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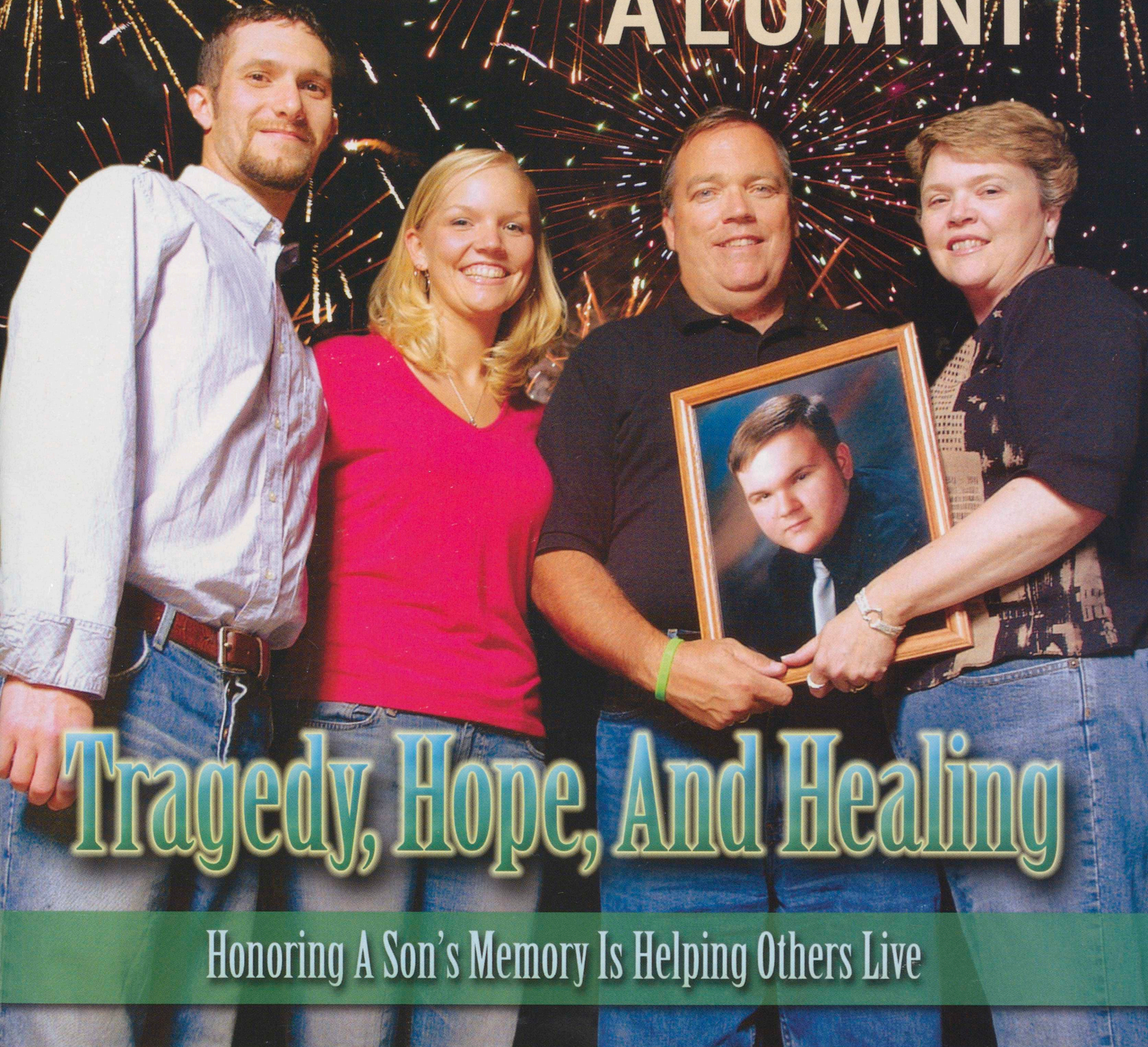
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# SOUTHERN ALUMNI



## Tragedy, Hope, And Healing

Honoring A Son's Memory Is Helping Others Live

Inside: Southern Exposure, Salukis In Business, Class Notes, and more...

# SIU Foundation Launches Revamped Website

Southern Illinois University Foundation has launched a completely revised website with new features and essential information related to the University's fundraising goals.

A primary objective of the revamped appearance ([www.siu.org](http://www.siu.org)) is to make it easier for visitors to navigate information related to their giving options, and

communicate with Foundation staff. In addition, it simplifies the process for making contributions to University initiatives that support students, faculty, academic programs, and facility projects.

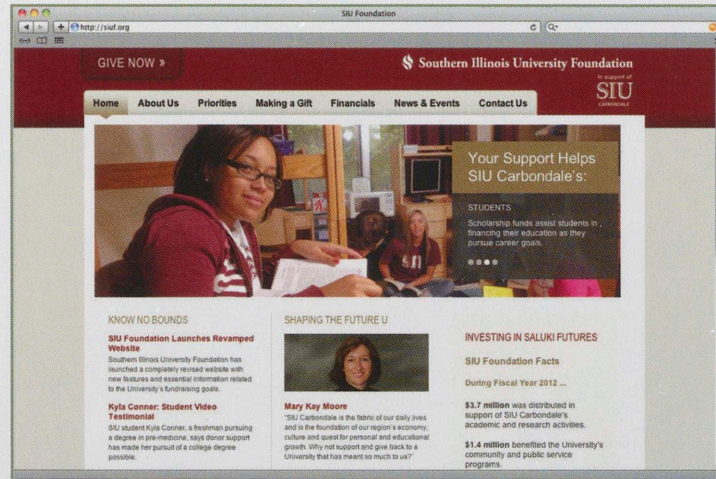
Giving priorities are listed for each of the University's academic colleges and schools, in addition to departments including Saluki Athletics, Paul Simon Institute, Touch of Nature, and WSIU Public Broadcasting. Visitors will also be invited to contribute to essential campus and University-wide programs like SIU Carbondale Chancellor **Rita Cheng's** scholarship initiative, and a fund supporting first-generation college students.

The site features interactive options, including an opportunity for alumni, friends, and donors to share personal testimonials related to giving, update the University with their personal and professional information, and contact the Foundation for special requests. Additionally, scholarship recipients and student leaders can communicate the importance of giving back to the University through videotaped interviews on the site. The student interviews are located on the Foundation's YouTube channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/SIUFoundation1942>.

Information related to donor recognition, upcoming events, employment and scholarship opportunities, in addition to general Foundation services for the University Community, can also be found on the site.

"The new website is pertinent in our efforts to communicate our mission of enhancing support of Southern Illinois University," says **Jim Salmo**, vice chancellor for development and alumni relations and chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation. "Alumni and friends should find this site much more user-friendly and transparent. In addition, our donor and student testimonials provide first-hand accounts of how contributions are impacting SIU today."



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### ON THE COVER

From left, Ray and Eleanor Hess (son-in-law and daughter), and Larry and Vivian Lefferts, pose with a photo of the late John Lefferts. His family honors his memory by being advocates for organ and tissue donations.

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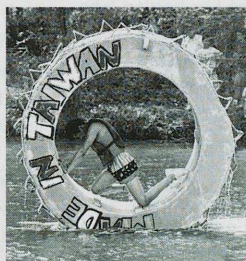
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### From Tragedy Comes Healing

When John Lefferts died unexpectedly of an aortic dissection at age 22, his parents felt like their hearts had broken. "After he died, I thought 'How will I tell people about John and keep his memory alive?'" recalls his mother, Vivian. She and her husband, Larry, have done that and more, by becoming volunteer-advocates with the Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network. They have spent much of the past eight years encouraging people to register as organ and tissue donors, and helped lead a letter-writing campaign that created the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry in 2006.



### Cardboard Boat Regatta Floating 40 Years Later

It is an event that celebrates the rite of spring and exalts in the spirit of creativity. Blending cardboard and competition, the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta will celebrate four decades in the water when this year's event launches at Campus Lake on April 27. That milestone represents quite a long history for an endeavor created in the early 1970s by former SIU Art and Design Professor Richard Archer to challenge students to build cardboard boats powered by only one thing – its occupants.

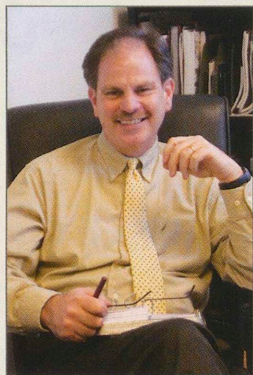
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### Salukis Add Six To Hall Of Fame

When six former Saluki athletes were formally inducted into the SIU Hall of Fame this year, they no doubt realized something special was about to happen. Headlined by first-ballot inductees Jamaal Tatum (men's basketball), Arkee Whitlock (football) and Cassidy Scoggins (softball), as well as Becky Lis (softball), Joe Wallis (baseball) and Thom McAneney (swimming), they all got emotional at some time during their acceptance speeches. "They find that it's a much bigger thing when they get here than when they hear they are going in," says Mike Reis, who served as master of ceremonies.



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It's been almost two years since a trio of identical triplets decided to leave Peoria and begin their college careers at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

We introduced you to Sterling, Sedrick, and Spencer Jackson in the September 2011 edition of *Southern Alumni*, and shared their excitement for this next chapter of their lives. They arrived on campus as honor roll regulars at Peoria High School, where they also participated in orchestra and excelled in track.

I'm glad to report they are doing well at SIU, and Sterling – a civil engineering major – has added something extra to his resume. He was recently selected as one of just 10 national NSBE ExxonMobil Scholar award winners for 2013, and in March received a \$2,667 scholarship at the 16th annual Golden Torch Awards ceremony held during the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Convention in Indianapolis, Ind.

"I was overwhelmed with excitement to hear I had won the scholarship. It is the highlight of my sophomore year," says the son of Annette and Steven Jackson.

Sterling has already established himself as an asset to the University, the College of Engineering, and the Minority Engineering Program, notes program director **Tarnisha Green '03, M.S. '04**. "Sterling has been a mentor to a number of students and a friend and tutor to others," the SIU Alumni Association life member says. "He has excellent time management, a strong work ethic, and academic stability."

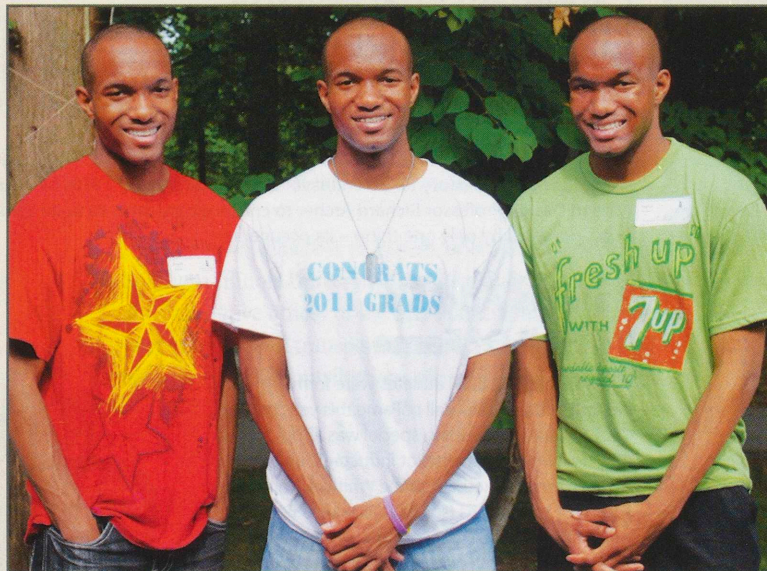
The Saluki sophomore is a member of the executive board of SIU's NSBE chapter, and served a summer internship with Infrastructure Engineering Inc. in Peoria. After graduation, his goal is to obtain employment in a large industry where he can use his engineering skills and abilities.

Sterling (who lays claim to being the "oldest"), Spencer (sport administration), and Sedrick (electrical engineering) graduated in the top 10 percent of their high school class. Their grades could have taken them to any number of universities, but one thing was certain – they were determined to attend college together.

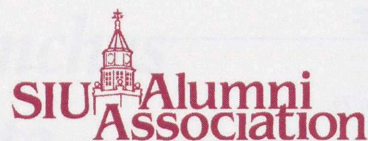
As they told *Saluki Times* reporter Andrea Hahn in 2011, the trio felt they could argue sports 24/7 and still help each other with homework and the adjustments to college life. "It's like bringing your two best friends home with you every day," Sedrick explains.

Their parents admitted two years ago that leaving home to attend college together represented a big challenge. So far, that test has been passed with flying colors, and the "Jackson Three" appears destined to do great things in Carbondale.

"We have been blessed," a proud Annette Jackson says.



From left: Sedrick, Sterling, and Spencer Jackson.



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

## Two Professors Who Had An Impact On International Students

I read with great interest your recent article "Good Will Ambassadors." However, I think that two late professors who really got things started after World War II at SIU should be remembered.



Dr. Willis Swartz

Dr. Willis Swartz was Dean of the Graduate School, and Dr. Frank Klingberg was Professor of Government (as the department was then known). Both were teachers of international students and were instrumental in bringing such students – especially graduate students – to SIU. They worked with them in a number of ways after their arrival, and



Dr. Frank Klingberg

Klingberg was the sponsor of the International Relations Club.

Since both of these men were my teachers and friends, I paid tribute to them in my 2000 book, *In Search of the 'Special Relationship' With Britain*.

**John Ziegler, '55, M.S. '56**  
Conway, Ark.

## Learning The 'Hard Stuff'

I read the note by Joe Riccio in the December issue of *Southern Alumni* magazine about his time with Dr. Thomas Jefferson. I, too, had a career-changing experience with Jefferson and was sad to see he had passed away.

I had transferred to SIU's main campus from VTI the summer of 1970 and needed to pick a major and catch up on courses. With two years in

Automotive Tech, Jefferson suggested Industrial Engineering and Technology, with the idea I could get into Automotive Engineering.

My first term, I took calculus with Jefferson as the instructor. In his Arkansas accent, he elaborated that he did not give A's, and that he gave pop quizzes – usually when he saw that you were not there. I took that as a challenge and attended every class, studied extra hard, and *made him* give me an A. Afterward, I realized what a shrewd fellow he was.

With my buddy, Joe McCombs, we studied all semester telling each other that we would make him give us an A. When we went to see grades posted in the hall, we were shouting and slapping each other on the back. As Jefferson peeked out from a classroom, we calmed down. I thanked him for the high grade, but he said that wasn't necessary; I had earned it.

I never forgot Dean Jefferson, that class, or that A. He was an inspiration and helped me realize I could learn "the hard stuff" and how to use it. After being drafted in 1971, I completed my undergraduate degree in 1974 – long distance while in the Army – with Jefferson's help.

I went on the GI Bill, earned a master's degree from the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, built one of the first whole-body CT Scanners, the first MRI Scanner, and then patented a robotic assembly system for AWACS Radar using bar code and machine vision in 1980. Through all of that, I never forgot the lessons learned from Dean Jefferson.

It is sad to think I was not smart enough to reach out and let him know how much he did for me. He likely helped more students than he ever realized. His "little army of engineers" was

able to go out in the real world and master some of the hard stuff because of what he taught us at SIU.

**Dennis Murphey '74**  
Ashburn, Va.

## All Eyes Are On Bucky

Thank you for the article in *Southern Alumni* magazine, wherein my new book, *SHARED VISION*, was mentioned. The picture of President Morris and Buckminster Fuller that you used was taken by **Rip Stokes**, who worked for the SIU Photographic Service and is still living in Carbondale. His photo was great, but as you might have noticed, Bucky's thick glasses caught the sun's glare and obscured his eyes.

I have that image as well and have Photoshopped his irises back in. Bucky made me see, and many years later I can help others see him better. It is a most satisfying favor!

The magazine looks great. Congratulate your editorial and design staff for me.

**Al Gowan '59**  
Cambridge, Ma.



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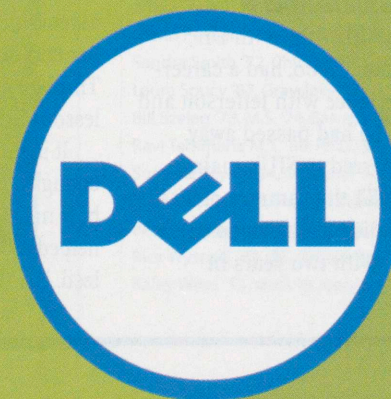
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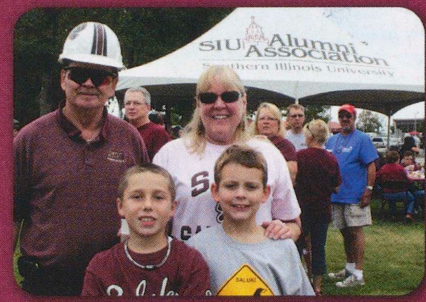
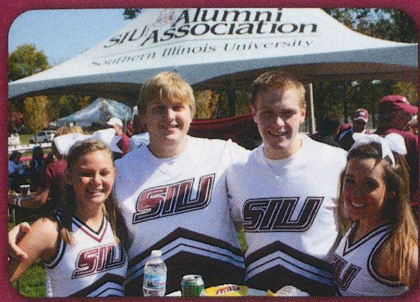
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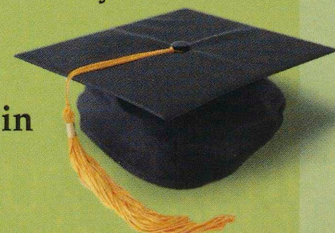
Life after college.  
Explained.

Thanks to members, the Association is hosting seminars to give students real-world knowledge before graduation. Seminar topics include consolidating loans, building credit, budgeting, investing, insurance, and more!

### Know A Saluki Graduating?

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# A Greeting From The Chancellor

## Dear Fellow Salukis:

Each spring semester, two SIU Alumni Association events help to highlight the importance of your support for current students.

In January, 40 deserving students received textbook scholarships, which help relieve some of their financial stress, help them cover other expenses, and allow them to focus on their studies. This is a wonderful and very timely investment in our students, and a valuable lesson about the importance of supporting those who follow in their footsteps.

Last month, the second annual Grad Bash provided members of the Class of 2013 with one-stop shopping as they prepare for graduation and the next chapter in their lives. This was a great event that further enhanced the relationship with our students and that helped remind them “once a Saluki, always a Saluki.”

I also very much appreciate the positive difference alumni continue to make to so many worthwhile causes. I encourage you to read the compelling cover story about Larry and Vivian Lefferts, whose advocacy for organ and tissue donation honors their son, John, who passed away in 2004.

