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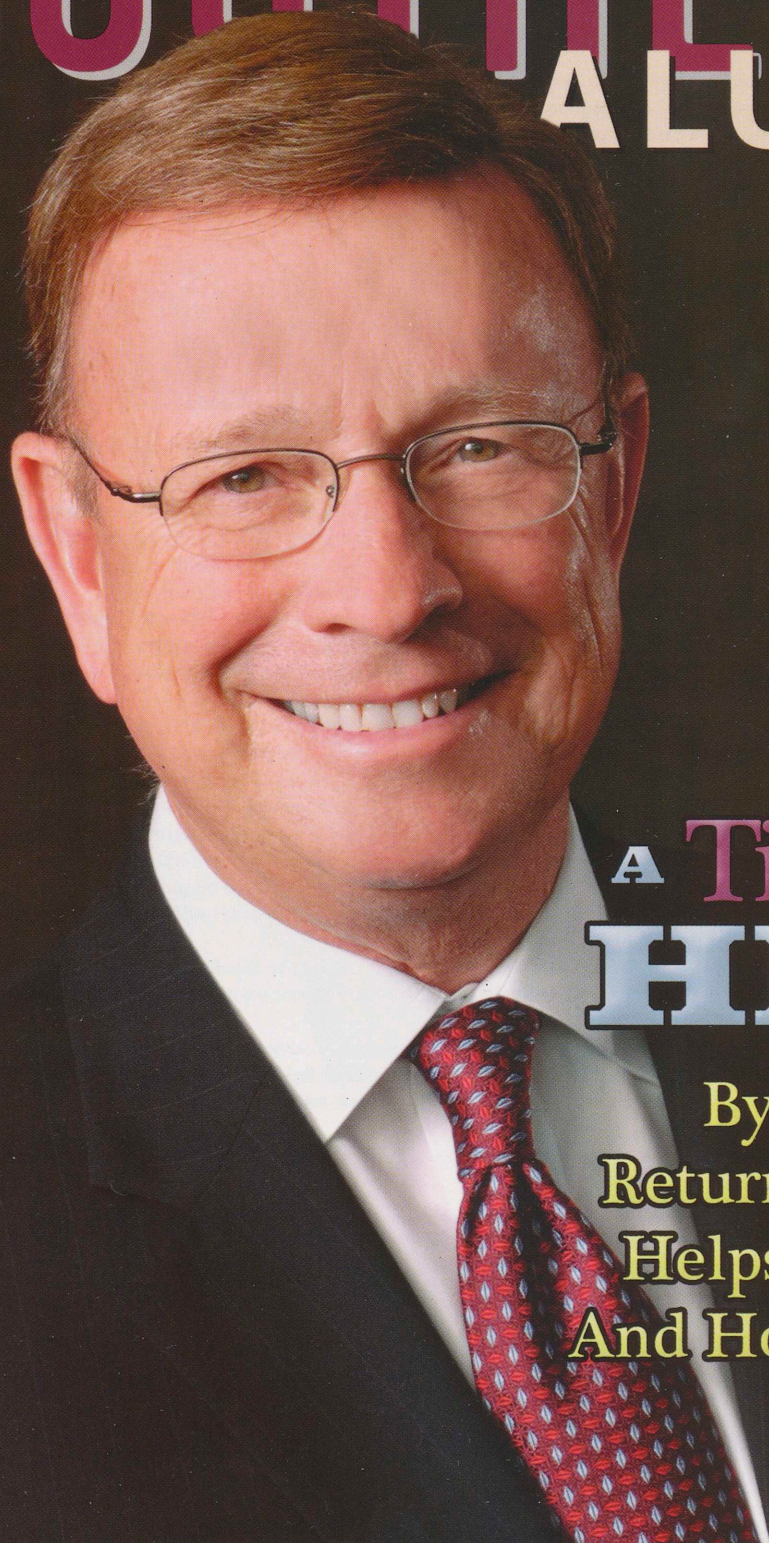
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A Time To **HEAL**

Byron Hill's
Return To Vietnam
Helps The Future
And Honors The Past

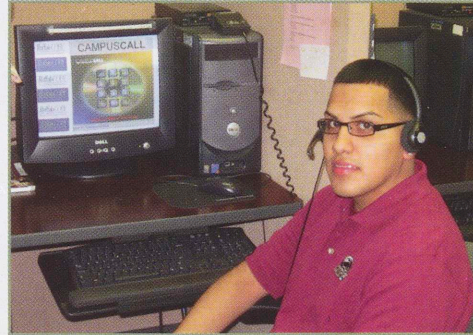
Inside: Chancellor Inauguration, SIU Students Helping Others, The Best And The Brightest, and more...

Student Telefunder Connects With Alumni

Adrian Garcia realizes that his communications skills could serve as a springboard to a successful professional career someday. The Chicago native is pursuing a degree in advertising at Southern, and knows a personal touch with clients could go a long way in his future endeavors.

He is also finding out that serving as a student caller for the SIU Foundation is providing a terrific training ground.

"Advertising requires interaction with people, along with persuasion. My position with the Foundation means a great deal to me and it provides me with an opportunity to enhance my communication skills," Garcia says. "Additionally, speaking with successful alumni allows me to develop a connection with them."



Adrian Garcia

It seems to be working for Garcia, who just completed his sophomore year at Southern. In just two semesters as a telefunder, he has raised \$26,000 for the Foundation. Garcia is part of a team of 75 student callers who contact alumni and friends of the University each semester in an attempt to verify information, provide updates to prospects regarding the campus and other news, and also to solicit contributions. The funds raised support various initiatives, including scholarships, academic programs, and campus facilities.

Nanditha Balasubramanian, director of annual giving for the Foundation, says recruiting and hiring students who are enthusiastic about being at Southern is critical. She says these students are grateful for the opportunity to pursue their academic goals and convey this during phone calls. They also share positive news stories about the University, while engaging alumni and friends in conversation.

"Adrian is a perfect example of someone who invests the time to connect with alumni and friends and convince them of the need for support. He is quiet-natured, yet skilled at articulating the mission of the Annual Fund," she says. "Additionally, he is a leader in student organizations and keeps abreast of the latest news and developments on the campus, which enables him to communicate well with alumni and friends. His success in a short period of time is a testament to his persistence, hard work, and determination."

Rickey N. McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation, says: "Adrian is a terrific student ambassador who we're pleased to have on our team. While he goes about his business in a quiet manner, his success speaks volumes. In short order, Adrian is a young man who has become a tremendous asset to our advancement efforts."

Garcia, a Dean's List student, is president and fundraising chair of Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, and a note taker for the Achieve Program. He points out that it's not unusual to discover commonalities with alumni that can spark enjoyable conversation.

"One particular night I spoke with an alumni fraternity brother who I had never met. He provided me with some time-management tips that have assisted me in handling and coordinating my work, school, and fraternity responsibilities," Garcia says. "We talked for an extended period, and he eventually invited me to visit his office for an internship interview."

"I enjoy meeting and working with people from all walks of life as we try to accomplish the same goal – raising money for this wonderful University."

If you are considering making a gift or need further information regarding the SIU Foundation Annual Fund, please contact Director of Annual Giving Nan Balasubramanian at 618.453.4929, or, Assistant Director of Annual Giving Amber Kinkelaar at 618.453.6096.



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ON THE COVER

Byron Hill, president and CEO at ABC Labs in Columbia, Mo., returned to Vietnam more than four decades after he left, and soon found more than he was expecting – a young boy whose life he would change.

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A Time To Heal

As a successful business executive, Byron Hill makes crucial decisions each day that help shape the success of his company. One of the best personal decisions the retired Marine colonel made, however, was returning to Vietnam in 2009, where he helped change the life of a young boy who needed medical attention.



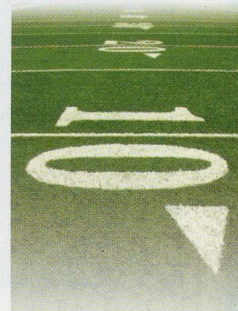
The Best And The Brightest

When Southern honors its Most Distinguished Seniors and Super Students each year, the group features some of the best and brightest minds at the University. One such senior is Brittany Cheves, who says the "Southern hospitality" she received at SIU was unlike anything else she experienced. "My bond with this University goes beyond just attending as a student," she says.

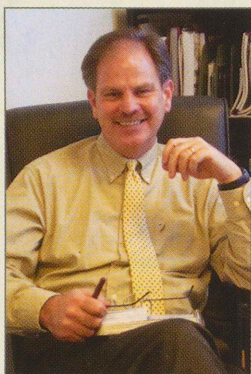
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A Little Gridiron Education

When the annual Saluki Women's Football Clinic rolled around this year, three staff members from the SIU Alumni Association decided to attend and see if they could glean a little gridiron knowledge from the SIU football staff. When Chris Lennon, wife of Saluki Head Football Coach Dale Lennon, spoke to the group, she endeared herself to every potentially clueless attendee when she asked if they were as baffled as she was about things such as "why players would choose to run down the middle of the field if there is all that room on the sides?"



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by Gene Green

I've always been impressed with the strong and passionate memories that many of our graduates still hold for the Old Main Building. Southern continues to embrace that legacy as well, as the University hosted an event this summer called "Remembering Old Main."

Serving as both a celebration of the University's history and a way to preserve memories, event organizers encouraged anyone who had an association with Old Main to record their thoughts for posterity. The event coincided with the anniversary of the fire that destroyed the structure – under mysterious circumstances – in June 1969. Old Main served the University from 1887 until that blaze.

A WSIU-TV crew recorded the interviews, and Morris Library's Gordon Pruett '79 says the goal of the project was to give personal voices to the building that served as the symbol of the University for more than 80 years. Plans call for archiving the oral histories in the Special Collections Research Center and the footage may become part of a larger video project about Old Main's construction and history.



"The library holds a wealth of information in the form of letters, blueprints, and ledger pages that have never been included in any previous history of the University" Pruett says. "The recorded memories of the building will preserve it, in a sense, for future generations." (The Friends of Morris Library, in conjunction with WSIU-TV, sponsored the event. For more information, contact Pruett at gpruett@lib.siu.edu or 618-453-1660.)

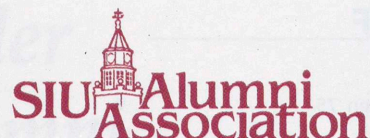
And regarding how the building burnt to the ground in the first place? SIU Director of Student Safety **Todd Sigler** told the *Southern Illinoisan* a few years ago that as far as he is concerned the Old Main case is *still* under investigation.

"That is an open investigation and will remain that way," the 1984 Southern graduate says. "It will stay open until something develops that would lead to its being closed."

You will notice many stories throughout this issue of *Southern Alumni* that celebrate student accomplishments both in and out of the classroom. SIU's newest graduates, of which there were more than 3,200 in May, continue to do some amazing things.

Whether it is reading about this institution's Most Distinguished Seniors or taking pride in projects away from campus that a selfless Saluki such as Lucas Pulley gets involved in each year, I hope you feel a great deal of Saluki Pride when you finish this magazine.

The SIU Alumni Association is sending this edition to all May graduates with our compliments. Someday many of them will no doubt be back on these pages again when they accomplish great things in their professional careers.



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Campus Excites Alumnus

It had been 12 years since I had been back to SIU, and decided it was time to change that. My wife and I were driving to Memphis this spring and detoured off Interstate 57 to drive through campus and see improvements we had been reading about in the alumni magazine.

Always a beautiful setting, we were stunned to see the new Saluki Stadium, Troutt-Wittmann Center, some of the new student housing options, and the attractive new entrances to campus. But we saved the best for last when we walked through Thompson Woods and arrived at the new Morris Library! What a showplace that facility now is – some-

thing that can be enjoyed for generations of students to come.

It is not easy these days to get shovels in the dirt, but the Saluki Way project is starting to take shape and help the University in many ways. My congratulations on a job well done.

*Charles Naven EX '72
Naperville, Ill.*

Sanders Encouraged This Graduate

I was saddened to hear that Keith Sanders passed away. Dr.



Sanders was my academic advisor when I was a President's Scholar at

SIU. I remember his constant encouragement, when I, as a freshman, was in a class with juniors and seniors.

I also took a couple of courses with grad students, was "teacher for a day" on a project I researched, and spent a semester studying in Washington, D.C., with the National Collegiate Honors Council.

After graduation I would keep track of his many accomplishments and send him notes about my more modest ones. He wasn't a

great correspondent, but every once in a while I would receive a note or an email.

Our last message was in 2008, when I congratulated him on receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award. I was surprised at the time to hear that he was pursuing another degree, this one from the University of Chicago. Thank you, Dr. Sanders, for teaching us one more lesson – one *never* stops learning.

*Edith Reese '77
Life Member
Deerfield, Ill.*

Alumnus Questions Climate Change Issues

I was distressed to read the article in the March issue of *Southern Alumni* concerning climate change in the South Pacific. Beautiful pictures aside, there have been many specific sources who have proven much of the data used in such studies to be flawed. I find those who are pushing the climate change issue are either socialistic in nature, ignorant to how nature works, or are profiting greatly from the case of global warming (who were saying global cooling 30 years ago).

The common denominator is an attack on civilized Western life, which allows people to live longer and healthier lives. Part of our Social Security funding problem is due to the fact that we are all living longer lives, so the amount of money needed to fund Social Security is higher.

*James Economos '76
Life Member
Bartlett, Ill.*

(Editor's Note: The above is a portion of a letter James Economos sent to the magazine. Other material included were historical examples provided where he felt attacks on society had been done "in the name of the environment, protecting the children, the poor, etc." He also took to task the movie "An Inconvenient Truth," the Al Gore film dealing with global-warming issues.

Although we welcome his views, we noted in a response that our story's intent was simply to illustrate what a talented and caring group of Southern students had done to try and help the inhabitants on the tiny island of Palau.)

Dear Readers...

Your SIU Alumni Association is always eager to hear your opinions of *Southern Alumni*. As with all alumni magazines, we can only improve if we are being responsive to you, our readers. Therefore, we encourage you to take some time after you've read this issue of *Southern Alumni* to let us know what you're thinking. **Please mail your letters to:**

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Carbondale, Ill. 62901

You can email your letters to alumni@siu.edu. Letters are sometimes edited for length and style.

We also invite you to send items and photographs of interest for the class notes section as well as submissions for *Southern Memories*. You can mail this information or send it by email to the above addresses.

We are looking forward to hearing from you! Thank you for your continued support of the SIU Alumni Association.

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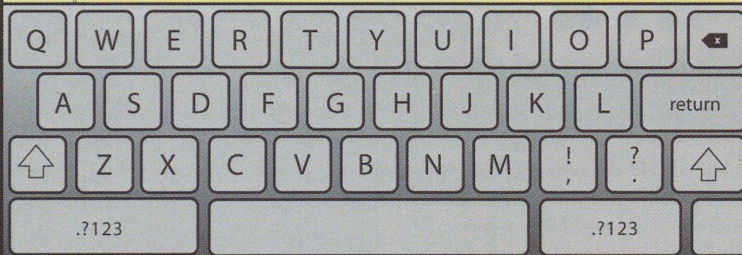
Post Graduation To-Do List

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- Search online alumni community for job leads
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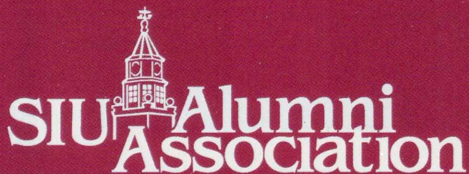
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Dear Fellow Salukis:

The ranks of our loyal alumni grew significantly last month when more than 3,000 bachelor's, master's and doctoral candidates earned their degrees. We are proud of their many accomplishments, and I am confident that they will join you in providing much-needed help that will allow future Salukis to pursue their educational and career dreams.

Commencement weekend closed out a busy and productive semester and academic year. One of the spring semester's highlights was the celebration of the excellence of our University during the week of April 11-17. Many of you joined us for wonderful events on campus and in Springfield and Chicago that showcased the incredible talents of our students and faculty.

We learned about the important research underway during the annual Undergraduate Research Forum and Research Town Hall Meeting and Fair, and marveled at the performances provided by the School of Music. Our annual Honors Day celebration and the College of Agricultural Science's Ag Industry Days also attracted many families, friends, and alumni to the campus.

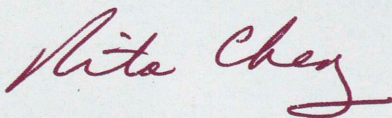
I was extremely grateful for the efforts of the many people who made all of our activities so memorable, including the ceremony on April 15 when I had the honor of being formally installed as the University's 22nd chancellor. As I noted during my speech that day, all of the week's activities celebrated our traditions, our contributions, and the future that we are creating together. I would like to share just a few excerpts from my speech with you:

- "I was attracted to SIU because of its proud past and traditions; because of the powerful research culture, significant accomplishments, and national reputation of the faculty and academic programs; because of core values that embrace diversity and outreach; and because of the commitment to bringing positive change to all of those we serve. SIU is truly a remarkable university with a unique and wonderful legacy of addressing the needs of the underserved, including veterans, those with disabilities, minorities, and first-generation students."
- "What I have found is that this is a University that is welcoming, collaborative, and intellectually curious. The exchange of ideas, the shared thrill of discovery, and the deep respect for our campus and our communities define our culture. We stand together on academics that meet our high standards of rigor and access. We work closely with local leaders to build business partnerships, providing the innovations that fuel the economy of an entire region. We share a collective spirit that spreads out beyond the borders of the campus and lives on in the hearts of our proud alums."
- "Across our campuses, new discoveries are being made not only in our science and engineering labs, but also in social and behavioral and humanities programs, and in our professional schools. These discoveries are changing the way we think about so many critically important issues: climate change, hydrology, and farming; our food and water supplies; coal, energy, and alternative fuels; treatments for cancer and Alzheimer's disease; substance abuse and gambling addictions; and how we educate our children. University experts are asked to help answer questions about Asian carp in our waterways; about diseases that destroy soybean crops; about how to enhance bridge safety; about how to reduce recidivism among criminals."

I invite you to read the full text, which is available at www.chancellor.siuc.edu/speeches.html. We truly are advancing a culture of excellence, and I am excited about the future.

Thank you for your commitment to our University. It is a privilege to be a member of such a collaborative and supportive community. I hope you have a wonderful summer and that you are making plans to visit the campus soon.

Sincerely,



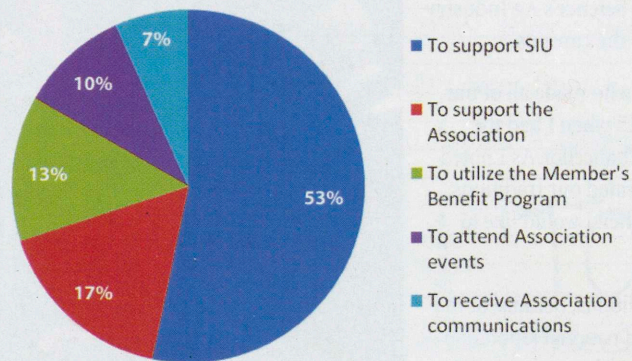
Rita Cheng
Chancellor



From left, SIU President Glenn Poshard congratulates SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng, as SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift looks on.



What is your primary reason for maintaining a membership with the SIU Alumni Association?



You Spoke, We Listened.

In January we surveyed a random sampling of members and asked about the SIU Alumni Association's Member Benefit Program. We wanted to know how we could improve the program, how you use benefits, and what could be added.

The answers we collected were encouraging. When asked why you joined, the overwhelming response was, "to support Southern and the Association." You also enjoy benefits like pregame football tailgates, access to online research sites like JSTOR, and discounts on Saluki apparel.

We also heard that we have room to make some improvements. Like adding more benefits in the Chicagoland area, more online discounts, and assis-

tance with career searches. In the upcoming issues of *Southern Alumni* magazine, we will highlight our new endeavors and continue to bring you, our valued member, the best membership program possible. We hope you're excited for an improved benefit program to launch on July 1. Check out www.siualumni.com/advantages for more information.

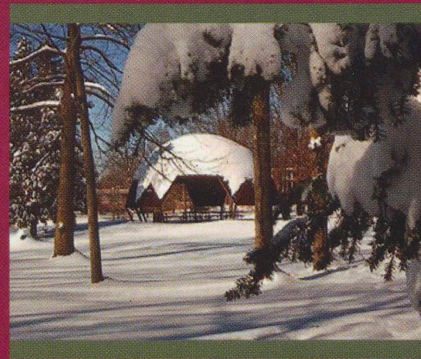
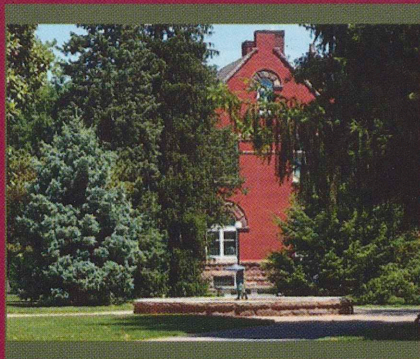
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- Ticketmaster:** Opportunity for savings on select event tickets on-line
- ***Working Advantage:** Discounts on theme parks, sporting events, online shopping, ski tickets, gift certificates, and more

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- A Petal Patch Florist:** Carbondale - 10% off
- Alongi's Italian Restaurant:** DuQuoin - Free dessert with purchase of entrée (excludes banquet room & other coupons)
- American Flooring:** Marion - 10% off any regular priced flooring plus 5% off standard installation
- Angelo & Jan's 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
- Carlson Wagonlit Travel Agency:** Herrin/ Marion, 5% off all preferred cruises & vacations
- Coleman-Rhoads Furniture:** West Frankfort - 15% off accessories
- Common Grounds Coffee Shop:** Carbondale - 10% off
- ***Enterprise Rent-a-Car:** Carbondale - 10%
- Fazoli's:** Carbondale - Free soft drink with entrée
- Furniture King:** Carbondale - 15% off accessories
- Gambit Inn:** Vienna - 10% off room, and 10% off at Gambit Steak House
- Garfield's Restaurant:** Carbondale - 20% off (not available on lunch specials)
- Gold's Gym:** Marion & Carbondale - \$109 enrollment fee waived
- GreenRetreat:** 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
- Houlihan's:** Carbondale - Free appetizer with purchase of two entrées (excludes sampler/combo)
- Huck's:** Carbondale - (S. 51 location only) - 3¢ discount per gallon of gas
- Hundley House Bed & Breakfast:** Carbondale - 20% off published rates
- Irish Inn:** Ozark, Ill. - 10% off regular rates, 20% off for joint members
- Italian Village:** Carbondale - 10% off your meal
- Lush Aveda Salon & Spa:** Carbondale - 10% off services
- Makanda 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 Econolodge:** Marion - 15% off room rate
- Marion Ford Lincoln Mercury Hyundai:** Marion - 10% off auto parts and service (including Quicklane)
- Mary's Restaurant:** Herrin - 10% off lunch or dinner entree. Also 10% off regular room 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 regular priced items
- Owl Creek Vineyard:** Cobden - 10% off gift and food purchases
- Papa Mike's:** Olney - 10% dine in only
- Photography By Al Parr:** Carbondale - 10% off matted prints featuring campus lake
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Inauguration Week Celebrates Southern Excellence

“Advancing a Culture of Excellence” was the theme of a week-long celebration in April of the achievements of Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s students, faculty and staff.

