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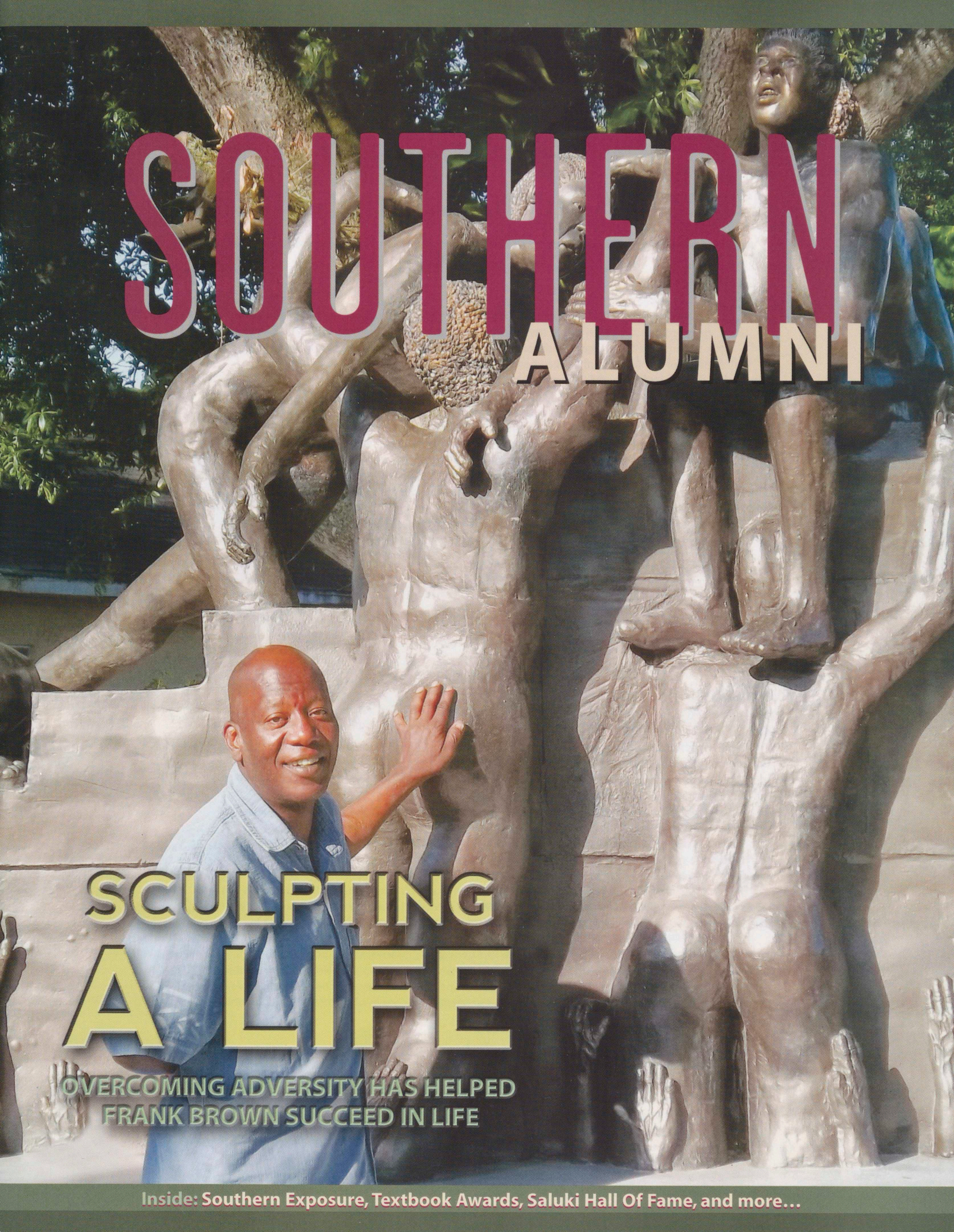
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# SOUTHERN ALUMNI

## SCULPTING A LIFE

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY HAS HELPED  
FRANK BROWN SUCCEED IN LIFE

Inside: Southern Exposure, Textbook Awards, Saluki Hall Of Fame, and more...

# Southern Salutes First African-American Male Student

*S*outhern Illinois University Carbondale has a rich tradition of welcoming minorities and underrepresented populations and is in the process of honoring one of its historic figures. Alexander Lane, who became the first African-American male student to attend the University in 1876, rose from slavery in pre-Civil War Mississippi to become an educator, physician and Illinois state representative from Chicago. He was also an 1895 graduate of Rush University Medical College in Chicago.

To honor Lane's efforts as a trailblazer and change agent, the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute has established the Alexander Lane Internship Program. The paid internship will allow at least one student each spring to work with a member of the Illinois General Assembly Black Caucus toward a goal of carrying on his legacy of high achievement and public service. The Institute has already received contributions and pledges of more than \$100,000 toward this endowment.

A preference is that internship recipients are minority students. Interns can major in any discipline and will work on a variety of topics and assignments, "to develop a full understanding of how state government works to meet the needs of the public."



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"Not only is Alexander Lane an important and overlooked part of SIU history, but he serves as a role model for our students today," says David Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Institute. "To come from humble beginnings in the pre-Civil War south to then graduate from college and become a medical and political leader in Illinois is an impressive story that needs to be told."

Historian Pamela Smoot, a clinical assistant professor at SIU, along with students Michara Canty and Andrew Barbero as research assistants, spent several months looking into Lane's life and legacy.

"He is one of SIU's success stories whose story has not been told. He deserves his rightful place in SIU's history, the history of the state of Illinois, and the medical profession," Smoot says. "It speaks to the fact that Southern Illinois Normal University engaged in diversity almost at its inception."

**Matt Baughman**, associate director of the Paul Simon Institute, directed research into Lane's life last year after he visited a presentation during Black History Month at Morris Library. He says it is particularly fitting, given Simon's dedication to civil rights and diversity issues, that the Institute hosts this internship.

"Paul Simon would have loved the Alexander Lane story," he says. "A major factor of his decision to create the Institute was to work with students who were first-generation, disadvantaged, or minorities."

If you are interested in making a contribution to this endowed internship, contact Matt Baughman at 618-453-4001, [baughman@siu.edu](mailto:baughman@siu.edu), or visit: [www.paulsimoninstitute.org](http://www.paulsimoninstitute.org). Your donations can be mailed to: Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Mail Code 4429, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, 1231 Lincoln Drive, Carbondale, IL 62901-4304.



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Sculptor Frank Brown stands in front of his sculpture, "A Community Within Reach," in Sarasota, Fla.

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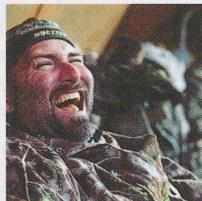
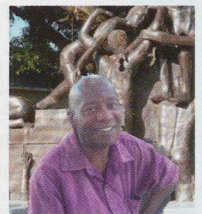
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### Sculpting A Life

Growing up in Carbondale, Frank Brown '89 endured a childhood of wheelchairs, braces, and frequent surgeries. Lacking even the ability to straighten his arms, Brown found he could work with his hands. While others played, he sculpted, working with clay "to ease the pain of not being able to keep up with other children."



### Hunting And Healing

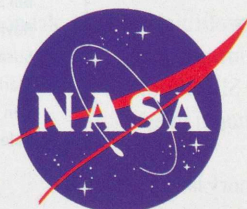
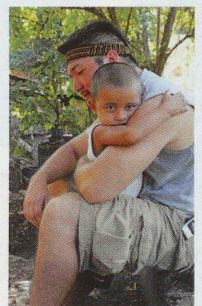
At the third annual Wounded Warrior duck hunt in January at the Grassy Lake Hunting Club in Ware, 15 military veterans took part in an event that brought together veterans, hunting guides, members of the public, and old friends. The result was a healing process that has changed the lives of many of those involved.

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### Engineers Without Borders

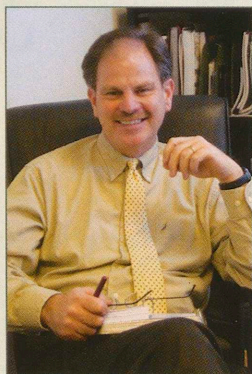
Recent graduates who participated in Southern's first Engineers Without Borders project say the experience set the foundation for their future careers. Two teams of SIU engineering students, faculty, and alumni assessed and completed reconstruction of a bridge in Pimienta, Honduras that was decimated by Hurricane Mitch in 1998. For Mallory McGuire, it was an invaluable opportunity. "Until you see something you helped build come to life, you don't understand the positive effect that the engineering field can have," she says.



### A Southern Solution

When Mike Smith was growing up in Hampton, Va., he found himself around the corner from activity at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). He was constantly intrigued with what he saw flying in and out of the area, but wondered how he could ever be a part of that type of career. An SIU degree, earned while serving in the military, offered him the solution for which he was looking.

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The December issue of *Southern Alumni* featured noteworthy 50-year anniversaries for WSIU-TV, the SIU Student Center, and the Center For Dewey Studies. The pattern of half-century celebrations at SIU continued recently when the International Festival marked its 50th year on campus.

The International Festival, described as a “celebration of people and cultures around the world and of the diversity within Southern,” dates back to the opening of the SIU Student Center in 1962, where it has been held annually. This year’s event was Feb. 15-17, featuring the theme “Celebrating Our Past. Rejuvenating Our Future.”

Delwar Hossain, a graduate student in journalism from Bangladesh, told *The Southern Illinoisan* that this year marked the first time students from his country took part in the event. He says it was exciting for him because he got to exhibit his culture through the University.

“It was a special day for SIU and a special day for international students,” he notes. “We are kind of like ambassadors for our countries.”

For a photo from this year’s festival, see the back cover of the magazine.

This issue’s “Step Back In Time” (page 48) has a connection to the 2012 Saluki Hall of Fame induction class, as it shows fellow Hall member **Phil Coleman '52** competing in the Olympic Trials almost 56 years ago. Coleman, now 80 and retired in Florida, was in two Olympics (1956 in Melbourne, Australia and 1960 in Roma, Italy) competing in the steeplechase – even though he never participated in the event at Southern. “I didn’t run the steeplechase at



Phil Coleman at his home in Florida.

SIU because it was not an NCAA event at the time,” he says. “In fact, I had never even seen a steeplechase until the 1952 Olympic Trials.”

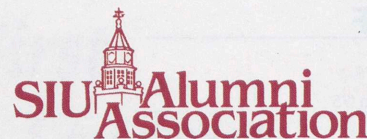
Coleman lettered at SIU from 1948 to 1952, was drafted after graduation, and began to compete in the steeplechase in military races. In 1954 he entered graduate school at the University of Illinois and began running for the Chicago Track Club. Two years later he set an American record in the 2-mile run. In 1958 he set the U.S. record in the steeplechase, won the gold

medal in the men’s 3000-meter steeplechase at the 1959 Pan American Games, and in 1960 tied the American record in the indoor mile.

“None of those times look real good today,” the two-time Olympian says with a smile.

The Southern graduate earned a Ph. D. in English at the University of Illinois in 1964, taught for several years, and served as a dean at California University of Pennsylvania until 1998. “I’ve been in Florida for two years now,” the SIU Alumni Association member says, “and always enjoy it when the *Southern Alumni* magazine comes in the mail.”

Thanks Phil. I hope our readers enjoy this stroll with you down memory lane. ■



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## Dear Fellow Salukis:

It is hard to believe the semester is half over. I hope spring comes early wherever you may be.

There is much to be proud of at your alma mater. Here are just a few examples of recent student and faculty achievements:

- The Debate Team won the last two tournaments of the regular debate season. The Round Robin Tournament of Champions is an invitation-only event to the nation's top teams, while the Sunset Cliffs Classic is open to all collegiate debates teams, and drew approximately 70 teams. Our team is the only one in history to win both tournaments in the same year, and it has done so three times. The debaters are now preparing for the national championship tournament.
- Up 'til Dawn, a registered student organization, has so far raised more than \$61,000 from a November event in support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. That ranks SIU Carbondale fourth among universities nationally.
- Joan M. Davis, a professor of dental hygiene, will spend a month in Finland later this semester through the Fulbright Specialist Program. She will teach dental hygiene students at Turku University of Applied Sciences in Turku, Finland, in such areas as tobacco dependence education and health promotion-disease prevention. Dr. Davis joins three other faculty members honored this year with Fulbright appointments: Mizanur Miah, director of the School of Social Work; Wesley Calvert, assistant math professor; and Yoginder "Paul" Chugh, professor of mining and mineral resources engineering.
- Dale Hales, professor of physiology and gynecology/obstetrics, received a five-year, \$1.8 million grant from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, a division of the National Institutes of Health, to study dietary interventions to suppress ovarian cancer. Dr. Hales also chairs the physiology department and is a member of the School of Medicine's Simmons Cancer Institute.
- We have two great pieces of news from the College of Education and Human Services. Our Early Childhood Program earned Recognition from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the highest recommendation possible. In addition, the National Council of Teachers of English selected our English Language Arts Program Review as an exemplary research report. The council will post the report on its website as a resource for other institutions.



SIU Carbondale Chancellor Rita Cheng

We are making long-overdue physical improvements on the campus. Construction of the Student Services Building, where the parking garage once stood, begins next month. Completion of the new track and field complex is scheduled for May, and the Transportation Education Center will open later this year. As part of our new Housing Master Plan, we anticipate demolition of the Triads beginning this summer. We continue to renovate classrooms and offices, and soon will embark on major improvements to our research facilities. Roof replacements continue, including on the Communications Building. We expect to begin major infrastructure projects this summer as well.

As we look ahead to the end of another successful academic year, we are planning a number of enhancements to commencement. Our plans are based on the recommendations of a campus-wide Commencement Task Force that met during the fall semester. The task force included students, faculty, administrators, and staff.

An implementation team, comprised of a representative of each academic unit, is working on the many details that need attention to assure a high-quality commencement. Michelle Suarez, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, is a member of this team, and also provided her expertise as a member of the Commencement Task Force.

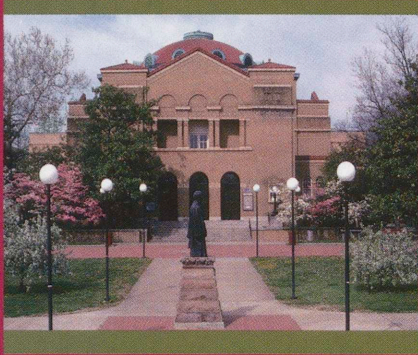
Your Association continues to be very active in supporting our students and our retention efforts. In January, 35 students received more than \$16,000 in textbooks and supplies. This has become an annual tradition that you, our devoted Association members, make possible.

In February, the SIU Alumni Association and several campus partners sponsored the inaugural Grad Bash '12, part celebration and part resource and information sharing. The event provided one-stop shopping for the members of the Class of 2012 to help them prepare for that next step in their journey. Also, the Association this semester is sponsoring "Alumni 101," a five-part series that offers students a glimpse of what to expect after they graduate.

Thank you for your commitment to SIU Carbondale. Your continued support is vital to the success of our students.

Sincerely,

Rita Cheng  
Chancellor



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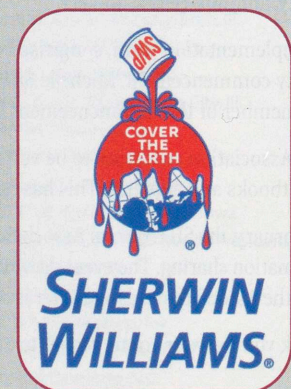
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## Alumnus Finds Himself In Historic WSIU Photo

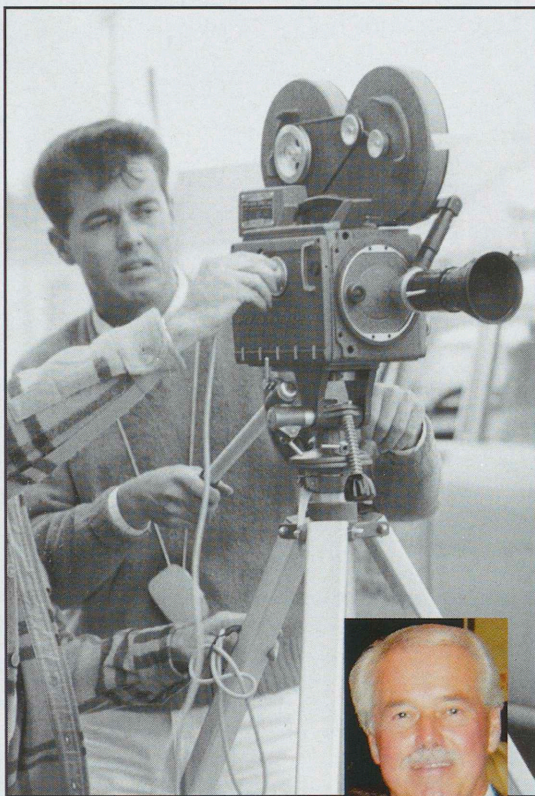
Recently my wife, Ann, a 1975 graduate of SIU and the current director of alumni relations for Illinois Wesleyan University, picked up the December issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine and soon yelled downstairs to me. "You're not going to believe this!" she said. Soon I saw what she was talking about: On page 10, I was the tall guy behind the 16-mm camera shooting "Spotlight on Southern Illinois" on WSIU.

Back then, everything we shot in the field was on film, and we used huge quadraplex video recorders for our studio work. I was the producer of "Spotlight," and my crew (other stu-

dents) and I traveled all over southern Illinois to get our stories.

What a great article you wrote, as it brought back a flood of memories from my time at Southern. I started in 1964, earned undergraduate degrees in both education and communications in 1968, and received a master's in education in 1969. From the day I set foot on campus until the day I left, I was totally immersed in the SIU Broadcasting Service. It was a truly remarkable experience.

I thought that you and others might be interested in knowing that there is a film from those days on YouTube. In 1965, I was beginning to develop a childrens news program that I hoped we could use with the Southern Illinois Instructional Television Association (SIITA).



Harding in the historic WSIU photo, and as he looks today.

I wasn't able to get that going, but I did manage to do an interview with Sen. Everett Dirksen for that program at the same time I was doing "Spotlight." In that interview, I asked Dirksen: "What is the difference between a Republican and a Democrat?" He talked until we ran out of film!

You can see the interview at:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=lm6fnQ5no0o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lm6fnQ5no0o).

It has more than 14,000 hits and is picking up momentum as we move into an election year. I wish we had people like Sen. Dirksen in Washington today.

Once again, thanks so much for the great article. It brought back memories

of great times with outstanding people like Buren and Mary Jane Robbins, John Kurtz, Ed Brown, and the man who was not only a great teacher, but the best person I have ever known: Harlan Mendenhall.

**C.P. Harding '68, M.S. '69**  
*Normal, Ill.*

*Editor's Note: I appreciate Harding's comments and especially share his thoughts on Harlan Mendenhall, the most influential, kind, and dedicated instructor I encountered as a student at SIU.*

## Swartz Remembered As Caring Person

It was with great pleasure I read the article in the last issue of the alumni magazine on the Dr. Willis Swartz Graduate Student Endowment. I am a graduate of the SIU Business School and worked during my off-class hours in 1957 and 1958 for Dr. Swartz doing secretarial duties.

I remember him as a compassionate and caring person to all of the foreign students and a delight to work for. Thanks for all the memories. SIU was – and continues to be – a great place to receive a higher education.

**Marylee Ansell '58**  
*St. Louis, Mo.*

## An Auction Surprise

When I received my December issue of *Southern Alumni*, I sat down and read it cover to cover. Every article and photo was great!

I also wanted to share something with you that you might be interested in. At a recent auction I attended in Murfreesboro, Tenn., I obtained a 1927 SINU diploma signed by President

Henry Shryock. If your office is interested in this, please let me know. It is fragile, but I will get it to you.

Thanks again for a great magazine.

**Dorothy Browning**  
*SIUC Emeritus*  
*Faculty/Staff*  
*Annual Member*  
*Woodbury, Tenn.*

**Editor's Note:** *We were more than happy to take Dorothy up on her offer and look forward to displaying the 85-year-old diploma where our alumni can enjoy it.*

## Student Center Article Brings Back Memories

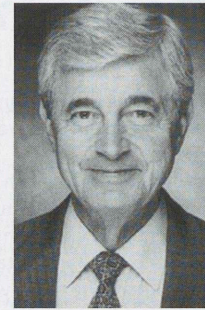
Congratulations on the excellent article in the December 2011 *Southern Alumni* by Marleen Shepherd on the 50th anniversary of the SIU Student Center.

I might cite one other example of a noteworthy speech given in the Student Center. As I mention in my book, *SIUC's Days of Dissent: A Memoir of Student Protest*, the Illinois Black Panther leader Fred Hampton spoke in the Student Center in late November of 1969.

I was at the speech and remember that everyone who attended was frisked as they entered the room. This seemed quite justified just a few days later when Hampton was shot and killed by authorities while he was in his apartment in Chicago.

This event stirred national controversy for years to come, and the next day there was a protest rally north of the Student Center. It was a time when much activism, such as lively and sometimes uproarious meetings of the SIU Student Senate, took place in that facility.

**Allan Keith '71**  
*Life Member*  
*Mattoon, Ill.*



**Jim Cox**

July of 1980, and worked at various radio stations before retiring in 2008 after 15 years as news director and morning anchor at KEZK-FM.

