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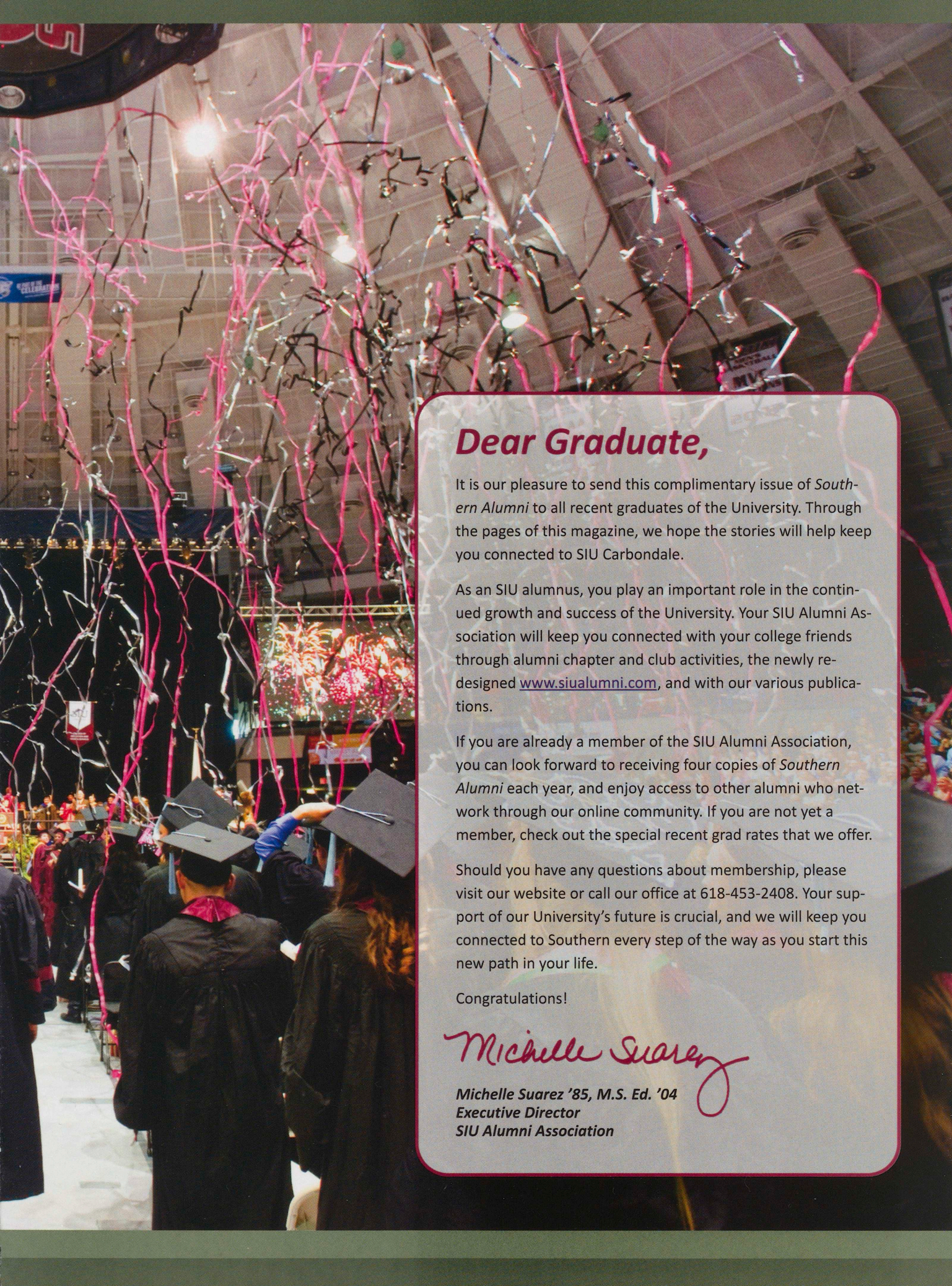
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Of Salukis Into The World

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Dear Graduate,

It is our pleasure to send this complimentary issue of *Southern Alumni* to all recent graduates of the University. Through the pages of this magazine, we hope the stories will help keep you connected to SIU Carbondale.

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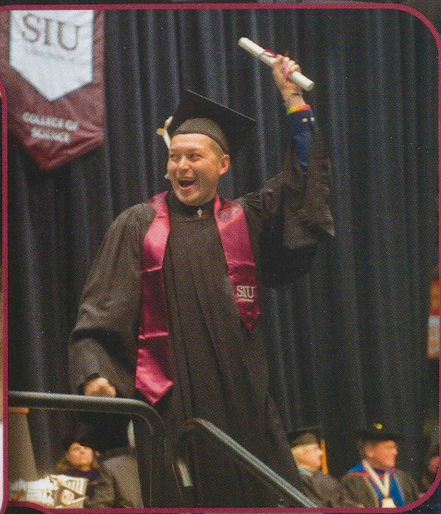
If you are already a member of the SIU Alumni Association, you can look forward to receiving four copies of *Southern Alumni* each year, and enjoy access to other alumni who network through our online community. If you are not yet a member, check out the special recent grad rates that we offer.

Should you have any questions about membership, please visit our website or call our office at 618-453-2408. Your support of our University's future is crucial, and we will keep you connected to Southern every step of the way as you start this new path in your life.

Congratulations!

Michelle Suarez

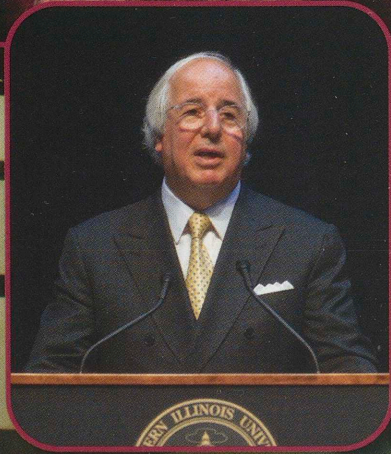
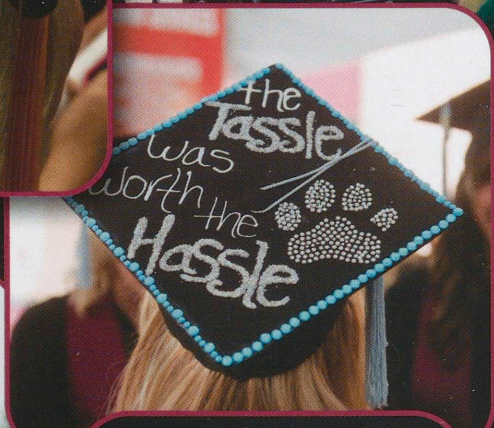
Michelle Suarez '85, M.S. Ed. '04
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Congratulations Graduates!

More than 3,600 candidates for graduation enjoyed the festivities during May 11, 2013 graduation ceremonies. The speaker at the events was Frank Abagnale (lower right), whose life story provided the inspiration for the feature film "Catch Me If You Can." The inaugural "Forever SIU: A Commencement Celebration" was held the night before to honor the members of the Class of 2013 and their families.

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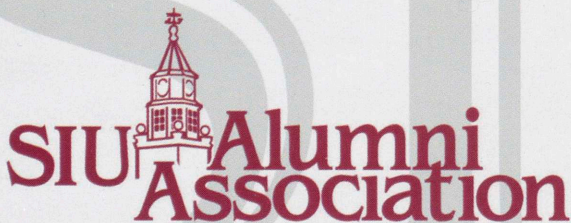
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ON THE COVER

Graduation ceremonies in May made for a festive atmosphere at SIU, as thousands of Salukis celebrated their achievements and began their next step in the world.

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No Sister Act

When Lisa Kandziorski was a little girl, she dreamed of the day she could leave home and go away to college. Being in a wheelchair because of Cerebral Palsy never deterred her from reaching that goal. Now rooming at Southern with her younger sister, Amy, the sisters have formed a closer bond than they ever could have imagined.



On The Job Training

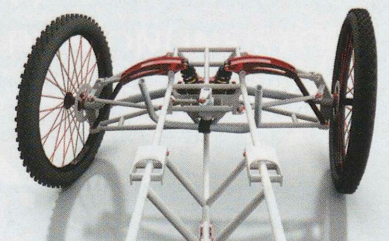
The Extern Program is a time-honored tradition at SIU, pairing students and businesses in a real job environment each spring. Junior and senior students gain invaluable experience by spending a week over spring break with a sponsor that is appropriate to the student's field of study. The result is real world experience – and often a job after they earn their degree.

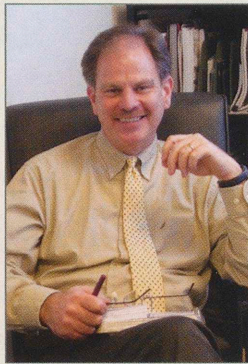
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Moonbuggy Salukis

In competition involving more than 90 high school and college teams from 23 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, India, Germany, Mexico, and Russia in the 20th NASA Great Moonbuggy Race at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center, Salukis took center stage. The SIU team won the prestigious Neil Armstrong Best Design Award, presented for solving engineering problems associated with lunar travel.





by Gene Green

I recently received an email from an alumna regarding a story and online video about two sisters who are roommates at SIU. Nothing so unusual there – at least I thought at the time. When I looked into the situation a little deeper, however, I found something special that I’m proud to share with you in this issue.

Like many young people, Lisa and Amy Kandziorski are at the stage of their lives where gaining more independence is quite important. Lisa, 23, is away from home for the first time in her life, traversing SIU’s large campus in a wheelchair due to complications from Cerebral Palsy. Amy, 19, arrived in Carbondale at the same time to

get an education **and** lend some support, although being her sister’s roommate was not initially the plan.

The first few months in school produced trials, tribulations, and triumphs for the siblings. Lisa did things she had previously only imagined. “Many people with Cerebral Palsy are not able to go to college,” she says. “It’s a big deal for me to be here, and I am determined to grab the opportunity, take advantage of everything school has to offer, and not let anything – or anyone – stop me.”

Lisa soon found profound inner strength, becoming more independent each day. Watching this transformation, Amy was overwhelmed and inspired by “the toughest person I know.” Although they had always been close growing up, she realized that rooming with her older sister was taking the relationship to another level.

To honor Lisa, Amy made a touching video for her as an early Christmas present. I

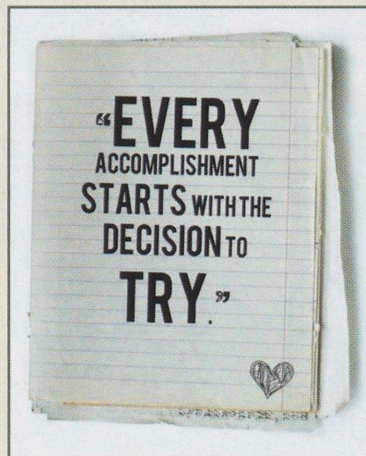


Amy (left) and Lisa Kandziorski have enjoyed their first year at SIU.

hope you will take a moment to watch it at www.siualum.com/sisters, and then read the feature story on page 12 of this edition.

I interview many interesting people each year, and meeting these two young ladies was a real highlight. “Watching Lisa thrive the past year has motivated me so much,” Amy told me. “She never complains about anything – she tackles what she has to do and becomes a bit more fearless each day.”

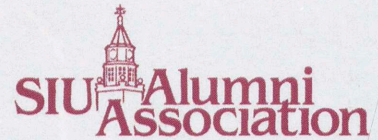
Coming to SIU was a huge step for Lisa, who informed her parents last year that it was time for her to leave home. “I knew it was a big step for me, and it was certainly hard for them, as they had done almost everything for me over the years,” she notes. “Even though I was a bit scared, I felt if I didn’t do it then, that I probably never would.”



Now confident and relaxed on the SIU campus and in the community, Lisa beams as she describes how she has grown during her first year at Southern. A photo on her Facebook page serves as a reminder of her personal progression: “Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try.”

This issue of the magazine is filled with stories of student success, graduation celebration, and young people doing great things. The Kandziorski sisters will someday be on stage themselves with diplomas in hand, and until then I know they will inspire many fellow Salukis along the way.

One year down ladies! We look forward to seeing you back on campus in August. ■



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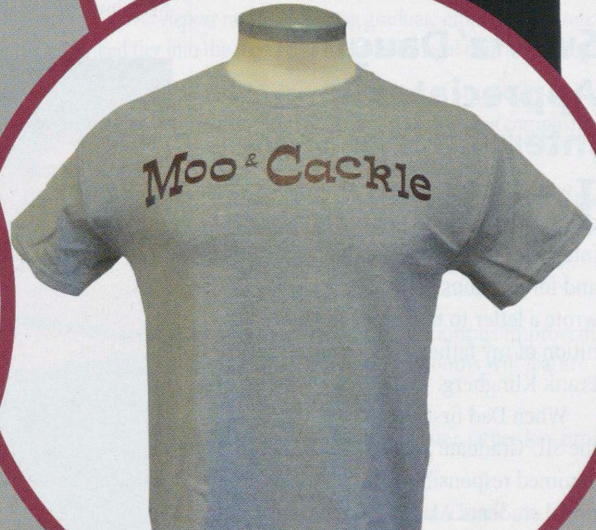
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Jackson Selected A Good Book Subject

I enjoyed your recent article in *Southern Alumni* on John Jackson's book on the late Senator Paul Simon. Jackson selected a good man to research, resurrect, and tell the world about. In



The late Senator Paul Simon.