Several events took place on the campus, in Springfield, and in Chicago. Among the activities were the annual Undergraduate Research Forum, the Eighth Annual Research Town Meeting and Fair, the Seventh Annual Agriculture Industry Days, and Honors Day. Audiences in Springfield and Chicago enjoyed performances by the SIU Concert Choir and the Wind Ensemble. Both groups represent the most select student musicians from the School of Music.

These and other events were part of Inauguration Week at Southern, as members of the campus community and general public attended the April 15 formal installation of Rita Cheng as the University’s 22nd chancellor. The ceremony was held in Shryock Auditorium, and a reception followed on the lawn outside.

Cheng says the focus of the week was on the commitment and talents of students, faculty, and staff.

“They make important contributions in so many areas to the University, in the communities we serve, throughout the state and beyond,” she says. “It was also a time to thank our devoted alumni and our many friends and partners for their invaluable support.”

Cheng also hosted several events with students throughout the week, including annual events such as the student leadership breakfast, the University Honors Program Distinguished



Top right, Chancellor Rita Cheng has a conversation with SIU Alumni Association President Ray Serati, and his wife, Margaret. Above, the SIU Concert Choir and Wind Ensemble entertains alumni and friends attending one of the inauguration events.

On The Side

John Nicklow Appointed Provost

Chancellor Rita Cheng named John Nicklow as Southern Illinois University Carbondale's new provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. The appointment was effective May 12.

Nicklow has served as interim assistant provost for enrollment management since June 2010. In that position, he is responsible for the offices of undergraduate admissions, financial aid, transfer student services, records and registration, bursar, and international programs and services.

"Dr. Nicklow's record of accomplishment at our University and his leadership skills make him uniquely qualified to serve as our next provost," Cheng says. "He is passionate about student success and the quality of our academic programs. I look forward to working with him to move our institution forward."

Nicklow joined the faculty as an assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering in 1998. He became an associate professor in 2003 and was promoted to professor in 2007. He served as acting chair of the department from July through December 2005, and was interim associate dean of the College of Engineering from 2006 to 2007. He became permanent associate dean in 2007.

He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, both in civil engineering, from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., in 1993. He earned his doctorate in civil engineering from Arizona State University in 1998.

"I'm excited to be able to serve my institution this way," he says. "SIUC is close to my heart, and I have a passion for making sure we succeed. Yes, there are challenges, but we have some incredible talent at this University, some incredibly motivated, hard-working people. Together I know we can innovate to make sure we succeed as an institution."

"This is our University, and it is our home. I share Chancellor Cheng's focus on enhancing enrollment, the quality of our academic programs, and the branding and marketing of our University."

Cheng says that she solicited input from throughout the campus before making her decision.

"Dr. Nicklow enjoys widespread support," she stresses. "I am excited to have him join the administrative team and about what we will be able to accomplish."

McCurry Named To Position At Rose-Hulman

Rickey McCurry, who spent the last 11 years as vice chancellor for institutional advancement and chief executive officer of the Southern Illinois University Foundation, announced that he will leave SIUC to become vice president for institutional advancement at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. He will set strategies for fundraising and alumni affairs that support the Terre Haute, Ind., institution's long-range educational objectives, and will also serve as a member of the president's administrative cabinet.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to join the Rose-Hulman family," says McCurry. "It has established itself as a national model of excellence in undergraduate engineering education and I look forward to creating an advancement program that reflects that same level of commitment to excellence."

Student Reception and Dinner, and the SIUC Alumni Association's annual 25 Most Distinguished Seniors and Super Students Banquet.

A committee of students, faculty, staff and alumni assisted in planning and coordinating Inauguration Week activities. To see a video of Chancellor's Cheng's installation, go to <http://www.chancellor.siuc.edu/video/index.html>.



The April 14 performance in Chicago's storied Orchestra Hall – first proposed within the School of Music a year ago by SIUC Wind Ensemble Conductor and Director of Bands Christopher Morehouse (top photo) – was a first for both ensembles. Cheng, above, thanked Southern's many partners "for their invaluable support."

Love Of Science Will Lead Senior To Medical School

She's following a similar career path as both her parents, but **Elizabeth Nielsen '11**, a Southern Illinois University Carbondale physiology major from Bloomington-Normal, insists her decision to follow her passion for science to medical school is an independent choice.

Nielsen graduated from the SIU College of Science on May 14, and immediate plans are to remain in Carbondale until mid-summer, and then to prepare for life as a medical student at the University of Medicine and Health Sciences – St. Kitts, the island in the Caribbean Sea.

"I feel privileged," the SIU Alumni Association life member says, acknowledging that living in an island paradise frequented by cruise ships is probably not generally seen as a hardship. "I'm excited about it."

Nielsen explains that her parents, **Thomas Nielsen M.D. '81** and **Kathryn Bohn M.D. '83**, met while they were students in the SIU School of Medicine, then went on to work together as emergency room doctors for 26 years. Now her mother is a vein specialist, and her father is preparing to follow his wife into that specialty.

"They joke that I should specialize in veins too," she says, noting that she and her family are close. Still, she notes, her decision to apply for medical school really had nothing to do with her parents' careers. It was a natural extension of her love of math and science, and the passion for the medical arts she discovered in a class taught by James Ferraro, an associate professor of physiology.

"I wasn't sure what I wanted to do when I first came here," Nielsen admits.



Even though both of her parents are doctors, Nielsen says her decision to enter medical school is independent of their careers.

"Marching band was a big part of my life, probably the most important thing to me then, and the enthusiasm and energy of the marching band here is why I came to SIU."

Nielsen says participation in marching band shaped her as a person, teaching her the difficult-to-quantify skills that often make the difference between success and struggle for a student. For example, the time management skills she learned in marching band – and also in pep band – helped her when she met the challenges of her first physiology class.

"I remember telling him I wanted to study physiology," she says. "He asked me if I was aware that physiology is one of the most demanding sciences; it was pretty intimidating. When I took my sec-

ond physiology class, I looked back at the first one and thought, 'I thought that was hard? That's nothing.'"

Nielsen got over being intimidated and later worked with Ferraro on her honors thesis, "Trends in Age of Menarche," a study in which Nielsen surveyed women in the area and analyzed the data to determine factors affecting the age a woman begins menstruation.

She says one of her most exciting experiences as an SIU student was an Ancient Legacies trip to Egypt with Southern philosophy professor Robert Hahn. Her parents came along and even acted as tour docents when the group talked about Egyptian medical arts. She learned about the opportunity to visit Egypt and simultaneously learned about its ancient history with some hands-on activities in an honors philosophy class Hahn

taught.

"That was a different class for me," she says. "But I'm glad I took it because it opened my mind up to thinking about science in a different way than I might have otherwise."

Nielsen was a University Honors student, treasurer of the Pre-Health Professions, a registered student organization, and a student worker in the Medical Resource Center. She was also treasurer of the Beta Beta Beta honors society for biological sciences, and a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Sigma Alpha Lambda, and the Golden Key International Honor Society. She found time to volunteer for Relay for Life and the Carbondale Boys and Girls Club.

Japanese Students Raise Funds And Awareness For Their Hometown

by Bonnie Marx

The Japanese are no strangers to earthquakes and tsunamis, but the one that hit on March 11 was a different beast, stronger and more deadly than most that came before.

The 23 Japanese students at Southern spent some anxious hours in the immediate aftermath before they were able to contact families and friends, but the news was remarkable. The families of every SIU student reported in as safe.

Then the students swung into action. Ten days later, the Japanese Student Association (JSA) set up shop in the Student Center to raise funds to assist in relief efforts and to raise awareness. For 15 hours over three days, JSA members helped others find a way to give and send their thoughts and photos to the people of Japan.

"My thought was that it would be really small," says Masanobu Nakatsugawa M.A. '11. "We didn't set a goal because we appreciate anything people wanted to give, maybe just change or pennies." But Nakatsugawa and his fellow organizer of the event, Tomoe Nishio '05, M.A. '08, got a pleasant surprise – more than \$15,000 rolled in. Much of the materials the group needed for the fund drive was also donated, Nakatsugawa says, including signs from Silkworm Inc. and fliers from Copies and More.

The organization's gratitude to the community was almost palpable. A letter that went out from the JSA said, "We will never forget the devastation that struck Japan over three weeks ago. We will never forget all the men, women, and children that were lost in the rubble. We will never forget the



Members of the Japanese Student Association set up shop in the always-bustling Student Center to collect donations for their hometown, raising more than \$15,000 for earthquake and tsunami relief.

hopeless feeling brought on by the images of destruction. But through all that, we will never forget the love, care, and support from the people of southern Illinois."

The proceeds, along with those from activities and events throughout the semester, all go to the American Red Cross Little Egypt Network, which will then funnel it to the Japan Red Cross. The JSA has a blog, fundraiser.exblog.jp/ and a Facebook group, Aid Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Victims. "In mid-May, the Japanese government estimated the damage from the disaster to reach \$289 billion. So far upwards of 24,000 are dead or missing.

Sandy Webster, director of the Red Cross Little Egypt Service Center, reports that she was "really touched" when the JSA contacted her. "This is our tomorrow," she says. "These are our Red Cross people tomorrow. They've already developed a heart for wanting to give to the community. Whether we live in Japan or southern Illinois, we are one big community."

Carla Coppi, director of International Students and Scholars, was proud of them too. "Words cannot express how pleased I am with the efforts of

the Japanese Student Association in the way they have coalesced for a cause and have been successful in such a short period of time," she said. "Their performance in this is remarkable."

Nakatsugawa, who returned to Japan on March 26 after finishing requirements for his master's degree in teaching English as a second language, has direct experience with disaster relief. His father works in family preparation and disaster relief for the Japan Red Cross and Nakatsugawa vividly recalls the 1993 Hokkaido-Okashiri earthquake and tsunami. Hokkaido, in Sapporo prefecture, is his hometown.

Nishio wondered how she would be able to thank those who helped. "We might need some more time to recover, but I am sure that with warm-hearted aid from all over the world, we will survive this tragedy and revive Japan, as our great ancestors have done so many times in the past," she predicts.

"I wouldn't possibly be able to speak for those who had lost their lives in the earthquakes and tsunami. I can only imagine how the family and friends who lost their loved ones must be feeling. Covering up my eyes from the brutal reality in the affected areas wouldn't do anything – all I can do is stay strong for the future of Japan. Thank you for all who have prayed for Japan for giving me the power to keep going." ■



All donors received a paper with their own name written in Japanese and decorated with an origami figure. The Japanese Student Association also took photos of each donor and his or her hand-written message.

THE Bottom LINE

Southern graduate Byron Hill has shown a knack for helping fix struggling companies.

BY GENE GREEN

It has now been almost a decade since **Byron Hill** first arrived in Columbia, Mo., to resurrect Analytical Bio-Chemistry Laboratories (ABC Labs). The 1964 Southern Illinois University graduate was hired as a consultant to save the once vibrant company, but odds were stacked against him when he initially surveyed the situation in 2003.

Hill began the turnaround by slashing operations at the company that were “cash drains.” According to the *Columbia Business Times*, he refocused the company and its management team on what ABC

Labs did right – pharmaceutical and chemical services. Today, the company tests pesticides, herbicides, and pharmaceuticals to determine whether they conform to the guidelines and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Federal Drug Administration. More than a quarter of its business is devoted to agriculture and chemical testing, while the rest is aimed at pharmaceutical testing.

“I was hired to fix something that was broken,” he says. “And I admit that at first I wondered if ABC Labs stood much of a chance with the economic issues that were in play.” The company, founded in 1968 by University of Missouri Professor Emeritus Charles Gehrke, and two graduate students, soon began to make a quick rebound.



By the second quarter of 2004 it broke even, and by the end of that year it became profitable once again. Since then, Hill, who would soon stay on and be promoted to president and CEO, has never looked back. ABC Labs now thrives at two locations: its original 56-acre site just one mile off Interstate 70, and a 90,000-square-foot facility in the University of Missouri Discovery Ridge Research Park.

Such success has been a trademark for Hill since his days on the Carbondale campus: his academic training at Southern and a stint in the military clearly shaped his existence and resolve in the years to come.

COMING TO SIU

Growing up in Sparta, Ill., Hill knew he would be going to college in nearby Carbondale if he earned a degree in higher education. His mother, Bertha Cunningham, had attended the University in the 1920s, and his quest for a diploma would make him the first member of his family to graduate.

Hill wanted to be a certified public accountant so he could qualify to be an FBI agent. He is a CPA, but the rest of that plan would never happen. One plan that did fall into place, however, was meeting the woman he would eventually marry.

"My wife, Janet, was the secretary to the dean of the School of Business, and I had to go out to VTI to see him about something," he recalls. "I met her that day, and realized it was a small world. I played sports in high school, and had competed against her brother several times when we battled Chester High School.

"I had heard that he had a sister who was a real good-looking lady. That certainly turned out to be right – and she still is today."

During his college years, Hill lived in a variety of locations in Carbondale, always searching for "the cheapest place I could find – we moved around a lot!" Although the places changed, his roommates stayed pretty much the same. For most of his time at SIU, friends Roger Partington, Don Seck, and Bob Smith were at his side.

After graduating in 1964, Hill took a job under former administrator Clarence

"Doc" Daugherty when Southern opened the new SIU Student Center. As a facilities assistant, it appeared to be the perfect job to have while pursuing a graduate degree. That all would change within a year.

"During Christmas 1965 I received my draft notice," Hill says. "I decided to enlist in the Marine Corps and eventually found myself on active duty in Vietnam. This would be my life for 15 months, beginning in March of 1967. In so many ways it changed and shaped who I am today."

AFTER THE WAR

When Hill returned home after the war, he had to decide what career path to take. As he was preparing to leave the Marine Corps, he was recruited by the FBI – but decided to pass. "After what I had been through in the service," he now says with a chuckle, "I felt I needed no more regimentation in my life."

Instead he took a cost accounting position with Johnson & Johnson in 1969, staying with the company in various positions until 1975. Another accounting position followed with Pullman Inc. (1975-77), before Hill's managerial roles began to grow.

In 1977 he began an eight-year run as vice president and controller of Emerson in Chicago, and in 1985 accepted the bottom-line responsibility for Crane-Ferguson in St. Louis – a company that was in a turnaround mode.

Soon "the fixer" was making a name for himself. At the Marmon Group in

Chicago, Hill was responsible for the financial management of a group of 30 companies from 1989-96. A year later across town at Technology Solutions, he served as corporate controller and spearheaded a transition within the organization that led to savings estimated at more than \$300 million.

From 1997-2003, the SIU Alumni Association life member served short stints at four other companies in the Chicago market, building a reputation as a highly effective administrator who had a knack of finding a profitable path to the bottom line.

Now almost nine years into his tenure at ABC Labs, Hill looks back at his time in Columbia and takes great pride in what he and his team have accomplished.

"None of it has been easy, as there were some tough decisions that had to be made," he admits. "But the company is in solid shape now and we continue to grow. I am proud to be a part of this success story."

And success at Southern still matters to Hill as well.

"My wife and I have contributed to the Saluki Way project, and we were able to be back in town when the new football stadium opened last year," he notes. "That was exciting to see, and I hope to make it back for a basketball game this season to see the refurbished SIU Arena.

"Those days at SIU – although decades ago – are never far from my thoughts." ■

A RETURN TO VIETNAM

For many years, members of Byron Hill's battalion in Vietnam have met each May for a reunion. "The bond of going through battle with someone is unlike anything else I've ever experienced," he explains. "You develop a love for those people."

At one such reunion, Hill told friends that he wanted to go back to Vietnam someday, and take his wife, Janet, with him. Several others thought it was an intriguing idea, and in 2009 he and several other battalion alums embarked on a three-week odyssey back to Vietnam.

The first thought of such a journey had been hatched years earlier when Hill read the William Manchester book *Goodbye Tomorrow*, a story that dealt with the author's personal narrative about WWII and an eventual reunion tour. "When I read that book," Hill says, "I knew someday I had to do that."

As the accompanying story on pages 14-16 shows, Hill indeed returned in 2009, and changed a life in the process when he encountered a young boy who needed medical attention. The trip produced a cleansing of sorts and provided closure to a challenging time in his life.

"I was surprised when we returned that the Vietnam people now love Americans," he says. "Although by our standards they may not appear to have that much, they seem **extremely** happy – and that made me feel good."

A Time To HEAL

BY MIKE HOEFERLIN

During the early months of 1967, the First Marine Division began operations to drive elements of the Second Division, North Vietnamese Army (NVA), out of the populous Que Son Valley on the south-central coast, an area rich in rice fields and potential conscripts.

It was May 13, and 1st Lt. Byron Hill had been in South Vietnam only a few months. Suddenly he was thrown into an intense battle for the valley, whose impact still echoes more than four decades later.

Early that day, the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines came under intense enemy fire, including mortars, small arms, and automatic weapons. In the early stages of the battle, the commander of "M Company," Captain James McElroy, was seriously

wounded but stayed with the unit throughout the next day.

In the thick of the fight, Hill, an artillery forward observer with Company M, moved into an open area so he could call in close air support and adjust U.S. fire against the NVA position. He stayed there under withering fire for two hours, according to a Marine Corps citation.

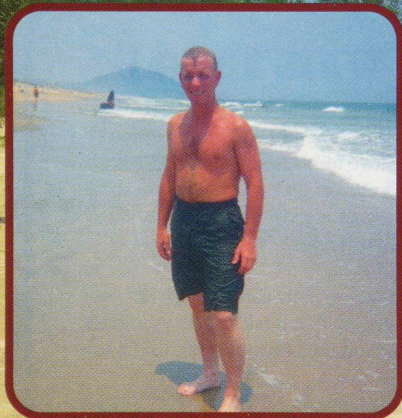
When Hill learned the commander of the 2nd platoon had been seriously injured, at McElroy's direction he maneuvered across the field of fire and took command, organizing his men and urging them on into the fight. That night, as the NVA launched an intense, last-ditch assault against Company M, Hill again exposed himself to the firefight for more than two hours and directed U.S. artillery fire, and then led the pursuit as the enemy withdrew.

"They literally came at us in waves,

and the records indicate that they launched a total of four separate, deadly, and well-planned attacks before they were finally defeated," he says. A bayonet-wielding NVA soldier came within an inch of ending the war for Hill then and there, leaving a scar on the left side of his face.

"Even today, in my mind I can still hear the cacophony of sounds of a pitched battle," Hill recalls. "I can still feel the thumping and concussions of high explosives going off nearby and bullets impacting around me, the sounds of people screaming, and the unmistakable and lingering acidic aroma of gunpowder, bombs, napalm and, yes, even the smell of death."

Hill's unit, known as Mike Company, accounted for 150 enemy soldiers killed, and Hill's actions were credited with helping turn the tide of battle. He was awarded the Silver Star, the third-highest



Byron Hill revisits his final duty station on the South China Sea, north of Da Nang in April 2009. Inset, Hill is shown standing in the same place 42 years earlier.



military decoration awarded in any branch of service, after the Navy Cross and the Medal of Honor. "By his steadfast courage, exceptional professionalism, and selfless devotion to duty, First Lieutenant Hill was an inspiration to all who served with him," the citation reads in part.

That day in the Que Son Valley, Hill admits, "irrevocably shaped, changed, and in many ways defined my life, then and now."

FOUR DECADES LATER

Fast-forward to March 2009: Hill, as chief executive of Columbia, Missouri's ABC Labs, is a well known leader in the business community. After more than 40 years, he and a number of other veterans of Mike Company returned to Vietnam on a sort of pilgrimage to seek closure and, Hill says, "to commemorate the memory of several of our fallen Marines and the Navy Hospital Corpsmen" medics "who had served with us."

To Hill, Vietnam was – and is – both a destination and a destiny, and he now knows why he had to return, to revisit, and to remember.

"I went to Vietnam the first time looking for challenges, answers, and meaning," he notes. "And while I was there, I had a rendezvous with my innermost fears and trepidations."

But in 2009, Hill and his comrades were drawn to the now-tranquil Que Son Valley near the obscure village of Phouc Duc, where they had faced death four decades earlier. "I really didn't know why, but I just knew I had to be there again," he admits. "It was as if some unknown force compelled me to return to that very battlefield."

As he and the others approached the hamlet near the site where many of their fellow Marines fell, they came upon a young Vietnamese woman with a tiny boy in her arms. The child's face was grotesque. "The poor little boy looked like a monster," Hill recalls. At that moment, Hill was overcome with emo-



Photo courtesy of Smile Train

Hill met Minh Duc and his mother, Nguyen Thi My during a visit to former battlefields in Vietnam. Hill waged a years-long battle to clear red tape and help the boy receive surgery to correct a cleft palate and a cleft lip.

tion as he realized the encounter was the reason he had returned to Vietnam after all those years.

He felt he had been "summoned" by an unknown force to a specific part of Vietnam 42 years after he almost lost his life there, and he intuitively knew what he had to do. After speaking to the boy's mother, Nguyen Thi My, through an interpreter, he vowed to do whatever was necessary for the child to get the medical attention he so desperately needed.

A determined and excited Hill returned to the United States. He did not care what it would cost or how long it

would take – he was on a mission, and nothing was going to stop him. Back in Columbia, he enlisted the help of Adam Andrews, a prominent Columbia oral and maxillofacial surgeon, and Andrews' assistant, Sandy Freiling. The three immediately began the challenging and arduous task of helping the Vietnamese child, Minh Duc, and his young mother.

Andrews understood the significance of the mission at hand. "Facilitating treatment for this child was going to heal more than a facial deformity," he says. Andrews says his contribution consisted mostly of getting the ball rolling on

treatment. "In this day and age, there is a lot that can be accomplished halfway around the world with a cell phone, Internet, and email," he says.