It was my privilege to be trained in the radio business in 1957 by Erv Coppi at WGGH in Marion. At the time, he was a short-tempered, 30-year-old chief announcer. He often did such a good job of browbeating me that I was determined to "make it" in this business just to "show him!"

Well, 50 years later, I called him to thank him for making me learn to do it right. He said he was so hard on me because he knew I had the potential to do well in the business and didn't want me to mess it up!

I enjoyed the magazine – keep up the good work.

**Jim Cox '58**  
*Affton, Mo*

## Dear Readers...

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

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

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

## Coppi Inspired Veteran Broadcaster

Thanks for the December issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine. I especially enjoyed reading your historical story about WSIU. I took one radio class and one television class in the dear old barracks building and recently retired after a 50-year career in radio-television.

I was in southern Illinois at WSIL-TV 3 for many years, came to St. Louis in

## Aerial Campus View Was 'A Treasure'

Thanks for including the aerial view of campus in 1960 in the recent *Southern Alumni*. I spent a long time (with a magnifying glass) identifying the buildings where I had classes. I also looked at buildings where I worked at SIU for 36 years before retiring in 1987. I presently live most of the year in South Carolina but spend summers in Carbondale.

That picture is a treasure! It made my day, and I'm sure it did the same for many others.

**Mary Walker Brigham '51**  
*Life Member*  
*Hilton Head Island, S.C.*

## SIU Automotive Program Gearing Up For New Facilities

by Pete Rosenbery

The move will be only 16 miles, but the significance of a new home for SIU's nationally recognized Automotive Technology program cannot be underestimated.

Though the location will change, the rich history, work ethic and dedication of automotive technology students and faculty will not when the department moves next summer from its six-decade-old home near Carterville into the Transportation Education Center (TEC) at Southern Illinois Airport. The move will allow the program to properly "represent who we are and what we do," says **Michael Behrmann '87**, associate professor and department chair.

"Getting this program into the Transportation Education Center will allow faculty and students to operate more safely and in a learning environment that appropriately represents our industry, our University, and our students," Behrmann notes.

The 230,000-square-foot TEC complex will also house the aviation management, aviation flight, and aviation technologies programs. The facility is now 72 percent finished with a projected July 2012 completion. The complex includes an 186,000-square-foot main education building, nearly 32,000-square-foot fleet storage building, and nearly 11,000-square-foot aviation test cell, and will meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

The automotive technology program is the only baccalaureate degree automotive program in the state, and is one of the most widely respected and highly regarded automotive programs in the world. Even with a controlled enrollment range of 180 to 200 students, the number of applicants for the fall 2012 semester is ahead of last year's pace, Behrmann says. There continues to be more job opportunities than available graduates, and industry officials regularly recruit students for internships and jobs prior to graduation.

The new center will incorporate several service, demonstration, and component laboratories intended to enhance technical and business training as faculty prepare students for careers in the automotive, truck, power generation, and related ground transportation industries.

Features will include an all-wheel drive chassis dynamometer test cell that allows students to simulate road tests on all-wheel drive, four-wheel drive, and two-wheel drive vehicles, and also manipulate the vehicle while monitoring critical systems.

There will also be an engine test cell, where students can run and operate engines while using high-end emission analysis equipment. The facility will also feature three component labs for students to work on vehicle sub-systems, including engines, drive trains, transmissions, electrical systems and fuel systems, and five demonstration labs within classrooms. There also will be a small fabrica-



Michael Behrmann stands in what will be the fleet storage building for the University's Transportation Education Center. The program will soon move from its home on the Carterville campus to the 230,000-square-foot complex at Southern Illinois Airport.

tion lab, computer lab, and in-house auto parts store.

"Right now we do not have room to be able to lay out projects," the SIU Alumni Association life member explains. "This facility will provide us with some more flexibility than we currently have."

The facility will also include a transportation library and two state-of-the-art classrooms that students in all majors will use.

### Cheng: Enrollment 'Exceeds Our Expectations'

Spring semester enrollment at Southern Illinois University Carbondale stands at 18,442. "This number exceeds our expectations, considering the smaller fall enrollment and the usual adjustments for students who graduate or leave during the fall semester," Chancellor Rita Cheng says. "I am especially encouraged by the largest increase in new undergraduates in more than six years and a sharp uptick in new international students."

"Growing our enrollment is a long-term effort. Important student success efforts, including the University College and new approaches to teaching and learning in some of our math and English courses, are in their initial phases."

So, too, is the University's marketing initiative, which launched last fall.

"We are getting positive feedback to our new recruitment materials, billboards, TV and radio spots, and web advertising," Cheng says. "The focus is on awareness-building, emphasizing our incredible academic and research strengths. We also are looking at specific programs that we can highlight in unique ways for prospective students."

She notes a number of positive signs in the spring report. There are 99 new on-campus undergraduates, compared to 85 a year ago. On-campus international enrollment is up by 77 students, a 6.4 percent increase. The number of international undergraduates increased from 273 a year ago to 354 this semester, a jump of 29.7 percent.

Total off-campus enrollment held steady, increasing by seven students to 2,072. Within that category, there is significant growth in the number of students enrolling in distance education, 349 students compared to 313 a year ago, an increase of 11.5 percent.

Undergraduate enrollment in the College of Science is up by 83 students, an increase of 7.3 percent. Key areas of growth include the biological sciences and computer science majors. Other colleges showing increases are Engineering, Agricultural Sciences, and Applied Sciences and Arts. The College of Mass Communication and Media Arts also recorded an increase, fueled by a jump of 54 students in radio-television.

Spring enrollment of master's and law school students reflects the smaller classes in the fall. There are 2,757 master's degree students, a drop of 32 compared to a year ago; 355 law students, 16 fewer than last spring; while the number of doctoral students, 1,224, increased by 13 students.

## Flowers Named Acting Director Of Institute

Longtime Southern Illinois University Carbondale faculty member **Carl Flowers '75, M.S. '85, Ph.D. '93** recently became acting director of the Rehabilitation Institute.

In addition to serving as acting director, the SIU Alumni Association life member is also a professor and coordinator of the Master's in Rehabilitation Administration and Services, and the RA-Online programs. He teaches rehabilitation counseling and rehabilitation administration program courses.



Carl Flowers

"I am elated to have the opportunity to serve as the Rehabilitation Institute acting director. We have a wide array of undergraduate and graduate degree and service programs, and I look forward to working with the faculty and staff to ensure that the Rehabilitation Institute continues to be a strong program within the college and the University," says Flowers. "I've been fortunate to have worked in a number of areas in the Rehabilitation Institute over the past 20 years and am working to keep the institute moving forward."

## Former Alumni Board Member Receives Fishing Hall Honor

Former leader of fishery research at Southern Illinois University Carbondale will be honored by a sportfishing organization for his work in the field.

**Roy Heidinger '66, M.S. '67, Ph.D. '70**, former director of the Fisheries and Illinois Aquaculture Center at SIU Carbondale, will receive a special recognition award from the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame for 2012. Heidinger, who retired from SIU in 2000, represented the College of Science on the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors for several years.

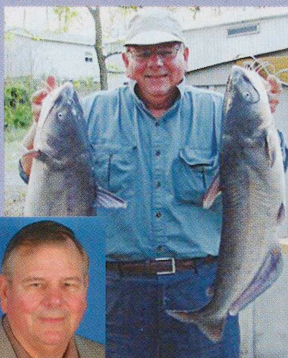
James Garvey, the current director of the center, says Heidinger is world renowned for his contributions to fisheries management in freshwater, especially regarding Midwestern lakes and large rivers.

"His research on largemouth bass, one of the most important sportfish in the U.S., is classic," Garvey says. "Roy is retired but remains active in fisheries research and training at the University. His students have become managers within natural resource agencies and fisheries educators across the country."

Heidinger began teaching at SIU in 1971, becoming a full professor in 1980. Appointed director in 1986 of what was then called the Cooperative Fisheries Research Laboratory, the SIU Alumni Association life member served in that position until 1999.

In 2005, the National Fisheries Hall of Excellence elected Heidinger, and SIU Carbondale recognized him with its Alumni Achievement Award in 2006.

"Roy is an avid fisherman, spending much of his spare time with a fishing pole in our local rivers," Garvey says. "He's a passionate advocate for sportfishing and an integral, valued member of our program here at Southern."



Roy Heidinger

## On The Side

### Barnett Heads Non-Traditional Student Office At Southern

Southern has hired its first full-time coordinator of Non-Traditional Student Services/Single Parent Programs. **Deborah Barnett M.S. '10**, a non-traditional student herself, recently began working in the position. She is working on her doctorate in education at SIU Carbondale.

"Southern Illinois University Carbondale has taken an important step forward in providing services to our non-traditional student community," says **Katherine Sermersheim Ph.D. '02**, associate dean of students. "We have always assisted our non-traditional students and single-parent students, but previously, services were separate and with limited resources. Now, with the recent hire of Barnett, we have successfully merged those programs into one."

"I am excited that SIU has taken the step to further support its non-traditional student population," Barnett says. "As this population continues to grow across the country and on this campus, I feel that there is a great potential to not only reach out to our current students but to communicate to prospective students that the University has a place for them."

### Rimmer Appointed Associate Vice Chancellor For Research

A geology professor with a strong background in graduate education is the new associate vice chancellor for research at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. **Susan Rimmer '75**, professor of geology, has accepted the position.



Susan Rimmer

Rimmer says research is an integral part of the University, and integrating it into teaching at both the undergraduate and graduate levels is essential.

"I look forward to working to help promote research across campus and to help advance interdisciplinary research in particular," Rimmer says. "I am obviously excited to have been offered this position, and I am looking forward to the challenges."

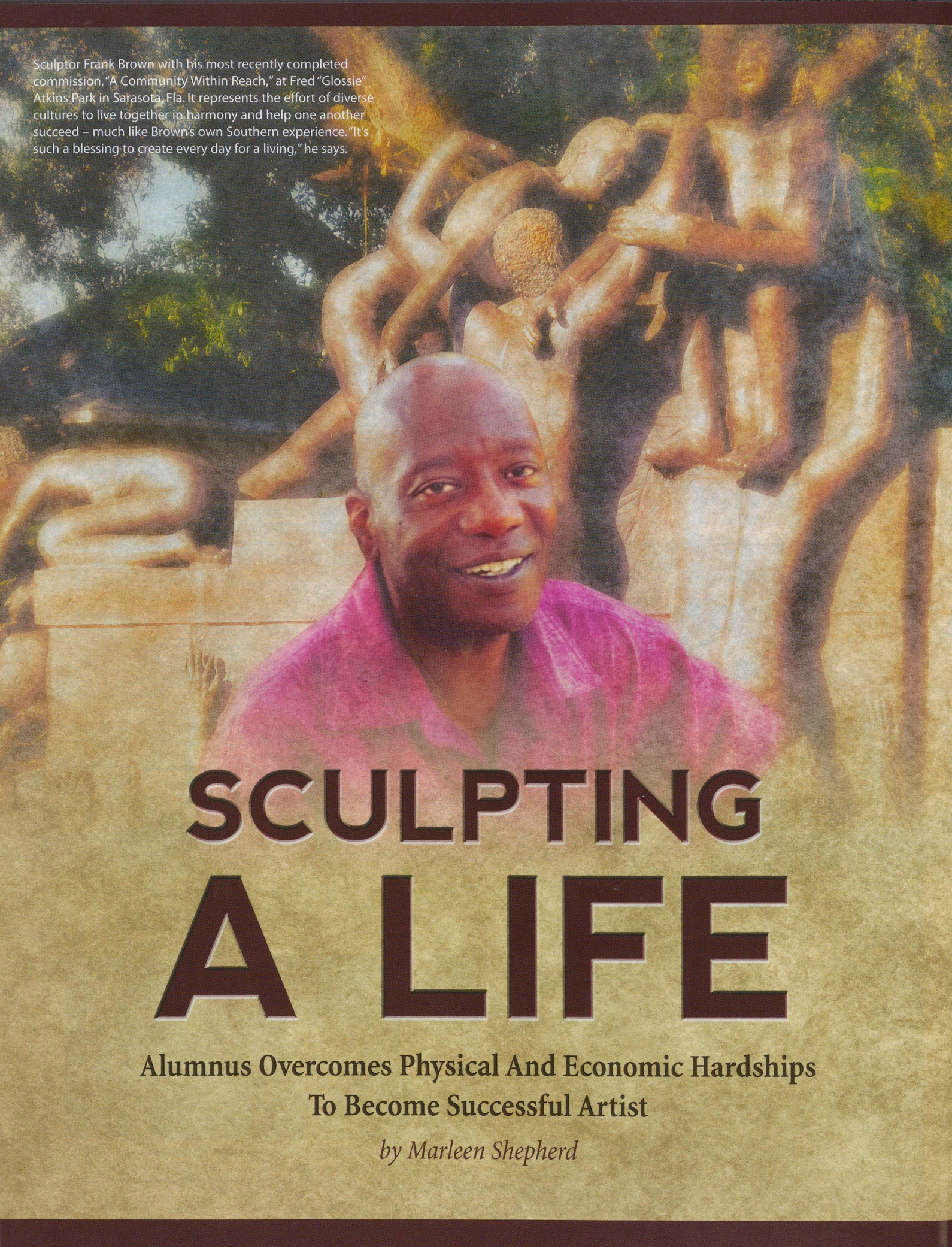
### Workforce Ed Has Another First

SIU Western Region Coordinator for Workforce Education and Development **David Taylor '95, M.S. Ed. '97**, reports that December marked the first time the program graduated a cohort of graduate students in southern California. The WED M.S. Ed. program there began with its first group of students in August 2010. Just 16 months later, all eight Salukis had completed their courses and research papers.

There are currently three cohorts completing their M.S. Ed. courses in southern California.



From left, **Terry Russell**, Mikel Siphaxay, Frank Jefferson, Edward Steiner, Erin Abram, Michael Judge, Misha Benjamin, and Julio Luna celebrate their graduations.

A photograph of sculptor Frank Brown, a Black man with a shaved head, smiling and wearing a pink polo shirt. He is positioned in the foreground, looking towards the camera. Behind him is a large, multi-armed bronze sculpture titled "A Community Within Reach" by Fred "Glossie" Atkins. The sculpture depicts several figures in various poses, some appearing to be in a state of struggle or support, set against a background of green foliage and a building. The lighting is bright, suggesting an outdoor setting.

Sculptor Frank Brown with his most recently completed commission, "A Community Within Reach," at Fred "Glossie" Atkins Park in Sarasota, Fla. It represents the effort of diverse cultures to live together in harmony and help one another succeed – much like Brown's own Southern experience. "It's such a blessing to create every day for a living," he says.

# SCULPTING A LIFE

**Alumnus Overcomes Physical And Economic Hardships  
To Become Successful Artist**

*by Marleen Shepherd*

**B**orn without kneecaps or biceps, Frank Brown '89 endured a childhood of wheelchairs, braces and frequent surgeries, including reconstruction of his left leg. Lacking even the ability to straighten his arms, Brown found he could work with his hands.

While other children played, Brown sculpted. Forms emerged from modeling clay, malleable Kool-Aid sticks, whatever he could mold and shape. "I began to work with clay to ease the pain of not being able to keep up with other children."

Brown's birth defects were not his only challenge. His father died of a heart attack five days before he was born in 1956, and his mother struggled to raise six children on her own.

Carbondale's close-knit African-American community and members of their church, Rock Hill Baptist, kept the family afloat, not only financially but spiritually. "I can still hear their words in my head so well," Brown says. "They believed in me."

Brown fondly recalled a friend's father, James E. Anderson Sr., who started the neighborhood 4-H club, which led Brown to work small jobs to help out the neighbors who did so much to sustain his own family and others in need. Support came from people of all backgrounds, including community leaders such as Eurma Hayes; the Rev. Lenus Turley, a national Civil Rights activist; and Thelma Walker, an Attucks Elementary School teacher and neighbor who helped Brown's mother, Lizzie, further her education.

"Everybody knew each other," says Brown, mentioning those lauded with city namesakes such as Turley Park, James and Thelma Walker Avenue, and the Eurma C. Hayes Center. "It was a different time when a lot of people had courtesy for each other."

While at Attucks, Carbondale's African-American grade school until 1969, Brown formed a bust of Abraham Lincoln. It was a fitting first for the sculptor who would become known as one of the Midwest's leading social commentary artists. Some of Brown's earliest works were likenesses of Civil Rights luminaries, including the Rev. Martin Luther King Memorial in downtown Madison, Wis., completed in 1993.

### AN EARLY START AT SOUTHERN

At age 13, Brown escaped schoolyard bullying at Lincoln Junior High School by spending his lunch hours across the street at the old Glove Factory, which still houses SIU art studios. His brother, Bill, worked in the shipping and receiving department.

Brown had finally found his place, one carved out behind large oil cans where he would emulate what sculpture students were working on. "Whatever the students created, I made," he remembers.

Brown was discovered by painting Professor Larry Bernstein, who oversaw the Glove Factory studios at the time. Brown thought he was in trouble, particularly because some of the figures were nudes. Instead Bernstein told the boy he had real talent.

It was a word of hope in a troubled time that was about to get worse. Brown's brother, Joseph, was one of nine wounded in a controversial 1970 shootout on North Washington Street between police and a group affiliated with the Black Panthers. Joseph was shot in the leg and recovered, but the family moved abruptly to Springfield, Ill. Brown says there was a sense of fear for their safety.

The move meant a new life for Brown, who at 14 could walk without braces. He still had limited motion in his legs and arms, but had learned to better conceal it. Brown reinvented himself as a "normal"

boy and ditched his clay. But at age 26, he found himself dissatisfied with the direction of his life and longed to return to his art, believing it was God's will.

"God always has a purpose, and giving me the ability to sculpt really changed my whole life."

Reflecting back to those lunch hours in the Glove Factory and the words of encouragement from Dr. Bernstein, Brown enrolled at Southern with the aid of rehabilitation services. While a student of ceramics and metals, Brown's first public piece, "The Closest Thing to Life is Death," was unveiled at the Eurma C. Hayes Center in 1987.

It was an important gift back to the African-American neighborhood that had done so much to help Brown and his family. Most importantly, the community had inspired Brown to believe that he could succeed – despite limitations of race, ability, and economics.

As an SIU student Brown earned local accolades such as the Spirit of Crispus Attucks Award and the Paul Robeson Award. His selection as one of four recipients of the SIU School of Art and Design's competitive Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award proved pivotal.

"It was a huge opportunity," Brown says. "It really pushed my enthusiasm to continue as an artist."

It also attracted national attention. His masterful work as a student with disabilities led to articles in newspapers across the country and a feature in *Jet* magazine.

Brown went on to earn his M.F.A. in ceramics and sculpture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1992. Five years later, he moved to St. Paul, Minn., where he currently resides. Along the way, he chiseled out a career of commissions, awards, exhibitions, and museum and foundation collections too numerous to list. His hand-carved stonework is found in buildings such as the John Hancock Center in Chicago and



The SIU University Museum holds this piece by Brown, "The Truth About Liberty Vol. 1," in its permanent collection. He will return to campus for the Carbondale Community Arts 13th Biennial, "Extraordinary Talent Come Home," set Sept. 28-Oct. 27 at the University Museum.

Minnesota's State Capitol.

The SIU University Museum holds one piece of Brown's work in its permanent collection, and has included it in recent exhibitions.

"The University attracts outstanding students from across the globe," says museum Director Dona Bachman, "so it is always wonderful to learn of a truly competitive student from southern Illinois like Frank Brown who continues to fulfill his promise as an artist that was first shown when he won the Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award."

Brown's main occupation is sculpting, but he's also held positions as artist-in-residence for several colleges and served on art boards. In 2003, he founded the Lowertown Artists Association, which placed artists' work in storefronts along the Twin Cities' skyways. The plan both beautified the

city and provided exposure for the artists living and working in the Lowertown neighborhood.

#### LEAVING A LEGACY

Brown's most recent public work, "A Community Within Reach," was unveiled at Fred "Glossie" Atkins Park in Sarasota, Fla., in June 2011.

The massive sculpture is dramatic. Figures of raised hands and stretched bodies push and pull each other up, often straining with the weight. It speaks to the individual struggles of the city's mix of Native, European and African descendants, but also to the "Community Within Reach," the promise of harmony and cooperation.

"I was trying to create a monumental piece that would give the observer an idea about working together in commu-

nity. By pulling each other up you can succeed," Brown says. "All of my work has that message of hope. It is my commitment to create artwork that brings us together."

Brown's three-dimensional and mural relief images in clay, bronze, and stone often portray the plight of those "who have not been given the opportunity to secure their dreams of equality," he says. "But I also create art that displays unity among all ethnic groups working together."

Colleague Keith Williams describes Brown's work as a "unique, stylized approach to figures" that explores social issues. What characterizes Brown himself is a determination and a sincere dedication to his craft, says Williams, a professor of art and art history at Concordia University.

"He has had a tough hand dealt: multiple surgeries, physical limitations his whole life, yet he takes on extremely ambitious physical projects and asks for help when he needs it," says Williams, a ceramist who worked with Brown on the Sarasota sculpture. "Often times I'm the muscle for these things."

Williams has invited Brown to talk with his students about what it takes to be a full-time artist.

