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SOUTHERN ALUMNI

WSIU-TV TURNS 50

STATION STAYS TRUE TO ORIGINAL MISSION OF EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Inside: Southern Exposure, Honor Roll Of Donors, Students Helping Others, and more...
An award named in memory of a former Southern Illinois University Carbondale administrator known for his generosity to international students has been presented for the first time.

Yuan Bingxin, a SIU Carbondale doctoral student from China, is this year's recipient of the Willis Swartz Graduate Student Award. Scholarships will be presented on an annual basis through income generated from the Willis Swartz endowment. Preference is given to international and incoming graduate students.

Bingxin, who is studying chemistry and biochemistry, says the scholarship has special meaning. "It demonstrates that others see me as having potential to impact our society's future, and that my hard work has really paid off. The scholarship is also a great honor for my family, who has supported me from the beginning," she says. "This award is not an ending; it's just the beginning."

The Willis Swartz Graduate Student Award Endowment was established to honor the work of Willis Swartz, who was hired to chair the department of government at SIU Carbondale in 1930. He became the first chairman of the graduate council in 1943, and seven years later, Swartz was named the first dean of SIU Carbondale's Graduate School. Additionally, Swartz, who served the University for 35 years, was chosen to direct foreign student programs at Southern in 1947.

Swartz, who died in 1965, was known for making the transition to college life easier for international students. He was so appreciated that in 1957, a group of 26 Chinese students presented a plaque to Swartz and his wife in grateful appreciation for their help at SIU Carbondale.

A Carbondale couple — Juh Wah Chen, retired dean of SIU Carbondale's College of Engineering, and his wife, Han Lin, who received her master's in science from the University in 1958 — aspired to establish an endowment in honor of Dean Swartz. Han Lin communicated this concept to George and Nora Wang of Laguna Beach, Calif., and David and Isabella Yang of San Louis Obispo, Calif., and received their full support.

The Wangs and Yangs obtained their graduate degrees from the University, with the support of Dean Swartz. Han Lin, along with the Wangs and Yangs, distributed letters to fellow international alumni — mostly Chinese students who attended from 1950-1965 — soliciting contributions and coordinated this effort.

John Koropchak, vice chancellor for research and graduate school dean, says the award appropriately honors a man who cared deeply for students.

"It is wonderful to learn of the great impact that someone like Dr. Swartz had on students' lives. Even after 60 years, he is still fondly remembered," Koropchak says. "Dr. and Mrs. Chen have rejuvenated that expression by reorganizing this alumni group to endow this award and create a vehicle for supporting incoming graduate students for years to come."

From left, Han Lin Chen, Yuan Bingxin and Juh Wah Chen.
The SIU Alumni Association continues its tradition of working with our colleagues and constituents across the globe in support of SIU. A part of this support is financial, and some examples for 2011 are:

- Department of Admissions:
  - Sponsor of the legacy family events
  - Identifying alumni to assist with recruitment
- Saluki Interactive.com (see page 21)
  - Opportunity for alumni and friends to volunteer for SIU and show their support
- FREE Kaplan practice exams for Association members (annually)
- Hosted pregame event at the SIU at Ole Miss Football game in Oxford, Miss., and again provided complimentary tailgates at all home games
- Extern Program, various locations across the nation
- $1,000 awards to each undergraduate college to assist with recruitment and retention
- $25,000 in textbook awards to 47 students
- Matching Association Chapter Scholarships to benefit future Salukis

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Thank you for supporting Southern!

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

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FEATURES

Staying True To Its Mission
In 1951, the University created the SIU Broadcasting Service. The goal was to extend the institution's message into surrounding communities while providing educational and cultural programming. More than 50 years later, the technology has changed dramatically, but the station's mission has remained much the same.

Keeping Faulkner's Memory Alive
As curator of Nobel-prize winning author William Faulkner's secluded 33-acre estate on the University of Mississippi campus, SIU graduate Bill Griffith tries to make visitors feel like they have just taken a step back in time. Griffith, who honed his skills in Carbondale by working at the SIU Museum as a student, says he has always tried to "capture the spirit and quaintness of the place."

Honoring A Legend
SIU Athletics recently honored former women's head basketball coach Cindy Scott by naming the team's locker room in the Boydston Center after her. The program's winningest coach returned to Carbondale to join players, coaches, administrators, and supporters to help celebrate the occasion. "Cindy's accomplishments speak for themselves," says former Associate Athletics Director Charlotte West. "It is really a no-brainer that her name belongs on this locker room."

The House That Students Built
What was then called the University Center opened on an unseasonably sweltering June day in 1961 to the acclaim of state dignitaries and SIU President Delyte Morris. A half century later the SIU Student Center remains a focal point for thousands of students on campus. Its purpose and programming was largely designed by students, and they helped foot the bill for the $4.6 million structure.
It's been more than six years since a 56-year-old Saluki with two bad knees decided to take a unique approach to making a difference in the world around him.

In 2005, Bill Holden '72 began an epic walk of more than 2,100 miles from his home in Arizona to Chicago's Wrigley Field. Once a teacher on an Indian reservation, he had seen firsthand how juvenile diabetes was ravaging that population's young people. A lifetime Cubs fan, he also had been inspired to assist the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation that summer.

The film chronicled the life and tribulations of Cubs announcer Ron Santo, who had lost both legs to the disease.

Holden, who was featured on the September 2005 cover of Southern Alumni magazine, admits he was sure what to expect when he took off on his cross country walk. "I hoped to raise meaningful money for the organization and had predicted I would somehow find a way to get a quarter of a million dollars," he recalls, "but really I had no idea what the outcome would be. I'm sure many people thought I was nuts."

As he walked across America, his solitary expedition began to be covered by more and more media outlets. When ESPN latched onto the story and ran a feature on television and in its print publications, Holden's trek went national and donations began to pour in for the likeable Saluki. (Wayne Dreh's fine story on ESPN.com is still available at sports.espn.go.com/espn/page2/story?story=drehs/050606&num=0).

Holden would finish his 172-day journey on July 1, slowly lurching across the outfield to the mound at Wrigley Field where Santo was waiting for him. The unlikely pair - one with no cartilage and the other with two prosthetic legs - embraced and broke into tears as a sold-out crowd cheered loudly and the check presentation began near home plate.

Relying on countless ibuprofens, two bad knees, and the heart of a champion, the Southern graduate had pulled off something amazing: the check turned over to JDRF that day was for $250,000! I was proud to be on the field that day with former SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger '70, as it was an experience neither of us will ever forget.

Now 62 years old and retired in Prescott, Ariz., Holden lives close to his children and enjoys being a doting grandfather. "Wild Bill" is about 30 pounds lighter than when he made his walk, rides a bicycle to keep his now rebuilt knees in shape, and probably no longer requires the nickname.

"Raising money that summer was something I will always be proud of," he says, "and I think the experience really mellowed me out. I saw the best in the American people; it sort of changed me."

Something that will never change, however, is Holden's love for Southern. Recently back on campus, he became emotional when he talked about his alma mater.

"If it wasn't for Southern Illinois University, I don't know what I would have done," he says. "A lot of people go to school, put their four or five years in, and go on with their lives. SIU somehow doesn't seem to get in their blood."

"Not me - SIU is in my blood and is a special place I will always love."

Holden will also always cherish his beloved Cubs. Growing up in Elgin, Ill., the team remains dear to him - despite not having won a World Series championship since 1908. The 1972 SIU grad is nonetheless optimistic, hinting that divine intervention on his Judgment Day might just help the team break the long dry spell.

"Hey, I'll be headed toward the Pearly Gates eventually, only Saint Peter won't be there to greet me," Holden mused to a reporter in 2005. "It'll be God instead, and he'll be wearing a greasy Cubs hat, chomping on a RoI Tan cigar, and holding a transistor radio up to his ear. He'll see me coming and say, 'Come on in, kid - we've got a rally going on.'"

As we began to plan this issue of Southern Alumni, it was amazing how many campus initiatives were tied to 2011 as an anniversary year. Our cover story on WSIU celebrates the 50th year celebration of that television enterprise, and we take a historic look back at a half century of service at the SIU Student Center. Other places at the University, such as The Center for Dewey Studies (50 years) and SIU's Dental Hygiene Program (50 years) point to 2011 as a special time to commemorate the past and plan for the future.

This magazine also introduces a new writer on our staff, although many have seen her work over the years at The Southern Illinoisan. Marleen Shepherd '02 has a strong writing background for various newspapers and magazines, as well as producing promotional materials for local companies and non-profit organizations. The Carbondale native replaces Bonnie Marx '77, who recently retired.

I will miss my daily interaction with Bonnie, a consummate professional who made our communications team stronger. Her institutional knowledge and willingness to help whenever needed made her invaluable. Marleen possesses those same attributes, however, and has immediately stepped in and made an impact. You can read more about her on page 76.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the magazine, which is being sent to all alumni of record with our compliments. Best wishes to Saluki alumni and friends during this holiday season!
Finds Himself On The Cover

I wanted to thank you for placing a picture of me and my family on the cover of the September issue of Southern Alumni magazine as part of the collage helping illustrate the history of Homecoming at SIU. I am in the lower right corner wearing a white shirt, with a date and my Mother and Father watching the Homecoming Parade. I also enjoyed the photo of Dick Gregory, as he was a house fellow who stayed with me in Barracks Number Five.

Southern was great for me. Thanks for the memories.  

Paul Morris '55  
Life Member  
Benton, Ky.

More Cover Excitement ...

My husband, Kevin, and I were so excited to see one of our Saluki dogs (Sultan, AKA Sully) on the cover of the most recent issue of Southern Alumni magazine. This, and featuring Durango (who passed away recently but appeared on the Association's "Once a Saluki, Always a Saluki" card) has meant more than words can describe. Thank you!

Sara Roth '74, M.S. '84, Ph. D. '91  
Life Member  
Carbondale, III.

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Study Details University’s Widespread Economic Impact

by Tom Woolf

$2.3 billion. That’s how much Southern Illinois University Carbondale contributes in economic activity annually to the Illinois economy, according to a study recently released by the University.

Authors of “The Economic Impact of Southern Illinois University Carbondale in the Region and the State of Illinois” are Subhash Sharma, professor and chair of the Department of Economics; Aboubacar Diaby, a graduate student in the economics department; and Kyle Harfst, executive director of the Southern Illinois Research Park. The last study of the University’s economic impact was 18 years ago.

“The authors have created a reliable and incredibly valuable resource, and I appreciate the amount of work that went into this study,” Chancellor Rita Cheng says, noting that many people across the Carbondale campus and at the School of Medicine in Springfield provided key data and information. “It documents the significant and lasting contributions that our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and retirees make not only in southern and central Illinois, but throughout the state.”

The study examines the University’s annual, short-term, long-term, and overall impact on the Illinois economy. It also estimates the annual impact in 23 counties in southern Illinois and nine counties in central Illinois, for the period July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.


SIUC’s annual or short-term contributions to the state and regional economies reflect employees’ spending, students’ spending, University purchases and operating expenses, capital/permanent improvement projects, research grants, and the impact of visitors to the region.

Among short-term impacts:
• Both directly and indirectly, Southern supports nearly 24,000 jobs in the state and nearly $1.2 billion in personal income (a component of the state output).
• For every $1 appropriated by the state to the University, it generates roughly $7.72 of economic activity annually in Illinois.
• For every $1 appropriated by the state to the University, 41 cents is returned to the state and local governments in annual tax revenues.

Long-term contributions reflect Southern graduates who work in Illinois and contribute to the state economy for the next 40 years of their work life. The authors note that a doctoral degree will gain $2.9 million more than a high school degree over a typical 40 years of work life. For professional, master’s and bachelor’s degrees, the incremental gains are $4.3 million, $1.95 million, and $1.2 million, respectively.

Long-term impacts include:
• SIUC contributes approximately $8.14 billion in increased expected work life earnings for its graduates each year. Because 50 percent of the graduates remain in Illinois,
$4.07 billion is circulated in the state's economy.
- That $4.07 billion in impact creates an additional $7.4 billion in economic activity in the state, meaning each year's University graduates create about $11.4 billion in economic activity (in 2010 dollar value) in the long run.
- Each $1 appropriated by the state to the University generates approximately $38.60 of economic activity in the long run in the state.
- Fiscal year 2010 graduates will pay at least $458.8 million in state and local taxes (in 2010 dollar value) in their work lives. When compared to the $296.2 million state appropriation to Southern in fiscal 2010, there is a net gain of $162.6 million to the state.

And, overall impacts include:
- Ultimately (in the long-and short-run), each $1 appropriated by the state to SIUC will return $.82 in the form of state and local taxes, and will generate $.46 of economic activity in the state.
- Of nearly 210,000 alumni in the U.S., at least 104,600 live in Illinois, including 44,752 living in southern and central Illinois, and 37,000 living in the 23-county region of southern Illinois. Also, 2,436 SIUC annuitants live in Illinois. Our alumni and annuitants annually contribute $17.4 billion in economic activity in the state, and generate directly and indirectly $1.1 billion in state and local taxes. Their contribution is in addition to the short- and long-term contributions.

In terms of the impact on the economy of southern and central Illinois, SIUC's activities contribute approximately $1.4 billion, 17,707 jobs (directly and indirectly) and nearly $838 million in personal income to the economy of the 32 counties.

In southern Illinois, the University contributes $859 million of total economic activity, directly and indirectly supporting 12,402 jobs, and generates approximately $551.5 million in personal income.

During fiscal year 2010, the School of Medicine in Springfield contributed nearly $332 million in total economic activities in a 10-county region. A total of 3,801 jobs (direct, indirect and induced) were created as a result of the School of Medicine (SOM), and its activities generated $14.5 million in direct and indirect taxes to the state.

As a research institution, SIUC attracts significant external funding. During the last five years (fiscal years 2006-2010), the University generated $357.5 million in research grants. In terms of 2010 dollars, the report reveals that the research grants generated $1.12 billion in the 32 counties of central and southern Illinois, and directly and indirectly supported 8,550 jobs and $548 million in personal income.

In addition, during the five-year period, these grant activities also generated $41.7 million in direct and indirect state and local taxes.

The authors also point out that the University provides extensive community service to the region and the state in the areas of economic development, health and social services, and culture and volunteerism.

In fiscal 2010, SIUC's Office of Economic and Regional Development assisted 51 businesses in southern Illinois to start and expand; in terms of volunteer contributions, more than 3,600 students provided 50,965 hours of service to nonprofit agencies.

Additionally, the SOM provides a significant amount of community service through specialty and primary care at 100 outreach sites in nearly 50 communities. The school also offers public education programs at various locations concerning a variety of illnesses and injuries.

The report states that "the most important impact of SIUC, which cannot be quantified, is the effect on the community through social and voluntary services provided by University and SOM employees and students, and graduates overall being responsible citizens."

### On The Side

**SIU Welcomes Inaugural Group Of First Scholars**

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Saluki First Year, in partnership with the Suder Foundation, recently introduced the inaugural group of First Scholars.

First Scholars at SIU represent a whole new future, not only in the general sense of college students taking their first steps toward careers and civic leadership, but also more specifically as first-generation college students whose parents have never attended college.

This year, 19 freshmen are participating in the First Scholars Program at the University. Eligible students must also be full-time, first-time freshmen with a solid academic record and demonstrated financial need. Other requirements include maintaining an acceptable grade point average and active participation in program events and activities.

The scholarship is available to Illinois residents, or to those residents of neighboring states to which the University extends an in-state tuition rate: Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, and Tennessee.

First Scholars receive a $5,000 scholarship, renewable for up to four years. First Scholars is more than just a scholarship. It is also a mentoring program meant to address the challenges particular to a first-generation college student, and to foster leadership qualities with the pay-it-forward component of the program.

Students in the program will maintain eligibility in part through volunteer activities, particularly perhaps someday serving as mentors in the program. This first-ever group of First Scholars at SIU Carbondale is:

(By hometown – all from Illinois)

**Blue Island:** Victoria Manna

**Calumet City:** Taylor Townsend

**Chester:** Britney Schroeder

**Chicago:** Alexus Travis

**Chicago Heights:** Alejandra Espanza

**Chrisman:** Amanda Ingram

**Cutler:** Amie Conway

**Dolton:** Asurca Rodriguez

**Dolton:** Aaron Mueller

**Grayslake:** Damian Zieminski

**Gurnee:** Kaitlyn Griffin

**Inglewood:** Cody Hepner

**Joliet:** Taylor Craig

**Manito:** Sarah Lohman

**Mineral:** Amber Blackert

**Norridge:** Nicole Kniotek

**Rockford:** Ryan Fernandes

**St. Joseph:** Cody Dees

**Vandalia:** Cameron Keppler
Dear Fellow Salukis:

One of the highlights of the fall semester has been the release of a study about the significant economic impact of SIU Carbondale on the state of Illinois, as well as the central and southern regions. I strongly encourage you to read the detailed study, which notes that of nearly 210,000 alumni in the U.S., at least 104,600 live in Illinois. In addition, 2,436 annuitants live in the state.

Our alumni and annuitants contribute annually $17.4 billion to economic activity in Illinois and they also generate directly and indirectly, $1.1 billion in state and local taxes. This issue of the magazine includes a story on the study, which is available on my website at [http://www.chancellor.siuc.edu/reports/Economic-Impact.pdf](http://www.chancellor.siuc.edu/reports/Economic-Impact.pdf).

Also in this issue, which goes to more than 200,000 alumni of record, is the Honor Roll of Donors. We are extremely grateful to the individuals, organizations, and businesses listed on the Honor Roll, as well as to all of you who support our students in so many ways. Your financial contributions, as well as internships, externships, mentoring and other forms of support, are critical to the success of those who have followed in your footsteps.

We have many achievements to celebrate. Here are just a few highlights:

- We made a significant jump in *U.S. News and World Report*’s annual Best Colleges 2012 rankings. In the “Best National Universities,” we moved up from 183 a year ago to 170 this year. That list includes only 251 institutions. In fact, no other Illinois institution made as much of a jump as we did. Among all public institutions, we ranked 94th.

- We are very excited about a new five year, National Science Foundation-funded program focused on middle school students’ science education. The College of Science, along with the College of Education and Human Services, are leading the $3.25 million effort, which also involves area school districts, Shawnee Community College and the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale. The program will help train 20 master teacher fellows to provide a comprehensive science education to boys and girls in fourth through eighth grades in rural areas throughout southern Illinois.

- At the request of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, faculty in the College of Agricultural Sciences are participating in a program called ADAPT – Agricultural Development for Afghanistan Pre-Deployment Training. We are one of four universities participating in training at Cal State-Fresno, but our faculty members are the only ones with experience in Afghanistan. They are helping to train members of the military and civilians who are preparing to deploy to work specifically in agricultural development. This important work, which even includes training Navy SEALS and members of the Special Forces, will go on into 2013.

- The reigning national champion Flying Salukis earned the chance to defend their title by winning the regional championship earlier this fall at Middle Tennessee State University. This is the 42nd time in 43 years the Flying Salukis have qualified for the national competition.

- Congratulations also are in order for Jan Thompson, associate professor of radio-television, and the student staff of the alternative TV news magazine “alt.news 26:46.” Professor Thompson earned an Emmy for her documentary “The Tragedy of Bataan” from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Mid-America Regional Chapter. The student-produced TV news magazine also earned the Emmy in the specialty program category. I might add that an updated version of Professor Thompson’s documentary has been airing nationally on PBS stations this fall, narrated by actor Alec Baldwin.

- Our commitment to providing outstanding educational opportunities to student military veterans and active-duty personnel continues to earn national recognition. G.I. Jobs magazine named SIU Carbondale as a “Military Friendly School for 2011.” The list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the nation. This is the third consecutive year the University received the honor.

I’m sure many of you were aware of the labor situation that unfolded on the campus earlier this semester. While emotions ran high at times, we’re pleased to have the contracts with all of the unions resolved. I appreciate the commitment of our talented faculty and staff to moving the University forward.

Our priority remains student success, and all of you, our dedicated alumni, play a key role in that effort. Thank you for your continuing support of our students and our University. Happy holidays and best wishes in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Rita Cheng
Chancellor
Center For Dewey Studies Turns 50

It doesn't look like the hub of international research. It looks like a modest house on a residential street near a university. The Center for Dewey Studies at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, located at 807 S. Oakland St. on property adjacent to the main campus, celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Larry Hickman, director of the Center for Dewey Studies, says, "SIU Carbondale has considerable representation worldwide through the Dewey centers. Everywhere we go, when we talk about Dewey, we talk about education, democracy, and of course we talk about the University."

But who was John Dewey and why do we have a center to study him? The thumbnail answer is that Dewey (1859-1952) was an American philosopher, educational reformer and proponent of democracy as a homegrown movement rather than an exportable one. SIU has a center dedicated to the study of his life and works because former University President Delyte Morris acquired the majority of Dewey materials for the University, beating out such other hopefuls as Columbia University.