1950's, I had the pleasure of taking a college course with Simon in Troy, Ill.

There may have been a few, but he was certainly one individual who was honest and clean during his entire political career. I wish Jackson much success in the keeping Simon's reputation and wisdom alive.

Dale Best '69
Virginia Beach, Va.

Swartz' Daughter Appreciates International Story

I want to thank the SIU Alumni Association for its recent article about international students at the University, and for alumnus **John Ziegler** who wrote a letter to the editor to add recognition of my father, Willis Swartz, and Frank Klingberg.

When Dad first became chairman of the SIU Graduate Studies Committee, he assumed responsibility for all the international students. Many of these were graduate students and/or Rotary Scholars. He was also an active Rotarian, and became district governor. My sister, Cynthia '56 literally grew up with these students, and came to know most of them quite well.

They often rehearsed in our home for the many speeches and performances they provided to area organizations. Our kitchen and dining room were always open to help alleviate bouts of homesickness, struggles with English, or just to offer friendly visits!

The last few years of his life, Dad served as SIU Dean of International Students. Credit should also be given to David Kenney, who was his assistant dean of the graduate school, and to Mary Wakeland, his assistant in the Office of International Students.

Barbara Swartz Dickerman
EX '51
Downers Grove, Ill.

Friend Of Angeli's Sends Thanks

In a recent issue of *Southern Alumni*, Primo Angeli '57, M.S. '59 was featured. He was a good friend of mine during our SIU days, and it was good to see that this

Dear Readers...

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

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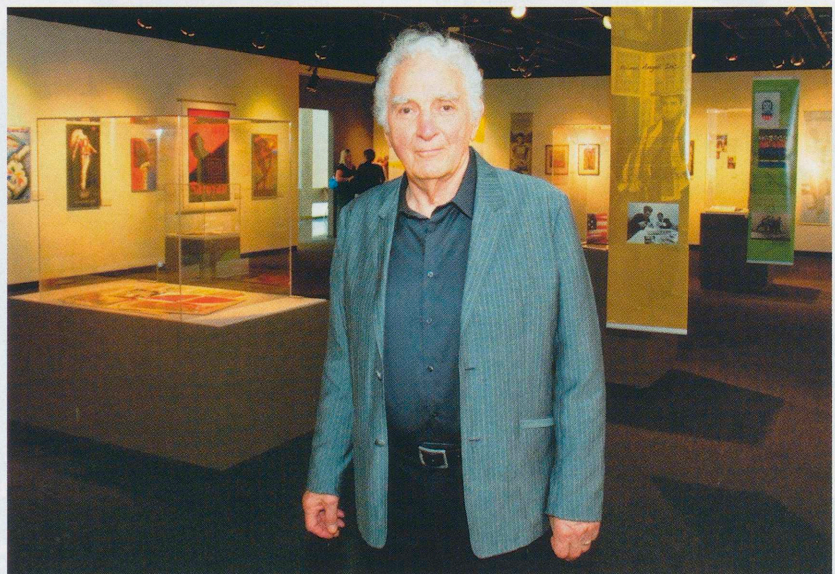
We also invite you to send items and photographs of interest for the class notes section as well as submissions for *Southern Memories*. You can mail this information or send it by email to the above addresses.

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

talented illustrator is still doing well in his profession.

Primo and his wife, Bernadine, sent me a book containing his work during the time they lived in Spoleto, Italy, and I am enjoying it and thank him for sending. I wish my fellow alumnus and friend well.

Bobbie Jones Burns '59
Humble, Texas



Angeli shown at the SIU Museum's 2012 exhibit of his work, titled "Primo Angeli: A Retrospective of Posters, Design and Brand Identity."

Dear Fellow Salukis:

Commencement ceremonies in May brought one journey to a close and marked the beginning of new ones for more than 3,600 students who earned undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees. In the spirit of “once a Saluki, always a Saluki,” we are pleased to welcome these newest members of the alumni family.

The spring semester was full of accomplishments, including very positive national exposure for students and faculty. I want to share some highlights with you:

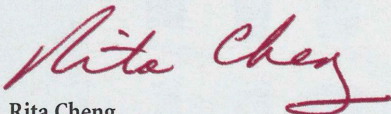
- For the third year in a row, the Flying Salukis are among the top three collegiate precision flight teams in the nation. The team finished third at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association championships, and for a second straight year, Courtney Copping earned top-scoring female competitor honors.
- The Debate Team earned two national championships in the space of one week, making SIU one of only six universities ever to win both national titles in a single year. At the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence, the most prestigious collegiate debate tournament in the country, a coaches’ poll named SIU sophomore Josh Rivera as the top overall debater.
- For the sixth time in the program’s 14-year history, “alt.news 26:46” is the top college television news magazine program in the nation. The student-produced program won the College Television Award during the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Foundation’s 34th annual College Television Awards ceremony in Los Angeles.
- A recent story on NPR about aquaculture’s potential for raising shrimp featured Assistant Professor Jesse Trushenski with the Center for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Sciences. In addition, the Center has drawn the attention of the American Fisheries Society, which is the oldest and largest professional society representing fisheries scientists. Two graduate students, Carlin Fenn and Lucas Nelson, are featured on the cover of the May issue of the Society’s magazine, *Fisheries*. This issue includes an article by Associate Professor Brian Small and graduate student Elliott Kittel on the Center’s sturgeon research.
- *The Chicago Tribune* carried a story on the new documentary, “Never the Same,” by Jan Thompson, associate professor in the Department of Radio, Television, and Digital Media. The documentary, which had its world premiere in Chicago in April, continues Jan’s efforts to tell the stories of World War II veterans who were prisoners of war in the Philippines, which included her father.
- *The Princeton Review’s Guide to 322 Green Colleges: 2013 Edition* includes SIU Carbondale. The book recognizes colleges and universities that demonstrate “a strong commitment to the environment and to sustainability.” This is the University’s second appearance in the green colleges guide.
- Our distance education programs continue to grow in popularity. A recent report from the Illinois Board of Higher Education placed SIU Carbondale second in the state for the number of online enrollments. During the fall 2011 semester, we offered 79 online courses. This spring, that number grew to 154 courses. Course enrollments have nearly tripled during that time period, from 991 in fall 2011 to 2,978 this spring.
- The law school has moved up to the top tier of law programs in the country in *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. Strong graduate employment statistics and a revised methodology by the publication enabled the law school to jump from the unranked tier into the top tier of the nation’s legal education programs.
- Our exciting new publication, “Know,” highlights some of the amazing research from across campus and the unique contributions of our faculty and staff. It is available on my website (chancellor.siu.edu/reports/research.html), and we anticipate publishing future collections featuring more great accomplishments.
- We celebrated the launch of “Pathways to Excellence: A Strategic Plan”, which is available on my website (chancellor.siu.edu/strategic-planning/index.html). The plan is the result of two years of campus-wide effort by steering and at-large committees, which included representatives of faculty, staff, students, the SIU Alumni Association, the SIU Foundation, and the community. We are now developing metrics and timelines for implementation. The plan received a very favorable review from a team from the Higher Learning Commission, our accrediting agency, which visited the campus in April. In particular, the team lauded the transformative changes that have been taking place since their visit in 2010.

It may be summer, but we are very busy on the campus. Along with the thousands of students who are taking classes, many campus improvements are under way, including in almost every academic building. When the renovations are complete, 91 percent of general classrooms will feature enhanced technology.

The impressive Student Services Building near the Student Center remains on schedule for opening in time for the fall semester. Other key projects include Pulliam Hall, Lincoln Drive, Woody Hall, and the sixth and seventh floors of Morris Library.

I hope you are finding time this summer to relax with family and friends, and that you are planning to visit the campus soon. Thank you for your support of our students and our University.

Sincerely,



Rita Cheng
Chancellor





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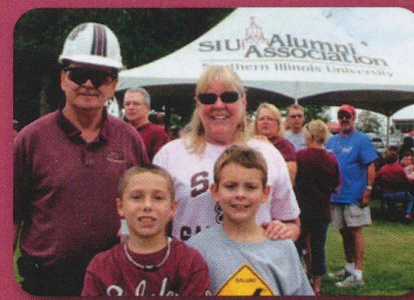
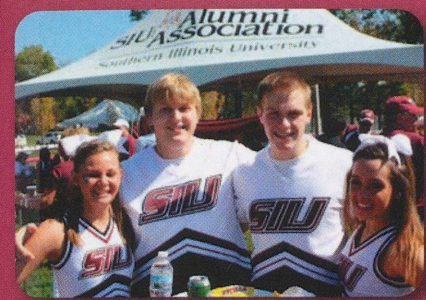
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The screenshot shows the Southern Illinois University website with a navigation bar and a main content area. The main content area features a 'FOR RENT' banner, a 'SAVE ON AVERAGE 50% OR MORE' banner, and a 'FIND YOUR TEXTBOOKS' banner. Below these banners is a section titled 'Southern Illinois University Apparel & Gifts' which displays several items for sale:

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New Events, Traditions Highlight Commencement

Commencement weekend in May at Southern Illinois University Carbondale featured new and traditional celebrations.

New this year was the Friday night event, “Forever SIU: A Commencement Celebration.” The festive event for members of the Class of 2013 and their families was held in the SIU Arena parking lot. Chancellor **Rita Cheng** kicked off the celebration, which included the Chicago-based cover band Mike and Joe, refreshments, and items for purchase from local vendors.

SIU Carbondale’s 137th commencement ceremony on May 11 honored more than 3,600 candidates for undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees who crossed the stage during three ceremonies.

Frank Abagnale Jr., a security and fraud expert whose life is the focus of a best-selling book and the 2002 film, “Catch Me If You Can,” was the keynote speaker for each of the three commencement ceremonies. First known as one of the world’s most famous

confidence men, Abagnale has been associated with the FBI for more than 35 years and advises and consults financial institutions, corporations and government agencies around the world.

The University honored four alumni during commencement for their service, commitment, and humanitarian efforts.

Pamela ’67 and **Philip Pfeffer ’65, M.A. ’66** of Nashville, Tenn., each received Distinguished Service Awards, and **Dr. Robert Murphy ’74**, the founding director of the Center for Global Health, received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree. **Ella Phillips Lacey ’64, M.S. ’72, Ph. D. ’79** received a Distinguished Service Award.

For the second consecutive year, the University introduced a time-honored symbol that adds to the dignity of the ceremony. At commencement in 2012, a bound edition of the University Charter was displayed on the stage for the first time. This year, a ceremonial mace was part of each ceremony. The mace is a symbol of authority and signifies the entrance of the chancellor.

Om Prakash Agrawal M.A. ’90, professor of mechanical engineering and energy processes and recipient of the 2013 Scholar Excellence Award, carried the mace as commencement grand marshal – a formal recognition of the power and legitimacy of scholarship and research at the University.

Cheng commissioned Rick Smith M.F.A. ’92, professor of blacksmithing, and professor emeritus silversmith Richard Mawdsley, with creating the mace. Smith relied on images of the Old Main campus building, destroyed by fire in 1969, as the inspiration for his design. The mace serves as a reminder, amid the commencement celebration, of the formality and dignity of the occasion. ■



Three Salukis owned by Jim and Vicki Blair of Energy, Ill., were a big draw in front of the SIU Alumni Association booth at the “Forever SIU” event. The trio of Salukis made for great photo opportunities for SIU graduates and their families.

Moline Named Associate Vice Chancellor

A woman known as an accomplished fundraising strategist has joined the development and alumni relations team at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Patricia Moline began her tenure as associate vice chancellor for development and alumni relations on April 29.



Patricia Moline

Previously, Moline was at Oklahoma State University, where she led and managed comprehensive fundraising for the University's five campuses as vice president for development. She also served in multiple development-related positions during a 14-

year span at Iowa State University, which culminated with her tenure as associate vice president for development at the Iowa State University Foundation. In this role, Moline directed and led the Women's Giving Initiative, increasing the total amount of giving from women by 138 percent.

Moline also has held positions at Kansas State University, Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, Ga., and Florida State University.

"My passion is helping make universities better – for students, faculty, alumni, and beyond. I know what an institution on the move like Southern Illinois University can do to change lives and impact the future; and I'm excited to become a part of that," she says.

"I welcome this opportunity to coordinate efforts with our staff, and cultivate support from alumni, donors, businesses and corporations in support of this fine institution."

On The Side

Fleege Earns Distinguished Faculty Award

Anthony Fleege, AA '95, '97, M.B.A '99, often jokes that his is the personality that might sometimes lead someone to forget they just met him hours earlier. But to his former students, along with faculty in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, the impact of his quiet, behind-the-scenes dedication in directing SIU's Mortuary Science and Funeral Service program speaks loudly.



Anthony Fleege

Fleege is the 2013 recipient of the E.J. and Mary C. Simon Distinguished Faculty Award in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA). E.J. Simon was dean of the college from its inception in 1951 until his retirement in 1970, and both he and his wife, Mary Simon, remained strong supporters of the University and CASA.

An associate professor and program director, Fleege says he is "extremely overwhelmed with appreciation" to be chosen. "There are so many other good teachers in this College," says the recipient, who has been on the faculty since 1999. "I'm humbled and honored to receive the Simon Award. I hope I reflect the spirit of what the Simons expected out

of a teacher."

His work "illustrates how he applies his diverse knowledge in interdisciplinary teaching within the School (of Allied Health) and how sincere he takes his teaching responsibilities and program director commitments," says Charla Lautar, a professor in the dental hygiene program who nominated Fleege for the award.

SIU Carbondale is the only university in Illinois to offer a bachelor's degree in mortuary science. Fleege is one of three full-time faculty members in the program.

In addition to his teaching, Fleege is a funeral director with Riggin-Pillatsch & Burke Funeral Home in Carterville and deputy coroner for Williamson County.

Balasubramanian Wins Mentoring Award



Nanditha Balasubramanian

SIU Foundation Director of Annual Giving Nanditha Balasubramanian, was recently recognized as the organization's first administrative/professional staff member to win the University Women's Professional Advancement Mentoring Award.

The award encourages the creation of a mentoring climate at SIU Carbondale and recognizes those individuals on campus who have demonstrated inclusive excellence in their dedication to mentoring students and staff and have modeled excellence in their work ethic. Balasubramanian, who has been with the University since 1996, develops, organizes, implements, and supervises a comprehensive annual fund program that supports SIU.

Exhibits Highlight University History, Artwork

Several summer exhibits at Southern Illinois University Carbondale's University Museum will highlight important aspects of the University's history.

Exhibits opened in June, and showcase the early years of SIU Carbondale, residential life on campus, and the artwork of L. Brent Kington and Lee and Eldon Benz.

The *University School Exhibit* coincides with a reunion of graduates of the model high school that was part of campus from 1874 to 1971. The Board of Trustees estab-

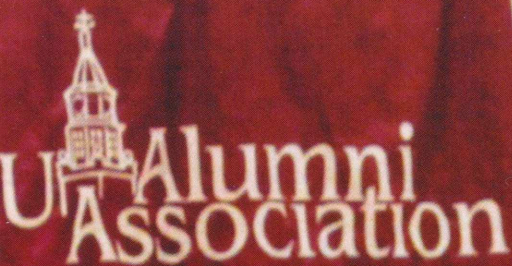
lished the model high school at what was then Southern Illinois Normal University to provide a training laboratory for future elementary and high school teachers.

A second University history exhibit, *100th Anniversary of University Housing* celebrates, as the name implies, residential life on campus. Museum Registrar Eric S. Jones curates both exhibits, which run through July 26.

The *L. Brent Kington Memorial Exhibit* honors the late metalsmith and professor

of art whose artistic skill and dedication to the University put SIU on the fine arts map in a whole new way. This exhibit also runs through July 26.

A fourth exhibit, featuring the artwork of multi-media talent Lee Benz (1918-1986) is part of *Mother and Son: The Art of Lee and Eldon Benz*. Lee Benz produced art in several media, most particularly in watercolor, but also in woodcut print, serigraphs, and sculpture. This exhibit showcases their works and runs through Aug. 24.

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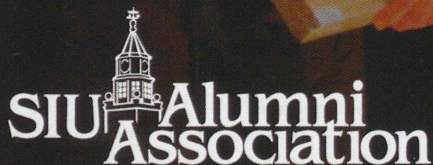
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Preston Anchors News For ABC Radio

by Gordon Pruett

Located in New York City, **Cheri Preston '87** is the midday anchor for all the Information Network stations affiliated with ABC News Radio. She anchors the hourly newscasts and bottom-of-the-hour briefs for stations across the country, and also writes and edits what goes on the air, handling any breaking news and special reports, and anchors breaking news as needed.

On the day of the Boston Marathon bomb attack, she worked long into the night, anchoring coverage and hosting a one-hour special. ABC News Radio broadcasts on the hour to its more than 2,000 affiliates, and it is the largest commercial radio news organization in the United States.

Each morning, Preston scrutinizes the tape file that holds all the sound she has to work with that day. It might include pieces from White House correspondent Ann Compton, Capitol correspondent Vic Ratner, or wraps (a news report that combines the voice of the announcer, the voice of the newsmaker, and background sound) and voicers (on-the-spot reports of events by a reporter) from a variety of correspondents across the country or overseas.

Next, Preston looks for opportunities with the day's upcoming events – news conferences, special events, etc. She loves the spontaneity of her job, which is fueled by being in the nation's largest news-generating city. "The thing I love about working my shift in particular is that things are happening all day long," she says. "You might have something planned for the 2:00 hour, have it all ready to go, and then there's breaking news, and you have to rip it all up, throw a live shot on from one of your correspondents, and still make it work while hitting your in-and-out marks."

Preston has a special place in her heart for Carbondale and SIU, noting fond memories of Hangar 9, Gold Mine Pizza, Mary Lou's Diner, Gatsby's, Booby's, and campus radio station WIDB where she worked. "I had the best time while broadcasting on WIDB and simply hanging out at the station," she says. Located in the basement of Wright Hall, she jokes that WIDB stood for "We're In Da Basement," and it provided a meeting with her co-worker, David Landis, who would become her husband. At the time her newscast at SIU was followed by the punk rock show he hosted.



Preston, who worked at WIDB when she attended SIU, met her husband at the student station. Located in the basement of Wright Hall, she jokes that the call letters stood for "We're In Da Basement."

In the classroom she feels she learned the most from Ken Keller's news writing class. She recalls, "He taught me how to tell a story in 10 to 15 seconds – not to bury the lead – and to make it sound current ... all things I use to this day in my job." Preston also loved Frank Oglesbee's media criticism class. "He was a hoot. A lot of students didn't put the time into trying to understand what he was saying and would complain that he was too tough. It was tough, and you had to really think to get some of those concepts."

After Carbondale, Preston worked in Champaign and Milwaukee. In 2001, she and her husband made the move to New York, though she was six months pregnant. They lived in an apartment in Hoboken, NJ, and their son, Sam, arrived in June of that year. A few months later, 9/11 changed America forever.

"We saw the towers fall from the roof of our apartment. I'll be honest, I thought about heading back to Illinois at that point. But getting that information on the air and covering the aftermath was probably the biggest story I'll ever be a part of. ABC bought an apartment overlooking Ground Zero and for months we broadcast from there. Even from our apartment in Hoboken, you could smell the buildings

smoldering for about two months."

Changes, arguably advances in technology, have drastically altered broadcasting in recent years, and Preston feels such shifts are not necessarily for the better. "The whole landscape of broadcasting has changed in the past decade. Small-market stations with any sort of a news staff are pretty much non-existent. And that used to be where you got your start. It's sad, but true. We are constantly facing challenges when it comes to how people get their information, be it through traditional means, on their smartphones or tablets, or by punching an icon on a new car's dashboard. But those challenges are also opportunities."

Her advice for aspiring broadcasting students is rudimentary: "Do everything. News. Sports. Music. Radio. Television. Online. Whatever. Just do it. And when you start out, expect to get paid very little. Heck, when I started out, I worked for free airing the Sunday church shows and reading lunch menus at WRTL in Rantoul, Ill., just to get on the air.

"Give it time. You'll realize soon enough if you want to do it the rest of your life. Then the rest will fall into place. Overall, it's an exciting job. And that's why we got into broadcasting, right? Otherwise, we'd have studied accounting or molecular biology or something." ■

For Amy and Lisa Kandziorski, the SIU campus has already become a second home for them.



No Sister Act

Sincere love and respect
grow stronger when siblings
become roommates at SIU

by **Gene Green**



All smiles in this Christmas photo taken almost 15 years ago, Lisa (left) and Amy display the close bond that would grow even stronger as they got older.

When

Lisa Kandziorski was a little girl, she dreamed of the day she could leave home and go away to college.

Being in a wheelchair because of Cerebral Palsy never deterred her from reaching that goal.

“I’ve always been determined not to let anything stop me,” she says. “Perhaps I would get there in a different manner than other people, but I always knew I could do it.”

The New Lenox, Ill., resident began her collegiate career at nearby Joliet Junior College three years ago. When it came time to transfer last fall, it was an exciting – and anxious – moment for Lisa and her family.



Lisa Kandziorski

Kerry and Al Kandziorski had done virtually everything for their eldest daughter over the years, and now they faced the day they knew was inevitable.

“I wanted to come to SIU Carbondale when I was 18 but knew I wasn’t ready,” Lisa admits. “Now I was 22 years old, had more courage to try it, and told my parents that I was going to finish my education there. I felt like if I didn’t take the step right then, I might never do it. That being said, it was really difficult for my parents to let go.”

At the same time Lisa was making this decision, her younger sister, Amy, had graduated from Lincoln-Way Central High School and was deciding where to begin her college experience. She had applied at both SIU and Western Illinois University, but quickly decided that only one thing made sense: She and her sister would come to Carbondale *together*.

“It was a tough time for my parents. We are their only children, they were losing us both at once, and at that time, Mom and Dad



Amy Kandziorski

did everything for Lisa,” says Amy, who realized the sheer courage it would take for Lisa to leave her safe haven at home. In college, when the lights went out, Lisa

would be truly isolated at night with her cell phone serving as her only lifeline.

Although not initially part of the plan, the sisters would soon become roommates and form an amazing bond that continues to grow.

moved her belongings into Lisa’s room.

Lisa admits the change quickly paid dividends.

“I was right where I wanted to be but had never been away from my parents,” she says. “When I first arrived at SIU, I was overwhelmed about everything, but when Amy moved in, I felt **so much better**. I also knew she was worried about me, so it helped her as well.”

Lisa also immediately inspired her younger sister.

“She is such a courageous person,” Amy says. “Those first few days at SIU I thought about what she was facing – five hours away from home, relying on personal assistants instead of my parents, and ready to embrace getting around a huge campus. Thinking about it was emotional *for me*.”

With each fleeting moment, however, their relationship – and Lisa’s independence – blossomed.

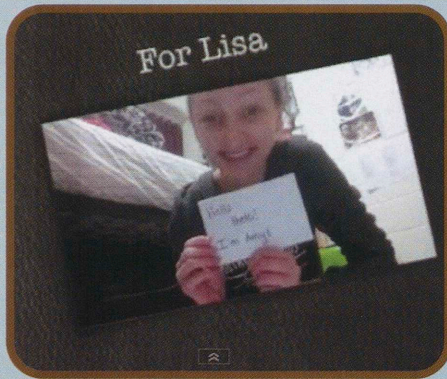
The Secret Lisa Didn’t Know

Although Lisa and Amy Kandziorski discovered a great deal about one another during those first few months in Carbondale, one thing the older sibling had no idea about was a video project her sister was preparing as a Christmas present.

Called “For My Sister, Lisa,” it depicts Amy’s deep feelings for her sister. “The first few months we lived together, I watched her do all these great things and deal with everything so well,” Amy recalls. She made the video on Dec. 5, 2012, and sent her parents

a copy. Overcome with emotion, it made it impossible for them to keep the video a secret from Lisa.

Soft music serves as the perfect backdrop for a scrapbook show



To view video: www.siualumni.com/sisters.

of family photos, mostly featuring Lisa and Amy. In it, Amy sits silently in front of the camera in their dorm room, telling the story of her sister’s courage – and more – by holding up note cards. They detail how Lisa lives, struggles, and overcomes Cerebral Palsy.

“By using notecards to tell the story, it took the need for my voice out and made it all about Lisa,” Amy notes. “I think each day about how she shows so much strength. I have never once heard her complain about not being able to walk, and I wanted this video to be inspiring. If you are disabled, forget about it; shoot for your dreams.”

The video surprised Lisa.

“I knew Amy loved me, but to see what she wrote on the cards was amazing,” Lisa recalls. “And the reaction of the other people who viewed it on YouTube was really touching.”

When their first semester away from home came to a close before Christmas, the Kandziorski sisters were by then firmly determined to continue to maintain their growing independence. There would be no car ride home with Mom and Dad. Instead, they boarded an Amtrak train and settled in for the long trip home to the Chicago area.

Their parents would simply meet them there.

– Thanks to Ann Piasecki ’79, editor of the *New Lenox Patch*, where part of this story on the video first appeared.

Starting Their Saluki Experience

When their parents moved Lisa and Amy to Thompson Point last year, they checked them into separate rooms in Smith Hall. The siblings wanted to be close to one another, but Lisa felt Amy deserved to live her own life. They agreed that being nearby – yet apart – would be the most sensible approach.

Or so they thought.

“We were just two doors away from one another,” Amy recalls. “However, that lasted only two days; we really did not like being apart.” At 3 a.m. on the third night they were in Carbondale, Amy quietly



From left, Amy, Kerry, Lisa, and Al Kandziorski.

focused on earning a degree in early childhood education.

Planning to become a kindergarten teacher, she feels fortunate to have a form of Cerebral Palsy that is mild in terms of affecting her cognitive abilities.

“It’s a big deal, because many with this disability are not able to go to college,” she says. “I have



Amy, here enjoying some time away from the classroom, says rooming with her sister has brought them closer than she ever could have imagined.

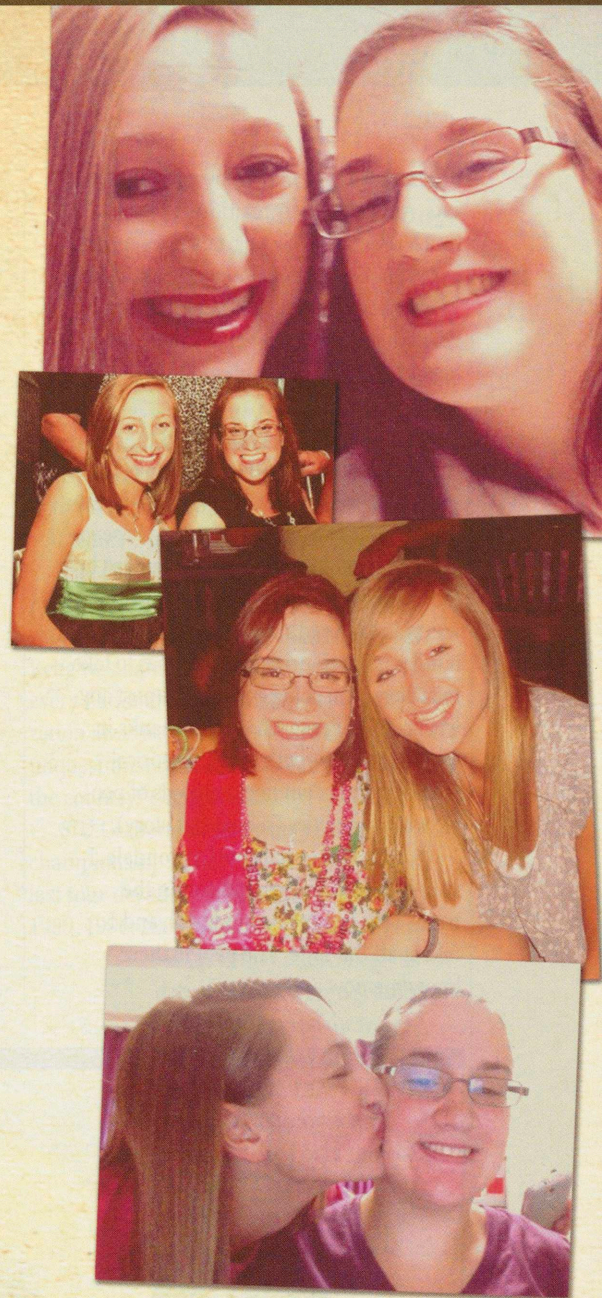
always been in a regular classroom setting with everyone else, and when it comes to academics, I am totally normal. I have never allowed instructors to baby me, and I don't want anyone to feel sorry for me because I'm in a wheelchair."

Amy, who is majoring in social work, says she is motivated by her older sister's perseverance in and out of the classroom. "I might think I'm having a tough day or have too much homework to get through, and then I see Lisa doing so great dealing with many more obstacles to handle than I do. She never complains."

As those early days at Southern turned into weeks and weeks became months, the roommates began to notice a change in their relationship.

"We always got along well," Lisa notes, "but we found in some ways we weren't as close as we might have thought. Growing up, I did my own thing, Amy did her thing ... and that was fine. At SIU, we discovered that there was a lot about one another that we hadn't noticed before."

Although they often continue to "do their own thing" at SIU, hang out with



Lisa on her way to class from her room at Thompson Point.

SIU Was The Right Place

Years before Lisa Kandziorski arrived at SIU Carbondale, she was already aware of the University's long and proud commitment to serving students with disabilities. She visited the campus after graduating high school and sensed that Southern was the place for her.

"As someone in a wheelchair, I quickly noticed that there is a great amount of attention placed on making SIU accessible," Lisa says. "That's important for me, and I'm not afraid to speak up and let someone know if I notice something that needs to be changed for students to get around better. I have to be my own advocate; no one else should be expected to do that for me."

"I'm still sort of amazed how well I get around campus, but the plan SIU has followed over the years makes that possible."

To learn more about SIU's commitment to serving students with disabilities, go to <http://disabilityservices.siu.edu>.

— Gene Green

different friends, and enjoy varied interests, Amy says their relationship is now much different. "We talk more, we understand so much more about one another. We basically have also bonded as first year students at a University that was new to each of us."

Finding Her Way

Before coming to SIU Carbondale, Lisa yearned to be more self-supported but realized she wasn't ready for that next phase in her life. "Part of it was because I couldn't be independent, and part of it was because I was afraid," she admits. "One of my main hurdles is I can't drive; someone has to take me where I am going. Now I go almost anywhere at SIU in my wheelchair, thanks in part to a campus with a great historical record of understanding the needs of people with disabilities (see sidebar story).

"And if I want to leave Carbondale, I simply go downtown and get on the train. That has been wonderful, and I take it all the time. The people there know me now and are great."

"Lisa's right," Amy adds with a laugh. "I know our parents were initially concerned about her traveling, but now she goes home more than I do. She went back for spring break; I didn't."

Both will be home for the summer, and although they are excited to see family and friends, the sisters admit it will be a strange experience.

"It will be weird being home and not hear Lisa yell something like, 'See you later, I'm going to the Student Center,'" Amy says. "And we will not be sharing a room. I'm strangely sad that we will not be in Carbondale this summer."

Will it be much different when the pair heads south again in a few months?

"Things have gone so well for us this first year that it should be easier for our parents to see us come back to Carbondale," Lisa says. "I know that I will miss SIU and be ready to be back on campus." 🏰



Amy calls Lisa "the toughest person I know," and says she is inspired by her sister each day to be the best person she can be.

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SIU Team Captures Two National Championships

The Great Debate

by Andrea Hahn

Within the space of one week, the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Debate Team earned two national titles this spring, cementing the University's position as home to one of the nation's top debate programs. In the process, SIU became one of only six universities ever to win both national titles in a single year; and this is the seventh year Southern has won a national title.

The duo of Mike Selck, a senior from Blue Springs, Mo., and Josh Rivera, a sophomore from Chicago majoring in political science, won the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence (NPTE), hosted at the University of Nevada, on March 20. The team closed out the season by winning the National Parliamentary Debate Association National Tournament (NPDA-NT) hosted by the University of the Pacific.

"We are extremely proud of our national champion debate team," Chancellor Rita Cheng says. "Everywhere they travel to compete, our students demonstrate their commitment to excellence and SIU's focus on student success. They are wonderful ambassadors for our University."

The debate team has placed a team in the "Final Four" at the NPTE, the most prestigious collegiate debate tournament in the United States, for six straight years, including a national championship in 2008, for which the team was honored at the Illinois State

Capitol. At the conclusion of that tournament, a coaches' poll named Rivera the top debater overall in the tournament. Selck placed third in the same poll. Todd Graham, director of the University's debate program, says Rivera might be the first sophomore ever to claim the coaches' poll award.

Rivera notes that the team's preparation included spending spring break researching topics and practicing for 12 hours a day. "Winning both national championships was an amazing experience," he says. "The debate team worked exhaustively to ensure that we did our best at the tournaments."

communication, finished third in the tournament. SIU is the only University with two teams in the "Final Four" with 150 teams competing.

The debaters fared well in the coaches' poll at this tournament as well. Campbell was named third best overall debater, and Rehg was named ninth best. "We won every national championship our organization awards (there are two), making us unquestionably the best debate team in the country," Graham says.

SIU Carbondale has won a national championship in debate in each of the last four decades – 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1996, 2008, and now, 2013. Graham

explains that intercollegiate debate is based on research and logic. He has always stressed preparation with his team, and it shows. To win the NPTE, Selck and Rivera debated on a total of 14 different topics, including the two final rounds of topics: whether the United States should substantially improve its ballistic missile defense capabilities, and whether the Republic of Turkey should enact constitutional measures to protect Turkish Kurds.

Other topics touched on student loans, Social Security, drones, synthetic biology, and renewable energy. Debaters have just 20 minutes to prepare

before each debate, so having some familiarity with the topic offers an advantage.

A total of 864 debate duos competed in intercollegiate parliamentary debate this year. ■



Joshua Rivera, left, and Mike Selck hold the NPTE National Championship hardware. This is the seventh year that SIU Carbondale has earned a national title, and it is only the sixth university to win both titles in the same year.

SIU posted two debate duos in the "Final Four" of the NPDA-NT. Selck and Rivera won the tournament, and teammates Ben Campbell, a senior from Springfield, Mo., and Sid Rehg, a junior from Swansea, Ill., majoring in speech

The Extern Program ... A Time-Honored Tradition

by Gordon Pruett

A time-honored tradition at SIU, the Extern Program pairs students and businesses in a real job environment. Junior and senior students gain invaluable experience by spending a week, always during spring break, with a sponsor that is appropriate to the student's field of study.

Established by the SIU Alumni Association, the program has flourished since its inception in 1984. In 2012, 126 students were paired with 105 sponsors.

A participating sponsor in the program since 2009 is the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood (Fla.) International Airport. John Pokryfke '87, Airside Operations Manager with the airport, oversees the program, which recently hosted two aviation students at the Florida airport. Jason McNally, a student from Mokena, Ill., and William Ward, a Georgetown, Ky., native, spent a week shadowing Pokryfke and other airport personnel through their daily duties.

Their experiences were diverse, ranging from firing pyrotechnics to controlling wildlife activity to working with tower controllers. "Different meeting subjects included construction, airlines, and safety," McNally recalls.

"I also had the chance to get out on the airfield and participate in one of the daily airfield inspections. This included inspecting the pavement, lights, looking for debris on the field, and anything else unusual."

Ward bubbles with enthusiasm when he recalls his week in Florida.

"Getting to see how the field of aviation works on a daily basis outside of class really helped me understand and



Jason McNally and Will Ward remove foreign objects from the airport's landing area.

bring everything that I've learned while in school here at SIU together," he says. "The externship really got me excited for what I am getting into and will be doing for the next 40 to 50 years."

Pokryfke enjoyed interacting with SIU students, calling the Association-sponsored endeavor "a great program that I hope continues to impact the University." ■

Externship Leads Correll To Major League Soccer Position

Another sponsor in the Extern program this spring was Major League Soccer, a professional league composed of 19 teams in the United States and Canada. Andrew Correll, a native of Batavia, Ill., and an avid soccer fan since the age of 5, was matched with the league's national sales center in Blaine, Minn.

Correll made sales calls on behalf of the Colorado Rapids to targeted customers, and his participation in the program benefitted him, as he has accepted an offer as a sales trainee in the Blaine office. He wrote the Association, "I just wanted to thank you for your work coordinating the Externship program. As a result of my externship, I got a job offer with Major League Soccer and will be starting in July. I may have not gotten this opportunity had it not been for my Externship."

In 2013, the Association's board of directors also awarded 26 travel awards totaling \$11,000 to assist students with their travel expenses.

To learn more about the Extern Program, contact Director of Student, College, and Constituent Relations Tuesday Ashner at tlashner@siu.edu, or call the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2408. ■

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SIU Alumna Teaching In The Middle East

by Greg Scott

Any career move is an adjustment. But it's truly a leap of faith when this change occurs on foreign land.

SIU alumna Lara Mazzone left Brehm Preparatory School in Carbondale, where she held a position as a special education instructor for seven years, to teach English at Emirates International School in Dubai. The 2003 English graduate just completed her first year of teaching in the Middle East, admitting that the initial culture shock almost resulted in an abbreviated stay.

As a matter of fact, Mazzone was so overwhelmed that she didn't leave her apartment alone until her second week in the country.



Mazzone says she has learned a second language in Dubai, something she calls "Queen's English."

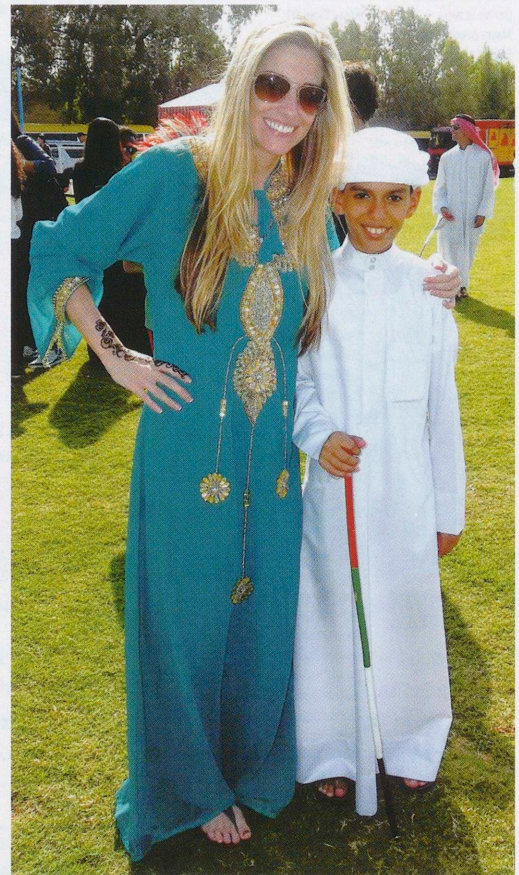
"Dubai is like living in a real-life episode of *The Jetsons*," she says. "I wasn't accustomed to seeing Arabic people in native dress. There aren't too many Americans here, either; which isn't too surprising.

"Also, I had to get used to taking a taxi everywhere. And they are scary. In Dubai, everyone drives like they are on their way to the emergency room. It was a huge adjustment from my calm, laid-back life in Carbondale."

Mazzone lives close to a 12-lane super highway and the metro. Additionally, a language barrier presented challenges. She says most of the teachers are from the United Kingdom.

"I had the most difficult time understanding what they were saying. You don't realize how different their language is," she says. "I had to familiarize myself with so many slang words."

So Mazzone learned a second language, which is referred to as "Queen's English" in Dubai. With a two-year contract at the school, she was determined to make the adjustment. She had been intrigued about the Middle East for some time after learning of a friend's experience teaching in Abu Dhabi.



With a student adorned in native clothing, the SIU graduate says her culture shock soon diminished.

"It's amazing because you can earn a much better salary without paying taxes," she says. "And there are more holidays here, which present more opportunities to travel. I had only been to Canada and Mexico and wanted to see more."

Mazzone says the school also pays for her housing and other expenses. She teaches 16 hours weekly, compared to six classes per day in the States with one period off for planning. Another reason she left the country is she commenced an online relationship with someone who had left his native Italy to begin a new life in Dubai.

Brehm agreed to hold Mazzone's position at the school for one year. But she appears set on continuing her career on foreign land.

"I'm playing it by ear. It depends on how everything unfolds," she says. "It would be difficult to return because my lifestyle in Dubai is much more comfortable than in the U.S. I am even able to afford a housekeeper and hour-long massages on a weekly basis."

But the SIU graduate and long-time Carbondale resident, who became a fixture as a waitress in Harbaugh's, a popular establishment on the Strip, admits

she misses southern Illinois. She plans on visiting during the entire month of July.

"It was difficult for me to leave Brehm," she notes. "I truly felt like a parental figure

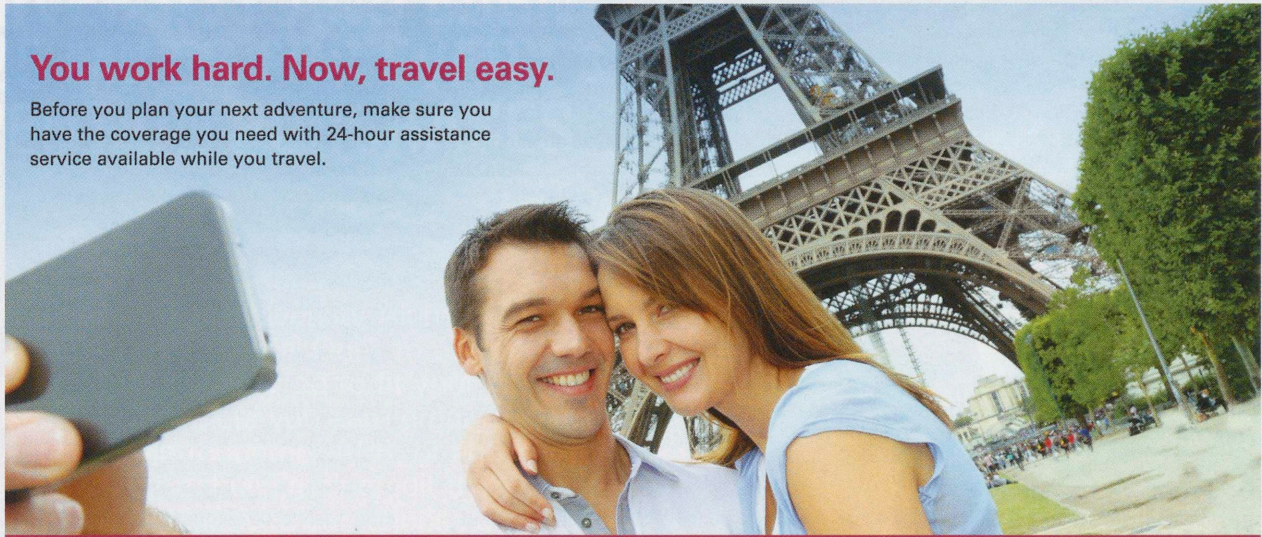
to so many of the students ... they are my kids and I miss them. Your own culture is always special, and there is something about Carbondale that you forever miss." ■



In Dubai, Mazzone says she enjoys a comfortable lifestyle that would be difficult to duplicate in the United States. That being said, she admits she misses Carbondale.

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Liaison Looks To Keep SIU Tech Talent In Area

by Gene Green

Liaison Technologies Chief Operating Officer **Larry Mieldezis '86** is a key player for a thriving global integration and data management company that provides unique business solutions around the world. Founded in 2000, the high-tech is based in Atlanta with offices in Seattle, Santa Barbara, the Netherlands, Finland, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

When Liaison decided to expand operations years ago, the location selected raised a few eyebrows. As Jessica Stillman notes on her blog at www.gigacom.com: "Thanks to technology, Liaison can acquire customers and hire workers anywhere. So when they needed additional, affordable, quality talent where did they look? Hands down if you guessed Asia – the correct answer is rural Illinois."

Growing up in Marion, Ill., Mieldezis wanted nothing more than to stay in the area when he earned a computer science degree at SIU more than 25 years ago. He says at the time that dream was not realistic, as technology did not exist to communicate globally from Carbondale.

Now that is done, Mieldezis can offer high-tech positions in an area where he grew up – and the leap of faith has paid dividends. He knew from experience that SIU was a constant source of good technical talent and wanted to give fellow graduates an opportunity to work close to home.

"The IT talent is so strong at SIU that we really wanted to go there," the SIU Alumni Association national board member says. "If more companies embrace rural sourcing and take advantage of the local talent, the days of graduates having to leave areas like southern Illinois to get jobs in the technology sector will become a thing of the past."

The Early Days

The Southern graduate moved Liaison's formerly-outsourced and offshored tech jobs to the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center at SIU in 2010. Operations there expanded enough that a new location was soon needed, and in 2012 the company opened offices at 1075 Reed Station Road in Carbondale.

That location commenced with seven employees, but has since grown to 32. Nine are part time/interns, and approximately 80 percent of all employees are SIU graduates. Mieldezis hopes to hire even more Salukis who want to stay in the area after graduation.



Liaison Technologies Chief Operation Officer Larry Mieldezis (left) and Chief Executive Officer Bob Renner during a 2012 ceremony at the company's new office in Carbondale. Photo by Paul Newton / *The Southern*

"Our company is coming off a year of significant growth," he says. "We grew by almost 40 percent and have taken on several new clients. As we expand, we value the SIU system and feel that Saluki graduates are important prospects for us. We've made a real investment here, so we hope those wanting to stay in southern Illinois will find it a perfect fit."

While fulltime jobs offers great opportunities for graduates, part time positions and paid internships for current student are



also beneficial says Liaison Director of Managed Services Bonnie Kucharski. "We help provide real world skills for current students who get to work in their field of study," she notes. "Many companies can't match that, and it serves as an important part of their undergraduate experience."

On-Shoring Initiative

Keeping jobs in the United States – or "on-shoring" – is becoming more prevalent as tech companies realize the benefits of using domestic technical talent in rural communities anchored by a technical college or university. Because of the lower cost of living

in rural communities, companies can offer competitive wages and benefits at a lower cost than in large metropolitan areas.

They can also avoid the problems associated with out-sourcing overseas, such as language and cultural barriers, regulatory compliance and security requirements, political instability, and time zone differences.

"Establishing our managed services hub in Carbondale was exactly the right thing to do as evidenced by the success we've experienced there, which has led to this expansion," says Mieldezis. "While we are looking to hire recent SIU graduates, we also would love to find alumni with a vast amount of tech experience elsewhere that want to come back to the area."

"For every person hired in Carbondale, we would have to hire 1.5 in India or China. With our on-shoring initiative, we've found an avenue that is cost-effective and keeps jobs in the United States. While we serve more than 8,000 companies across 35 countries, Carbondale has become our model for rural sourcing and we hope our success here inspires other companies to follow our lead to bring technology jobs home."

"It's so exciting to see Salukis driving success in our business."

To find out more about opportunities at Liaison, go to www.liaison.com.

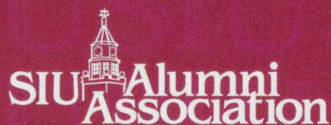
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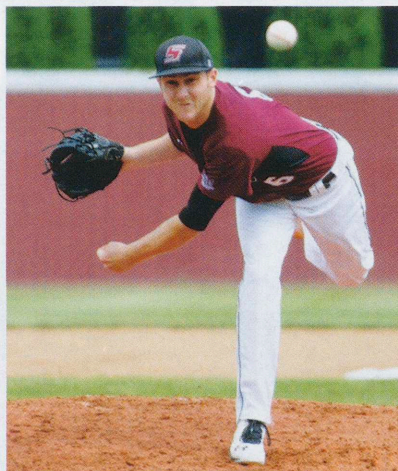
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Forsythe Shines, But Dawgs No Factor In MVC Tournament

Seventh-seeded SIU started the 2013 MVC Tournament out on a high note, knocking off second-seed Wichita State with a 5-1 first round victory in Normal, Ill. Senior *Cody Forsythe* was dominant in a complete game performance, winning his fourth game of the season and making him 4-0 in five career starts against the Shockers.

After that outing, however, things quickly went downhill for the Salukis. SIU lost the next day 5-0 to Indiana State and were then eliminated from the tournament after a 15-0 thrashing in a rematch with Wichita State. SIU ended the season 25-33/6-15 in a year that often frustrated Saluki Head Coach *Ken Henderson*. It was ironic that Forsythe's outing in the conference tournament

proved to be a major highlight in a mostly forgettable year.



After the MVC Tournament, Forsythe was drafted in the 25th round by Philadelphia.

"Cody was brilliant against Wichita State," Henderson said of the left handed pitcher. "He's thrown well against WSU every time out, but certainly special in the tournament. He stepped up on the big stage, and of all of his great outings, that was as good as I've seen him." ■

SIU Softball Exits Early At League Tournament

The SIU softball team's season came to an end early at the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, as the fifth-seeded Salukis opened the tournament with a 7-1 win over No. 8 Wichita State before falling to No. 4 Northern Iowa 6-4 later in the day. Southern finished the season at 25-27 overall with a 12-10 mark in MVC play.

"I thought the way we came out is how you have to approach every game," says SIU Head Coach *Kerri Blaylock*. "I was pleased with how they played this weekend ... they gave it everything."

In the opening win, junior *Kelsea Ashton*'s three-run double in the second inning gave the Salukis an early lead, and Southern never looked back. SIU loaded the bases on a pair of walks and a single before Ashton roped a double to right-center to clear the bases in the bottom of the second.

Brittney Lang picked up the win after allowing no earned runs on three hits with seven strikeouts and just two walks in a complete game effort.

In the quarterfinal loss, *Morgan Barchan*'s grand slam in the fourth inning gave SIU a brief 4-3 lead, but the Panthers answered back with two home runs in the next two innings to get by the Salukis and into the tournament semifinal.

"She's a gutsy kid," Blaylock says of Barchan. "She came up in a huge situation when we needed her the most." Her grand slam marked SIU's school-record seventh of the year, as the Dawgs had five different players hit one during the season. ■

Marion Rushing Dies

Marion Rushing, considered by many to be the best athlete ever to play at Southern Illinois University, died in April at the age of 76.

The Pinckneyville native graduated from SIU in 1957, and during his collegiate years he excelled at football, basketball, track, and wrestling. In 1978, Rushing was inducted in the Saluki Hall of Fame, where his 13 athletic letters earned still stands as the most for anyone in school history. Following graduation, he went on to play 10 seasons in the NFL and AFL, in most games wearing a Chicago/St. Louis Cardinal uniform.

Rushing, who was featured in *Southern Alumni* magazine in March 2009 with the story "The Greatest Saluki Ever?" is survived by his wife, Bonnie, their three children, and three grandchildren. Memorials may be made to The

Parkinson Society or Beaucoup Baptist Church Building Fund. ■



Rushing, here as a member of the Falcons, was considered one of SIU's best athletes.

Board Approves Abe Martin Renovation

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees officially approved a full renovation of Abe Martin Field, and construction began shortly following the 2013 season. The renovation is slated to be completed for the 2014 baseball season, and the park will be renamed Itchy Jones Stadium after legendary Saluki Head Coach Richard "Itchy" Jones, who took SIU to 10 NCAA Tournaments and three College World Series appearances in his 21 years with the Salukis and led the campaign for the stadium renovation.

The team clubhouse will be named after late Head Coach Dan Callahan, the second-winningest coach in school history with 442 victories in 16 seasons.

"It's a great day for Saluki baseball," SIU head baseball coach Ken Henderson says. "There has been a lot of work done by many people, so it's definitely a group effort that wouldn't have happened unless alumni and friends stepped up as donors."

The SIU athletic department has raised nearly \$1.8 million in private gifts to fund the project, which came in more than a million dollars under the



Itchy Jones Stadium will feature spacious grandstands, press box, and new fan areas looking out on a FieldTurf playing surface and stadium lights. "This wouldn't have happened unless alumni and friends stepped up," says Saluki Baseball Coach Ken Henderson.

original budget of \$5 million. With a matching loan from the University, SIU will be able to update the second-oldest athletic facility on campus.

When completed, the renovated Abe Martin Field will provide Saluki Baseball a home that reflects the great history and tradition of the program. Added to the existing clubhouse and batting cage area, the renovated complex will be one of the premier on-campus venues in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Renovations will include:

- Installation of FieldTurf
- A grandstand seating bowl
- Press box
- New dugouts
- Security fencing
- Sports lighting

Donations for the project are still being accepted. For more information on how you can help, contact Casey Hale, SIU Assistant Athletic Director for Development, at 618-453-5625.

Tickets On Sale For SIU Football Game At Busch

Tickets for the historic first football game at Busch Stadium between Southeast Missouri State and Southern Illinois University are now on sale at the Saluki Athletics Ticket Office.

Ticket prices for the game, which will be played on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m., are \$17 for adults and \$5 for SIU students. Fans can order tickets in-person at SIU Arena or by calling 1-877-SALUKIS. Season ticket holders and Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund members will be given priority seating locations. SIU's ticket allotment is located in Sections 157-165, and tickets ordered through the Saluki ticket office will be mailed approximately Sept. 1.

The SIU Alumni Association will host pregame activities at Paddy O's near Busch Stadium, where all are welcome to attend. "This should be a great opportunity for our

alumni to see the Salukis play in a unique atmosphere," says Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez. "We hope alumni, their families, friends, and students will join us there."

For updates on the pregame event, go to www.siualumni.com for more information. Also check our website for special room rates that will be available to alumni at the Hilton at the Ballpark.

The official announcement of the game took place during a press conference on April 15 and was the culmination of months of behind-the-scenes work between officials at SIU, SEMO, and the St. Louis Cardinals.

The 80-game series between the two schools – separated by just 45 miles – dates back to 1909. The Redhawks hold a 39-33-8 advantage, but Southern has won six of the last seven meetings.



Saluki fullback Ray Agnew and SIU Head Football Coach Dale Lennon on the field at Busch Stadium following the press conference to announce the SIU-Southeast Missouri game. Agnew's father, Ray, played for the St. Louis Rams and now works in player personnel.

Stein Named Women's Basketball Coach

SIU Director of Athletics Mario Moccia recently announced the hiring of Cindy Stein as the head coach of Saluki women's basketball.

The 10th head coach in program history, Stein brings 16 years of head coaching experience with a combined record of 282-206 at Illinois Central College, the University of Missouri, and Emporia State University. A proven winner and a former NCAA Division II Coach of the Year, she has made an immediate impact in each of her previous head coaching stints.

"Cindy has won at every level she has been at, she has a demonstrated history of turning around programs and getting to postseason play, and she has deep roots in the state of Illinois," Moccia says. "I look forward to Coach Stein's tenure, and I know she will be a great addition to the southern Illinois community and Saluki Athletics."

Stein comes to Carbondale after leading Illinois Central College to a 32-4 record and a third-place finish at the NJCAA Division II national tournament during her lone season at the school in 2012-13. Stein turned around an ICC team that went 16-16 the year before her arrival.

"I am so excited to be part of the Saluki family and look forward to getting to know the team, the staff, alumni, and the community that all encompass Southern Illinois University," Stein says. "My staff and I will promise to put together a team that we all can embrace and be proud of academically as well as athletically."



Cindy Stein spent 12 years as head coach at the University of Missouri, winning 185 games and leading the team to a Sweet 16 appearance in 2000-01. She comes to SIU from Illinois Central College, where her squad finished 32-4 and earned a third-place finish in the NJCAA National Tournament.

Prior to ICC, Stein spent 12 seasons as the head coach at Missouri where she led the Tigers to 185 wins between 1998 and 2010. Stein inherited a Mizzou team that went 11-16 in 1997-98 and led the Tigers to a 22-10 record with a Sweet 16 run by her third year in 2000-01.

Stein spent three seasons as the head coach at Emporia State prior to Mizzou, turning the Hornets from a sub-.500 team into a Division II national title contender. After going 12-14 in Stein's first season at ESU in 1995-96, the Hornets improved to 20-10 the following season before going 33-1 and finishing as the national runner-up in 1997-98. Following ESU's run to the title game, Stein was named the National Coach of the Year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

As Stein pieces together her staff, one person needs little introduction at SIU. Former Coach Julie Beck will return to

the program as the team's director of basketball operations. Beck was on the SIU women's basketball staff for 19 years, including some of the best seasons in program history. She served 17 years as an assistant under Hall of Fame Coach Cindy Scott from 1981 to 1998 and was the Salukis' head coach from 1998 to 2000.

In her new capacity, Beck's responsibilities will include making travel arrangements, organizing practice times, serving as a liaison with academics and marketing, and assisting in alumni and community service events.

"Julie Beck brings so much to the program," Stein says. "I couldn't ask for a better person to fill this position. She brings energy, passion for people, and a desire to be successful in getting the program to the top of the Valley. Even more than all of that, she is probably one of the finest human beings that I know." ■

SIU Dedicates New Track And Field Complex

SIU Carbondale dedicated its newest additions to its athletics facilities, opening the Lew Hartzog Track and Field Complex and Connie Price-Smith Throws Area with a ribbon-cutting ceremony this spring.

The new facility, built east of Abe Martin Field, houses a state-of-the-art track, a 4,500-square-foot building for locker rooms and a top-of-the-line throwing area, now named after head coach and four-time Olympian Price-Smith.

Saluki Director of Athletics Mario Moccia is delighted the facility is now a reality.

“Our track and field program has an unbelievably rich history of national champions, record holders and Olympians, and it’s gratifying that we not only have a state-of-the-art track and throws area now, but that it will be named after two Saluki greats,” he says.

A four-time Olympian, Price-Smith is the most decorated track and field athlete in program history. She won 18 outdoor national titles, six indoor titles, and five Olympic trials titles during her 14-



Lew Hartzog



Several of Lew Hartzog’s former athletes returned to SIU for the ceremony. “I wouldn’t have my name on anything if these guys hadn’t been so great,” he says. “Seeing all of these athletes is what it is all about.”

year post-collegiate career as a world-class thrower. Now in her 12th season as the Saluki track and field coach, Price-Smith has guided SIU to a combined five conference titles and has been named MVC Coach of the Year four times.

Saluki athletes have earned 51 All-America honors and five national titles under Price-Smith in addition to 148 MVC individual titles. Price-Smith says she is “humbled and honored to have a facility named after me, and I’m pleased to be a part of something with Lew’s name on it.”

The namesake of the facility, Hartzog, produced a national powerhouse track and field program at SIU. During the course of three decades between track and field and cross country, he mentored 90 All-Americans, seven NCAA champions, and won 22 Missouri Valley Conference championships. He won 18 MVC Coach of the Year awards and was named NCAA National Coach of the Year in 1982 and 1984.

“I wouldn’t have my name on anything



Connie Price-Smith

if the athletes hadn’t been so great; that’s the most important thing of all,” the 90-year-old Hartzog says. “I don’t think I would have gone through the trouble of getting back to SIU for this ceremony, except I knew many of my former athletes would be here. That’s what it’s all about.”

For photos of the new complex, go to www.siusalukis.com.

Student-Founded Business Wins Global Startup Award

by Christi Mathis

A growing business founded by three former Southern Illinois University Carbondale students and grown through assistance from the University is a winner in the Arch Grants 2013 Global Startup Competition.

RoverTown will receive \$50,000 in funding and free support services. The business was one of 20 selected this summer from 707 applicants from 40 states and 15 countries. The business, Rover Enterprises, LLC, was launched in 2009 by then-SIU Carbondale students Mike Philip, and co-founders Brad Miller and Joshua Freeman.

Philip was at the time an information systems and applied technologies major. Freeman earned his finance degree in December 2009, while Miller completed his management degree in May 2010.

"It is gratifying to witness the evolution of an idea by three former University students into a scalable venture. Their passion and drive is to be commended," says **Kyle Harfst M.B.A. '96, Ph. D. '06**, executive director of the Southern Illinois Research Park and executive director of Economic Development.

Initially, Rover Enterprises produced a \$20 plastic RoverCard that students could purchase and use to get discounts and special deals at participating area businesses. Businesses could change their deals on a daily basis.

Philip, the company's chief executive officer, is a 2009 graduate of Operation Bootstrap, a collaborative program between the SIU Carbondale Office of Economic and Regional Development and the Delta Regional Authority set up to help new or potential businesses. The company earned \$3,000 in start-up funding through the program.

They made a small profit their first year and soon moved the company to the Southern Illinois Research Park's Small Business Incubator at SIU. The company evolved quickly.

RoverTown is now a mobile marketing company that allows area businesses in college towns to reach students through mobile devices, which enhances their business traffic by offering students special discounts and deals. Students can also scan table displays to participate in a loyalty program, similar to a paper-punch card. The company motto is "Throwin' you bones," and the bones, of course, are discounts.

The popular discount program, a client of the Small Business Incubator and the Illinois Small Business Development Center at SIU, has expanded extensively in just a few years. According to Philip, 1.4 million college students on nearly 70 campuses now have access to the RoverTown student discount program in dozens of states from Hawaii to New York. He says more than 2,000 businesses reach college students via smartphones, with 12 businesses gaining exposure to students every 60 seconds on the platform.



RoverTown CEO Mike Philip (left) and RoverTown COO Jeffry Harrison started their business in 2009 while still students at SIU. The Arch Grants competition is designed to help grow businesses and entrepreneurship in St. Louis.

Participating businesses pay a \$50 monthly fee to the company to receive "Roverlink," software developed by Rovertown that allows businesses to manage their discounts on students' smartphones, view analytics, and track their return on investment.

Philip notes that the company has proven successful in a number of ways, as evidenced by the significant growth and expansion and by the fact that it has raised more than \$100,000 in capital before winning the Arch grant. In February 2011, RoverTown was Southern Illinois' only downstate participant for the Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center's CAP 20 program, a component of the Cluster Acceleration Program. The program fosters growth by connecting startup businesses with statewide resources over a five-year period.

Currently joining Philip as principals in the company are Michael Rzeznik, a 2012 SIU Carbondale graduate in information systems and applied technologies from Lake Zurich who serves as chief technology officer, and Jeffry Harrison, a 2012 SIU Edwardsville business administration finance and entrepreneurship graduate from Red Bud and former student trustee on the SIU Board of Trustees, who serves as chief operating officer. RoverTown officers say SIU Carbondale and the Office of Economic and Regional Development have been instrumental in their success.

In conjunction with the Arch Grants competition, designed to help grow businesses and entrepreneurship in St. Louis, Rover Enterprises will relocate to St. Louis this summer. To learn more about RoverTown, visit the website at www.rovertown.com or follow it on Twitter at [twitter@rover_mike](https://twitter.com/rover_mike).

For more information about the Office of Economic and Regional Development and the many programs and services it offers to businesses, visit <http://researchpark.siu.edu/about.html>.

Connelly Work Acquired By Museum Of Modern Art

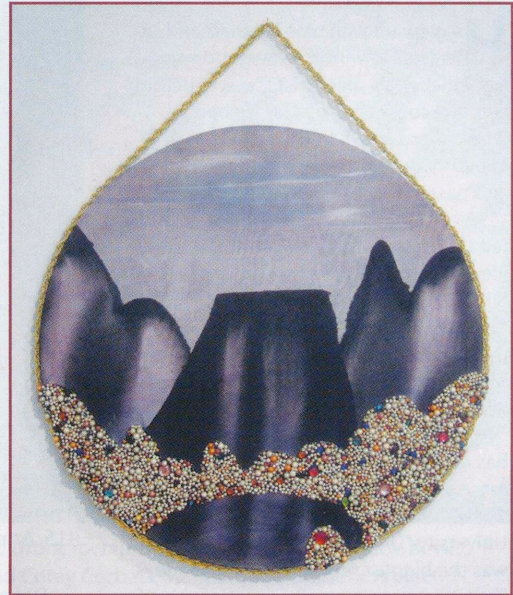
The Museum of Modern Art in New York recently acquired for its permanent collection, SIU Carbondale alumnus Arch Connelly's 1981 *Self-Portrait*, a 20-inch oval canvas covered in subtle colored faux pearls.

The work was one of 35 major works on view at La Mama La Galleria in the survey exhibition. This was the first comprehensive survey of his work has been curated since he died in 1993. Jimmy Wright M.F.A. '71 contributed an essay to the catalog and loaned five major works and ephemera to the exhibition.

The Museum of Modern Art has been filling its collection of important artists from the East Village in the 1980s. The Connelly work joins the museum's Keith Haring mural and the *Four Seasons* by David Wojnarovic among other landmark works by artists of the period.

Connelly was born on May 12, 1950, in Chicago and received a bachelor's degree in art from SIU in 1973. His work has been shown internationally: in Japan, Sweden, Germany, Holland, France and Italy. In 1996 the SIU Museum hosted the exhibition *Arch Connelly: Works 1981-1993* organized by the Illinois State Museum.

In 1989 the chairman of the board of Chase Manhattan Bank commissioned Connelly to create a motorcycle helmet encrusted with sequins, faux pearls, stones and glass as a birthday present to Malcolm Forbes on his 70th birthday. Forbes called the effort "brilliant."



Connelly's "Culture and Landscape" from 1984, acrylic, pearls, and costume jewelry on plywood.

'alt.news 26:46' Again Wins Top National Honor

For the sixth time in the program's 14-year history, "alt.news 26:46" is tops in the nation when it comes to college television news magazine programs. SIU's student-produced program won the College Television Award during the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Foundation's 34th annual College Television Awards ceremony April 25, in Los Angeles, Calif.

The winning episode beat out submissions from Florida A&M University and Emerson College, which finished second and third, respectively.

"Winning first prize is a great achievement, but keeping this up again and again is a testimony for the high quality of education that students in MCMA are receiving, professionally and creatively, and the talent and dedication

of both students and faculty," says Dafna Lemish, interim dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.

Lemish also congratulated associate professor Jan Thompson, an award-winning documentary film producer who serves as faculty adviser.

Haley Conner, a senior in radio, television and digital media from Du Quoin, and Cara Gordon, a senior from Ballwin, Mo., who has a double major in cinema and political science, were the program's executive producers.

Conner, who is specializing in video production and electronic journalism, said she's very proud of the hard work that went into this season. She and Gordon were both in their second year with the program, and six of 11 staff members were new.

The winning episode took a look at Morgan's Wonderland, the world's first ultra-accessible amusement park in San Antonio, Texas, an exotic wildlife ranch in Glen Rose, Texas, a "Cathedral of junk" 20 years in the making, and a 12-mile Tough Mudder course in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

According to current alt.news records, the show's national College Television Awards came in 2000, 2001, 2008, 2009, 2011 and 2013, to go along with two second-place finishes and one third-place finish. In addition, since 2001, the program has earned 30 regional Emmys – 28 from NATAS' Mid-America chapter in St. Louis and two from the Chicago Midwest Chapter.

alt.news 26:46 airs on WSIU-TV Channel 8. More information is available at altnews2646.com/.

Education And Service Help Grad Find Success

by Maj. Brooks Little
KABUL, Afghanistan

He grew up with nine brothers and sisters in a low-income neighborhood. His father was a machinist and was dealing with the constraints of a family budget where there wasn't much room for many comforts, but his parents were hard working and passed that belief on to the children.

As a teenager, Army Maj. Mark Donahue felt there was no escape to a more stable life and dropped out of school at age 18. At 50, the 1996 Southern Illinois University Carbondale graduate has not only escaped the negative aspects of his past, but looks forward to a future of helping others also achieve success.

Since entering the military, Donahue has returned to high school for his diploma, earned a bachelor's degree from SIU and a master's degree from Webster University. "Dropping out of high school was the biggest regret in my life," he says, "but it gave me a greater sense of value for higher education."

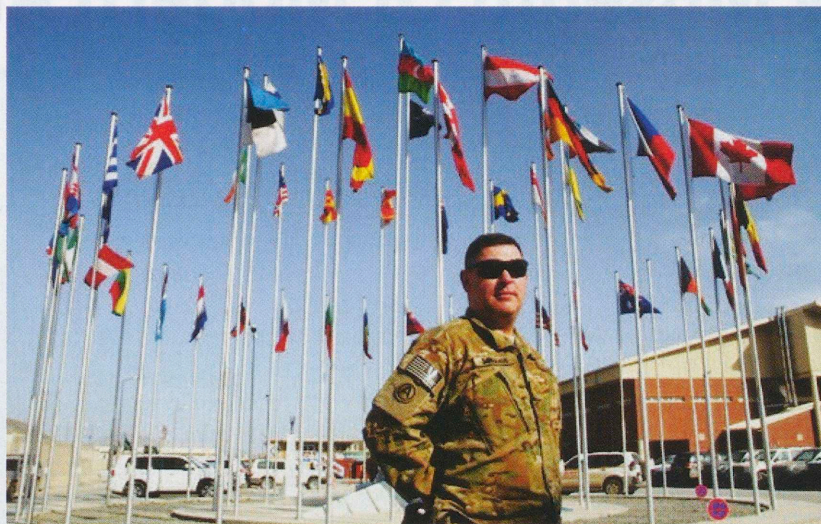
Donahue is serving a tour of duty at Kabul Afghanistan International Airport with the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Joint Command (IJC) and is serving as the lead National Guard Joint Force Manager. The Worcester, Mass., native arrived there in December 2012.

Finding Himself

In his teen years, Donahue faced a crisis of identity. He felt that the dysfunctional youth in his neighborhood was pulling him in. "I was a trouble maker," he admits. "I was in the wrong crowd and had to fight to gain respect."

Aspiring to do and be more, Donahue reflected on his family's legacy of military service and decided to make his own contributions. His father, several uncles, and all three brothers served in the military. His own military career started in 1981 in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. After basic training, he found a new purpose and sense of belonging that allowed him to be something greater than what he could be alone.

"I came home from basic training and knew I wanted to go back," he says. "The military gave me benefits, escape, and education."



U.S. Army Maj. Mark Donahue in front of the flag plaza outside International Security Assistance Force Joint Command headquarters at North Kabul International Airport. (U.S. Army courtesy photo/Released)

Donahue spent four years in the Army National Guard before transferring to the Navy, where he served for another eight years. Prior to his third deployment, he met a woman who would change his life: Heidi Moser Gwynn.

After approximately 10 months of dating, they decided to secretly get married before that deployment. It wasn't until he returned from duty that they disclosed it to their families. Until then, the only ones who knew of their wedding were the judge who married them and their dog, Tissie, who served as a "witness" to the event. After the mobilization, they had a formal wedding with family and friends in July 1989.

Returning To The Guard

Donahue has served in many capacities since his return to the Army National Guard in 1993. He chose to leave the Navy because he wanted to devote time to his new family. It also allowed him to work at achieving a commission and serving as an officer.

After the events of 9/11, he has devoted his time to all three major theaters of operations: Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and now Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He has

also worked at the Army National Guard Readiness Center in Arlington, Va., in the Offices of Force Management and Mobilization Readiness. These experiences led him to his current assignment of assisting International Security Assistance Force Joint Command.

Lt. Col Howard Schauer, a program manager at the National Guard Readiness Center in Washington, D.C., has worked alongside Donahue since 2010. He says he admires Donahue's dedication to serve abroad in the interests of the United States. "Maj. Donahue is a selfless patriot," notes Schauer.

One of Donahue's biggest professional concerns is the current fiscal crisis commonly referred to as sequestration. He says he understands this is something that the Army will have to work through carefully, and knows he is but one of many left uncertain about their future because of fiscal issues.

He is happy that after a decade of devotion to the Army's mission, he can return home and be more devoted to his wife and his family.

"Everything is about family right now," he says. "They have committed so much time without me, and now I get the opportunity to spend time with them." ■

Boeing Challenge: A Learning Experience For SIU Students

A competition among 22 students in Southern Illinois University's Carbondale's College of Engineering was lauded as a bonding experience that will serve each participant well in the future.

"Crew Station 2040 Challenge: University Capstone Competition," sponsored by Boeing Military Aircraft, pitted two teams of SIU Carbondale students in a multi-step project. All students were seniors majoring in electrical, computer, or mechanical engineering. Their task was to design the "Cockpit of the Future."

The projects of both teams – Team Horus and the Flying Pharoahs – were reviewed and scored by Boeing officials at various points throughout the academic year, with the final presentations taking place April 26 on campus. In a close competition, Team Horus defeated the Flying Pharoahs. However, members of both teams say everyone is a winner as a result of participating in the nine-month project.

"It presents students with an opportunity to think outside of the box and get out of the conundrum of meeting in class on a daily basis," says Ed Winkler, Boeing Technical Fellow and two-degree science alumnus of SIU. "They used their creative juices to visualize where technology is going to take this industry. This is a good resume builder that could perhaps serve as an advantage in the job market."

"You learn a great deal through communication alone. You can't just do your own thing. There are three different aspects of engineering involved, and you're working with 10 other people. This is much like the real world."

Boeing provided each team with a set of system design requirements listing essential features. The teams created



Members of Team Horus pictured (front row from left) are: Anthony Seneca, Kevin Ortega, Mathew Geevarghese, and Corey Corbett. Standing are: Student Project Manager Nick Musick, Jimmy Quinn, Kyle Einecker, Eric Neubert, Azahel Herrera, Fouad Ali, Steve Miener, representing Boeing, Steven Bass, chief engineer for Boeing Military Aircraft, Larry Olson, representing Boeing, Ed Winkler, an SIU alumnus representing Boeing and spearheading the partnership, and Landon Kennel.

physical or virtual designs, communicated with Boeing mentors by sharing status reports, and conducted a detailed presentation for Boeing judges to analyze. Boeing also provided funding for the students to purchase materials to build their physical mock-up designs.

Nick Musick, a senior in electrical engineering from Eureka and Team Horus member, says the competition was beneficial for both teams.

"Everyone worked hard, and it's been a learning process for all of us," he says. "The competition was sportsmanlike. The teams are going to share presentation slides with each other. We are a close-knit group, and I'm sure we'll keep in touch and support each other well after graduation."

Justin Wolfe, a senior majoring in mechanical engineering from

Bloomington and Flying Pharoahs team member, says, "We are all graduating, and this project will forever serve as a bond between us. It's unlike the classroom setting because we acquired hands-on experience. And you learn a great deal through working together toward a common goal. We are all driven to be better communicators."

Winkler says Boeing has sponsored this contest at other universities. Next year, Boeing officials are planning a competition between SIU and Tennessee State.

"I enjoy working with various institutions. It is project-based learning and serves as an extension of the classroom experience," he says. "Students receive an opportunity to turn theory into practice. And hopefully, I am giving something back to SIU, because the University has meant a great deal to me." ■

SIU Moonbuggy Team Wins NASA Design Award

by Gordon Pruett

In the 20th NASA Great Moonbuggy Race at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala., the SIU team won the prestigious Neil Armstrong Best Design Award presented for solving engineering problems associated with lunar travel. The SIU team included Ryan Schmidt '13 (team leader), Tsuchin Chu (faculty adviser), Tim Attig '12 (machinist), Caleb McGee '13, Zach Pringle '15, Dan Rogers '13, Nick Sager '13, Dylan Sartin '13, Kaylyn Shaw '14, Ryan Spencer '15, and Jessica Wharton '13.

The competition involved more than 90 high school and college teams from 23 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, India, Germany, Mexico, and Russia and was held the last weekend in April. The race challenges students to design, build, and race lightweight, human-powered buggies. Race teams traverse a grueling half-mile course that simulates the lunar surface. The winning teams post the fastest race times in their divisions with the fewest on-course penalties. In describing the SIU entry, team leader Ryan Schmidt says, "It's essentially a big, recumbent bicycle."

The 2013 team learned from the problems of the past with the realiza-

tion that subsystem (frame, drivetrain, suspension, etc.) design and fabrication should be integrated as much as possible with other subsystems. Five mechanical engineering students – McGee, Rogers, Sager, Sartin, and Schmidt – designed the buggy, while two mechanical engineering students – Pringle and Spencer – assisted in fabrication, and Wharton worked on fabrication and fundraising.

A native of Carterville, Ill., Schmidt, has been involved with the last several SIU Moonbuggy teams and was responsible for the design of the all-important suspension of this year's entry. "I went to



SIU Moonbuggy Team 2013: seated, Dan Rogers and Kaylyn Shaw; standing, Ryan Spencer, Dylan Sartin, Zach Pringle, Caleb McGee, Ryan Schmidt, Nick Sager, Jessica Wharton, Tim Attig, and Tsuchin Chu.



Photos by Ryan Schmidt.

The race car-inspired suspension was designed by Ryan Schmidt.

great lengths to research and design a suspension that was a better fit for a race car than a bicycle,” he says. “Many buggies go to competition with no suspension. When they hit obstacles, they go airborne and cannot be controlled. Our buggy was designed so that the wheels would be on the ground as much as possible. This gave us the control we were looking for. It was lightning fast.”

Attig, tool and instrument mechanic (machinist) for the College of Engineering, assisted in the machine shop fabrication of many of the custom-made parts for the moonbuggy. He has been working at SIU for the past eight years, and has contributed his time and talents to the past five buggies. He overheard a judge in Huntsville say the design award was well-deserved, stating “the students that made this [the SIU entry] could be working for NASA.”

Attig also pointed out that building a moonbuggy can be an expensive propo-

sition. While he was instrumental in creating custom-built parts for the buggy, it made sense to simply purchase others. The moonbuggy’s two-speed transmission carried a \$400 price tag. In total, nearly \$7,000 in underwriting was required for the project, and plans for funding the 2014 SIU entry have begun. (Anyone interested in underwriting next year’s entry can contact the team’s faculty adviser at tchu@siu.edu or 618-536-2396.)

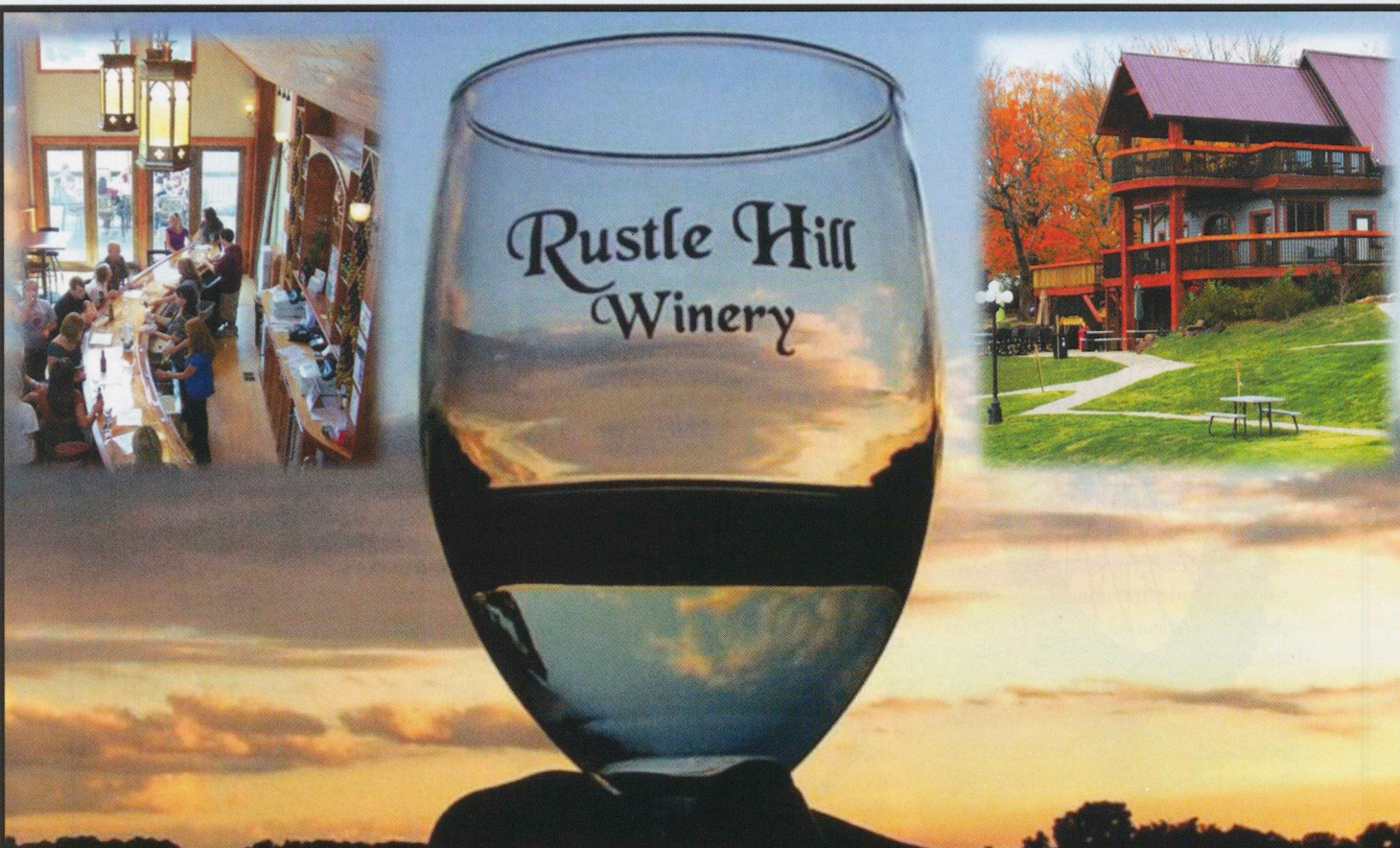
Shaw, the rear competition driver for the buggy, looks to the future for SIU’s team. “I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be a peddler in the competition. I am a junior in electrical engineering, so I hope to return next year to add a telemetry component, assist in a few minor additions, and pedal to a top-3 finish in the race next year, and also bring home another Neil Armstrong Design Award.”

The Great Moonbuggy Race was attended by Clarke Moore ’95, an engi-

neer with Bokler Systems Corp. in Huntsville, who had unreserved praise for the Carbondale entry. “When I met the team, I was taken aback with the high level of competence. The students were vastly more capable than I was during my senior year at SIU! The SIU Moonbuggy design was head-and-shoulders above anything else entered the competition.

“The workmanship, as exhibited by just the welds on the frame, shows that the students will be a serious asset for whatever firm is lucky enough to hire them. The team and their hardware made me proud to be a Saluki!”

The NASA Great Moonbuggy Race is sponsored by Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Northrup Grumman Corporation, and Aerojet. More information on the competition can be found at <http://moonbuggy.msfc.nasa.gov/>, and the SIU team’s participation can be seen at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MnVrRzJdJME>.



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FRANKLIN SR., George A., '38
3/08/2013, Saint Paul, Minn.

BEGGS, Mary E., '41, M.S. Ed. '63
4/06/2013, Harrisburg, Ill.

OCHS, Wilma, '41, M.S. Ed. '49
12/18/2012, Okawville, Ill.

STRUSZ, Fern D., ex. '41
4/18/2013, Oxford, Mass.

GOYAK, Elizabeth F., '43
4/07/2013, Fort Myers, Fla.

HERR, Mary L., ex. '43
2/01/2013, Mesa, Ariz.

DALE, Margie B., ex. '44
2/22/2013, Mount Vernon, Ill.

LACKEY, Doris, ex. '45
5/05/2013, Vandalia, Ill.

BARRA, PH.D., Marguerite C., '46
4/15/2013, Johnston City, Ill.

DILLINGHAM JR., Hervie, ex. '46
3/21/2013, Lafayette, La.

HILTON, Ellen L., ex. '46
2/26/2013, Makanda, Ill.

ROLANDO, Carl F., '46, M.S. Ed. '51
3/28/2013, Auburn, Ill.

HICKS, Orloff H., '47, M.S. Ed. '49
5/30/2012, Rochelle, Ill.

MAGILL, Evelyn M., '47
5/03/2013, Wapella, Ill.

SIKKEL, Virginia M., '47, M.A. '50
3/21/2013, Brooklyn, Conn.

THOMPSON, Mariana Trovillion, ex. '47
4/07/2013, Metamora, Ill.

COLLINS, Patricia A., ex. '48
3/13/2013, Murphysboro, Ill.

BRADLEY, Robert D., '49
5/05/2013, Marion, Ill.

CRAWFORD, Col. Kenneth (Ret.), ex. '49
11/18/2012, San Antonio, Texas

FARRIS JR., Odie L., ex. '49
4/08/2013, Springfield, Ill.

PEEBLES, Wallace L., '49, M.S. Ed. '54
5/14/2013, Marion, Ill.

SMALL, Pauline S., '49
1/13/2013, Galatia, Ill.

SMITH, Loy R., '49, M.S. Ed. '58
3/27/2013, Crab Orchard, Ill.

BEGGS, Virginia R., ex. '50
3/19/2013, Du Quoin, Ill.

BLADES, Lois J. Banker, ex. '50
1/26/2013, Dallas, Texas

SCRIVNER, Joe H., ex. '50
3/29/2013, Mount Vernon, Ill.

BANDY, Mary R., ex. '51
04/24/2013, Texico, Ill.

FOX, Elizabeth Jane "Betty", '52
3/03/2013, Marion, Ill.

RUSH, ED.D., Wilmer S., '52
3/10/2013, Jacksonville, Fla.

COOPER, Betty J. Hiller, '53
2/08/2013, Belleville, Ill.

MCCUAN, Heze L. "Mac," ex. '53
3/02/2013, Marion, Ill.

SLEDGE, Joan H., '53
4/12/2013, Marco Island, Fla.

VANDAMENT, PH.D., William E., M.S. Ed. '53
4/20/2013, Signal Hill, Calif.

MELVIN, Donald R., '54
4/08/2013, Brownsburg, Va.

MOBURG, Leon F., M.F.A., '54
4/13/2013, Redlands, Calif.

STEWART, Kenneth D., '54
2/17/2013, Stonefort, Ill.

STORY, Jack L., '54, M.S. Ed. '59
2/27/2013, Belleville, Ill.

MCCLUSKIE, Jack J., '55
4/13/2013, Alton, Ill.

MISENHEIMER, Carolyn A. Cowart, M.A. '55
3/20/2013, Terre Haute, Ind.

SPRINGER, Eugene, '55
11/22/2012, Odessa, Texas

BIONE SR., John V., '56
2/13/2013, Thompsonville, Ill.

DOLLINS, Jane H., '56
3/05/2013, Benton, Ill.

FORNEAR, John C. "Jack," '56, M.S. Ed. '66
2/22/2013, Sesser, Ill.

HILSENHOFF, Robert D., M.A. '56
5/02/2013, Manteno, Ill.

KING, Barbara J., '56
4/21/2013, Trenton, Ill.

MILLS, Gary P., '56
4/09/2013, Scottsdale, Ariz.

RULE JR., Lee, '56
2/28/2013, Girard, Ill.

CARNEGHI, Mario A. "Mike," '57
4/23/2013, Carterville, Ill.

CHERI JR., Dominic "Lou," '57
1/18/2013, Saint Charles, Mo.

TONDINI, Dorothy J., '57
2/25/2013, Marion, Ill.

TROVILLION, Joyce R. Berry, '57
2/13/2013, West Frankfort, Ill.

ARNOTT, Peter G. "Pete," M.S. Ed. '58
5/3/2013, Murphysboro, Ill.

BYNUM, Maury L., '58
2/09/2013, Chicago, Ill.

ROCKETT, David L., '58
3/10/2013, North Little Rock, Ark.

GIANAKOS, Julius, '58
3/04/2013, Hanna City, Ill.

KIAS, Michael J., '58
2/26/2013, Sullivan, Ill.

RICHARDSON, David T., B.M.E. '58
3/29/2013, Chattanooga, Tenn.

ADELMAN, Sherwin M., '59, M.A. '65
2/04/2013, McLean, Va.

CARSON, Bertha L., '59
2/17/2013, Pinckneyville, Ill.

EHRLLICH, Rose G., '59, M.S. Ed. '60
2/11/2013, Austin, Texas

HOWALD, Robert L. "Bob," '59
2/14/2013, Fort Worth, Texas

RUSHING, Marion G., '59
4/26/2013, Pinckneyville, Ill.

TAYLOR, Arthur D. "Arch," '59
2/15/2013, Lebanon, Mo.

TAYLOR, Thomas E., ex. '59
3/02/2013, Avon, Ind.

COATES, William R. "Bill," '60
3/29/2013, Belleville, Ill.

MATELIC, Gale B., '60
2/23/2013, West Frankfort, Ill.

McKINSTRY, Frances A., '60, M.S. '64
12/31/2012, Pinckneyville, Ill.

NELSON, Leah Ziegler, '61
3/05/2013, Carmi, Ill.

BOWLES, Edward E., '62
4/15/2013, Marion, Ill.

BRYANT, Duane D., '62
3/20/2013, Mount Vernon, Ill.

COOK, Muriel E., '62
3/21/2013, Royalton, Ill.

GRIGGS, Jerry D., ex. '62
2/13/2013, West Frankfort, Ill.

HURRELBRINK, Gail R., '62
2/15/2013, Springfield, Ill.

ROBERTS, Ralph R., Ph.D. '62
3/28/2013, Iowa City, Iowa

SHAW, Eugene H., '62
2/19/2013, High Point, N.C.

BARR, Joseph P., '63
5/06/2013, Maryville, Tenn.

BOEHRINGER, Larry C., '63
4/29/2013, Carmi, Ill.

BROWN, Robert D. "Bob," '63
3/10/2013, New Bern, N.C.

HELTSLEY, Ernest C. "Ernie," '63
5/04/2013, West Frankfort, Ill.

VINCENT, Larry C., '63
2/22/2013, West Frankfort, Ill.

HEBERT, Melvin L., '64
2/22/2013, Effingham, Ill.

JOHNSTON, Irwin A. "Irv," '64
3/05/2013, Elgin, Ill.

KOHRING, Evelyn L., '64
4/21/2013, Oakdale, Ill.

OZMENT, Dr. Lyle D., '64, S.P. '93
3/16/2013, Pittsburg, Ill.

RIVERS, Price C., M.A. '64, Ph.D. '67
4/16/2013, Lincoln, Neb.

BATTEAU, William C. "Bill," '65, M.S. Ed. '74
3/04/2013, Vergennes, Ill.

DOUBET, Charles B., M.S. '65
3/11/2013, Bloomington, Ill.

GAUEN, Joseph W., '65
2/10/2013, Avon Park, Fla.

MILFORD, John N., M.S. Ed. '66
4/17/2013, Freeburg, Ill.

CARNAGHI, John R., '67
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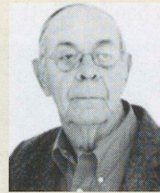
LITTLEFAIR, Margaret A., '67, M.S. '69
1/25/2013, Johnston City, Ill.

MILLER, PH.D., Thomas V., M.S. '67
5/02/2013, Louisville, Ky.

HEMISTER, M.D., Thurman L. "Dr. Corky," '67, M.S. '69
2/02/2013, Duluth, Minn.

Harold O'Neil, Former Logan President, Dies

Harold O'Neil '58, M.S. '60, Ph.D. '75, the former president of John A. Logan College, recently passed away at the age of 82. His career also included service at Carbondale



Community High School as a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, principal, and assistant superintendent.

In 1968, O'Neil was hired at John A. Logan College as dean for student services, then became vice president for instructional services and was named JALC's fourth president in 1982. He served on the board of directors for The Bank of Carbondale from 1988 to 2012 and was a 47-year member of Carbondale Elks Club. He also promoted the Southern Illinois Irish Festival after visiting his beloved Ireland on three occasions.

BENNETT, Eloise, '68, M.S. Ed. '76
12/23/2012, Chicago, Ill.

BODENBENDER, Andrew J., '68
4/11/2013, British Columbia, Canada

PLETSCH, Lloyd R., '68
4/06/2013, Rock Falls, Ill.

ULANE, Rodney E., M.A. '68, Ph.D. '71
3/07/2013, Rockville, Ill.

BLACK, Stephen A., '69
3/23/2013, Oak Lawn, Ill.

CARMACK, Marlene F., '69
3/10/2013, Salem, Ore.

KERWATH, Ruth T., '69
2/05/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

RAWLINS, Charles R. "Chuck," '69
5/02/2013, Des Moines, Iowa

THOMAS, Allen B. "Al," '69
5/07/2013, Carterville, Ill.

WARREN, Ralph A., '69
3/14/2013, Overland Park, Kan.

ELZY, Marsha M., '70
2/11/2013, Mount Vernon, Ill.

LEITZNER, Linda L., '70, M.S. Ed. '79
3/10/2013, Johnston City, Ill.

MELTON, The Reverend Merle E., '70, M.S. '73
2/15/2013, Mount Vernon, Ill.

HOFFERKAMP, Edward H., '71
4/30/2013, Rochester, Ill.

MARTIN, Jesse A., '71
2/23/2013, Chatham, Ill.

NICHOLSON, Jacqueline, '71, M.S. '81
4/23/2013, Murphysboro, Ill.

PEARCE, