guest speakers included SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng, Athletics Director Mario Moccia, and Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez. The Saluki Marching Band made a surprise appearance and electrified the crowd with a couple Saluki songs. A special thanks to our event sponsor, Liberty Mutual.

Seattle Picnic At Lake Burien

The SIU Alumni Association and Len ’67 and Linda Boscarine hosted 32 alumni and friends to a picnic at Lake Burien. After a potluck style dinner, Director of Alumni Programs Zack Sapienza gave a short presentation and answered questions. Before ending the night, several alumni decided to take tours of the lake on Len and Linda’s party barge.

Quad Cities Potluck And Party

The Quad Cities Club of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 17 alumni to a potluck and party at the home of Santiago “Jimmy” Martinez ’99. A delicious dinner was grilled up and yard games were enjoyed by all. Martinez, Dick Stockner ’76 M.S. ’78, Sandra Schmidt ’80, and Belinda Scrogham ’00 coordinated the event.

Alumni Enjoy Rams Opener

The St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted more than 40 alumni and friends to the St. Louis Rams home opener against the Arizona Cardinals. Approximately $400 was raised in ticket sales for the St. Louis Chapter Scholarship Fund. Zack Sapienza and Gene Green attended the event on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association. Ann Patton ’03, Leslie Tepen ’03, Anna Vani ’02, and Aimee Snavely ’05 helped to coordinate the event.

Book Your Rooms Now For 2011 MVC Tournament

The 2010 Missouri Valley Conference men’s basketball tournament will be held in St. Louis March 3-6. Plan to attend the games, enjoy the hospitality opportunities offered for SIU alumni at the Hilton at the Ballpark, and cheer on the Salukis as they battle for an automatic bid to the 2011 NCAA Tournament. Special rates at the Hilton at the Ballpark are available for SIU alumni and friends. Go to www.siualumni.com for more details. With Mardi Gras activities in St. Louis that same weekend, rooms are expected to go quickly, so act now!

Orange County Dawgs Watch Angels And White Sox

The Orange County Club of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 15 alumni and friends to an Anaheim Angels game against the Chicago White Sox. Prior to the game, attendees tailgated under the big ‘A’ enjoying the company of fellow Salukis. Argus Tong ’02 M.S. ’04 coordinated the event.
Scholarships Available Through The Association

The following scholarships will be awarded for the Fall 2011 – Spring 2012 semesters. Take a moment to see if you or someone in your family might be interested in applying for this assistance.

• Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship
  The Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Scholarship funds scholarships to Southern Illinois University Carbondale students that are closely related to an SIUC alumnus who is a current member of the SIU Alumni Association. Interested students can find an application and criteria information at www.siualumni.com/pulliam. Deadline: March 31, 2011.

• Keith And Carol Sanders Alumni Scholarship
  The Keith and Carol Sanders Alumni Scholarship is open to qualified candidates from Franklin County, Illinois who are the child, spouse, or sibling of an alumnus of SIUC. Applicants should be a graduate of Benton Consolidated High School, Benton, Illinois or a graduate of Rend Lake College, Ina, Illinois. For specific qualifying criteria and application, visit www.siualumni.com/sanders. Deadline: Jan. 28, 2011.

• Rebecca And Jerry Kill Alumni Association Scholarship
  The Rebecca and Jerry Kill Alumni Association Scholarship will be available to incoming transfer students for fall 2011 to assist in their college tuition expenses. Preference will be given to those students who have a relative that is an alumnus of SIUC. Interested students can find criteria information as well as an application at www.siualumni.com/legacy. Deadline: March 31, 2011.

• Legacy Scholarship
  The Legacy Scholarship is set up to assist those students who have a relative that is an alumnus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Preference will be given to those students who have a relative that is an alumnus that has been an active member of the SIU Alumni Association for three of the past five years. Interested students can find criteria information at www.siualumni.com/legacy. Deadline: March 31, 2011.

Career Services Available To Alumni

Did you know SIU Career Services is available to alumni? Hundreds of alumni have already taken advantage of these services including online job search, resume critiques, and assistance with interviewing skills.

In addition to these services, a job fair for students and alumni is set for Feb. 23 in the SIU Student Center ballrooms. Alumni are encouraged to attend as job-seekers or recruiters. For more information about the job fair, or to register as a recruiter, visit careerservices.siuc.edu.

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Jay King, Former Association Staff Member Dies

Jacob "Jay" King '51, a 28-year employee of the SIU Alumni Association, died Nov. 26, 2010, in Carbondale. He was 91.

He was born Sept. 12, 1919, in Baxter Springs, Kan., and served four years as a pilot and flight instructor in the Army Air Corps before coming to SIU to earn his bachelor's degree in botany and zoology in 1951. After working for a mining company and for the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, he was recruited to SIU in 1955 and worked there until his retirement in 1983.