Besides publishing and making available electronically Dewey's works, the SIU Carbondale Center for Dewey Studies helps establish sister centers for Dewey Studies at universities around the world. Right now there are sister centers in Germany, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Japan, Turkey and China. The SIU Carbondale center partners with these sister centers for conferences and other scholarly forums for discussion and investigation of Dewey's works and ideas, but also partners with some of the centers for other activities, such as, in the case of the Chinese center, translating and publishing.

Hickman salutes the late Jo Ann Boydston, his predecessor and director of the center for more than half of its 50 years. He says her accomplishments extended beyond the publishing of Dewey's "Collected Works" (37 volumes). "Jo Ann was one of the first women to undertake an editorial project of this scope," he notes. "She broke a lot of boundaries."

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WSIU-TV CELEBRATES A HALF CENTURY OF SERVICE

SIU students are shown on a field shoot in the 1960s while filming a segment of "Spotlight On Southern Illinois." Hands-on experience has always been a hallmark of the radio-television program at Southern.
This WSIU-TV test slide from decades ago soon became a recognizable symbol for southern Illinois television viewers.

STATION STAYS TRUE TO ORIGINAL MISSION OF EDUCATION AND OUTREACH TO REGION

BY GENE GREEN

In 1951, Southern Illinois University President Delyte Morris and Radio-Television Professor Buren Robbins created the SIU Broadcasting Service. Their goal was to extend the University's message into surrounding communities while providing educational and cultural programming.

A decade later, that dream was about to become reality, as WSIU-TV was set to debut live on Nov. 6, 1961. There was great anticipation, and no one watched the process closer than Morris. He saw this project as yet another piece of the puzzle that would help transform a small teachers college into a major research university.

For days the fledgling staff at WSIU practiced for the launch, but when the signal went live and the first identification slide was aired, the station logo had been inserted upside down! It was an inauspicious way to usher in what is now a half-century of service to the region.

Gene Dybvig, the first program director, soon received a call at the station, which was then located in Quigley Hall. Dybvig, who passed away in 2010 at the age of 88, recently recounted the brief conversation: “Yes boss … we know,” he said. “Yes boss. It will be fixed immediately.”

It was a frantic call from Morris, who appeared to truly be the station's first viewer. Despite the rough start, the legendary SIU president would no doubt be proud to know that regardless of technological advances he could have never imagined, WSIU's educational mission has never wavered since that first moment on the air.

THE EARLY YEARS

As with many endeavors during his time as president, Morris showed great vision for a local television station at SIU. To him it was all about providing educational services, and outreach, as well as bringing unique cultural opportunities to people in the region.

According to WSIU archives, SIU Broadcasting Service began in 1958 broadcasting 45 hours of educational radio programming on WSRV (the call letters were changed to WSIU in 1960) from a cement-block Quonset hut on campus that at one time had been a chicken hatchery, a battery repair station, and a tire repair shop.

Robbins also forged partnerships with southern Illinois K-12 educators to create the Southern Illinois Instructional Television Association (SIITA), setting the stage for WSIU to become an educational resource for the region.

“Back then we produced mostly educational programs with a few general interest programs - interviews with artists, writers, people of note who came to the University,” retired WSIU-TV Art Director Myers Walker M.F.A. '71 noted in an interview in the Southern Illinoisan.

“No one was really trained in television the way they are now,” says Walker, who arrived at WSIU in 1963. “Most came from some other discipline, and everyone that worked there was there because it was something they wanted to do.”
Camera equipment was obviously much larger and cumbersome for students to maneuver in the station's early years.

Production tools were also fairly primitive back in the day, he says. “When we first started, artwork was actually artwork. I remember we made a background crawl for the opening credits, stapled it together into a long sheet, and pulled it horizontally to give some action to the credits.”

These and other ways of making the station function must have been amazing to watch a half century ago, says SIU Broadcasting Services Producer Jak Tichenor ’79, M.A. ’89. “It was a live-to-tape process, so if something happened you had to start all over again,” Tichenor says with a grin. “Pioneers from those early days talk about the frustration of almost being done with a long project only to have a train go by Quigley loudly blowing its horn. When that happened, it was back to the beginning.”

For Robbins, who founded SIU Broadcasting Service and the radio-television department, seeing the division...
take shape was a special time in his life.

"I saw everything become a reality," said Robbins, who passed away in 1997. "The radio station became a reality, and the department developed from 10 or 15 kids who had a dream to accomplish something in a professional way to a department that had more than 600 students. It was thrilling to be there."

**GROWING PAINS**

Over the years WSIU has changed and progressed to meet the needs of its viewers. It is a process that continues to evolve, says current SIU Public Broadcasting Executive Director Greg Petrowich '91.

"The way we serve our audience now is a completely different game than how it was 50 years ago," he says. "Technology has changed everything, including how we train our students.

"Two or three decades ago a student employee might decide to learn to be a really great camera operator, and would absolutely master that piece of equipment. Now no one just shoots a camera -- they also edit, write, and learn every aspect of the business. The technology changes so quickly that they have to constantly be dabbling in everything to stay current in the field."

Student employees have always been a key part of the WSIU team, and their involvement has grown even more crucial during the last 50 years. In 1962, there were only 50 students in the radio-television program. Today, more than 100 students hold positions in the broadcasting services area, where they gain a hands-on education often not available at other institutions. Enrollment in the college is on the rise.

"Part of the plan at SIU has always been to allow students to have hands-on opportunities behind and in front of the camera," Petrowich notes. "Many schools teach them about such things, but do not place them in key roles while they are students.

"We constantly hear in the business world that employers are excited when

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**THE FACE' OF WSIU**

Countless individuals have helped make WSIU-TV a success during the past 50 years, but few would disagree that for almost two decades the actual "face" of the station was Erv Coppi.

Already a popular radio personality, the Royalton, Ill., native eventually became the station's versatile host of everything from parades, festivals, pledge drives, and wildly popular movie nights.

Coppi, now 85 years old, forged a strong career in radio at stations in West Frankfort, Marion, and Herrin. Perhaps best known for the WGGH's big band program "The Egyptian Ballroom," he was eventually recruited to SIU in 1969.

"Erv came to work in the Office of the President in a public relations capacity," recalls Jak Tichenor. "People like Pete Brown and J.C. Garavalia '56 thought he would be a great fit, and he initially helped produce slide shows and programs for the University," Coppi's natural skills in this area caught the attention of WSIU officials, who asked if he would be interested in coming to the station full time. The rest is history. For more than two decades he became the person most viewers associated with the station.

"It was almost embarrassing," he says with a smile. "WSIU once sent out a survey, and one of the questions was 'Who owns WSIU?' About nine out of every 10 who responded answered that Erv Coppi owned the station."

Coppi, who went to Southern for a year before going into the Army, became a perfect host for virtually anything the station served up. A self-proclaimed ham that grew up wanting to be an actor, his vast knowledge of motion pictures paid dividends at WSIU.

"I wasn't much of an athlete growing up," he notes, "but I loved the movies. While all of my friends were talking about baseball statistics, I countered with names of directors and actors."

When the station manager came to Coppi and asked him to host various genres of movies, he jumped at the chance. The result became a must-see Friday night phenomenon for almost anyone who grew up in southern Illinois three decades ago.

"You have to remember that this was long before cable, satellite television, or VCRs," Tichenor points out. "The viewer's choice of programming was quite limited, and Erv found a real niche in this area."

Offerings such as "Movie Theatre Horror Night" and "Comedy Classics" introduced a new generation to silver screen legends like Boris Karloff and W.C. Fields. Each episode began with a classy lead-in and film synopsis from Coppi.

Many area residents and students tell him they used to plan Friday nights around the telecast, knowing it would be a rare chance to see such films, introduced each time with the words: "Hi - I'm Erv Coppi."

"People seemed to connect with him no matter what he was doing," Tichenor says of Coppi, who retired in 1993. "He really did become an icon to a generation of viewers, and we still get asked about him all the time."

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Gene Green

WSIU's Jak Tichenor (left), interviews Coppi for a special feature highlighting the station's 50th anniversary.
someone with an SIU Radio-Television degree applies for a job. That basically means they don’t have to train them – our graduate is ready to work on the first day.”

MEETING NEEDS
As state and federal support has diminished through the years, underwriting from businesses, individuals, and the support from loyal viewers has become even more important for sustaining WSIU’s programming.

“We know that people give at different times in their lives and are motivated to do so for many reasons,” Petrowich says. “Anytime we can get feedback from our audience we try and take a sincere look at what they are telling us and see if we have the funding to provide the programming they want.

“The fascinating thing about that is we meet needs in people’s lives in a quite diverse way, especially on the television side. When you have young kids at home, you might really value the children’s programs and support that. Later on you might simply be interested in things that are going to make your life better in the years ahead.”

No matter how the enterprise is supported, WSIU officials know part of the success is tied to a legacy and tradition forged years before current employees were at the University.

“I do really think we have held true to the original educational mission set up by Morris and Robbins,” says Monica Tichenor ’88, public information and promotions coordinator for WSIU Public Broadcasting. “The way we go about things has changed thanks to technology, but we’ve never really veered far from goals spelled out in the early days of WSIU.

“Everything we do is about improving the quality of life for the people we serve,” she says. “We are all proud of that.”

WSIU TIMELINE

1954 – SIU Broadcasting Service founded by Buren Robbins and SIU President Delyte Morris.

1957 – FCC makes Channel 8 available to the station.


1960 – Construction begins for a television transmitter.

1961 – Southern Illinois Instructional Television Association is formed in March. WSIU-TV 8 signs on the air in November.

1962 – There are 50 students enrolled in radio-television at SIU.


1969 – PBS is launched; “Sesame Street” is added to the lineup.
GRANT TO BENEFIT WSIU-TV PRODUCTION

Over the past seven years, WSIU-TV Master Control has been transformed from a manual analog system into a fully-automated, state-of-the-art, server-based facility that controls the operation of three digital television stations around the clock. Next on the station’s agenda is a digital overhaul of its TV production unit, which will begin in 2012 thanks to a $749,000 Public Television Digital Transition Grant from the Rural Utilities Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

“This grant is critical to WSIU’s future,” Petrowich says. “With so many citizens watching us for free, over-the-air, we must maintain the highest quality in our digital signal.”

The funds will enable WSIU to replace failing analog equipment in its television production facilities with new digital studio cameras and lenses, camera pedestals, teleprompters, and camera control units. New digital switching, routing, and monitoring equipment complete the upgrade.

Providing locally relevant programming to the region is a critical component of WSIU’s public service mission, which is why it devotes more than 190 hours per year to local productions, including Scholastic Hi-Q, the River Region Evening Edition, alt.news 26:46, election programming, and the weekly public affairs magazine series WSIU InFocus. Updating the TV production area will ensure that WSIU can produce local programming that meets today’s technical standards, which in turn will improve overall quality.

“Throughout rural southern Illinois, our viewers depend on WSIU for programs that address issues of local importance,” Petrowich says. “This long-overdue modernization of our television production facilities will enable us to continue to produce locally relevant content that meets the needs of the communities we serve.”

An added benefit of the digital renovation is the opportunity for students in the SIU College of Mass Communication and Media Arts to gain professional experience with cutting-edge equipment they will likely be using in their careers after graduation.

“We’re thrilled to receive this USDA grant,” says Gary Kolb, dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts. “It allows us to introduce truly state-of-the-art equipment into our production workflow at WSIU, which will benefit the stations, faculty, staff, and students. WSIU continues to be an integral part of our academic programs in the College and what benefits them directly impacts the education we deliver in our classrooms, as well as our research projects.”

WSIU Public Broadcasting Executive Director Greg Petrowich (left) looks on as student Blake Bledsoe monitors the on-air signal in TV Master Control, which is now a fully-automated digital facility. WSIU is now planning a digital overhaul of TV production using funds from a USDA grant.

1971 – Local program “Outdoors With Art Reid” debuts nationally.
1974 – WSIU holds first pledge drive.
1978 – PBS satellite service begins.
1983 – Local children’s program “Jo Jo and Joyce” debuts.
1985 – The local high school program “Scholastic HQ” debuts.
1986 – Comedian Mark Russell is special guest for WSIU’s 25th anniversary celebration.
1991 – WSIU celebrates 30-year anniversary with visit from Bob Keeshan (Captain Kangaroo)
1993 – WUSI-FM signs on the air.
1994 – WSIU hosts first PBS “Ready To Learn” workshop.
1996 – WSIU produces “A Date With the Duchess,” honoring journalist Virginia Marmaduke.
2000 – “alt.news 26:46” wins first national student Emmy Award.
2004 – WSIU-produced “The Legend of Charlie Birger,” aired the previous year, wins several awards.
2008 – WSIU launches high-definition television and FM radio channels.
2009 – The station’s analog transmission ceases, switching to digital-only broadcast and converts the TV Master Control to digital.
2011 – A half century of service to the University, community, and region is celebrated.
He Always Wanted To Own A Bar Named 'Saluki'

by Greg Scott

While sitting in his Saluki Bar and Grill in Chicago, **Fred Chamanara '72** appears to be a man very much in his element. He says he enjoyed the nightlife establishments during his undergraduate years in the Land of Egypt, and when he returned to Chicago, his goal was to establish a business of his own.

"SIU is always in my heart, and it was probably the best time of my life. Actually, I thought about staying there after graduation," he says. "But there wasn't much opportunity in Carbondale and I always wanted to own a bar in Chicago. I have just always liked being with the people."

Chamanara initially engaged in the pinball and video game business. The Persian-born SIU graduate, who moved to the United States when he was 19, sold his company in 1980, and joined a friend in opening up his first restaurant, Bijan's Bistro, on State Street.

While the neighborhood wasn't yet thriving in the early 1980s, his vision has paid off.

"This Chicago location was on the north side of Rush Street and I figured it was a matter of time," he says. "Sure enough, all of these high-end restaurants opened in the area. The neighborhood turned around and Bijan was a success."

Additionally, Fred, who refers to himself as a "late-night person," received a license allowing Bijan to serve food every day until 4 a.m.

"Within 10 years, Bijan became a popular famous late-night establishment in Chicago. Many prominent people came to eat here, including some of the Chicago Bulls, such as Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen. They would come to Bijan to eat because they were hungry after their game," he says.

Shortly thereafter, Fred opened the Saluki Bar and Grill on East Ohio, a mere four blocks from Bijan. The Saluki remained at that location until 1999, when Fred's lease agreement expired. He and his friend proceeded to buy their own building on 1208 N. Wells Street, where Fred transferred his Saluki establishment; it has resided there over the last decade.

"I always wanted to own a bar named 'Saluki,'" Fred says.

The SIU graduate didn't stop there. He also owns Dublin's Pub, a popular establishment on Rush Street; and for the last two years, Green on the Park, located in Millennium Park where President Barack Obama accepted the presidential nomination.

"Although, I received an engineering degree from SIU, I wasn't really one of those 9-to-5 kind of guys. I wanted to deal and be with the people," he says. "I'm glad, too, because I made more money being a businessman than working as an engineer."

Fred, now semi-retired, says he doesn't frequent his businesses as often these days. He spends a lot of time in Las Vegas and San Diego. In retirement, he values time spent with his family, particularly his 90-year-old mother.

"I used to see my parents every other week while my father was alive. Now, I continue to spend a lot of time with my mother and really enjoy it," he says. "I used to be a workaholic, but I've slowed myself down a little bit now."

"Chicago is the greatest place in the world. But in the winter, I take off. Chicago is getting a bit too cold for me."
Dental Hygiene Program Marks 50th Year

by Pete Rosenbery

While the technological advances and procedures have changed through the years, a constant in the success of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Dental Hygiene program remains its faculty and students.

"The strength of our program is the faculty, each of whom has a wide range of interests and expertise," says Dwayne Summers '92, the program director. "It makes for a great learning atmosphere and provides our students the opportunity to gain a great deal of knowledge."

The program celebrated its golden anniversary during SIU Carbondale Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 14-15, which also coincided with the annual Dental Professionals Seminar.

The program began in 1961 with two faculty members—a dentist and dental hygienist—and 12 students at the University's campus in Carterville. The first graduating class was in 1963. The program moved to the Carbondale campus in 1978, was elevated to a bachelor's degree program in 1997, and is now part of the School of Allied Health within the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

When the program celebrated its 50th anniversary, the foundation established by Marilyn Paulk '75, M.S. '86 and Karl Webber in 1961 remained strong.

Recruited from working as a dental hygienist with Dr. V.A. Beadle, a private-practice dentist in Carbondale, Paulk notes the program's early years. There were 47 dental hygiene schools in the nation at the time, and the University's program was the first in Illinois outside of a dental school setting, she says.

Paulk recalls teaching fine motor skills and the difficult early years, which included gaining accreditation from the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Education. The concern wasn't with what students were learning, but that the program was outside of a dental school setting, she says.

Paulk left the University in 1966 for family considerations and returned to Southern in 1975. It was during that time, over an eight-year period into the early 1980s, that the program utilized a $250,000 federal grant and equipped two Airstream trailers to visit local communities in the region that had no dentists.

The program visited local schools and provided dental services in rural communities to adults and children. The practical experience the students received was an important learning tool in helping them in their future practice settings and "opened them up to practicing in rural communities," says Paulk.

The program is the oldest dental hygiene school in existence in Illinois, and of 13 dental hygiene programs in the state, is the only one to offer a bachelor's degree, "which is a big selling point for us," Summers points out.

A West Frankfort native, he earned his bachelor's degree in biological sciences from SIU in 1992 and doctorate of dental medicine from the SIU School of Dental Medicine in Alton in 1996. Summers was in private practice for five years before coming to the University in 2001. After three years as the program's interim director, Summers became director in July 2006.

"The students are the strength of our program," says Ronda DeMattei '81, M.S. '86, Ph.D. '06, an associate professor who has been with the program for 30 years. "They are compassionate, caring, and committed to their education. The curriculum is, and always has been, rigorous and demanding. Each year we get a new class, and it is amazing to watch them transform from tentative second-year students into confident and competent professionals. That's the best part of the program."

"The dental hygiene program has a long and proud tradition in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts and is highly regarded by the dental care profession," says Terry Owens '81, interim dean. "The faculty and staff are committed to providing students with an exceptional education experience."

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Since his days of operating The Funky Pickle, a non-alcoholic club on Carbondale's Strip in the early 1990s,Steve Olsher has turned a profit on each of his business ventures.

A lifelong entrepreneur, Olsher developed Liquor by Wire in 1991, a catalog company that provided the worldwide gift delivery of wine, champagne, spirits and gift baskets. In 1998, Steve morphed the company into Liquor.com and today the site focuses on mixology and cocktail culture. He is also the owner of Bold Development, a Chicago-based real estate development company with $50 million in assets.

Therefore, it is hard to imagine that just four years ago, this successful businessman was at a crossroads in his professional life. But that was the case.

While sitting bedside with his stepfather, who was in his final days of life, Olsher says he experienced, in his words, "a deep, non-verbal connection with the man who had raised him since he was 10."

"I had a vision of my own funeral and could hear the words being spoken gravely: 'Here lies Steve Olsher... he dedicated his life to chasing the almighty dollar.' That really hit me hard, because that's all that was said," Olsher says. "It was one of those moments when you face a pivotal fork in the road."

The 1992 SIU graduate, known as "Mr. Bold" during his DJ days in Carbondale, relinquished involvement in the daily operations of his business. This freed him up to pursue an avocation he deemed more fulfilling: helping others discover their primary purpose in life.

Olsher, whose work focuses on people in transition, is known as "America's Reinvention Expert." He is an in-demand media guest who hosts "The Reinvention Workshops," speaks to people of all ages, and is the host of "Reinvention Radio," which is dedicated to creating empowered leaders driven to make a monumental difference.

Additionally, the SIU Alumni Association life member authored Journey to You, which was named the "Self-Help Book of the Year" by USA Book News. The publication is a step-by-step guide to helping people become what they were born to be. "The book is based on the life teachings and ancient wisdom of revolutionary leaders and adapted for today's mindset via proprietary exercises I created for the book," he says. "It is a powerful, how-to-guide that provides a detailed understanding of who you are, but perhaps, more importantly, teaches you how to discover the ONE thing you are compelled to do. I call this your 'WHAT.'"

"So, the key question each of us must be able to answer is: 'What is my WHAT?'"

"Reinvention is about shedding the false characteristics and habits we have ingrained into our body and soul," he says. "It doesn't necessarily entail changing who you are as a person; it's about becoming who you inherently are as an individual."

Olsher is also co-starring in "The Keeper of the Keys," a movie that features John Gray (Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus), Jack Canfield (Chicken Soup for the Soul, The Success Principles), and Marci Shimoff (Happy For No Reason.

"The Keeper of the Keys" focuses on a fictional character's financial and relationship misfortunes during difficult times. The character encounters multiple experts, including Olsher, who assist him in getting his life back on track. "The Keeper of the Keys" was released on Dec. 8, 2010, during a red-carpet premiere at Brenden Theater in the Las Vegas Palms Hotel Casino Resort.