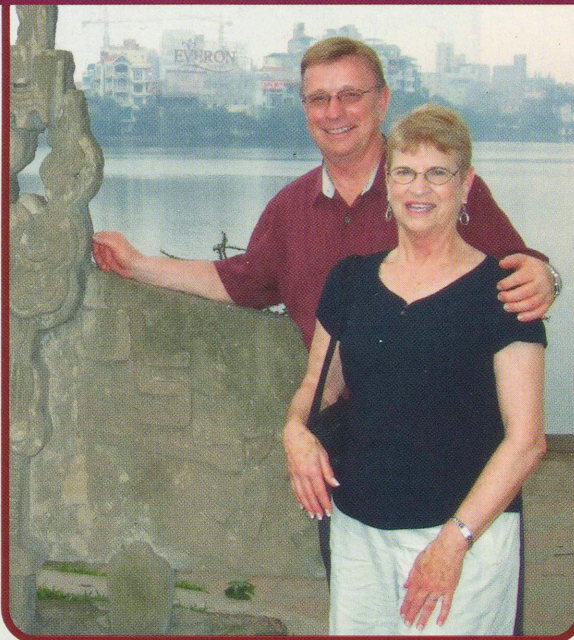
CUTTING THROUGH THE RED TAPE

What happened next was a two-year labor of love involving countless telephone calls, emails, text messages, and letters. The team had originally planned to bring the boy and his mother from Vietnam to St. Louis, where Andrews and a colleague at Saint Louis University's School of Medicine would perform the surgery. Freiling persuaded Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center in St. Louis to donate a surgical suite for the procedures and the nearby Ronald McDonald House to donate rooms for the disfigured child and his mother.

"Things were looking up," Hill recalls. "Something deep inside had taken over and was driving us to help that unfortunate child."

Trying to locate and communicate with Minh Duc's mother was difficult. Dealing with the Vietnamese bureaucracy was daunting, but Hill, Adams, and Freiling were relentless.

They got the break they needed when they learned it was possible to have the surgery performed in Vietnam by U.S. surgeons working with Smile Train, an organization that specializes in repairing cleft lips and palates on children throughout the world. Since 2008, more than 2,500 Vietnamese children have had



Byron and Janet Hill met at SIU, growing up in the area communities of Sparta and Chester. They have a daughter, Shelly, who graduated from the University of Kansas.

corrective surgery through Smile Train.

That option appealed to Hill and the others because the surgery would be expedited and would make it unnecessary for Minh Duc and his mother to travel halfway around the world to a strange country for surgery that could be obtained not far from their village.

"At first, when we learned that the surgery would be performed in Vietnam, there was some sense of disappointment," Hill says. "It would have been wonderful to have had the opportunity to welcome the child and his mother to the U.S. But after realizing the trauma and trepidation that this family would have necessarily endured, it was clearly a better and certainly a more economical solution for the little boy and his mother to remain in Vietnam."

The first surgery was scheduled last summer, but blood tests revealed Minh Duc suffered from malnutrition and was too weak. Hill immediately sent money to the boy's family for nutritional food. Minh

Duc's health and condition improved, and he was finally able to undergo the corrective surgeries. The final procedure took place last November. "Today, the cute little boy is thriving and leading a normal life," Hill points out. "Adam, Sandy, and I are happy to have been able to help him."

THE BOY'S NEW SMILE

"Minh Duc has a new smile," says Smile Train's Vietnam country manager, Dzung Nguyen. Before the surgeries, his mother would not allow photographs because she and her family "did not want to document their shame," Dzung explained. Now, however, photographs of him not only are allowed, but encouraged. "He is an extremely photogenic little boy," Hill says.

Speaking to a group at the University of Missouri campus on the anniversary of the bloody battle that brought him back to Vietnam, Hill explains: "Exactly 43 years ago, an unlikely chain of occurrences led me to an obscure valley that no longer exists, and to a battle that, in retrospect, was inconsequential from an overall global and historical perspective. But, at that time and possibly even now, it was the most significant event of my life.

"Out of that terrible battle something positive emerged, and I do not think it was purely by chance or happenstance. Had I not been there, fighting for my life and the lives of my Marines, I certainly would not have felt compelled to return to what was once a valley of death – but today is a peaceful, tranquil, and happy place.

"Had I not returned, I would not have encountered that hapless and helpless little peasant boy who will eventually have a chance at a normal life thanks to a number of wonderful and generous people in this country and in Vietnam." 🇺🇸

– This story originally appeared in *The Columbia Missourian*.



Hill, show here in Vietnam, retired as a colonel from the USMC-Reserve in 1995.

May Commencement Features Alumni Speakers

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's May commencement ceremonies produced 3,230 candidates for degrees as of May 3, including: 2,624 for bachelor's degrees, 437 candidates for master's degrees, 55 candidates for doctoral degrees, 99 law degree candidates, and 15 candidates for associate degrees.

Commencement speakers included a justice with the Missouri Supreme Court; a professor and dean emeritus in forest resources at Mississippi State University; a professor emeritus in political science from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst; a senior attorney with The Boeing Company; a president and chief executive officer of TheBANK of Edwardsville; and the president and CEO of the Illinois Broadcasters Association. In most instances the commencement speakers provided their own biographies.

Nine alumni received Alumni Achievement Awards as part of individual and school ceremonies. The award is the highest honor presented by the SIU Alumni Association.

In addition, Carbondale businessman George Sheffer, owner and president of Murdale True Value, and William Beck of Mount Vernon, the CEO of Beck Bus Transportation, each received Distinguished Service Awards during the College of Business commencement. The award is in recognition of their service and devotion to their alma mater and Southern Illinois.

These alumni spoke at each ceremony and received the Alumni Achievement Award:

College of Liberal Arts – Jerome



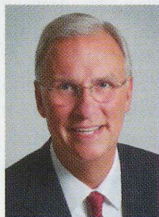
Mileur

Mileur '55, Ph. D. '71, professor emeritus in political science at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, retired in 2004 after a 37-year teaching career. He received the chancellor's medal for distinguished service to that university in 1997.

College of Education and Human Services – Debra Braunling-McMorrow M.S. '80, Ph. D. '86, a two-degree SIUC graduate, is vice president of business development and outcomes for



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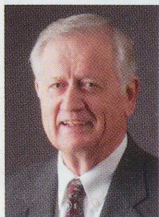


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College of Agricultural Sciences –

John Gunter '66, dean and professor emeritus in the College of Forest Resources at



Gunter

NeuroRestorative, which specializes in providing rehabilitation to people with brain and spinal cord injuries.

College of Science – Thomas Holloway '72, M.B.A. '74

president and chief executive officer of TheBANK of Edwardsville, has 37 years in banking. He has been president with the First Granite City National Bank, Magna Bank, Union Planters Bank, and most recently, TheBANK of Edwardsville.

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– **John Gunter '66**, dean and professor emeritus in the College of Forest Resources at Mississippi State University, is now vice president of the Illinois Forestry Association. His career includes work with Georgia-Pacific Corp., and for the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Forest

Service. The author or coauthor of numerous forestry publications, including three books, Gunter's awards include Fellow of the Society of American Forestry.



Landgraf

College of Engineering – Laurie Landgraf '82, '85

senior counsel at The Boeing Company, focuses on intellectual property, and she provides legal advice to Boeing's Defense, Space and Security business unit.

College of Mass Communication and Media Arts – Dennis Lyle '75, M.S. '00



Lyle

president and CEO of the Illinois Broadcasters Association, is on advisory committees for the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's Illinois Terrorism Task Force, and Illinois' Amber Alert Task Force. Lyle and his wife, Paula, were once the owners of WCIL AM-FM.

College of Business – Jeffrey Kottkamp '83



Kottkamp

a senior client audit partner-banking and securities with Deloitte, has more than 27 years providing services to global financial services industry clients. He is currently the global lead client service partner for Morgan Stanley, one of the largest audit clients of the Deloitte global firm.

School of Law – Judge Michael Wolff, a member of the Supreme Court of Missouri, gave the address, and Judge Leslie Gerbracht



Gerbracht

J.D. '88 received the Alumni Achievement Award. Then-Colorado Gov. Bill Owens appointed Gerbracht to the district court bench in September 2006, the first woman appointed judge in Las Animas County, Colo. ■

Terrorist Leader's Death Helps Bring Closure For Two Alumni

by Stephen Rickerl

President Barack Obama's announcement of the death of Osama bin Laden on May 1 brought jubilation in many parts of the country. For two local SIU alumni survivors of the Sept. 11 attacks, the news of the al-Qaida leader's demise brought memories of lost friends and a sense of closure.

William Cain Jr. '78 of Lake of Egypt and **Lyndon Willms '79, J.D. '08** of Murphysboro, both retired lieutenant colonels in the Air Force, were at the

Pentagon when the attacks occurred in 2001. Cain says was surprised by the news.

"My personal opinion is it brings closure to a lot of families as well as in the Pentagon, New York, and in Pennsylvania," he says. "For me, personally, it's just another step in a long drawn-out struggle that we're going to have."

Cain says the death of bin Laden is a victory for the U.S., but the battle is not over.

"I think this sends a message that the U.S. is serious about tracking down terrorists ... that we're not going to rest. If

the struggle is going to continue, we're not going to forget, we're going to stay the course," he notes. "But we have to understand that they're just as determined to end our way of life. For me personally, I'm glad we won the battle, but we have to stay the course if we want to preserve our freedoms."

Willms says he heard the news from his sister-in-law and watched live coverage of the president's announcement. As he heard the news, his thoughts went to fallen soldiers.

"I lost two friends on 9/11, and one of the guys I used to fly with got killed over in Afghanistan as part of the surge," he says. "I was thinking about them and their families." Paraphrasing Winston Churchill, Willms says the death of bin Laden is not the end, but it might be the beginning of the end.

"I think this shows a sign now; I think we're turning a corner," he notes. "I think with what's going on in Egypt and all the other countries that we're starting to see a rejection of the Taliban, the Arab Brotherhood, and more of a quiet transition to democracy in some of those other countries. And it might be a partial result of what's been going on for the last 10 years over there."

Willms shared a memory of an assignment board at his post in the months after Sept. 11. He recalls the board read "God will judge Osama bin Laden, our duty is to arrange a face-to-face meeting."

"I feel like we finally fulfilled that," he says. "I have closure finally, on this whole thing."

—Rickerl is a 2009 SIU graduate and a reporter for the *Southern Illinoisan*, where this story first appeared.



Lyndon Willms (left) and Bill Cain were SIU alumni working Sept. 11, 2001, at the Pentagon. They say the recent death of Osama bin Laden brought a sense of closure to a day that they will never forget.

Southern Graduates Have Walt's Pizza Going Strong In Marion

by Bonnie Marx

Sources date the origin of pizza back to the 3rd century B.C. when Cato the Elder, writing the first history of Rome, spoke of "flat round of dough dressed with olive oil, herbs, and honey baked on stones."

In the United States, pizza began to take root in the collective consciousness in the late 1950s when pizzerias began to dot the landscape and frozen pies first appeared on grocery shelves.

In 1977, **Walt '76** and **Peggy '75 Niede**s became the owners of a neighborhood joint on South Court Street in Marion called Joe's Pizza. For the first three years, Walt opened and closed the place himself, 11 a.m. to midnight. Peggy spent her days working at Franklin-Williamson County Mental Health and nights making sauce in the pizzeria.

More than 30 years later, what is now Walt's Pizza has spread its wings into three buildings on five lots with an indoor/outdoor patio, 70 employees, and an advertising slogan, "More Than Great Pizza," a reference to the expansive menu of pasta and grill items as well as their signature dish, double-decker pizza.

Through the decades, the high school sweethearts from northwest of Chicago have transformed their business into an extension of their personalities that reflects into every aspect of the operation and beyond.

"It has evolved over the years," says Walt. "We've sold over a million pizzas, but we sell a ton of taco-nachos too." The Southern graduate believes one of the keys to the restaurant's success is their commitment to using "everything as fresh as it can possibly be. Nothing is frozen, precooked, or even prechopped.

All the cheese comes from Wisconsin, "because it's the best," Peggy says. But it's not cheap. The restaurant goes through about 1,500 pounds of it every week. When the price goes up, as it did recently by \$1 per pound, it makes a dent.

The couple provides daily quality control by eating their meals at the restaurant. Usually "we don't let the kitchen know when we order that it's us," Peggy says. And you won't find them naming favorites – anything they don't eat is not on the menu.

The decor throughout the restaurant is a window into the couple's own elbow grease and talents, their families, and their eclectic collecting at auctions and such. The specially designed booths "we made ourselves," Walt says, and Peggy created all the stained glass pieces.

On the walls you'll find items like Walt's dad's 1944 certificate of graduation from the Chicago College of Dental Surgery, Peggy's father's military uniform, and a set of andirons that belonged to her mother. There are panoramic photos of school classes from the early 1900s in Williamson County and one of the Niede's son Walt III (who has been the restaurant's manager for a couple of years) as a preteen with legendary broadcaster Harry Caray. There are items from auctions and "stuff" from their garage.

On the patio, which can be closed to the elements by three large doors, even the plants are their personal concern. "We love plants," Walt says. "Sometimes we take them home and give them a little TLC; sometimes we bring plants from home."

In the community, Walt's is a presence in its support of local charities and causes, such as Saluki Way, the Marion Civic Center, the Women's Center, and the SIU Arena. Last year they donated 500 pizzas to worthy causes. "We love SIU," Peggy says. "We've always had season basketball tickets and this year we got football."

"It's been quite a journey," Walt says, "from a little old pizza place to what we have now." For more information on this business, go to www.waltspizza.com.



Walt and Peggy Niede in their Marion restaurant, Walt's Pizza, where customers can see plenty of Saluki memorabilia on the walls, accented in SIU colors.

Hard Work Pays Off For This Distinguished Senior

by Greg Scott

While attending Harry D. Jacobs High School in Algonquin, Ill., **Brittany Cheves** was in the process of making the important decision of where to pursue her college education. After attending an orientation program at Southern Illinois University Carbondale with her parents, her mind was made up.

"I fell in love with SIU. Everyone was so friendly and wanted to help me any way they could," she says. "There is a special 'Southern hospitality' here. I visited others colleges and didn't receive that treatment."

Another reason Cheves chose Southern was the opportunity to serve as a "University Ambassador" for the Saluki Shakers. It

immediately appealed to her because she had been an avid dancer since the age of 2. The May 2011 public relations graduate had performed and competed for a state champion dance team in high school and aspired to continue doing the same for Southern.

Cheves, who graduated in May with a degree in public relations, didn't miss a beat in the classroom and received her share of academic honors. In April, she was honored as one of SIU's 25 Most Distinguished Seniors at an honors banquet hosted by the Student Alumni Council, SIU Alumni Association, and SIU Carbondale Chancellor Rita Cheng. SIU's 25 Most Distinguished Seniors are individuals who have "enriched the University with their active involvement in various facets of campus life."



Brittany Cheves, flanked by her parents, Gary and JoAnn Cheves, displays her 25 Most Distinguished Senior Award.

Managing Her Time

Being a good student is all about time management, Cheves says. She was an officer for the Saluki Shakers as a senior and notes that being a team member requires an extensive time commitment that includes practices, weekly weightlifting sessions, performing at Saluki games, and competing in national competition.

"We all do it for the same reason – a love for dancing, and supporting and representing our University both locally and nationally," she says. "We are the PR face of SIU in so many ways."

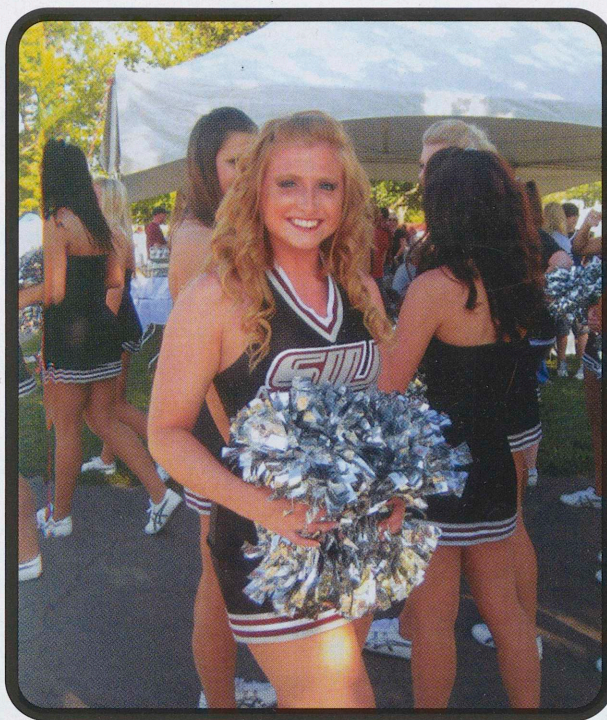
Cheves epitomizes the necessary traits it takes to be a Saluki Shaker, according to her coach, Tawmi Conley. "The time commitment to be a Saluki Shaker is extensive," she says. "It takes dedication, strong work commitment, and organizational skills. Brittany has done each of these three things with 100 percent effort. She fills her plate with many extracurricular activities and always manages to accomplish everything. These attributes really frame the woman she is today."

Cheves assumed a leadership role in myriad activities on the SIU campus and in the Carbondale community. "Students who refrain from participating in extracurricular campus and community programs are not receiving skills essential to being successful after graduation," she says. "The networking opportunities and time-management skills you receive, in addition to the ability to work with others toward a common goal, are invaluable. It can be stressful at times, but it truly enhances your college experience."

Top 25 Honors

Cheves says attending the MDS Banquet with her parents, Gary and JoAnn Cheves, was a fitting culmination of her career at Southern. "It made me feel as if all of my hard work paid off," she explains. "My parents were the first ones I told about the award, and my mother immediately started crying. This impacts my parents, too, because they have been such an influence on me."

"The banquet presented me with an opportunity to meet fellow students who are involved in University life and various community projects, along with administrators and staff of SIU. It was truly an honor."



Cheves says being a Saluki Shaker was one of her most enjoyable experiences as an undergraduate.

Her contributions went beyond the Saluki Shakers. Perhaps inspired by her father, a Sigma Chi Fraternity member, Cheves pledged with the Delta Zeta Sorority on campus. She has served in several roles, including vice president of programming, Theta Xi Show chair, and public relations chair. Cheves says she has made lifelong friends through the sorority and has connected with numerous alumni. Along the way, Cheves planned the popular Greek barbecue, as well as community service projects such as food and blood drives, and an entertainment program for St. Jude Research Hospital.

In 2009, she was elected as special events chair of InterGreek

Council, governing body of 700 fraternity and sorority members. Cheves organized the 73rd Annual Greek Sing during Saluki Family Weekend, assuming a leadership role for all responsibilities related to the event.

Andy Morgan, coordinator of fraternity and sorority life, says Cheves is an inspiration to fellow students. "I was Brittany's UNIV 101 instructor her first semester of college. I've watched her grow up and become a strong student leader," he says. "What impressed me the most was that she motivated so many students to become involved in these events and to join her committees."

In addition, Cheves was an active member in the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) the last two years. She has held roles such as special events chair, community service chair, and led fundraising efforts supporting causes such as Relay for Life. Cheves was also a fitness instructor at the SIU Recreation Center and a homecoming queen candidate last fall.

Cheves graduated in May with a public relations degree. She plans to pursue a career in PR and/or event planning, with a preference to remain in either the Chicagoland or Carbondale areas.

"While listening to alumni speak at special ceremonies, I realized my bond with this University goes beyond just attending as a student," she says. "When a student is active and involved, you're interwoven into the University's fabric now and well into the future."

"I love SIU and can't wait to come back as an alumna and continue cheering on my Salukis!"

25 MOST DISTINGUISHED SENIORS/ SUPER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

SUPER STUDENTS

Darlyshia Cherry, Belleville, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts

Ari Weiss, Chicago, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts

MOST DISTINGUISHED SENIORS

Joe Allaria, Edwardsville, Ill.
College of Business

Phyllis Allen, Jerseyville, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts

Allison Arvanis, Davenport, Iowa
College of Liberal Arts

Bradley Bauer, Gillespie, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts

Emily Boyer, Decatur, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts

Alexa Chamberlin, Marion, Ill.
College of Education & Human Services

Brittany Cheves, Algonquin, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts

Ashton Decker, Paxton, Ill.
College of Applied Sciences & Arts

Paige Drone, Ridgway, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts

Kelsey Graber, Heyworth, Ill.
College of Agricultural Sciences

Gloria Hernandez, Des Plaines, Ill.
College of Business

Connor James, Mattoon, Ill.
College of Education & Human Services

Kelsey Jarrett, Coulterville, Ill.
College of Science

Jordan Kabat, Waltonville, Ill.
College of Engineering

Calen Kirkland, Stonefort, Ill.
College of Education & Human Services

Nicole Lence, Carbondale, Ill.
College of Agricultural Sciences

Lindsey Miller, Steeleville, Ill.
College of Business

Wade Morrison, Springfield, Ill.
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Gavin Murphy, Herrin, Ill.
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Jamie Pfister, Roanoke, Ill.
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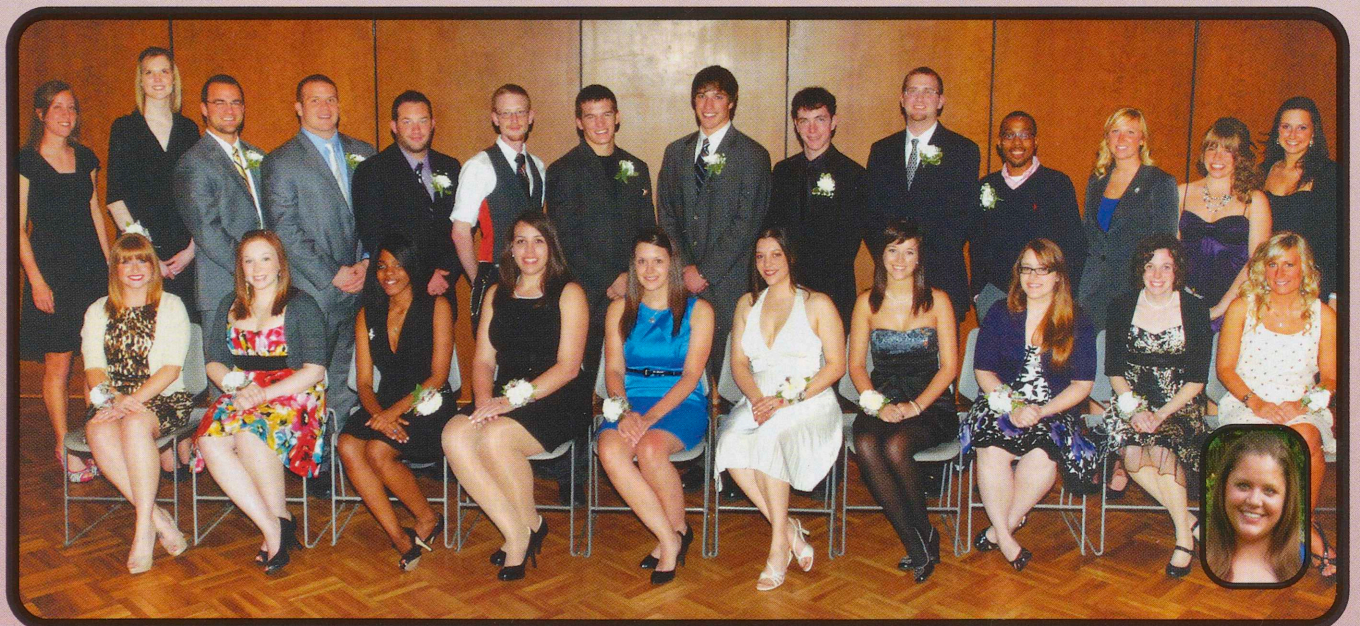
Lucas Pulley, Gibson City, Ill.
College of Science

Krystal Saulsberry, Oak Park, Ill.
College of Mass Communication & Media Arts

Julia Sheffler, Warsaw, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts

Arielle Thibodeaux, East Moline, Ill.
College of Education & Human Services

LaCharles Ward, Chicago, Ill.
College of Liberal Arts



Front row, from left: Brittany Cheves, Allison Arvanis, Krystal Saulsberry, Gloria Hernandez, Alexa Chamberlin, Nicole Lence, Julia Sheffler, Emily Boyer, Kelsey Jarrett, and Ashton Decker. Back row: Jamie Pfister, Lindsey Miller, Joe Allaria, Conner James, Calen Kirkland, Wade Morrison, Lucas Pulley, Jordan Kabat, Gavin Murphy, Bradley Bauer, LaCharles Ward, Kelsey Graber, Paige Drone, and Arielle Thibodeaux. Inset: Phyllis Allen.

Cherry, Weiss Are Super Students

Darlyshia Cherry, a junior from Belleville, Ill., studying speech communication, and Ari Weiss, a junior from Chicago studying political science and economics, were honored as the institution's "Super Students" and awarded with scholarships in April.

For Cherry, having her accomplishments and efforts recognized – and awarded – was rewarding and humbling.

"Being one of two students to receive this recognition was major," Cherry says. "Just to be called a 'Super Student' at any university is huge and I don't take that lightly. I love this institution and have learned so much from being an active member at it."

Cherry says the scholarship will assist her in paying for books, and she someday plans to attend graduate school – most likely at SIU – in the speech communication program.

"I am grateful for this honor and plan to be one of the 25 Most Distinguished Seniors next year!"

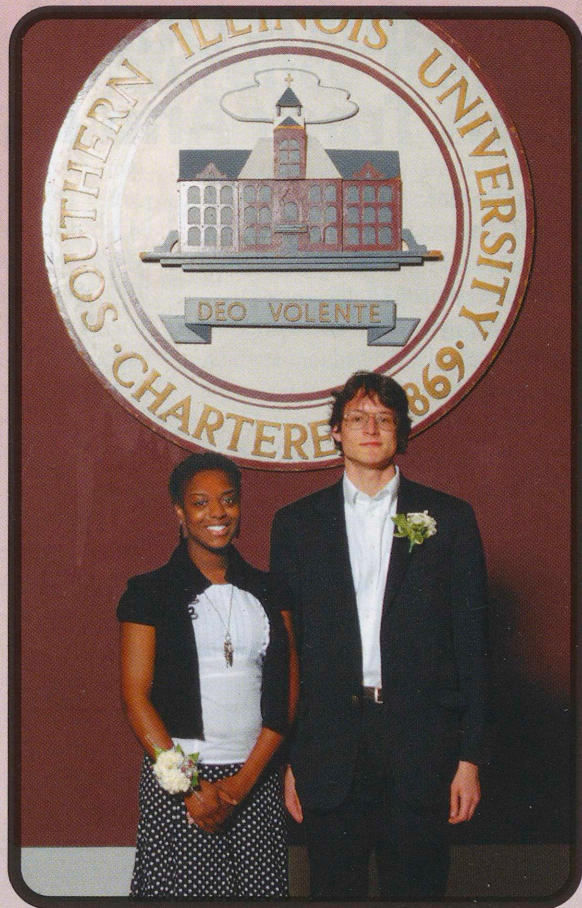
Weiss says the scholarship is recognition of how much progress he has made, both as a student and a human being since coming to Southern.

"Before I came to SIU, I was undisciplined, a poor student, and had failed at a community college," he says. "But now I am a straight-A student who participates in a variety of activities both on and off campus."

"I'm currently in the process of applying for a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the University of Johannesburg in South Africa for a year, and I believe the Super Student recognition will help boost my credentials in competing for that award."

"This program is one of our most prominent student awards and illustrates high standards of accomplishment," says Tuesday Ashner, the Association's director of student, college, and constituent relations. "The recipients are considered to be some of SIU's brightest juniors, and competition is difficult, making for an arduous task for the selection committee."

For more information regarding the Super Student Scholarship program please contact the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2408 or go to www.sialumni.com/ss.



About The Awards ...

Each year, the SIU Alumni Association, the SIUC Chancellor's Office, and the Student Alumni Council (SAC) honor 25 seniors at a spring semester ceremony as part of the institution's "25 Most Distinguished Seniors" program. Two juniors are also commended for their contributions to SIU through the Association's Super Student Scholarship program.

The 25 Most Distinguished Seniors program and the Super Student scholarship were initiated by the Association and SAC to recognize students who have played an active role in the SIU community. The group was honored at the ceremony, which coincided with Chancellor Rita Cheng's inauguration week of activities. Each distinguished senior received a complimentary one-year membership to the SIU Alumni Association from SIU Vice Chancellor Rickey McCurry, and a plaque of recognition.

Seniors applying for their respective programs must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and submit transcripts, a complete application, and two short essays. Also included should be a minimum of one letter of recommendation supporting their application, and any other supporting documents. After the application process, 25 students are chosen by a committee of various representatives from the University.

Eligibility requirements for the Super Student Scholarship include three criteria that applicants must meet. All juniors applying must be full-time students with at least 70 completed credit hours, actively involved in two registered student organizations, and must hold a minimum 3.5 grade point average.

For more information regarding the 25 Most Distinguished Senior award, please contact the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2408 or go to www.sialumni.com/25mds.

Five Salukis Qualify For NCAA Track And Field Finals

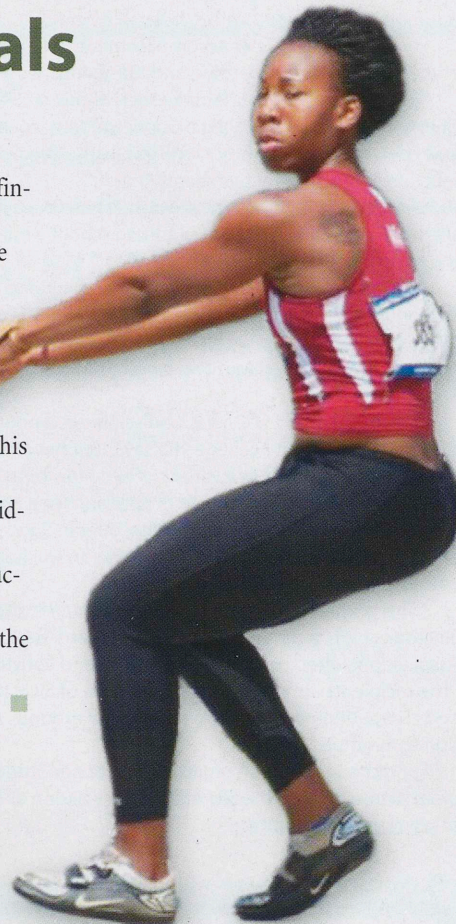
At press time; several members of the SIU track and field teams had qualified for the NCAA Outdoor Finals hosted by Drake University. On the women's team, junior *Jeneva McCall* and senior *Gwen Berry* both qualified for nationals in the shotput and hammer throw. McCall qualified by placing second in the hammer throw and third in the shotput at the NCAA West Regional, while Berry took fourth in the hammer throw and ninth in the shotput. Berry holds the nation's longest mark in the hammer throw this season at 231-04, while McCall hold's the fourth-longest mark at 223-04.

For the men, senior *Jeff Schirmer* qualified with a seventh-place finish in the 10,000-meter run at the West Regional, while junior *Jake Deiters*

earned a slot in the discus with an eighth-place mark, and junior *J.C. Lambert* qualified with a ninth-place finish in the hammer throw. Schirmer entered the national finals ninth in the nation in the 10K, Deiters was ranked 15th in the discus, and Lambert was 16th in the hammer throw.

"We are really looking forward to this level of competition," says head coach *Connie Price-Smith*. To have five individuals qualify, and three of them being seniors, is a really great ending to a successful season."

To find out how the Salukis did in the outdoor championships, go to www.siusalukis.com.



Above, Gwen Berry competes in the hammer throw. At left, Jeff Schirmer leads the pack at a race earlier this season.



Football Intro Video Finalist For National Award

The 2010 Saluki football pregame introduction video, which was produced under the direction of **Chris Hagstrom '07**, was a finalist for a national award to be presented by the Sports Video Group.

Hagstrom, who last summer became Saluki Athletics' first director of video services, produced the 75-second piece called "Ladies and Gentlemen, Saluki Football," that debuted before a sold-out crowd in the inaugural game at Saluki Stadium on Sept. 2, 2010.

"That video marked the beginning of our department," Hagstrom says. "We spent last summer laying the foundation,

learning the new equipment, training students, and it was a great team effort to produce the video."

The video was a finalist in the category of Outstanding Promotion and Marketing Award.

Prior to accepting the position at SIU, Hagstrom was the director of production, entertainment, and promotions for the Southern Illinois Miners beginning in 2007. While working for the Miners, he was also the sports engineer for Saluki Sports Properties and was responsible for the production and engineering of all Saluki football and basketball games for the radio network.

Softball Places Six On All-Conference Teams

Taylor Orsburn, Jayna Spivey, and Mallory Duran earned first team all-conference honors as six Salukis won awards for their play in the 2011 Missouri Valley Conference softball season. SIU, which finished the year 36-17 overall and in third-place in league with a 16-7 mark, also placed Danielle Glosson, Haley Gorman, and Morgan Barchan on the second team all-conference list.

Duran was impressive in the outfield, starting in 52 of the Salukis 53 games, while leading the team and the Missouri Valley Conference in batting average at .398. The junior from Windsor, Colo., broke the single season record for runs scored with 54.

Orsburn drove in a league leading 49 RBIs, utilizing the second best batting average on the team at .345. The freshman from Alto Pass, Ill., started in 50 games this season at designated player and first base, including all conference

games at first base. Spivey was also special in her freshman campaign, leading the team in home runs with 11 while batting .287 with 33 RBI.

Glosson had a 2.21 ERA with a 24-10 record. The senior from Winston-Salem, N.C., also threw her second career no-hitter against Evansville and ended the season with 206 strikeouts in 240.2 innings pitched.

Gorman, a junior from Arcadia, Calif., played in all 53 games at shortstop for the Salukis, recording a .292 batting average with 28 RBIs. Barchan compiled a .333 batting average with 48 hits, tying the single game record for hits when she had a perfect 5-for-5 performance against Indiana State during the regular season.

For complete final statistics and results, go to www.siusalukis.com.

Southern also did well in the classroom, as Duran and Cristina Trapani were named Capital One Academic All-

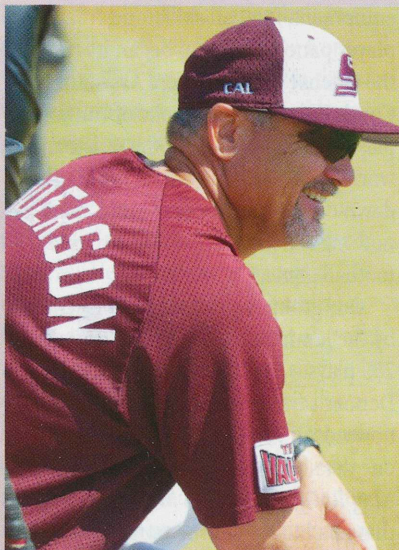
Americans. Trapani was named to the first team with her 4.0 GPA in finance while Duran, who also carries a 4.0 in English education, was named to the second team. This is the first time since 2007 that the Salukis have had two Academic All-American selections and the first time since 2004 that a student-athlete has been named to the first team.

SIU was also the only MVC school to have multiple selections and the only school to have a first team winner this season.

"I'm really proud of Cristina and Mallory and it's a huge honor and to have two kids selected is just tremendous and I cannot say enough positive things about their commitment to academics," says head coach Kerri Blaylock, who earned her 450th career victory as a head coach this year. "They are great students and great athletes and I'm pleased they have been noted as two of the best in the country." ■

Forsythe, Sivertsen Earn All-MVC Baseball Honors

Lefthanded pitcher Cody Forsythe and outfielder Jordan Sivertsen of the Southern Illinois baseball team were



Ken Henderson

named to the 2011 All-Missouri Valley Conference baseball teams.

Forsythe, a sophomore, was voted first team All-MVC while Sivertsen, a junior, was selected to the second team. Forsythe went 8-4 in the regular season with a league-leading 2.08 ERA and 99.1 innings pitched. His six wins in conference play led the league and he only walked 10 batters all season. The Calvert City, Ken., native became SIU's first starting pitcher since P.J. Finigan, Southern's current pitching coach, in 2005 to be named first team All-Conference.

Sivertsen's second team nod was his first all-conference selection in his career. It came after a breakout season for the 6-2, 203-pound product out of Richmond, Ill. He led SIU with 48 RBIs and nine home runs while his .297 batting average was up 67 points from his career average entering the year.

Despite 19 players on the roster being freshmen or sophomores, the Salukis ended the year 11-10 in the MVC and 23-34 overall. Southern also played the season

without its closer (Lee Weld) and top hitter (Chris Serritella), who were both out with injury. SIU went 1-2 in the league tournament, before being eliminated by conference champion and host Creighton University. (For complete final statistics and results, go to www.siusalukis.com.)

"This is a great group of young men who played through some adversity and did everything we asked of them," says SIU Head Baseball Coach Ken Henderson. "They should only get better in the years ahead, and I feel really good about where this group of players can take us."

At press time, sources at the SIU Athletics Department indicate Henderson will soon officially be named to the top position after serving as the interim head coach in 2011 following the death of Dan Callahan. A veteran NCAA Division I coach with 28 years of experience, this was Henderson's 21st season at the University. He came to Southern in the fall of 1990 as an assistant coach and had held the title of associate head coach from 1993-2010. ■

Association Staffers Get A Little Gridiron Education

by Bonnie Marx

Football is what my cousins played in my aunt's yard every Thanksgiving, or so they claimed. It seemed to me that they just liked to beat up on each other – as usual – and wrestle around in the dirt, using football as the excuse.

In high school I spent four years with a drum strapped to my leg, twirling my streamer-festooned drumsticks at every parade, pep rally, and athletic event. Technically, I was present at every home football game, but what I could make out from the bandstand just looked like my cousins, except with lights and uniforms.

I had managed quite successfully to shove football into the Siberia section of my brain for many years, until the fateful day in April when SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez turned up in my office clutching a flier for the 2011 Saluki Women's Football Clinic. She'd signed up a week earlier, and this one literally had my name on it.

What to do? Admit that I'm missing the football gene? Tell my boss no? (Yeah right. You first.) In the end I made lemonade, reasoning that the funds raised were going to a good cause – purchasing tickets for underprivileged youth



Saluki Head Football Coach Dale Lennon takes a moment to pose with three SIU Alumni Association staffers and football clinic attendees (from left): Michelle Suarez, executive director; Bonnie Marx, staff writer; and Laura Taylor, director of member services.

– and it's my job to "write stuff."

I just didn't want to look "ignernt," as my grandpa used to say, not to be confused with "ignorant." It loosely translates from grandpa-speak into something like "willfully, terminally stupid with no hope of redemption."

When I arrived at the Boydston Center, I expected to stick out as weirdly as if I'd brought my softball mitt along and maybe a hula hoop too, what with my formidable and deliberate estrangement from the subject. But I felt secure in the knowledge that among the 170 participants (more than double from last year), at least a few would be in the same boat.

When they asked for a show of hands from those who had been to past clinics, it looked to me like three-quarters of the room responded. At our table, Michelle, Laura Taylor (the Association's director of member services), and I kept our

hands in our laps.

When Chris Lennon, wife of Saluki Head Football Coach Dale Lennon, spoke to the group, she endeared herself to every potentially "ignernt" person in the room when she asked if we were as baffled as she was about things such as why players would choose to run down the mid-

dle of the field if there was all that room on the sides.

We divided into five groups to correspond with the five stations where we were to learn about offense, defense, equipment, football skills, and from a player panel. My group began its run at the Offense Station, where Assistant Coach Kalen DeBoer spoke of running plays, passing plays, and the wristbands worn by the running backs. It began to dawn on me that, cousins aside, there is nothing random happening during a football game.

Our group was particularly fascinated by the laminated playbooks – containing 255 plays – that the running backs use. DeBoer says the offensive team runs upwards of 75 plays each game, every one detailed into cryptic jargon such as: *King Rt Off BL Stab 26 Mo Ton*. Try to say that in a hurry – or memorize 255 of them.

In the equipment room, Mike Valentine, coordinator of equipment and facility, educated us about the special gear players wear – pads for the knees, thighs, and shoulders, the different types of pads depending on which position is played. Helmets are a serious subject, given their importance in protecting the head. There are about five different kinds of helmets, which “should be able to go a full season,” Valentine says, but are nevertheless reconditioned twice each year.

They have amazingly thin turtleneck shirts that can withstand 20 degree weather. Gloves used to be all leather, he says, but now they’re covered with a tacky substance to help catch the ball. For a reality check, Valentine informed us that they do 10 to 12 loads of wash a day in their industrial-capacity washers.

Defensive positions are another animal entirely. Assistant Coach Jim Jackson says defense has its own sheet of plays, all designed to stop a run. “The key,” he says, “is generating enough force to stop another person.”

I thought about dragging out my softball mitt when Jackson demonstrated how to throw and catch a football, but instead elbowed Michelle to the front when he called for a volunteer to throw the ball into a net. Either she had been practicing secretly or she’s got natural flair, because her arm was good.

To catch a ball, Jackson advises his players to “see the tip, catch the fat, and squeeze.” He also spoke of pancake blocks, outlawed chop blocks, and such things as “using your hands. He also told us that holding happens every single play of every game, terming it a “little like a knife fight in a phone booth.” There are also “naked plays,” which don’t involve nudity at all, but instead have something to do with pass percentages being up and run percentages being down. I think.

Each of us took home with us a booklet, Football 101, that patiently details everything a non-expert like me could ever want to know: the rules and regulations, player positions, a glossary of football terms, booster information, and even a sample scouting report from 2010.

Going into the clinic, I described myself to others as a football agnostic. And while it wouldn’t be fair to call my knowledge of the sport encyclopedic, I now know much more than I did two months ago.

And guess what, Grandpa? I don’t even feel ignernt.

A Special Touch When SIU Golfers Play In Arizona

The SIU women’s golf team has found a home away from home in Arizona, as they once again played at the Rio Verde Country Club in its annual women’s collegiate invitational in March. While the great weather was a huge plus, the personal touch the Salukis receive each year is also something that makes it special. Salukis Bill and Maggie Mathias ’64, Ph.D. ’72 turn over their home to the team during their stay and host the Southern contingent while they are in the Phoenix, Ariz., area.

“Bill and Maggie have hosted the team since we first traveled to the Phoenix tournament more than 10 years ago,” says head coach Diane Daugherty.

“They move out of their beautiful home and we move in – they have been wonderful.” There were 17 teams in this year’s tournament, and like the Mathias, area residents housed players and coaches from all teams in their own homes.

Daugherty notes that Rio Verde invites SIU alumni seniors (50 and older) who are visiting the Phoenix area to stop by and play a free round of golf where the Salukis played. Contact Rio Verde Country Club at 480-471-7010 and mention that you want the Alumni Deal to book a tee time prior to April of 2012. For more information, go to www.rioverdecc.com.

This season marked the last time Daugherty would be there as head coach. Having just completed her 25th year in that role, she announced her retirement in April. The five-time conference coach of the year, who was featured in the March issue of *Southern Alumni* as the 2011 Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award, leaves behind a legacy of successful teams and people.

“I’ve looked at this as much more than just coaching golf,” she says. “I have mentored young ladies, who I treat as daughters, and my sport just happened to be golf.”



The 2011 Saluki Women’s golf team enjoys an evening out at a cowboy restaurant with Bill and Maggie Mathias, their hosts at the tournament.

Baseball Alumni Return To Show Support

More than 120 SIU baseball alumni returned to campus this spring to show support for an initiative to refurbish Abe Martin Field. Built almost 50 years ago, the home of the Salukis is more than ready for a facelift.

Abe Martin Field, built in 1964, is the oldest baseball facility in the Missouri Valley Conference. Once one of the nicer ballparks in the league, it now pales in comparison to where other conference schools call home. Creighton opened the palatial TD Ameritrade Park this season; Indiana State introduced the new Bob Warn Field at Sycamore Stadium last year; Wichita State's grand Eck Stadium received even more upgrades in 2009; Illinois State opened Duffy Bass Field in 2008; Missouri State began playing at Hammons Field in 2003; Bradley began playing at O'Brien Field in 2003; and Evansville opened Braun Stadium in 2002.

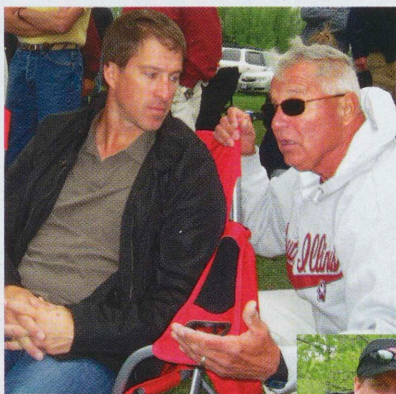
The alumni weekend began with a fundraising golf scramble at Crab Orchard Golf Course on April 29. The next day alumni enjoyed a gathering on

The Hill sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association and Venegoni Distributing. Following the game between Wichita State and SIU, the group met with University officials to discuss architectural drawings of proposed renovations.