Robert "Bob" Odaniell, former executive director of the Association, remembers that "we only had one field representative in those days and he was it. Jay's main job was to build and service the alumni club program and he did an excellent job. This was not a job that was 40 hours a week. It was seven days a week or whatever it takes. At our peak, we had 50 alumni clubs (now called chapters) in Illinois alone."

Ed Buerger, former executive director of the Association, took over King's job when he joined the Association in 1983. "I came in with the knowledge that Jay would be retiring and worked closely with him for several months. When we were off-campus meeting with alums, it was obvious the great respect and affection they had for him. He was warm, humble, and spoke well of the University and the Association. Alumni really responded to that warmth, as he was a gentleman at all times and always found the positive in every person in every situation."

King is survived by his wife of 31 years, Carol '61; five children and their spouses; and 12 grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Southern Illinois Parkinson's Support Group, 281 Kite Hill Road, Carbondale, IL 62901.

Tell Us What You Think!

Please take a moment to give us your thoughts on the proposed alumni center to be built on the Carbondale campus. We are working with the SIUC College of Business to collect your opinions and ideas regarding the proposed facility. Answer the survey and you could win a Saluki Prize Package from the SIU Alumni Association online store, valued at $100. You may provide your input at www.siualumnibcenter.com.

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2 Saluki Women's Basketball at Wichita State, 2:05 p.m.
4 Saluki Men's Basketball at Bradley, 7:05 p.m.
6 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Drake, 7:05 p.m.
7 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Creighton, 7:05 p.m.
8 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Illinois State, 2:05 p.m.
12 Saluki Men's Basketball at Missouri State, 7:05 p.m.
13 Saluki Men's Basketball at Creighton, 7:05 p.m.
14 Saluki Women's Basketball at Evansville, 2:00 p.m.
18 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Evansville, 7:05 p.m.
21 Saluki Women's Basketball at Bradley, 7:05 p.m.
23 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Missouri State, 7:05 p.m.
26 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Wichita State, 6:05 p.m.
27 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Illinois State, Noon
29 Saluki Men's Basketball at Evansville, 7:05 p.m.

February 2011

2 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Drake, 7:05 p.m.
3 Saluki Women's Basketball at Creighton, 7:05 p.m.
4 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Bradley, 2:05 p.m.
Saluki Women's Basketball at Drake, 2:05 p.m.
8 Saluki Men's Basketball at Wichita State, 7:05 p.m.
10 Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra presents "Stars of Altgeld" at 7:30 p.m., Shryock Auditorium
10-12 "Tartuffe," presented by the SIU Department of Theater, Christian Moe Theater
12 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Evansville, 2:05 p.m.
13 Saluki Men's Basketball at Creighton, 7:05 p.m.
16 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Indiana State, 7:05 p.m.
17 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Northern Iowa, 7:05 p.m.
19 Saluki Men's Basketball ESPN BracketBusters, Carbondale, TBA
Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Bradley, TBA
23 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Missouri State, 7:05 p.m.
25 Saluki Women's Basketball at Indiana State, 6:05 p.m.
26 Saluki Men's Basketball at Indiana State, 12:05 p.m.
27 Saluki Women's Basketball at Illinois State, 2:05 p.m.

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3 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Wichita State, 7:05 p.m.
3-6 MVC Tournament, Saluki Men's Basketball at St. Louis, Mo., TBA
5 Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Missouri State, 2:05 p.m.
10 MVC Tournament, Saluki Women's Basketball at St. Charles, Mo., TBA
29 Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra presents "Pictures at an Exhibition" at 7:30 p.m., Shryock Auditorium

Spring Sports Schedules: For a look at the SIU baseball, softball, tennis, and track schedules for the spring, go to www.siusalukis.com.

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A Few Memories From The Class Of 1960

Doris (Dillinger) Brown, Carbondale
Doris gives props to SIU for its "outstanding professors" and "affordable cost," but names her favorite memories as being in the Marching Salukis and a member of Pi Omega Pi.

Karen (Goforth) Conner, Campbell Hill
Conner, whose three children are all Southern graduates, says SIU prepared her for a lifetime of teaching.

James Dalton, Littleton, Colo.
"Southern gave me a valuable undergraduate degree, preparing me for further graduate study."

Richard Dickson, Makanda
"SIU provided me with the education and incentive to pursue a career as a research scientist. While at Southern, I organized and was the first president of the SIU Forestry Club and was a member of the first forestry graduating class."

Wallace Draper, Muncie, Ind.
"I met and married a classmate, and was one of the first to live in Southern Hills and Evergreen Terrace apartments."

John Edgar, Ava
"SIU helped me grow up and gave me special training in the banking field. I lived in a private boarding house off campus with 10 other students."

Edward Harriss, Riverside, Calif.
"SIU prepared me to enter medical school at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago."

Jim Haynes, The Colony, Texas
"SIU made me a resident fellow. I had great and inspirational professors (I communicated with David Kenney recently). I met my loved one and soul mate. We'll be married 50 years in October."