"The movie is based on seven keys that are ostensibly the secrets to life. The key I speak about is passion," Olsher says. "I have strong confidence the film will positively affect thousands of lives."

You can receive a complimentary copy of Journey to You and find out more about his workshops at: [www.SteveOlsher.com](http://www.SteveOlsher.com).

If you would like to attend The Reinvention Workshop, he is offering free tickets for SIU alumni. Please send an e-mail to Steve@SteveOlsher.com to RSVP.
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Association Honors Three As Distinguished Alumni

The Southern Illinois University Alumni Association inducted three prominent graduates as 2011 SIU Distinguished Alumni during the University's Homecoming activities. A public reception took place Oct. 14 in the Alumni Lounge at the Student Recreation Center where their framed photos joined those of previous recipients of the award.

Individuals were selected for the honor they bring to the University through outstanding performance in their career field or profession, the impact they have made in their community, and their service to SIU that has enhanced educational opportunities for current students.

The 2011 SIU Distinguished Alumni are as follows:

• **William A. Fenwick '64**, founding partner of Fenwick and West LLP, has been litigating technology, online commerce, and communications for more than 35 years. His clients have included such industry leaders as Apple Computers, eBay, Macromedia, and Cisco Systems.

  The firm incorporated Apple Computers in 1976 and since then has had a hand in many landmark initial public offerings, as well as mergers and acquisitions transactions. His firm has been a driving force in the area of legislation regarding privacy and the handling of sensitive electronic information. The firm's successes aren't limited to the courtroom and the boardroom; Fenwick enjoys a reputation as one of the best places in the country to work. For four consecutive years (1999-2002), Fenwick made *Fortune Magazine*'s list of "The 100 Best Companies to Work For," the only law firm to appear on the list for that span of time.

• **James P. Hamilton '71** recently retired after serving as the first president of Milestone Inc., a not-for-profit corporation founded to provide residential and supportive services to persons with developmental disabilities in 1973. He eventually grew it into a business worth $25 million, and it is now one of the largest employers in the Rockford, Ill., area.

  In 1991, Hamilton, a leader in the state of Illinois in the field of developmental disabilities, was one of just five professionals nationwide asked by the Developmental Disabilities Administration to serve on the steering committee to draft a national plan on new housing options for people with developmental disabilities. He founded Hamilton Consulting Ltd. in 1979 to provide assistance to corporations similar to Milestone. Aside from his work with the disabled, Hamilton has also been appointed to several boards and commissions by four Illinois governors.

• **Mark E. Keim '87, M.D. '91**, serves as the senior science advisor at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, Ga., and is an adjunct professor at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health. He is a public health scientist and an emergency physician, specializing in disaster medicine and consulting for management of disasters worldwide. Keim twice received the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service for his work as co-lead of CDC emergency operations during the World Trade Center and anthrax emergencies in 2001, and again for Hurricane Katrina in 2006.

  In 2005, he received the CDC Special Act of Service Award for leading the U.S. health sector response after the Indian Ocean tsunami. Keim is the author of numerous scientific presentations and publications involving terrorism, environmental health, emergency medicine, toxicology, global health, and disaster management. He has been a member of the White House Subcommittee for Disaster Reduction since 2006 and has served as a review editor for the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change since 2009.

The SIU Distinguished Alumni Award began in 1998. Michelle Suarez, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association and associate vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement says, "We are honored to have these alumni return to campus not only to accept this award, but to meet with students and demonstrate the value of an SIU education."
Restoring Thompson Woods

SIU students and University community members worked with SIU Carbondale grounds crews in November to plant trees in Thompson Woods and around Campus Lake. The planting is part of the ongoing restoration efforts in the wake of the May 8, 2009, windstorm and subsequent storms that took out a significant number of trees and altered the look of familiar and well-loved areas of campus.

This is the third mass tree restoration project since November 2009, and will bring the total number of plantings over three years to more than 600. Plant and Service Operations and Student Life and Intercultural Relations worked together to coordinate the efforts of volunteers. The trees are indigenous to the region and include dogwoods, various oak trees, river birches, bald cypress and elms.
Buried Treasure

Library's Rare 1597 Atlas Now Available To Public

by Christi Mathis

Once in a while, someone actually discovers buried treasure.

It happened recently at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Morris Library. Ann Myers, Special Collections cataloger, was sorting through and cataloging items in the library's Special Collections when she discovered a rare atlas, one of only four known to exist in the world.

Published in 1597 in Louvain, Belgium, by Jean Bogard, "Descriptionis Ptolemaicae augmentum, siue Occidentis notitia" is the first atlas featuring maps of the new world. The book, about a foot high and nine inches wide, includes 19 double-sided pages with engraved maps of North and South America.

She says the atlas is significant for a number of reasons, particularly in that it is the first edition of the first issue of the first atlas of the Americas, and it was actually a companion to Ptolemy's Geography. In fact, according to Myers, a rough translation of the volume's name is "An Addition to Ptolemy's Description, or, Knowledge of the West."

Ptolemy was a second-century Greek astronomer who wrote extensively about geography, including instructions for three methods of map projection and explanations of latitude and longitude.

His work circulated in a manuscript form and later, after the invention of print methods, in that format. Widely influential, his writings included an exaggerated estimate of Asia's size that helped inspire Christopher Columbus' voyage.

According to Myers, authorities largely credit this atlas with dispelling numerous misconceptions about the New World. "For example, from about 1510 through the 1700s, many mapmakers depicted California as an island, separated from the continent by the Gulf of California. The map in this volume clearly shows California as part of the mainland," she says.

While the atlas dispelled many myths, its maps are proof that there were still many mysteries remaining with regard to the Americas.

The text in the atlas, by Corneille Wytfliet, a mapmaker of the era, is in Latin. Library officials believe that the Huntington Library, the University of Minnesota and the John Carter Brown Library hold the only other known copies of this issue and edition.

The original source for the Morris Library copy of the book is not certain, but Myers says it was most likely a gift from Dr. Harley K. Croessmann, a Du Quoin optometrist. Croessmann gifted the library with the bulk of its James Joyce Collection, including the manuscripts, as well as about half of its Early Printed Book Collection. Croessmann, who died in 1962, donated a large collection to the library in the 1950s.

The 1597 atlas is part of the library's Early Printed Book Collection, and efforts began to catalog that collection in 2008, leading to the "rediscovery" of the 400-year-old atlas, Myers notes. She says although an inventory listed the book, it is now accessible to the public for the first time. Anyone may view it by visiting the Morris Library Special Collections reading room and requesting the book.

She also explains that cataloging of the entire collection, of which the atlas is part, is now complete so people can search the library catalog for "Early Printed Book Collection" and find the records for the more than 500 books the collection includes. Look online at http://tinyurl.com/3swk87y for details.

For more information about this atlas or Morris Library and all it has to offer, contact the library at 618-453-2818 or visit the Web site at http://lib.siu.edu/.

Ann Myers, special collections cataloger at Morris Library, was sorting through and cataloging items in Special Collections when she discovered this rare atlas, one of only four known to exist in the world.
Welcome Back, Alumni

Great weather made for a fun Homecoming Weekend, as large crowds of alumni and friends enjoyed the Association’s hospitality tent on Saluki Row. Autumn Anthony and Chris Shelton were crowned King and Queen at halftime of SIU’s football game with Youngstown State, a 35-23 loss for the Salukis.
SIU Alumni Association Event Survey Results

Throughout 2011, the SIU Alumni Association conducted surveys for alumni and friends who attended selected events. The events reflected in the graphs below are: 6th Annual St. Louis Trivia Night, MVC Basketball Tournament Hospitality Room, Greater Michigan Alumni Chapter Dinner, Central Florida Saluki Social, 27th Annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium, 10th Annual Saluki Family Day at U.S. Cellular Field, 12th Annual Detroit Area Alumni Picnic, 34th Annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field, and the SIU at Ole Miss Pregame Football Tailgate.

More than 80 percent of those who responded rated their overall experience at a given alumni event as "excellent." We appreciate those who took the time to be a part of these surveys, and urge anyone who receives a survey in 2012 to please take a moment to tell us what you think. Your feedback is important to the Association, and helps us do a better job of serving you and our alma mater.

How did you register for the alumni event that you attended?

- Paid at the door: 3%
- Called the SIU Alumni Association: 44%
- Registered Online: 53%

Gender and age of people attending alumni events.

- Female 61+ yrs old: 8%
- Female 41-60 yrs old: 17%
- Female 26-40 yrs old: 11%
- Male 61+ yrs old: 14%
- Male 26-40 yrs old: 16%
- Male 41-60 yrs old: 30%
- Male 18-25 yrs old: 3%

If offered, would you like to receive text messages regarding events?

- Yes: 27%
- No: 73%

Are You Interested In Advertising With Southern Alumni?

The SIU Alumni Association is exploring the possibility of accepting business card sized advertising from alumni who want to promote their businesses to other Salukis. Rates for such an offering have not yet been established, as the initial goal is to simply gauge the level of interest.

Several alumni business owners have inquired about a way to provide such information in Southern Alumni. Business card advertising possibly could allow such a service, while keeping the publication's advertising percentage low enough to not impact the postal rate.

If this is something you might be interested in, please send an email with your contact information to: ads@alumni.siu.edu. We will keep in touch with you on this project, and provide you with greater detail on how to take advantage of this opportunity if it evolves next year.

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Graham Earns Lincoln Laureate Honor

by Christi Mathis

Volunteerism is a way of life, something "near and dear" to the heart of Anthony Graham, a senior at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

But, while giving untold hours and energies helping others, he’s also avid about maintaining academic excellence, serving his country, and being involved in causes that matter to him. For this and more, Graham is a 2011 Student Laureate Award recipient from The Lincoln Academy of Illinois.

Graham, the son of Shannon and Tony Graham, joined a select group of honorees from throughout the state’s universities and colleges at a special awards ceremony on Nov. 5 at the Old State Capitol House of Representatives Chamber. In honor of overall excellence in curricular and extracurricular activities, the Mt. Vernon native receives the Student Laureate Medallion, a certificate of achievement and a $500 monetary grant.

According to the Lincoln Academy of Illinois website, the award is given “to honor individuals whose contributions to the betterment of humanity have been accomplished in or on behalf of the state of Illinois.”

Graham says he was thrilled to learn of his selection as a Student Laureate. He plans to use the grant to help cover costs of a study-abroad trip to Bangladesh to study microcredit and social development. During the summer 2011 semester, he attended a study-abroad program in nine Moroccan cities titled “Morocco: Contemporary Muslim Women.”

“Anthony is an outstanding student and well deserving of this honor,” says Mythili Rundblad, coordinator of service learning and volunteerism. “His record of academic achievements as well as his record of service is impressive. He is one of only nine students selected to AmeriCorps National Service at our campus this year, and is an excellent ambassador for our University and a role model for his peers.”

With a major in anthropology and minors in sociology and army military science, Graham maintains a 3.4 GPA and has completed nearly 200 credit hours in the past five years. The first in his family to attend college and the oldest of five sons, Graham has contributed more than 1,000 hours volunteering on campus and in the community since coming to the University, in addition to his efforts while a student previously at Rend Lake College. He also completed more than 120 community service projects during high school.

Nominated for the award by the College of Liberal Arts, Graham says he chose to come to SIU Carbondale for several reasons, including its academic programs, beautiful campus, proximity to his hometown and the numerous opportunities for volunteer work available. He says it has definitely been a good choice for him both scholastically and in every other way.

Graham says that the University has also been helpful in facilitating his commitment to volunteerism. Last year he mentored 104 first-year students, providing academic and social mentoring through University Housing’s Academic Peer Mentor program, and he also now serves as a conversation partner, talking regularly with a graduate student in the mathematics department through the Center for English as a Second Language.

That relationship has helped the graduate student with English skills and also helped Graham better understand another culture and its customs, he says.

Graham says he is strongly committed to diversity, children and volunteering. As a member of the Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps program, he works with children at Lewis School in Carbondale, mentoring them and helping in the classroom.

“I work with fourth- and fifth-graders three days a week and love it! It’s hard to realize how many issues youths face and the stressors involved in their lives until you are working one-on-one in the classroom with them. Two of my passions are helping others and working with youth. With AmeriCorps, I have the privilege of doing both," he says.

Amos Named Dean Of University College

Mark Amos, associate professor of English and director of Saluki First Year, has been named associate provost and dean of the University College at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Amos has been part of SIU Carbondale since 1999, when he joined the faculty as an assistant professor of English. He served as director of University Writing Studies from 2004 to 2006. He became director of the First-Year Experience, the pre-cursor to Saluki First Year, in 2008, and when Saluki First Year launched, Amos served as interim director and then as director.

“Dr. Amos will bring a wealth of knowledge, proven leadership skills, and a deep-seated commitment to student success and retention to his new role. I am delighted to have him leading our University College,” Chancellor Rita Cheng says.

Amos sees the University College as a structure that will encourage an unprecedented level of collaboration across campus among programs and services, with the ultimate goal of enhancing students’ college experience, both while they are at SIU and after graduation.

“With the creation of the University College, we have expanded the mission of Saluki First Year,” he notes. “University College will provide a comprehensive, campus-wide organization dedicated to bringing together and building upon our many programs and services to support the success of our students.”
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In late October, 12 Salukis again embarked on an adventure like none other – the “Ultimate Saluki Challenge.” The event, inspired by the television show “Survivor,” is co-produced by Recreational Sports and Services and Touch of Nature each year and is designed to challenge the student participants physically, mentally, and socially.

This was the sixth year for this program, and the participants’ majors were as varied as their personalities.

This year’s final three challengers were Jordan Kabat ’11, Ryan Ratajczyk and Anthony Drake. Kabat, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering, was selected as the Ultimate Saluki and was awarded the grand prize of an iPad donated by The Pointe at SIU. Second place went to Ratajczyk, a junior majoring in radio-televisio, who received a $500 book certificate donated by the University Bookstore and the Student Center. Third place went to Drake, a sophomore studying aviation technology and who took home the MVC Basketball Tournament prize including two tickets to all the SIU games at the tournament and two nights of lodging in St. Louis courtesy of Saluki Athletics.

The participants received many other prizes for their efforts, including round-trip express bus tickets to Chicago courtesy of Busdog.com, gift certificates to Harbaugh’s Café and Quatro’s Pizza, spaghetti dinners from Fazoli’s, and a variety of Saluki wear items. Other major contributors to this event included 710 Bookstore/Attitude Designs, Old National Bank, Verizon Wireless, and Whiffle Boy’s Pizza.

More important than the prizes was the quality of their experience and the things they learned about each other and themselves. The following is from an e-mail from one of the challengers summing up the competition:

“It was an experience that I will never forget, and at the risk of sounding dramatic, it was honestly life-changing. I did things I thought I was incapable of doing, and learned things about myself that would not have been possible through other avenues.”

In addition to the students who competed in the challenge, the event also provided a rich opportunity for student volunteers who obtained valuable experience as photographers, videographers, and event planners.
Donald Ugent Dies, Was An Internationally Known Botanist

Donald Ugent, an internationally known botanist and professor emeritus at SIU, died recently at 77 years old. He was on the faculty at Southern 1968-2001 and was considered the world's expert on identification of archaeological coca and was the botanist for several archaeological sites in Peru.

The former University professor served as the editor of the Journal of Economic Botany and was the founder and editor of the online journal Ethno-botanical Leaflets. At the time of his death, Ugent was serving on the Jackson County FEMA board and the Friends of the Women's Center.

Ugent was an early supporter of Carbondale's Ralph Anderson Interfaith Dialogues, one of the first interfaith dialogue series in the country, established circa 1965. He contributed to the dialogues by videotaping and archiving interfaith discussions, which continue to be coordinated by the Carbondale Interfaith Council.
SIU Grad Keeps Faulkner's Memory Alive At Ole Miss

Nobel-prize winning author William Faulkner becomes more than just a name to the thousands of people each year who visit the secluded 33-acre Faulkner estate on the University of Mississippi campus.

Much of the credit for this goes to curator Bill Griffith, a 1989 Southern Illinois University graduate, who honed his skills in Carbondale by working at the SIU Museum when he was a student. Griffith, who attended the SIU Alumni Association's pregame tailgate before the Saluki-Ole Miss football game in September, says he enjoys what he does.

"Rowan Oak is important to research because people can come and get a true feeling of what Faulkner felt when he lived here," says Griffith, who is also collections manager at the University of Mississippi Museum. "The town has changed so much, but the property, at least physically, pretty much looks the same. You can still capture the spirit, the quaintness of the place."

Faulkner resided at Rowan Oak for 32 years before he died in 1962. But visitors could imagine that the Faulkners have merely gone out for the afternoon when they see the rooms, furnishings and personal items much as they were then: the author's signature pipe and tobacco beside his black-rimmed reading glasses on a table in the sitting room, along with his boots under the bed in his bedroom.

Owned and maintained by UM, Rowan Oak is considered a jewel in the crown of historic buildings at Ole Miss. Under Griffith's leadership, the primitive Greek Revival home was completely restored in 2005, and the $1.5 million renovation appears to be paying off for the National Historic Landmark. "When the property opened to the public in 1973, only 1,000 people visited the home that first year," Griffith says. "Now we have two to three times that number of visitors each month."

The Southern grad plays an important role in maintaining the property's appearance and feel, says William Andrews, director of University Museum and Historic Houses.

"As far as keeping up the house and grounds is concerned, Bill has essential-
ly been able to get inside Faulkner's head and makes decisions regarding the interpretation of the place," he explains. "In other words, he maintains the place as Faulkner himself would have, with care and concern but with an essential pragmatism."

Griffith, who has managed the estate for nearly 10 years, continually strives to acquire memorabilia for Rowan Oak. His relationship with Faulkner family members enabled him to secure two family Bibles, including the author's personal one, which visitors to Rowan Oak can see.

Leading guided tours is a highlight of his job, and tourists occasionally surprise him with gifts. Among them is Nancy Norris-Kniffin, a Faulkner scholar from Johns Hopkins University. After talking to Griffith, she gave the typewriter Faulkner used to bang out his Hollywood scripts to Rowan Oak, rather than leaving it to her alma mater.

As awareness of Faulkner's works expands across the globe, the general public, scholars and noted authors continue to visit Rowan Oak. Upon their arrival, they discover Griffith's charm. He uses encounters at the house as opportunities to enhance the experience for future visitors, Andrews says.

Griffith and others close to Rowan Oak recently followed with great interest the turn of events when a rare collection of signed William Faulkner books and personal items sold at a Christie's auction for more than $833,000. It was a bittersweet moment for him.

"Every one of the items auctioned is significant to everyday interpretation of Faulkner's life here at Rowan Oak," Griffith says. "Had we been able to purchase them, they would all be put to good use immediately. Unfortunately, we don't have an acquisitions budget, but this auction does help provide a better fair market value of our collection for insurance purposes."

"We are certainly interested in anything Faulkner-related," Griffith says.

Faulkner lived at the estate for 32 years, penning most of his famous novels at the residence.

On display at Rowan Oak is the actual Underwood typewriter Faulkner used throughout his career. "When someone goes through the house, I want people to feel like Faulkner was just here that day," Griffith says. "We have tried to keep things just the way they were back when he was here."
Saving A Helpless Hummingbird

by Rob Crow

What started as an opportunity to photograph a spider this summer turned into a bird rescue mission for two SIU Alumni Association life members.

George Stone of Carterville was watering a flower garden in his back yard when he spotted a large garden spider near one of his many hummingbird feeders. Hours later, however, Stone's wife, Janet, made a disheartening discovery when she found a hummingbird trapped in the spider's web. Fearing the worst, the couple quickly and carefully removed the bird from the several-foot-wide web, only to find it was still alive, although barely.

"She must have used all her energy flapping her wings for an hour or two," George recalls. "When I first held her, she couldn't even move. I didn't know if she would ever fly again." Avid birders and gardeners, the retired couple has lived in their Carterville home for more than 20 years and are no strangers to having birds in their yard.

With several feeders scattered throughout the back yard, George says it's not uncommon to spot 25 or so bird varieties on any given day. Also an avid photographer, he documents many of those birds including the one they had to rescue. "I've rescued about four or five hummingbirds, but I'd never seen one trapped in a web like that before."

After discovering the bird was still alive, the couple brought the bird inside and attempted to remove and clean off as much of the web as possible. They then fed it a bottle cap-full of a sugar-water mixture, which the bird eagerly lapped up.

About a half-hour later, they brought the bird outside to see if it could fly away, with no luck.

Waiting another half-hour, the couple tried again, but the bird could only make it a few inches before stopping. Eventually, after a third attempt at feeding the bird and giving it time to rest, the couple – and the bird – finally had a breakthrough.

"I kept saying, 'You can make it,' and she finally looked at me and flew away," George says. "When that happened, it was quite a moment."
HONOR ROLL OF DONORS
The Honor Roll captures gifts made by individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations to Southern Illinois University Carbondale through the foundation offices in Carbondale and Springfield between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011.