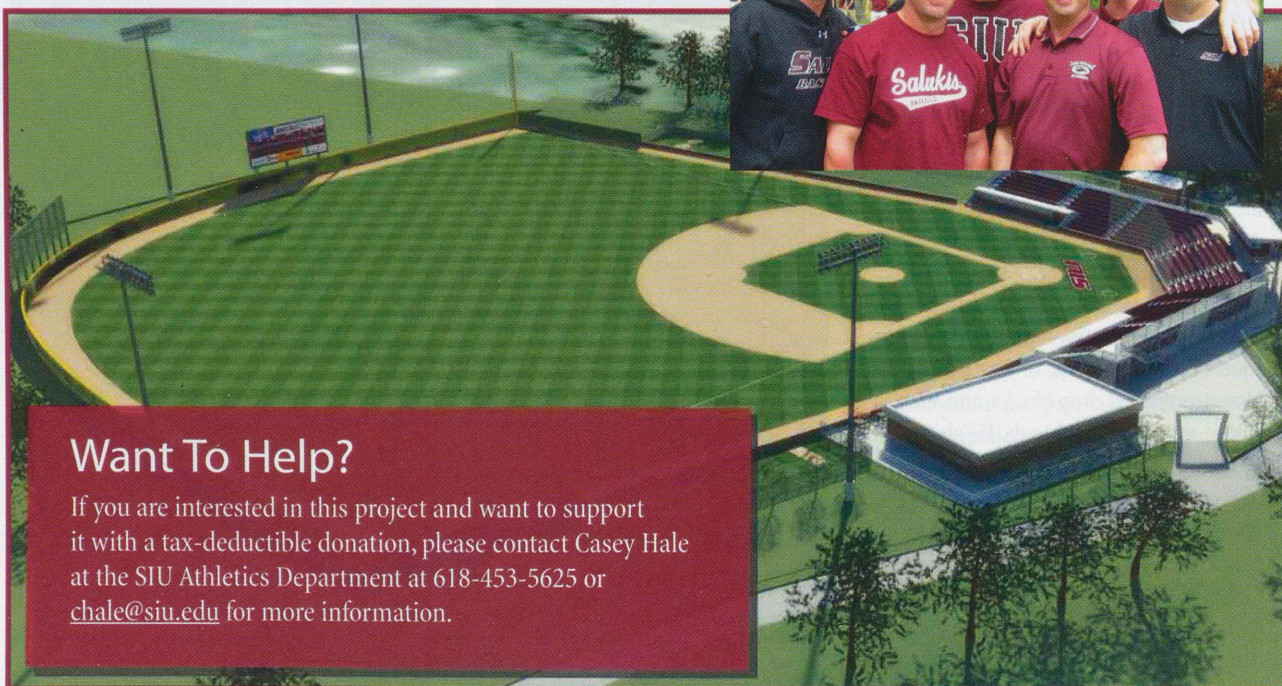
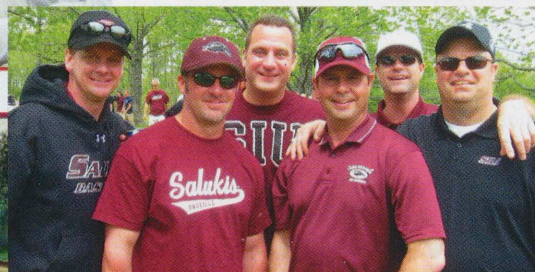
The bottom line? To make renovation a reality, it will take cooperation and support from both dedicated alumni and SIU. That appears to be well on the way to becoming a reality, as a campaign brochure called "Continuing The Legacy - A Project Benefiting Abe Martin Field"

has already been produced and mailed to select baseball alumni.

"The early response has been overwhelming," says SIU Athletics Director Mario Moccia. "It was impressive to see alumni return to support and learn more about this project, and I feel confident things are headed in the right direction. The alumni group has some tremendous leadership in place, including former head coach and Saluki Hall of Famer Itchy Jones. They are all working hard to help us make this happen."



At left, former Major League All-Star Steve Finley listens intently as Itchy Jones talks to him at the alumni event. The weekend marked the first time Finley had returned to campus in more than 20 years. Below, several members of the 1990 MVC Champion Salukis were on hand to show support, including, from left, Bob Geary, Tim Davis, Brad Hollenkamp, Doug Shields, Jeff Nelson, and Tom Strabavy.



Want To Help?

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'Take Advantage Of...Us'

by Laura Taylor

So...you've recently graduated, or maybe you've been out of school for quite some time. No matter your class year, Saluki Pride resonates throughout all 235,000 living graduates of Southern Illinois University. And it's about time you start to take advantage of it.

Saluki Pride causes people to do crazy things, like drive hundreds of miles to

into a tiny car with fellow Greeks during Greek Week, or even succumb to Campus Lake to try and stay afloat at the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta. How do you make the most of your Saluki Pride? By taking advantage of your SIU Alumni Association.

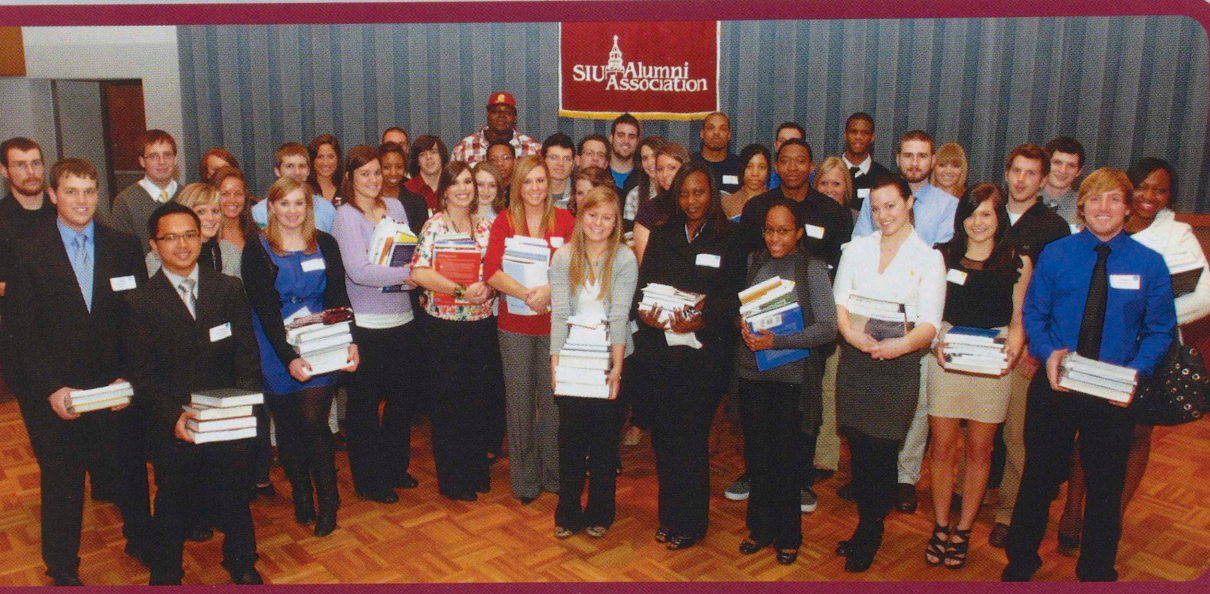
We're Here To Serve

"The SIU Alumni Association is here to

family doesn't stop at graduation," says SIU Alumni Association President **Ray Serati**, '59. Programs like *AlumniGrams* are designed to get you back in touch with that old college roommate or former professor. Or perhaps you'd like to plan a reunion on campus for your former student group or residence hall floor – let us know and we will be happy to help.

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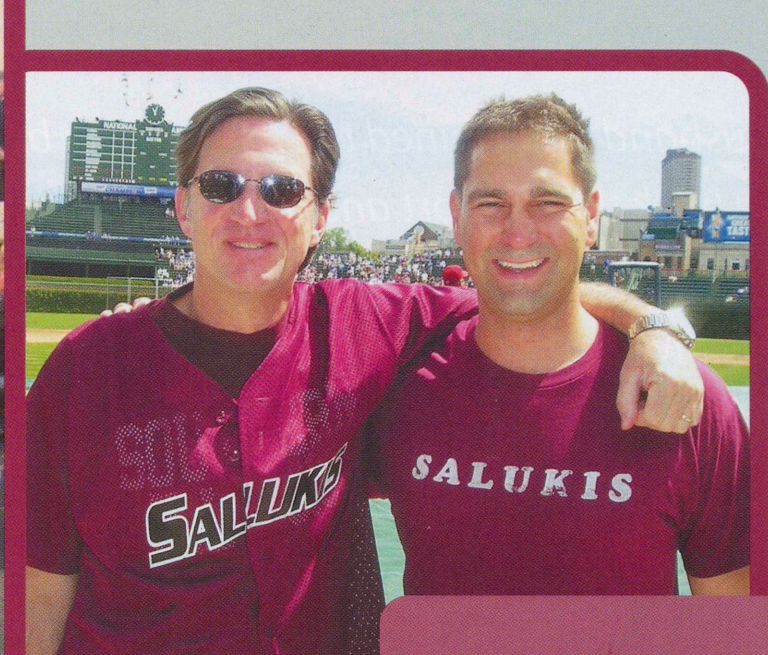
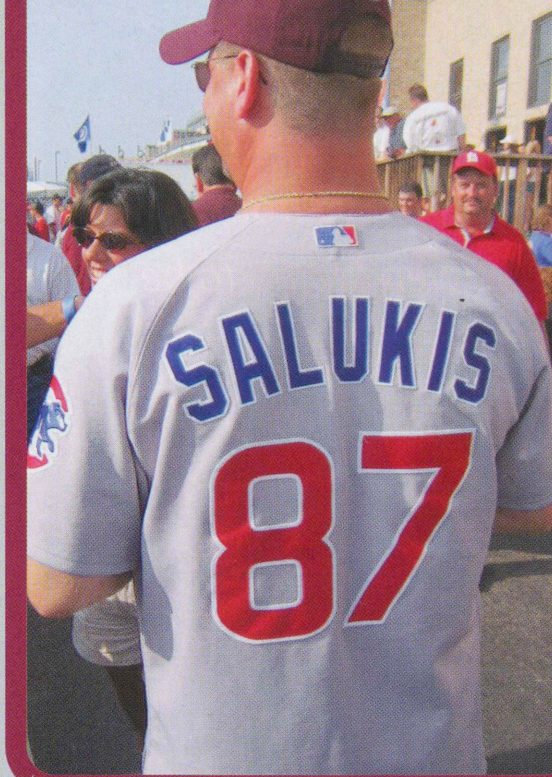
Each year, the Association hosts thousands of Salukis at events all across the United States. Get to know fellow graduates in your area by attending a scholarship awards banquet, alumni family picnic, or a pregame football tailgate. New events are announced each week on www.sialumni.com ...we're just waiting for you!



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The SIU Alumni Association coordinates more than 30 nationwide alumni chapters and clubs. Check out beer brewing in Orange County, Calif., swing by the Austin-San Antonio family picnic, or cheer on the Salukis during a Las Vegas watch party.

"I founded the Minnesota Alumni Club in 2009 and it has exceeded all of my expectations, says Minnesota Club President **Max Orenstein** '07. "The group is filled with fantastic people who love connecting with fellow alumni and sharing memories from their time at Southern. Outside of deciding to attend SIU, creating this group has been one of the best decisions I have ever made."

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"We enjoy attending the complimentary Saluki Row football tailgates. We can bring our kids, and it's a great advantage of our life membership!"

–Terri Harfst, '89, Life Member

"My husband and I joined the Association because we were eager to give back the support and loyalty we experienced at SIU from 1957-61. It soon became a question of whether we were going to be "merely involved" or deeply committed. We made our commitment in the form of a life membership. Our commitment has grown and deepened during the past fifty years. We truly believe that once you are an active Saluki alum, you will always want to remain that way."

-Dede Ittner, '61, Life Member

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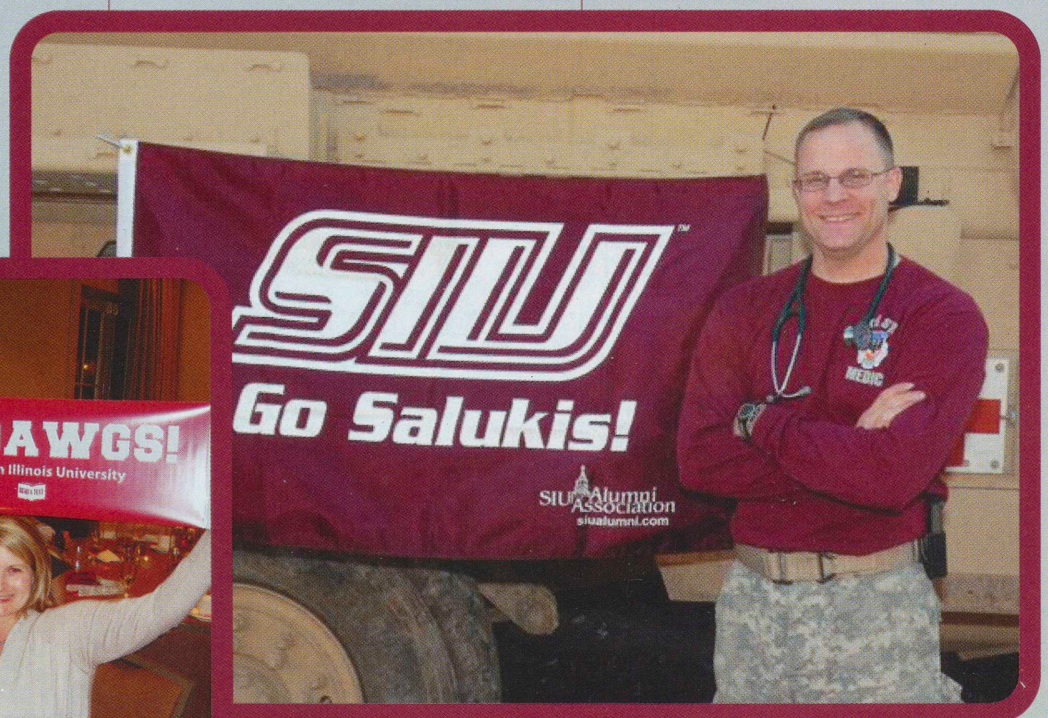
You already know the great advantages of being an Association member. You get a subscription to *Southern Alumni*, invitations to members-only events, access to members-only discounts, and even your own members-only area online. Hopefully you've felt pride in knowing that you were a part of the \$50,000 in textbook scholarships in 2010-11, a \$25,000 gift to Saluki Way, and \$1 million earmarked for a new alumni cen-

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First-Generation Graduate Fulfills Promise To Family

by Pete Rosenbery

Awave of emotions hit Mauro Arellano Jr. when he received his bachelor's degree in Electronic Systems Technologies in May from Southern.

Arellano, a 31-year-old U.S. Army Iraqi War veteran from Sterling, Ill., is a first-generation college student whose parents came from Mexico in the 1970s to better their lives. For Arellano, the accomplishment carries an even deeper meaning: fulfilling a promise he made in the wake of a tragic accident nearly two decades earlier that killed a paternal uncle.

The new Southern graduate was 11 years old when his Uncle Robert died in a traffic crash. His uncle was one of eight people killed in the January 1992 crash of a van carrying workers returning home from their jobs at a meat processing plant in Joslin, an unincorporated community in Rock Island County, about 40 miles west of Sterling.

Arellano recalls vowing at his uncle's funeral to heed the advice of his parents, Mauro and Carmen Arellano, and his late uncle, to study harder. While neither his parents nor his uncle completed school beyond the fourth grade, each stressed the importance of not throwing away the opportunity to learn.

After earning his degree, he is taking a class this summer to earn a Committee on National Security Systems certificate. He plans to return to Sterling and hopes to work for the government in the security systems field. He also wants to be involved with a community service group that assists children with academics.

The degree means "a new life, a new era," Arellano says. "It's a day like no other. Everything I have worked for is a journey that has come to an end. But that doesn't mean what I've done here has to end."

After graduating from high school, Arellano served eight years in the U.S. Army, including two in the Army Reserve. He initially worked as an operator and maintainer with patriot missiles, and later as an information systems analyst. After four years in the military, Arellano, who initially attended Western Illinois University for one semester, transferred to SIU in 2003 while with the reserves. While in school, he



Mauro Arellano fulfilled the promises to his family and a late uncle when he received his bachelor's degree in Electronic Systems Technologies at Southern. The U.S. Army Iraqi War veteran is a first-generation college student whose parents came from Mexico in the 1970s.

was also preparing for the Army's Signal Corps School.

Southern's electronic systems technology program and the cost were attractive to him. But he left school after one semester due to the demands of preparing for both Signal Corps School and his University classes. Arellano returned to Sterling and opened a computer repair business that initially flourished, but was later hurt by the economy. Arellano then returned to active duty to serve in Iraq with the 301 Area Support Group at Logistics Support Area Anaconda, now Joint Base Balad, one of the largest U.S. military bases in Iraq.

After serving in Iraq, Arellano returned to SIU in fall 2008 to resume his education. With the experience that he gained in information systems technologies while in the military, pursuing an electronic systems technologies degree enabled him to "cover a weakness I had and thought this would make me more competitive," he says.

Arellano notes the struggles that his own father, who operates a landscaping business, has gone through since his family arrived in the United States. Being the first college graduate in his family carries special meaning, he

says. His parents believed in the promise of their new country and became U.S. citizens shortly before he was born in 1980.

"Through the tough times, my father would say to me that I was his strength; he could go through whatever he was going through because he could look at me and see what he has accomplished through me," Arellano says with teary eyes. "He came to America with a dream, and through me, it seems like he has won it."

Ralph Tate, interim director and associate professor of SIU's School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies, says he is impressed with Arellano's desire to succeed in the face of obstacles that include being a nontraditional student. He says Arellano is often the last person to leave the room when it comes to finishing exams because he believes in maximizing his time by thoroughly reviewing his tests.

Tate, a military veteran and also a first-generation college graduate, knows the feelings that Arellano and his family have. "I tear up every time I see these kids walk across the stage, and you know their families are out there also experiencing this." ■

Going The Extra Mile To Help Others

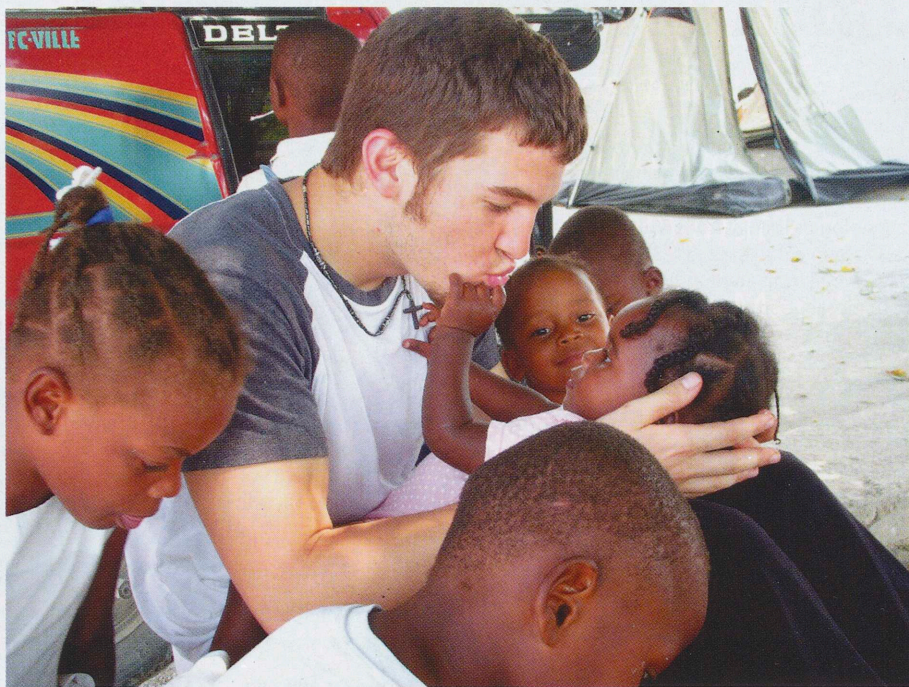
by Codell Rodriguez

When Lucas Pulley '11 helped build a playground for an orphanage in Romania, he didn't quite understand why the children played on it all day and with so much enthusiasm. Then he learned that it was the first time they had been allowed to play on a playground completely free of persecution and prejudice.

Pulley, a Gibson City, Ill., native who earned his degree in mathematics, was in the SIU University Honors Program. One of the Southern's 2011 Most Distinguished Seniors, he has spent most of his breaks from academia doing charity work overseas. "I feel taking a trip outside the country during your academic years is essential for personal growth," he says. "There is true joy in forgetting about yourself and serving other people."

Pulley is a member of Eastview Christian Church in Bloomington and does work overseas as part of Fuel, a program based out of the church for college students. He also visited Haiti alone after the 2010 earthquake, working with a missionary in a mobile medical office in tent cities.

The recent Southern graduate has also spent time speaking at churches in Quito, Ecuador, also building a bench for one of



Lucas Pulley plays with orphaned children at a handicapped orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti after the earthquake devastated the area.

the churches, painting another, and regularly visits Mexico to help build houses. He says having a Chancellor's Scholarship helped keep him financially healthy so he can do the work.

Pulley says the skills he has learned at Southern have been a great help in his work.

"I was actually an engineering major for more than two years, so I used a lot of those skills everywhere I went," he explains. The SIU Alumni Association member says he chose SIU because both of his siblings went to larger universities and always came home with stories about the experience being interpersonal.

"I liked the student/teacher aspect at SIU, and it just felt more personal," Pulley notes. "I feel like coming here is one of the best decisions I've ever made."

His teachers are pleased with his decision as well. Mathematics professor Kathleen Pericak-Spector says she worked with Pulley on a project on differential equations with predator and prey and says he is a self-motivated student who needs just a little bit of guidance to find his way.

"He is the type of student teachers dream of," Pericak-Spector says, "and just a really nice guy."

Pulley lauds Pericak-Spector, University Honors Program Director Lori Merrill-Fink, and former assistant director Laurie Bell as his biggest influences. Pulley now plans to work full time with the Intervarsity Christian Fellowship so that he can help younger students get as much out of their education as he did.

"I feel like my time here really shaped me in a way I don't think anywhere else could have."

—Rodriguez is a reporter for *The Southern Illinoisian*, in which this story first appeared.



Children swing for the first time on the swing set Pulley helped build in Romania.

Flying Salukis Capture National Championship

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Flying Salukis wrote a new chapter in the program's proud history on May 21 by capturing the 2011 National Intercollegiate Flying Association championship.

With 10 team members scoring 414 points, the Flying Salukis won the title by nine points over two-time defending champion University of North Dakota in competition at the Ohio State University Airport. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott was a distant third with 271 points, followed by Western Michigan University, 212, and Ohio State University, 197 points.

The Saluki squad returned to SIU with an eighth national title, the first since 1985.

"What a historic moment for our team, the flight programs, and our University," Chancellor Rita Cheng says. "I'm sure all Salukis are inspired by the talent and dedication of the team members and coaches."

Earning the national title was emotional for Nathan Lincoln, the Flying Salukis' coach and a 1997 and 1998 team member. "I knew we had an extremely talented group of team members and I knew that they had the potential to place extremely high in the national competition," he says. "They performed well in all of the events that they were competing in." The Flying Salukis' assistant coaches were senior lecturer Bryan Harrison, assistant instructors Jeffrey Jaynes, Kevin Krongos, Sabrina Zwego, and Kim Carter, a senior lecturer and academic adviser.

Earning a national title is "an amazing feeling," says Michael Carroll, one of three team captains. "It feels so good to be part of an organization that has such a history, and it's a better feeling to contribute to another national championship for SIU." Carroll, who scored 121 of his team's points, was the top-scoring pilot in the nation and finished second for the national top pilot award.

In addition to Carroll's overall performance, the squad won three individual titles. Taylor Breum, won the short-field



Front row, from left: John Voges (chief flight instructor), Jeff Jaynes (assistant coach), Mike Carroll, Courtney Copping, Ryan Buttney, Daniel McMahon, Kevin Krongos (assistant coach), Sabrina Zwego (assistant coach), and Bryan Harrison (assistant coach). Middle row: Samuel Oas, Joshua Mech, Daniel Harrington, Justin Lopez, Rusty Whorten, and Nathan Lincoln (head coach). Back row: Michael Gomm (from Cessna Aircraft, the sponsor of the national championship trophy), Taylor Breum, Ryan Veldman, David Brown, Scott Blair, Kevin Hayes, and David NewMyer (department chair). Not pictured: Kim Carter (assistant coach).

approach and landing, Ryan Veldman won the power-off landing event and co-captain Daniel Harrington won the SCAN title.

David NewMyer, department chair, says the national title provides the University's already nationally recognized aviation programs with visible evidence that they are among the nation's leading aviation degree programs. In addition to some national championship bragging rights, it also allows the University to celebrate its aviation students.

There were seven ground events and four flight events. Ground events were computer accuracy, aircraft preflight inspection, simulator, aircraft recognition, simulated comprehensive area navigation (SCAN), crew resource management, and IFR (instrument flight rules) simulator. Flight events are power-off landing, short-field approach and landing, navigation, and message drop.

"Just like with athletic team competition that relies on the meshing of performances from a group of teammates, the Flying Salukis had to be running on all cylinders last week to make this happen,

NewMyer says. "No one person won it – it was won by the fact that 10 different team members scored points. Had any of them not scored, we would have been second, third, or worse. This was an amazing feat."

The competition, May 16-21, marked the 41st time in 42 years the Flying Salukis qualified for the nationals. Recent history includes fourth-place finishes in 2005 and 2010, and fifth-place finishes in 2006 and 2008. The only time the national appearance string was broken, in 2007, was a shock, and remains a significant reminder, Lincoln explains.

"It's something that I take personally, and I strive to put into the team members the importance of what we do, and the pride we have in our aviation program," he says. "I try to remember the lessons learned from that year and make sure that we hopefully never make the mistakes again to show the aviation community how great our aviation program is."

More information on the University's aviation programs is available at www.aviation.siu.edu.

BAG Reunion Set July 7-10

The Black Alumni Group (BAG), a constituent society of the SIU Alumni Association, will welcome members and respected guests from all over the country next month to participate in "Southern Nights," the theme of BAG's 12th Biennial Reunion.

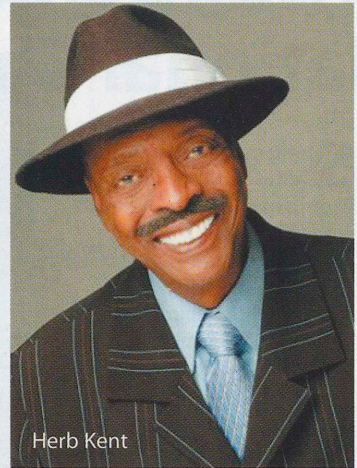
BAG has been a part of Southern Illinois University Carbondale since 1988, when a group of alumni came together to maintain professional, social, and educational relationships within Southern's African-American community. The organization is also a philanthropic provider of scholarships for SIU's students, and assists with books for children attending Thomas Elementary School in Carbondale.

The reunion will kickoff Thursday, July 7, with a meet and greet at the Hampton Inn east of Carbondale. Friday events include a service project, financial workshops, a fish fry, and tours of local wineries and the SIU campus. Nominations for officers will be accepted on Friday, and those elected will be installed at a brunch on Sunday just before the reunion comes to a close.

Saturday's festivities include a cookout and health fair in the afternoon, followed by a semiformal banquet that evening. After the banquet, the group will gather at the Stadium Club inside Saluki Stadium for one final toast at the "Grand Finale" party. That evening will also feature an appearance by the legendary Herb Kent (also known as "The Mayor of Bronzeville") from Chicago's V-103 FM. A inductee into the Museum of

Broadcast Communications Radio Hall of Fame, he officially set the Guinness World Record in October 2009 for "having the longest career by a deejay in radio history."

Registration fees for the reunion support the Black Undergraduate Education Scholarship (SBUE). The recipients of this award will be recognized throughout the reunion. If you would like to learn more about the BAG Reunion please call the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2417 or visit BAG's website at www.siublackalumni.org.



Herb Kent

Cinco De Mayo Happy Hour

The Chicago Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 65 alumni and friends for a Cinco de Mayo Social at the Saluki Bar. This Mexican themed celebration featured substantially discounted drink specials and complimentary appetizers for all to enjoy. Before wrapping up the night, the Chicago Chapter raf-

SIU Concert Choir And Wind Ensemble Performances

In honor of Rita Hartung Cheng's recent appointment as Chancellor of Southern Illinois University, the SIU School of Music, in conjunction with the SIU Alumni Association and the SIU Foundation, conducted two concert choir and wind ensemble performances.

They were held at the Hoogland Center for the Arts in Springfield, Ill., and the historic Chicago Symphony Orchestra Hall. Receptions were held before both performances for alumni to meet Chancellor Cheng.

At the Springfield reception, Joe Crane '88, ABC local affiliate meteorologist, emceed the event. More than 500 alumni, friends, and staff attended the performances, and special thanks to Don Magee and the Prairie Capital Chapter who helped coordinate the Springfield performance.

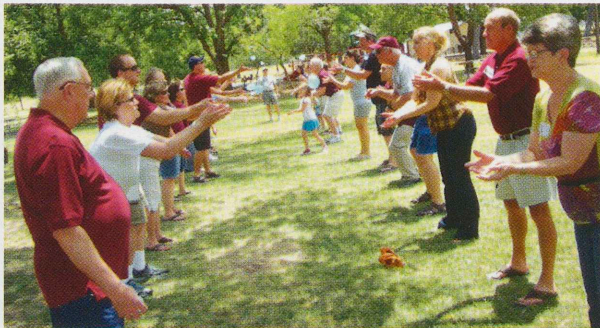
Local meteorologist Joe Crane emceed the Springfield event.



fled off several pairs of Cubs tickets and a plethora of SIU t-shirts. Vanessa Matheny, Chris Stemler, Jim Buczynski, and Ken Mantel coordinated the event.

2nd Annual Austin/ San Antonio Spring Picnic

The Austin/San Antonio Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 41 alumni and friends to a picnic at Landa Park in New Braunfels, Texas. After lunch, SIU Alumni



Association Board Member Bill Szelag spoke about current events on campus. Later an SIU-themed trivia game and balloon toss were enjoyed by all. Claudia Ogrin, Tara Janssen, Ty Ball, and Sara Weiskopf coordinated this event.

Hantak Wins Outstanding Thesis Award

The 2010 SIU Alumni Association's Outstanding Master's Thesis Award was recently presented to Alison Hantak. The Bolingbrook, Ill., native is studying physiology and is a teaching



assistant at Southern. Her thesis was chosen by a 10-member faculty committee. In the photo, from left, are SIU Alumni Association President Ray Serati, Hantak, and her advisor, Laura Murphy.

SIU Day At Wrigley Field Tickets Still Available

Get your tickets now for the 34th annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field baseball game on August 21. Come out and watch as the Chicago Cubs host the St. Louis Cardinals. Please join us for our traditional pregame gathering at the Cubby Bear Lounge to socialize and network with other Salukis. A special thanks to **George Loukas '73** for helping secure this Cards-Cubs game for our alumni group. You may purchase tickets online at www.siualumni.com.

SIU Student Day At Wrigley Field

The SIU Alumni Association hosted 65 students and friends to a Friday afternoon game at Wrigley Field to watch the Chicago Cubs take on the San Francisco Giants. Fans were not disappointed as the Chicago Cubs won the game 11-4.

Class Of 1961 – Save The Date!

As a special treat for the Class of 1961, who will celebrate their 50th anniversary during the October Homecoming festivities, the 1961 Obelisk has been digitized and a link is now available on the Association's website.

But that's not all! We've also scanned all six of the alumni newsletters printed that year. Go to www.siualumni.com/1961, where you can also register for that weekend's many Half Century Club activities.

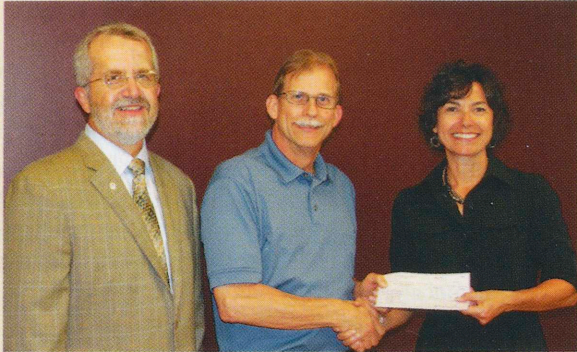
SIU Alumni Association Seeks Award Nominations

The SIU Alumni Association presents an Alumni Achievement Award for Service each year at its Board of Directors Homecoming luncheon. This award is given for outstanding service to the Association and, therefore, the University. Nominees may be graduates, former students, or friends of the University who have demonstrated their commitment to alumni by their service. The current president or current board members may not receive the recognition while serving on the board.

A five-member committee studies the information given for all nominations and determines the recipient. Members of the Association are asked to submit names with resumes and background material of those whom they feel qualify for this honor. Send the material to SIU Alumni Association, c/o Tina Shingleton, Colyer Hall, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901. Nominations must be received by Aug. 15.

CASA Wins 'Salukis Rock The Colleges' Tour

The SIU Alumni Association has announced that the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) is the winner of the 2011 "Salukis Rock the Colleges Tour," a contest in which the winning college received \$10,000 to be used for scholarships or student programming.



From left, CASA Dean Terry Owens and Associate Dean Will Devenport receive the \$10,000 award from SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez.

The contest took place from March 21 through May 13 with a different college showcased each week in posts featured on the Association's Facebook page. The college with the most likes on their related posts was deemed the winner, making CASA the most rockin' college on campus with a total of 2,303 likes.

According to Interim CASA Dean Terry Owens, the \$10,000 will go directly to the college's student support fund. Owens says the money will be distributed to help students attend professional development activities, conferences, and workshops. SIU's national flying champions – The Flying Salukis, the Cyber Defense Team, and other student groups could also benefit from the award.

"We are grateful for this award, and excited that the funds will benefit a broad range of our students," Owens notes. "I also have to give credit to Associate Dean Wil Devenport, who really took a leadership role in this event for us."

Devenport calls the influx of money "a real blessing. We will be able to help some worthy students who otherwise would not be able to be supported in some worthwhile activities."

Featured in the Association's posts was the construction of CASA's new state-of-the-art Transportation Education Center, a three building complex that will centralize Southern's automotive and aviation programs at the Southern Illinois Airport.

CASA's extensive registered student organizations were also put on display, showcasing GaMeRS (Game Mechanics Research Studio). GaMeRS is one of the newest student organizations in ISAT and also assisted in the development of SIU Campus Life Pinball, a virtual computer based pinball game. The game features everything from a replica SIU Arena to the official public address voice of the Salukis, Steve Falat, and can be downloaded at www.siu-campus-life.com.

Individuals participating in the contest were also randomly selected each week to receive prizes such as iPods, gift cards, an iPad and even an Xbox Kinect through the Association. The "Salukis Rock the Colleges Tour" helps illustrate the Association's commitment to Southern's students and the need to spread awareness about various programs and initiatives at SIU.

For more information regarding the SIU Alumni Association's student programs, please call 618-453-2408 or visit www.siu-alumni.com.

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SKINNER, Imogene C., '29
12/27/2010, Bradenton, Fla.

HUGHES, Arleen H., ex '30
03/12/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

HARSHA, Barbara M., '31
02/08/2011, Murphysboro, Ill.

HAYS, Pearl M., '31
02/22/2011, Sparta, Ill.

BYARS, Alva A., '37, M.S.Ed.'51
1/30/2011, Kansas City, Mo.

CASPER, George E., '37
2/14/2011, Anna, Ill.

OYLER, Ruth C., '39
03/04/2011, Woodland, Pa.

HILL, Richard G., ex '40
1/06/2011, Camano Island, Wash.

O'BRIEN, Merna K., '41, M.S.Ed.'71
3/10/2011, Anna, Ill.

PULLEY, Winona W., '41, '44, M.S.'59
2/12/2011, Driggs, Idaho

TIPPY, Paul H., '41, M.S.'51
4/27/2011, Albion, Ill.

HASLAUER, Margaret H., ex '42
4/27/2011, Cairo, Ill.

MARBERRY, James W., '42
1/28/2011, Calistoga, Calif.

MOODY, Dorothy E., ex '42
4/03/2011, Arcola, Ill.

BROWN, M.D., James G., ex '43
4/30/2011, Bloomington, Ill.

LATHAM, D.V.M., Robert, ex '44
4/12/2011, Erie, Ill.

WILLIAMS, Thomas F., '44
5/07/2011, Lake of the Woods, Va.

BUSSE, Dwane E., ex '47
3/18/2011, Chesterfield, Mo.

HALPIN, Anna M., ex '47
5/09/2011, Oklahoma City, Okla.

HANSON, Rosalee, '47
4/21/2011, Punta Gorda, Fla.

LOGUE, Helen F., ex '47
4/25/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

SCOTT, Leland L., '47
11/10/2010, Fairfax, Va.

MATHIEU, Charles C., '48, M.S.Ed.'52
5/10/2011, Evansville, Ind.

SHAFTER, Lynette R., ex '48
4/10/2011, Harrisburg, Ill.

CRAIG, Calvert J., '49
3/15/2011, De Soto, Ill.

HENSON, Mary L., '49
4/08/2011, West Frankfort, Ill.

HOPKINS, Kenneth W., ex '49
12/19/2010, Naples, Fla.

MCCLINTOCK, Dr. N. Eugene, '49, M.S.Ed.'51
1/05/2011, Colorado Springs, Colo

MOORE, Ben E., '4
5/12/2011, Energy, Ill.

BOATMAN, Pauline S., ex '50
4/06/2011, Decatur, Ill.

BONNETTE JR., Earl M., '50
4/03/2011, Cherokee County, N.C.

LEDBETTER, John A., '50, M.S.Ed.'54
4/25/2011, Marion, Ill.

REEDY, Maurice, ex '50
2/13/2011, The Villages, Fla.

ROBERSON, Helen S., ex '50
1/29/2011, Bonnie, Ill.

STEWART, Jack L., ex '50
2/24/2010, Lake City, Fla.

SUNDERLAND, Isabel K., '50
3/07/2011, Porterville, Calif.

BELL, Harold G., '51
3/18/2011, Ann Arbor, Mich.

MUFFLER, Eugene R., '51
2/15/2011, Elgin, Ill.

RUSH, Florence H., ex '51
2/21/2011, Jacksonville, Ill.

STOOKEY, Charles D., ex '52
3/01/2011, Madison, Ind.

STOUDT, Christina M., '52
4/05/2011, Pekin, Ill.

THORNTON, Betty M., '52, M.S.'66
3/03/2011, Du Quoin, Ill.

BLAIR, Prentice R., '53
4/01/2011, Bloomington, Ill.

GRAY, Kenneth W., ex '53
3/26/2011, Wayne City, Ill.

JONES, Dr. Oma D., '53, M.S.'75, Ph.D.'84
3/15/2011, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

QUALLS, Dorothy G., '53
3/09/2011, Murphysboro, Ill.

VONBEHREN, Barbara A., '53
5/09/2011, Springfield, Ill.

DOUGHTY JR., Dr. Earl, '53, M.S.'54, Ph.D.'65
12/30/2010, Alton, Ill.

GURLEY, Claudette J., '54
2/03/2011, Buncombe, Ill.

ZRIMC, Ph.D., Marie U., M.S.'54
6/07/2010, Los Angeles, Calif.

EVERS, John L., M.S.Ed.'55
3/10/2011, Carmi, Ill.

PLASTERS, Joseph E., '55
4/01/2011, Springfield, Ill.

BIGGS, Robert D., '56
3/03/2011, Royalton, Ill.

HAMILTON SR., Lowell H., '56, M.S.Ed.'59
12/29/2010, Marion, Ill.

JONES, Billy R., '56
1/27/2011, Houston, Texas

KELLER, Kenneth P., '56
3/23/2011, Southington, Conn.

SIMS JR., Eugene T., '56
2/19/2011, Murphysboro, Ill.

SUMNER, Lowell H., '56
3/1/2011, Perryville, Mo.

WEFFENSTETTE, Walter E., M.S.Ed.'56, Ph.D.'65
3/11/2011, Farmersville, Ill.

HAMMANN, Robert E., '57
1/15/2011, Florissant, Mo.

HARGAN, Robert T., '57
2/22/2011, Nashville, Ill.

HART, Gerald L., '57, M.S.Ed.'58
4/27/2011, West Frankfort, Ill.

BELLAMY, David L., '58
3/20/2011, Vienna, Ill.

CHAMBERLAIN, William P., ex '58
12/09/2010, Muskogee, Okla.

FELDMAN, John A., '58
4/19/2011, Algonquin, Ill.

MOORE, Patricia Sue, '58
5/04/2011, Saint Petersburg, Fla.

BUSCH, Morris A., '59
3/09/2011, Portsmouth, Ohio

CLAUSSEN, E. Neal, M.A.'59, Ph.D.'63
2/06/2011, Peoria, Ill.

DIAMOND, Glen E., M.S.Ed.'59
3/23/2011, Greenville, Ill.

HALL, Jerry D., '59
4/28/2011, Cartersville, Ill.

SHERIDAN III, Philip H., '59
1/30/2011, Lowell, Mass.

SIVILLE, Fred C., '59
2/12/2011, Hoopston, Ill.

CLEARY, Richard P., '60
4/07/2011, Chicago, Ill.

FAIRFIELD, Herbert L., M.S.Ed.'60
4/17/2011, Bloomington, Ind.

HYLAND, Clark D., '60
3/10/2011, Carmel, Ind.

JACKSON, Dr. Jerry F., '60, M.A.'61
4/02/2011, Shelby, N.C.

VINSON, Mary L., '60
3/24/2011, Creal Springs, Ill.

ADAMS, Richard B., '61
1/26/2011, Belleville, Ill.

BRITTON, Larry W., '61, M.F.A.'64
3/15/2011, Cobden, Ill.

BROWN, Kenneth L. USAF (Ret.), ex '61
2/09/2011, Tacoma, Wash.

CHANEY, Helen M., '61, M.S.'67
03/25/2011, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

DALE, Janice Elaine, '61
3/27/2011, Cobden, Ill.

DAMRON, Vida T., ex '61
2/12/2011, Cartersville, Ill.

HAYER III, William T., ex '61
4/25/2010, Los Olivos, Calif.

MacNEIL, Hugh M., '61
2/28/2011, Pekin, Ill.

RANDOLPH, Donna J., M.S.'61
5/07/2011, Marion, Ill.

LASH, Jerry E., '63
2/07/2011, Edwardsville, Ill.

MARSHALL, Gertrude B., '63
2/05/2011, Chester, Ill.

MOORE, George E., '63
3/08/2011, Benton, Ill.

SHOOK, Rosemary M., '63
9/22/2010, Centralia, Ill.

WARD, Richard L., '63
8/28/2010, Fargo, N.D.

DICKSON, Lee R., '64
2/07/2011, Marion, Ill.

Lynda Lee Kaid, Former Distinguished Alumni Honoree



Lynda Lee Kaid, University of Florida Research Foundation Professor and Professor of Telecommunication in the College of Journalism and Communications, unexpectedly passed away on April 13 at the age of 62. She was a 2007 recipient of the SIU Distinguished Alumni Award, and a three-degree graduate of the University. Kaid had joined the UF faculty in 2001, was a three-time Senior Fulbright Scholar, and served as the national coordinator for UVote, a consortium of national and international scholars who are working to increase political participation among young citizens in the United States and Europe.

FORTNER, David L., '64
3/03/2011, San Francisco, Calif.

LANNON, William E., '64
1/28/2011, Pontiac, Ill.

DOMBROW, William H., '65
11/14/2010, Racine, Wis.

HULL, William E., '65
4/04/2011, Harrisburg, Ill.

KETZEL, Kenneth J., '65
4/10/2011, Chandler, Ariz.

MUNDAY, John J., '65
2/28/2011, Darien, Ill.

KILLOREN, Timothy J., '66
4/30/2011, Sarasota, Fla.

VIOLETT, Alice M., '66
5/03/2011, Marion, Ill.

ZUMPANO, Mary S., M.S.Ed.'66
11/01/2010, Bloomington, Ill.

DANNER, Thomas W., '67, M.S.'72
5/09/2011, Cobden, Ill.

KOSTUKOVICH, Richard J., M.S.'67
3/07/2010, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

PEIRICK JR., John T., '67
6/14/2010, Crown Point, Ind.

STRIPLING, James V., '67
7/15/2010, Baldwin, Ala.

THOMAS, Stanley, '67
5/03/2011, Springfield, Ill.

WILLIAMS, Orline, '67
4/09/2011, Marion, Ill.

MOORE, William K., '68
3/04/2011, Greensburg, Ind.

MUNSELL, Malinda G., '68
3/14/2011, McLeansboro, Ill.

SANDERS, William D., '68
2/18/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

TICK, Marianne, '68
3/20/2011, Springfield, Ill.

BIERBAUM, Cabrini A., '69
4/04/2011, Mount City, Ill.

EVANS, Robert H., '69
4/14/2011, Champaign, Ill.

GIBSON, Ella F., '69
4/30/2011, Colorado Springs, Colo.

GLASSHAGEL, Glenn E., '69
1/20/2011, Lakewood, N.Y.

HUYEAR, Gerald E., '70
2/15/2011, Springfield, Ill.

PHILLIPS, Dr. Ronald W., Ph.D.'70
3/26/2011, Tahlequah, Okla.

TRUESDALE, Ann E., M.A.'70
3/02/2011, Springfield, Ill.

PAUL, Fred A., '71
4/21/2011, Springfield, Ill.

SIEFKER, Marvin L., '71
2/07/2011, Monese, Ill.

FREEMAN, Gary D., '72
3/11/2011, Lincoln, Ill.

HARPER, Ralph G., '72, M.A.'77
9/09/2010, Guy, Texas

RANSOM, Albert P., '72
2/05/2011, East St. Louis, Ill.

SEAY, Malcolm A. (Mac), '72
4/17/2011, Woodridge, Ill.

VICK, Jerry D., '72
2/04/2011, Bellefonte, Ill.

BEAN, John B., M.S.'73
5/06/2011, Quincy, Ill.

BECHERER, Thomas L., '73
3/26/2011, Shiloh, Ill.

DREAS, Clara E., '73
11/09/2010, Walnut Hill, Ill.

BARR, John C., '74
4/12/2011, Nashville, Ill.

BEAUMONT, John H., '74
2/05/2011, Antrim, N.H.

KOTNER, Vivian B., '74
1/27/2011, Harrisburg, Ill.

WINFIELD, Earl F., '74, M.S.Ed.'76
5/16/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

JACKSON, Arthur L., '75, M.S.'78
4/16/2011, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

KELLY SR., Kevin R., '75
2/16/2011, Cedar Falls, Iowa

MEYER, Mark T., '75
1/17/2011, Park Ridge, Ill.

MILLER, Johnny M., '75
5/06/2011, Houston, Texas

BLACKWOOD, Mary M., '76
3/08/2011, Murphysboro, Ill.

SCHACKMAN, Patricia S., M.S.Ed.'76
12/25/2010, Danville, Ill.

WASSON, Alexander W., '76
6/30/2010, Roscoe, Ill.

DOWNARD, James A., '77
1/21/2011, Topeka, Kan.

GOGUEN, Ph.D., Timothy P., Ph.D.'77
3/29/2011, Plymouth, Mass.

SCHULTZ, Carol G., M.S.Ed.'77
1/18/2011, Charleston, S.C.

DOBROTKA, Michael J., '78
4/23/2011, Carmel, Ind.

MINTON, Chris D., '82
2/01/2011, Danville, Ind.

GUESTON JR., Thomas J., '79
2/17/2011, San Bernardino, Calif.

BUFFORD, John E., '80
2/09/2011, Macon, Ga.

FLECK, Bruce M., '80
4/08/2011, Tucson, Ariz.

GROB, Christy L., '80
3/07/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

McPHAIL, Raymond E., J.D.'80
3/03/2011, Hillsboro, Ill.

STEGMAN, Therese D., '80 M.A.'84
3/25/2011, Evansville, Ind.

GRIFFIN, Robert G., M.S.'81
4/04/2010, Rising Sun, Ind.

MOLLA, David G., '81
4/15/2011, Herrin, Ill.

TAYLOR, Dr. Patricia M., Ph.D.'81
4/19/2011, Oakland, Ky.

TREASTER, Donald M., '81
12/26/2010, Lewistown, Pa.

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

1940s

Franklin Hamilton M.A. '49 has published an anthology of Christmas poetry, *A Basket Full of Christmas Poetry*, written over the last 50 years and included in yearly family Christmas letters. Hamilton, who taught in Kansas, Illinois, and Michigan, is the author of *Leaf Scar*, *Love Cry*, and a critical study of Thoreau.

1950s



Twenty years after beginning her teaching career, **Bertha Carson '59**

received her degree at Southern. In March she celebrated her 100th birthday in Pinckneyville with family and friends. Bertha Louise Kellerman grew up north of Pinckneyville, where she lived on a farm, and taught at six

different country schools for more than 12 years. She later went to work as a second-grade teacher at Pinckneyville Grade School, spending 22 years in the position. The same year Carson retired from Pinckneyville Grade School, her granddaughter, **Cindy Barge '72, M.S. Ed. '78** was hired as an English teacher.

1960s

Clifford Knapp M.S. Ed. '63, Ph.D. '73 co-edited a new publication, *Sourcebook of Experiential Education: Key*



Thinkers and Their Contributions, published by Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group. Knapp taught

at SIU from 1964 to 1972.

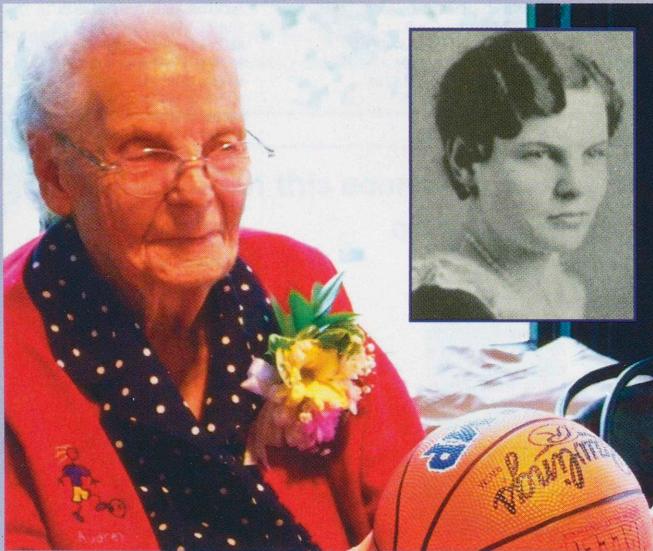
Carbondale optometrist **Jerry Levelsmier '65**, a member of the Carbondale Lions Club for 55 years, received the Monarch Milestone Chevron Award from that organization for his length of service to the club.

Dale Ritzel '65, M.S. Ed. '66, Ph.D. '70, health education professor emeritus and long-

A Saluki Centenarian

For Helen Rendleman Sirles '33, Easter Sunday dawned as a centennial event: her 100th birthday and the beginning of her 11th decade as an inhabitant of the planet. She lives on her own in a house on Rendleman family land in Alto Pass – Rendleman Orchards – a family-owned concern since its 1873 inception.

While times in her life may have seemed the proverbial tough row to hoe, Sirles says her bachelor's degree in mathematics from



Helen Rendleman Sirles celebrates her 100th birthday. Inset: Rendleman as a student at SINU in 1932, her junior year.

Two years ago, when Sirles was honored as an Inspiring Woman, her children presented a namesake scholarship that is awarded each year to an "exemplary" young woman.

Sirles' children are Judy (Sirles) Mittendorf '60; **Wayne R. "Ren" Sirles '63 (wife, Betty '64)**; Sharon (Neilson) Williamson '61 (husband, Charles '60); and **Jan (Sirles) Henry '68, Ph.D. '87**. Her grandchildren are Suzanne (Schoen) Harju '95; Cheryl (Williamson) Lakin M.A. '95 (husband, Daniel '87); James Massey '85; **Amy (Sirles) Ramsey '91, M.S. '94 (husband, John '90, M.B.A. '94)**; **Wayne D. Sirles '89 (wife, Michelle '89)**; Diane (Massey) Weitekemper; and Leslie Williamson-Lyons '89, M.B.A. '92 (husband, Philip '87, M.S. Ed. '91).

SINU "saved my life." Math was a decidedly unconventional choice for a woman in those days, but it was in calculus class where there were only two other females that she met her husband-to-be, Wayne.

Sirles taught for a few years in Union County while Wayne finished medical school in Chicago. They married in 1936, Helen quit her job, and they set up house-keeping and a medical practice in Herrin. When Wayne died unexpectedly in 1946, they were raising three children of their own and Sirles' niece, whose mother, Lula Rendleman Neilson '35, had died 14 months after her daughter was born.

She packed up her family of four (ages 14 months to 7 years), moved back to the farm, and resumed her teaching career while working at the orchards weekends and summers. She also found the time to spend decades in community service and as a founding member of the Alto Pass Congregational Church.

In mid-May, the number of cards Sirles had received was at 400 and counting – from four decades worth of students, seven coaches of her favorite college basketball teams, and her beloved St. Louis Cardinals, as well as from fellow Democrats Sheila Simon, Jerry Costello, Dick Durbin, and yes, even Michelle Obama.

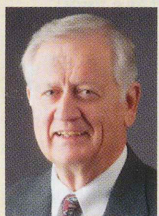
time director of the SIU Safety Center, received the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association's highest honor in 2010. The Richard Kaywood Memorial Award,



given annually since 1985, recognizes sustained and substantial contributions to the field, profes-

sion, and association. Since his 2006 retirement, Ritzel has twice won the National Safety Council's top research award.

John Gunter '66, dean and professor emeritus in the College of Forest Resources at Mississippi State University and current vice president of the



Illinois Forestry Association, has been named Outstanding Alumni of the Year by the College

of Agricultural Sciences. Gunter worked in private industry and for the federal government at the U.S.D.A.'s Forest Service.

Jerry Kunkel M.F.A. '68 is an emeritus professor at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he also chaired the fine arts department. Now relocated to Kansas, Kunkel's work has been widely exhibited. Visit www.jerrykunkel.wordpress.com for more about his work.

Kathy Schimpf '68, M.S. Ed. '91, the first and only director of the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center since it opened in 1992, retired last October. The center



serves sexually and physically abused children. Schimpf's accomplishments have been many,

Burris Donates Papers To Special Collections

Roland Burris '59, the first African-American elected to statewide public office in Illinois in 1979 and who ended his political career as a U.S. senator in 2010, has donated his senatorial and other political papers to the Special Collections Research Center in Morris Library.

The papers document two decades in Illinois history and politics, as well as the first two years of the Obama administration. Library officials say the Burris collection "augments a growing body of political papers held in Morris Library that make SIU an important center for the study of Illinois and regional political history."

Among those attending the formal contribution in February were SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng; SIU President **Glenn Poshard '70, M.S. '75, Ph.D. '84**; and **Bill Norwood '59**, the first African-American captain at United Airlines and former member of the SIU Board of Trustees.

David Carlson, dean of library affairs, says, "Senator Burris' length of public service is a testament to the strong relationships he forged throughout his public career. We are pleased he entrusted his papers to Morris Library and are proud to make his papers available to researchers. Serving scholars and Illinois citizens in this way is consistent with our longstanding mission to provide information to the academic community and beyond."



From left, Burlean and Roland Burris talk with Dean of Library Affairs David Carlson at the display in Morris Library.

including twice being named Advocate of the Year.

McLeansboro native and former professional football player and coach **Carl Mauck '69** got some recognition in his hometown with the naming of the local high school's football field in his honor. Mauck excelled in football, basketball, and track at McLeansboro High School and then went on to

play at Southern. After graduating, he played 13 seasons in the National Football League and then spent 24 seasons as an offensive line coach for seven different NFL teams. After volun-



teering on the SIU staff a few years ago, he now spends time as a volunteer coach with the high school team in Argyle, Texas, where he lives.

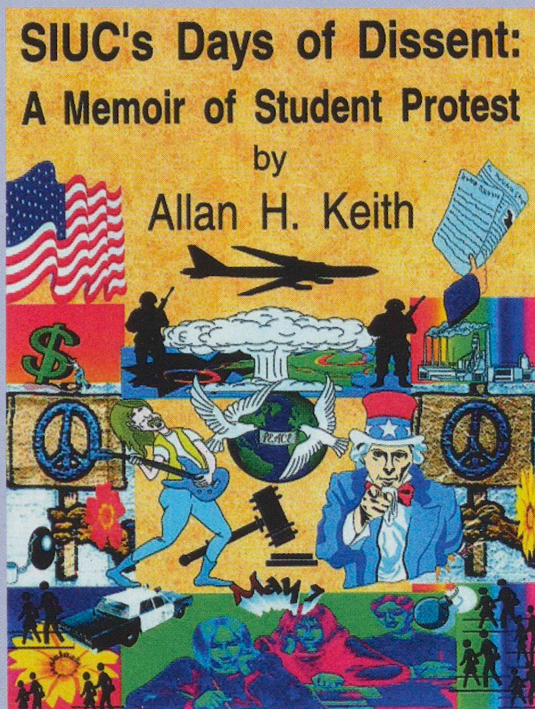
1970s

After two decades of research and collaboration, **Richard Gibson '70** has released a book, *Celebration*

Looking Back At 'Days Of Dissent'

Student unrest and dissent at Southern in the late 1960s and the early 1970s will always be a defining moment to those affected by it. While much has been written about that time, veteran journalist **Allan Keith M.S. '71** offers a different perspective in his 2007 book, *SIUC's Days of Dissent: A Memoir of Student Protest*.

Instead of focusing on the street actions of the protest movement, Keith delves into the workings of student government, the conflicts between liberals and radicals, media coverage, and other neglected angles. The book is available at www.amazon.com.



Allan Keith has written a book about his experiences on Southern Illinois University campus in the turbulent era of the late 1960s and early 1970s.

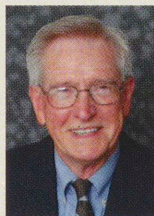
"There's never been anything like the late 1960s and early 1970s on American college campuses before it or after it," Keith says. And he believes that today's students have much more influence on campus than before, which is one of the many reasons the protests occurred.

Much of Keith's experience at the center of the action in Carbondale came about while he was working as a part-time reporter for the *Southern Illinoian*. He now lives in Mattoon and is a freelance journalist who spent 45 years reporting for newspapers in central and southern Illinois.

He's not sure that today's students, who seem less idealistic to him, would turn out by the thousands to protest. "But there's still an encouraging amount of environmental activism among students," he says.

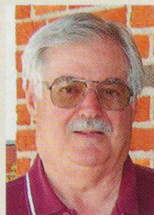
of State Capitols. Gibson collaborated with historians, curators, and archivists from every state for the book. His website is www.capitolcelebrations.com.

Dan Evans M.S. '72, Ph.D. '76, professor of biological sciences and curator of the herbarium, has been selected as Marshall University's 2010-2011



Drinko Academy Fellow. Evans says he plans to use the re-assigned time and graduate-student assistance to produce images of the herbarium collections, particularly the ethnobotany of Ecuador and Nepal.

Bob Livingston '73, M.A. '76, retired in June after more than 30 years as a sports editor and photographer for several daily newspapers. He began his



journalism career in 1978 at his hometown paper, the *Flora Daily News-Record*, and then went to the *Sidney Telegraph* (Neb.) in 1980, and joined the staff at the *Mt. Carmel Daily Republican Register* in 1982, the publication where he finished his career.

Livingston sharpened his skills as a photographer in the military, serving in the U.S. Navy on the USS Leahy for 37 months while handling duties as the ship's photographer.

Bruce DeVantier '75, M.S. '77, SIU associate professor of engineering, has

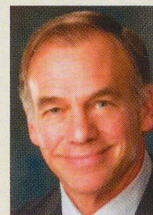


been named a diplomat in water resource engineering by the American Academy of

Water Resources Engineers. The certification recognizes DeVantier for his work in broadening the body of knowledge for practicing engineers. His work concentrates on soil remediation, drinking water quality, numerical modeling, and finite-element modeling.

The governor of Texas has appointed **Jeffrey Baker Ed. Spec. '76, Ph.D. '82** to the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, which regulates the practice of psychology in the state. Baker is professor and chief psychologist for the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Steve Ellis '76 has been appointed the Idaho state director for the Bureau of Land Management. Ellis most recently served as a forest



supervisor with the U.S. Forest Service for the Fremont-Winema National Forest and the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest.

Dennis Jarvis M.A. '76, Ph.D. '78 is the newest member of the executive management team at ZELTIQ, a global medical device company that developed a procedure to selectively reduce exercise-resistant fat bulges. Jarvis, who will serve as chief marketing officer, has a background in both medical devices and consumer marketing.

Cindy Elliott '77, assistant provost for strategic partnerships and dean of distance learning at Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kan., has been the



lead figure in FHSU's foray into mainland China. Elliott

took charge of the effort after moving to Hays in 1998 and the university became the first in the U.S. to offer a bachelor's degree in mainland China. Elliott, a native of Carmi, Ill., is a daughter of the late **Ivan A. Elliott Jr.**, who served on the SIU Board of Trustees for 25 years.

David Eubank '77, a camera assistant on movies and television shows for 33 years, won an engineering plaque for outstanding achievement in engineering development from the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences at the 62nd primetime Emmy Awards in August 2010.

Tom Russo '77, M.S. '79, emergency preparedness director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Region 6 has completed a master's degree in security studies at the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Mary Frauenhoff Ex '79 has been elected state president of the Arkansas Hospital Auxiliary Association, a coalition of all volunteer hospital auxiliaries in the state. She has more than 20 years experience in the field.

Paul McGraw A.A.S. '79, '80, managing director of air-space management at the Air Transport Association in Washington, D.C., is the winner of the ATA's 2010 Nancy Cunningham Award, given for loyalty and dedication to the ATA and its members. McGraw has been with the ATA for almost 25 years.

Jim Ness M.S. '79, Ph.D. '89, former SIU professor of law enforcement, has been appointed dean of the College of Criminal Justice and Security at the University of Phoenix. Ness, an expert in ethics, public policy and criminal justice, will teach criminal justice and general studies courses for the university at its Phoenix campus.

1980s

Cheryl Toles '80 has two of her works of art on exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago as part of its 2011 Black Creativity Exhibit. "Waters Rush In" depicts the power of water, music, and the human spirit. "Flamingo Energy" depicts the power of dance and celebrates Latin culture.

Brad Kleindl '81, M.B.A. '82 has been named dean of the business school at Park University in Parkville, Mo. He was formerly dean of the Robert W. Plaster School of Business



Administration at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin.

Paul Mascitti '81 is the new regional president for Harris Bank in the Hinsdale, Ill., region. His responsibilities include managing, developing, and executing retail banking strategies and services at 14 branches in and around Hinsdale.

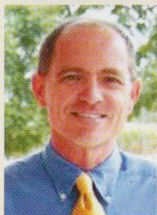
Lynn Andersen Lindberg '82, M.B.A. '84, director of business innovation and research at SIU's Small Business Development Center, is now a certified technology counselor, a title given in recognition of her expertise in five core competency areas: technology transfer and commercialization; research and development funding; intellectual property issues; technology networking/resource identification; and alternative financing (equity).

Glenn Black '83, M. Acc. '84 has been appointed vice president and leader of the company's tax department at Symetra Financial Corp., a diversified financial services company.

Darrel Dexter '84, '86, history teacher, genealogist, and

author, undertook a major task: reading and transcribing every surviving issue of Cairo, Ill., newspapers published between 1841 and 1873. All the transcribed articles are now posted on the Web site of the Genealogy Society of Southern Illinois, to be used free of charge. Dexter, who has published 28 books on history and genealogy, spent about 600 hours on the Cairo newspaper project.

Jeff Cutchin '85 has been promoted to the role of assistant dean of student services at Frontier Community College in Fairfield, Ill. He will be responsible for overseeing stu-



dent services staff, providing student support in the student services area, and will work closely with the dean of the college and the president.

Johnny Miller '86 has been promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the Illinois Army National Guard. He has assumed his duties at the joint force headquarters and will be responsible for overall readiness operation, training, maintenance, and logistical support.

Richard Reznick M.S. Ed. '86, dean of the faculty of health sciences at Queen's University at Kingston, Ontario, Canada, has won the 2010 Karolinska Institute Prize for Research in Medical Education. Reznick received the award for his work in surgical education.

Carlos "Charlie" Garza '88, retired navy chief who is now assistant principal at Horizon High School in El Paso, Texas, has been elected to the Texas State Board of Education. Garza's district comprises more than 1.5 million people in the largest geographical district in the contiguous 48 states.

Henry Wong Ph.D. '89 is director of equal opportunity and diversity programs at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C. He has 30 years of experience working with people with disabilities

Timothy Hood '88, M.S. '91 is the new vice president of academic services at Highland Community College. He has served as professor and administrator at three institutions of higher education and has been an academic vice president for the past three years in the Illinois Community College System.

1990s

Jeni Dees '90 is an actor, director, and producer who has begun teaching for the Geneva (Ill.) Underground Playhouse, a not-for-profit community theater that has begun a new endeavor: a series of classes, workshops, and plays geared toward children and young adults.

Mike Hudson '90 is the new president and CEO of the Bank of Herrin. A banker since 1991, Hudson has been with the bank since 1999 and had worked in Fairview Heights, Cobden, and Marion before joining the Herrin bank.

Larry West '90, M.S. '92 is the new chief financial officer for McHenry County College in Crystal Lake, Ill. He will be responsible for MCC's finances, including budgeting, state reporting, investments, and working cash.

Anthony Moreland '91 has been named vice president-Americas at Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. He will have responsibility for the company's commercial and foreign military sales in his region, along with all related strategic activities.

David Tanner M.P. Ad. '99 has been named director for the Center for the Arts at Albright College in Reading, Pa.



Tanner will be responsible for the coordination and oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Center for the Arts, which houses the art, music, and theater departments and the Freedman Art Gallery. He also coordinates and teaches in the arts administration program.

Daniel Lampe '92 has joined Wells Fargo Advisors LLC, St. Louis major market, as an associate manager. He joined the company (formerly Wachovia Securities) in 2008 and first worked in the national sales group as an advisory consultant.

Rich Backstrom '93 is the founder and CEO of RADAR



Eco-Culinary Consultancy Inc., a restaurant consultant business for southeast Asia, which is based in

Makati, Philippines.

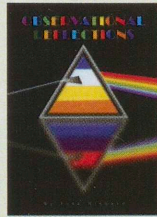
Jenna Miley '93, associate professor of computer science at Bainbridge (Ga.) College, received the 2010 Gold Award in the Chancellor's Customer Service Excellence Awards for the University System of Georgia.

Karrie Redeker '93 is in her fourth year as head coach for women's basketball at Parkland College in Champaign, Ill. Heading into postseason play in 2011, the Lady Cobras have a 23-2 record. Redeker, who was a standout while playing for the SIU women's team, is a fifth-grade teacher at Unity West Elementary School in Tolono.

Neil Schroeder J.D. '93 has won the Prosecutor Award, a new honor awarded by the Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and the Southwestern Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police.

The recognition is given to prosecutors who best display loyalty, dependability, and high moral and ethical standards.

Todd Wiegand '94, a personal financial analyst in Ontario, Calgary, Canada, has compiled a book of his poetry, *Observational Reflections*, published by Xlibris. Wiegand, who served with the U.S. Air Force in medical and aeromedical



evaluation and nursing, says the book is themed with stories of hope: "Even though there are problems, one still has hope."

Erin Higginson '95 is the new account director for



Custom Staffing Services in Evansville, Ind., one of the largest temporary employment services in

the tri-state area.

Sean Lusk '95 is a registered commodity broker at PFG Best in Chicago. He began in the business as a runner on the trading floor during summer breaks from college in 1993 and became a floor broker and member in 2003.

Shelly Brown Dobek '96, M.S. Ed. '98, associate director of Greek life and director of chapter services at North



Carolina State University, received the 2010 Sue Kraft Fussell

Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisers, which recognizes professionalism and achievement in fraternity/sorority advising, as

well as outstanding achievement in various other areas. Dobek also has been named president-elect of the association and will be installed as president in December.

Jason Ervin '96, a C.P.A. and owner of J.C. Ervin and Associates, was elected in February as 28th ward alderman for the 50-member Chicago City Council. Ervin, who was appointed to the post in January, is

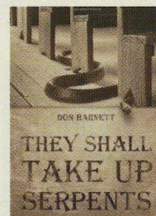


a longtime aide to former alderman Ed Smith and is the former manager of the village of Maywood.

Jason Pargin '97 is senior editor at the leading national humor website www.cracked.com, based in Los Angeles. One of Pargin's personal articles, which will be included in an upcoming compilation book of articles from the site, was titled, "Five Scientific Reasons a Zombie Apocalypse Could Actually Happen" and details the real science behind various cultural phenomena such as movies and video games.