Bill Jackson, Carterville
"An education at SIU allowed me to become a certified teacher and later a business owner/operator of a travel agency."

Roberta (Golden) Crisman Kiser, Rancho Mirage, Cal.
"Attendance at SIU opened up the world for me. The opportunities for learning and interacting with people were outstanding."

Jean (Engel) Kroening, Carbondale
"I came to SIU on a teacher's scholarship. Coming from a large farm family, I was able to support myself through the student work opportunities, and as a freshman I was able to attend convocation each week and be exposed to happenings around the world."

Ardis (Odum) McCutcheon, Peoria, Ariz., and Palatine
"Southern gave me exposure to a higher education and opened opportunities to new friendships and career advancements."

Glendon Miller, Wichita, Kan.
"I became a scientist because I was mentored by several science faculty members. I met my wife, and we had two children while in Carbondale."

Carl Mitchell, Springboro, Ohio
Carl fondly remembers "personal sessions with James Neckers, Ph.D., and evenings in chemistry labs."

Liz (Benton) Sexson, Rantoul
"SIU prepared me for my careers in business and music through gaining knowledge, training, skills, and interaction with faculty and staff."

Save The Date
The Class of 1961 should save the date for the weekend of Oct. 14-15, 2011. That will be Homecoming Weekend and the time when your class will be inducted into the Half Century Club.
Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.

1930s

Ella May (Ohms) Gross 2-Year '31 celebrated her 100th birthday on May 5, 2010.

1940s

Jim Marberry '42 has been inducted into the Encinal High School Hall of Fame in Alameda, Cal. The football team he coached won the Northern California Class A Championships in 1957, 1958, 1960, and 1966.

1960s

Arya Abbas Amirie M.A. '64, Ph.D. '67 who rose to international prominence as a consultant to the Shah of Iran and at least two American presidents, has written a book about his formative years in Iran and coming to America titled Unparalleled Journey: From Raising Lambs to Advising World Leaders, published by Academy Press of America. He has taught political science at Kent State (Ohio) University and the University of California at Los Angeles.


For 26 years, Bill Taraschke M.S. Ed. '66 has been coaching and teaching at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio. As the men's and women's track coach for 26 years and cross country coach for 19 years, Taraschke has led 47 Baldwin-Wallace teams to Ohio Athletic Conference Championships. He's been named OAC Coach of the Year on 34 separate occasions and the NCAA Division III Great Lakes Region Coach of the Year 12 times.

Tom Kachel '68, M.S. '72 has retired from Southwest Missouri State (now Missouri State) as an assistant professor of fashion and interior design. He was responsible for the development of contract design classes for the school's growing interior design program.

John Collard '69, chairman of Strategic Management Partners Inc. in Annapolis, Md., is a certified turnaround professional. In 2010, the firm was named as one of the top 12 outstanding turnaround management firms in the country, as well as being named Maryland Small Business of the Year in its 20th year of serving clients.

Mark Horne '69 has been named one of the top attorneys in Illinois for 2010 by Illinois Super Lawyers magazine. Horne is employed at the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP in its Chicago office. His field of expertise is real estate.

1970s

As principal of Adler Park School in the Libertyville (Ill.) Elementary District, Janet Brownlie '70 led the district's smallest elementary school for 22 years. She retired at the end of the 2010 school year and was named Principal of the Year for Lake County.

Lawrence Evans '71 is president, CEO, and chairman of MedX Ltd., a company that manufactures, markets, and distributes exercise and medical rehabilitation equipment to the medical and fitness markets. MedX is a subsidiary of WellTek Inc., a global health, fitness, and wellness company based in Florida.

Former Track Athletes Reunite With Cornell

SIU Hall of Fame track athlete and coach Bill Cornell '65, M.S. '67, and his wife, Rose, recently welcomed four former Saluki teammates at their home. Cornell, a native of Chelmsford, England, pictured second from the left, reconnected with (below, left to right) Robin Coventry '67, M.S. '69 (Melbourne, Australia), Jerry Fendrich '67, M.B.A. '68 (Evansville, Ind.), Gary Carr '66, M.S. '71 (Mascoutah, Ill.), and Tom Ashman '67 (Murphysboro, Ill.). The five were teammates in the mid-1960s.

They reminisced about their days of representing the University on the Saluki track team, and one of the fondest memories shared was the 1965 Saluki Mile Relay Team that won the prestigious Kansas Relays in 3:09.2. Perhaps the highlight of the evening was the group visiting with legendary Saluki Coach Lew Hartzog via speaker phone. Hartzog, who now lives in New Mexico, reiterated how proud he was of their performance in 1965.