In our giving societies (Allyn, Parkinson, Shryock, Pulliam, Morris, Old Main and Chancellor’s Circle) which reflect cumulative giving, only those donors whose total giving reached a milestone level during the current fiscal year are listed.

All other giving levels listed reflect contributions from July 2010 – June 2011. This report does present a clear picture of fundraising activity of the current fiscal year.

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

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It has been my pleasure to serve on the Southern Illinois University Foundation Board of Directors since 2003. As a two-degree alumna of SIU Carbondale, it's particularly gratifying to play a role in leading my alma mater's efforts to raise private funds supporting our students and faculty, academic programs, and facility enhancement.

I have witnessed a significant increase in a commitment to move our institution forward. Collectively, we have made progress. Successful efforts – such as our $100-million comprehensive campaign, Saluki Way, and Project Hope and Opportunity – further demonstrate this devotion. Alumni and friends of SIU Carbondale really came through. But there is still work to be done.

During my tenure as president of the SIU Foundation, I aspire to establish a sense of community. Our quest to develop a culture of giving continues. It will take a collaborative effort – volunteers, alumni, friends, and University leadership – to accomplish this goal.

We hear from our scholarship recipients periodically. Many of our students share their career goals with us. They tell us how financial support makes it possible for them to pursue their educational endeavors. Without such assistance, many of these young men and women would have to forego their desire to attend college. They are genuinely appreciative of individuals who give back so young people can dare to dream.

In short … together, we can all make a difference. We are all aware that the cost of higher education is escalating, while federal and state support has declined substantially. During challenging times, everyone has to pull together. All contributions – no matter the amount – can make a difference in a young person's life and in the future of this University. And that's why a sense of community is so important.

The following pages include the names of individuals and businesses that supported Southern Illinois University Carbondale during the last fiscal year. You will also read stories featuring individuals who aspired to give back and move SIU Carbondale forward.

I hope to see more alumni and friends of SIU Carbondale make this commitment. To those of you who have made a contribution on some level, we greatly appreciate your continued support. Thanks for Investing in Saluki Futures.

Mary Kay Moore
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None

Businesses
None

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The first building on campus was begun in 1870, completed in 1874, and destroyed by fire in 1883. It was replaced by Old Main, which was built during 1885 at a cost of $152,000. It burned in 1969 and was not replaced, but its memory lives on in Old Main Mall.

Individuals
None

Businesses
Southern Illinois Hospital Services

DELYTE W. MORRIS SOCIETY
$250,000-$499,999

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

Individuals
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Roscobel Pulliam was the first University alumnus to become president (1935-1944) and the first president not to be selected from the faculty. In 1943 limited university status was granted to SIU, and three colleges - Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Vocations - were planned. Credited to Pulliam were the alumni office, religious foundations, a student health service, and expanded faculty benefits.

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$50,000-$99,999

The fifth University president (1913-1935), Henry Shryock, joined the faculty in 1894 in the English Department. Credited to his administration were further curriculum revision, the rural education program, a significant physical education and athletic program, a new power plant, and the construction of Shryock Auditorium.

Individuals
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Daniel Parrish, Southern’s fourth president (1897-1913), was one of the original faculty members of the University. During his tenure extensive changes in both the curriculum and the facilities were made. In 1907 the Illinois General Assembly approved the bachelor of education degree, the first being granted by Southern Illinois Normal University in 1909. Wheeler Hall, Allyn Hall, and Anthony Hall were built during his administration.

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Robert Allyn Society

The University's first president (1874-1892), Robert Allyn, was inaugurated on July 1, 1874, one day before the first classes began at SIU. During his term, the library was established and a Model School was set up for teacher training.

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As business and community leaders, Clint and Debra McDonnough know from experience the importance of a quality education in achieving success. That experience led the Texas couple with Southern Illinois roots to pledge funds for a scholarship endowment to help Southern Illinois University Carbondale students reach their educational goals.

The McDonnoughs are donating at least $30,000 to the Southern Illinois University Foundation to create the Clint and Debra McDonnough Scholarship Endowment. Interest income from the endowment is funding an annual scholarship award that began in fall 2011.

The scholarship will go to a high school senior from one of the ConnectSI counties: Alexander, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Saline, Union, Wabash, Wayne, White, and Williamson. Admittance to the College of Business at SIU Carbondale is also a requirement and preference will go to students who participate in LEAD SI, a regional youth networking and leadership initiative.

Clint McDonnough, a Pinckneyville native and 1977 accounting graduate of SIU Carbondale, is the Dallas office managing partner for Ernst and Young LLP. He oversees the daily operations for one of the firm’s largest markets and also serves as the company’s spokesman and representative in the area.

McDonnough is active in numerous community organizations, including the Dallas Education Foundation Board, the Dallas Citizens Council Board, the Dallas Regional Chamber Board and Education Committee, and the University of Texas at Dallas Development Board. McDonnough served two years as the United Way’s general campaign chairman and is presently a member of the Big Brothers Big Sisters Executive Committee.

Debra McDonnough, originally from Highland, earned an accounting degree at SIU Edwardsville. Dallas residents since 1986, the couple has three children.

“There are probably two main reasons that served as the impetus for us creating this endowment,” Clint McDonnough says. During the couple’s return trips to the region, they saw a struggling economy with high unemployment, and while greatly encouraged by the efforts of the region’s residents, the McDonnoughs wanted to help.

“We wanted to do something, to give something back to the community that was so instrumental in helping us during our formative years,” McDonnough says.

In addition, he says his good friend Ron Barger, a Dallas attorney and 1973 Murphysboro High School graduate, was a co-founder and continuing supporter of LEAD SI, an initiative to encourage talented high school students to maximize their leadership skills and further their education. In talking with Barger, McDonnough learned about LEAD SI and found it to be a needed program and an excellent vehicle to help the McDonnoughs with their goal of assisting southern Illinois teens to pursue business degrees.

He says that although he and Debra are deeply involved in their work and charitable efforts and live in the Dallas area, creating the scholarship is something definitive they can do to help.

“Clint and Debra McDonnough have made a significant investment in Southern Illinois with a scholarship enabling LEAD SI students to pursue a business degree at SIU Carbondale. It is our hope that the recipients of this scholarship will develop into future business leaders and, following the McDonnoughs’ example, will give back to their communities,” says Dennis Cradit, dean of the College of Business.
planned giving provides options through which individuals can make a donation through an estate, or gifts that generate income during their lifetime.

Whereas the benefits of an outright gift can be derived immediately, a planned gift is a charitable contribution that is realized by the University in the future. Planned gifts are usually realized upon the death of the donor. Another benefit a donor receives through this alternative is while making a substantial contribution, he or she can still provide for, and sometimes even enhance, their own financial security and that of his or her loved ones. In addition, planned giving offers substantial benefits to the donor in the form of tax deductions, professional management of assets, and increased income.

Yvonne Spencer, Director of Planned Giving for the SIU Foundation, says donors who select this option are making an impact on the University for years to come. “Outright gifts are the lifeblood of the University, since they help pay for the day-to-day costs of operating the institution,” she says. “However, planned gifts are vital to the long-term success of the University, since they are usually larger gifts that we know we can count on in the future.”

Following are planned giving options available to SIU Foundation donors:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you have questions about planned giving, contact Yvonne Spencer at the SIU Foundation by calling (618) 453-4907 or by email at yvonnem@siu.edu
Sandra Nelson Brown wanted to memorialize her great aunt for serving as an advocate for children in the school system, church, and community. The former Tamms resident and her family figured the most appropriate way to accomplish this was to provide financial aid for a young student who has aspirations of attending college.

The Nelson family established the Helen Nelson Davis Scholarship Fund through the Southern Illinois University Foundation. Eligible applicants must be graduates of a high school in the southern Illinois counties of Alexander or Pulaski, with a grade point average of 3.0 or above (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants must also major in education at SIU Carbondale with plans of pursuing a teaching career, much like Helen Davis.

The College of Education and Human Services Scholarship Committee will determine the recipient and amount of the award on an annual basis.

Brown, an employee of the Illinois State Police in Springfield, says: “My great aunt was a firm believer in education. She spent her entire life supporting young people in the school system, the church and community. I just thought this was an appropriate way to honor her memory.”

Helen Davis was a lifelong elementary school educator who earned two degrees from Southern. She completed a two-year teaching certificate program at the University in 1930. Davis subsequently received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in education in 1944 and 1954, respectively.

“Aunt Helen was helpful in getting kids interested in reading and learning our history,” Brown says. “One of my favorite memories was Aunt Helen organizing programs during Black History Month. She wanted us as young adults to be educated about Black History and those who made contributions to our society before us. We were also asked to conduct presentations as part of her programs.”

While Davis didn’t have children of her own, she instilled the importance of education to Brown and her siblings. Five of the nine children in the Nelson family graduated from Southern. Cindy Nelson is a 1987 SIU radio-television graduate and works for CNN in Atlanta. Marva Nelson received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English in 1996 and 1999, respectively, and is an instructor at Parkland Community College in Champaign. Gloria Wilkins is a 2001 administration of justice graduate and serves as a juvenile detention counselor in St. Louis.

Brown’s brother, Harold “Skip” Nelson, a retired Illinois State Police officer, received an associate degree in law enforcement in 1978 from the University. He subsequently received bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Eastern Illinois University.

To apply for this scholarship, log on to the Financial Aid Office website at: fao.siu.edu/scholarships/sch_s earch.php, or the College of Education and Human Services website at: web.coehs.siu.edu/public/scholarships.php. For more information, call Jodi Miley at 618-453-6319. The deadline for all applications is Feb. 1.
University Achieves Minority Scholarship Goal

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Hope and Opportunity initiative has successfully reached its $1 million goal to provide equal opportunities and financial assistance to minority students and other traditionally underrepresented populations.

The University initiated the fundraising drive in 2007, with the primary goal of seeking donations from individuals and corporations to support scholarships and other financial aid for minorities and women.

Seymour Bryson '59, M.S. '61, Ph. D. '72, who chaired the Hope and Opportunity initiative, says donor contributions of any amount to support this effort are greatly appreciated.

"We're pleased and excited people responded so positively to this effort. We raised funds that will help allow a lot of students to receive a quality education," Bryson says. "This effort reflects the University's long-standing commitment to racial, ethnic, economic, and gender diversity. We are also pleased University leadership has expressed an interest in continuing efforts to raise funds for underrepresented populations."

SIU Carbondale Chancellor Rita Cheng echoed the sentiments of Bryson. She aspires to lead the University's continued commitment to serving underrepresented populations on the Carbondale campus.

"Even in a challenging economic climate, alumni and many other friends of the University continue to invest in student success, and we appreciate their generosity," she says. "Access and inclusiveness are part of our institutional DNA. We are committed to creating opportunities for more students because we know the education we offer transforms lives."

Although the $1 million goal for the Hope and Opportunity initiative has been reached, University officials say they will continue to seek funds to support academic endeavors of minorities, women, and all underrepresented populations on campus.

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Aisin Manufacturing, a longtime donor to Southern Illinois University Carbondale presented a check for $10,000 to the College of Engineering. The funds will be used to support scholarships in the College. This donation marks the final payment in a $100,000 pledge made by the company during the Opportunity Through Excellence campaign, the University’s first-ever comprehensive campaign.

Aisin Manufacturing Illinois, LLC is one of three plants located in the Aisin Industrial Park in Marion. The plant manufactures sunroofs, slide and back door components, center pillar garnishes, and door handles for companies in the automotive industry, including Toyota, General Motors, Lexus, and Mitsubishi.

From left: Aisin Light Metals President Katsumori Maeda, College of Engineering Interim Dean Ramanarayan Viswanathan, Chancellor Rita Cheng, Aisin Electronics Illinois and Aisin Manufacturing Illinois LLC President Akito Yamauchi, Aisin Manufacturing Illinois Executive Vice President Fumihiko Sugijura and Human Development Department Manager Glenn Edwards.

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Even after a Hall of Fame athletic career at SIU Carbondale and subsequent success as a financial advisor, Rob Siracusano ’95 maintains that his goal continues to be trying to better himself on a daily basis. And this often includes making an impact on individuals who are around him.

Siracusano certainly receives this opportunity in his chosen profession. As a senior financial advisor for more than 16 years, he has heard a countless number of clients express their goals and aspirations on a daily basis. The marketing graduate says the primary challenge is sifting through various options and utilizing a “simplistic style of investment.”

“If I can’t break a product down to its simplest form and identify the risks associated with it, I’m not investing any of my clients’ money into it,” he says. “The importance of financial planning isn’t necessarily finding the right thing. It’s simplifying complex information and determining if that particular product is appropriate for what the investor needs. “This approach is what defines me as a professional and has created consistency in my practice. A lot of investors think it’s a way of making money, but lose sight of the fact that it’s an avenue through which one can preserve money.”

Siracusano is senior financial advisor and branch manager for Siracusano/Sleezer Group Inc., a branch of Wells Fargo Advisors, located in Naperville. His previous roles include investment representative for Edward Jones & Co., financial advisor for UBS Financial Services, Inc., and financial advisor for Paine Webber. He is sharing this wealth of knowledge with his alma mater as a member of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors.

The board governs the SIU Foundation, an independent organization that provides alumni and friends a means to invest in the University’s future.

“It’s going to be fun to be involved and help make decisions impacting the University,” he says. “My goal has always been to develop a career and skills enabling me to give back to SIU. There’s a lot I can do to help the Foundation through my background in financial services and involvement with retail clients. This is taking my involvement with SIU to the next level.”

Siracusano had already established quite a relationship with his alma mater. A life member of the SIU Alumni Association, his involvement includes serving as a member of the Saluki Varsity Club, College of Business Marketing Board, and College of Business Dean’s External Advisory Board. The 2005 Alumni Achievement award recipient has returned to campus on multiple occasions as a speaker to students and the College’s Saluki Student Investment Fund. A 2008 College of Business Hall of Fame inductee, Siracusano aspires to do more.

“I visit frequently to make myself available to student organizations. My involvement is primarily in the College of Business, but I also want to be a resource to other academic disciplines,” he says. “It’s important to share insight on the real world and what one can accomplish in it. Hopefully, my contribution helps make the lives of the next generation better.”

A seven-time, All-American diver in college, Siracusano still holds eight SIU records, including the men’s 1- and 3-meter boards. The Merrick, N.Y., native was recruited to Southern by former diving coach Dave Ardrey, currently the constituent development officer for the College of Education. Siracusano is quick to acknowledge his mentor, who he originally met at an Olympic Training Camp in 1988.

“Dave is one of my closest friends. He always encouraged me to give back and never forget my roots,” he says. “I owe and credit a lot of my success to the knowledge I acquired at SIU. Dave is a good friend who looks out for the best interests of the individual.”

Now, Siracusano is aiming to return the favor. He and his wife, Andrea (Viverito) Siracusano, who he met at SIU, are raising two children – Francesca, 12, and Gabriel, 9, in Aurora. He is in the process of establishing “Athletes in Pursuit of Excellence,” a program that assists young athletes in applying lessons learned in sports to become better individuals.

“There’s a process to transition from attaining an athletic goal to accomplishing goals in life. If you’re successful, there’s no limit to what you can achieve,” he says. “The skills I learned assisted me in establishing a business and starting a family.”

Siracusano, who is also a licensed pilot and judges diving competitions on an international level, says the process, whether it’s financial planning or athletic competition, is more pertinent than goals set by individuals.

“The whole process of the journey is what defines us as people,” he says. “We don’t know when we’re going to expire. But whether it’s my own children, students at SIU, clients, extended family or strangers I meet on the street, I know I want to make a difference tomorrow.”

“That is what life is all about.”
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A Successful Balancing Act

While heading a property management and preservation business in Mokena, George Jensen's philosophy is the same as it was during his days as a student at SIU Carbondale. Simply stated, his thinking is: "Work hard, but make time for fun.

And he’s not shy about sharing this with his 15 employees.

"My philosophy is to get eight hours worth of work done in six hours so we can have fun," he says. "If we get it done in eight, you don’t have as much fun. If it takes more than eight... oh well.

"Many of our clients have three-day turn around on work orders. We try to get projects done as quickly and precisely as possible," he says.

The 1982 SIU Carbondale agriculture graduate established the Geo Group in 2005. It was initially a property management and landscaping company, but it has also handled construction projects. Geo has now morphed to a point that the largest portion of its business entails property preservation.

"A lot of units in the associations we manage were being foreclosed, and the winterization and preservation wasn’t handled properly. So I would call companies who had placed foreclosure notices on the door," he says. "I conducted some research and discovered that there were national companies that required similar services. We’ve been doing that for years. We like to diversify."

Jensen specializes in supervising and maintaining property. He previously served as the superintendent of parks for the Plainfield Township Park District and later served a stint as president of the park board. His stepfather hired him to handle operations for Advance Bancorp buildings in south Chicago and suburbs. He handled maintenance, construction, rentals, security, transportation and purchasing for seven years.

The Mokena resident credits this success to his upbringing on the South Side. "My family owned Jensen Landscape. So I had the pleasure of working in a family business at a young age," he says. "I was also very active in Boy Scouts achieving the rank of Eagle. We enjoyed camping and outdoor activities that tied in with landscaping."

Jensen attended Morgan Park High School and competed on the swim team, serving as captain his senior year. He began applying to attend various universities, and was accepted at some Division III swimming schools. However, the D-III schools were expensive and didn’t offer athletics scholarships.

He became aware of SIU through his sister, who had transferred from Northern Illinois University. He visited the campus with his father, and knew it was the place for him.

"Being an outdoorsy type, SIU was a good fit. It was better than the other places I had been," he says. "Then there’s the Shawnee National Forest. It was a big factor, too. It’s hard to beat that."

This is perhaps when Jensen began developing his "balancing act." He enjoyed participating in intramural sports teams and held jobs throughout school. Jensen drove to the Blue Bell Packing Company in Du Quoin, where he collected pig ovaries for SIU’s School of Medicine. The School would pay him $20 per liter of pig ovaries.

Jensen completed an internship with Botanic Gardens during his junior year, where he was a bouncer and bartender at The American Tap before being promoted to night manager.

"I met fellow students who were smart and devoted all of their time to studying. But they struggled to interact with others," he says. "You have to discover various activities to diversify yourself, otherwise, you miss out. That is what I try teaching my kids, too."

And Jensen wants to support future students who do the same. He has pledged $25,000 to endow a scholarship fund that benefits undergraduate students in the College of Agricultural Sciences. Preference will be given to Southland Chicago applicants who balance school with intramural sports and part-time employment.

The scholarship fund will benefit students who major in traditional or non-traditional studies in the College. These non-traditional studies include Landscape Horticulture, as well as Forest Recreation and Park Management.

George and his wife, Janet, have five children. One of the five is attending college, while the others have discovered their career of choice via different routes. "Janet and I figured we want to see someone else use a boost or opportunity," he says. "We want to honor well-rounded students. You need to try everything and profit from the whole experience."
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Linda G. Allison, a 1981 graduate of the SIU School of Medicine; Marcia L. Bullard, a 1974 journalism alumna; Camelle W. Logan, a 1989 graduate in advanced technical studies; and Matthew S. Solverston, a 1986 engineering alumnus, are the newest members of the SIU Foundation Board.

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- Dr. Allison, an Arrington, Tenn., resident, has been an associate professor of pharmaceutical sciences at Belmont University since 2009. Previously, she was a professor and department chair of the Department of Physician Assistant Studies at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., and an associate professor at Chatham College in Pittsburgh. Dr. Allison has also taught and practiced at West Virginia University, Alderson Broaddus College in Philippi, W.V., The Washington Hospital in Washington, Penn., St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tenn., and SIU School of Medicine. The SIU alumna has published and presented on curricular innovations and educational outcomes, as well as medical ethics and various topics in emergency medicine and toxicology.

- She completed her MPH at the University Of Pittsburgh School Of Public Health in 1997, and she received the 2008 Physician Assistant Educator of the Year Award from the Regional Physician Assistants of Central New York. Her husband, John G. Benitez, M.D., M.P.H., is also a 1981 School of Medicine graduate.

- Bullard is the retired President and CEO of USA Weekend, America’s second most widely circulated magazine. Under Bullard’s direction, the magazine created and sponsored the nation’s largest day of volunteer action, “Make A Difference Day.”

- The Springfield native began her career with the Illinois State Journal. She also held reporting and editing positions with the Rochester Democrat & Chronicle. She became a Founding Editor of the USA Today newspaper in 1982, and moved to USA Weekend in 1985. In 2010, after 36 years in the media business, Bullard took an early retirement and turned her management skills to a second career in the nonprofit sector. She serves on the board of directors of three national nonprofit organizations: Points of Light Foundation, Heart of America and America’s Charities. In 1998, she was named Revlon Business Woman of the Year. In 2005, she was honored with a President’s Volunteer Service Award by the White House.

- In 1997, she received the SIU Carbondale School of Journalism Alumnus of the Year Award. In 1997, she was honored by the SIU Alumni Association as a Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. She lives in Washington, D.C., with her husband, journalist Tom McNamara, and has a step-daughter, Emily.