"Even when he doesn't have a commission in front of him he's sculpting," Williams says. "He is an earnest and tireless worker. To make it through this economy as an independent artist is difficult to do, but he's stuck with it, come through the other end, even through hard times."

Williams has also invited the artist to speak at his church about the faith that has carried Brown through adversity to achievement.

"You can't have a conversation with Frank without having him make reference to how his faith has supported him," Williams says of Brown, who answers the phone with the phrase, "Another Day, Another Blessing."

Brown says he has been "blessed to leave a legacy" of public art that will con-

## THE RICKERT-ZIEBOLD TRUST AWARD

Sculptor Frank Brown's 1989 win of the Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award further ignited his artistic ambition and helped launch his career – as it has done for Southern students for more than 35 years. Established in 1976, the Rickert-Ziebold rewards the accomplishments of outstanding seniors in the SIU School of Art (now Art and Design).

"It is still one of the richest university-sponsored student art competitions in the country," says Peter Chametzky, director of the School of Art and Design. "We administer it as a competitive, juried exhibition – to not just give out a prize but to give the students a significant professional experience."

Students now enter the prestigious R-Z, as it's known, through a submission of slides and an artist's statement. Those included as finalists install their own work in an exhibition that takes place in the Surplus Gallery at the Glove Factory, Chametzky says. A confidential faculty vote determines winners. Each April, one or multiple winners are chosen and split a substantial cash award.

The money derives from the estate of Marguerite Rickert, daughter of Wilhelmina (Minnie) Ziebold and Joseph Rickert – a prominent lawyer, senator, and friend of SIU President Delyte Morris. The award's two academic beneficiaries are SIU's School of Art and Design and the University of Illinois' School of Law.



A 33-year-old Brown poses with one of several sculptures that earned him the 1989 Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award. "Can't You Read" features the U.S. capitol with hands emerging that spell words in sign language. Brown says that his work's focus on social inequality and the plight of the less fortunate stem from his own struggles with disability.

tinue to speak long after he is gone. "But part of my legacy is knowing where I came from, how hard it was coming up, and continuing to go farther. No matter where you're from, your background, your struggles in life, stay focused on the four P's: Patience, Perseverance, Persistence, and Prayer. You can make it and get to the next level."

While new commissions and exhibitions are in the works, Brown has a vision of reaching out to young African-

American males with the arts. "We have to find a way to get young men to realize their full potential," says Brown, troubled by the high statistics of incarcerated minority men.

"If you go into most prisons, you would find 50 percent of the inmates are gifted, but they have never been shown how to use their gifts. They don't know how to make a living from it. It's not for everybody but some are meant to be artists, and they miss that oppor-

tunity because no one ever showed them it was possible to use their creativity to employ themselves."

He hopes to offer young people the confidence in their own abilities that he realized in Carbondale, both in the African-American community and on the SIU campus.

"You achieve goals in life from the support that people give you, that initiative to keep fighting," Brown says. "The people from Carbondale made me who I am." 🏠



## NSF Funds Leadership Program

A nearly \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation will build on the early success of an engineering leadership program at Southern. The Leadership Development Program in Engineering and Technology will provide scholarships to 29 engineering students transferring from community colleges to SIU for their junior and senior years.

The four-year program will provide scholarships of \$9,000 during the junior and senior years of each student, who will be selected based on their scholarship and leadership potential.

The program builds on an effort begun by **Dick Blaudow '70**, an SIU engineering alumnus and CEO of Advanced Technology Services. The SIU Alumni Association life member, along with his wife, Brigitte, established the Blaudow/ATS Technical Leadership Program in Manufacturing. The program recruited the state's finest manufacturing engineering students and future industry leaders to pursue studies at SIU's College of Engineering.

The Blaudow program, established in 2006, is aimed at creating future executive leaders in industry by giving them early leadership training. Since its start three years ago, the program has successfully graduated all six of its first-round participants, all of whom secured

fast-track careers, says **Bruce DeRuntz M.S. '96, Ph.D. '05**, associate professor of technology and principal investigator on the new NSF grant.

"These scholarships will remove eco-



Bruce DeRuntz



SIU Alumni Association life member Dick Blaudow established a program in 2006 to help create future executive leaders in industry by providing leadership training.

nomic barriers that would prohibit a largely first-generation college student demographic from achieving a professional career and improve the recruitment, retention, graduation rates, and job placement of these students," DeRuntz says. "In particular, the project aims to achieve a three-year graduation rate of at least 90 percent and become self-sustaining through corporate sponsors interested in developing a diverse engineering population."

Community colleges participating in the program include John A. Logan College, Frontier Community College, Kaskaskia College, Lewis and Clark Community College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, Rend Lake College, Shawnee College,

Southeastern Illinois College, Southwestern Illinois College and Wabash Valley College.

"With this support, the college will be able to provide scholarship moneys to additional meritorious students," he notes. "I would like to congratulate Dr. DeRuntz and his collaborators for the successful grant application."

DeRuntz says his team of co-investigators – Rhonda Kowalchuk, assistant professor of educational measurement and statistics, and SIUC Provost **John Nicklow** – brings a perfect mix of skills to the project.

"It is rewarding to be part of an educational research project that benefits the students, the college, and the industry in the process," DeRuntz explains. ■


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attributes the success to its flexibility.

"This firm has always adjusted to industry trends and reacted to the personalities of our staff and leadership," Miller says. "Previously, we were one of the largest healthcare design teams in the Chicago area. However, that is no longer the case due to the direction of the economy as well as the personality of the partners who took over the firm."

One of four partners at Holabird & Root, Miller comes from a family of

architects. His grandfather and father are architects, and Miller decided to pursue a degree in architecture at SIU, focusing primarily on interior design.

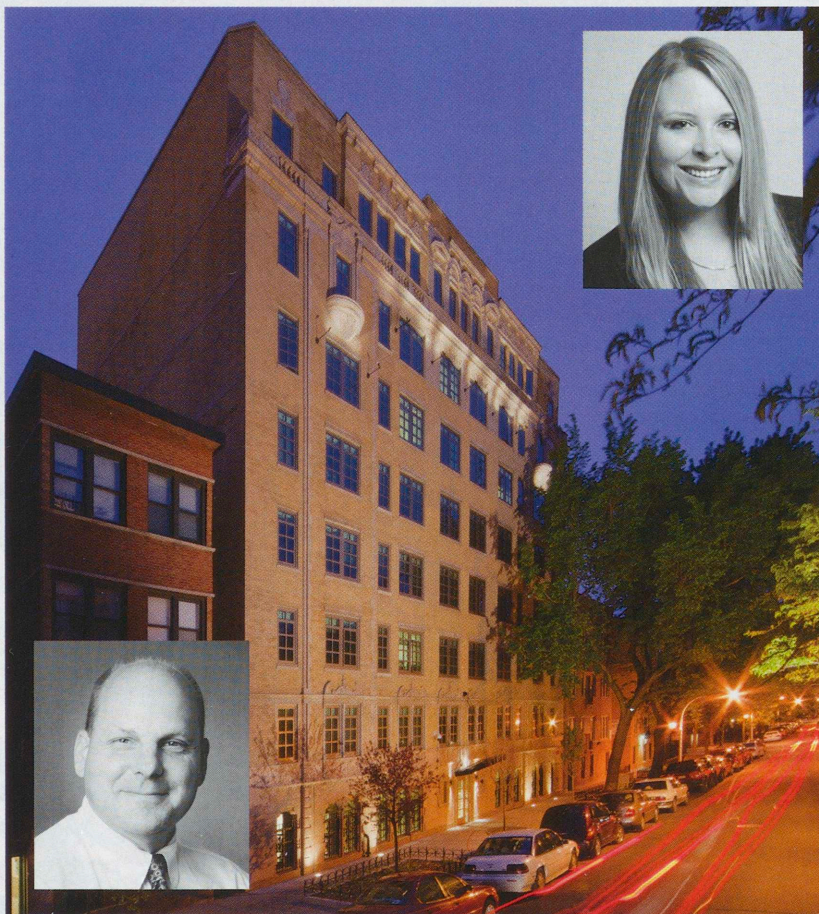
"My three partners and I have varying personalities and skills and bring something unique from a design and technical standpoint," he says. "Holabird & Root adjusts to the market and finds a niche for ourselves to hopefully become a significant player."

Miller is one of two Southern graduates at the firm. **Renee Prusacki '02** was attracted to the University after attending SIU professor Jon Davey's kid architecture program. The Du Quoin native worked closely with the campus architect while attaining her degree, and subsequently earned a master's degree in architecture at Washington University in St. Louis. She then studied abroad and returned to Carbondale, where she worked at White and Borgognoni Architects for more than a year. With a desire to move to Chicago, Prusacki left Carbondale to join Holabird & Root in 2006.

"There are strong connections between SIU Carbondale and Holabird & Root. That's how I made my way here," the SIU Alumni Association life member says. "I'm proud to be a part of a firm with a reputation for listening to clients. This results in establishing strong relationships with clients and a finished product that makes them happy."

Miller says the firm maintains core markets in higher education, urban master planning, and corporate living environments. He estimates that they have more than 16,000 commissions, providing services for the Tribune Tower, Board of Trade Building, Solider Field, and the Chicago History Museum.

Current endeavors include a 17-story,



Holabird & Root has had the opportunity to update many buildings around Chicago, including (above) the Kenmore Building. Southern graduates Jim Miller and Renee Prusacki (inset) continue to play key roles at this architecture firm.

multi-purpose building project with East-West University in the South Loop, and coordinating efforts with the Chicago Housing Authority to update, refurbish, and enhance residential units on the city's south side. Holabird & Root has also had the opportunity to update buildings on Michigan Avenue; it has been working on the Monroe Building for more than three years.

"We pride ourselves in returning to

buildings that exist in a timeless fashion. Our firm proceeds to create designs that aren't necessarily trendy, but contemporary and long lasting," Miller notes. "Our quest is to be good listeners and create solutions."

And the firm continues to expand its staff and client base. Holabird & Root is in the process of opening an office in Brazil and has established partnerships with firms around the world.

"We are one of few firms in this posi-

tion," he says. "Our culture has transitioned from being a tiny, Midwest-focused firm to branching out internationally. You need to be flexible and focus on adapting in the economy. We firmly believe that by looking beyond our borders and engaging in a specific region at the appropriate time, Holabird & Root will be successful."

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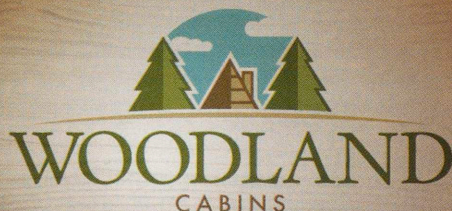
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## Vets Hunt Ducks, Heal At Wounded Warrior Event

by Eli Mileur

**R**etired Sgt. Mike Hulsey was planning on killing himself when the phone rang.

When he answered, Ronnie Gullion was on the other end. He had an invitation for Hulsey to last year's Wounded Warrior duck hunt in Ware. It was the call that may have saved his life.

Hulsey decided to go, and the time spent with fellow veterans on the hunt turned around his depression, he says.

He had been suffering since his forced retirement from the Army after wounds from a gunshot and a roadside bomb. They were scars he carried home with him after three tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan.

A cane helps him get around now, but it was the healing in the duck blind that helped with the emotional trauma, he says. "I found myself – I felt healthy," Hulsey explains.

Similar stories weren't hard to find at the third annual Wounded Warrior duck hunt in January at the Grassy Lake Hunting Club in Ware, a facility where Southern Illinois University alumnus **Collin Cain '72** is a partner.

Hulsey was one of 15 veterans who took part in the event, which brought together veterans, hunting guides, members of the public, and old friends at the club's lodge and hunting grounds.

Hosted by the club and SIU in conjunction with Fort Campbell's Healing Outside of a Hospital (HOOAH) program, the activity spanned two days. The wounded warriors were also given a reception at SIU's home basketball game on Jan. 13, where 10 World War II veterans joined them.

But the atmosphere down in the duck blinds was markedly more laid back than the reception. After gathering at the



Photo by Isaac Smith, Daily Egyptian

**Mike Hulsey calls ducks in a duck blind at the Grassy Lake Hunting Club. He says being invited to the event may have saved his life. "At the time I was really depressed."**

club's lodge, vets were driven in truckloads out to the repurposed fuel tanks buried in a cornfield. The tanks, about the size of baseball dugouts, provided a place for the veterans to try to keep

warm, look out for ducks, and most importantly, spend time with each other.

"We just sat down here and talked. We didn't care if we shot a duck," retired Capt. Matt Moser recalls.

Moser and several others spent the afternoon in pit 18 of Grassy Lake's grounds. They only had three ducks at the end of the day, but under the thatched cornstalk roof of the blind, and in air thick with vapor breath and cigarette smoke, they had more luck with verbal sparring than with hunting.

Gullion says the spirit of camaraderie the wounded veterans build while on the hunt is much like that on the battlefield. "This is now our foxhole, and we're fighting a different battle, and that battle is to feel normal again," he says.

Gullion, a retired sergeant first class and founder of the HOOAH program, says events such as these, which he organizes as an outreach coordinator with the Wounded Warrior Project, are therapeutic for soldiers who find themselves back at home with physical and mental scars.

When Gullion came back home from Iraq with a combat-related illness, he'd spend his days in the house, not doing anything. "I didn't care if I lived or died," he admits.

That changed one day when he reluctantly went with some friends on a hunting trip.

After spending time with friends and opening up, he found himself wanting to live again and went back to work at Fort Campbell to do something for his brothers in arms at home if he couldn't go back to Iraq. It was there he founded HOOAH to help other veterans who were in the situation he found himself in when he returned home.

While his illness has him feeling bad every day, his work with Wounded Warriors has given him a purpose and has "totally encompassed my life. Once the ducks start flying and we start shooting, I forget I'm sick."

Sgt. 1st Class Perry Thorington says the therapy works, and since attending the hunts, he's come to terms with his situation.

After an IED exploded five feet from his face and sent him flying 20 yards



Ronnie Gullion of Fort Campbell's Warrior in Transition Battalion searches the area for flying ducks and geese during the Wounded Warrior Hunt. Photo by Steve Jahnke.

through the air, he was left with a spinal injury and a blinded left eye. Shrapnel from the explosion still falls out of his nose sometimes, he says.

No matter how much he wanted to return to Iraq, his injuries disqualified him, which is what anguished him the most. He tried normal therapy, but his civilian therapist had no way of imagining what he'd been through, he explains. Hunting with fellow soldiers gave him a chance to open up to others who'd seen

what he'd seen, and he was able to at least begin the healing process.

Hulsey says the recent event at Grassy Lake Hunting Club is the first event at which he's told his story. Going on the trips has given him a new perspective on life and taught him to appreciate the important things in life.

"If it weren't for this program, I would not be here today."

— Mileur writes for *The Daily Egyptian*



From left, Col. Steve Brock, SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng, Brigadier Gen. Johnny Miller '86, and Director of Saluki Athletics Mario Moccia are shown at the SIU Arena during a halftime ceremony honoring the veterans.

## Planes Bring New Dimension To SIU Aviation Program

The addition of five new airplanes featuring glass instrument cockpits represents a significant upgrade for Southern Illinois University Carbondale's nationally recognized aviation flight program.

Five Cessna 172R Skyhawk planes arrived in December at the Southern Illinois Airport and will integrate into the program's existing fleet this spring. The new planes from the Wichita, Kan., based manufacturer are the first in the program to feature state-of-the-art avionics glass cockpit technology.

"This will bring a whole new dimension to the program," says **David NewMyer Ph.D. '87**, chair of the Department of Aviation Management and Flight, noting faculty and students have been eagerly anticipating the new planes. "We will be able to teach in a technology that the aviation industry is using today."

Five aviation flight program instructors and five students piloted the new planes on their return to southern Illinois. The Garmin G-1000 glass cockpit features two LCD flat-screen visual displays that will show primary flight, engine, and sensor data, leaving behind the familiar round dials of aviation lore.

"We are pleased to add five new Cessna airplanes to our fleet," says Terry Owens '81, M.S. '84, interim dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts. "These are the first new airplanes added to the fleet since 2003, and the purchase is completely paid for by

student-generated flight fees. The glass cockpit technology in these planes will enable our students to experience first-hand digital instrument displays, which will better prepare our graduates to move into the airline industry."

With some "wonderful" incentives from Cessna and trade-in values, the total cost of the new planes is \$1.29 million. A multi-year payment plan that utilizes student flight fees will cover the purchase price. The planes will be used in courses that lead to the Federal Aviation Administration Commercial Pilot Certificate, NewMyer says.

With the Flying Salukis earning an eighth National Intercollegiate Flying Association title in May, and the anticipated move next fall into the

Transportation Education Center, interest in the University's aviation programs continues to increase. The aviation flight program is already at 200 total applications for the fall 2012 semester, and NewMyer anticipates 80 students will be accepted into the program. That follows the admission of 88 students in fall 2011, one of the largest beginning classes in aviation flight in recent years.

Hiring in the aviation industry is at a rapid pace from just a year ago when it was "virtually zero," NewMyer says. Some airlines are beginning advanced pilot training classes with open seats because of a pilot shortage.

More information on the University's aviation programs is available at [www.aviation.siu.edu](http://www.aviation.siu.edu).



Students in SIU's nationally recognized aviation flight program have the benefit of state-of-the-art equipment with these Cessna 172R Skyhawks. The planes are the first in the program to feature avionics glass cockpit technology. From left are: Scott A. Blair, a senior from Bloomington; Taylor Breum, a junior from Lake Villa; Christian Padilla, a senior from Summit; David Bias, a junior from Chicago; and Jordan DiGrazia, a senior from Crystal Lake.

# SIU Alumni Association Awards Textbooks And Supplies To Students

The SIU Alumni Association recently awarded more than \$16,000 in textbooks and supplies to selected SIU students during a ceremony in the Student Center Ballrooms.

"Support of this kind is invaluable to many of our students, and we take great pride in providing such assistance again this year," says SIU Alumni Association President Ray Serati. "Such financial support would not be possible without our members who continue to help sponsor initiatives like this at our alma mater."

In April 2008, the Association's National Board of Directors allocated funds to be invested, with the earnings earmarked to support the financial needs of current and future SIU students. The Board's scholarship committee, with the assistance of SIU's Financial Aid Office, identified the need for textbooks and supplies as an area of extreme importance for student success. They concluded that the money could best be used to fill this type of gap that often occurs in student funding.

The Financial Aid Office identified qualified students using two sets of criteria, including a minimum 3.0 grade point average and a demonstration of financial need. SIU International Programs and Services assisted in identifying international students to receive the award.

According to Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez, the allocation of funds helps demonstrate the organization's continued commitment to students and serves to assist the University in its ongoing retention efforts.

"I know that supporting current and future SIU students is something that gives many of our Association members great satisfaction," Suarez says. "Such textbook awards serve as a great example of how fellow Salukis can help others follow in their footsteps."

This year's recipients are: William Abdo (senior, electrical engineering, Ramallah, Palestine), Nina Cackovic (senior, architecture, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina), Elizabeth Cannon (senior, cinema and photography, St. Louis, Mo.), Javier Edwardo Centeno Cabrera (senior, aviation management, El Salvador, San Salvador), Stephanie Cessna (sophomore, accounting, Potomac, Ill.), Karthik Chinni (sophomore, electrical engineering, Carbondale, Ill.), Analyse Cunquegrani (sophomore, dental hygiene, Rolling Meadows, Ill.), Whitney Clark (junior, radio-television, Chicago, Ill.), Myranda Compton (junior, pre-nursing, pre-professional, Ava, Ill.), Ashleigh Dixon (senior, early childhood, Petersburg, Va.), Faith Freeman (junior, accounting, Buffalo Grove, Ill.), Gabriel Garcia (sophomore, civil engineering, Hickory Hills, Ill.), Dakota Hails (junior,

electrical engineering, Woodlawn, Ill.), Kaitlyn Hankey (sophomore, mathematics, Steger, Ill.), Michael Henderson (sophomore, business, undecided, Bolingbrook, Ill.), Heaven Hildred (junior, mortuary science and funeral services, Calumet City, Ill.), Jayci Hilt (senior, dental hygiene, Tamaroa, Ill.), Heather Lowe (freshman, pre-major, undecided, Sikeston, Mo.), Nathaniel Lowman (senior, civil engineering, New Lenox, Ill.), Oumou Ly (junior, elementary education, Carbondale, Ill.), Kahyree Najieb (freshman, pre-major, undecided, Chicago, Ill.), Kamaal Najieb (freshman, pre-major, undecided, Chicago, Ill.), Kwamane Robinson (junior, biological sciences, Bellwood, Ill.), JoAnna Rutter (sophomore, pre-nursing, pre-professional, Monee, Ill.), Justin Santander (senior, agricultural systems, Milton, Tenn.), Shelby Sappington (junior, early childhood, Mattoon, Ill.), Alicia Sheldon (sophomore, radio-television, Mt. Vernon, Ill.), Novanna Smith (junior, music, Golden, Ill.), Tony Smith (senior, radio-television, Marion, Ill.), Madhav Soti (senior, mechanical engineering, Nepal), Tracy Warhurst (senior, engineering, Memphis, Tenn.), Yee Pin Toi (senior, psychology, Malaysia), Bryce Williams (junior, business and administration, Marion, Ill.), Andrew Winchester (senior, physics, Ottawa, Ill.), and Sum Yuen Tee (senior, psychology, Petaling Jaya, Selangor).