"There is a special connection between all of us," Cornell says. "We enjoyed competing on the track team, but more importantly, we are lifelong friends who care a great deal about each other. I wouldn't trade their friendship. We bond today much like we did as teammates in the '60s."
Southern Grad Invents Device For Strengthening Muscles

After spending 25 years in the agriculture industry, Dale Winger ’73 embarked on a second career as a massage therapist by setting up a business, Therapeutic Massages, with his bride, Kathy, in Monticello, Ind., where they live.

These days Winger can also add “inventor” to his résumé because of his patented Aquatic Resistance Trainer, the first in what he hopes will be a full line of therapeutic devices designed to be used in water.

Winger, who also teaches water aerobics, came up with the device as a way of strengthening his wrists and fingers for his massage work. It looks like a hard plastic baseball bat with holes through the barrel, and Winger says it’s especially valuable for baseball players, as well as tennis, golf, bowling, shoulder rehab, and upper-body conditioning.

Winger worked with Purdue University (30 miles from his home) through its Technical Assistance Program to develop and patent the Aquatic Resistance Trainer, while a Purdue professor conducted a study of the invention and determined it was effective.

But Winger gives a large amount of credit for his success to SIU: “Southern gave me an opportunity. That’s the key to the whole thing,” he says. There’s a website for the device, www.watertrainings.com, that he hopes will be fully operational by the end of the year.
Arokiasamy was also recognized for his great expansion of the rehab counseling program. After three decades working for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Randy Davis '82 had called it quits. But he returned to a career in the prison system as warden in December 2009, one day after a fatal hostage situation at the Pinckneyville Correctional Center. (The hostage was uninjured; an inmate was killed.) The Anna native says that's OK: "I didn't like retirement. It was too slow."

Artist David Olson M.F.A. '82 used to create sculptures made of steel. Now he makes them out of paper and says "it's more of a meditative process." Olson is currently assistant director of admissions at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kan., and has taught art and sculpture at Wichita (Kan.) State University and Newman University in Wichita.

Abe Aamidor M.A. '83, retired as a reporter from the Indianapolis Star and is the author of several books, including the recently published At the Crossroads: Middle America and the Battle to Save the Car Industry, published by ECW Press of Toronto.

Brooke Claussen '83 has been named senior group creative director of Goble & Associates Healthcare Communication, a company she has been with since 2007. In her new role, she will expand her responsibilities to manage more of the creative efforts across the department.

David Delaney '83 is the new executive vice president and chief operating officer for the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan. He was formerly president of PCS sales. Potash Corp. is the world's largest fertilizer enterprise.

Dr. John David Hartman '83, M.D. '01 is a family practitioner with Southern Illinois Family Medicine and has also been a faculty member for the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield. A former pilot with the U.S. Air Force, Hartman is a Benton native who has been recruited to practice several days each month in West Frankfurt. He and his wife, Rhonda Hartman '98, live in Carbondale.

Mark Karnes A.A.S. '83, '83, a 30-year veteran of the electronics industry, was appointed managing director of consumer products at Etymotic Research in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Karen Stallman '83, M.S. '87 has been appointed as the Southwestern Illinois College (with campuses in Red Bud, Belleville, and Granite City) Green Jobs/Green Economy initiative director. In the position, Stallman will provide leadership in the delivery of programs and services for the college's Green Jobs/Green Economy initiative in an effort to stimulate job growth and develop green programming in the region.

Keith May '84 is director of business development for Glimmerglass, a leading supplier of intelligent optical layer management solutions. May spent three decades as a naval officer and manager of major military intelligence and aviation operations.

Scott Lee Griffin '85 has joined the staff of Central DuPage Hospital in Winfield, Ill., as vice president, physician and ambulatory services. In his new position, Griffin is responsible for the Central DuPage Physician Group (CDPG), Convenient Care Centers, Business Health, and physician relations.

Studio artist Chuck Schwarz M.F.A. '85, a design, arts metals, and sculpture instructor at Lone Star College-CyFair, showed some of his work at an exhibition titled "Wabi-sabi Objects" in June and July at the college.

This fall Renee Loesche '87 helped launch the Biofuels Education curriculum at Southeastern Illinois College, initially teaching introduction to biofuels and ethanol production. She has taught power generation at Illinois State and has served as an adjunct professor at SIU since 1991, developing and teaching industrial technology curricula to heavy industry professionals.

Paul Conco '88 became the president of Paul D. Camp Community College in Suffolk, Va., on July 1. He was formerly vice president for financial and administrative services and professor at Virginia Highlands Community College and previously held positions at Campbellsville (Ky.) University and Johnson & Wales University in Charleston, S.C.

Loma Media has announced that Tom Davis '88 has been hired as vice president to spearhead the development of Loma Sports. Loma Sports offers a full spectrum of strategic marketing solutions and the creation of digital media content for use in online, social networking, and mobile marketing solutions.

Davis brings more than 20 years of sports and entertainment sales and marketing expertise to Loma Sports. Most recently he was at International Sports Properties Inc., where his team tripled overall corporate revenue on behalf of UCLA Athletics. Davis, who will be based in Los Angeles, began his career working in marketing and promotions at Saluki Athletics.