- Logan is a technology entrepreneur who founded KC Management Corporation in 2002. She served as KCMG’s President and CEO, bringing it to the level of being in the top five percent of all management consulting service companies in the U.S. In 2007, KCMG was acquired by CORE Educational Consulting Services, an educational publisher and consulting partner that provides technology-based products, services, and professional personnel assets for schools, state departments of education, institutions of learning, and select businesses.

- Logan now serves as the President/CEO of TeamingSolution, a management consulting firm specializing in enterprise resource planning systems. She has resolved performances issues and implemented numerous large-scale applications for a variety of clients including state/local municipalities, school districts and non-profit agencies.

- She resides in Roswell, Ga., with her husband, Dammell, and they are the parents of three children.

- Solverson is the Manager of Medium Caliber Ammunition Programs at General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems (GD-OTS), a major U.S. defense contractor providing products for the United States Military and allied countries. He has been with the company for 25 years, starting as a Research and Development Engineer, and progressing in various capacities within the company.

- In his current role, he manages program teams within the organization devoted to the production of 20mm, 25mm, and 30mm munitions, and serves as a point of contact for U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps customers.

- Solverson is a member of the SIU College of Engineering Dean’s Industrial Advisory Board. He also serves on the Gun and Missile Systems Executive Steering Committee for the Armaments division of the National Defense Industrial Association, an organization dedicated to promoting national security.

- Solverson’s wife, Associate Judge Christy Solverson, is a two-degrees alumnus of the University, earning a Bachelor’s degree in radio-television in 1986, and a 1990 law degree. The Solverstons are life members of the SIU Alumni Association, and have been season ticket holders for Saluki basketball and football for many years. The Solverstons have one daughter, and reside in Carbondale.
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Grant Supports First-Generation Students

A private foundation is investing in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's efforts to improve the graduation rate of first-generation students. A longstanding commitment to first-generation students - those whose parents did not attend college - was one of the reasons The Suder Foundation, of Plano, Texas, selected the University for the five-year, $1 million program. Along with SIU Carbondale, the foundation awarded a grant to the University of Alabama. SIU Carbondale and Alabama competed with 32 other universities. Nearly 43 percent of SIU Carbondale's 2009 first-time entering freshmen were first-generation students. During this first year of the "First Scholars Program," SIU Carbondale is receiving $60,000 for planning purposes. (For a list of the initial recipients, see page 7.)

The Suder Foundation began funding 20 scholarships at $5,000 each beginning in fall 2011, and will fund 20 additional scholarships at the same level in each of the succeeding three years. Students from Illinois, Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri and Tennessee will be eligible for the scholarships. Financial need and demonstrated academic ability as shown by ACT and/or SAT scores and high school GPA will be among the scholarship criteria.

The scholarship will be renewable for three years as long as the First Scholar maintains at least a 2.5 GPA and meets other criteria established by The Suder Foundation. After the fourth year of the program, the University will be responsible for securing necessary funding to maintain scholarship renewals for existing students and to award scholarships to new groups of students.

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

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

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Salukis Feature Many New Faces

The Southern Illinois University Carbondale men's basketball team was picked to finish ninth in the annual preseason poll of Missouri Valley Conference coaches and media. The Salukis return two starters from last year's team that finished 13-19 overall and 5-13 in the league – senior forward Mamadou Seck, who was named honorable mention preseason all-Valley, and senior guard Justin Bocot.

Southern has nine new faces on its roster, and the coaching staff feels this group could produce some exciting results.

"I think we have a lot of unknowns with as many new guys as we have," says Saluki Head Coach Chris Lowery. "They've shown a tremendous attitude and effort, and we feel good about the competitive nature of our team."

Lowery feels this edition of Saluki Basketball will be more athletic and defend the full length of the floor. "I'm not going to predict anything or make any promises," he says. "Just come watch us play and decide from there. You'll see the effort immediately – it won't be fake and it won't be for one game."

The eighth-year head coach, who has led the program to three NCAA Tournament appearances and one NIT, feels he has a roster of players who love the game and want to compete.

"Our fans are used to seeing our guards control the game on both sides of the ball and play hard," he says. "We are going to play hard and cause havoc again, and I think our fans will embrace the program again. You're going to see guys playing hard for SIU."

SIU opens MVC action Dec. 29 at Evansville and then hosts Illinois State Jan. 1 in the conference home opener. To download the 2011-12 Saluki media guide, go to www.siusalukis.com.

Salukis Feature Many New Faces

SIU's Women Ready To Move On From Tough Season

The SIU women's basketball team has nowhere else to go but up after being picked to finish last in the preseason MVC poll, and that is just fine with Saluki head coach Missy Tiber, who is more than ready to forget about last season's woeful 2-28 (0-18 MVC) record.

"I'm never big on where you are picked preseason. I am big on where we are going to finish in March," says Tiber. "I believe that we are better than 10th in this league, and think we are now getting close to where we need to be in order to be competitive in the Valley each time we play."

Junior Teri Oliver is Southern's most seasoned player, and is the only Saluki who has been on the team's roster prior to last season. A two-year starter, Oliver is SIU's top returning scorer and the fifth-best returning scorer in the MVC after averaging 13.0 points per game last season.

The Salukis have 12 players who are freshmen or sophomores, yet despite the lopsided ratio, Southern actually returns more years of Division I experience this season (8) than it did last year. Tiber is excited about some of the newcomers, as her freshman class is ranked as the 36th best recruiting class in the nation by ESPN Hoopgurlz.

SIU was the only MVC school to secure a top-60 ranking, and only three programs from mid-major conferences signed classes that ranked higher than the Salukis.

"It's going to be a maturation process this year," she says. "The games will show us how mature we are going to be in situations and how we will handle things. The team is a fun group and I like their desire to want to come here and help us get this women's basketball program turned around."

"They understand the tradition here. Flat out, they want to win championships and want to be in NCAA Tournaments."

SIU opens MVC play at Illinois State on Dec. 30 before hosting Bradley in a January conference home opener. For more on the Saluki women, download the 2011-12 media guide at www.siusalukis.com.
Alumni Return To Salute Cindy Scott

Women's Locker Room Named In Her Honor

SIU women's basketball celebrated its most successful years and honored the program's winningest coach recently during a Cindy Scott-era reunion. Scott returned to Carbondale to join the players, coaches, administrators, and supporters that helped her to an unprecedented 388 wins during her 21 years at the helm of the program from 1977-98.

The weekend included a reception in the John Paul Cook Club and a ribbon-cutting ceremony officially naming the new women's basketball locker room complex in Scott's honor.

"The whole weekend was overwhelming for me," Scott says. "To have so many of my former players back and to be able to see them after so many years was absolutely wonderful."

The reunion was made possible thanks to a push by former SIU Associate Athletics Director Charlotte West, who, with help from former Saluki player and coach Vicky King '76, M.S. '82, and supporter Trish Guyon, raised more than $120,000 to name the Cindy Scott Women's Basketball Locker Room.

"Cindy Scott's accomplishments speak for themselves," West says. "It is really a no-brainer that her name belongs on this locker room. The only person who challenged that reasoning was Scott, who felt her name wasn't sufficient. "I feel badly it has my name on it, because it needs to have former assistants Julie Beck and George Lubelt's '49 names on it, and all the terrific young women that played for us," Scott notes. "Our program was truly a joint effort, and all the success was about everybody involved."

Scott's years in Carbondale saw the Salukis win three Gateway Conference Championships and earn four NCAA Tournament berths, including a Sweet 16 appearance in 1987. She guided the Salukis to eight 20-win seasons, and the program enjoyed a streak of 15 consecutive winning seasons under her tutelage.

Scott, who earned her master's at SIU in 1976, credits the family environment that surrounded the program with contributing to the success of her teams.

"We weren't the richest program and didn't have the greatest of anything. But we had people that cared about people," Scott stresses. "We took great pride in the young women we coached and always felt like it was one family trying to get something done together."

The closeness the SIU Alumni Association life member felt for her players was reciprocated, as evidenced by the turnout of 35 former players that traveled to Carbondale from all over the country for the weekend.

"It's about the opportunities that she gave each and every one of us to come and be a student-athlete and represent her and the University," says Petra Jackson '89. "She was a class coach, and it is evident that a lot of that rubbed off on her players."

Karen Powell '99 echoes those sentiments.

"Her intensity and her passion for the game of basketball, for her players, and the people around her is absolutely amazing. It could not be matched, and I take that as an example for my own work," says Powell, herself a basketball coach. "It wasn't just basketball. Everything she did she did with such emotion and passion that you couldn't help but follow her."

Scott, who is in her 14th year as assistant athletics director at Bentley University in Waltham, Mass., says she carries many great memories with her from her days in Carbondale. Notably, she remembers the program's first NCAA Tournament bid in 1986 and the Sweet 16 run in 1987. She remembers going undefeated in Gateway Conference play both of those seasons.

But mostly, she remembers the players who made those other memories possible.

"Those seasons were great in terms of wins and losses, but I think the things that always stick out for me are the young women I was able to coach, to see them grow and mature," Scott says. "It's always about the kids, and those are the highlights — the opportunity to coach such terrific young women."
In the midst of a renaissance, which has included recent additions and renovations to many of the athletic department facilities on the Southern Illinois University Carbondale campus, Saluki Athletics continues to plan a major baseball renovation project at Abe Martin Field.

The $5 million endeavor includes a renovation of the seating bowl, press box, dugouts, the addition of stadium lights, a synthetic grass playing surface with a new drainage system, and a security fence around the facility.

To fund the project, former Saluki Head Coach Richard "Itchy" Jones '61, M.S.'66 helped form a committee along with many baseball alumni to begin the fund-raising effort. Already this group has raised nearly $600,000.

"The response to this has been big early on," Jones says. "The majority of our former players were interested in helping the University."

Baseball alumni have driven the campaign, such as Mark Newman '70, J.D. '78, senior vice president of baseball operations for the New York Yankees. He is one of many baseball alumni who have contributed to the project.

"My involvement is an expression of gratitude for all that SIU and the Saluki baseball program has given me," Newman says. "My time as an undergraduate student, a law student, and as a player and coach with the Saluki baseball program has had a deep and lasting effect on my life. It is difficult for me to adequately express my appreciation for all SIU has done for me and so many others. My contribution is a humble attempt to say thank you."

Once the current plan meets the necessary approval, the University will begin exploring the next logistical steps, which will include working with an architect to formalize the plans and taking bids from contractors. In the meantime, the committee continues to raise funds for the project.

Abe Martin Field was built in 1964, and much of the original structure still stands today. The last major changes to the facility were the addition of a clubhouse in 1988 and a batting cage complex in 2000.

"Everyone is glad to see that this is happening," adds former Saluki outfielder Steve Finley '87, who spent 19 years in the Major Leagues. "This will give Southern the facility that it needs to compete."

"Not a whole lot has changed since I was there, and that's a long time to go without any change. I'm happy with the University and impressed they are putting a strong effort into making this happen - we all want to make it a reality."

If you are interested in the project and want to support it with a tax-deductible donation, please contact Casey Hale at SIU Athletics at 618-453-5625 or email him at chale@siu.edu.

Football Salukis End Season On Strong Note

For the second straight season, the Football Salukis finished under .500, but ended the schedule on a strong note. Southern finished 4-7 overall and 2-6 in the Valley, following a 35-28 upset win at 23rd-ranked Indiana State. With that win, SIU has now won eight consecutive regular season finales.

SIU had defeated Eastern Illinois 45-28 the week prior to snap a six-game losing streak.

"We know we have to get better in some phases of the game, and I'm confident we will do just that," SIU Head Coach Dale Lennon said after the finale. "If we take care of the little things and play sound fundamental football, a lot will fall into place and we will be able to win some of the close games that got away from us this season."

The 2011 season had its highlights, including a 1,121 yard rushing performance by Iowa transfer Jewell Hampton, who also scored a team-high 17 touchdowns on the ground. With one year of eligibility remaining, Lennon knows Hampton can make a big difference next season.

"You've seen a steady growth process with Jewel and he has become more confident in what we're wanting him to do," Lennon notes. "He's also become more of a threat out of the backfield as a receiver - that will hopefully bode well for us next year."

On defense, the stellar career of safety Mike McElroy came to a close with the senior sharing the national Defensive Player of the Week Award after the ISU win. He had two interceptions, recovered a fumble, eight tackles, and scored a defensive touchdown in the win over Indiana State.

McElroy also took pride in his "Salukis Black Out Cancer" fundraiser, where fans bid to have names placed on the back of a special SIU football uniforms. The unique event raised more than $100,000 for the local American Cancer Society.

"We didn't know how this would turn out, but the community support that we received is something I'll take with me forever," he says. "It's a memory that I'll always have."

Steve Finley, who returned as Homecoming Parade Marshal, says he wants to see the renovation plans "become a reality."
Student Trainer Fights Her Way Back

by Megan Kramper

If you had asked Crystal Fuehne a year ago where she would be, the last place she would have thought would be back on the sidelines. A student trainer at Southern Illinois University Carbondale since 2006, her life changed on Memorial Day weekend 2009 when she was involved in an accident near Keysport, Ill., in rural Clinton County.

According to reports, Fuehne, a native of Breese, Ill., and the evening's designated driver, was driving west near Carlyle Lake in a Cadillac Escalade with six of her friends when they collided with a drunk driver who ran a stop sign. Their SUV flipped as it landed in a nearby field.

Three in the car died on impact. Fuehne's injuries ranged from massive brain trauma to broken bones, as she and another passenger were left in critical condition. She underwent numerous surgeries and spent two months in a coma at Saint Louis University Hospital.

SIU volleyball head coach Brenda Winkeler remembers visiting Fuehne for the first time in the hospital.

"I saw her shortly after the accident, and she was in a coma and had all these tubes coming out," Winkeler says. "I just didn't know if she would make it. She has this perseverance and determination and is a kid who was always laughing and joking around and always had a sense of humor."

Doctors didn't think Fuehne would be able to walk or talk normally again. Three months after the accident, she was moved into a rehabilitation center and spent countless hours in physical therapy. She spent two years rehabbing, learning how to walk, talk, and do the basic things she could do before the accident.

Because of the accident, Fuehne had five screws in her thoracic vertebrae, part of the spinal column.

Fuehne, a senior studying athletic training, studies in front of her computer for an exam in her fourth floor Neely Hall dorm room. Photos by Isaac Smith, The Daily Egyptian

Fuehne recalls an exercise where she attempted to move blocks from one basket to another to see how many she could move in one minute. "At the beginning of therapy, I only had three in my basket; toward the end I had 20," she says. "I couldn't even grip the cube at the start of therapy."

Fuehne still needs the assistance of a brace to help move her right leg, but now she is walking — and living — on her own again. She returned to Carbondale in the fall and resumed her studies in athletic training, where she is just a few credit hours shy of graduating.

"They say I'm a miracle," she notes. "They all thought I wouldn't make it."

Fuehne says the support from SIU coaches like Winkeler and softball head coach Kerri Blaylock, who she directly worked for before the accident, has been beneficial. She is currently doing some of her remaining practical hours working with the SIU volleyball team.

"We have more than just the trainer-coach relationship; it's more of a friendship now with Coach Blaylock and Coach Winkeler," she explains.

While some of the injuries she sustained in the accident may be permanent, Fuehne finds healing in talking about the accident. Recently she became involved in ThinkFirst, a national organization that educates people on personal vulnerability and the importance of making safe choices. Most of their message stems from people who have had traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries caused by accidents that could have been prevented.

Cori Maynor, coordinator of the Carbondale ThinkFirst chapter and an occupational therapist at NeuroRestorative in Carbondale, met Fuehne on her first day of treatment. She says since Day 1 Fuehne has been dedicated to her recovery.

"The unique thing about Crystal is her perseverance and hard work," Maynor says. "She was motivated and bound and determined to get better."

Fuehne recently returned to her high school, Breese Central, as well as nearby Marion High School to talk to students about the consequences of drinking and driving. She says she was also asked by local D.A.R.E education officers and Sunday school classes in the Clinton County area to share her story.

"It means everything to me to go back and talk to these students about the consequences of drinking and driving, because I could be dead right now," Fuehne says. "It was just that one time someone ran a stop sign, and I just happened to be there."

As she tries to get back to a normal routine, including living on her own again, Fuehne says she is much more appreciative of the little things in life, including becoming an aunt in September.

"I just sit back and think, 'I possibly wouldn't have been able to meet my niece,' and I just thank God every day I'm alive."
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Lumber For The Lord

by Bonnie Marx

J.R. Potthast '72 never anticipated being the answer to anyone's prayers, but the Catholic lumber milling expert from the Metro East area of Illinois became just that for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

The church needed to find - and spent more than three years seeking divine guidance for - the right person to cut lumber for a new 32,000-square-foot temple in Kansas City.

According to the church's scriptural guidelines, the "holy logs," as Potthast calls them, had to be cut from the white oak trees on the 3,500 acres of land at Jameson, Mo. The cutting order was rift sawn with 45 to 75 degree angle of grain to the cut. The lumber varied in thickness from $1 \frac{1}{32}$ to $2 \frac{1}{32}$ of an inch.

The Mormons believe that the Garden of Eden, described in Genesis, the first book of the Bible, was located in the Independence, Mo. area. When Adam and Eve were cast from the garden, they migrated 65 miles north to Jameson, Mo.

"I always thought the Holy Land was somewhere in the Middle East," says Potthast, adding that his own religious beliefs were of no concern to those who hired him for the job.

The LDS couldn't have known that, in a way, they were an answer to Potthast's own prayers. In December 2006, his family business, Thick & Thin Hardwood Lumber & Sawmill near Pierron, Ill., burned to the ground. Because of the "huge loss of the original building," he continued, the business outdoors, but hit some major hurdles. "I couldn't convince anyone I was open."

Potthast also could no longer use the old circle mill system that had burned with the building and began using a portable bandsaw, the same one he towed off to Missouri, where he and a couple of helpers worked dawn to dusk, doing nothing but sawing logs.

When he completed the task on Thanksgiving morning 2010, they had produced 26,000 board feet out of 14,000 board feet of logs. "On the way home I realized that the only daylight I saw while at AOA was at the sacred site where we quarter sawed the logs. I also had an emotional and tearful realization that if my lumber mill had not burnt to the ground, I would have never started using a mobile bandsaw, thus I would never have experienced this adventure."

When starting the research on this project he thought LDS would only be able to use about 20 percent of each log because of the demanding specifications. After a summer month of thought and experimentation he not only found a way to maximize the rift effect he also found a way to isolate same angle grain in each board. "It cannot be explained in this forum, but it could be demonstrated to some people in the business willing to understand."

Spending his life in sawdust wasn't something Potthast considered when he came to SIU. Reared on a dairy farm, he chose studies in chemistry, math, and in dairy science in the College of Agricultural Sciences. "I wanted to go into animal industries," he says, "the physiology of lactation, reproduction, and ova transplants. I wanted to get into veterinary medicine, but it's harder to get into than medical school."
There were no forestry classes on his schedule.

But that became his life’s calling, one he conducted with spectacular skill, according to the LDS construction supervisors. “Two hundred years ago the conventional wisdom would have been that I did it all wrong,” he says, “but they treated me like a king.” When he started this pilgrimage, I didn’t know exactly what I would be paid, but I didn’t care. I knew I had to do it.

“It was quite a religious experience, and it seems to me that God was involved in this.” The bonds with his newfound friends in the LDS remain strong and “will never die,” he says.

“They are the most wonderful people I have ever met.” Still, he says his friends find it somewhat amusing that building the temple (set to open in 2012) “took a Catholic to figure it out.”

The SIU alumnus feeds a white oak tree log through his milling machine.
Seminars To Greece, Turkey, Egypt, And Italy

Ancient Legacies Program Begins 30th Year
Can you imagine traveling to Athens, Greece, and learning about the origins of democracy and the jury system by recreating the trial of Socrates in an ancient council chamber? What about the experience of discovering how the Olympic Games began and then immediately running a footrace in the ancient stadium?

Those kinds of encounters are available, as 2012 will mark the 30th anniversary of SIU's Ancient Legacies travel programs. The program is open to undergraduates and graduate students for credit – and to working adults, families, senior citizens, and others who simply want to enjoy the experience. Alumni and friends are also invited to participate in this intellectual adventure.

The programs were created by Southern Illinois University Carbondale Philosophy Professor Robert Hahn. He has led 47 different programs in the last three decades, enrolling more than 1,200 people, including hundreds of SIU alumni and adult members of the community.

Hahn says the program began in the late 1980's when former Chancellor John Guyon decided to make such an endeavor a flagship project for the University. "Through his support, the programs blossomed from Greece, to the old Greek colonies on the west coast of Turkey, and then to Egypt," Hahn says. All feature specially designed hands-on activities – innovative teaching techniques that he introduced to make the programs unique.
Each day the tour visits a different archaeological site or museum. This small group, including the three-generation family contingent of Robert and Norma Graebe, their daughter, and two grandchildren, is at the Giza plateau. “It’s really special when we have different generations of a family with us,” Hahn says.