Several scholarship recipients pose for a photo following the ceremony. From left are: Ashleigh Dixon, Karthik Chinni, Analyse Cunquegrani, Myranda Compton, Javier Centeno, Nina Cackovic, Kwamane Robinson, Dakota Hails, Stephanie Cessna, Faith Freeman, William Abdo, Shelby Sappington, Whitney Clark, Novanna Smith, Nathaniel Lowman, Heaven Hildred, Heather Lowe, Tony Smith, Michael Henderson, Andrew Winchester, Alicia Sheldon, Madhav Soti, Kaitlyn Hankey, Justin Santander, Kamaal Najieb, Oumou Ly, and Kahyree Najieb.





# ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS

Students, Alumni, Faculty Benefit While Giving Back

BY MARLEEN SHEPHERD

Recent graduates who participated in Southern Illinois University's first Engineers Without Borders (EWB) project say the experience set the foundation for their future careers.

"It made all the difference for me. I know it was one of the main reasons I got the current position I have," says Mallory McGuire '11, an electrical hardware engineer for Lexmark International in Longmont, Colo. "It was something that employers quickly noticed on our resumes," she adds of fellow students from SIUC and SIUE who traveled to Pimienta, Honduras.

Two teams of SIU engineering students, faculty, and alumni assessed and completed reconstruction of a bridge decimated by

Hurricane Mitch in 1998. For McGuire, it was an invaluable opportunity to put her classroom skills to the test.

"It really makes engineering come alive for you. Until you see something you helped build come to life, you don't understand the positive effect that the engineering field can have."

This effect is what attracted Grace Johnson '04 to EWB, a non-profit that brings sustainable engineering projects to developing communities worldwide. Johnson, a member of the Gateway Professional Partners Chapter since 2008, is the organization's SIU chapter liaison.

"It provides me with an opportunity to share the gifts that the residents of the U.S. have come to expect, such as reliable water

The 2011 SIU Carbondale team poses in front of a sign thanking the groups that helped reconstruct a bridge in Pimienta, Honduras, the first project of the University chapter of Engineers Without Borders. From left are senior Dan O'Dell, Sean McCann '11, Allen Oertel M.S.'81, junior Rachel Gallagher, senior Jeff Dragowski, and graduate student Scott Parrone '11.

distribution, clean drinking water, safe passage across rugged terrain, and sanitary sewage disposal and treatment," says Johnson, assistant engineer in the planning division of Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District.

Johnson and McGuire were part of the first group to travel to Pimienta in the summer of 2010. The team surveyed the site and took measurements in preparation for the design of a replacement bridge.

Following the assessment, students evaluated alternatives for replacement and executed the new bridge's design in fall and spring classes. In August, the second team traveled to Pimienta – battling harsh heat and lack of sanitation for eight days to remove the remains of



Mallory McGuire '11 takes a break from surveying to spend some time with the village children on the SIU chapter's first trip to Pimienta in the summer of 2010.

the old bridge and construct a new crossing, explains **Allen Oertel M.S.'81**, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association who lent a professional hand on the trip.

For 13 years, the laborers and farmers who live in Pimienta went without the bridge, the town's primary link to neighboring communities. Without it, delivery

trucks veered dangerously through residential areas not intended for heavy traffic, says Oertel, manager at Springfield Land Development Group at Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc.

The community's own attempts to repair the bridge failed due to lack of resources. "This was something that was completely beyond their ability to repair."

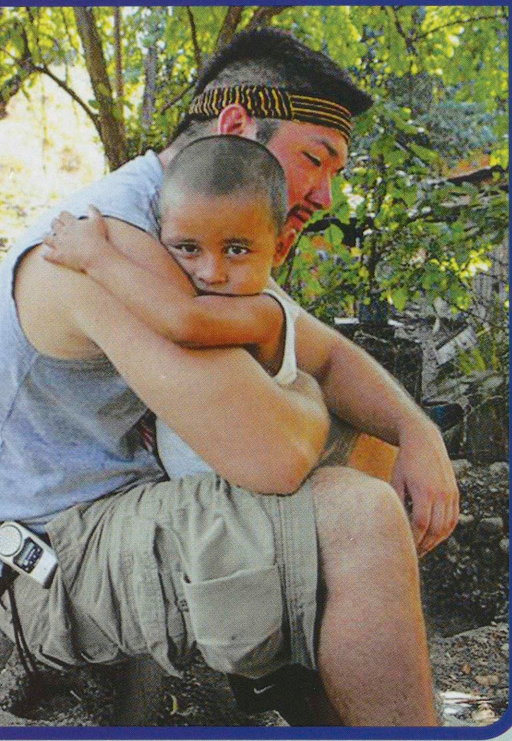
Oertel described the townspeople as ecstatic about their new bridge. Despite the language barrier, the people of Pimienta showed up each day to help push wheelbarrows and move dirt. Children and adults alike carried water and tools, and the residents did not wait until the heavy equipment cleared their new bridge before making use of it.

"It gave them hope," says Jeff Dragowski, one of 15 students, faculty, and alumni who worked to raise the new bridge. "They have so much pride in their community, they could not watch idly. And they treated us with the best hospitality I've ever been treated with. It was fantastic."

Oertel also was "overwhelmed with the friendliness of the people." They not only helped complete the bridge but also seemed to keep a watchful eye on the group. Honduras has "a well-earned reputation as a violent country, having the highest murder rate in



Pimienta residents make use of their newly completed bridge, which opened the town back up to neighbouring communities after 13 years.



Lance Pennington '11 was a hit with the children of Pimienta, says Grace Johnson '11, who caught this hug on camera. "They kept saying 'BIG,' and putting their arms up and out as big as they could," she says. "They thought he was a giant."

world," Oertel notes. The Salukis witnessed "heavily armed troops and a lot of roadblocks."

Johnson had nightmares for months from her memories of driving Honduran roads, notorious for their poor condition, frequent robberies, and reckless drivers. Johnson compared the journey into the remote town, where houses were patched together with scrap metal and chicken wire, with a game of "Frogger."

"It was a 'drive or be driven off the road' mentality. I felt like I was driving for my life," says Johnson, who also remembers the warm welcome of the people and the natural beauty of the tropical, mountainous region.

The building team experienced a "lively week in the otherwise sleepy little town of Pimienta" with carnival rides, entertainment, and events in the town square each night as the city of 8,761 celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"A couple of days after we arrived, we all woke up about 3 a.m. to what sound-

ed to our gringo ears like gunfire," Oertel says. "As it turned out, it was fireworks being shot off in front of the church in order to scare away El Diablo. Fireworks continued until about 5 a.m. when the mariachi band started playing, which continued until mass started at dawn.

"Later in the day, they brought out the statue of the Virgin Mary and paraded her through the town square for a while before going back into the church. Then abruptly, about noon, all of our help disappeared because a feast was being served in the town square. Who knew?"

Oertel calls the experience "extremely unique" for students, both culturally and professionally. "It is a lot more informal interaction – working, living, eating, doing everything together as a group."

Dragowski, a senior in civil and environmental engineering at Southern, agrees.

"Not only did we accomplish this, we also got to be in another country and see how a whole different culture lives and breathes. It really took me outside of my box," says Dragowski, SIU student chapter president for EWB.

"It's not only taking lessons out of the classroom and bringing them to the real world, it's also helping out a lot of people while you're doing that. There is a sense of pride you bring back with you when you start with a ditch and end with a bridge that channels water safely through an area that floods every single year. They have a better area to live in because we stopped by."

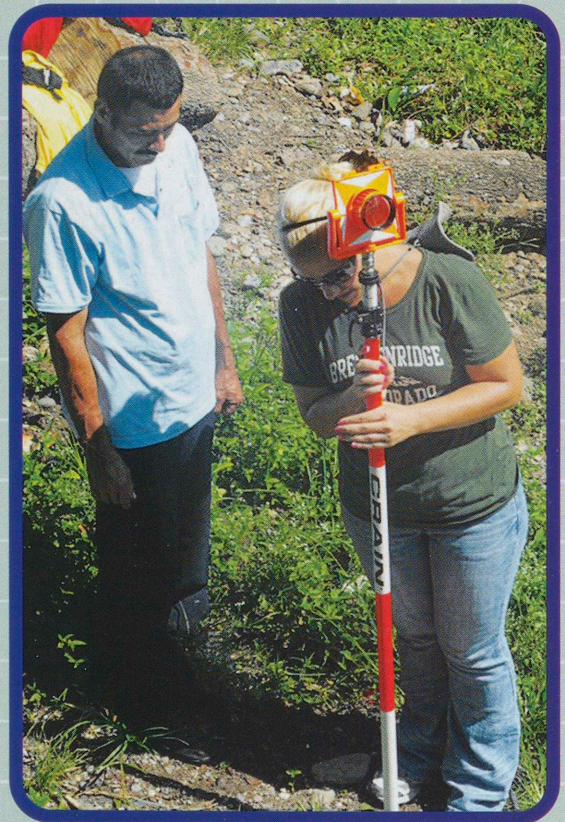
While partnering with EWB gives students such as Dragowski a leg up when they hit the job market, it's this "desire to make a difference in this world" that brought the SIUC chapter of EWB to life three years ago, affirms Lizette

Chevalier, SIUC professor of civil and environmental engineering.

Students requested to be involved and made it happen, says Chevalier, a faculty advisor for the student chapter who worked on the Pimienta survey team. "For me, personally, it is important to be a part of something that is bigger than our day-to-day lives."

The Pimienta bridge was the first effort of the student chapter, now fundraising for the future. Potential projects include road rehabilitation, mudslide preventative structures, and water filtration jobs in El Salvador; rehab work on dilapidated schools and installation of waterless latrine systems in Kenya; and work with the Gates Foundation on waterless latrines that produce electricity.

To learn more about Engineers Without Borders, go to [www.ewb-usa.org](http://www.ewb-usa.org).



Johnson teaches a resident how to hold the rod and follow the levelling bubble. The citizens helped the Engineers Without Borders team in every way they could.

## April 2012

- 1 Saluki Baseball at Wichita State  
**Saluki Softball vs. Illinois State**
- 3 Saluki Baseball at Murray State
- 4 Saluki Softball at Saint Louis
- 5 Chancellor's "Meet and Greet" hosted by the Greater Nashville Club
- 6-8 Saluki Baseball vs. Evansville**
- 6-7 Saluki Softball vs. Indiana State**
- 10 Saluki Baseball at Southeast Missouri.  
**Saluki Softball vs. Tennessee-Martin**
- 12 Concert Choir, Choral Union, and Wind Ensemble present "Outside the Box" at Shryock Auditorium, 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
- 12-14 Saluki Baseball at Dallas Baptist
- 14-15 Saluki Softball at Missouri State
- 17 Saluki Softball vs. Evansville**
- 18 Saluki Baseball vs. Tennessee-Martin**  
**Saluki Softball vs. Eastern Illinois**
- 20-22 Saluki Baseball vs. Creighton**
- 21 3rd Annual Austin/San Antonio Spring Picnic
- 21-22 Saluki Softball at Drake University
- 24 Saluki Baseball vs. Southeast Missouri**  
Saluki Softball at Evansville
- 25 Saluki Softball vs. Southeast Missouri**
- 26-29 "Billy Budd"; McLeod Theater, Thurs.-Sat. 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.
- 27-29 Saluki Baseball at Missouri State
- 28-29 Saluki Softball vs. Northern Iowa**

## May 2012

- 1 Saluki Baseball at Illinois State  
Choral Union, Concert Choir, and Southern Illinois Symphony at Shryock Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Saluki Softball at the University of Illinois
- 3 Chicago Chapter Cinco de Mayo Social
- 3-6 40th Anniversary SIU Men's Rugby Reunion. For more information contact Mike Burns at [woodie47@comcast.net](mailto:woodie47@comcast.net), or go to [www.oldloads.com](http://www.oldloads.com)
- 4-6 Saluki Baseball at Illinois State
- 5 SIU Day at Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas, featuring the Houston Astros hosting the St. Louis Cardinals, 6:05 p.m.
- 5-6 Saluki Softball at Bradley
- 6 Central Florida Picnic
- 11-13 Saluki Baseball vs. Indiana State**
- 14 28th Annual Alumni Day at Busch Stadium, featuring the St. Louis Cardinals hosting the Chicago Cubs, game begins at 6:05 p.m.
- 15 Saluki Baseball at Saint Louis (in Sauget, Ill.)
- 17-19 Saluki Baseball vs. IPFW**
- 18 Chancellor's Academic Scholarship Golf Outing, Hickory Ridge Golf Course. Call 618-453-4914 for more information.

## June 2012

- 9 11th Annual Saluki Family Day at U.S. Cellular Field, featuring the Chicago White Sox hosting the Houston Astros, 3:15 p.m.

To see athletic event starting times, go to [www.siusalukis.com](http://www.siusalukis.com).



## Blacksmithing Exhibit Now At University Museum

A traveling juried exhibit featuring several Southern standouts in contemporary blacksmithing is featured at the University Museum. *Iron 2010*, curated by the National Ornamental Metal Museum in Memphis, Tenn., represents the work of 30 some artists.

Seven of the artists have strong SIU roots, including L. Brent Kington, who began the pioneering blacksmith program in Carbondale. Continuing in his footsteps is Rick Smith M.F.A. '92, art professor and the current director of the program. SIU Masters of Fine Arts recipients represented in the show include: Joshua A. Goss '11, Adam Hawk '08, John Medwedeff '91 (B.S. '86), Bill Price '07, and Stephen Yusko '99. The exhibit moves to the Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, Mass., June through October. ■

## SIU Baseball Sixth In Preseason Poll

The SIU baseball team is picked to finish sixth in the 2012 Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll voted on by league coaches. Southern received 31 votes in the poll, three shy of fifth place Illinois State. In 2011, the Salukis were picked seventh in this poll and finished the regular season fifth in the league standings with an 11-10 mark.

"At no point in my 22 years, can I recall more quality returning players throughout the league," Saluki Head Coach *Ken Henderson* says. "The MVC was the seventh best-rated conference in the country last year and should be even better this year. There is a great deal of parity in the league, and it will be exciting and challenging to get on the field and play it out."

A pair of Saluki hitters landed on the preseason all-conference team with first baseman *Chris Serritella* and outfielder *Jordan Sivertsen* earning the honors. Serritella was first team All-MVC in 2010 before missing last season with a wrist injury, while Sivertsen was second team All-MVC in 2011. Serritella turned down an opportunity to play professional baseball

to return to SIU for his junior season. He is considered one of the top first basemen in college baseball for 2012.

Henderson says his team will use the poll as motivation, as he is confident his squad will be competitive in the Valley this year. The Salukis return eight of nine starting position players, along with All-MVC starting pitcher *Cody Forsythe*.

And his team will be playing on the field having already taken care of things in the classroom. The Salukis combined to post a 3.229 GPA for the fall 2011 semester, one of the highest GPAs in the program history.

"At the beginning of the semester, we set a team goal to have a team GPA of at least a 3.20," Henderson says. "To exceed that goal is extremely rewarding and a great testament to the character of this group of kids. Their commitment and dedication to school is something that we are extremely proud of. We also need to give credit to our academic support staff, specifically *Kristina Therriault* and *Jared Fries*, for their efforts on our behalf."

Of the 32 student-athletes on the fall roster, 25 of them recorded a GPA of 3.0 or

higher this past semester, and three players posted a perfect 4.0.

"Last semester, from the first day, Coach Henderson had that 3.20 posted in the clubhouse as our goal," says Serritella.

SIU opens its MVC season hosting Bradley March 23-25.

### Men Win MVC Track & Field Title

At press time, the SIU men's indoor track and field team won the MVC Championship in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The Saluki women's team placed fourth in this year's action. The men's championship marks the 12th in program history, but is the first win since the Valley title in 1992.

"I am so excited for the men," says SIU head coach *Connie Price-Smith*, who was named the league's coach of the year. "They competed one for all and all for one – I really loved to see that."

To see the final results of this action, as well as full schedules for the SIU baseball and softball teams, go to [www.siusalukis.com](http://www.siusalukis.com).

## Softball Picked Third In League Voting

The SIU softball team is picked to finish third in the Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll, as voted on by the league's coaches. The Salukis earned 81 points in the poll, including one first place vote, behind preseason favorite and 2011 regular season champion Illinois State and second place Northern Iowa. The Salukis placed three on the 2012 preseason all-conference teams. *Taylor Orsburn* (first base), *Jayna Spivey* (second base), and *Mallory Duran-Sellers* (outfielder) all earned honors.

Last season the Salukis finished with a 36-17 record overall, and were third in the regular season MVC standings with a 16-7.

"In the fall we showed that we can be pretty good offensively, and I feel the question marks will be how solid our pitching and defense is," says SIU Head Coach *Kerri Blaylock*, who enters her 13th season with the Salukis.

She also has a great deal to brag about concerning her team's performance away

from the field, as the team earned the second-highest grade point average in the country among Division I teams for the 2010-11 season. The Salukis earned a 3.611 GPA last year, just eight one-thousandths behind leader Tennessee Tech who came in with a 3.619 GPA on the NCAA Division I All-Academics list. This was the second time in five years that the Salukis were ranked in the top 10 academically. They also came in second during 2006-07 season when they earned a cumulative GPA of 3.557.

Two Salukis were also named CoSIDA Capital One Academic All-Americans in the 2010-11 season, as Duran and *Cristina Trapani* both earned honors with 4.0 GPAs. "I'm really proud of the great job everyone did in the classroom – it says a

lot about their commitment to academic excellence," Blaylock says.

SIU opens its MVC season hosting Wichita State March 19-20.



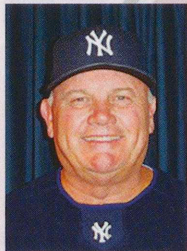
Duran-Sellers, a finalist for the Lowe's Senior Class Award, connects for a hit.

# Dawgs In The Pros

The 2011-12 seasons brought some change – and real thrills – to several former Salukis who are now at the professional level. Here are a few updates on some Southern standouts:

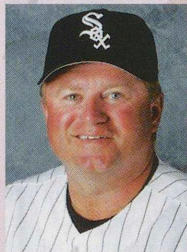
**Baseball:**

Former Saluki player and pitching coach *Mark Newman '70, J.D. '78* is Senior Vice President of Baseball Operations for the New York Yankees. The Saluki Hall of Famer, who is based out of the Yankee office in Tampa, Fla., has been with the Yankees for 23 years, joining the organization in 1989 as coordinator of instruction.



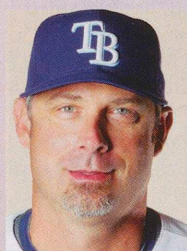
Mark Newman

The Chicago White Sox have promoted *Kirk Champion* to Minor League Field Coordinator. The former Saluki pitching coach has spent the last nine seasons (2003-11) as the White Sox Minor League Pitching Coordinator after serving as a pitching coach in the organization's player development system for 14 years (1989-2002).



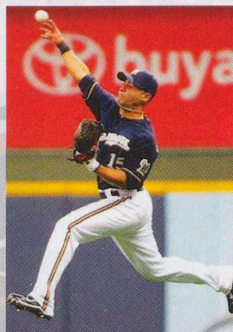
Kirk Champion

Former Saluki catcher *Derek Shelton '92* begins his third season as hitting coach for the Tampa Bay Rays. Following the 2011 campaign, he was named the hitting coach for a group of MLB All-Stars that played a series of games in Taiwan. Shelton spent the previous five seasons as hitting coach for the Cleveland Indians.



Derek Shelton

*Jerry Hairston Jr. EX '96* signed a two-year free agent deal with the Los Angeles Dodgers. He played with the Washington Nationals, and later the Milwaukee Brewers in 2011, helping them win the National League Central Division title and hitting



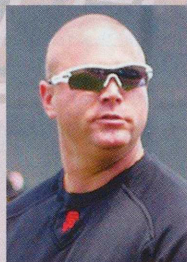
Jerry Hairston Jr.

.385 in 11 post-season games. Hairston will begin his 15th season in the Major Leagues this year, and is joining his ninth team.

Pitcher *Jason Frasor '99*, who spent eight seasons

with the Toronto Blue Jays before being traded to the Chicago White Sox last season, was traded back to Toronto during the winter. Frasor had been the longest serving member of the Blue Jays and left as the franchise leader with 455 games pitched.

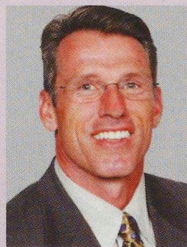
Former SIU outfielder *Carl Kochan '99* has been named the major league strength and conditioning coordinator for the San Francisco Giants. He began working for the Giants organization in 2009, most recently for the Giants AAA affiliate. Kochan played for the Salukis from 1997-98.



Carl Kochan

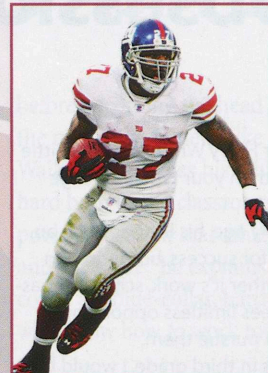
**Football:**

The Minnesota Vikings recently named *Rick Spielman '87* as their general manager. The former Saluki, who lettered in football at SIU from 1983-86, has been with the Vikings since 2006 as vice president of player personnel. Spielman will oversee all the Vikings' football operations.