Lonnie Howard '89, president of Foxtail Foods in Fairfield, Ohio, has been recognized by Cambridge Who's Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership, and excellence in business management.

1990s

Ken Atwater Ph.D. '90 is the new president of Hillsborough Community College in Tampa, Fla. He comes to Hillsborough after serving as president of South Mountain Community College in Phoenix, Ariz., and at community colleges in Maryland, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

Jeff Drees '90 has been named U.S. division president of Schneider Electric, a global specialist in energy management. Drees previously served as president of the buildings business of Schneider Electric in the Americas, where he was responsible for performance in the U.S., Canada, and Central and South America.

Alice Heikens Ph.D. '91 is the recipient of the Franklin (Ind.) College Excellence in Scholarship award. She is a professor of biology with a focus on rare plants. Her dissertation at Southern involved endangered plant communities, a subject she continued to research since moving to Indiana, and she works in conjunction with The Nature Conservancy, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the U.S. Forest Service.

The husband and wife team of Eric Ulner '92 and Kathy Pattison '93 are the owners of Vertical Heartland Climbing School, a rock-climbing guide.
business on the south face of Draper Bluff, near the border of Union and Johnson counties. Ulmer has been climbing for more than 30 years and started a guide business in 1993. He is also the author of Vertical Heartland: A Rock Climber’s Guide to Southern Illinois, now in its third edition.

Bryan Echols ’93 is executive director of the Metropolitan Area Group for Igniting Civilization, a nonprofit youth empowerment agency headquartered at the University of Chicago.

Katie (Ahrens) Smith ’94, in her 13th year at the University of Wisconsin, has been named the director of compliance at the university. Smith, who has spent the last three years as senior associate compliance director, will oversee three years as senior associate compliance at the university.

Smith earned a bachelor’s degree in radio-television at Northern Illinois University. She has spent the last six months in 2009 deployed to Iraq and came home with a Global War on Terrorism medal, commander’s medals, and the GRD pin for Civilian Service in a Combat Zone.

Brian Clardy Ph.D. ’99 has joined the Chicago law firm of Novack and Macey LLP as an associate. He will concentrate his practice in commercial litigation. Before joining Novack and Macey, Stanton was a senior broker at Aon.

Chris Thunell ’99, who was a starting player during his time with the basketball Salukis, was honored for his exceptional high school athletic career at O’Fallon Township High School with induction into the school’s Walk of Fame. These days Thunell is an account manager for TEKsystems in St. Louis.

2000s

Benjy Jeffords ’02, chief photographer at WSIL-TV, walked away with several awards in the down-state TV division of the Illinois Associated Press Broadcasters Association 2009 Journalism Excellence Contest, including being named best reporter, best series/documentary, best videography, and both first and second best spot news.

Billy Pitcher ’02 is the new varsity boys head basketball coach at Lake Zurich High School. He was formerly fresh-man basketball coach at Libertyville High School. Pitcher first embarked on a career in sports reporting, following in his father’s footsteps. His father, known as “Red” Pitcher, made his living broadcasting for the University of Cincinnati, Xavier, East Tennessee State, and Illinois State.

Mike Bruno ’03, Kevin Kozol ’03, and Colin Scott ’03 make up the Chicago-based jazz funk band Spare Parts, which released its third CD, Trio, this year. As music students at SIU,
the trio formed its first band, named Exit 54. After getting their degrees from Southern, all three members went on to work on master's degrees in jazz performance at DePaul. Melanie Dusseau M.F.A. '03 has released her first collection of poems, The Body Tries Again, published by WordTech Communications LLC. Her poems have previously appeared in Black Warrior Review, River Styx, and Alaska Quarterly Review, among others. This year Glenwood High School's television station, GCNN, celebrated a quarter-century of broadcast education. Ryan Bandy '04, a teacher and technical educator at the school, is the station's studio coordinator. He took over the job after the Chatham, Ill., station's creator retired. The station began in 1984 as a pilot program for the Illinois State Board of Education.

Luke Crawford M.A. '04 teaches English as a second language at Guadalajara (Mexico) Language Centre. He was married in January 2010 to Rebeca Ramirez, a kindergarten teacher. The couple lives in Tlaquepaque, Mexico.

Phil Keene '04, senior manager for corporate communications for Wal-Mart, returned to campus in April for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's Pizza and Politics discussion series. While at Southern, he worked in news and sports radio, television, and did play-by-play for the SIU women's basketball team for the 1999-2000 season.

Sang-Pill Han M.S.'07 teaches taekwando and judo from his training studio in Carbondale. A seventh-degree black belt in taekwando and a fifth-degree black belt in judo, Han was twice the Korean national champion before an injury pushed him into teaching.