“In the Egypt programs, the group visited Cairo and Giza, Luxor, and Aswan in southern Egypt and integrated a four-night Nile cruise,” Hahn says. “To explore the lively question of how the pyramids were built, we have the group test theories by constructing a miniature model of a pyramid.

“To better understand how tomb paintings were made, they carve and paint their own hieroglyphic tablets from limestone acquired in the Valley of the Nobles. And every season the groups discover the details of the mummification ritual by reenacting together the stages of the process from death to resurrection as they cruise the Nile.”

Each year the annual programs are led by an interdisciplinary team of faculty who, in addition to providing lectures, guide and lead debates about perennial philosophical questions such as: What is the highest moral value? What is the ideal form of government? What makes for a happy life? What is self-knowledge? What happens when we die? The group explores such questions by tracing what the ancient Greeks, Egyptians, or Romans had to say in answer while delving into the cultural legacies of these ancient people.

There have been more than 100 different faculty members who have participated in the programs over the years, representing dozens of universities,” Hahn notes. “During my travels to these famous archaeological sites and museums, I have produced my own original research to account for why philosophy began where and when it did. It’s surprising to most people to learn that specialists in ancient philosophy rarely, if ever, travel to Greece! If they do, usually it is to attend a conference or take a vacation, but not to learn about ‘philosophy.”

Hahn says the dominant approach to understanding the ancient Greek philosophers is the study of their abstract and speculative thought—what he likes to call ‘disembodied souls. If there are eternal ideas, transcendent truths, the approach has been to discount the body and senses as providing insight into them. If these ideas are the business of philosophy, there is no need to travel to Greece, or in fact, anywhere. Just sit in a basement, close your eyes, and contemplate.”

In Hahn’s last three research books, he has argued that techniques in monumental architecture and building drove abstract and speculative thought and the origins of philosophy in a way that had never before been appreciated.

In recent years, the programs have grown to include Italy, just as the programs expanded to the Greek colonies in modern-day Turkey and Egypt. Now, as his research continues to track early Greek philosophy to the Greek colonies in southern Italy, the programs are expanding with those interests.

In Italy, the group makes mosaics like the ones seen in Pompeii, compares and contrasts Roman with Greek theater by performing scenes from comedy and tragedy in Syracuse and Segesta, and in Sicily rehearses debates as established by the sophist Gorgias.

In 2012, there will be Ancient Legacies programs to Egypt (January 3-15, March 9-18, and May 14-26), to Greece and the west coast of Turkey (May 29-June 11), and to Italy (June 10-24). All the information can be found at the website: www.ancientlegacies.org, by contacting the SIU Study Abroad program at 618-453-7670, or contacting Hahn directly at hahnr@siu.edu.
Allen Named Associate Provost-Academic Programs

James Allen, formerly director of Assessment and Program Review at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, became associate provost for academic programs at the University effective Dec. 1.

Allen, a professor in history with a cross-appointment in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, came to SIU in 1991. He was self-study coordinator and chair for the University’s recent institutional re-accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

“Dr. Allen is highly respected throughout the campus for his commitment to providing our students with a superior academic experience and for his leadership skills,” Chancellor Rita Cheng says. “He is passionate about moving our University forward, and I look forward to the many positive contributions he will make in his new role.”

Allen was one of four candidates for the position in an internal search. The position, formerly associate provost for academic affairs, has been vacant the last couple of years. The position focuses on the University’s academic programs and their quality, says John Nicklow, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

“I am extremely impressed with Jim’s demonstrated experience and skill in assessment, program review, handling student appeals, and knowledge of accreditation at multiple levels,” Nicklow notes. “These are exactly the qualities that will allow him to excel in this position.”

Allen says the appointment brings “delight, hope and humility.”

“The delight comes from the many colleagues I can help in their degree programs,” he explains. “The hope comes in how I might make SIU Carbondale a better place to work and learn. And the humility comes from the exceptional people I will work with in the years ahead — the talented faculty across campus, yes, but also the extraordinary staff in my office.”

Every Saluki has a story.

“I graduated from SIU in 2008, and since then my life has changed considerably for the best. I majored in history, planning to teach high school, and am fortunate to say I’m doing exactly what I wanted to do. After graduation I spent the spring semester substitute teaching in local schools, and then was hired at Shawnee High in Wolf Lake, Ill. In 2009, I began my career teaching two history classes, economics, government, world geography and cultures, psychology, coaching a couple of sports, and serving as sponsor for three clubs. I also was a member of the Little Egypt Search and Rescue team and served as a board member for the Inspiring Women’s Program. The next year I was named one of the Southern Illinoisan's “Leaders Among Us,” and was quite proud to receive this wonderful honor.

When I teach my students, I try and make them believe that they can change the world. We spend the first part of our Fridays working on our bucket lists, and I remind them to appreciate the simple things in life. As I continue teaching at Shawnee, I am also working on my Master’s at Southern in curriculum and instruction with a social science focus. I look forward to many more years of teaching, and feel SIU deserves a big ‘thank you’ for getting me started.”

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THE HOUSE THAT STUDENTS BUILT

SIU Student Center Celebrates 50th Birthday

By Marleen Shepherd

The Student Center looks as inviting today as it did at its grand opening in 1961 thanks to continuing improvements such as the restoration of the center’s landmark fountain, unveiled in celebration of the Student Center’s 50th anniversary in June. The structure remains the largest student union in the nation without an attached hotel.

Laurence “Doc” Dougherty started out selling papers at his alma mater’s “student union” and ended his storied SIU career as a vice president. Dougherty, 89, was hired from Ohio State University to help establish what would become the SIU Student Center, described at its opening as “one of the most beautiful student union buildings in the country.”

“I’m proud of the whole thing,” Dougherty says. “I’m proud of the building, I’m proud of the concept, and I’m proud to have been the first director and get it started and running. The Student Center continued to grow and play an important role in student life and it still does.”

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“He was such a strong supporter of the student work program,” Dougherty says. “He said things to me like, ‘There’s more to the student work program than just earning money. If a student has a job here and does his job, then he’s accomplished something.’ A lot of these people had not had outside jobs or jobs away from home.”

Morris encouraged the model that would carry on through five decades. While supervisors were hired full-time, the lion’s share of work was done by students.

“We were a student work program,” Dougherty says. “It was not merely made for students. Its purpose and programming was largely designed by them, and students helped foot the bill for the $4.6 million investment starting with a $5 student fee in 1958, around $40 by today’s standards. Financial assistance also came from alumni, faculty, and the University.”

The continuing success of the current $77 million facility is due in large part to the preservation of Morris’ original intent, affirms Student Center Director Lori Lynn Stettler M.S. ’89. More than 160 students currently work in the Student Center at various positions: providing customer service; assisting with custodial duties and operational support; making student IDs and answering phones; and working for businesses located in the building such as McDonald’s, Chartwells Educational Dining, and Follett Higher Education, which for businesses located in the building such as McDonalds, Chartwells Educational Dining, and Follett Higher Education.

“History is made here,” Stettler says. “Our core strategy is to be a vehicle for students to come together as a community. Celebrating all of the events in the building and all of the services that went on over the years is really important to us.”

In June, the half century commemorations at the Student Center included a rededication of its landmark fountain. The black granite fountain was completely refurbished and a timer system was added. The courtyard also got a makeover with new concrete, landscape rocks and a fresh planting of flora. Student Center walls commemorate its five decades. Nathan Bonner, a Student Center graphics designer, spent two years combing archival photos, articles, and artifacts to tell the center’s story in a variety of displays. Highlighted are the many programs and services offered by the facility through the years, as well as the physical changes and evolution of the building.

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Abbi Allen, who graduated this year, considers the Student Center the core of her college experience. “I was a frequent visitor for studying or group meetings and worked as an intern for Chartwells my senior year. I was a part of a student organization that met there every Wednesday all three years I attended Southern. I utilized a lot of the services the Student Center offers (Craft Shop, SIU Alumni Association, and others).”

Dougherty adds, “I believe the Student Center was a place for students to come together as a community. Celebrating all of the events in the building and all of the services that went on over the years is really important to us.”

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SIU President Delyte Morris chats with Gov. Otto Kerner at the opening of the University Center following a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new facility on Alumni Day, June 10, 1961.
This aerial view shows the University Center under construction in 1960. Old Main and McAndrew Stadium are recognizable in the photo, and houses dot the landscape that would become Thompson Woods.

**TREMENDOUS CHANGE AND GROWTH**

The year 1961 was infused with both optimism and transformation. Yuri Gagarin became the first human in space, the UN General Assembly condemned apartheid, Civil Rights activists launched the Freedom Rides, Mickey Mantle was still at bat, and the first Six Flags opened. Following the inauguration of John F. Kennedy, the president established the Peace Corps, which SIU students embraced passionately:

As the nation seemed to burst at its seams, so did Southern. "It was wonderful," Dougherty says. "Everybody was so enthusiastic about everything and involved in all kinds of things. The University was busy and quite influential."

Dougherty's new job as director of the University Center was an entry into a "booming" and "thriving" campus. Since 1959 the University had been recognized as one of the country's fastest-growing. Despite a housing shortage and tightened entrance requirements, enrollment was spiking so fast that Southern scrambled to add $8.1 million in new student housing and more parking. The 9 percent jump over the previous fall's enrollment in 1961 sent record numbers to both the SIUC and SIUE campuses, totaling a combined 14,628 students.

That year the University gave birth to WSIU and The Center for Dewey Studies (see accompanying stories in this issue of the magazine), the bachelor's degree in engineering, and the Crime Study Center. A sampling of construction projects underway included: adding five stories to Morris Library; building a College of Education and Clinical Center; planning for what would become the SIU Arena; remodeling McAndrew Stadium; adding dozens of new classrooms; and upgrading the power plant to accommodate the tremendous growth of SIU.

Touch of Nature, then known as the Little Grassy Campus, gained SIU recognition as one of the first universities in the United States to use nature as a classroom when the national camp of the Outdoor Education Association relocated there. A vibrant arts and theater scene on campus included a new art gallery and the plays "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Hamlet," and "Carmen," as well as multicultural events such as the Asian Arts Festival.

At the center of it all was what would come to be called the Student Center. Morris christened it "the crossroads of campus." Its very shape exemplified the crossroads principle - two straight hallways, crossing perpendicular, and branching out to the four main directions of campus. The University Center reflected precisely what teams of students, faculty, and alumni determined the state-of-the-art facility should have, including spaces for study, meetings, and live entertainment; TV rooms; bowling and billiards; snack and coffee shops; and student organization offices.

**IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK**

Becky Jeffries Simon '62 remembers the excitement of entering the brand new building that would fast become the hub of student life. As the first student president of the University Center Programming Board, she fondly recalls helping plan the Spring Festival, Homecoming, and the Greek Sing, as well...
as relaxing to concerts on the patio. Her strongest memory is witnessing John Glenn’s return from the Mercury-Atlas 6 mission. Glenn was the first American to orbit the Earth aboard Friendship 7 on February 20, 1962.

“I came in from class and walked down that hall going for coffee of course, and a crowd had overflowed into the hallway,” she says. “That’s where I was when he landed.”

Over the years, many would witness momentous events in history such as the space shuttle Challenger disaster in 1986 and the events of Sept. 11, 2001 at the Student Center, but often what was happening off screen was just as transformative.

The anti-war movement reached a boiling point on May 4, 1970 when Ohio National Guardsmen fired on a crowd of student demonstrators at Kent State University. SIU students poured onto the streets, as did four million students on college and high school campuses nationwide. Some of the state police and National Guard troops called in were quartered in the Student Center.

“The troops would come in and sleep there, then leave before students arrived each morning,” says Dougherty, who was standing at the head of the marble staircase at the center’s entrance when a brick smashed through the glass. “I have probably the first brick thrown at the start of the riots.” Protesters damaged 36 Student Center windows in the commotion that followed.

Two years later, the campus again erupted into conflict at the Vietnamese Studies Center when President Nixon renewed bombing of Hanoi and Haiphong, and approved the mining of Haiphong Harbor. As turbulent times continued to rock the nation, the Student Center saw demonstrations, protests, and guerrilla theatre advocating “revolutionary sociopolitical change.”

“There was always drama in the Student Center,” Bonner confirms.

In 1971 the University Center became the Student Center per students’ request, and a 1972 expansion tripled the size of the building at a price of $10.2 million. That year Pluto and Dina Yellin’s untitled mural became the first art work purchased for display.

By 1976, the second Student Center Director John Corker oversaw 7,500 programs including madrigal dinners, the Craft Shop, the Sunset Concert series, a comprehensive marketing and graphics office, “and a commitment to visual art that we still honor today by annually purchasing student art work,” Stettler says.

In the ’80s traditions such as the participatory, costumed screening of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” began, as well as a host of other late-night activities. Students orchestrated entertainment and cultural events. RSOs, faculty, and staff welcomed scholars, speakers, and celebrities to share their stories. Guests of the Student Center over the years include Vincent Price, The Buddhist Monks of Tibet, The Big Twist, and political figures such as Bill Clinton and “a young Barack Obama who spoke here in 2002,” Bonner says. The late Sen. Paul Simon was often among those strolling the Student Center in between teaching classes and working at the Public Policy Institute he founded at SIU in 1997.

The Student Center has expanded over the years to become the largest in the nation without a hotel. The cultural shift could not be more pronounced from the center’s early days when everyone “was dressed to the nines” in their hats and gloves at events such as the ladies luncheons that Becky Jeffries Simon attended.

What hasn’t changed is its mission to keep up with changing student needs, Stettler says. Students make their voices heard through formal feedback as well as social media such as Facebook and website comments, and the center staff listens.

“It’s not my mother’s student union. It’s not the past. It’s the future,” Stettler says. “We’ve continued to grow and expand how we serve today’s students and how we meet their needs. Where 50 years ago, you would have seen sock hops and ballroom dances, today you see drag shows and hip-hop artists, and lecture series that include everyone from a porn star to Maya Angelou. We think about not what we want, but about what our students want. We take that seriously today, just as they did 50 years ago.”
The Mayor Of Wrigleyville

by Mark Konko

A rooftop view of Wrigley Field changed everything for George Loukas '73, the gym teacher son of an immigrant southeastside steelworker.

In the spring of 1974, Loukas and his brother, Angelo, scraped together enough cash to buy a decrepit apartment building on Sheffield with an unfettered view of the hapless Chicago Cubs in action.

Back then, tenants were mostly poor folks and the occasional drug dealer. Rent was 75 bucks a month for a two-bedroom. Cubs games were sparsely attended novelties. Local bars were dives. Latin Kings controlled the dope trade. Prostitutes worked the corners. Junkies slept in alleys. And there was nowhere to get a half-skim, no-foam latte.

Loukas and a pal had a barbecue on the rooftop at 3700 N. Sheffield, which the brothers bought for just $135,000. "My friend said he wanted to come back with his friends and they'd pay for burgers and hot dogs and refreshments," the SIU Alumni Association life member recalls. "I started with a Weber grill on the rooftop."

The pioneering rooftop revelers loved the sweeping views of the Friendly Confines. Word spread quickly, and rooftop space became a hot ticket, then just $5.

For 37 years, Loukas has built a real estate and entertainment empire on the foundation of that seagull's-eye view of a baseball team that can't, for the life of it, win a World Series. He owns the Sports Corner, The Ivy, three rooftop party decks, dozens of apartments, and his crown jewel, the Cubby Bear Lounge.

But for all his hard work and success, Loukas says he's earned a much more important title: Dad.

Becoming A Success

Loukas immigrated to Chicago with his family in 1953. He went to Bowen High School but says he wasn't a good student.

"I graduated with a D-minus average and a 16 on my ACT," Loukas says. "I had a reading comprehension problem, and I had it tough. But I didn't want to be a failure. I didn't ever want to quit anything, because I wanted to make it like my brothers, and I wanted to make my parents proud of me."

He went to Wilson Junior College to get his grades up, transferred to Southern Illinois University and won a walk-on football scholarship. But that's as far as football took him. After college, he got a job as a high school gym teacher and later coached football at Austin High School.

"The most fun I had was being a PE teacher and creating relationships with kids who were afraid to participate in class because they couldn't read. When you took time to help them read, they could tell you really cared about them, and they gave you respect," he recalls.

"It's sad that I had to give up that career to be a building superintendent and a building manager and a bar manager ... but it worked out."

As a naive business man, Loukas was good at taking advice. In fact, prodding from his pals to further the rooftop business is what brought him his greatest success.

"The reason I listen to people and then work out things in my mind is because I was a D student," he says.

"When you have doubts about yourself, you believe other people are trying to help you. I took what they said and did what I thought was best."
By the late '80s the Loukas brothers' success hit a crossroad.

Angelo didn't think the Cubs would remain at Wrigley Field, and George was banking that the stadium - the soul of the neighborhood - would survive. George went out on his own and turned the Cubby Bear into a top music venue and iconic sports pub and continued to profit on the seagull's-eye view of Cubs games.

By 1990, the informal rooftop party business caught the attention of then-Cubs executive John McDonough, who asked Loukas for a tour of the game-day party operation. "They came to my father's apartment, and he answered the door in jockey shorts and a T-shirt," he notes. "He told them I was upstairs waiting for him and escorted them to the stairs in his underwear."

Loukas offered to be the Cubs liaison to the rooftop scene, but nothing came of those talks. He's not sure if his dad's tightly-whiteyeds had anything to do with that.

**'California Girl'**

Sometimes in life, it's who you know, not what you know. And luckily for Loukas his brother knew a guy with a cute flight attendant friend. She was a beautiful "California girl" named Patty who had recently moved to Chicago.

Loukas didn't wait long to ask his future wife on a first date: dinner at RJ Grunts and a stroll through Lincoln Park Zoo. "He told me about his family and how important they were to him. We had the same values. I was impressed," Patty says. "And, oh yes, he was good looking."

They were married four years later. Even while pregnant with their first daughter, Patty worked alongside her husband. She fixed frozen pipes with a blowtorch, watched as he re-tiled grimy bathroom floors, and even collected the cover charge at the Cubby Bear.

"In marriage, you have to bend or it's not going to work," Loukas says. "You have to give more than you take, and you have to really care about your family more than yourself. Patty and I are the same that way. Her parents were immigrants, too. And the spirit of the immigrant generation was instilled in us. We knew how we wanted to raise our children. And I knew that to have a successful marriage I had to realize my wife is always correct."

It's hard for him to express his feelings about his family; he's like his father that way. But when he looks at their four children - Stacey, Nick, Christina, and Kostas - he knows he's a success.

"Parents are supposed to sacrifice for their children, whether it's working hard for them or taking them to play. If parents are there, they will be good kids," Loukas says. "We are blessed with four great kids. That's what we prayed for before we got married... to have kids and send them down the right path."

**Letting Children Take Over**

At the family real estate office on Clark Street, the walls are wrapped in pictures and art that serve as a shrine to the Loukas family empire.

"More than anything, this is a family business," Loukas says, sitting in a comfortable chair with his thick fingers linked behind his thick neck. "Family and business. That's us."

At 62, Loukas says he's not ready to retire, but he'd like to spend more time traveling the world with his "California girl." To do that, he's started to turn over the business to his two oldest children, Stacey and Nick.

"Absolutely, it's nerve racking," he says of giving up some control. "I worry." But he has faith that his children will make the right choices... and he plans to watch over their shoulder.

"Life is a team game. You have to be part of the team. It's not 'you', it's 'we' in life. If it's just you, then you're going to be a lonely person," he says. "When you have a question, you just do the right thing. Do what your parents would tell you is the right thing."

Loukas passed down the lessons to his kids by being there when they were growing up, even though keeping the business going often required long days. He'd manage the bar, fix light bulbs, renovate apartments, hawk souvenirs, park cars, and rush back to the suburbs to coach his kids in football, baseball, and softball.

"He showed us he loved us by example," Nick Loukas says. "Everything we do revolves around family. That started with my grandparents, and it's that way with my parents. It keeps us close and strong."

The Mayor of Wrigleyville taught him that.

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**Supporting His Alma Mater**

For more than three decades, Loukas has served as host of the SIU Alumni Association's "SIU at Wrigley Field" event. The Southern graduate transforms his Cubby Bear Lounge - located directly across the street from the stadium - into a sea of maroon where Salukis from all walks of life gather for this popular pregame reception.

"Without George, it would be impossible for us to offer such a great event each year to our alumni and friends," says SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez. "His loyalty to the Association and love for SIU is remarkable, and we truly appreciate his support."

2012 will mark the 35th year of the SIU at Wrigley event.
**Randolph County Hosts 'Dawg Days of Summer' Picnic**

The Randolph County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 30 alumni and friends to a picnic at Red Bud Lincoln Park in Red Bud, Ill. The picnic was catered and Kathy Dillard attended on behalf of SIU Alumni Association. Jeremy Walker and Barb Brown helped coordinate the event.