Laurel Tinsley '97 has joined McCormack Baron Salazar as vice president of finance, director of new markets. McCormack is dedicated to rebuilding urban neighborhoods in central cities across the U.S. that have deteriorated through decades of neglect and disinvestment.

Don Barnett '98, M.F.A. '01, an award-winning playwright, song writer and musician, actor and director, adds



novelist to his list of accomplishments with the publication of *They Shall Take Up Serpents*. The novel is based on his Christian

H. Moe Award-winning play, *To Handle the Serpent*. The book is published by Tate Publishing.

Toby Brooks '98, assistant professor of athletic training at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, is the author of a new book, *Season of Change*, which will be published by the



SIU Press. The book concerns a league of baseball players across southern Illinois in

the first half of the 20th century, including a team based in West Frankfort that was affiliated with the St. Louis Cardinals.

Marcy Christiansen-Heepke '98, M.S. '00, founder and owner of Triangle H Farm LLC in Edwardsville, Ill., has been named the 2011 Outstanding



Young Alumni by the College of Agricultural Sciences. She is a riding instructor, horse

trainer, and clinician who has earned the highest safety certification level attainable from the American Riding Instructors Association.

Andy Sabens '99, a Carbondale police officer, and Sam Burns, a corrections officer in Pinckneyville, have opened a new martial arts academy, Arsenal Martial Arts, in Carbondale. It's housed in Sports Blast, just south of University Mall, and offers children and adults classes in striking and ground techniques.

2000s

Jason Licon '00 is the newly hired manager at the Fort Collins/Loveland (Colo.) Municipal Airport. He previous-

ly served for 10 years as manager of Kankakee Valley Airport Authority. He's also an FAA-licensed private pilot.

Innkeepers Brian and **Lynn McCreery '00, M.P.Ad. '06**, proprietors of The Irish Inn, a charming bed and breakfast in Ozark, Ill., have had their establishment named "Most International B&B in North America" by a popular guide. Readers of Pamela Lanier's print and online bed and breakfast directories voted on the distinction and also named The Irish Inn as the "No. 1 place to elope in Illinois" (34 couples did it last year).

Jason Tanner '00, M.S. Ed. '02, Ph.D. '08, a business professor at John A. Logan College, was named the outstanding new career and technical education teacher for 2010 by the Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education.

Robert Peterson '01, M.P.Ad. '07 is the new assistant airport manager at Yakima (Wash.) Air Terminal. He was formerly airport operations/maintenance supervisor at Dayton (Ohio) International Airport and an aviation operations representative for the Denver International Airport.

Greg Goro '02, major account executive for the Tribune Media Group, received a 2010 Achievement Award, the second highest advertising honor awarded companywide.

Argus Tong '02, M.B.A. '04, assistant director of programs and events for alumni relations at California State University-Fullerton, has won a bronze award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District VII. The award, given in the category of "Alumni relations - revenue-generating programs," was for a 2010 wine tasting event.

William Snyder M.F.A. '03 is the new curator of the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene, Texas. While at SIU, Snyder served as

curator of exhibits at the University Museum.

Physician assistant **Kayla Funkhouser '04** joined Horizon Healthcare, an affiliate of Fairfield Memorial Hospital, in February. She joins Horizon with six years of clinical practice.

Rachael Keehn '05, J.D. '10 took over as Carbondale city clerk in February, replacing **Janet Vaught '74, M.S. Ed. '84**, who was the longest-serving city clerk in Carbondale history (since 1979). Vaught and her husband, **Chuck '72, M.B.A. '80**, who worked in the city's finance department, retired this year.

LaToya Locke '05, a senior auditor with Ernst & Young in Chicago, has been chosen as one of the first group of Mary T. Washington Wylie Fellows. The program was developed to increase the number of African



Americans and other underrepresented minorities in the accounting profession by providing educational, professional, and leadership opportunities.

Daniel Booth '06, M.S. Ed. '10, assistant principal at Carbondale Community High School, will take over as principal at the school on July 1. He was previously dean of students and a health teacher. He replaces **Steve Murphy M.S. Ed. '06**, who will transition into the superintendent's slot.

David Goodberg M.S. Ed. '06 has written a book, *Selected*



Shorts and Other Methods of Time Travel, published by Blue World Publications. The painter, photographer, filmmaker, and writer says the book is a collection of "37 illustrated, twisted

science fiction short stories about commercial time travel and the grave misfortune it will bring."

If you're looking for a new way to demonstrate support for the Salukis, **Abraham Bain '07** has an answer. He's invented Dawg Earz — fuzzy, droopy ears attached to either a ball cap or a sock cap — and they're available for purchase at 710 Bookstore. Adult sizes go



for \$29.99, while children's are \$19.99. Bain is currently a student at SIU working on a second bachelor's degree.

Amy Campbell J.D. '08, M.B.A. '10 is an attorney with the law firm of Blake & Allen, P.C., which has offices in Belleville, Collinsville, Edwardsville, and Waterloo, Ill. The firm concentrates in the areas of real estate, business law, estate planning, trusts and estates, divorce, and family matters.

Anthony Souffle '08 is a staff photographer/videographer for the *Standard Examiner* newspaper in Ogden, Utah. Souffle got his first professional assignment as a photographer when he was 15 in his hometown of Collinsville, Ill.

Alyse Cunniff '09, a first-year medical student at the SIU School of Medicine, received the Dr. Eli and Claire Borkon Scholarship at the school, given for financial need. The award is named for Borkon, who began his SIU career as an adjunct professor of physiology and ended it in 1976 as assistant dean and clinical professor at the med school.

Jordan Engelhardt '09 is automotive teacher at Lyons

Township High School in LaGrange, Ill. Engelhardt, who has been with the school since last July, is revamping the program to emphasize more hands-on opportunities for the students.

2010s

A business conceived by SIU students and launched with help from the University's Office of Economic and Regional Development is the only downstate company selected as one of 11 new participants in the Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center's Cap 20 program. Rover Enterprises LLC, a mobile marketing company based in Carbondale and founded in 2009, is the brainchild of **Joshua Freeman '10, Brad Miller '10**, and **Mike Philip**, a current student in information technologies. It offers a unique business discount card aimed primarily at students.

A one-act play written by **Kiri Palm '10** was presented for national honors at the prestigious Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region III Festival at Michigan State University in Lansing. Palm's play, *Unser Zuverlässiges Haus (Our Reliable House)*, tells the story of a young woman and her struggles with a university housing office in an effort to alter her living arrangements.

Nicki Rauffer '10 is a regional sales specialist at AstraZeneca. She was formerly assistant research executive in the client service department at



Millward Brown. During her time at SIU, Rauffer was involved with the campus chapter of the American Marketing Association and held internships at United Airlines, Rockstar Energy Drink, and GlaxoSmithKline.

Belasco Comes Back To Talk To SIU Students

by Bonnie Marx

A 2010 Snickers Super Bowl commercial with Betty White catapulted Bert Belasco '05 into the collective consciousness, but he's now in his second season as one of the stars of "Let's Stay Together," the first original scripted comedy for the BET network.

The goal, Belasco says, is to be an "A-list star, not a celebrity." And it was the journey since graduating SIU that he came to discuss with Southern students last January. "If you're good at the work, the work will be good to you," he told the students.

Belasco, who grew up in Naperville, Ill., came to Southern for the pioneering Achieve Program, which has helped thousands with learning disabilities achieve their goals. But it was the theater department that "became a brand new family to me," he says.

"They let me make my mistakes, fall flat on my face, and pick myself back up. They took care of me."

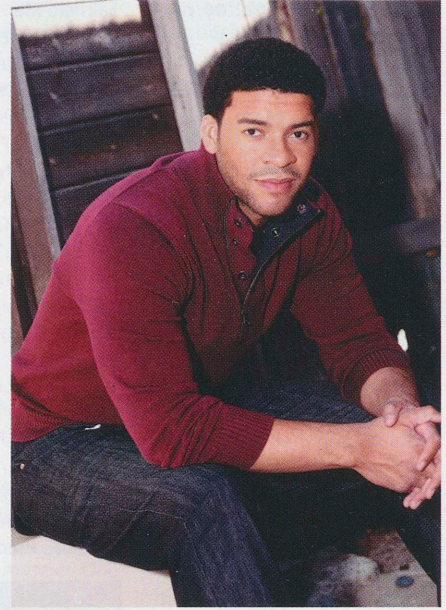
While living and working in Los Angeles for the last six years, Belasco has

faced his share of hardship. There were times he slept in his car and sometimes came up short of funds for food and other necessities. But he told the SIU students that "the work in college is the same work you do out there. That's where the big lessons come in. What you learn in college saves your career out there."

Belasco describes his television series as "traditional sitcom format with a universal theme. It's not about black love or black marriage. It's about finding reasons to stay together." His character, Charles Whitmore, is a contractor engaged to Stacy, and the two find various difficulties on their way to the altar.

The show is produced by Queen Latifah and her Flavor Unit Entertainment production company, and written and produced by Jacquie Edmonds Cofer.

Sometimes parents of aspiring actors worry that their child's ambitions are misguided. That's not so with Belasco. "My dad wouldn't support me in anything else."



Belasco's commercial with Betty White became one of the top TV ads of 2010. To see the video, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=X1Sv_z9jm8A.

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WOODWORTH, Dr. Ralph L., M.A. '81, Ph.D. '83
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HARTMAN, Eric J., '82
1/28/2011, Sidney, Ill.

VINEYARD, Scott E., '82, M.S. '98
3/17/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

BERKHEIMER, Timothy D., '83
5/08/2011, Rockford, Ill.

KELLY, John C., '83
5/08/2010, Glenview, Ill.

ROGERS, Willie E., ex '83
4/19/2011, Waukegan, Ill.

WILLIAMS, Rebecca J., '83
1/01/2011, Indianola, Ill.

McCONVILLE, Theresa M., '84
2/25/2011, Surprise, Ariz.

SUBKA, Paulette L., '84
2/19/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

VAUGHN, David V., '85
2/07/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

ASHLINE, Wesley G., '87
9/16/2010, Olympia, Wash.

COBLE, Gene R., '87
1/27/2011, Alma, Ill.

EMKEN, Lawrence L., '87
2/21/2011, Lockport, Ill.

EPPINGER, Mary L., '87
2/14/2011, Columbia, Ill.

HOWARD, Rev. Jill M., ex '87
5/01/2011, Chicago, Ill.

SCHREIBER, Scott R., J.D. '87
4/10/2010, Las Vegas, Nev.

SEIP, Rebecca L., '87
2/07/2011, Crystal Lake, Ill.

HUMPHREYS, William B., '88
4/30/2011, Urbana, Ill.

PETRAS, George T., '88
10/07/2010, Las Vegas, Nev.

COILEY, Sherri D., '89
1/30/2011, Metropolis, Ill.

STEPP, Dr. Sidney L., Ph.D. '90
3/16/2011, Clinton, Tenn.

YOUNG, Karen A., '90
3/20/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

HUNTER, Rebecca E., M.S. '91
3/17/2011, Antioch, Ill.

McKENNA, CMSgt. Frederick J., '91
4/21/2011, Marietta, Ga.

MOTE, Martha P., J.D. '91
4/13/2011, Springfield, Ill.

STROHMEIER, Kelly J., '91
2/21/2011, Edwardsville, Ill.

BLACK, Dr. Jill M., Ph.D. '92
4/29/2011, Cleveland, Ohio

HAWES, Scott E., '92
2/13/2011, Roscoe, Ill.

LAMB, Donald E., '92
2/19/2011, Ashford, Conn.

WILLIAMS, David W., '93
3/30/2011, Taylorville, Ill.

GUEBERT, Sarah J., '94
4/01/2011, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

BOWERSOCK, John M., '95
10/25/2010, Brandy Station, Va.

SAPINSKI, Russell W., ex '96
8/17/2010, Christopher, Ill.

GANNON, Dr. Bernard A., Ph.D. '97
3/02/2011, Murray, Ky.

KUTKA, Brandon J., '97
4/06/2011, Chicago, Ill.

STIEGMAN, Susan L., '97
4/30/2011, Nashville, Ill.

THOMPSON, Dr. Meda K., Ph.D. '98
3/04/2011, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

HARRISON, Steven L., '01
2/12/2011, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

ELMIR, Carla E., '06
11/04/2010, Chapel Hill, N.C.

HOGUE, James D., '06
3/21/2011, Johnston City, Ill.

POWE JR., Samuel L., '07
2/08/2011, Salem, Ill.

COLLUM, Maya N., '09
1/25/2011, Ava, Ill.

Faculty/Staff

BOWDEN, Billie D., '75
Emeritus Kitchen Laborer
4/08/2011, Borrego Spring, Calif.

CHRISTENSEN SR., Raymond L., M.S.Ed. '65
Biochemistry

4/13/2011, Natchitoches, La.

CLARK, Robert H.
Education & Curriculum

5/07/2011, Pleasant Plains, Ill.

HAVING, Terry L.
Technical/Paraprofessional

Education & Curriculum
4/12/2011, Murphysboro, Ill.

HAYS, Rita R.
Emeritus
Animal Science Food & Nutrition

1/30/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

JENNINGS, Betty J.
Cooks Helper
Brush Towers Food Service

1/28/2011, Marion, Ill.

LINDESEY, James L., ex '50
Emeritus
Security

4/04/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

MOTSINGER, Virgil H., ex '55
Assistant Basketball Coach
Intercollegiate Athletics

3/02/2011, Harrisburg, Ill.

OYATHELEMI, Emmanuel O., M.S.Ed. '10
Emeritus
MEDPREP

4/12/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

RENZAGLIA, Guy A.
Emeritus Director
Touch of Nature

11/04/2010, Mahomet, Ill.

WARREN, Dr. John T., M.S. '97, Ph.D. '01
Associate Professor
Speech & Communication

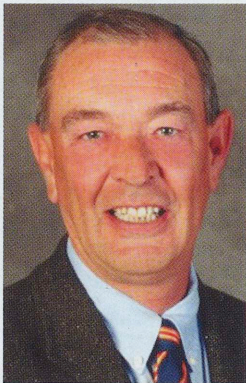
4/02/2011, 2011, Murphysboro, Ill.

YOUNG, Kenneth L., Ph.D. '71
International Services Division

3/27/2011, Blackfoot, Idaho

Gov. Quinn Names SIU's Karnes To IBHE

Gov. Pat Quinn has named Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Allan Karnes to a five-year term on the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The associate dean of the College of Business



Allan Karnes

joined SIU's accounting faculty as an instructor in 1981, became an assistant professor in 1986, earned promotion to associate professor in 1990, and to professor in

1997. He served as director of the School of Accountancy from 1995 to 2005.

For the past 10 years, Karnes has been SIUC's representative to the IBHE's Faculty Advisory Council, which meets monthly to discuss issues and provide input to the IBHE. The council

includes representatives of 12 public institutions, 12 community colleges and 12 private institutions.

Quinn selected Karnes, who earned his law degree from Southern in 1986, from among four nominees submitted by the advisory council.

"Allan is a dedicated member of our faculty. He is highly respected throughout the higher education community for his knowledge of issues and for his passion, particularly when it comes to ensuring student access," SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng says. "He will be an outstanding addition to the IBHE."

Promoting greater discussion about access is high on Karnes' list of priorities.

"In the past, if your parents were typical lower middle class, making enough money to get by, you could get financial aid," he says. "That's not true anymore. We need to look at the financial aid system, because a lot of families just don't have the money to send their children to school. We're missing a great opportunity."

He also is anxious to help shape the debate on performance funding of high-

Carlson Elected To State Library Board

David Carlson, dean of Library Affairs at SIU, recently was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the Illinois Library Association. He says the organization represents the interests and perspectives of libraries.

"In this difficult and challenging economic climate, it is vital to ensure that the needs and interests of libraries have a strong voice of advocacy," Carlson says. "The services that libraries provide are often of greatest need in times of economic stress."

Election to the board is the latest in a long line of awards and accomplishments for Carlson, who came to SIU in 2001. Chosen as the 2010 Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year by the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries (IACRL), a division of the Illinois Library Association, He has also been active in a number of library organizations. ■

er education. That model, which will soon be in place in Illinois, bases state appropriations on outputs – such as course completion and degrees awarded – rather than on enrollments.

"This isn't something to be afraid of, it's an opportunity we all have and it all depends on how the metrics are structured," Karnes notes. "We have to look at each school as a unique place, with a unique student body, so we then can determine how well each school does." ■

Alumni Calendar Of Events

July

- 7-10 Black Alumni Group Reunion
- 9 10th Annual SIU Saluki Family Day, Chicago White Sox vs. Minnesota Twins, 3:10 p.m. (subject to change)
- 30 12th Annual Detroit Area SIU Alumni Picnic – Kensington Metro Park, Brighton, Mich.

August

- 21 34th Annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field, Chicago Cubs vs. the St. Louis Cardinals. Pregame at Cubby Bear Lounge two hours prior to first pitch. Game time TBA.

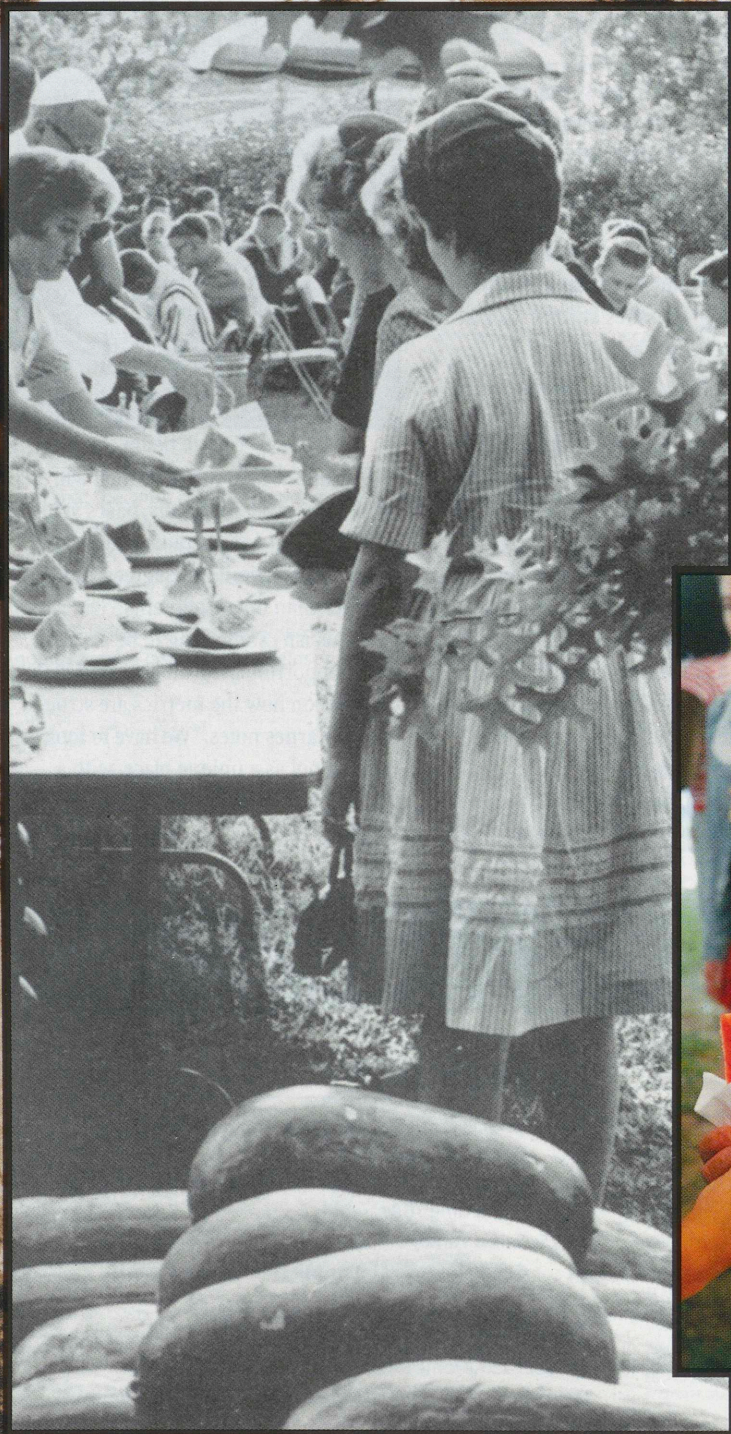
September

- 3 Saluki Football at Southeast Missouri State, Cape Girardeau, Mo., 6 p.m.
- 10 Saluki Football at University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss., game time TBA
- 23-25 Saluki Family Weekend
- 24 **Saluki Football hosts Missouri State, 6 p.m.**

Upcoming Events

- October 15 Homecoming
- October 30 2nd Annual SIU Day with the St. Louis Rams
- December 3 "A Saluki Christmas" in Austin

A Step Back In Time



50 Years Ago...

SIU's "Watermelon Fest" began more than six decades ago when former University President Delyte Morris started the event (shown at left in 1961) to help welcome students at the beginning of a new school year. Last summer, Chancellor Rita Cheng (inset) resurrected this tradition and volunteered to help serve watermelon and cold drinks as she chatted with the new Salukis. Cheng plans to host the event again this year, which is tentatively planned Aug. 21 from 2-4 p.m. at Morris Library.



Philosophy Stays The Same At Arnold's Market

For almost a quarter-century, **Rodney Kroenlein's** world has revolved around a Carbondale institution, Arnold's Market, in business since 1972.

Kroenlein '91 began working at the market in 1987, sandwiching his hours around his student schedule while working on his degree in marketing.

In 1999, Kroenlein became the store's second owner ever, buying it from **Dick '68** and **Roxanne EX '85 Conley**, who had shepherded the store from a fruit stand with a garage door to the unique entity it has become today (with seven additions to the building), specializing in fresh meats and local produce.

Kroenlein, who grew up near Effingham, had some grocery experience before his move to Carbondale. But when he took over Arnold's, he wasn't interested in changing it. "If it's not broke, don't fix it," he says. "I didn't want to change the overall philosophy."

His significant other of four years, Sarah Wilson Kroenlein '04,

M.S. Ed. '07, joined him in the business and a year ago, the two opened Arnie's Sandwiches, which is a quick stroll north from Arnold's Market. The tasty concoctions that once kept noontime customers lining up in the aisles at the market now have their own home.

In its original incarnation, Arnold's was an outlet for the peaches and apples grown at Arnold's Orchards, which was operated by brothers Clyde Arnold '36 and George Arnold '39. Conley says he continued to sell produce from Arnold's Orchards and remembers sometimes dashing over to Clyde's garden from the store to get tomatoes and green peppers for the shelves.

Becoming a life member of the SIU Alumni Association was a natural progression for Rodney. "I love it in Carbondale," he says. "I've grown roots here, so it just seemed to make sense."

"We support the University in many ways," adds Sarah. "SIU is not only our customer base, but it's also our community too."



Sarah and Rodney Kroenlein stand in front of Arnie's Sandwiches, located a short walk north of Arnold's Market.

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