By day, Lauren Thomas '07 is a biology teacher at Carlyle (Ill.) High School. When school's out, she turns into a field expert for Drake Waterfowl Systems, a manufacturer of waterfowl hunting apparel. An avid duck hunter herself, Thomas says, "The big, burly guys don't always want my help -- especially if their girlfriends are there."

Mezzo soprano Emily Fons M.M. '08 joined the Ryan Opera Center of the Lyric Opera of Chicago last April. As an ensemble member in the Lyric's professional artist development program, she will apprentice for three years. Fons made her Lyric Opera of Chicago debut in October as Mercedes in Bizet's Carmen.

Will Gaitros '08 and his wife, Jessica, have opened Gaitros Aviation at the Decatur (III.) Airport. The airport has been without a fixed base operator since 2005 and thus without mechanical services. He will handle line service duties, which the airport had been handling since 2005. Gaitros worked as a mechanic at SIU's flight school for more than two years after graduating from the program, and also at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport and for Aaero Aviation Services in East Alton.

Cathy Lowe '08 has been named program leader in the health, human services, environmental, and safety department at Trident Technical College's (North Charleston, S.C.) Division of Continuing Education and Economic Development. She manages the coding and medical transcription programs.

Justin Behrens '09, a teaching assistant in the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Energy Processes, has been named one of the top 50 future technology leaders in Illinois by the Illinois Technology Foundation, which is the philanthropic arm of the Illinois Technology Association.

Marsha Cascio Ph. Law '09 and Bryan McLeod '06, J.D. '09 have created Southern Illinois Legal Services, which opened last May in Sesser. It's a not-for-profit law firm that charges based on income instead of set fees. The goal is to create affordable law services for those who don't qualify for free representation.

Navy Hospitalman Jennifer Glover '09 completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. She completed a variety of training that included study on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

**Volleyball Star Returns As Part Of Tenney Lectures**

Britten Follett '02, a summa cum laude graduate of Southern and noted Saluki volleyball player, returned to campus in September to deliver the first of the 2010-11 University Honors Program Tenney Lectures.

She is now a television news reporter at KOKH Fox 25 in Oklahoma City, and co-author of a book, Who Killed Kelsey?, which was the subject of the lecture at Southern, titled "Who Killed Kelsey: Broken Bones and a Broken System."

Follett and her co-author, Cherokee Ballard, a fellow television news reporter, undertook their own investigation into the violent death of Kelsey Smith Briggs, an Oklahoma toddler who was beaten to death after months of documented child abuse. The two reporters brought to light mistakes in the investigation and in the management of Kelsey's case by Child Protective Services.

Follett initially covered the story as part of her duties as a news reporter. Her continuing coverage of the story garnered her an Edward R. Murrow Award, three Emmy nominations, and six state and regional broadcast awards, including Oklahoma's 2005 Best Investigative Report.

Britten Follett at a book signing in Carbondale.
Alum Impresses Opening Night Crowd With Stadium Flyover

To the throngs of Saluki fans on campus for the first football game in the new Saluki Stadium, it started with a rumble from the north. Seconds later, a behemoth dipped into view and soared over the stadium at the conclusion of the national anthem.

Although it may have appeared to some that the C-17 military transport aircraft — 174 feet long with a wingspan of 170 feet — was about to shear off the top layer of the stadium, pilot Ryan Geilhausen '98 says it was merely an optical illusion.

For the Vergennes native at the controls, it was a thrill. "It was an honor to do it," Geilhausen says. "I lived every little kid's dream." And it was a sentimental occasion, because it marked the final time he would be flying the C-17.

He'll still be aviating — he's a first officer for Southwest Airlines and an Air Force reservist — but he's moving to a different reserve unit. Instead of being based at Charleston (S.C.) AFB, he'll now be working out of Scott AFB, and "I'll probably finish out my Air Force career as a nonflier."

At Scott, he'll be working as an action officer in transportation command with the Joint Transportation Readiness Unit, "which does all the movement of all troops and materials for all branches of the service," he says.

Geilhausen admits that he'll "miss it a little bit," flying C-17s. The large military transport aircraft, which can carry 170,000 pounds of cargo, is the go-to cargo plane for the U.S. Air Force because of its versatility and ability to land on multiple surfaces, including sand, which makes it a favorite in countries such as Afghanistan, he says. A C-17 accompanies the president on visits, both domestic and foreign, transporting the presidential limousine.

After graduating high school, Geilhausen spent three semesters at John A. Logan College then joined the U.S. Air Force, where he trained in airplane maintenance and became a crew chief for the F-16.

While still on active duty, Geilhausen was awarded a ROTC scholarship to SIU. "SIU is good," Geilhausen says. "It's impressive how Southern works with the Air Force and honors the training you get in the Air Force." When he graduated in December 1998 with a bachelor's degree in aviation management, Geilhausen got his pilot training as a member of the Air Force Reserve and went on to fly Lear jets out of Offutt AFB in Nebraska for four years.