Rick Spielman

Former Saluki running back *Brandon Jacobs EX '05* claimed his second Super Bowl ring as the New York Giants beat New England in this year's title game. The seven-year NFL veteran is the Giants all-time career leader in rushing touchdowns and has helped lead the team to four playoff



Brandon Jacobs

appearances. At Southern, Jacobs played one season and led the team with 150 carries for 992 yards (6.6 average) and 19 touchdowns in 2005.

Linebacker *Bart Scott '06* played in his 10th NFL season this year, logging 54 tackles for the New York Jets. The Saluki Hall of Famer played his first seven seasons for the Baltimore Ravens, and in the last seven seasons has never missed a game. The colorful Scott, known around the league as "The Mad Backer," is still considered one of the league's premier linebackers against the run.

*Deji Karim '09* played his second season with the Jacksonville Jaguars, averaging 24.1 yards per kickoff return. In two years in the National Football League, the former Saluki running back has returned 77 kicks for an average of 24.7 yards per attempt.

Former Saluki quarterback *Nick Hill '08* recently signed a three-year deal with the Green Bay Packers. Hill helped lead the



Nick Hill

Salukis to the national semifinals and set single-season school records for passing yards, passing touchdowns, and completions as a senior. He earned a place on the Packers' 80-man roster, and will compete for a shot on the team. The former Saluki quarterback previously played for the Orlando Predators of the Arena Football League.

# The Obsession Of Harry Whitt

by Tom Weber

**S**aluki center Harry Whitt is wired a little differently than your typical college freshman.

From an early age, his life has been an ongoing quest for success, bordering on obsession. Whether it's work, school, or basketball, Whitt sees limitless opportunities and is driven to pursue them.

"When I was in third grade, I would go to Wal-Mart and buy candy to sell on the playground," he says. "I had 15 kids who worked for me, and we made about \$50. I remember I got mad at the local grocery store and stopped buying my supplies from there. I re-routed my business, because they sold candy bars 15 cents cheaper."

To put it mildly, he was not your ordinary 8-year-old.

The son of a psychiatrist and an investor, Whitt never spent idle time as a child. There was too much to learn and too much to accomplish. He fed his mind with the writings of Aristotle, Plato, Socrates, Shakespeare, Edgar Allan Poe and Jonathan Swift, and his grandfather taught him electronics and chemistry.

Whitt had an entrepreneurial spirit. At the age of 12, he organized a 20-page portfolio of businesses he wanted to start. Before he turned 13, he had made more money than most kids make before adulthood.

"My mom was into plants, and I noticed there were a lot of people cooking herbs fresh, and you couldn't get them until late May," recalls Whitt, explaining one of his businesses. "My mom had a greenhouse, so I bought a whole bunch of plants and lights and began to grow oregano, basil, thyme, and chive, and then sold them around the neighborhood."

He made \$5,000 on that simple venture.

"I was always a really independent kid and wanted to do my own thing," he admits. "I wanted to move out when I was 8 and get my own job. I thought I could do anything. I was really confident, knowing it would always take hard work to succeed."

Whitt's mother relented when he turned 15, allowing him some freedom to branch out on his own. He wanted to attend Judge Memorial Catholic High School in Salt Lake City, Utah, saying, "I liked

the structure and strictness of the Catholic school." His parents gave him an allowance and permitted him to live with a best friend's family so he could attend the school.

Living away from home as a teenager turned out to be a life-changing experience. He did chores around the house to pay his rent, and construction and yard work to earn money to pay for other expenses.

Whitt didn't play organized basketball until midway through high school, describing himself as terrible when he first started. "Basketball has been the only thing that's really challenged me," he says. "My first year I averaged two points per game, and my second year I averaged 20."

Academics came easily to him – he scored a 30 on his ACT – but a basketball career beyond high school would be more formidable. At 6-foot-10 and less than 200 pounds, he knew his body wasn't ready for college, and enrolled in a prestigious prep school, Fishburne Military Academy. His goal was to make himself into a marketable NCAA Division I prospect. "My family is well-off, but it's not their responsibility to pay for my education," he states.

Saluki Head Coach Chris Lowery visited Fishburne in 2011 to see Whitt's teammate, Antonio Bryer. When he saw Whitt, however, he was amazed at the big man's coordination and skill set. Lowery quickly offered him a scholarship.

Whitt arrived in Carbondale at 6-foot-11 and 220 pounds – still a tad light by college standards – and prepared for the possibility



Whitt battles for a basket against two Wichita State defenders. The Saluki freshman made strides on the court, and impressed people in the community by striving to find a way to help others.

of redshirting. Instead, a thin roster required him to play right away. He's shown flashes of potential this season and should only improve as his playing time increases.

Perhaps his biggest contribution this year came off the court. The Saluki Basketball Toy Drive for disadvantaged children was Whitt's idea, a response to his own childhood.

"I realized no one gets where they are without a little bit of help," he says. "I tried to take on the world by myself and felt I needed no support, and that wasn't the case." While he admits to being driven, his motivation is not riches.

"The reason money doesn't motivate me is because I know I'll be able to get it; I'll be able to provide for my family. I want to use money to take care of the people around me and make sure I can have a positive impact."

So what does drive Whitt?

"I can't participate in a lot of things kids my age do, because I don't see the sense in it and feel it is just not productive for me. Proving myself sort of controls my entire life; it's an obsession."

# Walker Celebrates 25 Years As A Saluki

by Caleb Motsinger

As Saluki swimmers take their mark and the tension thickens in the final seconds before the race, Rick Walker watches his athletes as they dive into the water with the look a worried parent.

"I have a personal connection with each and every one of my athletes," says Walker, SIU men's and women's swimming coach. "They have made this a proven ground for how to be competitive; these kids get it."

With a win over the University of Illinois this season and standout performances by several athletes, Walker says the team's success thus far has held up to his expectations. He retains the enthusiasm of a man at the start of his career, not one who has coached swimming at

the same institution for 25 years.

"All that glitters may not be gold," Walker notes. "But I firmly believe in this program, and intend to stay."

Walker, a Kankakee native, earned himself a spot in the 1980 and '84 Olympic trials during his career as a swimmer. Two years after he graduated in 1984 from Texas A&M, he found himself at SIU assisting former head coach Doug Ingram. "Coach Ingram was my mentor," he says. "Finding out what made him tick and assisting him made me the coach I am today."

In 2005-06, Walker became the only person in SIU history other than Ingram to coach both the women's and men's swimming and diving teams. He spent 12 years as the men's head coach and five years as men's and women's assistant

before becoming the head coach for both the men and women. Like his mentor, Walker encourages his athletes to try hard both in the classroom and in the pool. "Education and athletics are one and the same," he explains. "The kids I coach are blue-collar, hard-working kids who know how to work towards a set goal."

Assistant coach Scott Olson credits Walker's success to his longevity in the program and realistic attitude toward his student athletes. "He's definitely the master of SIU's swimming and diving program," Olson says. "He's been a great mentor and allows his assistants to use their talents. He earns a great degree of respect from his athletes every season."

Motsinger is a writer for the Daily Egyptian.

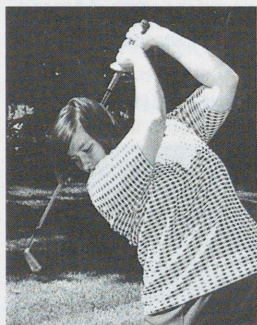


Walker, far left, celebrates a Saluki win in a relay race. The veteran SIU swimming coach is finishing up his 25th year at the University, noting "I firmly believe in this program."

## Southern Inducts Six Into Saluki Hall Of Fame

Southern Illinois University Carbondale inducted its 2012 Saluki Hall of Fame Class, when the distinguished, six-person group was formally introduced at a ceremony Feb. 3. The class is headlined by first-ballot inductee **Joel Sambursky '05, M.B.A. '08** (football), and also includes **Sandy Blaha '74, M.S. Ed.'77** (women's golf), **John "Mouse" Garrett '73** (men's basketball), Nate Hawthorne EX '73 (men's basketball), Gary Hunter '79 (track and field), and Kristie Kemner '03, M.S. '05 (volleyball).

- *Blaha* qualified for the National Intercollegiate Golf Championship all



**Sandy Blaha**

four years while at Southern (1970-74) and ranked 25th in the nation during her senior year. Her career included numerous state tournament titles and team victories over opponents such as Illinois State, Indiana State, and Georgia, where Blaha set a course record for women.

She also participated in basketball, field hockey, volleyball, and softball at SIU and later returned to coach the women's golf team from 1975 to 1981. Blaha currently lives in Corpus Christi, Texas, and works as the compensation and benefits manager for C & J Energy Services.

- *Garrett*, a 5-foot-10, 150-pound point guard, who was nicknamed "Mouse," scored 995 points during his three-year career from 1969 to 1972. He played in just 72 games, because in his



**"Mouse" Garrett**

era, freshmen were not eligible to play on the varsity team. A prolific free-throw shooter, Garrett made 130-of-146 from the charity stripe his senior year and still ranks fifth in career free-throw shooting percentage at 85 percent. He helped lead the Salukis to the Midwestern Conference title in 1971 and earned first-team all-conference honors in 1972. Assists and steals were not tracked at that time, and those who saw him play suggest he would have been among the all-time leaders at Southern in both categories. Garrett is retired and lives in Patoka, Ill.

- *Hawthorne* played guard from 1970 to 1973 and scored 1,001 points in his three-year SIU career. Along with Garrett, he helped Southern capture a conference championship in 1971 and then led the team in scoring with 17.3 points in 1973. He was also an outstanding rebounder, averaging 7.0 rebounds per game in three seasons.

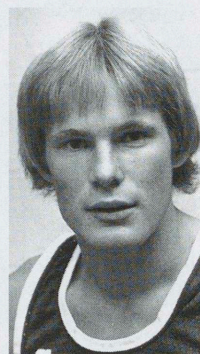


**Nate Hawthorne**

After his stellar Saluki career, Hawthorne played three years in the National Basketball Association. He played one year with the Los Angeles Lakers and two with the Phoenix Suns. Of

the nine former Salukis to play in the NBA, he was previously the only one not inducted into the Saluki Hall of Fame. A native of Mt. Vernon, Hawthorne passed away in 2005.

- *Hunter* was a key member of SIU's nationally ranked track and field teams



**Gary Hunter**

from 1974 to 1977. He was a three-time all-American in the pole vault, claiming the honor in the outdoor event in 1975 and 1977, and taking indoor laurels in 1977. He was also a five-time Missouri Valley Conference champion in the pole vault.

On the school's all-time records list, Hunter still ranks fourth in the indoor pole vault with a 17'-1" mark and fifth outdoors at 17'-1 1/4". As a team, the Salukis finished in the top 15 at the NCAA Championships twice during his career, taking 11th place in 1975 and 15th in 1976. Hunter currently lives in Fort Wayne, Ind., and is a regional sales manager for Baxter Healthcare International.

- *Kemner*, an outside hitter on the volleyball team from 1999 to 2002, rewrote the school's record book. She still ranks first in career kills (1,660), career attempts (4,359), average career attempts per set (10.40), kills in a season (573), kills per set in a season (4.74), attempts in a season (1,450), and attempts per set in a season (11.98).

Among her accolades were MVC First-Team All-Conference honors in 2001 and 2002 and MVC Second-Team honors in 2000. She was also a three-



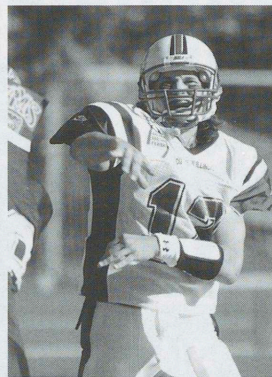


**Kristie Kemner**

Quincy, Ill., and is a pediatric speech language pathologist for Quincy Medical Group.

time member of the MVC Scholar-Athlete First Team, earned CoSIDA Academic All-District V laurels her senior year when the Salukis were 23-10, and finished third in the conference standings. Kemner resides in

• *Sambursky* quarterbacked the Salukis from 2002 to 2005 and holds school records for career passing yards



**Joel Sambursky**

(7,894), pass completions (559), pass attempts (933), touch-down passes (65), rushing yards by a

quarterback (1,100), career starts by a quarterback (49), and victories by a starting quarterback (33).


His greatest accomplishment, however, was leading Southern to three Gateway Conference championships and three-straight NCAA I-AA playoff appearances. He was a two-time finalist for the Walter Payton Award, which goes to the division's top player, finishing eighth in 2004 and ninth in 2005. Sambursky was a three-time all-conference performer, including league MVP in 2004. He currently resides in Carbondale and works as a financial advisor at Forbes Financial Group.



From left, Natasha Hawthorne-Wilson (Nate Hawthorn's daughter), Sandy Blaha, Gary Hunter, John "Mouse" Garrett, Kristie Kemner, and Joel Sambursky with replicas of their SIU Hall of Fame plaques.

For Mike Smith, shown at NASA's Langley Research Center, a degree from SIU earned while in the military has made all the difference in his career.





# DEGREE EARNED WHILE IN THE MILITARY MADE THE DIFFERENCE FOR THIS SOUTHERN GRADUATE

BY GENE GREEN

**G**rowing up in Hampton, Va., Mike Smith found himself around the corner from exciting activity at the National Aeronautics

and Space Administration (NASA). He was constantly intrigued with what he saw flying in and out of the area, and wondered if someday he could be part of it all.

Now decades later, it amazes Smith to realize he is a senior safety engineer at NASA's Langley Research Center. The seeds for such a vocation were planted when he was 9. His father — who worked as a technical representative on the F-4 Phantom (a long-range supersonic jet fighter) — put him into the Civil Air Patrol. This exposed him to avia-



NASA

tion, ignited a passion for this line of work, and soon his skills began to grow.

“Watching my father use all the tools he had available was fascinating to me, and I became intrigued about how I could work with my hands,” says Smith. “My father saw this interest and wasn’t afraid to test me now and then.”

One day Smith’s father came home and told his son that the brakes on the car needed to be changed. He told him to give it a try, and if he did a good job “I’ll make it worth your while.” Smith did the required chore, thought he did it well — and received 25 cents!

# 'MAKE YOUR OCCUPATION YOUR RECREATION'



Smith and his daughter, Maya, a member of the FIRST Robotics Team, show off their robot, Doborg, at the Virginia Air and Space Center. Photo by Sean Smith.

For Southern Illinois University graduate Mike Smith, there is no divide. He lives by the words of Mark Twain: "Make your occupation your recreation."

If it's practical, Smith builds it. If one of his children wants something made, he helps them make it happen. Now years after receiving his degree from Southern, a certificate in industrial electronics and robotics, and his airframe and power plant license, he still yearns to learn and teach others.

Smith's favorite students are daughters, Rina, 18, and Maya, 15. Rina follows in her mother Junko's musical footsteps, and is working toward a degree in dentistry. Maya is his robotics' development assistant, and has joined the FIRST robotics team, an organization founded in 1989 to inspire young people's interest and participation in science and technology.

Maya is making her father's recreation her own.

"My children are my main bosses," Smith says.

"Sharing this sort of thing with them is nice, and I find it quite relaxing. It has been a wonderful surprise that they share my interest in working with my hands and being creative."

His children also come up with ideas of things to build, and they set the rules: **nothing** can be bought.

From a hodgepodge of items, they begin building. Paint can tops and French door parts have been used on his robot projects. Trips to the dump proved useful. They've built a moving, talking robot. Its interactions are being programmed. The only exception to the rule is purchasing the programming needed for the robot to communicate.

For Smith, there will always be a fine line between work and hobby, trash and treasure.

—Denise Lineberry

"My father told me this was just training, and that I would soon find that the pay gets much better when I get better at doing the job. It made me want to work hard."

After graduating from high school in 1976, Smith decided to join the military. He joined the Air Force in 1977 and told his parents that his goal was to become an industrial engineer. They asked where he thought he would be able to accomplish such an objective. "I said I had no idea," Smith now says with a laugh.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale would eventually offer a solution.

## A SALUKI IN ENGLAND

The next few years of Smith's life consisted of stints at military bases in New Mexico, Japan, and England. It was while stationed at RAF Mildenhall, a base in Suffolk, England, which primarily supports U.S. Air Force operations, that he noticed a degree program for industrial engineering offered by SIU at the base.

"I had told many people that was what I wanted to do, so now they were telling me, 'Here is your chance – grab this opportunity while you can.'" That is exactly what he did, and a world of learning soon opened up thousands of miles away from Carbondale.

There were several instructors on the base who made an impact on Smith, but none more than the late Paul Andrews, who earned a doctorate at Southern in 1980. "There were 25 of us in class, and everyone helped one another," Smith recalls. "Dr. Andrews would take us to different factories and go through the process of how everything was built, inspected and shipped. The man knew more about the subject than anyone I had ever met, and he was always available and willing to help us in any way he could."

Smith started taking weekend classes in 1989, and earned an industrial engineering degree from SIU in 1994. He

wondered if what he had learned about the complexities of manufacturing – no matter how interested he was in the subject – would actually be something he would someday utilize.

“It didn’t take long to answer that question,” he admits. “I have been using those skills ever since.”

The professional portion of Smith’s life began to take shape. He worked as an aerospace project manager for several machining and fabrication companies in Hampton Roads, and began an eight-year stretch at Harvard University, where he studied science and environmental engineering. He is currently working toward his doctorate in aeronautical science.

With learning came teaching, as Smith worked as an aeronautics professor in Okinawa, Japan, and as an aero science professor at Hampton University. In October 2007 his dream job arrived when he joined the Langley Research Center. “I never thought that I would be building aircraft and spacecraft,” he says. “I guess I’ve come a long way.”

When danger is a possibility at Langley, the Southern graduate goes into overdrive.

One recent example came last year when an 18,000-pound Orion test article splashed into NASA’s Langley Research Center’s Hydro Impact Basin. Smith had been on safety watch alongside the 115-foot-long, 90-foot-wide and 20-foot-deep basin for each test. He also worked to ensure the safety of a host of media personnel who were invited to witness the process.

Whether at the Gantry for testing, where Apollo astronauts trained for moon walks, or with the launch of the first developmental flight-test of the agency’s former Constellation Program, Ares 1-X, Smith’s job remains the same – engineering a safe environment.

### THINKING OF SIU

Smith is like many proud SIU graduates who obtain their degrees through the military – he has never been to Carbondale. But he certainly considers himself a Saluki.

“I’ve tried several times to come to Carbondale, but it just has never worked out,” he says with a chuckle. “And I still call occasionally to see if there is a dis-

tance learning Master’s program that might interest me, but nothing yet. Coming to SIU is certainly on my bucket list.”

While he has never been to campus, the University is always with him.

“I really don’t know what I would be doing right now had that program at Mildenhall not been offered by Southern,” he admits. “Nothing else on the base academically interested me, and everything I have done has been a result of what I learned from SIU.”

Smith has some words of advice for current students: stick with your convictions, regardless of whether you see an immediate opportunity to use your skills; what you learn **will** come into play in a major way down the road.

“When I was working as an engineer for the Alcoa Corporation in 2000-01, I realized I was actually doing the same things I learned at SIU. I was amazed how all these years later I was using everything I studied with Dr. Andrews.

“Knowledge you acquire in school will find you — even if you are not expecting it to happen.”

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## Tri-County Scholarship Banquet

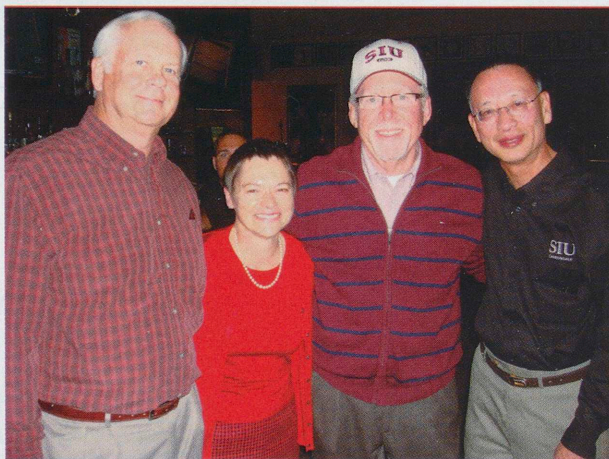
The SIU Alumni Association Chapters of Jackson, Williamson, and Union Counties joined together to present their 2nd Annual Tri-County Scholarship Banquet. More than 75 alumni and friends attended the banquet and enjoyed hearing from guest speaker Jeffrey Speith, president of Old National Bank. Scholarship recipients included: Brandon Anderson, Hanna England, Ashley Giritharan, Autumn Grant, Matthew Griffith, Jennifer Jansen, LaVanessa Kirkwood, Emily Lind, Shelby Luebke, Joanna Parkinson, Shelby Pearson, Daniel Pineau, Tannaz Pourboghrat, Katherine Schwebel, and Madison Tyner. The event was planned by chapter representatives Kitty Mabus, Dede Ittner, Linda Benz, and Roy and Bonnie Heidinger (Jackson County), Larry and Mindy Carter (Union County), and Kari Sanders (Williamson County).



Jeffrey Speith '93, M.B.A. '97 speaks at the scholarship banquet.