Members of the SIU Alumni Association staff also were among the many members of the campus community who helped make our Chancellor’s Scholarship Weekend in January such a success. We hosted 430 high school students and their families – around 1,100 in all – from 15 states. Faculty and staff conducted interviews with the students, and all of our guests enjoyed an array of activities that included college showcases and campus tours. This was the largest effort we have made to attract high-achieving students, and the feedback from the families and students was extremely positive.

That is just one indication that our recruitment and marketing initiative is having the positive effect we anticipated. We are telling our story of academic excellence and a vibrant campus life in many different ways, including through advertising on the radio, TV, billboards, and on the web. Our marketing partner, Lipman Hearne of Chicago, currently is also working with the SIU Foundation and SIU Alumni Association, Financial Aid, the School of Law, the Graduate School, and Distance Education, to enhance our marketing and communications efforts.

I also am excited about our ongoing efforts to transform learning and teaching with 21st century technologies. This semester we are piloting a program called “Mobile Dawg.” Some students have received tablets pre-loaded with textbooks they need for some of their classes. The tablets interface with other campus and online programs and initiatives, and allow students to access information related to University Housing, athletics, events and activities, campus safety and social media. Next fall, we will provide tablets to all incoming first-year students. You can learn more about this project on page eight.

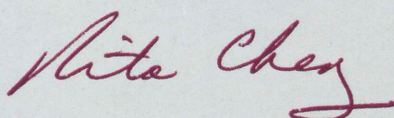
We continue to make great progress with campus improvements. Here are a few highlights:

- It may be winter, but the Student Services Building continues to take shape. When it opens later this year, this new front door to the campus will house 19 offices and greatly enhance customer service.
- The return of books from the McLafferty Annex to Morris Library is complete. The work to finish the sixth and seventh floors of the library and turn them into flexible learning spaces began last month and will take about a year. Meanwhile, a task force is working with our Physical Plant Division in anticipation of converting the McLafferty Annex into space for interdisciplinary research.
- Sixty-one classrooms are receiving facelifts and technology upgrades, and six teaching labs and four research labs are being renovated.
- Design work for Abe Martin Field is underway. The project will include installation of new artificial turf, news grandstands, and lighting.
- Ongoing improvements to academic buildings and University grounds are enhancing campus life.

The arrival of spring on March 20 reminds us that commencement is right around the corner. We will recognize our degree candidates during three ceremonies on Saturday, May 11, at the SIU Arena. If you are planning to attend, details are available at <http://commencement.siu.edu/>.

Thank you for your support of our students and our University.

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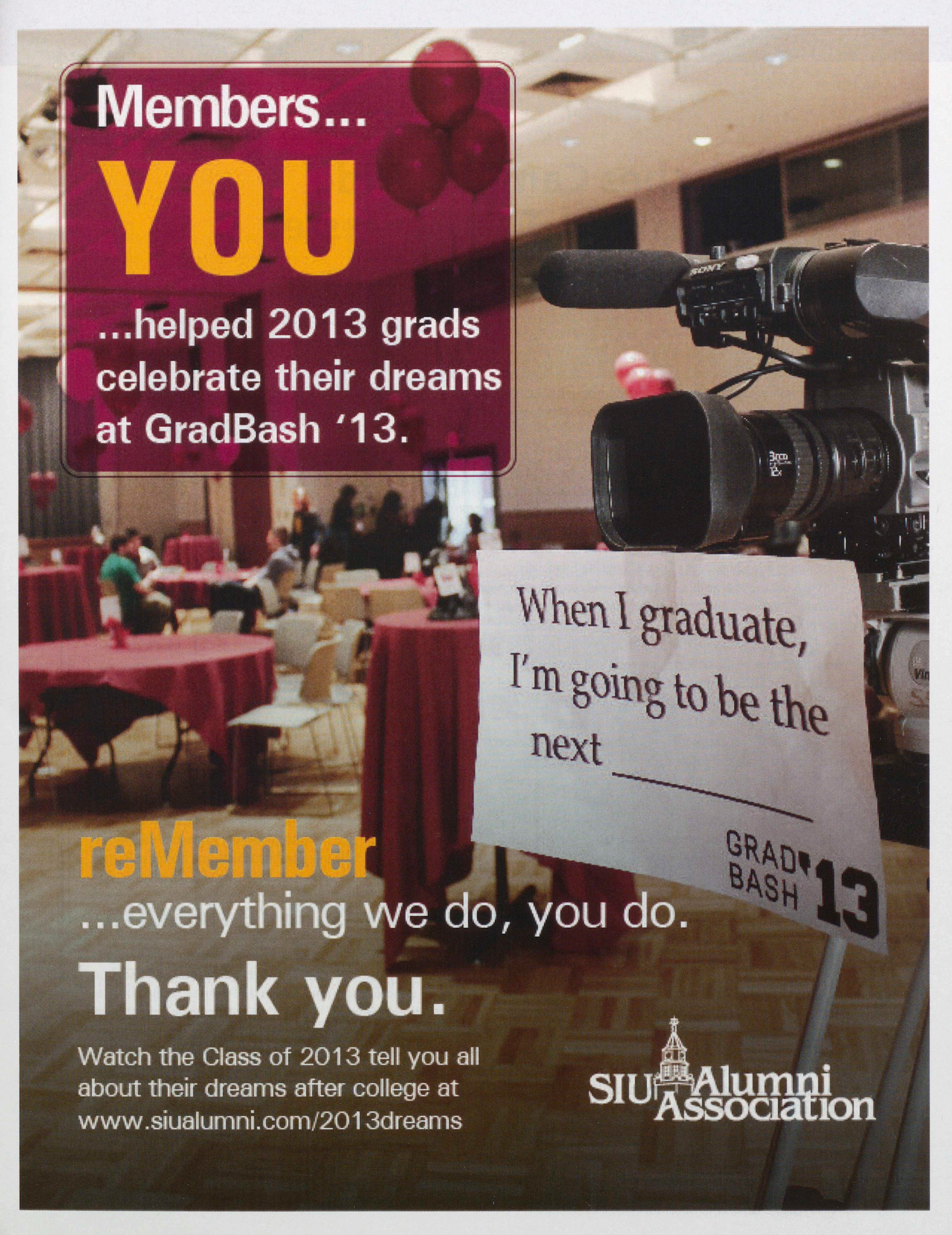
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## SIU Launches Campus-Wide Tablet Initiative This Semester

SIU is launching a Mobile Dawg program this semester, and officials say the cutting-edge technology will provide students with significant learning and financial benefits.

The pilot phase of Mobile Dawg involves 300 students receiving Dell Latitude 10 tablets. Included with the tablets are digital textbooks the students need for some of their classes. Faculty volunteers are pioneering the Educause/Internet2 eText Pilot project with 13 class sessions using the textbook technology this semester.

Classes using the new technology include sections of University College, along with courses from the colleges of Applied Sciences and Arts, Business, Liberal Arts, Mass Communication and Media Arts, and Science. The classes range from required first-year core courses to upper-level and Honors classes.

“This program will have a positive impact on our students,” Chancellor Rita Cheng says. “They will benefit financially through the use of e-textbooks, and they will connect more with campus life. Most importantly, we are confident the students’ use of the tablets will contribute to their academic success.”

The University has partnered with Microsoft, Dell, Intel, and Internet2, an e-textbook portal, to create and customize the program for SIU students. A \$200,000 investment from Intel and Microsoft assures that the customized tablet computers have the applications and texts the students need.

“Technology is central to the academic and campus experiences of our students,” Provost John Nicklow says. “Being the first comprehensive research university to launch a large-scale, campus wide tablet initiative that focuses on student success lets our students know that we are doing more than just highlighting cool hardware; we are working to revolutionize their experience at SIU.”



The pilot phase of the “Mobile Dawg” program will feature Dell Latitude tablets with some digital textbooks students will need for their classes.

Research indicates that using e-textbooks and tablets improves student learning. David Crain, assistant provost and chief information officer, cites studies indicating that 90 percent of students who own tablets believe the computers improve their educational experience. Surveys indicate that many students don’t obtain all of their traditional assigned texts, he says.

The e-textbooks also cost a fraction of what print texts cost, officials said. According to the FinAid Web site ([www.finaid.org/questions/textbooks.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/questions/textbooks.phtml)), it is estimated that the average annual cost of textbooks in 2013 will be about \$1,190. The University can provide a tablet PC and electronic texts for about \$30-\$50 per class.

Currently, the tablets, fully insured for four years against everything except theft, fire, and loss, will be on loan to students. There is a possibility in the future that students can retain ownership after a certain number of years. The goal is for SIU to be the first research university to provide tablets to all students and fully integrate the tablets into campus life. ■

## Freshman Programs Show Positive Results

by Tom Woolf

Spring semester enrollments at Southern Illinois University Carbondale follow a pattern of being approximately 82 percent to 84 percent of fall enrollment due to December graduation and the inflow/outflow of transfer students. Spring semester 2013 is no different.

Figures released in January showed total enrollment at 17,152, meaning 83 percent of students returned for the spring semester. That is consistent with the percentage of students who continued their studies in spring 2010, 2011, and 2012.

“I am pleased with the results we have achieved even with a large December graduation, one of the largest

in many years,” Chancellor Rita Cheng says. “Change is happening slowly, but steadily.”

One contributing factor is the UCOL 101 academic success course required of all freshmen. The course helps smooth students’ transition to the University and creates a foundation for success throughout their undergraduate years.

“Of the 90 percent of 2,045 fresh-

men who took the course, 86.5 percent returned this semester,” Cheng says. “This result is amazing when compared to the 10 percent of freshmen who, unfortunately, were not enrolled in UCOL 101 and who returned at only a 55 percent rate. The expert instructors and peer mentors in UCOL 101 better connected our students to the SIU campus, support services, and academic programs.”

She also notes that since full-year projections are made with the official fall enrollment count, no budget or staffing adjustments are necessary for spring. Cheng has established a goal of all colleges increasing student retention by 2 percent for the fall 2013 semester. Several colleges are showing progress toward that goal this semester.

“We obviously are focused on fall 2013 enrollment, and the indicators are promising,” she says. “Through January, we had received 11,962 new freshman applications. Housing contracts for fall – our best indicator of enrollment – also are running ahead of last year, currently by 20 percent.”

SIU hosted 430 high-achieving high school students and their families in January for Chancellor’s Scholarship Weekend. Members of the faculty and staff interviewed the students, who were competing for 35 Chancellor’s Scholarships, the most prestigious awarded by the University.

“This was the largest effort we have made to attract high-achieving students, and the event went extremely well, attracting families from 15 states,” Cheng says.

The students and their families – more than 1,100 people in all – enjoyed campus tours, college showcases, and a variety of other activities. Although scholarship recipients have yet to be announced, almost 150 of the students

## On The Side

### Design Students Earn Top Honors

**D**esign students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale retained bragging rights and a traveling trophy recently at the Industrial Designers Society of America’s second annual IDSA Fusion, Best in the Midwest, Student Bragging Rights Design Competition.

Held last year, the contest provided an environment for collegiate design students to collaborate on an innovative design following an assigned theme, and then present their design in a professional environment.

The theme required teams to “Design a Game-Changing Innovation in the Area of Personal Hygiene.” Seniors **Joy Christensen ’13** (a student employee at the SIU Alumni Association) and Lonnie Mann ’13, with the assistance of Glen Shaw, a doctoral student in biochemistry, created the winning design: a Hepatitis C virus test. The student’s winning design was for use in detecting and diagnosing an infection or monitoring treatment of the Hepatitis C virus. The project originated in Aaron Scott’s advanced industrial design course. Scott is an assistant professor in the School of Art and Design.

During their presentation, Christensen and Mann explained that their HCV test is simpler than current tests, less prone to contamination, and capable of providing a quicker diagnosis. Earlier diagnosis for this disease, they argued, would ultimately save millions of lives and dollars because treatment at the early stage of the disease is highly effective and prevents or reduces debilitating effects that occur if the disease progresses untreated and undiagnosed.



From left, Joy Christensen, Lonnie Mann, and Aaron Scott with the trophy.

who visited campus had already committed to SIU for next fall by signing contracts to live in residence halls.

“We are learning more about what contributes to students’ decisions about college,” Cheng stresses. “This feedback

has guided our marketing communications and recruitment efforts. We are succeeding in attracting attention and getting students and families to consider SIU as one of their choice universities for fall 2013.”

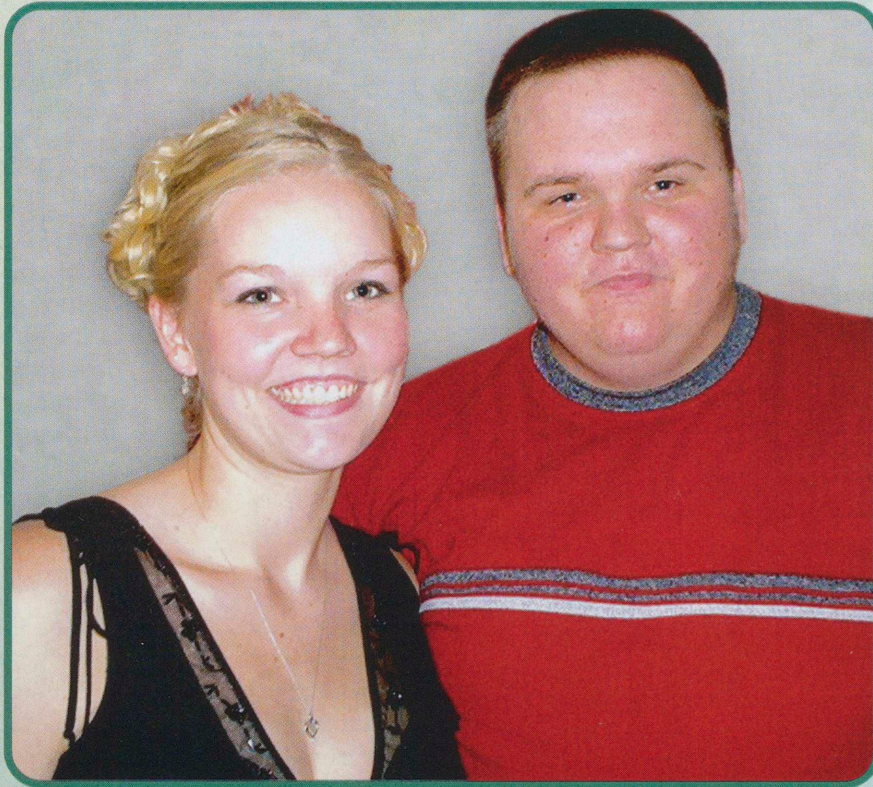
# Tragedy, Hope, And Healing



Larry and Vivian Lefferts quickly decided that the best way to honor the legacy of their son, John (inset), was to donate his body so others could live.

Honoring Their Son's Memory Is Helping Others Live

by Gene Green



This last photo of John Lefferts – shown here with his sister, Eleanor – was taken on Oct. 9, 2004, just two days before he died.

**I**n the fall of 2004, John Lefferts' days were normally filled by helping others through his job at Springfield's Memorial Medical Center, or by studying at Midwest Technical Institute in his quest to become a massage therapist. He was a normal 22-year-old man who no doubt paid little attention to nausea and back pain he experienced on Oct. 10.

One day later, however, he would be dead from an aortic dissecting aneurysm, and **Larry '80** and **Vivian Lefferts '79** would face tragedy in ways they could never have imagined.

Vivian took John to their local prompt care facility because he wasn't feeling well. The doctors could not find the source of his pain, and told him to rest for a few days. "We went to his

Springfield apartment to collect some things, and I took a load of laundry to the car," she says. "When I came back to the apartment, John was on the floor and didn't appear to be breathing."

She called 911 and John was taken to Memorial. The Lefferts were told their son had an aortic dissection, an uncommon condition in which a tear in the aorta (the blood vessel that branches off the heart) results in a blood surge that causes the aorta to rupture.

Although not always the case, his aortic ailment would be fatal.

"When the nurse and emergency room doctor came out and said they did everything they could," Larry recalls, "we just sat there ... dumbfounded by it all."

## How To Get Involved ...

April is "National Donate Month." Please consider finding out more about how you can support such initiatives. You can register to be an organ and tissue donor at [www.GiftofHope.org](http://www.GiftofHope.org), [www.DonateLife.net](http://www.DonateLife.net), [www.LifeGoesOn.com](http://www.LifeGoesOn.com), or when you renew your driver's license at the Secretary of State's Office.

Some information of interest:

\* Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network recovered 808 lifesaving organs for transplantation from 270 organ donors in Illinois in 2012. In addition, 1,212 people were tissue donors.

\* As of Feb. 13, there were 5,174 Illinoisans awaiting a life-saving organ transplant. More than 300 Illinoisans die each year waiting for a transplant.

\* Major organs that can be donated for transplant are the liver, heart, lungs, kidneys, pancreas and small intestine. Tissues that may be donated include the corneas, bone, veins, heart valves and skin. A living donor may give one of two kidneys or part of a liver, lung, or pancreas.



The logo for Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network features the words "gift of hope" in a lowercase, serif font, with "SM" as a trademark symbol. Below it, "Organ & Tissue Donor Network" is written in a smaller, sans-serif font. A stylized purple and blue arc is positioned above the text.

"I felt like my heart was truly broken," adds Vivian. "After my son died, I thought, 'How will I tell people about John; how will I keep his memory alive?'"

There might have been several ways to accomplish that, but the Lefferts chose something John would have loved.

Through his death, others would live.

### Acting Quickly

After the initial shock, Larry decided to investigate the options. "We were actually still in the waiting room at the hospital waiting for our daughter, Eleanor, to arrive, when Larry approached a nurse and began asking if John could be an organ and tissue donor," Vivian says.

It was only after the fact that they realized John had signed his driver's license to be such a donor. Because his organs had been without oxygen and a

heartbeat for some time, they could no longer be donated.

His corneas, bones, and tissue could.

"For us to make that decision took no time at all,"

Vivian now says.

"I realize that is not the norm, but we knew immediately what we wanted to do."

Since John's death, the Lefferts have become deeply involved as volunteer-advocates with Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network, Donate Life, Illinois Eye-Bank, and Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White's office. They have spent much of the past eight years speak-

ing at conferences, writing to newspapers, and encouraging people to register to be organ and tissue donors by telling their son's story.

They also are members of Gift of Hope's Donor Family Advisory Council, and helped lead a letter-writing campaign supporting the bill that created the Illinois Organ/Tissue Donor Registry in 2006.

"Before that bill passed," Larry explains, "if you signed your driver's license and said you wanted to be a donor, it was viewed only as 'intent.' Your loved ones could say no after the person had died, but so many times that is an impossible moment to have to make that type of decision. Now a person's wishes can be honored."

In fact, Vivian learned after John's death that her own family had been involved in such a donation. "My father passed away in 1991, and although he

had been a cornea donor, none of us knew anything about it," she recalls. "When John died, that is when my mother decided to tell the family what my father had done to help others almost 13 years earlier."

### Getting The Message Out

As vocal advocates, the Lefferts are never quite sure whom they might inspire or reach. Larry was once speaking at a conference that had several funeral home directors in attendance. He noted all the wonderful services they provided to clients, whether it was grief counseling, music selection for the service, or much more.

"He then said that another service they could provide would be to encourage organ and tissue donations," Vivian says. "We had a director come up to us immediately after his talk and say that hearing the presentation had changed her mind on the subject. Moments like that mean a lot."

They already knew that speaking out could make a difference. Feedback arrived just two months after John's death, when one of his advisors at Lincoln Land Community College passed away. The Lefferts received a letter from the person's husband saying that after reading about their support of the Gift of Hope Organ & Tissue Donor Network, he decided to make his wife a donor.

Although such a reaction is all the Lefferts need to keep going, they were honored in another way on New Year's Day. Vivian was selected this year as one of 32 riders from throughout the country to be on the Donate Life Float at the Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif. Riders included living donors, organ and tissue donation recipients, and donor family members.

"The float honors the millions of people touched by organ and tissue donations across the country and the many people who are waiting for a transplant," says Gift of Hope spokesman Tony Sullivan. "They stand out because of the commitment they have shown to raise public awareness. While Vivian was on the float, she represented other family

members who watched the parade.

“The theme of this year’s float was ‘Journeys of the Heart,’ and when John died the Lefferts started on a journey of the heart that they have now been on for more than eight years.”

## Hope And Healing

In addition to honoring their son’s memory and helping others, the Lefferts know that the process is also healing their family.

“Had we not done this, I have no idea where I would be right now,” admits Larry, who after a 16-year career with the Illinois Department of Corrections, now owns his own business. “When I speak at events I often say that I would probably be in a padded cell counting non-existent bugs on the wall. I would be nuts.”

Instead, he and his wife are using the tragedy to honor John’s legacy by helping others while they heal themselves. They are accomplishing both objectives, and John’s donations have now impacted the lives of 37 people in 14 states.

“We take great pride in knowing there is probably nothing else we can do where we directly impact others, save lives, and honor John,” Larry says. “This has been our lifeblood – and lifeline – for carrying on.”

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Vivian Lefferts (left) waves to the Rose Parade crowd with fellow rider Denien Wilde, who was there to honor the memory of her infant son, Quinn. “Having the crowd react the way they did was overwhelming,” says Vivian, who saw a person hold up a sign that said: *My Dad and his donor are my heroes.* “It was an amazing experience to be a part of that event.”

## Their Southern Connection

Vivian and Larry Lefferts met at SIU Carbondale in the late 1970s, and the attraction was immediate. “It might sound cliché, but for us it really was love at first sight,” he says.

Vivian came to Southern from Godfrey, Ill., while Larry arrived on campus from Springfield, Ill. He was a Delta Chi, she was a Delta Zeta, and their paths soon crossed. “I invited him to a dance,” she recalls, “and after that we were together almost all the time we were in Carbondale.”

The Lefferts still come to SIU when they can to see the campus and visit with good friends they still have in the area. The couple now resides in Normal, Ill., and own Central State Fireworks in Athens, Ill. — an enterprise with its own Southern connection.

After a 29-year absence, night football returned to SIU’s McAndrew Stadium on Aug. 29, 2002. The Salukis responded with a 78-0 win over Kentucky Wesleyan, and after the game, fans were treated to a gala fireworks show produced by Lefferts’ company.

“We still love SIU basketball and football,” he says. “It was a thrill for us to do the fireworks presentation when night football returned to McAndrew Stadium.”

— Gene Green



## SIU Med School Founding Dean Called 'A Visionary In Education'

**D**r. Richard Moy, founding dean of Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, died in February at the age of 82. He is remembered as an unflappable optimist and medical-education pioneer who helped make Springfield a downstate hub for health care.

"He was incredibly visionary as far as medical education is concerned," **Dr. J. Kevin Dorsey**, current dean and provost of the medical school, told the *Springfield Journal-Register*. Dorsey says Moy hired him for "my first real job" as an assistant professor of biochemistry at the medical school's Carbondale campus in 1973.

Dorsey completed his own medical education at SIU in 1978, with Moy handing him his diploma. Moy hired Dorsey again as an SIU clinical assistant professor in 1983, hosted parties at his home to help him meet people in Springfield after he became the third dean in the school's history in 2002.

Under Moy's leadership, SIU established an internationally known "problem-based learning" curriculum, which allowed students to learn in small groups with faculty supervision, rather than in large lecture classes.

The school was one of the first to establish learning objectives, and it began requiring passage of clinical competency exams before graduation. It was one of the first medical schools in the country to establish a department of medical humanities.

In 2010, the *Illinois Times* described Moy's impact:

*For 23 years, Moy helped guide the school, and last week he helped celebrate its 40th anniversary by giving a lecture to current students, as well as a handful of old-timers returning to relive the school's early trials and jubiliations. The SIU School of Medicine was one of about 20 community-based medical schools – a school that would*



Dr. Richard Moy

*use existing resources such as St. John's Hospital and Memorial Medical Center to teach its students instead of creating an entirely self-dependent institution – that popped up across the nation in the 1960s in response to an expected shortage of practicing doctors.*

*Moy was determined to make SIU's medical school one that would focus, not on research, but on teaching the student what he or she needed to practice medicine. "You tell people that and they go 'What's so earth-shattering about that? Isn't that what you do?'" says Dorsey. "But that's not what medical schools did."*

*When the SIU School of Medicine was being proposed, the course of most medical education programs left students passionless, Moy felt. A research-centric culture permeated the so-called teachers' styles. They taught what they were immersed in – what they could most easily turn into a lecture, not necessarily what students needed to know in order to succeed in*

*their chosen profession.*

A part of his legacy is how he changed that approach.

Moy came to the SIU School of Medicine where he was recruited as founding dean, provost, and professor of medicine from 1970-1993. When he was named dean, he was the youngest serving medical school dean. He retired in 1993 and was named dean emeritus at SIU.

Moy, who received his degrees and early training at the University of Chicago, had many awards and achievements, including Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society, Recognition Award by the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine, Distinguished Service Award from his alma mater, and the Gold Medallion from the American Lung Association. Governor Jim Edgar declared September 20, 1993 as "Richard H. Moy, M.D., Day." In addition to those accolades, Moy has an Endowed Lectureship in Medical Education and the SIU clinical building is named in his honor.

His knowledge and leadership skills were often recognized as he contributed numerous writings to medical journals throughout the country. He served as a delegate on a People to People Medical Education trip to Africa in 1982. In 2006, he was named a Laureate of the Lincoln Academy, the highest honor given by the State of Illinois.

Outside of his many professional commitments to education and medicine, Dr. Moy enjoyed reading, Civil War history, muskie fishing, and playing and listening to classical music. He was a great storyteller, and was also a member and ordained elder of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Richard H. Moy Endowment, SIU Foundation at the School of Medicine, Code 9666, 927 N. Rutledge, Springfield, IL 62704. Visit [siumed.edu](http://siumed.edu) for more information. ■

# Non-Traditional Student Accomplishes Her Goal

by Christi Mathis

**C**athrine White pushed the pause button on her education as she fulfilled another dream – becoming a mother.

But, after a divorce and several years of working in a position where notices of a possible layoff were virtually an annual routine, White decided to visit Southern Illinois University Carbondale to see what it would take to “un-pause” her goal to become a teacher.

She was among the nearly 1,500 fall semester 2012 graduates to walk across the SIU Arena floor during commencement exercises last December. And she is convinced her experience is nothing short of amazing and wonderful.

White, who lives in Carterville, attended SIU Carbondale for a few years beginning in 2000, but left for what she says became a “very extended maternity leave.” She became mom to Kirsten Jordan, now 9, followed by Caden Jordan, 5. After her time as a stay-at-home mom, she went to work as a teacher’s aide with the Williamson County Early Childhood Cooperative, where she loved her work with children. But with state funding always in question, the reduction in force (RIF) notices that told her she may not be rehired for the coming year were becoming way too common.

White’s father, Jim, attended SIU in the 1960s and encouraged her to return to college and complete her degree. He accompanied her on a campus visit where she met with advisers and found everyone helpful and accommodating. In no time at all, she enrolled in classes for the fall 2012 semester, addressed financial aid issues, and found a job working on campus in the Office of Teacher Education.

“It was unbelievable how everyone was so wonderful to me,” White says. “The whole process of coming back was so easy. There couldn’t be a better movie script for it.”

Kirsten and Caden were excited that their mother was going to school, and quickly told her that they **all needed** new backpacks and school supplies. “They thought it was really cool. They like to tell people, ‘My mom goes to SIU.’ And we’ve had a lot of fun at the University. I brought them to many of the events on campus like the Chancellor’s Watermelon Fest, the Homecoming parade and tailgate, and other things,” she says.

The return to school didn’t come without challenges. A single mom, White juggled the responsibilities and activities of two children, a job, and her schoolwork. And things had changed at the University since she left. “There’s a ‘new language.’ I



Cathrine White and her children, Kirsten, 9, and Caden, 5, have enjoyed numerous activities on campus.

didn’t know what a ‘Dawg Tag’ was or how everything is online. But everyone was great to help me,” she notes.

White’s family roots at the University go way back. Her grandfather, Jack White, was a locksmith with carpentry and key control for 36 years, and actually put the numbers on the Pulliam Hall clock tower. Jerry White, Jack’s son and Cathrine’s uncle, was a longtime carpenter at SIU before retiring a few years ago. As unlikely as it sounds,

Jerry was helping refurbish the clock a few years ago and discovered his father’s signature on the back of one of the numbers. He added his signature as well. Cathrine’s brother, Brett, is an alumnus too, graduating in 1995 with a bachelor’s degree in English education.

As she studied and worked hard, a most interesting development occurred in White’s journey last semester. Taking English classes in the fall for her teaching degree, White anticipated graduating in May 2014. While talking with a faculty member about scholarship opportunities, he suggested that White consider completing a degree in English literature.

Meanwhile, she had made such a favorable impression on faculty and fellow students that many encouraged her to go on to graduate school. With that advice in mind, White visited the campus advisement office on Dec. 6, to learn more about both options.

“They told me that I had actually completed all of the requirements to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from the College of Liberal Arts. I was so excited; you could have knocked me over with a feather,” White recalls.

White returned to the University in January to pursue her graduate degree. She will seek a master’s in teaching or English, and plans to pursue a teaching career. Around campus, those who know her are confident that she will achieve her goals.

“From the first day I met Cathrine, I knew that she had a bright future ahead of her, says Deborah Barnett, coordinator of Non-Traditional Student Services. “Like many of our

returning adult students, she had a clear idea of what she wanted to accomplish and was determined to let nothing stand in her way.

“Her dedication as a student mirrors the devotion she has to her two young children. She has even included them in visiting campus, going to the library and becoming involved in campus events. She is a great example, not only for her children but for all of us.”

# The Sriracha King Of Chicago?

by Paul Biasco

Don't call him the Sriracha King of Chicago yet, but thanks to his rooster sauce-loving customers, the owner of a Hawaiian Lincoln Park restaurant says he could be in consideration for the title.

As the eighth anniversary of Aloha Eats, 2534 N. Clark St., approached late last year, Ivan Lee '99 wanted to treat his customers with a special item menu based on their favorite sauce and ended up selling 300 Sriracha lollipops at \$3 a pop.

The Sriracha hot sauce, a paste of chili peppers, vinegar, garlic, sugar and salt, has an almost cult-like following and goes well with the Hawaiian plates Lee and his family have been serving up.

While he struggles to get more lollipops on the shelf at his restaurant, Lee, 36, has been gifting some customers with a lip balm version of the sauce, which he admits he hasn't dared get near his mouth.

"You want to smell nice when someone's coming up to your face," he says. "I love Sriracha, but it's so strong." Despite the pungent chili smell, devotees have been grabbing a stick for their pockets.

The restaurant, which Lee runs with his father, William, and sister, Isabel,



Ivan Lee, whose family owns Aloha Eats, says the restaurant goes through four bottles of Sriracha sauce a week, and he has sold 300 of the hot sauce lollipops and has Sriracha lip balm.

goes through about four, 17-ounce bottles of the sauce a week. But Lee says it wasn't until he saw the sauce in an episode of AMC's *"Breaking Bad"* that he knew it had truly made it big.

"That's how you know it's arrived," he says. "It's in the background of a diner in a TV show next to the ketchup and mustard bottles."

The rooster sauce, as it is known because of an illustration on the bottle, is believed to have originated in Thailand, and while Lee aims to keep his menu as authentically Hawaiian as possible,

he has no problem with the addition of the chili-based paste.

"Our food for some reason just goes really well with Sriracha," he says. "One of the things I pride myself on ... there is no pineapple on our menu."

Aloha Eats is one of only a handful of Hawaiian restaurants in Chicago, and about 20 percent of its customers are people who have lived in Hawaii for some time, according to Lee. "It's the only real Hawaiian place I know," says Don Krueger, a 31-year-old Wicker Park resident who recently ate there.

The restaurant's menu features the cultural diversity of a Hawaiian lunch spot, including fresh fish, chicken katsu, teriyaki barbecue beef, and a number of SPAM-based dishes.

When Lee finished studying at SIU Carbondale, he made the move to Chicago and talked his father into opening up the Hawaiian grill in Lincoln Park. His family, which moved to the mainland from Hawaii about 25 years ago, had operated a number of Chinese and American-style restaurants, but this was their first go at their native foods.

"Maybe for selfish reasons I wanted him to open it," Lee says. "Anytime you move away from a place, the first thing you will miss is the food."

– Paul Biasco is a reporter for DNAinfo.com Chicago



A tube of Sriracha lip balm stands next to a bottle of Sriracha sauce at Aloha Eats.

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Richard Archer, former professor in art and design at SIU, with some of his Great Cardboard Boat Regatta scrapbooks. The event began in the early 1970s as part of a freshman design class exam, and is still happening each spring in Carbondale 40 years later.



# The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta Turns 40

by Gordon Pruett

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t celebrates the rite of spring, and exalts in the spirit of creativity. It

blends sun, sinew, and cardboard, in a competition that is daunting and challenging, yet fun. It is the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, which on April 27 celebrates its 40th anniversary on Campus Lake. Few SIU traditions are longer-lived or have had as precarious an existence.

In its present form the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta was first held in April 1974. In creating an exam in his freshman design class, Richard Archer '70, a professor in art and design, challenged his students to build cardboard boats, powered only by their occupants that would travel a triangular course of approximately 200 yards. The regatta proved a resounding success in the free-spirited 1970s, popular with contestants, specta-



With the boats powered only by its occupants, creativity has always been the key. One of the more ingenious designs was this circular craft from the late 1980s.

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## 'Good Morning Regatta'

Richard Archer (right), founder of the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, presents a T-shirt to Spencer Christian, the weatherman for ABC's *Good Morning America*, in Carbondale Friday.

Christian broadcast from the shores of Campus Lake and included a segment on the 16th annual regatta during the broadcast. The annual boat race will be held today at SIU-C.

The event gained national publicity in 1989 when "*Good Morning America*" came to town to televise from the shores of Campus Lake. GMA correspondent Spencer Christian receives a T-shirt from Archer to note the 16th anniversary of the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta.

tors, and the media. Without a single dollar of underwriting in the early years, the Regatta prospered and was perpetuated as an annual campus event. Later it enjoyed a budget of \$8,000 under then-President John Guyon, who Archer credited as the unsung hero of the regatta.

A retrospective in the *Daily Egyptian* reported that the youngest participant in the event was 4 and the oldest was 72. Limited only by imagination, entries have taken on the personalities of their

creators and have included tacos, Elvis, a pizza box, a high-top Converse shoe, space shuttles, and a toothbrush.

Arguably, the regatta's high water mark came in 1997 when Spencer Christian and "*Good Morning America*" broadcast the event from Campus Lake. What had been an Art and Design 100B exercise had now become national news.

Carbondale's *Nightlife* points out, "Since its inception, the Regatta has been a family-oriented, alcohol-free event fea-

turing as many as 200 boats and 10,000 spectators from all over the state. The Carbondale Regatta has been featured on *MTV*, in the pages of *Sports Illustrated*, and in a soda advertisement for Mountain Dew."

It has been speculated that more than 1,500 people annually participate in cardboard boat races across the country, entertaining more than 100,000 spectators. The search engine, Bing, yields more than 600,000 results for "cardboard

boat regatta.” The Carbondale event inspired a cardboard bobsled race in Colorado.

It could be argued that this SIU-based event has launched more ships than Helen of Troy.

But in recent years the Regatta has nearly collapsed from funding and organizational problems. Archer retired from the University in 1999, and the design class from which the event was born, no longer exists. When the extinction of the regatta was a real possibility, **Larry Busch M.S. '70** and Larry “Skip” Briggs, retired professors in the School of Art and Design, stepped in to rescue the event.

Busch has been involved with the Regatta since its inception, heading the second race in 1975, and codifying or writing the event’s rule book. He jokes to being “almost embarrassed to admit attendance at every race.” Briggs’ connection dates from 1986, and his involvement secured essential underwriting from SIU and the city in the late 1980s and 1990s. A major force for the 2013 event, Briggs is diligent in perpetuating the event.

**Cinnamon Wheelers-Smith '08**, director of the Carbondale Convention & Tourism Bureau, sees the Regatta as a positive event for Carbondale and southern Illinois, bringing participants, the curious, and alumni to the area, “Nowhere else in the region will you find an event that both challenges and encourages the creative imagination of individuals of all ages,” she says. “It has become an integral part of the history of Carbondale and SIU. The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta is truly a spectacular event.”

In 2010 Busch and Briggs sought another organization to take on the responsibility of the Regatta. And the Carbondale chapter of Alpha Chi Sigma, a professional chemistry fraternity, though an unlikely partner, assumed the reins of the event. If not for the fraternity’s involvement, the event most likely would have failed.