Now living in Highland, Ill., Geilhausen says, "Everything I've done has revolved around the Air Force, a good education, and the College of Applied Sciences and Arts' aviation management department."

Pilot Ryan Geilhausen (third from right) and the flight crew after landing the C-17 at Williamson County Airport.
Your Membership Supports Many Things

Because of your membership, in 2008 the SIU Alumni Association’s national board was able to allocate funds to be invested with earnings earmarked to support recruitment and retention of students.

Since these awards do not require filling out applications, past recipients have described being notified of the awards as extremely surprising and exciting. The following are some of the awards to be given out during the 2010-2011 year.

Textbook Scholarships
On the first day of the spring 2011 semester, 50 students will receive textbook scholarships, valued at up to $500 each. To receive the no-application-form award, students must possess at least a 3.0 grade average and demonstrate financial need.

Extern Program
An increase in the number of extern students struggling to afford the best opportunity for their career goals inspired the creation of more than 20 scholarships valued at approximately $500 each. Because externs are responsible for their housing, meals, and transportation costs, these scholarships will help alleviate some of those costs. Deciding factors include location of internship. Preference will be given to student members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Chapter/Club Matching Program
As of July 1 and continuing through June 30, 2011 (or until the $5,000 is exhausted), the Association will match any funds that chapters and clubs raise for creating scholarship funds, not including telefund pledges or funds generated for scholarships not managed by the SIU Alumni Association.

Every Saluki has a story.

“Everything at Southern Illinois University began for me in October 1991. I took a flight from Athens, Greece to Chicago, Ill., then a Greyhound bus to Carbondale. It felt like an endless trip with many thoughts and dreams about what my future would be. It seems like my first day at SIU was only yesterday, when I walked around the campus with no idea where I was going! There are so many things that enter my mind when I think about Southern, but the most important memories center around the people I met there. SIU was a place where students from all over the world became friends, finding a way to come together from different cultures. Being a part of that experience was the most important thing that I received in the United States during my SIU years.”

Chris Togias
AAS ’95, Aviation Flight
BS ’96, Aviation Management

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Memories For Years To Come...

Southern Holds First-Ever All Greek Reunion

by Laura Taylor

Screams of excitement and tears of joy were common in the SIU Student Center during Southern's Homecoming weekend. Greek alumni from years past were reunited — some for the first time in 30 years — during the SIU All Greek Reunion.

During Southern's Homecoming this October, hundreds of SIU Greek alumni traveled back to campus for the historic event. In 1923 Southern Illinois University opened its doors to the first Greek letter organization on campus, Beta Epsilon. Eighty-seven years later, the SIU Alumni Association and the SIU Office of Greek Life collaborated to host the first-ever, All Greek Reunion.

"This event gave us the opportunity to reach out to our Greek alumni — a population that has, for the most part, been overlooked by the University," states Andy Morgan, Coordinator of SIU Greek Life. "College students who are members of a fraternity or sorority during their collegiate career have been shown to have a higher affinity for their alma mater and tend to give back at higher rates."

Greek Reunion Events

The weekend began with a meet-and-greet social event at a local establishment. Participants were able to reminisce about many weekends spent in this college hangout, while enjoying the company of current SIU Greek students and fellow Greek alumni.

Later that weekend, several undergraduate chapters took part in the Chapter Open House in the International Lounge of the Student Center. Each chapter displayed scrapbooks, old photos, composites, awards and more for alumni to browse through. Current Greek students were on hand to answer questions and reminisce with alumni about fraternity and sorority traditions.

Almost 50 Greek alumni attended the All Greek Reunion Winery Tour, which was a charter bus trip to three local wineries in southern Illinois. Participants commented on how the trip was a nice addition to the reunion, as it gave those returning a chance to see how much the industry has grown. As the tour came to an end, another event was getting underway. The SIU All Greek Reunion Launch Party took place Friday night at the Carbondale Holiday Inn. Greek alumni had the opportunity to celebrate reunions, make new acquaintances and reconnect with brothers and sisters from years past. The party was complete with Greek message boards so attendees could leave notes for fellow alumni.

Current Greek students were on hand to serve as "Greek Ambassadors" during the weekend. Ushering alumni to various events, staffing registration tables, and answering hundreds of questions about SIU's Greek Community were among a few of their tasks. Returning Greek alumni also had the privilege of a unique
entrance at the SIU Alumni Association Homecoming Tailgate. More than 300 Greek alumni attended the tailgate and were able to visit with current undergraduate chapters who set up their own tents on the field of McAndrew Stadium. Greek alumni were pleased to be able to visit with their own chapters while seeing fellow Greeks from other chapters as well.

All Greek Reunion attendees were seated together during the football game in an "all-Greek" section. Participants wore reunion t-shirts while cheering on the Salukis to their overtime win over the University of Northern Iowa. Afterwards, reunion attendees were invited to the SIU Student Center to take part in the Post Game Party. With 75 guests, participants enjoyed an appetizer buffet, a cash bar, and the opportunity to purchase Greek apparel and merchandise from Attitude Designs.

The president of Inter-Greek Council took to the stage along with Morgan and Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Rickey McCurry. The speakers thanked the crowd for attending and encouraged those in attendance to continue supporting Greek alumni events in the future through the Greek Alumni Constituency Group of the SIU Alumni Association.

Launch Of A Constituency
During the weekend, the SIU Alumni Association launched a new constituency group — the Greek Alumni Group. The group is designed to act as a conduit between the University, the SIU Alumni Association and all Greek alumni.

Through funds generated from the All Greek Reunion, the Greek Alumni Group will begin to formulate goals for the constituency.

Alumni can support the Greek Alumni Group by joining the SIU Alumni Association and using the code "Greeks" when purchasing a membership. By doing so, a portion of your dues will go towards the Greek Alumni Group and its efforts. You can join the Association at www.siualumni.com/join and check out more reunion photos at www.siualumni.com/greeks.
The Egyptians may have the great pyramids, but in the Egypt that is southern Illinois, one stands as well. It's a monument to the University's first Saluki mascot, King Tut.

Tut came to Southern in 1950 after Leland "Doc" Lingle, SIU's longtime track coach, and a few other athletics staffers brought the idea to campus. Students overwhelmingly voted in the idea shortly after. In 1954 Tut was killed attempting to cross the highway near what is now Davies Hall on campus and was buried in the northeast corner of McAndrew Stadium.

In the early photo, Lingle is shown applying the finishing touches to King Tut's tomb in 1961, after engineering students donated the monument. From left are Lowell Keel with Ornah, Tony Kovalski with Bury, Charles Tenney, vice president of instruction, and Lingle. Keel and Kovalski were students and members of Alpha Phi Omega, the group in charge of caring for the University's Salukis.

In 2010, the pyramid now is part of the Saluki Stadium complex, a touchstone for Saluki athletes. Helping to recreate the scene are, from left, Mario Moccia, director of athletics, with Ranger; Kovalski '65; Chancellor Rita Cheng; and Keel '66 with Pharaoh.
Some find the ubiquity of cell phones irksome. If you need someone to blame, it might be Ken Whittington '60, whose engineering team at AT&T built the first cellular radio system in the world.

Whittington, a native of Benton, Ill. and the son of a coal miner, says that although his parents "sacrificed to send me to Southern, it was a good decision for me." He earned a degree in engineering (although it was called Applied Science at the time) and almost immediately got an offer from AT&T in Chicago.

By 1961, he was earning his officer's commission in the U.S. Navy, and would go on to serve three years. During his time in the navy, "I worked on classified projects," he says. "There was a sonar project that detected Russian subs, which was land-based and extremely advanced. We were also quite involved in the Cuban missile crisis. We wired the ocean like a pinball machine."

When he came out of the navy, AT&T "put me in the radio group," he says, working on microwave projects. "It was technology that the guys at work were a little bit afraid of, but I liked doing something that was different." Prior to fiber optics, microwave technology carried most of long-distance telephone operations.

"We did the whole job," Whittington says, "building little microwave sites, putting up towers, setting up the radios and tuning them up. I was the test engineer."

After moving into the cellular communication department, the SIU Alumni Association life member notes that, "we built a whole system, which was originally designed as a mobile radio system, not a car system."

In 1978 as part of the trials on cellular systems, Whittington had a mobile system in his car, but it was so large it took up "a third of the trunk of my 1978 Pontiac Lemans." At the conclusion of the trials, the company went public with it, first in Chicago, then Los Angeles and New York.

Whittington says contractors and real estate people "loved it," but it was an expensive proposition. One system cost about $4,000. But "the cost curve started to come down," he says, and by late 1988 there were one million subscribers.

"It took off like a skyrocket – the usefulness of it, and coverage kept getting better ever. It was high-priced, but it dropped pretty quickly."

After 35 years with AT&T, Whittington joined MCT (Medical Cellular Technologies), which provides mobile telecommunications services in Central Asia and Russia. Whittington says he visited Russia many times, but also worked on projects in Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, and Iraq.

He left MCT after 13 years because the next project would have required that he move to Tashkent, Uzbekistan, "and I had no intention of doing that."

So Whittington and his wife, Barbara, moved back to his hometown, "something we'd always wanted to do," he says. When he needed some way to occupy his retirement time, he went to work teaching wireless technology at Rend Lake College, where his students may not know that Whittington is a pioneer in the field.

The life member says, "I've always been a supporter of Southern. And I'll be taking my first tour of SIU's engineering facilities, although I still remember taking engineering classes in the back of the laundry building."

"I am excited to go through and see what they've got."
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- Taking advantage of the hundreds of membership benefits
- Making valuable Saluki networking contacts

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