## 'A Saluki Christmas In Austin'

The Austin/San Antonio Chapter hosted 65 alumni and friends to a holiday dinner at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort. SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng was the guest speaker. Bill and Mary Szelag, Tara Jansen, Tim Kirby, Sara Weiskopf, Claudia Ogrin, and Ty and Kimberly Ball planned the event. Zachary Sapienza and Michelle Suarez attended on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association.



From left, Bill Szelag, Chancellor Rita Cheng, Mike McAlevy, and Tom Cheng enjoy the evening.

## Chicago Food Bank Volunteer Effort

The Chicagoland Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 34 alumni and friends to a volunteer effort at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. More than 12,000 pounds of oranges were sorted and packaged for distribution to local food banks. Vanessa Matheny, Chad Hoosier, and Chris Stemler coordinated the effort, while Zachary Sapienza attended on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association.

## Chancellor Greets Atlanta Club

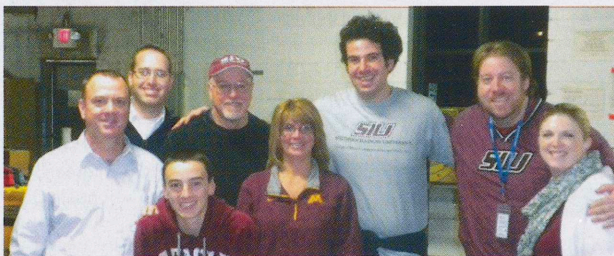
The recently revitalized Greater Atlanta Club of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 42 alumni and friends recently at a reception in Atlanta's Terrace Perimeter Center. SIU Carbondale Chancellor Rita Cheng was in attendance and spoke to the group about current news regarding the University. After her talk, the Salukis socialized while enjoying a fine selection of wines and complimentary hors d'oeuvres.

## Contact A Chapter Or Club

Want to know more about an SIU Alumni Association chapter or club event near you? Contact the Association at 618-453-2408 for more information, or go to [www.sialumni.com/chapters](http://www.sialumni.com/chapters) to contact a chapter or club leader.

## Minnesota Holiday Volunteer Tour

The Greater Minnesota Club hosted six holiday volunteer efforts at Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank. Each shift consisted of several alumni volunteers and was coordinated by Max Orenstein and Dean Andrew. More than 23,000 pounds of food were packaged for distribution.



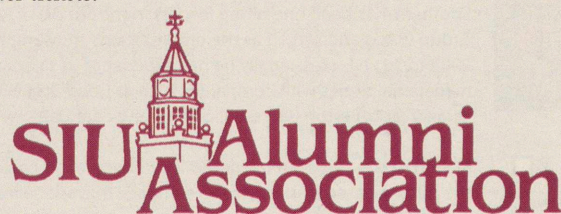
From left, David Murphy, Matt Biermann, Ben Murphy, Dean Andrew, Rebecca Kill, Max Orenstein, Russ Owen, and Jennifer Hoffmann at the food bank distribution.

## Enjoy Baseball With Fellow Salukis

The summer months are approaching, and that means an opportunity to enjoy some baseball and fellowship with Salukis across the country. Although details on some of the games are still in the planning stages, dates for the action are as follows:

- May 5, Houston, Texas, Cardinals vs. the Astros
- May 14, St. Louis, Mo., Cubs vs. Cardinals
- June 9, Chicago, Ill., Astros vs. White Sox
- July 29, Chicago, Ill., Cardinals vs. Cubs

Go to [www.siu.alumni.com/events](http://www.siu.alumni.com/events) for more information or to order tickets.



## Seventh Annual St. Louis Trivia Night

The St. Louis Chapter hosted more than 100 alumni and friends for their annual trivia night fundraiser. "Team Carr," captained by Ken Carr, retired marketing coordinator for SIU Student Health Services, successfully defended its title by winning for a third consecutive year. More than \$2,000 was raised for the St. Louis Chapter Scholarship Fund. Chapter representatives Anna Vani, Ann Patton, Aimee Snavelly, and Leslie Teppen coordinated the event. Zachary Sapienza attended the event on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association.



Front row from left, Kevin Kuschel, Diana Baird, and Michael Baird. Back row: Danielle Carr, Bryan Carr, Ken Carr, Kaye Carr, and Omar Mahmood. The group missed only two questions on the night and donated their winnings back to the St. Louis Chapter Scholarship Fund.



## Board of Directors Ballot

Please place an "x" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you want to vote. If you are the sole member of your household who is an SIU Alumni Association member, use the box marked "A." If there is a second member in your household, he or she should vote using the box marked "B."

Only the votes of dues-paying alumni who are members of the Association are valid in this election. Ballots must reach the offices no later than noon on April 13, 2012.

### Director For Election (four-year term)

A  B



**Gary Heflin '89**, the managing partner in the sales consulting and analysis firm GH Enterprises, has been actively involved with his alma mater since leaving Carbondale. Heflin, who coordinated the SIU Black Affairs Council while a student at Southern, has been one of the leaders in the SIU Black Alumni Group (BAG), and served as the organization's treasurer from 2009 to 2011. Professionally he has experience in sales and managerial duties with companies such as Coca-Cola USA, Quaker Oats, Barton Beers, Gallo Wine, and Sara Lee.

A  B



Marion native **Larry Mieldezis '86** is chief operating officer for the Atlanta-based Liaison Corp., a company that specializes in integration and data management services and allows companies to connect electronically with business partners. In 2011, as an alternative to offshore outsourcing, Liaison set up shop at SIU as a customer service center, and that office continues to grow. Larry has been on the board since 2010, appointed to fill out the term of the late Cleveland Hammonds. He and his wife **Amy '90** live in Flowery Branch, Georgia, and have six children.

A  B



For the past 16 years **Rick Wysocki '83, M.S. '84** has served as president and owner of Language Services LLC. A native of the Jersey Shore, he now lives in Orland Park, Ill. He was a four-year letterman on the SIU baseball team from 1980 to 1983, and his wife Karen '83 was a Saluki Shaker. Rick was a graduate assistant at the SIU Student Recreation Center and a member of Eta Sigma Gamma national health honorary. He is actively involved with the baseball field renovation committee in efforts to restore and renovate Abe Martin Field at SIU.

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### Director For Re-Election (four-year term)

A  B



Saint Louis. He and his wife, **Amanda '02, '04**, have a son.

**Winston Calvert '02** is an attorney at Armstrong Teasdale LLP in St. Louis, concentrating in the areas of business litigation. Active in many organizations, he served on the Southern at 150 Financial Resources Committee, Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra Patrons Committee, Washington University School of Law Alumni Executive Committee, Washington University Distinguished Faculty Award Selection Committee, and event committees for the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis and Opera Theatre of

A  B



Carbondale provided literacy instruction and learning style assessment in the John A. Logan College Adult Education program before her retirement several years ago. Five generations of her family have attended Southern Illinois University, and her father was long-time SIU coach "Doc" Lingle. She and her late husband, Bill, have three children and seven grandchildren. Dede is creator and facilitator of the ongoing Carbondale Oral History Project.

A  B



**Mike Kasser '78**, a Certified Public Accountant and Controller of Southern Illinois Healthcare in Carbondale, serves as Treasurer for the SIU Alumni Association's National Board. He has served as a school board member and treasurer in Carbondale and as President of the Southern Illinois Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). Mike and his wife, **Jill '79, '00** have two daughters.

A  B



**Ray Serati '59** of Springfield, Ill., has served as president of the SIU Alumni Association Board. He was named the "Outstanding Journalism Graduate" at SIU during his senior year, and for many years he worked in the Illinois Capitol Press Corps covering all facets of state government and politics. He and his wife, **Margaret**, have three children and five grandchildren. Ray is retired from the newspaper and public relations business and enjoys fishing, reading, collecting books on southern Illinois, and watching SIU sporting events.

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designed the organization's first Web site. He and his wife, **Jill '99**, have a daughter.

**Ben Weinberger '01** is co-founder and CEO of Digitalsmiths, a company started in 1998 which has grown from a two-person college business into a market-leading technology company. Digitalsmiths entered the entertainment industry in 2001 when it introduced its proprietary technology platform, Media Access Pro® and later InScene™, a ground-breaking software platform allowing clients to search massive amounts of film and television content in a simple way. While a student at SIU, Ben worked at the Association, and

## Contact For New Alumni Directory To Begin Soon

In a continuing effort to stay connected with fellow alumni, the SIU Alumni Association will once again partner with Harris Connect Publishing Co. to produce an alumni directory, last published at SIU in 2003.

Later this spring, Harris representatives will begin a campaign to contact as many SIU alumni as possible for verification of information. Alumni should expect postcards and/or emails from Harris requesting verification of graduation information, class year, college achievements, and current career information. The directory will include alumni, academic, and business information about SIU graduates organized into easy-

to-use sections.

"This directory allows alumni to stay better connected with Southern, while helping fellow Salukis communicate and network with one another," says SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez. "We hope it proves to be a valuable initiative and helps make finding and connecting with classmates and friends much easier."

Everyone will be offered the option of purchasing the SIU Directory in either book or CD format, but no one will be under any obligation to purchase material for inclusion in the publication.



**MATHENY**, Bonnie R., '63  
1/15/2012, Carbondale, Ill.

**MYERS**, Imogene R., ex. '34  
8/24/2011, McLeansboro, Ill.

**LENHARDT**, Lucille M., '35  
2/23/2011, Waterloo, Ill.

**MCDONALD**, LTC Paul R., '38, M.S.Ed.'62  
1/11/2012, Chicago, Ill.

**ALLEN**, Sue Swanson, '40  
1/14/2012, Indianapolis, Ind.

**GARRAHAN**, Hope H., '41  
12/27/2011, Fergus Falls, Minn.

**NESHEIM**, Emogene P. Sullivan, ex.'41  
1/13/2012, Brookfield, Conn.

**HOLLOWAY**, Dr. Frank L., '42  
11/09/2011, Tega Clay, S.C.

**REED**, M.D., Quentin H., '42  
12/14/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

**WINTHROP, JR.**, John "Jack" C., ex.'42  
12/03/2011, Allen, Texas

**FIREBAUGH**, Max C., ex. '43  
12/31/2011, Maryville, Tenn.

**HERREN**, Mildred L., ex.'43  
1/22/2012, Vermillion, S.D.

**PATCH**, Virginia J., '43  
1/27/2012, Minier, Ill.

**HEDGES**, Dr. Jack R., '46, M.S.Ed.'47  
12/25/2011, Poulosbo, Wash.

**MALINSKY**, David A., '47  
11/14/2011, Ottawa, Ill.

**SWEARINGEN**, Frances M., ex. '47  
9/05/2011, Benton, Ill.

**SEIBERT**, Nedra M., '48  
12/03/2011, West Lafayette, Ind.

**SMITH**, Ruth E., '49  
11/03/2011, Urbana, Ill.

**DICKERSON**, Mary F., ex. '50  
12/07/2011, Mount Vernon, Ill.

**GUNHOUSE**, Dr. Thomas J., '50  
1/15/2011, Indianapolis, Ind.

**KIMMEL**, Ardell W., ex. '50  
12/24/2011, Mount Vernon, Ill.

**MILLER**, Louis V., '50  
12/20/2011, Bloomington, Ind.

**PRATT**, Clayton "Stu" G., '50  
11/13/2011, Portland, Ore.

**RUFF**, Robert L., '50  
11/22/2011, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**STRIEGEL**, Orpha J., ex. '50  
11/30/2011, Ocean Springs, Miss.

**GOSNELL**, Eldon L., ex. '51  
12/15/2011, West Frankfort, Ill.

**JONES**, Dr. Charles W., '51, M.B.A.'71  
1/11/2012, Green Bay, Wisc.

**MITTENDORF**, Lester H., '51  
11/28/2011, Metropolis, Ill.

**OSTERMAN**, Jacqueline O., '51  
11/11/2011, Tampa, Fla.

**PIERCE**, Rev. Frank C., '51  
12/27/2011, Marion, Ill.

**WANDLING**, Marlin Gene, '51  
9/29/2011, Luling, La.

**HINKLE**, Richard A., ex. '52  
12/28/2011, Paducah, Ky.

**NOVICK**, William "Bill" J., ex.'52  
1/23/2012, Marion, Ill.

**REINHARDT**, Robert E., ex. '52  
12/27/2011, Mount Vernon, Ill.

**LERCH**, Donald M., '53, M.S.Ed.'58  
11/29/2011, Springfield, Ill.

**DIEHL**, Dorothy F., '54  
12/19/2011, Coulterville, Ill.

**PARTRIDGE**, Sharon L., '54  
11/15/2011, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**ROBERTS**, Alvin H., '54, M.S.Ed.'59  
1/18/2012, Carbondale, Ill.

**JOHNSON**, Ronald D., '55  
12/25/2011, Arlington, Texas

**MALPASS**, Winona H., M.S.Ed.'55  
11/06/2011, Durham, N.C.

**MUELLER**, Paul R., '55  
9/25/2011, Texarkana, Texas

**BROWN, Ph.D.**, William E., '56, M.S.Ed.'57  
12/29/2011, Vienna, Ill.

**GRIMM**, Raymond M., M.S.Ed.'56  
1/22/2012, Portland, Ore.

**SHELTON**, Leland G., '56, M.S.Ed.'60  
10/20/2011, Littleton, Colo.

**SHOCKLEY**, Charles P., '56  
1/07/2012, New Haven, Mo.

**FOSTER**, Judge Don A., '57  
1/15/2012, Ridgway, Ill.

**HERTENSTEIN**, Herbert "Sunshine" G., '57, M.S.'62  
12/09/2011, New Baden, Ill.

**WOOLARD**, Barbara H., ex. '57  
11/29/2011, Marion, Ill.

**BURTON**, Zella F., '58  
10/15/2011, Savoy, Ill.

**LAMBERTI**, Donald R., '58  
12/13/2011, Fenton, Mo.

**SEPICHI, JR.**, Joseph "Joe" A., '62  
11/06/2011, Decatur, Ill.

**WITBRACHT**, Ivan L., M.S.Ed.'58  
12/29/2011, Vandalia, Ill.

**FRYAR**, Billy D., '59  
11/27/2011, Whittington, Ill.

**KELLERMAN**, Roy E., '59  
1/24/2012, Pickneyville, Ill.

**WEFFENSTETTE**, Kathryn G., ex. '59  
11/08/2011, Farmersville, Ill.

**YOUNG, USAF (Ret.)**, CMSGT Lowell A., '83  
5/03/2011, Valdosta, Ga.

**ELLIOTT**, Hosea K., '60  
1/22/2012, Murphysboro, Ill.

**FORNEAR**, James R., '60, M.S.'60, H.Ph.D.'96  
12/09/2011, Broughton, Ill.

**BOURLAND**, Charles D., '61  
12/09/2011, Joplin, Mo.

**JAEGER**, Dr. George P., '61  
11/15/2011, Clarion, Penn.

**OPPENHEIM**, Patricia A., '61  
2/11/2011, Leesburg, Ill.

**PEARCE**, II, Stewart A., '61  
1/16/2012, Ryderwood, Wash.

**HARVEY**, David W., '62, M.A.'64  
1/23/2012, Murphysboro, Ill.

**STAHL**, Lance S., '62  
10/26/2011, Medford, Ore.

**WIDENER, JR.**, Ralph "Doc" W., Ph.D.'62  
10/21/2011, Dallas, Texas

**SLEEMAN**, Richard T., '63  
3/09/2011, Rochester Hills, Mich.

**ZUBERI**, Rosemary E., '63, M.S.'67  
7/31/2011, Plymouth, Mich.

**DENNIS**, Nancy H., '64  
10/31/2011, Charleston, S.C.

**KENNEY**, Karl R., '64  
12/27/2011, Raymond, Ill.

**SISK**, Shirley J., '64  
11/13/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

**SUMMERS**, Dr. Francis E., M.S.Ed.'64  
11/10/2011, Mattoon, Ill.

**CARTER, JR.**, James L., '65  
4/13/2011, Mesa, Ariz.

**RAMEY**, James E., '65  
6/04/2011, Columbia, Vir.

**WINKS**, Richard R. "Jay", '65  
11/06/2011, Pawnee, Ill.

**BENSON**, Carole "Sue", '66  
1/04/2012, Versailles, Ky.

**DAUGHERTY, JR.**, Charles "Chuck" H., '66  
1/02/2012, Fort Meyers, Fla.

**COLP**, Robert "Bob" L., '67  
1/26/2012, Royalton, Ill.

**GOTCH**, Capt. John R., '67  
12/11/2011, Canton, Ohio

**HANSON**, Paul J., '67, M.A.'69, Ph.D.'73  
12/24/2011, Campbell, Calif.

**HILL**, Charles "Chuck" J., '67  
10/02/2011, Fontana, Wisc.

**HEITMAN**, Douglas "Doug" A., '68  
4/14/2011, Schaumburg, Ill.

**HIGHSMITH**, Norma M., '68, M.M.Ed.'70  
1/24/2012, Shipman, Ill.

**WINTER**, Janet C., '68  
11/28/2011, Folsom, Calif.

**BATER**, Glenn A., '69  
10/28/2011, New York City, N.Y.

**CLARK**, Richard J., '69  
7/22/2011, Fort Mill, S.C.

**HOAGLAND**, John W., '69  
12/09/2011, Jacksonville, Ill.

## Hall Of Famer Antwine Dies

Saluki Hall of Famer Houston Antwine, a six-time American Football League All-Star and a member of the New England Patriots' 50th Anniversary Team, died recently in Memphis, Tenn., at the age of 72. His wife, Evelyn, died less than 24 hours later of lung cancer.

A native of Mississippi, Antwine was a star defensive tackle and wrestler at SIU from 1957 to 1960. He was selected by the Houston Oilers in the eighth round of the 1961 AFL Draft.

Antwine, who earned an undergraduate degree at SIU in 1963, was a part of Southern's second Hall of Fame induction class of 1979.



**LAFORCE**, Bruce L., '69  
6/20/2011, Western Springs, Ill.

**NOVAK**, Jerry L., '69  
12/17/2011, St. Charles, Mo.

**SHERMER**, Robert C., Ph.D.'69  
1/12/2012, Sandwich, Ill.

**BORSODORF**, Joseph R., '70  
11/05/2011, Freeport, Ill.

**LAMP**, Sherry L., '70  
1/01/2012, Columbus, Ohio

**CALDER**, Harold "Rob", '71  
1/19/2012, Henry, Ill.

**COLEMAN, JR.**, James J., M.A.'71  
12/09/2011, Manhattan, Kan.

**COSTILOW**, Lawrence M., M.S.Ed.'71  
11/24/2011, Chester, Ill.

**FREITAG**, Louis, M.S.'71  
12/12/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

**HARBAUGH**, Thomas M., '71  
12/27/2011, Palmyra, Ill.

**KOENIG**, Karen L., '71  
1/02/2012, Moline, Ill.

**TAYLOR**, Carl R., '71  
11/25/2011, Springfield, Ill.

**ADAMS**, Anne W., '72  
10/17/2011, Arcadia, Mich.

**BAER**, Cheryl A., '72  
11/10/2011, Peoria, Ill.

**RONEY**, Daniel R., '72  
1/22/2012, Champaign, Ill.

**SMITH**, Marilyn J., '72  
11/10/2011, Gulf Breeze, Fla.

**KIRK**, Harold S., '73, M.P.A.D.'83  
12/08/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

**MCCARTHY**, Kenneth J., '73  
11/15/2011, Bangor, Maine

**RANDALL**, Steven K., '73  
12/05/2011, Rockford, Ill.

**TINNES**, C. Michael, '73  
12/30/2011, Lake Charles, La.

**CARTER**, Richard D., ex. '74  
11/25/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

**MAESER**, Joe M., '74  
12/21/2011, Herrin, Ill.

**PANKEY**, Susan B., '74  
12/17/2011, Herrin, Ill.

**REARDON, JR.**, Donn P., '74  
11/15/2011, LaSalle, Ill.

**YOUNG**, Kent A., '74  
10/24/2011, Danville, Ill.

**GLOWCZWSKI**, Maryann U., '75  
1/03/2012, Texas City, Texas

**MITCHELL**, Keith D., M.S.Ed.'75  
12/10/2011, Port Edwards, Wisc.

**MURPHY**, James T., '75  
11/12/2011, Jacksonville, Ill.

**PAYNE**, Zulene Y., '75  
1/05/2012, Laguna Niguel, Calif.

**KELLY**, Kathleen M., '76, M.S.'79  
10/25/2011, Batavia, Ill.

**SIMKINS**, Jenny M., '76  
11/05/2011, Vulcan, Mich.

**WOOLERY**, Michael W., '76  
10/27/2011, Fontana, Calif.

**GRANGE**, Geary A., '77  
12/07/2011, Libertyville, Ill.

**HILL**, George A. Hill, M.A.'77, Ph.D.'79  
1/10/2012, Rindge, N.H.

**VENSON**, Gloria M., Ph.D.'77  
1/07/2012, Memphis, Tenn.

**CHENEY**, Donald G., '78  
11/20/2011, Peoria, Ill.

**WRIGHT**, Deborah L., '78  
12/23/2011, Hot Springs, Ark.

**BROWN**, Charles S., '79  
1/22/2012, Knoxville, Tenn.

**BURGESS**, Linda K., '80  
1/28/2012, West Frankfort, Ill.

**KELLY**, Sean P., '80  
8/10/2011, Venice, Fla.

**HARFIELD**, Barbara A., '80  
1/08/2012, Willingboro, N.J.

**WARREN**, Gary L., '80, M.S.Ed.'94  
1/11/2012, West Frankfort, Ill.

**MICKELSON**, Kerry L., '81  
1/23/2012, Batavia, Ill.

**CRISP**, Paul R., '82  
10/29/2011, Oakland, Tenn.

**DETLOFF**, Angela T., '82  
12/03/2011, Bloomington, Ill.

**GRANT**, Michael J. "Pop Pop", '82  
9/24/2011, Simpsonville, S.C.

**LAPORTE**, Ronald A., '82, M.S.Ed.'83  
5/24/2011, Brooksville, Fla.

**LATHAM**, Katherine "Kate" Diana, '82  
12/30/2011, Rock Island, Ill.

**RINGWELSKI**, Andrzej, Ph.D.'82  
1/09/2012, Marengo, Ill.

**SHANAHAN**, Dr. Thomas G., '82  
11/09/2011, Springfield, Ill.

**WITHERSPOON**, Michael D., '82  
1/06/2012, Danville, Ill.

**KOLBERG**, Guy W., '83  
12/25/2011, Crystal Lake, Ill.

**ODANIELL**, Timothy W., '83  
10/04/2011, Carbondale, Ill.

**SALVATORE**, Lisa S., '83  
5/25/2011, Freeburg, Ill.

**LINDBLOOM**, James R., '84  
12/13/2010, Orland Park, Ill.

**PUGH**, Zandra L., '84  
1/10/2012, Indianapolis, Ind.

**WEEKS**, Samuel C., '84  
1/09/2012, Marietta, Ga.

**WHITE**, Elizabeth "Liz" Joseph, '84  
8/27/2011, Hartford, Conn.

**BROWN**, Floyd "Let", '85  
1/16/2012, Grovetown, Ga.

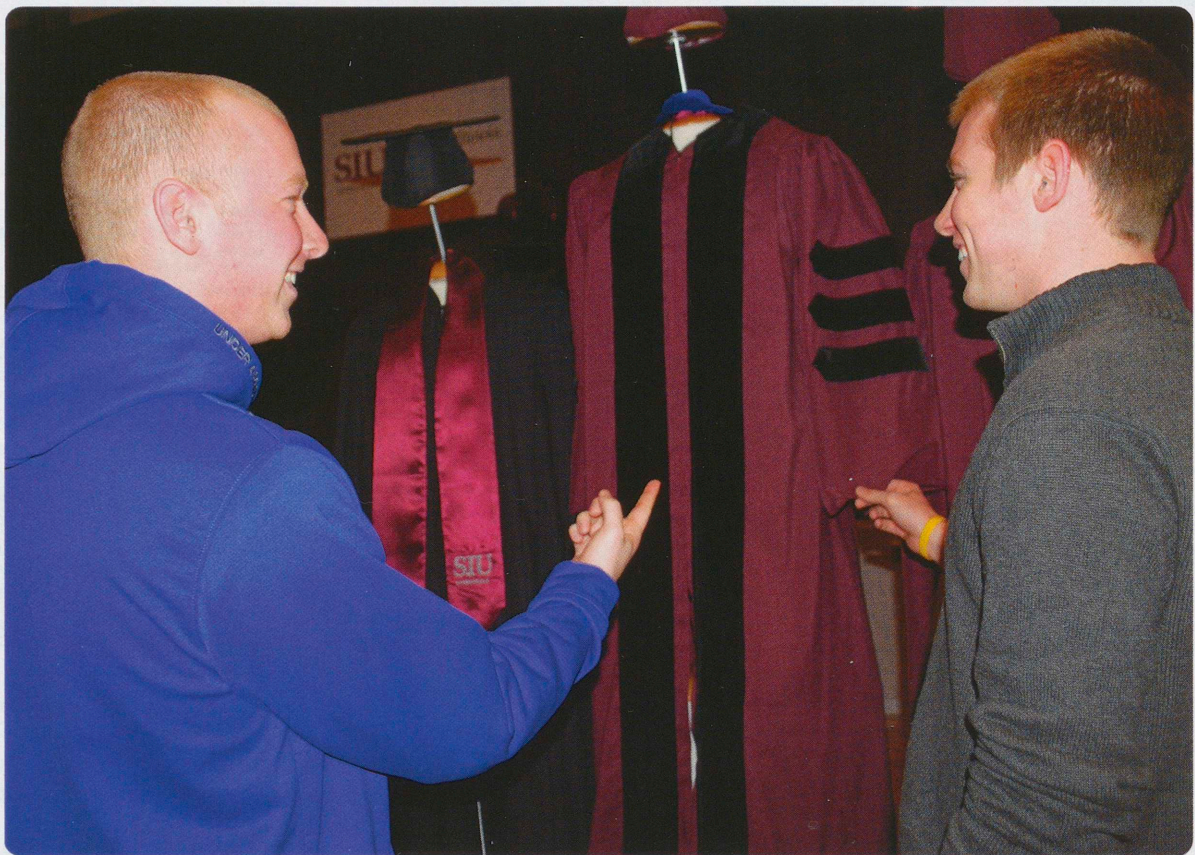
**ELDRIDGE**, Kevin J., '85  
11/30/2011, Murphysboro, Ill.

**HAWKINS**, Robert, '86  
7/14/2011, Benton Harbor, Mich.

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# Moe Recognized For Theater Career

Christian Moe doesn't seem too surprised about having received a lifetime achievement award from one of the nation's most prestigious theater organizations. In fact, he rather expected it.

"I think I deserved it, frankly. It may have been a little late coming," he says, laughing. "I'm glad it came while I'm still around to receive it, so I can smell the roses, so to speak."

Moe was presented with the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Region III Golden Medallion in January at a ceremony in Champaign. The award recognizes excellence in and commitment to the production and teaching of theater, as well as development of the festival.

Moe's legacy in theater speaks for itself. An emeritus faculty member of the theater department at SIU Carbondale, he arrived on campus in 1958 and served 38 years until his retirement in 1996. He was the chair of the department from 1989 to 1996, founded the playwriting program, and served as director of graduate studies and co-executive director of the McLeod Summer Playhouse.

His commitment to theater extended beyond SIU into the greater southern Illinois community. He helped found The Stage Company in Jackson County, which celebrates its 30th anniversary this year, and continues to direct plays for the group. He will be directing *The Underpants*, a

Steve Martin-written adaptation of a German farce, this April.

But part of Moe's satisfaction comes from watching the continued success of the SIU theater department, which launched its new season in February.

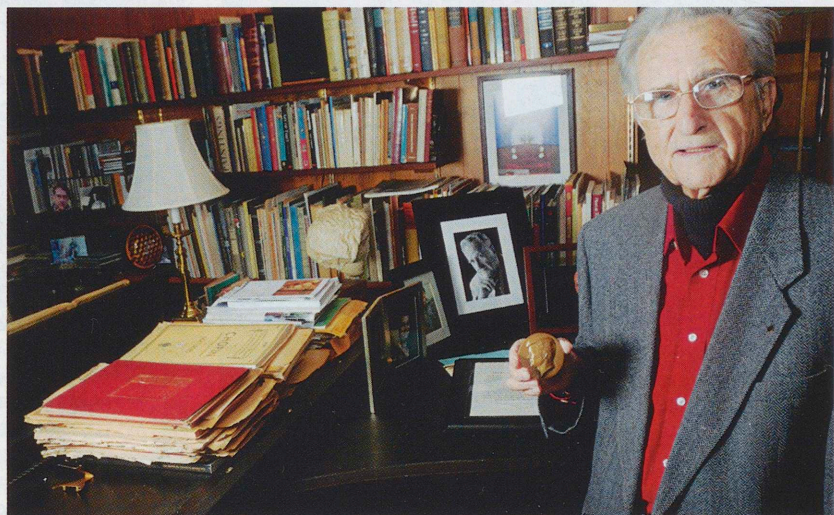
"I don't get to all the new plays, but I get to most of them, and I like what I see," he says.

For him, too, there's an added touch of specialness to seeing shows produced in one particular theater. The small, intimate 100-seat theater in the Communications Building that bears his name serves as a lasting reminder of the impact Moe left on the campus.

In that theater, students continue to learn from some of the best faculty in the Midwest, ones who continue to carry on the inspirations and foundations set forth by Moe during his tenure at the University. He just hopes the cultural offerings of the school and the program affect the views of the greater community as well.

"It kind of wakes people up to the fact that some performing arts productions really are worthwhile," he notes.

As for his own legacy, Moe only has one simple desire. "I just hope I may be remembered as a pretty good theater guy."



Christian Moe displays the Kennedy Center Golden Medallion while standing in his office. "I'm glad it came while I'm still around to receive it," he says with a grin.

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**RUTAN, James A., '86**  
7/08/2011, Fayetteville, N.C.

**GIBSON, Julie A., M.D.'88**  
12/28/2011, Queen Creek, Ariz.

**DRAZEN, Carlos Clarke, '89**  
12/03/2011, Chicago, Ill.

**MANJUCK, George E., '89**  
12/29/2011, Jacksonville, Ill.

**UITTI, Cheryl K., '89, M.S.Ed.'93**  
12/18/2011, Murphysboro, Ill.

**RANTA, George W., M.P.A.D. '90, M.S.'92**  
1/14/2012, Pickneyville, Ill.

**JONES, JR., Robert J., '91**  
1/12/2012, Anna, Ill.

**ROY, Sadie J., '91**  
11/04/2011, Stephenville, Texas

**FLEMING-HAMPTON, Jacqueline K., Ph.D.'92**  
10/28/2011, Nashville, Tenn.

**KONZELMANN, Daniel J., M.D.'92**  
11/28/2011, Hot Springs, Ark.

**REID, Michael R., ex. '93**  
11/29/2011, Las Vegas, Nev.

**STARK, JR., Fred H., '96**  
9/27/2011, Land O' Lakes, Fla.

**CHILDERS, Jill Wise, '99**  
12/03/2011, Rochester, Minn.

**KILIAN, Michael P., '00**  
1/16/2012, Carbondale, Ill.

**WARD, Chad M., ex. '01**  
12/14/2011, Decatur, Ill.

**EASTER, Aaron C., '03**  
1/24/2012, Steamboat, Colo.

**PRICE, John M., Ph.D.'03**  
12/19/2011, Indianapolis, Ind.

**FITZGERALD, Craig A., '10**  
12/27/2011, Pulaski, Ill.

**CAMERON, Holden R., '11**  
1/14/2012, Ashley, Ill.

**O'BRIEN, Timothy J., '11**  
12/17/2011, Orland Park, Ill.

## Faculty/Staff

**BIRTCH, M.D., Alan G.**  
Professor and Assistant Chairman of Surgery  
SIU School of Medicine in Springfield  
12/28/2011, Springfield, Ill.

**BLACKMON, Doria M., '97**  
Assistant Instructor, Headstart  
1/07/2012, Carbondale, Ill.

**JONES, Carolyn B., '60, M.A.'63**  
English Instructor  
CESL  
12/25/2011, Belleville, Ill.

**SIMMONS, James D.**  
Emeritus, Editorial Director  
University Press  
11/27/2011, Anna, Ill.

**SMART, Michael G.**  
Manager  
Information Technology  
1/16/2012, DeSoto, Ill.

**VOGENTHALER, Linda D., '72**  
Child Care Assistant  
Rainbow's End  
1/19/2012, Carbondale, Ill.

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

## 1950s

This spring, the University Museum celebrates a legendary name in the world of theater design, **Darwin Reed Payne '53, M.F.A. '55, Honorary Doctorate '99**. Payne donated his set designs to the museum and his theater designs, notes, and correspondence to Morris Library's Special Collections. He is especially well known for his seminal books on set design, all published by SIU press. The major exhibition, running March through May, highlights his work not only in set design but also in painting. Payne taught at



SIU from 1963 to 1983, serving as departmental chair from 1978 to 1982.

Sharing memories and friendships that developed at Southern more than 50 years ago, several members of the Pi Kappa Sigma Sorority met recently in Columbia, Ill. Pictured are (from left) **Alice (Lowry) Crippen '57; Juanita (Peradotta) Rule '55, M.S.Ed. '60; Joanne (Niehoff) Carle '58; Hulda (Menke) Black '58; Betty R. King '57; JoAnne (Jennings) Sullivan EX '55; Shirley (Bellm) Smith '56; Judy (Cailotto) Laughlin '58; Shirley (Martin) Bigham '57, M.S.Ed. '71; and Jan (Prather) Holloway '59, M.S.Ed. '60**. The

group plans to meet again this spring in Staunton, Ill. "We would like to reach as many alums as possible and others who might have been at SIU during this time and would like to renew friendships," Rule says. Anyone interested in attending can call Black at 618-635-2779, Smith at 636-745-8338, or Crippen at 636-277-4284.

## 1960s

A lifetime retrospective of jewelry by **Mary Lee Hu '67** is on display through June 17 at the Bellevue (Wash.) Arts Museum. "Knitted, Knotted, Twisted & Twined" traces the artist's evolution from her early experimental designs at Southern to today's lighter, more fluid pieces. A hard-bound catalogue will be released and nationally distributed and will feature more than 90 earrings, rings, brooches, and neckpieces, drawn from both public and private collections all over the world.

**The Rev. Robert "Monty" Knight '67, M.A. '72** donated his 2008 book, *Balanced Living: Don't Let Your Strength Become Your Weakness*, to Morris Library. It is available on his website [www.montyknightcounseling.com](http://www.montyknightcounseling.com). Knight, a Ziegler native, has been a pastoral counselor and



marriage and family therapist for 35 years. He is an ordained minister of the Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ.

**Mark Horne '69** has been named among the top up-and-coming attorneys in the state for 2012 by *Illinois Super Lawyers* magazine. Horne practices in the area of commercial real estate at Quarles & Brady LLP of Chicago.

## 1970s

Southern will honor life member **Larry Bailey '72** with

a Distinguished Service Award at the College of Business's May 2012 commencement. Bailey is one of the founders of SIU Carbondale's accounting registered student organization, Blacks Interested in Business (BIB), and he received the BIB Global Business Leadership Award in 2011. The College of Business and Administration, as it was known at the time, inducted Bailey into its Hall of Fame in 1991. He is a licensed CPA with more than 26 years of public accountancy experience. He obtained the position of partner in the international firms of KPMG Peat Marwick and PricewaterhouseCoopers and was the partner-in-charge of the Africa desk for PricewaterhouseCoopers. Bailey serves on the board of directors for CareFirst Inc., the regional Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance company, and is also president of LDB Consulting Inc.

A lifelong interest in the Civil War led **Mike Estel '72** of Anna, Ill., to write a third book of historical fiction, "Love Until the End." Estel's books are available by contacting him at 618-697-2328, or [bles-tel@yahoo.com](mailto:bles-tel@yahoo.com) and at the Gen. John A. Logan Museum.

**Tyrone Ash '73** has published the book *The Story Grandpa Told of American and World African Legends and Culture*. The history book celebrates "the dark man of the world from the beginning of civilization." It contains more than 400 biographies of chiefs, kings, pharaohs, leaders, artists, doctors, educators, and ordinary people who have made extraordinary contributions in more than 150 countries. The book can be ordered at his website, [www.thestorygrandpatold.com](http://www.thestorygrandpatold.com).

**Larry Jones '73, M.D. '76** was named Family Physician of the Year by the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians. He was chosen from candidates

## Mosley Delivers Address At Public Policy Institute Conference

**The Rev. Archibald Mosley M.S.Ed. '61** earned the nation's highest civilian honor for service during World War II. The U.S. Senate bestowed the Congressional Gold Medal to Mosley and all members of the Montford Point Marines, the first black Marine Corps unit. The



Mosley was featured in a 2008 PBS documentary.

Carbondale native and graduate of Attucks High School served with the Montford Point Marines in the Battle of Iwo Jima, supplying ammunition to the front lines. As one of the first African-Americans to fight in that branch of service, Mosley was featured in the 2008 PBS documentary "The Marines of Montford Point: Fighting for Freedom," which tells the story of the 2,600 black Marines who fought in World War II. After returning home, Mosley served as a pastor, and a professor and dean at Shaw College of Detroit.

Mosley delivered an address about his experiences in September 2011 at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute for the 9th annual Paul Simon Leadership Conference, which focuses on providing young minorities opportunities for leadership, service, education, and civic involvement.

As a Marine in the 1940s.



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nominated directly by patients and colleagues. Jones founded the Primary Care Group in Harrisburg, Ill., and has held leadership roles with Harrisburg Medical Center; state, county, and local medical societies and departments; and SIU, where he was honored with an Alumni Achievement Award from the College of Science in May 2010.

Retired art teacher **Ann Yates Mertz '73** has illustrated a children's book authored by her mother, Janice Yates. *Squabbit* is the story of how a squirrel copes with having a bunny tail. It is available from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

**David Weinstein '73**, a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP in Chicago, has been selected for inclusion in the 2012 edition of *Illinois Super Lawyers*.



The magazine lists outstanding attorneys who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Weinstein practices in the area of employment and labor law.

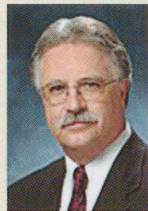
Pres. Barack Obama appointed **Robert Whitehead M.A. '74** as U.S. Ambassador to the Togolese Republic. Whitehead, a career member of the Senior



Foreign Service, has worked for the Department of State for 27 years. From

2009 to 2011, he served as the chargé d'affaires in Khartoum, Sudan. Whitehead served briefly as chargé d'affaires ad interim in Rwanda in 1994 and as the first consul general in Juba, Southern Sudan in 2006.

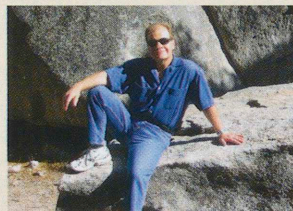
Research physicist **William Bookless '75** has been named the associate laboratory director for policy and strategic planning at the U.S.



Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory. Bookless is also a senior advisor in policy planning, analysis, and assessment for the National Nuclear Security Administration.

**Carl Corey '76** has published the book *Tavern League: Portraits of Wisconsin Bars*, which includes 60 photographs taken at taverns, bars, and supper clubs. The cinema and photography graduate is the recipient of more than 100 awards.

**Tom Kondo '76** is a Distinguished Technologist at Hewlett-Packard. The position recognizes technologists who have made contributions in research and business world-



wide, and who have had significant revenue impact. Kondo is the primary inventor on seven patents.

**Johanna Schneider '76** is managing director and market leader for Burson-Marsteller, a leading public relations and communications firm, at its Washington, D.C., office. Schneider worked for Business Roundtable, an organization of chief executive officers of global companies, where she directed all external relations and communications.



Realist watercolor representations of myths, legends, and fairytales make up the 64th exhibit by **Gale Tolf '76**. *Myth*

and *Legend* is on display through March at the Wheaton, Ill. Theosophical Society.

**Kay James McCrimon '77, M.A. '01** published *Goodnight Lil' Darlin'*, a children's book that celebrates jazz greats and features an accompanying CD. McCrimon is an adjunct professor at Chicago State University whose research focuses on African-Americans in the fine arts. For more information, go to [kayesmccrimonprojects.com](http://kayesmccrimonprojects.com).

**DeVon Nelson '77** has self-published the fictional book, *The Bitter and Sweet*



*Around Me*, whose protagonist falls in love on the SIU campus. Nelson has worked in advertising, public relations, and as a reporter for the *News Sun* in Waukegan and correspondent for the *Chicago Tribune*. Learn more at

[www.bitterandsweetbook.net](http://www.bitterandsweetbook.net).

**Gregory Todd '77** is news director for SIU's "River Region Evening News." The award-winning broadcast journalist was managing editor and social media manager at XETV San Diego 6 News and San Diego 6.com. Todd has worked in several broadcast journalism capacities in markets, including Indianapolis, Seattle, and San Diego. More than 70 students are involved with Evening Edition each semester, where they produce, present, and crew the show on WSIU-TV Channel 8. In addition to duties as news director, he also teaches a news writing class.

**David Kennedy '78** was inducted into the Samuel K. Gove Legislative Internship Hall of Fame. Inductees are selected based on their contributions to Illinois and its citizens.



Kennedy has served as executive director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois (ACEC-IL) for the past 25 years. Kennedy of Springfield also chairs the State House Committee and serves on the executive committee of the Transportation for Illinois Coalition.

**Maj. Gen. William Enyart J.D. '79** of Belleville is the Adjutant General of the Illinois National Guard, commanding its 13,000 troops. The SIU Alumni Association life member recently completed the U.S.-Russian Security Program at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. Enyart was awarded the Polish Army Medal, gold grade,



for his years of dedication to the State Partnership Program with Poland.

## 1980s

**Rob Dulavey '80** has published three recent books of his illustrations: *Observations*, *Pointy People*, and *Crystal Cities*. Dulavey's art has appeared in a number of publications including leading magazines and educational books. His books can be purchased from his website, [www.robd.com](http://www.robd.com).

**Steve Stromquist '80** was named Company Professional of the Year by the Independent Insurance Agents of Indiana. This is the second win in the past five years for Stromquist, the senior regional sales manager for West Bend Mutual Insurance Company.

Photographer **Eric Dusenbery '81** founded Cinderic Documentaries ([www.cinderic.org](http://www.cinderic.org)) with his wife, Cindy. The small nonprofit is

dedicated to preserving Florida history using documentary photography and oral history.

**Vic Eilau '81, '81**, is senior vice president of Technology Value Financial. The Maineville, Ohio company leases electron-



ics to businesses nationwide, and at the end of the lease recycles, re-uses, or re-manufactures the equipment.

The Rockefeller Foundation named **Nancy Kete '82** managing director of resilience, supporting the foundation's global work on environmental and financial sustainability. Kete will focus on acid rain, climate change, and transportation systems, as well as on ways to reduce risk from oil and gas exploration. Kete served on Pres. Obama's National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling.

An SIU School of Medicine professor has received a lifetime achievement award for reproductive immunology research. **Donald Torry '82, M.A. '85, Ph.D. '89** has focused his research on understanding immunological and cellular mechanisms leading to preeclampsia during pregnancy.

Lt. Col. **Mark "Moon"**

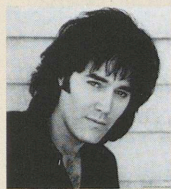
**Milham '83** is expected to become the 35th Air Force pilot to log 4,000 flights in an F-16 Fighting Falcon, also known as a "Viper." He was commissioned as a 2nd



Lieutenant upon graduation from Southern. He currently serves with the Arizona National

Guard 162nd Fighter Wing in Tucson, and in 2010 was recognized as the Air Sovereignty Alert Pilot of the Year.

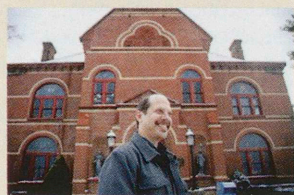
Prolific songwriter **David Lee Murphy '83** of Herrin, Ill., was nominated for two 2012 Grammy Awards. Thompson Square's "Are You Gonna Kiss Me



Or Not" didn't take home a statue, but was nominated for Best Country

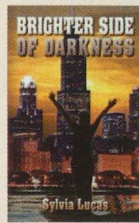
Song and Best Country Duo/Group Performance. Other tunes written by Murphy that topped country music charts in 2011 include the Kevin Fowler single "Hell Yeah, I like Beer" and Kenny Chesney's "Live a Little." He also contributed songs to the most recent albums of Ronnie Dunn, Trace Adkins, Jake Owen, and Rodney Atkins. Murphy had his first break in 1985 when Reba McEntire recorded his song, "Red Roses (Won't Work Now)."

**Darrel Dexter '84, '86**, has published the book *Bondage in Egypt: Slavery in Southern Illinois*. The 636-page history reports on the paradox of the "free state" with its long history of slavery, dating back to the first French settlers. He began



research on *Bondage in Egypt* while an SIU undergraduate under the mentorship of the late John Y. Simon.

**Sylvia Lucas '84** has published the book *Brighter Side of Darkness*, available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble through Page Publishing LLC.



**Ken Hawkinson Ph.D. '86** has been named provost and academic vice president at Western Illinois University.

**Jeff Kran '86** is a graduate of the Feinberg program in Messianic Jewish studies, a specialized master's of divinity degree.

Fashion designer **Vincent Quevedo '87 M.S.Ed. '91**

received the Pearson Prentice Hall Lecture award for exceptional service. Quevedo, an associate professor at Kent State University, is a national and international award-winning designer whose work focuses on sustainability. While at Southern, Quevedo started a business

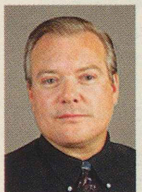


designing and manufacturing children's active wear and began his research in art-to-wear fashions and quilting.

**Paul Esselman '89** is executive vice president and managing principal of Cejka Executive Search, a leading healthcare executive search firm specializing in recruitment of physicians, key members of senior management, and academic medicine faculty.

**Kumara Jayasuriya M.S. '89** has been named associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at Purdue University North Central.

**John McHale '89**, associate professor at Illinois State University's School of Communication, has won the



Grand Prize in the category of Best Short Script from the Flickers: 2012 Rhode Island International Film Festival

for his television show pilot titled *Last Exit to Normal*.

Clinical psychologist and Carbondale-based therapist **Annette Vaillancourt Ph.D.**



'89 has launched a radio show about personal and professional success at [blogtalkradio.com/success-ability](http://blogtalkradio.com/success-ability).

Learn more about the success coach and motivational speaker at [www.thesuccessdoctorin.com](http://www.thesuccessdoctorin.com).

Three alumni received Department of Defense Patriotic Employer Awards for supporting employees who have commitments to the National Guard and Army Reserves. **Carla Coppi '81, M.M. '86; Dave Tippy '81; and Greg Vaughn '84** were nominated by an employee in the Guard or Reserve. This is the only award given by the Department of Defense that is initiated by a soldier.

## 1990s

Naval Commander **Peter Nilsen '91** was named captain of the USS Cole.

**Mary Jo Schuler M.S.Ed. '91** co-founded Greenline Wheels, an L3C social business that rents bicycle and electronic vehicles in an effort to promote green transportation initiatives in Oak Park, Ill.

**Kevin Baity '92** is Carbondale's new city manager. Baity served as assistant city manager since 2006. Prior, Baity



was Flora's city administrator for two years and spent more than three years in commercial development

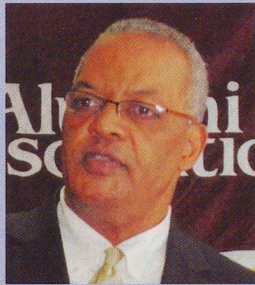
for Centralia's government.

**Richard Holder '92** has been named the event chairperson for the 2012 Carnegie Science Awards. Holder is president of Electrical Components Organization of Eaton Corp., a diversified power management company.

SIU associate professor **Christopher Mullins M.A. '94** was among current faculty

## Distinguished Alumni Recipient Named Top Teacher at UALR

Sociology professor **David Briscoe Ph.D. '93** was the recipient of the Best Professor Award for 2011 at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. The award is deter-



Briscoe was named a 2009 Distinguished Alumni at SIU.

mined by student votes and organized by the *Forum*, the weekly student newspaper at UALR. According to the paper, Briscoe was chosen for his "strong admiration and dedication toward his students." Briscoe is known for promoting a strong work ethic and the Golden Rule. He also encourages students to serve others during the college years and beyond.

The life member of the SIU Alumni Association

says, "I doubt this would have ever happened without my preparation at the love of my life, Southern."

Briscoe was the recipient of the SIU Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009, bestowed on alumni who bring honor to the University through outstanding performance in their career field or for their exemplary history of service to SIU. In 2003, the SIU College of Liberal Arts recognized him as a Distinguished Alumnus, and in 2008 he received the SIU Distinguished Service Award.

Briscoe has been recognized nationally and internationally for guiding and mentoring youths for more than 44 years through such organizations as the Boy Scouts of America. He holds the distinction of being the first African-American male to be promoted through the ranks to full professor in the history of the UALR, and the first African-American president of the university's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

and recent alumni from Southern's department of criminology and criminal justice to visit the 16th World Congress of the International Society for Criminology meeting in Kobe, Japan.

Former Jefferson County Illinois State's Attorney **Nicole Villani J.D. '95** is now resident circuit court judge. Her appointment to the seat in the Second Judicial Circuit will expire Dec. 3, 2012, when



the position will be filled by the winner of the 2012 general election. Jefferson County Assistant State's Attorney

**Doug Hoffman, J.D. '06** replaces Villani as state's attorney.

**James Elliot '96** and wife **Andrea '00** have opened the restaurant Mo Wallace BBQ in Carbondale, offering soul food and barbeque.

**Deborah McKinney Huff '96** was hired as interim city manager for Salem, Ill.

Madwomen's Late-Nite Cabaret," a musical comedy by

**Julie Lyn Barber M.M. '97**, was selected for presentation at the St-Ambrose Montreal Fringe Festival. The "quick-change cabaret show" features more than a dozen characters includ-



ing Joan of Arc, Marie Antoinette, Mary Queen of Scots, Typhoid Mary, Amelia Earhart, Medusa, and Sybil.

A film adaptation of a book written by **Jason Pargin '97** of Marion, John Dies at the End, premiered at the 2012 Sundance Film Festival to rave reviews. The adaptation of the comedy-horror story – written under Pargin's

pseudonym David Wong – stars Paul Giamatti, whose credits include "Sideways" and "Lady in the



Water." The plot involves a drug that produces an out-of-body experience where users drift across time and dimensions. Some who come back are no longer human, and an other-worldly invasion ensues. The film is directed by filmmaker Don Coscarelli – known for the "Phantasm" series and 2002's cult classic "Bubba Ho-Tep."

**Patty Bateman A.A.S. '98** served as chairwoman for the committee that opened the Friends of Murphysboro Dog Park in July, the first such park in southern Illinois. Bateman is the SIU assistant coordinator of parking and traffic.

**Michael Beam '98** joined the New York Department of Environmental Conservation specialists in documenting and banding Peregrine Falcons on the top floor of the famous Statler Towers in downtown Buffalo, N.Y.

**Kerry Beaulieu '98** is the co-founder of [www.RockfordParent.com](http://www.RockfordParent.com),



an online resource and social community where parents can find upcoming events and activities to enjoy with their kids and connect with other Rockford parents.

**Janet Elizabeth Donoghue '99, M.S. '04** is the develop-

ment director for the Fuller Dome Board, which received a \$125,000 matching federal grant from the Save America's Treasures Program to restore the home at 407 S. Forest Ave., that Buckminster Fuller designed and lived in while a professor at SIU in 1960.

**Julie Savage A.A.S. '99, B.S. '00** is a pilot for Frontier Airlines who helped to sponsor two Denver area children for the SIU Aviation Department's summer camp ACE (Aviation Career Education), co-sponsored by the FAA. Savage, a top female pilot in the nation for SIU in 1999 as an undergrad, personally flew them to St. Louis. Her essay about the experience appeared in a recent issue of *PilotMag*.

## 2000s

**Karli Feldhake '00** of Teutopolis, Ill., has recently joined the staff of the SIU Credit Union as its new marketing director.

**Dena Hale '01, '01, '01, M.B.A. '03, Ph.D. '08** is assistant professor of marketing for the H. Wayne Huizenga School of



Business and Entrepreneurship at Nova Southeastern University.

**Keri Young '01, M.S.Ed. '04**, is director of SIU Carbondale

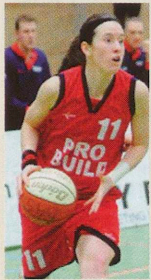
Career Services, a comprehensive career planning and employment services agency that provides coaching in career skills and development.



**Jennifer Ryan Stefan '02** earned a master's of arts degree in educational leadership from Concordia



University and a master's of education degree in interdisciplinary studies, curriculum and instruction from National Louis University in 2006. Stefan is in her ninth year of teaching third grade at Avoca West Elementary School in the Glenview School District, Chicago.



**Molly McDowell '03**, who played four years for the Lady Salukis, is once again playing professional basketball for the

ProBuild Lions in Amsterdam. AKQA was named the 2011 Digital Agency of the Year by *Adweek*. One of SIUC's 25 Most Distinguished Seniors



and Association life member **Emily Ostendorf '03** joined AKQA's San

Francisco office as a project manager in March 2010.

**Gillian Prepejchal '03** of Makanda, Ill., is the first regional coordinator in Illinois for Vault Jeans, a Utah-based business that specializes in organizing parties to buy jeans at discounted prices.

**Jason Mundy '04** was accepted into the Chicago Architecture Foundation's rigorous Docent Education Program and plans to serve as a volunteer docent for the foundation. Mundy, who specializes in architecture design and construction administration, works with Zifkin Real Estate Group's leasing team.

**Geoff Ritter '04** is the editor of the *Carbondale Times* newspaper.

**Mary Collier '05** is featured in the documentary "Ride the Divide." Collier is the first woman to finish the Tour



Divide mountain-bike ultra endurance race from Canada to Mexico, following trails along the

Continental Divide. She pedaled 2,709 miles in 29 days, 17 hours and 37 minutes from Banff, Alberta, to Antelope Wells, N.M., atop the Rocky Mountains.

**Rachel Cristaudo M.A. '05** has reopened Cristaudo's in Carbondale. The bakery was a local favorite for three decades in its old location in the Murdale Shopping Center. It is now located at the Kaleidoscope Mercantile Building on the "Strip," North Illinois Avenue.

**John Scott III '06** will script Tad Williams' science fiction book series *Otherland* for Warner Bros. Scott was selected to script Isaac Asimov's *Caves of Steel* for Fox last fall. Scott's critically acclaimed original screenplay, *Maggie*, is in pre-production. Henry Hobson is directing both *Maggie* and *Caves of Steel*.

InFusion Theatre Company will premiere a work by Chicago playwright **Randall Colburn M.F.A. '08**. "The Improv Play" runs Apr.10-May 20 at the DCA Storefront Theater, 66 E. Randolph St. Colburn's play "Lamp & Moth" also was a finalist for the 2011 O'Neill National Playwrights Conference. He has produced or developed plays in New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Seattle, and Great Britain.

**Ashley Pearson '08** has joined Trivers Associates Architects in St. Louis as an Architectural Designer.

The Wichita Wingnuts signed pitcher **Shawn Joy '09** for the 2012 season. Joy pitched in the Frontier League last season, going 6-4 with a 3.92 ERA in 18 games for the Southern Illinois Miners.

**Clayton Stambaugh A.A.S.**

'09 was awarded a \$10,000 stipend to research how airports use social media platforms to market themselves and communicate with customers. Stambaugh is a Southern graduate student working toward a master's in public administration with a focus on aviation administration.

## 2010s

Navy Seaman Apprentice **Daniel Andrew '10** was promoted to his current rank upon graduation from recruit training in Great Lakes, Ill. Andrew received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle.

**Evan Cervi '11** of Taylorville

has joined Prairie Engineers of Illinois as a civil engineering and surveying intern.

**Nicholas Tinsman J.D. '11** has joined Barnhart Law Office Ltd. in Canton, Ill. While at Southern, Tinsman was selected



to be a member of the SIU Law Journal, where he served as articles editor, and was awarded

the Scott H. Nichols Memorial Endowed Scholarship, the Maxwell Turner Memorial Scholarship; and was a Dean's Scholar all three years.

## Two SIU Graduates Are National Rugby Champions

Two SIU Carbondale graduates who competed on the University's rugby team are national champions. Dawn McKenzie '03, senior account manager at Marketing Werks in Chicago, was a member of the U.S. Women's Rugby National Championship team that captured the top prize in November. McKenzie was team co-captain/club president while playing for North Shore. Fellow Southern graduate Nova Riemer '04 was also on North Shore, serving as the vice president of team fund raising. Both are former SIU Carbondale rugby players.

Marketing Werks is a \$100-million independent experiential marketing agency in Chicago. In September, Marketing Werks was the site of a reception for SIU communications alumni living in Chicago. The company was founded by Southern graduates Julie (Moller) Guida '79 and **Scott Moller '85**.



Some of the members of the U.S. Women's Rugby National Championship team are, from left: Brie McNally, Claire Ray, Dawn McKenzie, Sarah Walsh, Nova Riemer, Sara Corcoran, Lani Larson, and Jacki Gloss. It is estimated that more than 25,000 women play rugby in this country.



# Every Saluki has a story.



I believe there is not another Saluki who can say SIU changed their life quite like it changed mine. I started at Southern as a morbidly obese 353-pound freshman, but by the time I graduated, I had lost more than 150 pounds.

While in school, I was lucky enough to be featured in *Men's Health* magazine as part of the publication's "Belly Off! Club." When someone arrived for the photo shoot, they placed me in McAndrew Stadium during the last year before it was demolished for the new facility. I was proud that SIU received some national attention when our great Saluki logo and the McAndrew Stadium sign appeared with me in the picture's background.

Achieving this recognition was a perfect reward for years of trying to prove to myself that I could become the person I thought I was. In my early years at SIU, I did not know what I wanted to do and didn't really even know who I was. I truly found myself in southern Illinois, surrounded by some of the best people I have ever met. Through connections I made working at the Student Rec Center, being in a fraternity, and running many miles on the back roads of the area, I gained a burning passion for SIU that remains with me.

SIU truly gave me confidence in myself and helped me realize that my potential was – and still is – limitless. I plan to continue making my Saluki family proud by knowing that I can do anything that I want to do. I am now a personal fitness coach, using my degree in exercise science to help others change their lives.

I will never forget where I came from and can't say thanks enough to everyone at SIU. I truly believe I was meant to be a Saluki.

**Tommy Larson '10**  
Elk Grove Village, Ill.

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# A Step Back In Time



## 56 Years Ago...

When SIU Athletics inducted its 2012 Hall of Fame class, the Saluki standout featured on this *Southern Alumnus* cover in 1956 was enjoying the winter months at his home in Treasure Island, Fla. **Phil Coleman '52**, a Saluki Hall of Fame track and field athlete, was shown on the cover (he is at far left) en route to victory in the 3000-meter steeplechase during 1956 Olympic trials at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Coleman, who was competing for the Chicago Track Club, would go on to represent the United States in the 1956 and 1960 Olympiads. Now 80 and enjoying retirement, he says he still has fond memories of SIU. And his thoughts on this photo? "Winning the steeplechase in the 1956 Olympic Trials was probably my biggest thrill."

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# Thriving On Possibilities

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A world-class education at SIU started early for **Winston Calvert B.M. '02.**

He was only in junior high when he began taking music lessons with internationally recognized clarinetist and composer Eric Mandat.

"Mandat is someone who thinks deeply about the world, and that had a tremendous impact on me," he says of the music professor and distinguished scholar. "I always thought of music and the arts as a way to broaden myself, rather than an end in itself."

Winston, a native of Carterville, Ill., went on to become one of few high school students invited to play in the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra. Here the high school senior met his

future wife, Amanda, an SIU freshman from Salem, Ill. Throughout their college career, the couple proved instrumental in the orchestra and working on the Southern Illinois Music Festival under Artistic Director Edward Benyas.

"He wanted to know so much about everything," notes Mandat, who keeps in contact with his "exceptional" former student. "He thought of college as more of an experience than a commodity. It was not necessarily about getting the right answers and fulfilling requirements. It was about possibilities, and the arts in general open possibilities. That is why Winston is still so involved. He thrives on the possibilities."

"A degree in music, in any of the arts, is a degree in creativity," says Winston, who now uses that creativity handling some of the most high-profile and high-stakes lawsuits in the St. Louis area with the firm Armstrong Teasdale. The SIU magna cum laude graduate earned his juris doctorate in 2005 at Washington University, where the Dean's List student also took numerous awards.

Winston serves with the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, and as a patron of the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra and Southern Illinois Music Festival. His "strong background in the arts, creative and strategic mindset, and unwavering commitment to the community" led to his most recent appointment to the board of Prison Performing Arts, says Lisa Harper Chang.

The director of community projects at the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts nominated the Southern graduate to the organization that educates incarcerated youth and adults in four correctional centers in Missouri. The goal of the program – to inspire intellectual curiosity and personal development through the arts – is precisely the experience Calvert had at SIU.

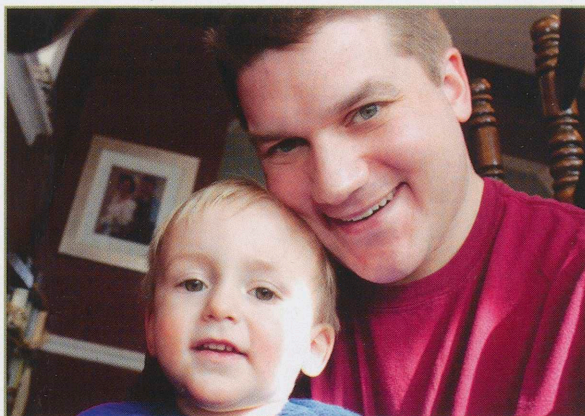
The Calverts maintain a busy life raising their 22-month-old son, Jasper, while **Amanda B.M. '02, '04** finishes her doctorate in psychology at Washington University. The couple also remains devoted to the University in a variety of ways. He has served on the Association Board of Directors since 2008, and sees his work with the organization as vital to broadening the message that SIU is "a great top-level research institution" that provides a platform for excelling professionally.

The University is more than Winston's alma mater – it also represents his roots. His parents (the late John "Tex" Calvert '67, M.S.Ed '74, and Brenda Calvert '72, M.S. Ed '99, Ph.D. '04, an instructor at SIU) were both first-generation college graduates. His brother, Wesley Calvert, is an assistant math professor at SIU who recently returned from a six-month stint as a Fulbright Scholar in India.

Winston, who minored in political science, says he sampled a little bit of everything at SIU by receiving the dean's permission to overload on courses each semester. He lauds his broad education for opening his mind with diverse classes such as those in black American studies with **Joseph Brown**, a Jesuit priest who chairs SIU's Africana studies department.

"That is why SIU is such a tremendous gem," he says. "It can take a kid from Carterville, who grew up in a small Southern Baptist church, put him in a class with Father Brown, and allow him to take nine years of lessons from one of the greatest clarinetists in the world.

"There are not many places you can do that. SIU is one of them."



Winston with his son, Jasper.

## *International Festival 2012...*

Students perform a traditional dance during this year's 50th annual SIU International Festival. Such performances have proven to be popular at the event, as has the International Food Fair where students share authentic native dishes that they prepare. The legacy and impact of international students at SIU will be featured later this year in *Southern Alumni* magazine.