According to Mary Kinsel, campus advisor to Alpha Chi Sigma, the fraternity initially inherited some residual funds, but underwriting from the city and University has dried up in these recessionary times. Presently, the cardboard is donated from an anonymous source, and a modest registration fee is

now charged. Though maintaining the Regatta in tough times is daunting, Kinsel says, “We have a lot of fun doing it.”

For more information about the event, visit “SIU Cardboard Boat Regatta” on Facebook, email [cardboardboatregatta@siu.edu](mailto:cardboardboatregatta@siu.edu), or call Kinsel at 618-453-6428.

## Doc Spackman Triathlon Celebrates 30th Anniversary

**A**nother campus tradition celebrating an anniversary is the 30th Doc Spackman Triathlon, also set for April 27 on SIU’s Campus Lake. A 385-yard swim, followed by a 5-mile bike ride and 2-mile run, honors the late Robert “Doc” Spackman, who was a campus athletics trainer and a nationally-recognized expert on fitness. Prior to coming to Carbondale in 1957, he had served as assistant athletic trainer for the St. Louis Browns, working with players such as legendary Hall of Fame pitcher Satchel Paige.

The Spackman event is believed to be one of the few triathlons to feature a swim in open water. It is a spring tradition headed by **Kathy Hollister M.S. '86** for the past 29 years. SIU’s assistant director of recreational sports and services with special populations, Hollister has been the glue that’s held the Spackman Triathlon together for the past three decades. A former co-worker at the SIU Recreation Center, Rick Green '74, was the race director of the first triathlon and asked Hollister to become involved.

“After Rick left the University, I was the natural replacement to take over the leadership. I’ve loved every minute of it,” she says. “The event keeps Doc’s vision alive. He was a firm advocate of exercise and an expert on physical fitness who believed exercise should be fun. Many athletes attribute their life change to his influence.”

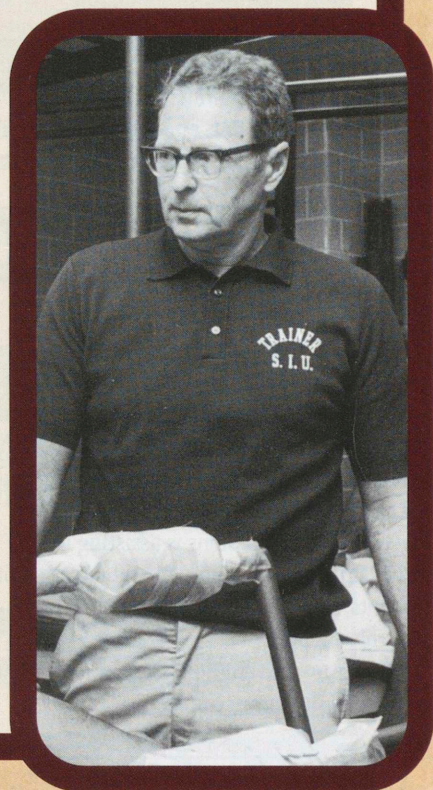
Spackman’s widow, Jane, who still lives in Carbondale, says, “The triathlon has been a wonderful thing that has happened since his passing, and Kathy Hollister has been great in perpetuating it.”

Spackman had a life-long dedication to fitness and conditioning, and he and his wife were avid golfers. He wrote 28 books on conditioning for different sports, “all in long hand, all at the dining room table, and all were published,” according to his wife.

This year’s triathlon will also serve as a reunion and a celebration of life for the Spackman family. Robert Spackman III '86, who now lives in Virginia, will be returning to Carbondale for the Regatta and has designed the T-shirt for this year’s event.

For additional information about the Doc Spackman Triathlon, contact Brenda Winkeler at the SIU Student Recreational Center, via email at [bwink@siu.edu](mailto:bwink@siu.edu), or call 618-453-1267.

Spackman, shown here in the SIU Athletics Training Room, was respected nationally for his expertise on fitness.





## BAG President Says Student Support Is A Priority

The SIU Alumni Association's Black Alumni Group (BAG) will host its biennial reunion on campus July 18-21, reconnecting members with the campus and each other. While this is a popular, ongoing event, the organization is striving to have an even greater impact at SIU Carbondale, says BAG President **Liz Walker-Smith**.

Walker-Smith, a 1981 speech communication alumna, says BAG has taken steps to prioritize its goals as she heads into her second year of presidency. The group's primary focus is enhancing its relationship with the University's student population.

"We are aiming to increase scholarship awards to African-American students on campus," she says. "Additionally, our hope is that a relationship is established that encourages our students to stay connected to the University as alumni."

Along these lines, Walker-Smith is hoping to increase student membership in the SIU Alumni Association. In November, BAG announced that it will begin offering \$5,000 textbook scholar-



From left, 2011 BAG Reunion volunteers: Liz Walker-Smith, Donna Edgar, DeDe Caron, Ivory Smith, Lynn White, Tim Tyler, Tony Curtis, Richard Gardner, and Gary Heflin.

ships for the spring 2013 semester to assist African-American undergraduate and graduate students who are currently attending the University. The Association matches funds raised by BAG for the scholarships. (More information and scholarship applications are available at [www.siualumni.com/BAG](http://www.siualumni.com/BAG).)

BAG has presented 10 scholarships valued at \$500 each. Walker-Smith hopes this is just the beginning and is proposing an identical program for subsequent semesters.

"My children are college-age, so I have firsthand knowledge of how much textbooks cost," she says. "The rising cost of textbooks and tuition is a challenge many students struggle to overcome, and I'm hoping this program helps. I want everyone to know that BAG goes beyond simply visiting Carbondale for a reunion every two years."

The group is also striving to continue presenting the Students in Black Undergraduate Education (SBUE) scholarship awards, which are valued from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

A Xerox training manager in Oak Park, Ill., Walker-Smith often carries

Association membership pamphlets with her and encourages alumni to become dues-paying members. She admits to being excited about BAG's potential impact and appreciates what she considers a growing relationship with the SIU Alumni Association.

"In the long run, we aspire to help the University retain students who may otherwise run short of funds and seek other alternatives," she says. "It's essential for BAG to align itself with the SIU Alumni Association. While talking to Michelle Suarez (executive director of the Association), I discovered how coordinating efforts can be beneficial to BAG, the Association, and the University as a whole. I am really enjoying the relationship we are developing."

"The University needs more than just a biennial visit to campus. I want BAG to align itself with the mission and strategic goals of the Association. There is a natural sense of disconnection because Chicago is five hours from Carbondale. But through communication and an open mindset, we can work closely to make an impact on students. BAG has made significant strides in that respect." ■

### BAG Reunion Planned For July

The 2013 Black Alumni Group Reunion will be held July 18-21 in Carbondale. This reunion is held biennially in odd-numbered years and offers a myriad of social, educational, and athletic events, as well as a business meeting and the election of officers.

One of BAG's missions is assisting the University in the recruitment and retention of students, and the committee is excited to provide this support.

For up-to-date reunion information, please go to [www.siualumni.com/BAG](http://www.siualumni.com/BAG).

## April

- 2 **Saluki Baseball vs. Murray State**  
**Saluki Softball vs. SIUE**
- 4 Saluki Softball at Eastern Illinois
- 5-7 Saluki Baseball at Evansville
- 6-7 **Saluki Softball vs. Wichita State**
- 6 **SIU Day with the Nashville Predators, Game time 2:00 p.m.**
- 7 Extreme Canine Stunt Dog Experience at Shryock, 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Saluki Baseball at SE Missouri
- 10 **Saluki Baseball vs. Austin Peay**  
Saluki Softball at UT-Martin
- 12-14 **Saluki Baseball vs. Missouri State**
- 13-14 **Saluki Softball vs. Missouri State**
- 16 Saluki Baseball vs. Tennessee-Martin
- 17 Saluki Softball at Evansville (DH)
- 18 Symphonic Band SI Civic Orchestra at Shryock, 7:30 p.m.
- 19-21 Saluki Baseball at Creighton
- 20-21 Saluki Softball at Creighton
- 21 **Central Florida Alumni Picnic**
- 22 *Rock of Ages* at Shryock, 7:30 p.m.
- 23 **Saluki Baseball vs. SE Missouri**  
**Saluki Softball vs. Evansville**
- 25 Saluki Softball at SEMO  
Choral Union Concert Choir at Shryock, 7:30 p.m.
- 26-28 **Saluki Baseball vs. Wichita State**
- 27-28 **Saluki Softball vs. Bradley**
- 28 **SIU Day with the Miami Marlins, Game time 1:10 p.m. (EST)**
- 30 Saluki Baseball at Illinois  
*SISI Two Brothers* presented by Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra at Shryock, 7:30 p.m.

## May

- 1 **Saluki Softball vs. Illinois, 4:00 p.m.**
- 3-5 Saluki Baseball at Purdue

- 4-5 Saluki Softball at Indiana State
- 9-11 Saluki Softball MVC Tournament
- 10-12 Saluki Baseball at Bradley
- 14 **Saluki Baseball vs. Saint Louis**
- 16-18 **Saluki Baseball vs. Illinois State**
- 25 **SIU Day with the Kane County Cougars**

## June

- 8 **12th Annual SIU Day with the Chicago White Sox**
- 15 **2nd Annual SIU Day with the Houston Astros**
- 18 **2nd Annual SIU Day with the Minnesota Twins**
- 22 **2nd Annual SIU Day with the Frisco RoughRiders**

Home sporting events and SIU Alumni Association sponsored events are in **boldface** type. To find the starting times for all Saluki athletic events, go to [www.siusalukis.com](http://www.siusalukis.com).

## Upcoming Events

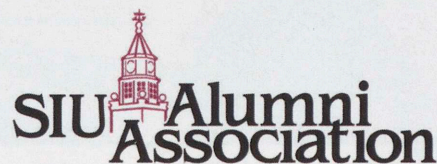
- July 13 **36th Annual SIU Alumni Day at Wrigley Field**
- Aug. 9 **29th Annual SIU Alumni Day at Busch Stadium**
- Aug. 31 **SIU vs. University of Illinois Tailgate and Game**



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## Early History Of SIU Alumni Association Is Preserved

by Gordon Pruett

The earliest activities of the SIU Alumni Association have now been preserved with the assistance of the Preservation Unit of Morris Library. The 94-page document details the offices, laws, dues, records, etc. of the Association, as well as minutes from meetings from 1896 to 1921.

Essentially a hand-written, ruled legal pad, the document had been casually housed in the offices of the Association for the past 116 years.

Though the scope of the Association's

charge has expanded over the years, its core purpose remains true, as stated in 1896:

*"To promote and keep alive a feeling of mutual interest among the members; affording through its annual meetings an opportunity of renewing old friendships and awakening reminiscences of first school days. And the advancement by all honorable means of the cause of education and the welfare of our Alma Mater."*

In 1896 membership in the Association was granted by virtue of graduation from the University. A few

years later, it was deemed necessary to charge 50 cents per year for membership. Today, an annual individual membership is \$40.

Julie Mosbo, head of the Preservation Unit, coordinated the efforts of co-workers **Kate Harrison M.M. '09**, Peter Steltz '12, and Lindsey Zmroczek to remove pressure sensitive tape, mend tears, and fill in paper losses with Japanese rice paper. All fold lines displayed wear and some degree of separation, and all were reinforced with rice paper. The signatures were sewn together in the French binding pattern.



Library graduate assistant Peter Steltz repairs a fold line on the SIU Alumni Association's Constitution document.

Covered in black book cloth, a double-tray enclosure was made to the document's exact measurements. The document will be housed in the Special Collections Research Center of Morris Library.

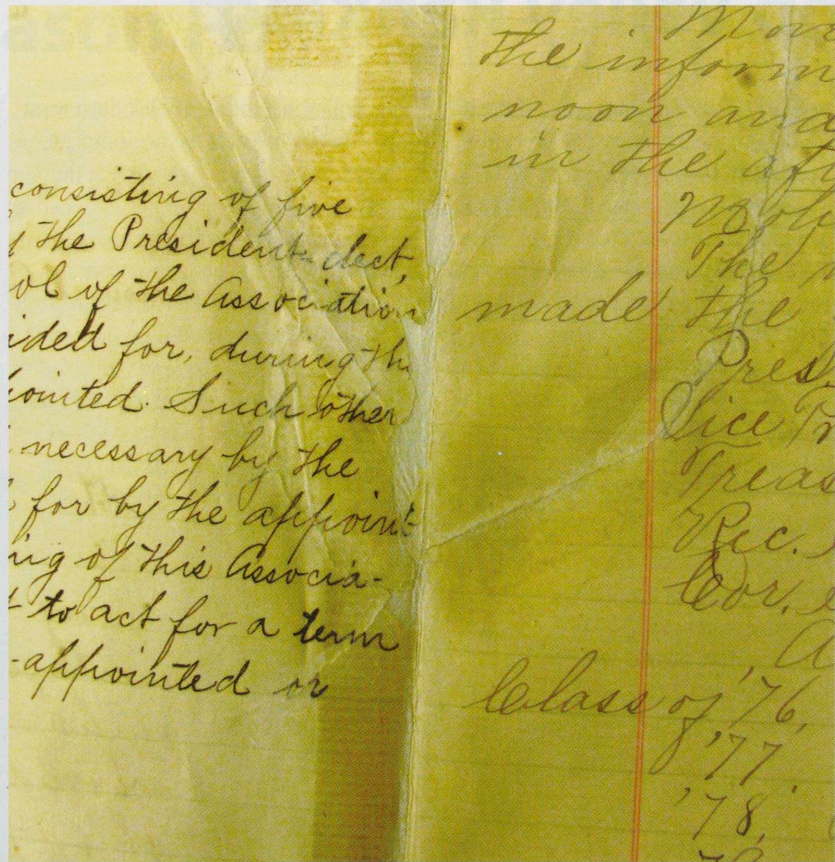
The Preservation Unit supports the current and anticipated instructional, research, and service needs of SIU by ensuring long-term access to and preservation of collection materials. Mosbo has acted as a consultant to the University Museum, University Communications, and the Center for Dewey Studies.

"We appreciate the fine work done by Julie and her team in preserving the Association's Constitution," says SIU Alumni Association Executive Director **Michelle Suarez '85, M.S. '04**. "Special thanks on this project also go to National Board Member **Dede Ittner '61** for her support. Soon we will have a copy of the document in our office for visitors to peruse if they wish."

## The 'Colyer' In Colyer Hall

One name that appears as an active participant in the early days of the Association is Frank H. Colyer. Born in the historic village of Wanborough in Edwards County, Ill., he was an 1889 graduate of Southern Illinois Normal University, and joined the faculty in 1897, teaching geography and geology.

Appropriately, today Colyer Hall is home to the SIU Alumni Association, which previously had been housed in locations such as Forest Hall, Faner Hall, the Student Center, and Stone House. Colyer's middle name, ironically, was Hall.



Paper tears and the presence of brittle pressure-sensitive tape were problems to overcome in the repair of the 116-year-old SIU Alumni Association Constitution.



Graduate assistant Lindsey Zmroczek works on the double-tray enclosure that will house the document.

# SIU Softball Shares Top Valley Ranking

The SIU softball team is a co-favorite to win the league in 2013, according to the MVC Preseason Coaches' Poll.

The Salukis garnered 85 points and two first-place votes to tie with 2012 MVC Tournament champion Illinois State for the top billing in what was a close vote amongst the top four spots. Defending champion Northern Iowa (82 points) and Creighton (80 points) both garnered three first-place votes to take third and fourth respectively.

"I completely agree with how close the voting was, because when I was doing my poll it was hard to choose," says SIU Head Coach *Kerri Blaylock*. "I feel like a presea-

son poll is just that – a poll. I don't want to be in first place at the beginning of the season, I want to be in first at the end."

Southern had four players named to the preseason all-conference team in juniors *Taylor Orsburn* (1B), *Jayna Spivey* (2B), and *Allie VadeBoncouer* (junior/C), and senior *Morgan Barchan* (OF).

Orsburn and VadeBoncouer both earned First-Team All-MVC honors last season while Spivey was named Second-Team All-MVC.

SIU returns 12 letter winners, including seven position starters and three pitchers, from a team that went 36-20 and made it to the MVC Tournament championship game. The Salukis open conference season March 16-17 hosting Drake. ■



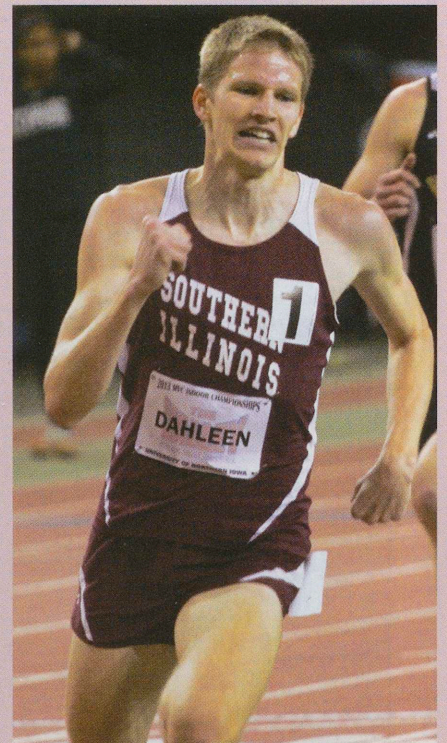
Katie Bertelsen

## Dahleen Named Valley MVP For Indoor Track

As this edition of the magazine went to press, the Saluki track and field brought home some individual championships and several all-conference honors at the MVC Indoor Championships at the University of Northern Iowa. The Saluki men tied for third place, while the Saluki women finished in fifth.

The meet highlight for Southern came on the men's side. After winning the 3,000 meter run, *Zach Dahleen* successfully defended his title in the mile run for his seventh career MVC championship (fifth indoors). Dahleen ran 4:12.02 for the victory, and for his excellent performances the Valley named him Most Valuable Men's Athlete, the first for a Saluki male since *Jeff Schirmer '10* in 2011.

"There were a few bright spots and I'm pleased at the way some of the athletes competed, but dissatisfied with the way others performed," says head coach *Connie Price-Smith '85*. "We have a lot of work to do to get ready for the outdoor season, so that will be our focus." ■



Zach Dahleen in action at the MVC Championships.

## Baseball Salukis 5th In League Preseason Poll

The Southern Illinois baseball is picked to finish fifth out of the eight teams in the 2013 MVC Preseason Poll. The Salukis received 36 votes, nine shy of Illinois State and Indiana State. Both of those schools tied for third in the poll. Missouri State is the conference favorite with 60 points, followed by Wichita State with 47.

"It doesn't really matter, because I truly believe any of the eight teams could win the league," SIU Head Coach Ken

Henderson says. "It has been a long time since the league has been as good top to bottom as it was last year and I expect it to be just as strong this year. There are no easy weekends, and we look forward to the opportunity to compete for a championship."

Two Salukis, reliever *Todd Eaton* and utility man *Austin Montgomery*, were recognized on the preseason all-conference team. Eaton, a junior, was third in

the Valley with nine saves in 2012. His 2.23 ERA was the fourth lowest among all MVC pitchers with at least 30 innings pitched. Montgomery, a senior, and was a First-Team All-MVC selection last season as he finished fifth in the MVC batting race with a .332 average and also finished in the top 10 in the league in six other offensive categories.

In 2012, the Salukis were picked sixth in the preseason poll, but made it all the

way to the championship game of the MVC Tournament. SIU finished with a 31-28 overall, and returns six of nine starters in that lineup along senior *Cody Forsythe* and sophomore *Sam Coonrod*, two of its weekend starting pitchers.

After opening the MVC season with road series action at Indiana State and Evansville, the Saluki begin the home portion of the league season April 12-14 playing Missouri State at Abe Martin Field.



Austin Montgomery (left) and Brock Harding celebrate an SIU win.

### To See SIU Basketball Results...

At press time, the men and women's basketball teams were completing their seasons and preparing to compete in their respective conference championship tournaments. To see the final results of this action, as well as full schedules, go to [www.siusalukis.com](http://www.siusalukis.com).

## SIU Women 3rd In Missouri Valley Swimming/Diving Championships

The SIU women's swimming and diving team finished third in the 2013 Missouri Valley Conference Championships. Seventeen swimmers earned all-conference honors and *Shailey Brumley* was honored as the conference's Elite 18 Award winner.

"We learned a lot about our team," says SIU Head Coach *Rick Walker*. "We took another step forward, and are a young team that can use this and take an even bigger step next year."

Missouri State (897) won the event hosted by the Salukis, followed by Illinois State (775), SIU (721), Evansville (450), and Northern Iowa (294). The

three-day meet was highlighted by three event wins for Southern. Southern won the meet's first event, the 200-yard freestyle relay, setting a school record in the process (1:33.18). *Pamela Benitez* cruised to a win in the mile (16:53.33), winning her first conference title in an event. *Sherry Zhang* put on a show in the three-meter dive, nailing nearly every dive on her way to a MVC Championship record score 351.60.

The meet was the final in the careers of swimmers *Kirsten Groome*, *Melissa Larocque* and *Jessica Anderson*. Senior diver *Anna Beeck* wrapped up her career after the Zone Diving Championships.

"You couldn't ask for four better seniors," Walker says. "They have been as good as anyone in competition, in the classroom and as teammates. They've been great role models for our young team, and we can't thank them enough for all they did for this program."

While the women's season is over, at press time the Saluki men were set to host the Mid-American Conference Championships March 7-9 at the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium in the SIU Rec Center.

For championship meet results, go to [www.siusalukis.com](http://www.siusalukis.com).

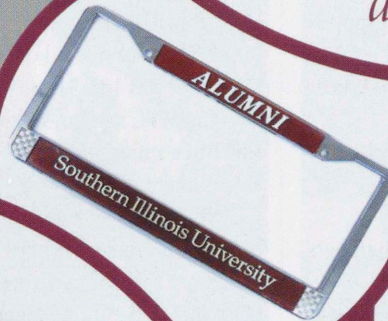
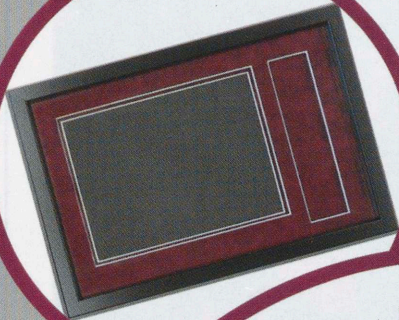



MVC women swimmers poised to start an event during the league championship meet.

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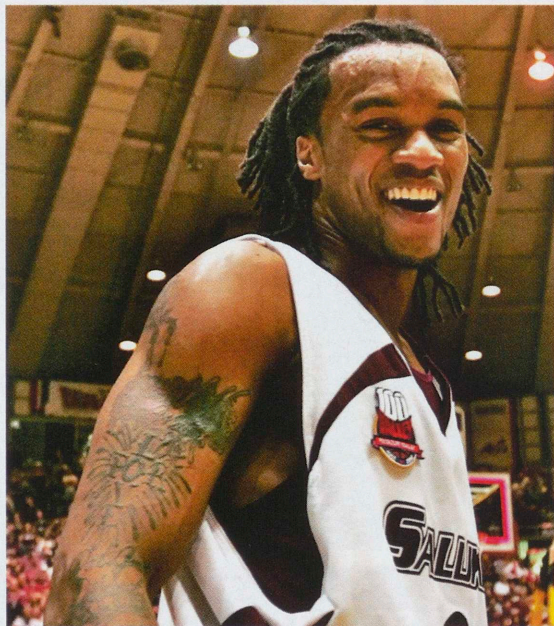
## Saluki Athletics Honors 2013 Hall Of Fame Inductees

The SIU Carbondale Department of Athletics honored its 2013 Saluki Hall of Fame Class on Feb. 15, as six athletes were formally inducted during a ceremony at the SIU Arena. The group was headlined by first-ballot inductees Jamaal Tatum (men's basketball), Arkee Whitlock (football) and Cassidy Scoggins (softball), as well as Becky Lis (softball), Joe Wallis (baseball) and Thom McAneney (swimming).

Here is a look at the newest members of the Saluki Hall of Fame:

- **Tatum** (2003-07) led the Salukis to the NCAA Tournament all four years, including a Sweet 16 appearance in 2007. He ranks seventh in career scoring (1,667), fourth in career 3-pointers made (220), eighth in career steals (159) and 13th in career assists (309).

In his senior year, Tatum was the MVC Player of the Year, an NCAA Honorable Mention All-American and



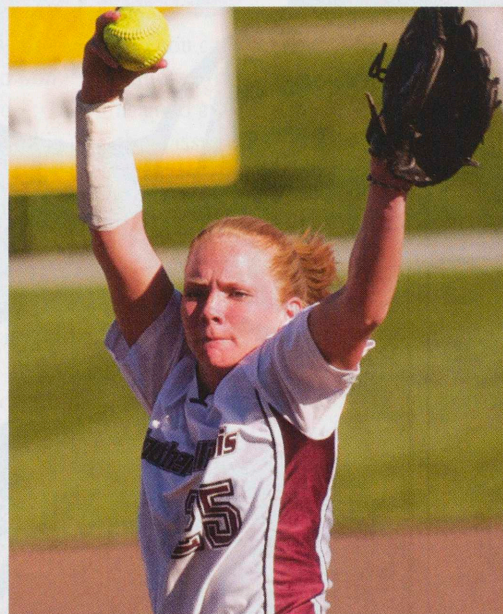
Jamaal Tatum

Second-Team Academic All-American. He is the school's career scoring leader in NCAA Tournament games (99) and MVC Tournament games (158). The team record during his career was 103-31, and SIU won the MVC regular-season title three times and MVC Tournament once.

"Now that I've been in the real world, you see it's hard to get a bunch of winners on a team that will put their agendas and egos aside and be a team," says Tatum, who currently serves as varsity head coach and teacher at Russellville High School in Missouri. "I never realized how special that was until I got out of college and looked back on it."

- **Scoggins** (2004-07) was a three-time First Team All-MVC (2005, 2006, 2007) selection and one of the most dominating pitchers in school history. In 2006, she was named the MVC Pitcher of the Year. She ranks second in career wins (81), complete games (79), shutouts (35) and no-hitters (6), and third in strikeouts (713).

She helped lead the Salukis to four NCAA Tournament appearances and was a member of two MVC Championship teams. Among her many honors were MVC All-



Cassidy Scoggins

Tournament Team (2007), All-Great Lakes Region First-Team (2005, 2006), MVC Scholar Athlete First-Team (2006, 2007) and CoSIDA *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District (2005, 2006).

"When I look at the Saluki Hall of Fame wall and see everyone, it really sinks in," says Scoggins, who presently works as a dietitian for Christus St. Michael Hospital in Texas. "It is a huge honor."

- **Whitlock** (2004-06) had a remarkable three-year career as a running back for the Salukis and ranks second in career rushing yards (4,241) behind only Tom Koutsos. He is also second in career rushing TDs (51), 100-yard rushing games (20), and set the school record for rushing TDs in a season (25) in 2006.

Whitlock was the *College Sporting News* National Player of the Year (2006) and a two-time NCAA First-Team All-American (2005, 2006). He was a unanimous all-american in 2006 and finished

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## To the Students



Arkee Whitlock

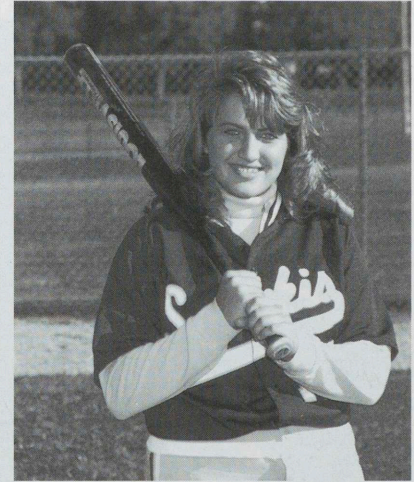
third in Payton Award voting – the highest finish by a player in school history. He was a three-time MVC All-Conference pick and played in the 2006 Hula Bowl after his senior year. After being released by the Minnesota Vikings and San Francisco 49ers, he played three seasons with the Edmonton Eskimos.

“I never saw myself getting in the Hall of Fame,” says Whitlock, who currently works as a high school football coach at Rock Hill High School in South Carolina. “I’m still taking it all in, and it

is great since it is from the University that I love.”

- **Lis** (1994-1997) played third base for the Salukis and was a two-time First Team All-MVC (1996, 1997) selection. She ranks first in career average (.362) and doubles (47), second in career hits (221) and triples (18), third in runs scored (150) and sixth in RBI (122). She was also a Second-Team All-Great Lakes Region pick (1994, 1997).

The Salukis recorded a winning record all four seasons that Lis played. During



Becky Lis

her senior year, SIU posted a 41-16 record that included wins over Mississippi, Oklahoma, Georgia Tech and Michigan.

“My dad was a professional baseball player who passed away two years ago, so this probably would be his proudest moment,” says Lis, who currently works as a rehabilitation therapist and also owns the Joe Lis Baseball School. “This confirms all the hard work that I did and everything that he taught me. This makes me feel like I accomplished everything that I started when I was seven.”

- **Wallis** (1971-1973) was the leading hitter on Southern’s 1971 College World Series team, hitting an amazing .446, which is still the school’s single-season record for batting average. The Salukis finished 43-9 that year, losing to USC in the finals. He ranks third in career batting average (.388), sixth in career triples (14) and sixth in career slugging percentage (.629).

Wallis was named an NCAA First-Team All-American in 1973 and went on to play professionally for the Chicago Cubs (1975-78) and Oakland A’s (1978-79).

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Joe Wallis

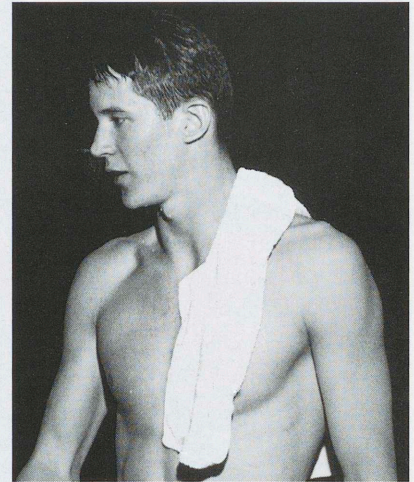
“This honor is special and more meaningful at this point in my life,” admits Wallis, who is semi-retired and living in Dixon, Mo. “The best part about

it is the people that have perpetuated Saluki Athletics, being able to see good friends that I haven’t seen in decades, and to have my family be a part of the weekend.”

• **McAneney** (1964-66) was a five-time All-American in the 100, 200, 500 and 1650 Freestyle in his junior and senior years. He finished third in the nation in the 1650 Free (17:10.20) and fourth in the 500 Free (4:57.10) at the 1964 NCAA Championships to earn all America status. At the 1965 NCAA Meet, he placed third in the nation in the 500 Free (4:49.00).

As a team, SIU finished tied for 12th and ninth in the two years he earned all America honors at the NAAs.

“I personally never really felt I was spectacular,” says McAneney, lives in Hutchinson Island, Fla., where he runs Tall



Thom McAneney

Thom’s Swim School. “I think when you’re doing anything in athletics you do it because you enjoy it. Being recognized in this way is really a wonderful thing.” ■



The 2013 SIU Athletics Hall of Fame class, from left: Becky Lis, Joe Wallis, Thom McAneney, Jamaal Tatum, Cassidy Scoggins, and Arkee Whitlock.

# SIU Alumni Association Awards Textbooks And Supplies To Students

The Southern Illinois University Alumni Association awarded more than \$20,000 in textbooks and supplies to 40 SIU students during a ceremony Jan. 15 in the SIU Student Center Ballrooms.

"We take great pride in supporting our students with these awards, and the Association's national board of directors is excited to offer such initiatives for our SIU students," says SIU Alumni Association President **Barry Smith '80**.

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 SIU 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 Program and Services assisted in identifying interna-



Chancellor Rita Cheng congratulates some of the students who received textbook award provided by the SIU Alumni Association. "We take great pride in supporting our students with these awards," says Association President Barry Smith.

tional students to receive the award. Students are chosen based on their academic success and demonstrated Southern alumni family legacy.

According to Association Executive Director **Michelle Suarez '85, M.S. '04**, the allocation of funds helps demonstrate the organization's continued commitment to students, and would not be

possible without the continued support of the Association's members.

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



The SIU Alumni Association Textbook Award recipients are, front row from left: Bryan Kah Ming, Logan Isaak, Maynor Honore, Colleen Grandrath, Eric Choi, Sara Craft, Rachel Bucher, Cleveland Walton, Brittany Beisiegel, Kara Soffray, Zuluaga Londono, Breanne Sergent, Lei Shu, Myles Stirn, Julie Schroeter, Deja Sawyer, Tameshiaye Porter, and Dannette Miller. Back row: Michael Hulyk, Kyle Ferguson, Diondre Davis, Ernest Miller, Eric Eagan, Lucas Santiago, Adam Bragee, Momoh Sufiyanu, Russ Walker, Ashantee Strickland, Litany Pyle, Jenna Schneider, Jeffrey Peterson, Ashley Peterson, and Stephanie Macuiba.

## Student's Dedication, Drive Inspire Others

by Pete Rosenbery

With energy, drive, and dedication that inspire those around her, Brenna Coyle '12 has packed a lot into her time at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

She carried the banner for the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts (MCMA) during December commencement ceremonies at the SIU Arena and seldom slowed since arriving on campus just over three years ago. Coyle earned a bachelor's degree in radio-television with a specialization in media industries in less than four years.

"She's driven," says H.D. Motyl, an assistant professor in the Department of Radio, Television and Digital Media. "She knows what she wants to do, and she goes for it. She's resourceful enough to find things she can use to help take her to the next step. I wish I could bottle some of what she has because I would drink it myself."

Her work includes two years as supervising producer of the "Studio A: In Concert" television series, completing externships and internships in addition to working outside the classroom, and serving as a volunteer peer adviser and tutor to other MCMA students. While in school, Coyle earned a Virginia Marmaduke Scholarship, and earlier this year was first in the "Best Sales Presentation" category in the Illinois Broadcasters Association Student Silver Dome Awards.

Carrying the college's banner "was a huge honor," Coyle says, one of 53 undergraduates and six master's students from MCMA who graduated in December.

Coyle enjoyed her classroom work and credits instructors for their willingness to provide a critical component of experiential learning. It is up to each student to get the most they can from opportunities they have, a common refrain that Coyle says she reminds incoming freshmen.

"You have to want to do it to get somewhere in this industry," she says. "The education here is awesome, and the programs we have complement that perfectly. But it comes down to a want and desire."

Her drive, she says, goes back to an athletics background and gymnastics



Coyle earned a degree in radio-television with a specialization in media industries in less than four years at Southern.

career that began when she was 3 years old. Her high school coach emphasized not just a focus on gymnastics, but also "the life skills that I gained in the process of learning everything."

While in high school, Coyle tore her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in both knees, which limited her gymnastics abilities, but not her drive. "The life lessons that I learned from that and the dedication it takes to learning one routine . . . you apply that to every aspect of your life," she says.

Coyle, 21, came to SIU Carbondale on the recommendation of a high school instructor, **Mary Beth Deady '96**, who oversaw the school's broadcasting program. Deady, a coordinator in Lincoln-Way East's instructional technology department, says she urged Coyle to apply and attend SIU Carbondale. While in high school, Coyle was in two of the SIU Alumni Association life member's classes – business marketing and advertising and broadcast fundamentals – and led an advertising team that created a campaign for a local bowling business.

Coyle says she's grateful for her opportunities at SIU. She says she gained a greater appreciation for the program after attending the National Association of Television Program Executives (NAPTE) annual confer-


ence in January 2011, where network representatives and others in the media broadcast field knew of SIU Carbondale.

"It was insane the amount of credibility we have in the industry," she says.

James Wall '80, a senior lecturer in radio-television, says Coyle is "one of the finest students" he has worked with in his nearly 15 years of teaching in the program. With an interest in both the business and creative sides of the industry, he says she "has a superior grasp of the media industry and will undoubtedly succeed in whatever career path she takes."

**Clare Mitchell M.S. '87**, MCMA's assistant dean of student affairs, says "Brenna is one of the most collaborative students I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. She truly cares about others and is the first to offer assistance and support. She is talented, skilled, positive, and professional and has taken advantage of every opportunity to learn and is happy to share her knowledge with others."

Coyle completed an externship with Strategic Marketing in North Palm Beach, Fla., and for the past year has been an intern with The Arthur Agency in Carbondale. She began a job there as an account manager on Jan. 1.

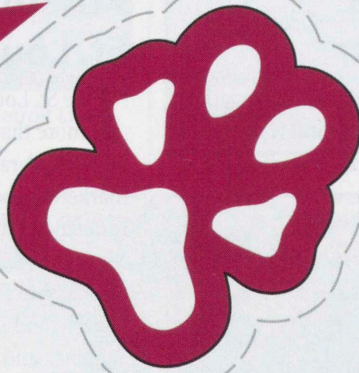
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## 5th Annual 'A Saluki Christmas In Austin'

The Austin/San Antonio Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted more than 50 alumni and friends to an optional day of golf and a holiday dinner at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort. SIU Dean of Library Affairs Anne Cooper Moore was the keynote speaker. After dinner, several Salukis mingled around a giant bonfire on the premises to socialize and grill up some Texas-style smores. Bill & Mary Szelag, Tara Jansen, Eileen Eiden, Fran Stelzriede, and Claudia Ogrin helped plan the event. Zachary Sapienza and Gene Green attended on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association.



Salukis in Texas gathered for a holiday event in December that featured golf, food, and fun at the Lost Pines Resort.

## 3rd Annual Minnesota Holiday Volunteer Tour

The Greater Minnesota Club of the SIU Alumni Association hosted two holiday volunteer efforts at Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank. Each shift consisted of 10 alumni and



More than 20,000 pounds of food was packaged and bagged by Great Minnesota Club volunteers this year. Their efforts assisted the Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank.

was coordinated by Max Orenstein and Scott Stearns. The first night, alumni bagged rice for local needy families, while the second night's focus was repackaging giant containers of cereal into family-sized boxes. More than 20,000 pounds of food was packaged or bagged between both nights. Zachary Sapienza attended the second night on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association.

## 7th Annual St. Louis Trivia Night

The St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted more than 80 alumni and friends for their annual trivia night fund-raiser. Team Carr, captained by Ken Carr (retired marketing coordinator for Student Health Services), successfully defended its title by winning for a fourth consecutive year! More than \$2,000 was raised for the St. Louis Chapter Scholarship Fund. Chapter Representatives Anna Vani, Aimee Snavely, and Leslie Tepen coordinated the event. Zachary Sapienza and Gene Green attended the event on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association, as did Vice Chancellor Jim Salmo.



Team Carr won the event for the fourth straight year, missing only one trivia question during the competition.

## 2nd Annual Chicago Holiday Volunteer Effort

The Chicagoland Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted 15 alumni and friends (pictured in ad below) to a volunteer effort at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. More than 1,150 emergency food packs were boxed, labeled, and sealed for needy families in the Chicagoland area. Vanessa Matheny and Tom Hanna coordinated the effort and attended on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association.

## SIU Day With The Arizona Cardinals/Joint Watch Party

The Greater Phoenix Chapter recently hosted two events. They hosted their first annual SIU Day with the Arizona Cardinals and watched the home team stun the favored Detroit

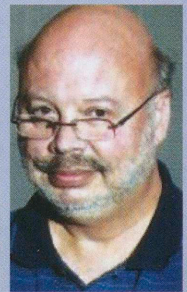


Arizona Salukis watched the Cardinals upset the Detroit Lions in football action at University of Phoenix Stadium.

Lions. Alumni met at the nearby Yardhouse to eat and socialize prior to the game. The chapter then hosted a joint watch party at Temple Bar in Scottsdale with Illinois State alumni to watch the Salukis take on the Redbirds. Despite a Saluki loss, everyone had a fun time and enjoyed making new friends. Danny Griffin helped coordinate both events.

## Pruett Joins Association Staff

Gordon Pruett is now an editorial writer for the SIU Alumni Association. He will provide content for *Southern Alumni* magazine, the *Saluki Pride* e-newsletter, and work with the organization's social media. He is in his 18th year of service for SIU, having previously worked at SIU Press in direct mail and special sales, and as editor of the *Shawnee Classics* series. Most recently, he was founding editor of the Morris Library newsletter, *Cornerstone*.



Pruett received his bachelor's degree from SIU's Dept. of Cinema and Photography in 1979, and in 1989 founded Crossfire Press, an imprint dedicated to the reprinting of rare, out-of-print books on southern Illinois history. He has received awards from the Illinois State Historical Society as a publisher, filmmaker, and editor. For his work in preserving the history of Herrin, he was named Citizen of the Year in 2009 by the Herrin Chamber of Commerce.

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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 12, 2013.

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

A  B



**Lowell Keel '66**, Col. USAF Ret., helped make history in the field of aviation when the X43-A aircraft set world speed records in 2004. The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics selected Keel to receive their Hap Arnold Award for Excellence in Aeronautical Program Management for 2007 based on his X-43 work. Keel earned a bachelor's degree in applied science from Southern and a master's degree from the Air Force Institute of Technology, and his 25-year Air Force career began with SIU's ROTC program. Keel currently serves on the Association's Executive Board. He and his wife, Mary, who earned her SIU degree in physical education in 1964, live in Tullahoma, Tenn.

A  B



**Jeffrey Kutterer '86**, is a graduate from SIU's College of Engineering. He also holds an MBA from Maryville University, a Master of Science from Washington University and a Doctor of Education from Nova Southeastern University. Currently, he is a manager in the Supplier Management organization in the Weapons Programs division at the Boeing Company's St. Charles, Mo. facility. Additionally, Kutterer has been a visiting instructor for SIU in the Engineering Outreach Programs since 1999, primarily teaching Statistical Quality Control, Lean Six Sigma, Six Sigma Green Belt/Black Belt, and Manufacturing Processes courses in the Bachelor of Science, Industrial Technology degree program. He and his wife, Laura, live in St. Peters, Mo., with their three children.

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

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**Britten Follett '02**, has returned to her roots as the president of the Follett Educational Foundation and the Marketing Manager for Follett International. The former anchor and reporter's investigative television reports earned her the prestigious Emmy and Edward R. Murrow awards. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from SIU, where she was a star volleyball player. When she is not traveling for work, she is traveling across the country to educate the public about child abuse prevention. She sits on the board of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and is the co-author of "Who Killed Kelsey?" a critique on the child welfare system through the murder of a two-year-old girl. Follett resides in Woodstock, Ill.

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**Scott Moller '85** is managing partner for Marketing Werks, Inc., in Chicago. He founded the company in 1987 with his sister, Julie Guida '79, from a home office in Hoffman Estates. The University laid a solid foundation for them, as each served stints in the position of Promotions Director for the SIU Arena. Today, his \$100 million independent experiential marketing agency employs a staff of more than 200 in its Chicago headquarters and Los Angeles and New York offices, plus more than 3,000 proven brand ambassadors throughout the United States. Clients have include such valued brands as Verizon, PlayStation, Walgreens, Hershey's, LEGO, and United Health Care. Scott and his wife, Julie, reside with their two children in River Forest, Ill.

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## Alumni Deaths

**BARKSDALE**, Maxine C., '37  
12/03/2012, Salem, Ill.

**BROWN**, Dr. Wilfred E. "Doc", ex. '37  
11/22/2012, Tacoma, Wash.

**BOBBITT**, Thelma L. "Toots", ex. '39  
12/31/2012, Carbondale, Ill.

**HINDS**, Doris K., ex. '40  
11/25/2012, Petersburg, Ill.

**CATLETT**, Leila K., '41  
12/12/2012, Carbondale, Ill.

**CRICHTON**, Jane W., '42, M.A. '65  
12/07/2012, Arlington, Va.

**MEYER**, Robert W., '42  
1/09/2013, Delaware, Ohio

**DIAL**, Bill M., ex. '43  
1/10/2013, Chester, Ill.

**PITTMAN**, Grace, '44  
12/22/2012, Orangeville, Ohio

**WALLS**, June, '45  
12/20/2012, Urbana, Ill.

**LENCE**, Majel S., ex. '46  
11/02/2012, Easton, Md.

**NEELY**, Zane W., ex. '47  
11/10/2012, Herrin, Ill.

**BRADLEY**, Dr. Warren Q., '48  
1/17/2013, Lincoln, Neb.

**CARRELL**, Lora J., '48  
11/14/2012, Flora, Ill.

**NEAL**, Harley B., '48  
1/05/2013, Rockford, Ill.

**DUNBAR**, Glendell L., '49  
1/05/2013, Marion, Ill.

**MYERS**, Ralph J., '49, M.S.Ed. '77  
1/08/2013, Saint Louis, Mo.

**HANKS**, Ray M. "Len", ex. '50  
12/05/2012, Carmi, Ill.

**JONES**, Luella, '50, M.S.Ed. '64  
11/12/2012, Marion, Ill.

**JOYNER**, Nita J., ex. '50  
1/27/2013, Marion, Ill.

**VANCLOOSTERE**, W. Maxine, ex. '50  
1/19/2013, Murphysboro, Ill.

**JONES**, Howard F., ex. '51  
11/11/2012, Marion, Ill.

**REISSAUS**, Jeannine H., ex. '51  
1/03/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

**BEARDSLEY JR.**, Ph.D., Theodore S., '52  
11/03/2012, Charlotte Harbor, Fla.

**MUELLER**, Frank Y., '52, M.S.Ed. '59  
12/17/2012, Christopher, Ill.

**JONES**, Jean L., '53, M.S.Ed. '59  
1/16/2013, Carterville, Ill.

**FRAILEY**, Opal B., '54  
1/26/2013, Cave-In-Rock, Ill.

**LAWRENCE**, Ted, M.S.Ed. '54  
12/27/2012, Thompsonville, Ill.

**SCHRADER**, John E., '54  
11/18/2012, Slidell, La.

**TRIBE**, Esther J., '54  
1/02/2013, Albion, Ill.

**ANDERSON**, Dr. Lowell R., '56  
11/2012, Morristown, N.J.

**DEASON**, Emily J., '56, M.S.Ed. '60  
1/13/2013, Marion, Ill.

**TODD**, Joyce A., ex. '56  
1/19/2013, Marion, Ill.

**LEE**, Earl W., M.S.Ed. '57  
1/16/2013, Maryland Heights, Mo.

**STUCKEY**, Samuel M. "Sam", ex. '57  
1/22/2013, Batavia, Ill.

**PATTERSON**, Dr. Richard G., '58  
11/13/2012, Gallipolis, Ohio

**POWENSKI**, Louis, '58  
1/18/2013, Herrin, Ill.

**PRESSWOOD**, Joann M., B.M.E. '58  
1/18/2013, Lincoln, Ill.

**SGRO**, Sam P., ex. '58  
11/30/2012, Springfield, Ill.

**STECKLER**, E. Keith, '58  
12/25/2012, Flagler Beach, Fla.

**BEASLEY**, Clyde "Ed", '59, M.S. '60  
12/15/2012, Du Quoin, Ill.

**GAITHER**, Robert C., '59, M.S.Ed. '62  
2/04/2013, Taylorville, Ill.

**WHITE JR.**, Henry "Rich", '59, '64  
12/06/2012, St. Clair, Mo.

**BLACKISTON**, Mary E. Sims, M.S.Ed. '60  
1/22/2013, Malden, Mo.

**FARROW**, Donald H., '60  
12/02/2012, Springfield, Ill.

**FASSLER**, Tom J., '60  
12/03/2012, Anna, Ill.

**LINDSTROM**, Gordon T., '60, Ph.D. '74  
12/04/2012, Woodridge, Ill.

**RAGAINS**, Rev. Lowell L., '60  
1/07/2013, Peoria, Ill.

**MEIER**, Wayne B., '61  
1/12/2013, Spokane, Wash.

**JACK**, Larry D., '62  
12/31/2012, Sherman, Ill.

**SUTTON SR.**, Charles W. "Duke", '62  
11/10/2012, Hickory, N.C.

**QUINN**, John A., M.A. '63  
1/29/2013, Tuscola, Ill.

**FRANKS**, Tom M., '64  
12/25/2012, Gravois Mills, Mo.

**KERN**, Bobby G. "Gooney", '64  
1/02/2013, Zeigler, Ill.

**OLSON**, Thomas R., '64  
12/08/2012, Villa Park, Ill.

**PUCKETT**, Myrtle, '64  
1/22/2013, San Antonio, Texas

**STOCKMAN**, Dr. John W. "Jack", '64, M.S. '66  
11/22/2012, Sacramento, Calif.

**TRESSO**, Robert L. "Rob", '64  
11/06/2012, Carmel, Ind.

**WILSON**, Raymond W. "Coach", '64  
1/19/2013, Sunset Beach, N.C.

**RIESS**, Phyllis A., M.A. '65  
1/03/2013, Galesburg, Ill.

**ROWDEN**, Mildred, '65  
1/08/2012, Murphysboro, Ill.

**SHOTTON**, Jane K., '65  
11/27/2012, Valparaiso, Ind.

**YAUORNIK**, Kendra E., '65  
11/04/2012, Princeville, Ill.

**CORBITT**, Lonnie L., M.S. '66  
1/08/2013, El Paso, Texas

**HARSY**, Charles G. "Dutch", '66  
12/13/2012, Du Quoin, Ill.

**O'DELL**, Carolyn Edgar, '66  
11/08/2012, Fairfax, Va.

**SCHAEFER**, Robert W. "Rock", M.S.Ed. '66  
11/23/2012, Lebanon, Ill.

**YORK**, Judith A., '66, M.S.Ed. '76, Ph.D. '82  
11/14/2012, Mount Vernon, Ill.

**ERVIN**, Wanda H., '68  
11/26/2012, Villa Ridge, Ill.

**GANNON**, Terrence J., '68  
11/11/2012, St. Pete Beach, Fla.

**GIESEKE**, Dennis L. "Tex", ex. '68  
12/27/2012, DeSoto, Texas

**GRIMES**, Inez V., '68  
12/11/2012, West Frankfort, Ill.

**NEEF**, Norine M. Hanrahan, '68  
12/29/2012, Lemont, Ill.

**AMDOR**, Michael W., '69  
12/03/2012, Urbana, Ill.

**CONIGLIO**, Sharon G., '69, M.S.Ed. '74  
12/01/2012, Ava, Ill.

**EVANS**, Carroll E., M.S. '69  
1/24/2013, Carrollton, Ga.

**KOLOM**, Dale E., '69  
11/30/2012, Chicago, Ill.

**LONG**, James R., '69  
10/30/2012, Lake City, Fla.

**TURNER**, William R. "Tim", M.S.Ed. '69  
12/29/2012, Pekin, Ill.

**WEININGER**, Richard E., '69  
12/28/2012, Tunnel Hill, Ill.

**DOMINECK**, Carolyn K. "Miss D.", '70  
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**KIMBALL**, Kent R., '70  
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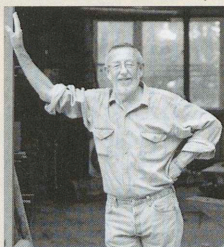
**LATCH**, Dr. Darrell E., '70  
1/01/2013, Tuscola, Ill.

**NIEBURG**, Warren E., Ph.D. '70  
11/02/2012, Camdenton, Mo.

**PATEL**, Pamela A., '70  
8/19/2012, Glendale Heights, Ill.

## L. Brent Kington; SIU Metalsmithing Legend

**L** Brent Kington, who taught metalsmithing at the SIU Carbondale School of Art and Design from 1961 to 1997 and served as chairperson from 1987 until his retirement, died in February at the age of 78. He leaves a



Kington leaves a wonderful legacy of former students.

included venues across America and abroad.

Throughout his career the influential Southern instructor was honored with numerous awards. Perhaps the most important came in 2006 when an anonymous donor established a permanent "L. Brent Kington Chair" at the School of Art and Design at SIU with a \$1 million endowment.

Kington is survived by his wife, Diana, and children Tod Kington, and Brooke Sherritt. Memorials may be made to the Brent Kington Metalsmith Scholarship Endowed Fund at the SIU Foundation.



**SICKERT**, James L. "Jim", '70  
11/19/2012, Lawndale, Calif.

**BARRINGTON**, Thomas M., '71  
11/20/2012, Austin, Texas

**GRIFFITH**, Karla M., '71  
1/02/2013, Snoqualmie, Wash.

**HORSFALL**, Robert S., '71  
11/17/2012, Greenville, Ill.

**MCGUINNESS**, Ph. D., Daniel M., M.A. '71  
11/18/2012, Baltimore, Md.

**POHL**, Sharon R., '71  
11/11/2012, Carbondale, Ill.

**SHELTON**, Regina M., '71  
1/05/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

**STEELE**, Dan A., '71  
10/31/2012, Falls Church, Va.

**BENOIT**, Mark A., '72  
11/10/2012, Limestone Township, Ill.

**BUSCH JR.**, William A., '72  
1/21/2013, Joliet, Ill.

**MEHRTENS**, William E. "Bill", '72  
12/10/2012, Carbondale, Ill.

**POLK**, Diana Blackwell, '72  
12/22/2012, East Moline, Ill.

**ALLEN**, John L., '73  
1/15/2013, Ottawa, Ill.

**DAUBS**, Norva P., '73  
12/16/2012, Mason City, Ill.

**KOHAN**, Thomas L. "Tom", '73  
11/02/2012, Phoenix, Ariz.

**KOHLBACHER**, George "Rick", '73  
12/26/2012, Makanda, Ill.

**SCHNEIDER**, John R. "Jay", '73, M.S.Ed. '75  
12/15/2012, Oklahoma City, Okla.

**FARROW**, Richard G. "Dick", '74, M.S. '78  
1/26/2013, Alton, Ill.

**HENKES**, Mark S., '74  
1/02/2013, Snoqualmie, Wash.

**MOZLIN**, Laurel J., '74  
11/14/2012, Kenosha, Wis.

**ROE**, Emmett B., '74, M.D. '78  
11/27/2012, Sheffield, Ala.

**STILL**, Joseph T., M.B.A. '74  
11/07/2012, Tulsa, Okla.

**WILLIAMS**, Dale W., '74  
1/05/2013, Waltonville, Ill.

**HELMUS**, Andrew W., '75  
12/09/2012, Wolf Lake, Ill.

**SANDERS**, Jerry L., '75  
12/20/2012, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**KOWALSKI**, Valerie J. "Val", M.S. '76, Ph.D. '78  
1/06/2013, Roanoke, Va.

**OEHLERT**, Allen J., J.D. '76  
12/30/2012, Chatham, Ill.

**SISK**, Marjorie J. "Janice", M.S.Ed. '78  
11/09/2012, Springfield, Ill.

**AKUNA SR.**, Paul, '79  
8/06/2012, Joplin, Mo.

**MOSCHINO**, Gail A., '79  
11/26/2012, West Frankfort, Ill.

**COSTELLO JR.**, William B., '81  
11/12/2012, Cocoa Beach, Fla.

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## Campus Visit Rekindles His Days At SIU

by Floyd Smith

I returned to Southern Illinois University in 2012, marking the first time I had been to Carbondale in more than 15 years. Planning to travel to Illinois from Florida for a large family reunion, I decided to work in a stop at my alma mater. I had earlier attended the SIU Alumni Association's Central Florida Chapter picnic and met Association representative Zack Sapienza. He told me if I returned for a visit, he would make sure I received a tour of campus.

After the reunion, I headed to Carbondale and arrived late in the evening. Using some past knowledge, I drove around campus, found many of the older buildings, and noticed many new ones as well. I stopped at the Dairy Queen on Illinois Avenue to once again enjoy a Dilly Bar from that memorable location, and as I looked down the street, nothing seemed the same. Places I knew when I was a student were now parking lots. What I remembered was much different than what I now saw. Closing my eyes, I took a moment to recall the Golden Gauntlet and many other places that were gone.

A train rolled past while I was at the Dairy Queen, making me think of riding back and forth between home and campus many years ago. But so much else on Illinois Avenue had changed; even the train station was in a different location. I left the strip and made my way to my motel, driving past several places I had lived as a student. So much had changed and so little looked the same.

The next morning I arrived at the SIU Alumni Association office in Colyer Hall. Staff member Brent Zelten greeted me and began a walking tour in the direction of Thompson Woods. This was the first mix of present day scenery and past images that stirred my senses. Memories quickly came back, and I didn't realize how special this tour would become. Brent and Zack would provide modern knowledge of the campus that combined with my historical memories, and turned into one of the finest visits I could imagine.

After Thompson Woods, we walked through the trails behind the Student Center. I can remember sleepless nights when I would walk on campus and in the woods taking night pictures with my camera. Brent explained that a storm in 2009

had knocked down much of the woods, but that for almost every tree affected, a new tree had been planted. The wooded areas of campus were always places to distract me from the job of being a student. I hope they still are for today's students.

We exited the north entrance of the Student Center, and Brent noted new buildings under construction. How time had changed! When I started college, some of those offices were housed in structures made up of no more than tar paper-covered shacks. I used to line up and pay my quarter tuition, activity, and book fee of \$80.50 at the Bursar's Office each quarter. Brent said with a laugh that it is a "little more than that now!"

We soon walked over to the hallowed ground where Old Main once stood. I was glad to see that the statue of the boy and girl (Paul and Virginia) under the umbrella still stands. I had classes in Old Main and also worked there. Among precious items at home are two bricks from Old Main that are still quite important to me.

Glancing across main campus, I saw Shryock Auditorium, where I enjoyed plays, "way off" Broadway shows, and other events. As we reached the corner of campus, I stood for a moment to remember the Home Economics Building and Woody Hall (a girl's dorm when I was there) before starting our walk to the renovated Morris Library. When I was on campus, the library was an all yellow brick structure with grand glass

windows on the front. Now the modern facility is filled with students reading, eating and drinking in an impressive coffee shop, and enjoying the complimentary Wi-Fi for their computers.

We visited the Hall of Presidents on the library's main floor, looking at portraits of past campus leaders. In one corner was President Deylete Morris, the man certainly in charge when I was a student and the person who did so much to lead this campus to the world-class institution it is now.

We finished our stroll at the Communications Building. One of the few roommates I had was a communications major, and I appeared in a movie he made as an instructional film on how to clean a gun. Brent mentioned famous alumni from that college, including current television and film star Jim Belushi. I wondered if his brother, John's, visits to Carbondale might have possibly served as an inspiration for his character in *Animal House*.

"Memories quickly came back, and I didn't realize how special this tour would become."

Zack and Brent took me to lunch at Tres Hombres, a location I recalled only as Little Brown Jug or LBJ's. We had a wonderful lunch, and I was able to find out about some of the many programs currently doing great things at SIU. That made me reflect on how alumni might be able support their alma mater in ways other than financial donations. Many of us have much to share besides money we do not have.

After lunch I headed east of Carbondale in the direction of Crab Orchard. Driving through the old VTI campus where I spent two years, I saw that it was now overgrown, and most buildings were gone. I stood where main classrooms once were housed, glanced in the direction where the Student Center once stood, and found where my former Army Construction housing unit was located. (We called our part of that twin two-floor building "Southern Comfort.") In the dining hall in those days we had to wear a suit and tie for Sunday dinner, but there was a saving grace: at least cars were allowed there. I admit that my heart fell a bit when I looked around and most of what I saw of my life from those days was cleared areas and tall weeds.

I was on the VTI campus to obtain my technical degree in 1967, relocated to SIU's main campus for a four-year program, and was in Carbondale during social upheaval such as the Tet Offensive, the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy, and the days of rage following the Kent State event. But I was also at SIU to witness great things.

I watched Walt Frazier lead the basketball team to an NIT Championship, watched the football team pull off a huge upset over Tulsa (after that win the goalpost at McAndrew somehow "fell" down), saw Bucky Fuller, and met countless people who influenced my life.



Smith was surprised how much things had changed on campus, but eventually memories of his time in Carbondale overtook his senses. "Among precious items I have at home are two bricks from Old Main," he says. "Those are still quite important to me."

By contacting the SIU Alumni Association office, I experienced a much better day on campus than I would have had on my own. Many people have told me that such an effort by their staff is common practice, so the next time you are in Carbondale, see if the Association can help you as well.

Believe me, coming back to Southern will restore – *and refresh* – memories you might be surprised are still inside of you. I do not think I can ever say thank you enough for experiencing that again myself.

– *Smith is a 1967 VTI graduate, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, and is retired in Thonotosassa, Fla.*

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

## 1960s

**Polly Mitchell '64** has practiced papercutting design, or scherenschnitte – German for “paper cuts” – since 1970. “I call it painting with paper,”

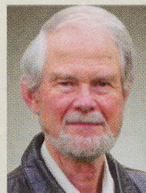


Mitchell told the *Southern Illinoisian* newspaper. Polly has experimented with many styles of the art form, developing a unique style for her “elaborate scenes with stunning detail” that tell a story. She and her husband, **Marion '58, M.S.Ed. '63**, a crafter who bends cherry and walnut

boards to make baskets, conduct demonstrations of their work around the country dressed in period clothing from the mid-18th century to the mid-19th century.

**Tony Calabrese '65** is creating the Shawnee Hills Craftsmen’s Guild. The venue will be divided into distinct areas, with emphasis placed on the era of Calabrese’s antique tool collection, which will be used there. Calabrese, an SIU kinesiology instructor, is the owner of Shawnee Hill Antique Bed & Breakfast in Cobden, Ill.

**Joseph Robinette’s A Christmas Story, The Musical** premiered on Broadway during the holiday season to critical acclaim. Robinette M.A. '66,



Ph.D. '72 is professor emeritus at Rowan University. He taught speech and theater there for 34 years prior to his 2005 retirement when he headed to Broadway. Robinette’s first acting role was with legendary horror film superstar Boris Karloff in the stage adaptation of *On Borrowed Time* in 1950. While a doctoral student at Southern, he directed six summer productions and appeared in shows with Dennis Franz (*NYPD Blues*) and David Selby (*Dark Shadows*).

Capital Forensics Inc. added **William Bradish '68** to its team of experts supporting arbitration and compliance for the securities industry. Bradish has more than 40 years of experience in the insurance industry and professional leadership. He has been the principal of his own successful insurance agency, Bradish Associates Ltd., for the last 20 years.

Dr. **Jeff Haggenjos A.T. '69, '72, M.S. '74** was inducted into the New Lexington (Ohio) High School Hall of Fame. Haggenjos has been the New Lexington team physician since 1987 and has had a family practice in the village since 1979.

## 1970s

**Arthur Kaliski '70**, the owner of MILWIND LLC, presented the talk “Wind Energy in



Cities and on Buildings” at the Advanced Energy 2012 Conference. The MILWIND turbine, “Sculpture That Generates Electricity,” was also displayed at the conference. MILWIND is a patented vertical-axis wind turbine that incorporates a 98 percent efficient speed increaser to improve performance. Kaliski has long been involved with energy conservation and the protection of the environment.

**Jo Poshard '71**, director of The Poshard Foundation for

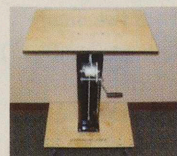
Abused Children, was awarded the Champions for Children award during the annual statewide Director’s Conference for the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Illinois (CACI). Poshard co-founded the foundation with her husband, SIU President **Glenn Poshard '70, M.S.Ed. '75, Ed.D. '84**.

**Bruno Dacanay '72**, an auditor in the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board’s Office of Inspector General, has been honored with an “Award for



Excellence” in recognition of outstanding contributions toward meeting the agency’s mission. An independent federal agency headquartered in Chicago, the RRB administers the \$10.9 billion-a-year benefit programs provided under the Federal Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Acts covering the nation’s railroad work force and their families.

**Chuck Hanner A.T. '73** created the Charlie Lift, which cranks cabinets up to the desired height without

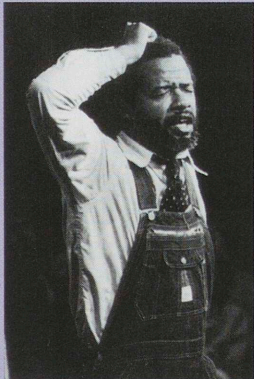


users having to bear their weight. The cabinets can then be screwed into place. Hanner formed Sidney, Ill.-based Hanner Construction in 1977. He designed the Charlie Lift to make kitchen remodeling easier and less likely to damage the cabinets and their installers. Learn more at [www.charlielift.com](http://www.charlielift.com).

**Helen Barrick '74** was honored as a 2012 “Women to Watch” award winner by the Illinois CPA Society and American Institute of CPAs. The award recognizes and celebrates women who have promoted a work environment that provides opportunities for the successful integration of

## O’Neal’s Papers Opened For Research At Tulane

The papers of **John O’Neal Jr. '62** – African-American actor, director, playwright, and community and civil rights activist – have been opened for research by Amistad Research Center at Tulane University, the nation’s largest independent archives specializing in the history of African-Americans and other ethnic groups.



John O’Neal

The papers are of interest for studying the southern Black Arts Movement and more specifically the Black Theater Movement; the Free Southern Theater; the Civil Rights Movement, particularly in the southern states and New Orleans; voter rights registration; race relations; literature; and community organizing.

O’Neal of Mound City, Ill., retired in 2011 as artistic director of Junebug Productions Inc. in New Orleans. In 1980, O’Neal founded Junebug Productions and began touring in a series of original plays based on a mythic character named Junebug Jabbo Jones, the embodiment of a wise, down-home everyman. For more than 30 years, the company has toured the country and performed internationally.

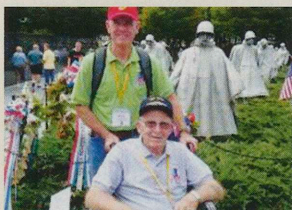
O’Neal helped established the Free Southern Theater (FST) in 1963, which would later become Junebug Productions. The theater relocated from Mississippi and established its headquarters in New Orleans in 1965. O’Neal’s connection to SIU is deep, as his father, John Sr., earned his master’s in education here in 1957, and two siblings are alumni: Pamela Moody '70 and Wendell O’Neal '65.

their personal and professional lives and the advancement of women to positions of leadership. Barrick of Peoria, Ill., is an audit partner with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.

**Dean Rouso '74** is active in community organizations in La Grange, Ill., including the LeaderShop, which offers mentoring and leadership programs for elementary through high school-aged youth. Rouso is the director of sales development at Baird & Warner La Grange, and is the principal realtor of the Dean Rouso Home Team.



Sgt. **Mark "Skip" Cosgrove '75, M.S.Ed. '84** escorted his father-in-law, Stewart Fairall, on the Veterans' Honor Flight Chicago on Oct. 3, 2012. Fairall was chosen to participate in respect for his naval service in the South Pacific during the atomic war testing period after



World War II. Cosgrove, a United States Marine Corps and Vietnam veteran, is shown here with Fairall at the Korean War Memorial, Washington, D.C. Cosgrove spent 29 years at SIU's Plant and Service Operations, where he coordinated the University's ADA compliance projects. He also spent 21 years as a member of the Saluki softball coaching staff.

**Tim Ricci '76, M.S.Ed. '87** served as 2012 grand marshal of the Frankfort Community High School Homecoming Parade in West Frankfort, Ill. Ricci retired from the school in 2010 after 35 years teaching health, physical education, and driver's ed. While a student at



the school, Ricci set a career scoring record of 1,708 points, which still stands. At Southern, he started in basketball for three years and was captain of the team his senior year, a squad that was ranked 20th in the nation on defense.

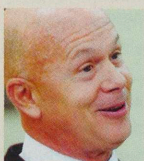
**Steven Driese '77** was named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is professor and chair of the department of geology at Baylor University. Election as a Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers.

**Connie McMullen '78** is the editor and co-publisher, with her husband, Chris, of *Senior Spectrum Newspaper*, Nevada's news source for senior services. The newspaper is celebrating its 20th year of business. McMullen has worked as a volunteer senior advocate for the city of Reno, and served on Nevada's Strategic Plan Accountability Committee for Senior Citizens and the Senior Services Task Force.

Carbondale attorney **Mike Wepsiec '78** stepped down as



Jackson County State's Attorney, a position he held for 19 years. Wepsiec prosecuted more than 200 cases since he was appointed state's attorney in 1993. He continues to practice law in Jackson County. He



was replaced by **Mike Carr '74, J.D. '79**, who won election to the position last year. Carr

is a former board member at both the SIU Alumni Association and the SIU Foundation.

**Susan Dacy '79** performs "barnstorming" aerobatic stunts in her Stearman, "Big Red," a highly modified WWII era biplane. The American Airlines pilot has logged more than 28,000 hours of flight in her 35-plus years in the air.

**William Enyart J.D. '79** is the U.S. Representative for Illinois's 12th congressional district. The SIU Alumni



Association life member was elected to replace Jerry Costello, who served since 1988. Enyart, of Belleville, retired last June from his position as 37th adjutant general of the Illinois National Guard. He retired with more than 35 years in the military.

## 1980s

**Gregory Griffin '80**, president and owner of Griffin Advisory Services, was selected as an Honored Member of the Covington Who's Who Executive and Professional Registry. The selection recognizes Griffin's commitment to excellence in finance, insurance, and investments.

**Stephen Katsinas M.A. '81, Ph.D. '86** won the highest faculty honor at the University of



Alabama, the 2012 Blackmon-Moody Outstanding Professor Award, for extraordinary research contributions. Katsinas is a professor of higher education in the department of educational leadership, policy, and technology studies in the College of Education, and director of UA's Education Policy Center since 2005.

Sculptor **Mark Toncray '82** co-founded the Blueberry View Artist Retreat, a not-for-profit, no-cost, artist retreat with his partner, Janet Sullivan, M.F.A. School of the Art Institute of Chicago. A typical stay is two weeks from May to November. "The artists are extremely grateful for this period of concentrated effort," says Toncray, executive director of the residency. For more information, go to [www.blueberryview.org](http://www.blueberryview.org).

**Kevin Kuhlmann '83** was the faculty recipient of the Metropolitan State University of Denver's 2012 Distinguished Service Award. Kuhlmann is a professor of aviation and aerospace science at MSU and an active lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He mentors aviation students, MSU Denver students in ROTC, and graduates serving or completing duty in the military. When Kuhlmann was called to active duty in the Middle East, he stayed in regular contact with the university and continued to help students with their advising and career-development needs.

**Pete Polarek '83** is chief of the Sycamore (Ill.) Fire Department. Previous to his 2012 appointment, he served as assistant fire chief for two years. Prior, he spent 27 years with the DeKalb Fire Department, holding a variety of positions from firefighter and paramedic to chief.

Brig. Gen. **H. Brent Baker Sr. '84** was awarded a second star. He is the commander of the Ogden Air Logistics Complex at



Hill AFB, Utah. Baker entered the Air Force in 1979 as an enlisted member and was commissioned in 1985 through Officer Training School after graduating from Southern.

**Don Gulley '84, '87** is vice president of regulatory and market affairs for Sunflower

Electric Power Corporation. Sunflower operates as a cooperative that supplies wholesale generation and transmission services to its six members, which serve approximately 400,000 people living in central and western Kansas.

**Cheryl Green M.A. '85, Ph.D. '96** is assistant vice president for student affairs at Tennessee State University. A Chicago native with more than 20 years of experience in higher education and student affairs, Green oversees the TSU Health Center, Counseling Center, and Floyd-Payne Campus Center.

**Karla Horn '86** was promoted to associate director for

ground, sea, and other programs in the "investment directorate" at the Pentagon where she will oversee the acquisition



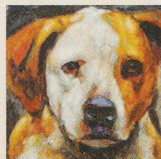
of ships and vehicles for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

Previously Horn, a budget professional, worked on the \$11 billion account that funds the Afghan army and police, the Afghan Security Forces Fund and, before that, the Iraq Security Forces Fund.

After nearly 35 years of service in several different university positions, **Susan Logue**

**A.A.S. '86, '92** retired in October. She began her SIU career in 1975 as a Morris Library student assistant and later served as a digital imaging librarian, director of instructional support services, and associate dean for support services. Logue was appointed as acting professor for academic administration and the associate dean of library affairs.

**Mark Barone M.F.A. '87** is creating 5,500 paintings of dogs to raise funds for no-kill animal shelters and foster



groups to save animals from kill shelters.

Barone started the project "An Act of Dog" with Marina Dervan. The two plan to find a permanent museum to display the paintings to create a lasting fund for no-kill shelters.

**Dr. Richard Zimmerman '87** is a member of the Marshall Browning Hospital Board of Directors in DuQuoin, Ill.

Zimmerman is a chiropractor and board-certified chiropractic sports physician.

Zimmerman is also the owner of Doc Z's Fitness in DuQuoin.

**Dr. Brian Adrian '89, Ph.D. '94** took a medical mission trip to work with Hearts for Honduras, delivering primary care services to rural parts of Honduras. Adrian practices at Rush-Copley Medical Group in Aurora, Ill., where he is a family medicine physician providing comprehensive health care for all ages. He is especially interested in asthma, diabetes, and caring for children.

Sculptor **Frank Brown '89** returned to the region in October as part of the E.T. (Extra Talented) Come Home program of Carbondale Community Arts, which included displays of the work of "four extraordinary teaching artists." Brown visited children in the "I Can Read!" program. The Minneapolis-St. Paul artist, who

was the focus of March's *Southern Alumni* cover story, showed slides of his artwork and told the children about the motifs in the work, as well as where the pieces are displayed.

Purdue Calumet Professor of Communication **Theresa Carilli Ph.D. '89** co-edited a second published book with her colleague, English professor Jane Campbell. *Challenging Images of Women in the Media: Reinventing Women's Lives* is a compilation of 15 articles examining the status of women as depicted by the media, including one written by Carilli of Oak Park, Ill.

River Forest (Ill.) Fire Chief

**Jim Eggert '89** received the professional designation of Chief Fire Officer by the Commission on Professional Credentialing. Eggert is one of 47 chiefs statewide and 864 worldwide to earn the designation, which recognizes experience, competency, education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, and a commitment to community involvement.

**Timothy Kaufman M.S.Ed. '89**, chair of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay's Professional Program in



Education, is director of the university's Institute for Learning Partnership. While at Southern, he

worked with undergraduate and graduate students with learning disabilities and dyslexia, building systems to ensure their success as they progressed toward their degrees.

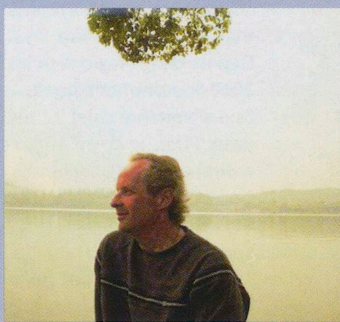
## 1990s

**Willie Hey Ph.D. '91** wrote the novel *Death of Campus Life*, set on the fictional campus of Jefferson State University in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in the

## Changes With China's Youth

"Several years ago, China's youth noiselessly instigated a social revolution," says **Chuck Wheeler '81**.

"Armed with smartphones, Weibo (China's Twitter) Renren (China's Facebook), QQ (China's Instant Messaging and citizen news service), more than 300 million young people, who are affluent, with tens of billions of dollars in disposable income, have access to society's upper echelons, but yet they remain relatively unknown. Who are they?"



Chuck Wheeler

This is the question Wheeler answers in his book *Raising Their Voices: Wang Dai - China's Net Generation*, a collection of the writing and cultural observations of Chinese youth. Since 2007, he has been living in China, where he teaches poetry

appreciation, writing, journalism, literature, and cultural studies. "I have seen firsthand the incredible changes that have swept over this rapidly transforming ancient land," he says.

The book is available at Amazon.com. Wheeler also posts to CNN International's *Life in China*, <http://ireport.cnn.com/people/chinavibe>, including selections from *Raising Their Voices* as well as additional information on China's net generation. Wheeler has worked as the managing editor and lead writer for an English language magazine and weekly newspaper on the east coast of China. He has also worked for China's education, information, and tourism ministries.

## College Life 101

The Rev. **Michael McDonald M.P.A. '84** has written the books *College Life 101: The Roadmap for the Successful College Experience* and *College Life 101: A guide for Christian College Students*. A scholar with a background in diversity and public interest law, he is an adjunct professor with the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Cumberland



The Rev. Michael McDonald

University in Lebanon, Tenn., and a professor of political science at Volunteer State Community College. McDonald, an ordained minister, serves on the national advisory board for the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). Selected from a pool of more than 500 educators nationwide, he acts as a member of the civil rights organization's Teaching Tolerance Advisory Board.

University in Lebanon, Tenn., and a professor of political science at Volunteer State Community College. McDonald, an ordained minister, serves on the national

northeast corner of Alabama. The book features Professor Van Celso, who is accused of killing coeds. Hey is a professor in the department of kinesiology, recreation, and sport at Western Kentucky University.

**Jonathan Peters '91** is



president of the Illinois Baptist State Association. Peters is senior pastor of First

Baptist Church in Columbia, Ill.

Associate Professor **Gregg Woodruff '92, M.A. '93** is chairperson of the accounting and



finance department at Western Illinois University in Macomb.

Woodruff was awarded the WIU Honoring Our Professors of Excellence (HOPE) award in 2009 and 2012.

Real estate broker **Julie Davis '93, M.B.A. '94** was selected by the Girl Scouts of Central Illinois as the 2012 Springfield Diamonds honoree,

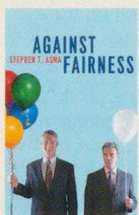
an annual award that recognizes a community leader who exemplifies the Girl Scout values of courage, confidence, and character.

**Teresa Katubig '93** and **Monica Traughber '07** have become certified payroll professionals at Extra Help Inc., an employment, payroll, and work-force services company based in Illinois. Katubig is director of payroll services and Extra Help's CEO. Katubig opened Extra Help in 1995 and started Extra Help Payroll Services in 2001. Traughber has been an implementation and time-keeping specialist at Extra Help since 2008.

**Sherry Strain Ph.D. '93** was named the 2012 recipient of the Margaretta Belin Chamberlin Chair Award for Distinguished Faculty Service at Keystone College in La Plume, Pa. Strain has served in many positions, including chairwoman of the faculty senate, faculty associate to the dean of the college, director of outcomes assessment, senior director of institutional effectiveness, and director of theater.

**Stephen Asma Ph.D. '94**

has written the book *Against Fairness*, arguing that favoritism, not fairness, provides a more realistic and, surprisingly, more peacemaking approach to life. Asma is distinguished scholar and professor of philosophy in the department of humanities at Columbia College Chicago as well as fellow of the research group in mind, science, and culture.



Mascoutah (Ill.) Elementary School Kindergarten teacher



**Stacy Hoelscher '94** received the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

**Rhonda Park Uber**

**M.S.Ed. '94** is director of the student center and auxiliary services at Pueblo Community College. Uber most recently was director of housing operations at Colorado State University-Pueblo.

Life member **Matt Gregory '95, Ph.D. '09** is national president of the Association of Student Conduct



Administrators. Gregory is associate dean of students and director of student advocacy and accountability at Louisiana State University. His primary career focus is on student behavior resolution, conflict resolution, mediation, and behavior intervention assessment.

Illinois State Police promoted Trooper **Kerry Sutton**

**J.D. '95** to the rank of sergeant. Sutton is assigned to the director's office as legal counsel. Before joining the Illinois State Police, he served two terms as the White County State's Attorney.

**Deborah Eicher-Catt Ph.D. '96**,

associate professor of communication arts and sciences at Penn State York, is the recipient of the Pennsylvania Communication Association (PCA) 2012 Donald H. Ecroyd Research and Scholarship Award. The award honors a commitment to and a sustained record of research or publication in the field of communication.



**Chris Ford '96** is the director of program development for Oasis Systems, a provider of high-technology solutions and services to the Department of Defense. He is a retired U.S. Air Force officer who served more than 21 years as a munitions and missile maintenance officer.

**John Lustig M.F.A. '96** is the new director of the Illinois State Museum Lockport Gallery. Previously, he held positions as the public art manager for Lancaster, Pa., and a dual position at Indiana State University as the director of the permanent art collection and the curator of the university visual collections.

Retired U.S. Navy Capt. **Ed Phillips M.S. '96, Ph.D. '00** presented the keynote address at Southern's Veterans Day ceremony. Phillips spent 15 years in the Navy Reserves and served seven years of active duty. He has worked for United Airlines and is a visiting assistant professor in CASA's aviation management and flight program.

**Dan Hopkins '97** is superintendent at the Glen Ellyn (Ill.) Park District. Prior, Hopkins served five years with the Village of Hinsdale as its superintendent





of parks and horticulture, and six with Salt Lake City Parks and Recreation, which included supervising special events at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

## 2000s

**Michelle Alepra M.D. '02** is medical liaison officer at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill. Alepra addresses needs related to the medical staff office, physician credentialing and privileging, physician-related concerns related to quality of service, and she oversees medical staff office operations. She has been an emergency room physician at St. John's since 2005.

**Brad Hoyt '02** is manager of athletics and intramurals at John Wood Community College in Quincy, Ill. He is also men's head basketball coach. Hoyt has been with JWCC since 1999, serving as student life and athletic specialist, head men's golf coach, assistant men's basketball coach, admissions advisor, and Upward Bound director.

**Jessica Galanos '03, J.D. '08** has joined HeplerBroom LLC in the Springfield, Ill., office as an associate attorney. She has experience in the defense of a wide variety of cases, including cases involving personal injury, commercial claims, products liability, labor law, civil rights claims, medical malpractice, and employment discrimination.

A new book by **Chad Simpson M.F.A. '05** has won the University of Iowa Press'



John Simmons Short Fiction Award. *Tell Everyone I Said Hi*, is a collection of 18 stories

that "roam the small-town playgrounds, blue-collar neighborhoods, and rural highways of Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky to find people who've lost someone or something they love and have not yet found ways to move forward." Simpson is associate professor of English at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill.

**Matthew Miller '05** is a civil engineer and licensed professional land surveyor for Prairie



Engineers of Illinois in Lincoln. He assists in completion of surveys and the planning, design,

and construction of infrastructure projects for local, state, and federal government agencies and private organizations.

**Dawna Hale J.D. '06** is an associate attorney in the Edwardsville, Ill., office of the law firm of Kassir & Carrow LLC.

**Pamela Armstrong '08** is account executive at Red Banyan Group, a Florida public relations agency that specializes in strategic communications counsel, including high-stakes and crisis PR.

**Denton Aud J.D. '08** was elected White County state's attorney. He previously served as assistant state's attorney.

**Arifin Angriawan Ph.D. '09**, assistant professor of strat-



egy at Purdue Calumet, co-authored *Founder-CEOs, External Board Appointments, and the Likelihood of*

*Corporate Turnaround in Declining Firms.*

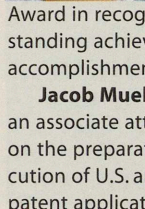
## 2010s

**Kristen Amaya MPAD '10** is veterans coordinator at West Kentucky Community and Technical College. The U.S. Navy veteran previously



served as veterans service coordinator for SIU.

**Seth Vannatta Ph.D. '10** is assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Md., where he received the 2012 University Appreciation



Award in recognition for outstanding achievements and accomplishments in research.

**Jacob Mueller J.D. '11** is an associate attorney focusing on the preparation and prosecution of U.S. and foreign patent applications in the aerospace and mechanical arts fields for Armstrong Teasdale LLP in St. Louis. Mueller also holds a bachelor's in aerospace engineering from Saint Louis University.

**Allison Zilka '11, '11** is a kindergarten teacher and mission coordinator with Finca del Nino in Honduras. Allison, who graduated with a double



degree in philosophy and Spanish, made a 27-month commitment to work as a missionary.

She says the ability to think critically, developed through many courses in philosophy, helps her daily as she navigates a new culture and way of life.

**Rebecca Batterman M.S. '12** has been promoted to program manager at Little



Star Center Inc. of Indiana. The center provides a struc-

tured, sensory-friendly facility where children with autism receive individualized therapeutic intervention.

**Lauren Blumhorst '12** is head volleyball coach at Marion (Ill.) High School where she teaches algebra and calculus. The former Saluki volleyball defensive specialist served in a player-coach role under former SIU Coach Brenda Winkeler in her final season.

Prairie State Bank and Trust hired **Maureen Faller J.D. '12** as its trust officer/corporate attorney.

Air Force Staff Sgt. **Robert Proffitt Jr. '12** rescued a



drowning girl from the ocean after a rip-tide pulled her out too far, according to an Air Force report. Proffitt, who has served

10 years in the military, is a C17 crew chief instructor assigned to the 437th Airlift Wing at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina.

Army Reserves Staff Sgt. **Joshua Rucinski '12** penned the children's book *Alphabugs*, available on Amazon.com. The book features Rucinski's illustrations of bugs living life as humans do every day as teachers, doctors,



and public servants. Each picture is accompanied by a five-word sentence in which each word begins with a corresponding letter from A-Z. The Murphysboro, Ill., father is currently pursuing his master's degree in architecture at Southern.

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10/30/2012, Wyoming, Ill.

**KARGL**, Michael A., '82  
12/11/2012, Princeton, Ill.

**MONTAGUE III**, John J., '82  
12/17/2012, Carbondale, Ill.

**NOVICK**, William P. "Bill," J.D. '82  
12/16/2012, Marion, Ill.

**SCHUTH**, Craig, '82  
10/10/2012, Marana, Ariz.

**WRIGHT SR.**, Victor C., '82  
12/19/2012, Miami, Fla.

**HUMMERT**, Julie A., '83  
12/18/2012, Decatur, Ill.

**BATZEK**, James T., '84  
1/15/2013, Calumet City, Ill.

**DAVIS**, William G., '84  
1/07/2013, Murphysboro, Ill.

**KLEINICK**, John T. "Jack," ex. '84  
1/05/2013, Las Vegas, Nev.

**BERRY**, Bryon J., J.D. '85  
12/27/2012, Warsaw, Ind.

**WILLIAMSON**, Lyndell E., '85  
11/11/2012, O'Fallon, Ill.

**APPLEMAN**, John A. "Tony," '86  
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# A Step Back In Time

## 100 Years Ago...

The Southern Illinois Editorial Association (SIEA) was organized in the mid-1890s and was originally comprised of journalists from the southern third of the state. Since that time, countless SIU alumni have been a part of this organization.

According to the SIEA Web site, "The group met twice each year, and summer outings on Mississippi River packet boats became familiar attractions." At some point, apparently such summer outings had been suspended, as the May 1948 edition of *The Egyptian Editor, Official Bulletin of the Southern Illinois Editorial Association* announced the return of the "famous summer steamboat cruises."

Howe Morgan, publisher of the *Sparta News-Plaindealer*, wrote effusively about the resumption of the cruises. "We'll enjoy the fine meals ... we'll hobnob together in close confinement and talk shop for hours," he wrote. "No doubt there will be some card games and perhaps a few more games of chance. We'll dance to the tune of the orchestra and sleep the sleep of the just. If I had the persuasive power of a Billy Sunday, I'd convince every newspaper neophyte in southern Illinois that he should be on board."

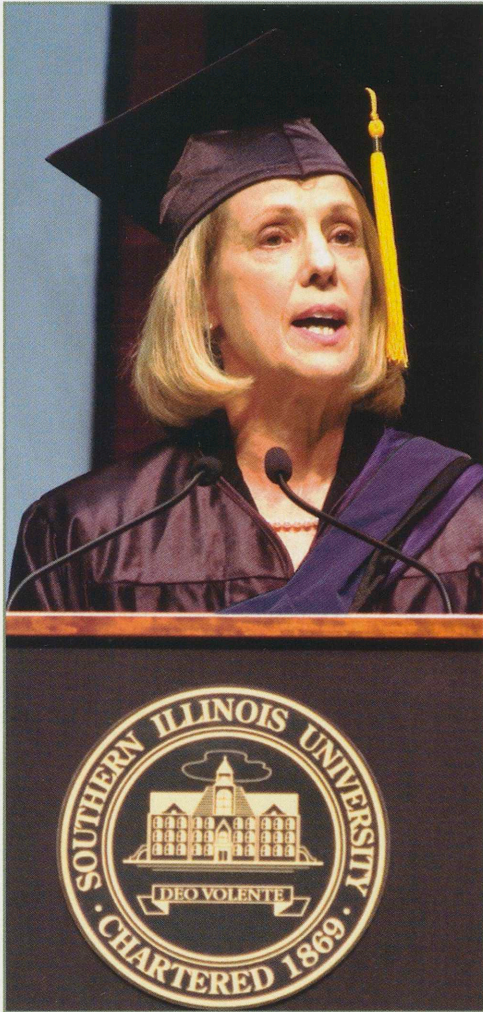
This photo features some of the members at a September 1912 SIEA outing on the steamer *Illinois*, which traveled from St. Louis to Peoria.



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# *Bullard Keynote Speaker At December Commencement*

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Bullard says speaking to December graduates was a highlight for her. "It was an uplifting event and a reminder of what a great accomplishment it is to earn a college degree."

*M*arcia Bullard '74 returned as the keynote speaker at SIU Carbondale's December commencement. The recently retired president and CEO of *USA WEEKEND* – with a circulation of 23 million – was a founding editor of the publication and has worked for more than 36 years as a CEO, publisher, editor, and reporter in national and local media.

The veteran journalist says being with recent SIU graduates was a wonderful experience.

"Speaking at the commencement ceremony was a highlight for me," she says. "It was a true honor to be asked by Chancellor Rita Cheng, and I was so moved by the graduates and their families; they had such joy and pride in their accomplishments. It was an uplifting event and a reminder of what a great accomplishment it is to earn a college degree."

Bullard began in the newspaper business at age 17 as a reporter with the *State Journal-Register* in Springfield, Ill., and later became a reporter and editor at the Rochester, N.Y. *Democrat & Chronicle*. She was honored with a President's Volunteer Service Award by the White House in 2005, was named Revlon Business Woman of the Year in 1998, was a two-time recipient of Gannett's top award for executives, and twice served as a judge for the Miss America contest.

The Washington, D.C., resident is an SIU Distinguished Alumni Award recipient and SIU's 1987 Journalism Alumna of the Year. She is a member of the SIU Mass Communication and Media Arts Advisory Board and served as co-chair of the Communications Courtyard fundraising campaign to help create new schol-

arships and funds purchases of state-of-the-art equipment for the school.

She also proudly supports Southern as a member of the SIU Alumni Association.

"After supporting the University over the years by establishing a scholarship in the College of Mass Communications and Fine Arts, I also decided to assist my alma mater by joining the SIU Alumni Association.

"My membership helps support current student initiatives and keeps me connected to SIU – two things that are quite important to me."

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## Every Saluki has a story.



March 2013 marks the 10th anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. It was an event many Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom veterans like myself will most likely recall with many memories that are good, bad, or indifferent. One favorable recollection I would like to share is how Southern Illinois University Carbondale helped me continue my education during a time of stress and uncertainty.

After receiving my official notice to deploy to – then an "unknown location" – and calculating that I had 22 hours from official notification to "wheels-up," the second call I made after calling my wife was to my SIU Satellite Office Director at Fairchild Air Force Base, Wash. I informed him that I was to deploy for an indefinite amount of time, and I would like to finish the two classes I was enrolled in. He understood the situation, informed my instructors, and

developed a plan for me to be able to continue my classes. I was able to accomplish this goal, as after convoy missions were concluded for the day, I would complete my assignments via e-mail to my instructors.

When I returned home to Spokane, Wash., I re-engaged with SIU to finish my degree and internship. I graduated magna cum laude the following year with a degree in Workforce Education and Development. I have been always very grateful for the flexibility the University gave me during stressful and uncertain times, and my SIU degree has provided many opportunities. After my U.S. Air Force active duty retirement, my education guided me to my current position as a Readjustment Counseling Technician at the Spokane Veterans Center. I am proud to now help combat veterans deal with their reintegration to civilian life after the stress of war.

Thank you again SIU – I will **always** be proud to call myself a Saluki.

**JOE Dumlao, '04**

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