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**SIU Night With The Miners**

The SIU Alumni Association, in conjunction with Saluki Athletics, hosted SIU Night with the Miners. Salukis took over Rent One Park, which featured guest appearances by head football coach Dale Lennon (below, far left) and the Saluki Shakers. Miners players wore maroon colored jerseys which were auctioned off after the game to benefit the Coaches vs. Cancer Fund. A fantastic fireworks display capped off an unforgettable night.

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**Austin Summer Barbecue**

The Austin/San Antonio Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 35 alumni and friends to a barbecue at the home of Chapter Leader, Tara Janssen. A fun-filled afternoon included several outdoor games and some good ole' fashion grilling.

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**Nashville Club Potluck**

The Nashville Club of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 25 alumni and friends to a picnic at Arrington Vineyards. Alumni enjoyed sampling their award-winning wine while enjoying spectacular vineyard views. Elle Turner coordinated the event.

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**SIU Tailgate At Ole Miss**

The SIU Alumni Association hosted more than 140 alumni and friends to a tailgate in Oxford, Miss., prior to SIU’s game against the University of Mississippi. SIU President Glenn Poshard and SIU Director of Athletics Mario Moccia stopped in to address and fire up the crowd. Michelle Suarez, Laura Taylor, and Zachary Sapienza attended on behalf of the Association.

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**34th Annual SIU Day At Wrigley Field**

The SIU Alumni Association and George Loukas hosted 650 alumni and friends to a night game between the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Cardinals. Prior to the game, alumni gathered for a pregame meal and refreshments at the Cubby Bear. Marc Silverman from the Silvy & Waddle Show on ESPN 1000 threw out the first pitch for SIU. The SIU Alumni Association received quite a bit of publicity prior to the game after Silvy made an on-air bet with Cub's pitcher Ryan Dempster that he could throw a strike for the first pitch - and he did! Michelle Suarez, Laura Taylor, Gene Green, and Zachary Sapienza attended the event on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association.
2nd Annual Rams Scholarship Fundraiser

The St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 75 alumni and friends to a St. Louis Rams game against the New Orleans Saints. Despite the Saints being heavily favored, the Rams shut down the offensive juggernaut to notch their first win of the season. If that wasn't enough, the St. Louis Chapter also raised more than $1,400 for their annual scholarship fund. After the game, several alumni enjoyed the St. Louis Cardinals World Series Parade. Anna Vani, Ann Patton, Leslie Tepen, and Aimee Snabley coordinated the fundraiser. Zachary Sapienza and Michelle Suarez attended the event on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association.

From left, Aimee Snavely, Leslie Tepen, Ann Patton, Zachary Sapienza, Leah Lucas, Eric Cords, and Anna Vani.

Phoenix Dinner And Social

The Phoenix Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted more than 30 alumni and friends to breathtaking views and a Sunday dinner at the legendary Rustler's Roost in Phoenix, Arizona. Danny Griffin coordinated the event and Zachary Sapienza attended on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association.

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Thanks To The Chair Of The Class Of 1961...

SIU Alumni Association board member Dede Ittner pulled double duty during this year’s Homecoming Celebration, attending the board meetings and serving as chair of the Class of 1961 Reunion.

As a small token of our appreciation, Ittner is shown accepting a fleece jacket – complete with the SIU Alumni Association logo and her name – from Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez and President-Elect Barry Smith.

“She is a tireless worker who really made the 50th anniversary reunion of her graduating class a tremendous success,” Suarez says. “She is a special person who is always willing to do anything she can to help her alma mater.”

Shepherd Joins Association Staff

Marleen Shepherd has joined the SIU Alumni Association magazine staff as a writer. The Carbondale native has a strong writing background with the Southern Illinoisan, and has worked as a freelance writer for various newspapers and magazines, as well as producing promotional materials for local companies and non-profit organizations. She replaces Bonnie Marx, who recently retired from SIU.

Her first writing assignment for Southern Alumni appears in this issue, as she penned the 50th anniversary story on the SIU Student Center.

“Growing up in Carbondale and attending the University gives Marleen a great feel for how we communicate with our alumni,” says SIU Alumni Association Associate Director Gene Green. “I think everyone is going to enjoy her approach to telling the Saluki story.”

Shepherd graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in journalism in 2002 from Southern, where she was editor of the Daily Egyptian. The SIU Alumni Association life member also volunteers for several charitable organizations, including serving as president of the Carbondale Interfaith Council. She resides with her son, Isaiah, in rural Carbondale.

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February 2012

2  Saluki Women's Basketball at Northern Iowa, 7:00 p.m.
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Saluki Women's Basketball at Bradley, 2:05 p.m.
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9  Saluki Women's Basketball vs. Drake, 7:05 p.m.
10-12 The Tragedy of Carmen and Trial by Jury at McLeod Theater, Fri.-Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
11 Saluki Men's Basketball at Indiana State, 12:05 p.m.
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12 Travis Tritt at 3:00 p.m., Shryock Auditorium
14 Saluki Men's Basketball vs. Creighton, 7:05 p.m.
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Memories From The Class Of 1961

Kerry Baughner, Cape Girardeau, Mo. - Graduating and getting his degree "allowed a total change in my way of life as I began my teaching career," Kerry says. His favorite memory is "walking across the stage on the football field and receiving my degree. It was so special to be the first in our family to graduate from college."

Ken Bubbee, Makanda, Ill. - SIU "gave me a lifetime quest for learning and scores of friendships. SIU is one of the loves of my life," Ken says.

Doug Chapman, Belvidere, Ill. - "I'm proud to be a Saluki," Doug says. "My teachers at SIU showed me that by giving 110 percent you could reach your goals." His favorite memories involve the off-campus residence, Curve Inn, where he lived with "14 great guys."

Neville Cline, Chesterfield, Mo. - SIU provided "an excellent basic mathematical education, which enabled me to go on for a Ph.D."

Bev Coleman, Bowie, Md. - "SIU made me a whole person," Robert says, and his fondest memories involve "football and Sigma Tau Gamma."

Bill Gooch, Murphysboro, Ill. - Bill says Southern "was the first step in my ladder of success," and his best memory is "faculty relations with old' industrial arts teachers, 1958-1961."

Beverly Coleman, Bowie, Md. - Beverly served as a hostess at the opening of the SIU Student Center in 1961 and spoke at the center's 25th anniversary commemorative program in 1986. Also, "I represent our class of 1961 for 12 years (three terms) on the SIU Alumni Association National Board of Directors, preceding Dede (Lingle) Ittner."

James Duncan, East Moline, Ill. - "SIU prepared me for a good profession and hopefully to be a contributing member of society." James says. His favorite memories are "being freshman class president and a New Student Week leader, being president of the men's intramural board, and earning my M.S. in 1962."

Carl Eifsheder, Hardinsburg, Ind. - "SIU's special contribution in Carl's life was "providing me the opportunity to associate with state and federal wildlife officials." His favorite memories are "meeting, courting, and marrying my wife of 53 years, and graduation day."

Norma (Morriss) Ewing, Carbondale, Ill. - "SIU provided a solid foundation for me to pursue a road that has enabled me to make some contributions to society beyond measure," Norma says. Bill Gooch, Murphysboro, Ill. - Bill says Southern "was the first step in my ladder of success," and his best memory is "faculty relations with old' industrial arts teachers, 1958-1961."

Betty (Borgmiller) Hardwig, North Fort Myers, Fla. - Some of Betty's favorite thoughts: "Living in sorority houses with Sig Kap and Pi Kap sisters and nervously taking shorthand dictation from President Delyte W. Morris."

Dede Ittner, Carbondale, Ill. - Dede says SIU gave her the "tools to take K-college for 40-plus years," as well as a "wonderful life-mate/husband and lifetime friends."

Sandy (Keller) Ryan, Costa Mesa, Calif. - "SIU opened the world to me," Sandy says, "and gave me many happy memories." Some of her best ones are Sigma Kappa sorority and being homecoming queen in 1960, her senior year.

Dick McDonald, Canton, Ga. - SIU "made it possible to coach young athletes on the high school and college level. I coached in national tournaments in the 1970s." His fondest memories are "being coached by Doc' Lingle in the late 1950s, and going undefeated as a team in 1958; being a sponsor (Busch) for the Saluki Shootout in the new arena in the 1980s; and seeing the Salukis under Hartman win the 1966 NIT in New York and taking my own team, St. Peters, there in 1975 and 1976."

Cecilia Norris, Carbondale, Ill. - Cecilia remembers the "year-long school spirit, especially during Homecoming; lifelong friendships and colleague relationships; and interaction with Dr. and Mrs. Delyte Morris."

Molly (Cross) Norwood, Mesa, Ariz. - "I want people to know that being a life member of the SIU Alumni Association and being able to give back means a lot to me," Molly says. "The University has done so well in providing us the ability to have successes in my life; it's my responsibility to give back."

Larry Periman, Dix, Ill. - "Larry, who says his SIU schooling helped prepare him for a 40-year career in corporate management, remembers "working for Brockey Childers at University Laundry, south of the football field. I earned 90 cents per hour when I graduated."

James Racey, Bellaire, Mich. - Some of his favorite memories are "living in Dowell (the barracks) and completing freshman year for less than $500; Dr. Rainbow's freshman English class; catching largemouth bass from the Campus Lake; meeting and talking to Buckminster Fuller while cleaning his office on the second floor of the library. I was on the janitorial staff at the library."

Edward Varsa, Carbondale, Ill. - To Edward, "faculty were inspirational in forming my career goals and for their encouragement," but he looks back in fondness to the memories of "meeting my bride and wife of 46 years while we were at SIU. A favorite memory involves juggling schedules so we could both go to school and take care of him. This frequently meant putting Scott in his stroller and walking to campus, where we'd meet and trade him. We both graduated and never used a sitter to attend classes."

Save The Date

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The Class of 1961, front row from left: Dede Ittner, Beverly Coleman, Phyliss Jackson, Carol King, Cecilia Norris, Marian McBride Racey, Ernestine Reynolds, and Jacqueline Heape Siefert. Middle row: Edward Varsa, Daryl Reid, Larry Periman, James Duncan, Alfred Leavell, Geoffrey Troutt, James Racey, Marilyn (Burch) Sheldon, Pittsburg, Kan. - Marilyn calls meeting and marrying her husband at SIU "the best thing I ever did." She recalls: "Our oldest son was born while we were at SIU. A favorite memory involves juggling schedules so we could both go to school and take care of him. This frequently meant putting Scott in his stroller and walking to campus, where we'd meet and trade him. We both graduated and never used a sitter to attend classes.

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Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.

1950s

Harry Boyd '58 and his wife, Dorothy EX '58, are on a years-long quest: locating the graves of all Williamson County veterans. The two have spent time walking through every cemetery in the county and now have more than 8,000 photos of grave markers.

1960s

The latest endeavor for Alexander Caputo '63, who says he's been an entrepreneur most of his life, is producing a musical stage production, "Suddenly Seniors: The Musical," described as a "celebratory embrace of the senior experience," by the production played for two months (March and April) in Orlando, Fla., and during November in Winter Garden, Fla. Caputo was president and owner of the multimillion-dollar firm Image International, a convention and themed-event company, and also founded, owned, and operated a travel agency and a construction company. For more on the play, see www.suddenlyseniorsthemusical.com.

Jay Watson '64, who says he found out a year after graduating from Southern that "I didn't like accounting," landed a job in copy-machine sales and worked his way up for a few years until the opportunity came along to buy his own shop. He and his mother opened Kwik Kopy in 1971 in Springfield, Ill. Forty years later, Watson ranks as founder and chief executive of CDS Office Technology and Color World of Printing in Springfield, Ill., with 120 employees and seven locations in Illinois, Missouri, and Indiana.

Allan Stuck EX '67 can be found in his nondescript studio in Makanda, Ill., but his jewelry is turning up on some well-known people. Represented by the Roseark Gallery in West Hollywood, Stuck's designs have adorned pop music artist Pink, celebrity Lindsay Lohan, and even Angelina Jolie, whose husband, Brad Pitt, bought a necklace for her.

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs honored John Metzger '68, M.A. '71, Ph.D. '82 in August as its Veteran of the Month. Metzger served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970, including a tour in Vietnam as a chaplain's assistant. Metzger, who spent his career as a district superintendent of schools in Franklin County, was honored for his service to community, veterans, and deployed servicemen and women and their families.


Metsmith Gary Noffke M.F.A. '69 exhibited a major retrospective of nearly 50 years of his work earlier this year at the Mint Museum of Art Uptown in Charlotte, N.C. Titled "Attitude and Alchemy: The Metalwork of Gary Lee Noffke," the exhibit showed 130 pieces of Noffke's art, including rings and other jewelry, choppers, knives, spoons, goblets, bowls, cups, and even quirky cappuccino steamers.

1970s

David Meador '71, who lost his sight at age 18 in a car accident, has written his autobiography, Broken Eyes, Unbroken Spirit: The Story of a National Blind Golf Champion. His Web site (www.davidmeador.com) describes him as a sales professional, motivational speaker, and National Blind Golf Champion (1993) who has three holes-in-one to his credit.

Don Beggs To Retire As Wichita State President

Former SIUC Chancellor Don Beggs '63, M.S. '64, who has served as the president of Wichita State University the past 12 years, recently announced that he will retire next year. Beggs served Southern in various roles for more than three decades.

His time at WSU has been impressive, as he and his wife, Shirley '64, M.S. '68, made a lasting impression on that campus. The Wichita Eagle's Bob Lutz recently described them as follows: "I'm sure Don Beggs will agree that he has not been the president of Wichita State the past 12 years. He's been co-president with his wife, Shirley. You never see one without the other. When I heard that Don and Shirley were retiring next year, my first reaction was that WSU was going to be losing two of the most important people in its history. Then it hit me: Wichita is losing two of the most important people in its history. Whether you run into them at a $10,000-a-table fund-raiser or in the laundry detergent aisle at the supermarket, they treat you like you're the most important person to them in that moment. For most, it takes exactly one meeting with Don and Shirley to become infatuated with their kindness and their genuine interest in you. The SIU Alumni Association life members still have strong ties to Southern and plan to retire in Illinois near their daughter in the central part of the state. "Our run at Wichita State has been wonderful," Don says, "but you can't take the Saluki out of us. We will always care deeply about the SIU campus."

For Shirley and Don Beggs, SIU will always be a special place.
served as a kindergarten teacher and taught English as a second language. Her son, Nicholas Allen-Stewart, is a current student at SIUC.

Joan Ellis '73 has joined the law firm of Dickson Wright PLLC as a member in its Washington, D.C., office. She regularly serves as an expert witness in litigation involving construction, priority, and U.S. Patent and Trademark Offices procedural issues.

Charlie Rich '73 retired as controller of the Southern Illinoisan newspaper in August after 42 years on the job. In the spirit of celebration, he drove his tractor to work that day. He and his wife, Cheryl, are the parents of Jason Rich '93 and Jeannie Stevens '96, M.S.Ed.'99.

Robert Rickman '74 returned to Carbondale on Homecoming weekend to promote his recently published novel, Saluki Marooned. He sold copies under the SIU Alumni Association tent that day and donated a portion of the proceeds to the Association. Rickman, who graduated from SIU with a degree in radio-television, describes the book as a fictional 21st-century SIU broadcasting alumnus who is transported back to 1971 and experiences life at his alma mater. While any character's resemblance to actual people is purely coincidental, he notes that the novel is loosely based on his own experiences at Southern. To purchase the book online, or find out more about the project, go to www.salukimarooned.com.

Dr. Mark Moskowitz '75, a board-certified medical oncologist and internist at Florida Cancer Specialists since 1996, has been named to the board of directors for Avow Hospice in Naples, Fla.

Attorney Dan Broderick '77 is co-author of a new book, John Wayne Gacy: Defending a Monster, which tells the story of Judge Sam Amirante, who defended the serial killer in his 1980 trial. The book traces events from Gacy's last victim through the 1984 enactment of the Missing Child Recovery Act, advocated for by Amirante.

Charles McMurray M.B.A. '77 has been appointed senior vice president and chief administrative officer at Donaldson Co. Inc. in Minneapolis, Minn., a leading worldwide provider of filtration systems.

Tom Abrahamson '78 is chairman of the Chicago-based Lipman Hearne, the firm currently tasked with helping SIU achieve its goals through marketing and communications.

Abrahamson and his staff help develop marketing solutions for organizations serving the public interest. He and his wife, Debra, have two children and reside in Oak Park, Ill.

Fletcher Birmingham '78, who teaches business law, finance, and management classes for the University of Phoenix, has been named one of its "Outstanding Faculty" at the Cleveland Campus for University of Phoenix.

Joan Guilfoyle '78 is the new chief of the Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Division, in her former position, she was Service First national coordinator for the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S.D.A., and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

George Stickel M.S. '78, Ph.D. '80, former science supervisor at Avow Co. (Ga.) Public Schools, is the director of teacher education for Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Ga. He will co-direct SPSU's Teach, a recently launched teacher preparation program that enables future secondary teachers to become highly qualified in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Stickel worked at SIU's Division of Continuing Education until 1982.

Brian Brannman '79, a former U.S. Navy rear admiral with more than 30 years experience in the health care field, was appointed chief operating officer at University Medical Center, Las Vegas.

Brenda Erickson '79, M.S.Ed.'88, professor and former chair of the John A. Logan College business department, is retiring after 27 years in the position. During that time, she has created new degree programs, certificates, conferences and seminars, courses, internships, service learning projects, and other programs of study.

1980s

Michael Iacomini '80, M.S. '85, national training coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, traveled to southern Africa late in 2010 to train 32 rangers in wildlife investigations, which includes wildlife poaching in the Sub-Saharan African region.

Neil Kunycky '80 has been named Hawker Beechcraft Corp. sales director for the northeastern United States. He has 30 years of business aircraft sales experience and comes to Beechcraft from Bombardier Aerospace, where he served as sales director for two years. He will be based in Bedford, Mass.

Mike Mibb '80 is the new boys' soccer coach at Union Pines High School in Cameron, N.C. Although he studied forestry at SIU, he got involved with soccer when his son started playing in the third grade, and served in Illinois as a referee, an assignor, an assessor, and a referee instructor before moving in 2010 to North Carolina. And that third-grader? He went to the University of Illinois Chicago on a soccer scholarship.

Thomas Nelson M.A., Ph.D. '84 is the new dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Southern Polytechnic State University in Marietta, Ga. Nelson came to SPSU from North Georgia College and State University, where he was a professor and head of the biology department.

Mark Robinson '81, assistant manager of the SIU Travel Service and former owner of The Bike Surgeon and Blue Star Limo Service, has launched "Bus to Chicago" or B2C, aimed primarily at student business. Two 55-passenger buses, equipped with DVD monitors and Wifi, will make round-trip Chicago runs 42 weekends of the year at a cost of $69 per person (no one-ways). See the Web site at www.busdog.com.

Julie Claussen '82, a search professional and genealogist, has launched www.jclaussen.net, a site that specializes in adoption and missing-person searches, including locating missing mineral owners. Claussen also does family history research and document retrieval. She has more than 30 years of experience in
genealogical research and more than 20 years in social work.

Thomas Parham Ph.D. '82 has been named UC Irvine's vice chancellor for student affairs. He had served as interim vice chancellor since September 2010, drawing upon his 27 years at UCI to oversee the development and administration of student affairs, educational programs, enrollment management, student financial aid, undergraduate and graduate housing, counseling and health services, student activities, campus recreation, and auxiliary enterprises.

Randall "Big Daddy" Webster '82 and his band, Red Hot Java, recently completed their 52nd international tour, this time to promote their newest album, "The Wounded Healer." Webster came back to Carbondale in August for solo acoustic gigs at the Sigma Pi fraternity house and at the Blue Boar in Cobden.

Matt Coale '83, an Emmy Award–winning director of photography working out of Nashville, Tenn., is a board member and special instructor at the Nashville Film Institute. Coale has photographed more than 100 documentaries, 1,500 commercials, 165 music videos, 759 television programs, and 650 corporate films during his career.

Alan Johnson '84, professor of English at Idaho State University, has written a book, Out of Bounds: Anglo-Indian Literature and the Geography of Displacement, published by the University of Hawai’i Press.

Jaleigh White '84 has joined the executive management team for the Louisville-based investment firm, J.J.B. Hilliard, W.L., Lyons LLC as director of high net worth strategies. White was previously managing director of Mirador Family Wealth Advisors.

Don Commare '85 has been named director of product management at Inovonics, which produces high-performance wireless sensor networks for commercial and life safety applications. Commare will help guide and oversee the development and execution of the company's line of wireless transmitters, transceivers, and sensors.

Andy Bruns '86, publisher of the Daily American newspaper in Somerset, Pa., became group publisher for the Daily American and the Herald-Mail, both owned by Schurz Communications. He's been publisher for about five years at the 13,000-circulation Daily American.

David Faulkner '86 has been appointed CEO at Fleming County Hospital in Flemingsburg, Ky. His previous position was as CEO of Central Montana Medical Center in Lewistown, Mont., where, during his 14 years there, he increased market share for the hospital by recruiting primary care physicians and visiting specialists.

Guy Kammerser '87, M.M. '88 is the new band director for Wauwatosa (Wis.) West High School. Kammerser, who has taught for 23 years at Marion, Whitnall, and Waukesha South high schools, also plays trumpet for the All-Star Superband, a 16-piece jazz big band.

Jamie Shutter '88, M.S.Ed. '89 has been named interim director for University Health Services at the University of Texas at Austin. Shutter has worked 22 years in a variety of roles for University Health Services and has served as associate director since 2007.

Patrick "PC" Call '88, M.S.Ed. '92 is the new executive director of residence life, dining services at the Wyoming Union at the University of Wyoming at Laramie. He will be responsible for directing and managing residence life programs, operations, and facilities, including more than 2,000 residential spaces and 300 student apartments; overseeing self-operated dining services, retail dining operations, and campus-wide catering; and the Wyoming Union programming and services.

Mark Schwarm '89, who has been riding horses since he was 2 years old and in the horse business for 30 years, demonstrated horsemanship training techniques daily at this year’s Du Quoin State Fair. He owns Shady Lane Farm in Paducah and Win-Thru Farm in Marion. See more at www.markschwarm.com.

1990s

Mark Dillon A.A.S. '91, '93 is president of Eggemeyer Associates, a Carbondale architectural firm that celebrated its 50th year as a corporation in 2011. It was originally known as Fischer-Hemerling Architects and Designers and in the 1990s as Stein/Eggemeyer Associates.

Trish Jones A.A.S. '91, '93, dental hygienist and technical adviser, has been appointed to the board of trustees of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Charitable Foundation, an organization that aims at helping to rebuild the lives and dignity of survivors of domestic violence through compassionate cosmetic dental services and support programs.

Ellen Hays '92 has been named assistant principal of Amelia Carriel Junior High School in O’Fallon, Ill. Now in her 16th year as an educator, Hays had taught seventh-grade science in the district for six years. In 2010, she received an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award.

Teresa Katubig '93 is president, chief executive officer, and founder of Extra Help Inc., a St. Louis-area employment and work force services firm that also has offices in Edwardsville and Marion. Established in 1995 as a temporary employment agency in Johnston City, the company now serves more than 1,000 mid-sized companies in Illinois, St. Louis County, and 31 other states.

Jim Zimmer '93, M.P.AEd. '95 has opened Advantage Flight Service at Southern Illinois Airport, a business that encompasses flight training, aircraft rental, scenic rides, and aerial photography. He previously opened Advantage Aviation Insurance at the airport. He and his wife, DeeAnn, live in Murphysboro.

Scot Dobbs '95, manager of tax practice for Wipfli LLP, a national CPA and consulting firm, has been awarded the Distinguished Media Service Award by the Illinois Certified Public Accountant Society, which is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to ICPS media efforts.

For the last 13 years, Grant Deady '95 has worked for the Chicago public relations firm Zeno Group. Earlier this year, Zeno Group was named by PR Week magazine as the Public Relations Agency of the Year. Deady has been with the firm since it began, manages its
largest office in Chicago, and served as the firm's interim managing director in Washington, D.C. He has a long list of high-profile clients, including Sears, Pizza Hut, PepsiCo, Redbox, SC Johnson, and Seattle's Best Coffee. He and his wife, Mary Beth '96, have a son, Will, and a daughter, Nora. They live in Frankfort, Ill.

Jennifer Hogencamp '95 has been named airport manager for Jack Brooks Regional Airport at Beaumont-Port Arthur, Texas, the first female to be named to that position. Hogencamp previously served as the manager of the Stinson Airport in San Antonio and is a former Brownsville-South Padre International Airport assistant director.

Spencer Kimura '95 is the new fire chief in Riverside, Ill. Kimura comes to the position after 33 years with the Glenview Fire Department, the last five as battalion chief, where he managed eight fire stations and 40 firefighters. He has extensive experience in flood issues and emergency management.

Aaron Hart '96 is the new director of housing and residence life at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. He formerly held positions in housing and residential life programs at a variety of campuses.

Bob Kaps Ph.D. '96, professor in aviation management and flight, is the 2011 recipient of the E.J. and Mary C. Simon Distinguished Faculty Award in SIU's College of Applied Sciences and Arts. The award was created to "acknowledge, celebrate, and reward lifetime achievements with respect to teaching and other activities directly related to the education and general welfare of students." Here he is shown (on the right) accepting the award with Aviation Management and Flight Chairman David NewMyer Ph.D. '87.

Tim Kratochvil '96 is the new principal at Pawnee (Ill.) High School. The Mount Olive, Ill., native was a standout baseball player at SIU, played two years in the Boston Red Sox farm system, then left to become a history teacher and baseball coach at Taylorville High School. He stepped down from coaching in 2010 and says, "I didn't miss coaching because I always considered myself a teacher first and a coach second." Kratochvil was selected for the Pawnee principal position from a pool of more than 50 candidates. The former Saluki all-conference catcher and his wife, Wendy A.A.S. '96, are the parents of three children.

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Courtney Kohn Sanders '96, M.S. '99 has been named vice president for enrollment management and marketing at Governors State University in Park Forest, Ill. She most recently served as dean of admissions for the Morris Graduate School of Management at Robert Morris University.

After more than 10 years working for Fortune 500 companies, Leslie Batson '97, M.B.A. '98 has created fanachicks.com, described as the first online social lounge for female sports fans. An athlete herself, Batson came to SIU from her native Canada on a track scholarship. The website, conceived while studying under John Summey, associate professor of marketing, includes sports commentary, fitness information, blogs, videos, women's health information, contests, and more.


Cory Hickman A.A.S. '98, '98 fell in love with cycling during his sophomore year. Last summer he competed in the GoodSpeed Cycling Classic in Homewood, Ill., placing eighth in a very competitive Master's 1/2/3 Age 35-over race.

Joanna Wells J.D. '98 has joined the SIU School of Law as a clinical assistant professor in the school's Juvenile Justice Clinic. Her experience includes 16 years as a casework supervisor and caseworker with the Illinois Department of Public Aid, in addition to working in radio in Chicago and Miami. For six years she also has worked as a guardian for children in abuse cases in Williamson County.

Former Saluki ace Jason Frasor '99 was acquired by the Chicago White Sox in August from the Toronto Blue Jays, where he had spent eight seasons. Frasor, 33, was a starting pitcher for the Salukis, but has become one of the top late-inning relievers in the Major Leagues. The White Sox picked up his option, and he will be pitching for them in 2012.

TeeNeka Jones '99 has been named one of six new Illinois Early Childhood Fellows for 2011-2013 with the Irvin Harris Foundation. Jones, who also holds an M.S.N.M. in human services administration and an infant specialist certificate, has worked as family support coordinator and parent educator at Chicago Child Care Society.

2000s

Ben Gonzales '00 has launched Gopho Films (www.gopho.com), which is producing its first documentary feature, "Face to Facebook," the story of a woman with agoraphobia and anxiety who has set out to meet all of her Facebook friends (350 and counting) in the next year. See more about the film at www.f2fb.net.

The paintings of Chris Kienke M.F.A. '00, foundation studies professor at the
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**Julian Springer ’05** is the head basketball coach and sports coordinator at Rock Valley College in Rockford, Ill. He says, “I love the game of basketball, but more importantly, I love serving as a mentor to young men and helping them reach their goals.”

**Clint Buffington ’07**, a writing instructor at the University of Kentucky, is a self-proclaimed “Message in a Bottle Hunter.” His fascination with the subject began in 2007 when his parents presented him with a two-week Caribbean vacation as a reward for his SIU graduation. On that trip, he stumbled upon a blue glass bottle with a note and two U.S. dollar bills inside. Since then he’s made more than a dozen trips to Turks and Caicos searching for more. His mission is to find those who wrote the note and when possible, talk to them in person. He writes a blog, [www.messageinabottlehunter.wordpress.com](http://www.messageinabottlehunter.wordpress.com), about his adventures.

**Ryan Flickinger ’07** has been named chief executive officer of the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation. Flickinger, a 1994 initiate of Iota Mu Chapter at SIU, previously served on the foundation staff as a chapter consultant and director of marketing and recruitment. Flickinger had been with OmegaFi (a company that specializes in fraternities and sororities) since 1994 as both a campaign manager and director of development and campaigns.

Former major league baseball player, football Saluki, and Cahokia native Byron Gettis EX ’07 is defensive line and special teams football coach at O’Fallon High School. Gettis, who played 27 games with the Kansas City Royals in 2004 and spent eight seasons in the minors, received his degree last year at McKendree University, where at 30, he was the oldest player in Bearcat history.

**Jake Junghanel ’08** is the new supervisor of the White Birch Bay Aquatic Center in Hazelwood, Mo. He’s also managed aquatic facilities in Arnold, Mo., and Herrin, Ill. Junghanel is a U.S. Army veteran, serving four years in the 82nd Airborne Division.

While working on his master’s degree at Southern, **Charles Alexander ’09** founded Speak Hope, a motivational speaking firm. He says he was inspired by being a member and president of Black Male Roundtable at SIU, an organization revived in 2006 after being dormant for 25 years.

**Thomas Barker ’09** bought a raffle ticket in May for the Healing Heroes Network as part of a national fund-raising effort for Healing Heroes Network, which provides financial thera-

py and service assistance to veterans. In August, Barker, who was named the winner of the 2011 Mustang Dream Giveaway, took the keys to the world’s only matching pair of first- and second-generation Boss 302 Mustangs at Ford World Headquarters in Dearborn, Mich. Net proceeds from the giveaway will benefit the men and women of the armed forces who return home with traumatic brain injuries and other conditions not covered by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**2010s**

Antoinette “Toni” Lettiere ’10 and Jim Schmidt ’10, both of whom are now graduate architecture students at Portland State University, spent two weeks in Nova Scotia last summer discussing their southern Illinois historic preservation. Lettiere and Schmidt, along with SIU professor of architecture Jon Davy A.A.S. ’79, ’80, M.S. ’86, M.S. ’87, Ph.D. ’11, and Robert Swenson ’65, associate professor of architecture, spent two weeks at Cape Breton University in Sydney, Nova Scotia, at a workshop focused on preserving small cottages and duplexes in nearby Glace Bay.

**Chuck Charlet ’11** made the transition from assemblyline worker at the now-closed Maytag plant in Herrin to part-time college instructor. This fall, he’s teaching a course in wireless technologies at John A. Logan College, a prelude, he hopes, to a full-fledged teaching career. Until that happens, he’s working as an information technology staff member at 710 Book Store in Carbondale and as a repairman and designer with Southern Illinois Technology.
‘TO ME, IT IS LIKE YESTERDAY’

by Bill Cain

It's been 10 years since the day terrorists turned a beautiful Tuesday into America's nightmare. To me, it is like yesterday.

September 11, 2001, was a day that we call "clear and a million" in the flying world; skies so clear it seems you could see for a million miles. I was assigned to the Pentagon working as a strategic planner for the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Our offices were on the Potomac River side of the Pentagon along with the offices of Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Shelton, and the Pentagon press corps.

My division, the Joint Vision and Transformation Division, was responsible for a variety of issues related to transforming the military. We were expected to be "out there" thinkers.

I arrived at my desk just before our official 7 a.m. start time and spent most of the next two hours in staff meetings. Just after 9 a.m., I headed to the Pentagon Library to return two books. Walking past an empty office, I glanced up at the TV tuned to CNN. I saw (what I later learned to be) the first replay of the second plane hitting the World Trade Center towers. I yelled, "Get in here!" to rest of the division staff. The office quickly filled.

As we watched, the other aviators in the office and I voiced the same opinion at the same time: "We're next." We broke up and started our emergency checklists, including backing up our data offline.

My wife and kids were at a dentist's office in Quantico, the city near the marine base south of D.C. I decided to call home anyway, leaving a message to "turn on the TV" and a quick "I love you." I had no idea that my young kids were watching it all unfold on a TV set in the dentist's office.

The next 30 minutes were a blur. We knew we were at war. My officemate, Lt. Col. Reed Grabowski, U.S. Marine Corps, and I kept talking. Frankly, we were angry and really wanted to do something more than back up PowerPoint and Word files. We also discussed the emergency evacuation plan; if the main door was blocked, we had a false wall we could break through with office equipment to get to another exit and out of the building.

Then the building shook. It wasn't much of a shake, but it stopped us for a moment. A shake wasn't uncommon, thanks to the ongoing Pentagon renovation, but this one seemed different. Reed and I looked at each other for a long moment, shrugged, and then went back to work. A few minutes later, his wife called to tell him...
the news channels were reporting a bomb had exploded at the Pentagon. I went to check it out.

The hallways were bustling. I walked into a corridor to a bank of windows near a starwell. Smoke boiled up from the impact area. There was debris in the Pentagon's center courtyard, a place called "Ground Zero," because of the longstanding belief that Soviet-era planners would target the courtyard with nuclear warheads. I could see people evacuating.

I went back and reported to the others what I had seen. We went back to work, but I wanted to call home. I called. When the answering machine beeped, I said, "It's 9:51. I'm OK, but I think I will need a ride home sometime so I will let you know. Love you, bye." As our office gathered around the TV, we got the order to evacuate. We broke up and headed back to our desks.

Reed and I talked about not leaving, staying to help. I grabbed my Pentagon Officers Athletic Club (POAC) gym bag containing a radio with headset and a device to measure air quality. He told us the carbon monoxide levels were too high for us to stay and said we had to leave immediately. That's when it hit me: our headquarters were from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Once home, I napped for a few hours before heading off to our church for services. None of the church members had been injured in the attacks, but others were not so lucky. Commander Pat Dunn, United States Navy, one of the people I saw around the Pentagon, died in the Navy's Ops Center. Scott Powell, a civilian worker for BTG, also died. Others, whose faces I would recognize later from sharing the same gym time in the POAC, were also gone.

I took away many lessons from that day, but I remember best something that happened when I was stationed in Hawaii in the late 1980s. Each December 7th, survivors of Pearl Harbor come together. On one of those Pearl Harbor Days, I asked a veteran what message he believed America learned on that day. He said it was a warning to America that a surprise attack could happen at any time.

Little did I know that his warning would come true more than 10 years later.
HIJACKED PLANE CRASHES BENEATH ALUMNA’S PENTAGON OFFICE

by Marleen Shepherd

All Karla Horn ’86 felt was a jolt when American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the west side of the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

“It wasn’t enough to knock me out of my seat,” says Horn, a budget analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense. “It wasn’t until the next day in the paper that I saw the line of flight of the aircraft that hit the Pentagon and realized that it had flown in right below my feet.”

As Horn made a calm exit, she had no idea of the chaos brewing below her fourth-floor office, where 125 people in the Pentagon and 64 passengers of the hijacked plane perished.

“The first and second floor went straight into flames. I had a former coworker in the area with a harrowing story of crawling out of the building. I was basically right above it. That we didn’t realize what was happening below is amazing.”

What likely saved Horn’s life was the recent renovation of corridors four and five. Improvements included new blast-proof glass and fire-retardant material in the walls. At the time, all Horn knew was “that something had happened, and I needed to run.” Horn notes that, unlike those in the World Trade Center, the Pentagon staff had military on every floor.

“The biggest takeaway for me is that in a time of crisis, being here with the military, I felt I was in the safest place I could be,” says Horn, who earned a master’s degree in national security and strategic studies in 2000 from the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. “It’s just a true blessing to work with these people. They were able to take control, get everyone out, sweep the area, and make sure everybody evacuated properly.”

Horn will always be grateful to the Marine standing at the end of her hallway who helped her through the stressful situation. “That man created a sense of security that I think we all needed. As I caught the eye of my director, I felt like we were going to be okay. Though many lost their lives that day, my officemates all escaped safely. We were in good hands.”

Once outside the Pentagon, Horn joined the many people looking back, mesmerized by the black smoke escaping the building.

“Many, like me, ran from the building without grabbing keys, bags or jackets. As a result, there was a parking lot full of cars that could not be driven home. I began walking with a group on the 3-mile hike to my house. We stopped by an apartment that was owned by a high school friend of my mother’s and were happy to discover that she was home. She invited us in for a few hours to watch the Pentagon burning from her apartment and call our families to let them know that we were okay.”

It comforted Horn’s parents, Patricia ’62 and Carl Horn ’65, M.S. ’77, to know that their daughter was safe and in the loving hands of a family friend. “My friend took care of them all afternoon, took each of them home, and gave them each $20, since they didn’t have any money,” says Patricia (Cruse) Horn of Herrin.

Horn’s sister, Julie Connor ’93, got the call as she watched news reports in the waiting room of her doctor’s office. “It was definitely scary not knowing where she was and if she was OK,” Connor says. “The whole morning, for any American, was very traumatic.” Connor was nine months pregnant with daughter Mia, who was born two weeks later. Mia, now 10, shared her aunt’s story with her fourth-grade classmates at Herrin Elementary in September, as well as pictures from her family’s trip to visit the Pentagon Memorial in 2009.

“Not a lot of kids get to hear stories about what really happened in somebody’s life,” explains Mia, who offered her presentation not as the result of an assignment but as a tribute to her aunt’s courage.

Sept. 11 was not the only time Horn has faced danger in the line of duty. The fourth-generation SIU alum currently manages a fund that supports the Afghan army and police, and her work has taken her to Afghanistan and Iraq.

Horn was also on the scene March 4, 2010, when a gunman approached a security checkpoint trying to gain entrance to Defense Department headquarters. Horn had just left the building after work and walked past the guards involved in the shooting. When John Patrick Bedell opened fire and was gunned down in a shootout with Pentagon security officers, Horn was just 10 feet away.

“After you go through something like that, it makes you more prepared.” The next time Horn hears gunshots, she’s “hitting the deck,” and if she ever has to evacuate the building again, she’s ditching her heels for sneakers and grabbing her personal effects.

Horn says her experiences have given her the skills to respond in chaotic and dangerous situations. “When you live through any kind of crisis, you learn from it.”

On a daily basis, Horn says she doesn’t think about the risks of working for the Defense Department. The Saluki simply focuses on serving her country.
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Alumna's Book Gives Hope To ALS Sufferer, Others

When she learned a friend was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Tonya Lindsey '85 wondered what she could do to reach out.

More commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, ALS slowly began to rob Patty Gowdy of basic motor skills. The consummate athlete who would "play anything that had a ball," and who batted softballs around with Lindsey each summer in their hometown of Evansville, Ind., became wheelchair-bound.

With two hours between them, Lindsey of Marion, Ill., decided to send Gowdy a photo every day. "I asked Patty to give me her 'perspective' and name my photos."

"It started out as her way of letting me know she was thinking of me every day," explains Gowdy, who began to see her role in the project as a job, something she could do even as her mobility decreased. "It's a sense of purpose. It's fun too, because I never know what kind of picture is coming over."

What comes over is Lindsey's stunning nature photography, snapped from her travels and her own backyard. They range from family pets to exotic birds—from an island sunrise, to a mountain stream, to a field of fall leaves. Some are breathtaking, others funny, but for Gowdy, all are inspirational. She calls the photos her "smiles," because they help her appreciate the simple beauty of the world and stay positive.

Lindsey didn't expect that her attempt to uplift her friend would be therapeutic for herself, as well as have a profound effect on others. "Patty has a great spirit about her. She remains upbeat. That's something positive to watch," says Lindsey, who gathered the first year of their photo and email exchanges into the recently released book, Perspectives: A Story Of Friendship.

"The book inspires people and gives them hope," she says. "It's been humbling to hear other people's responses and how the book has made an impact in their lives."

The book showcases 115 of Lindsey's photos and about 50 brief email exchanges between the friends. They continued the venture beyond the book, and now have shared more than 1,000 pictures and perspectives with one another over three years.

Gowdy believes it is one of the reasons she has already beaten the odds, having lived with ALS for seven years. Death often occurs within three to five years of diagnosis, and only about 25 percent of patients survive for more than five years. She now requires 24-hour care. She can talk and eat, and still has enough movement in her hands to use her computer mouse. She uses voice recognition technology to continue to share her thoughts on Lindsey's photos each day.

"Really the beauty of this is the whole adventure it has been for us," Gowdy reflects. "Several hundred photographs later, I realize that this hasn't been a project; it has been a journey of friendship. The girl has one of the biggest hearts I've ever known. She's a godsend in my eyes."

Lindsey links her compassionate and creative response to her friend's illness with her SIU degree in therapeutic recreation.

"I'm successful today because of the education I got, the ability to reach out to people who need my help, whether it's a physical disability or a mental disability," says Lindsey, a licensed nursing home administrator who works with adults with developmental disabilities. She also owns McLellan Properties, Inc. in Marion.

"There's something within me that just wants to reach out and help others."

Lindsey is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association as a way to pay it forward, as she would not have been able to afford higher education if not for a softball scholarship. "I feel so fortunate to have been able to go at all. It helped mold me, and I think my success is in large part because of my experience at Southern."
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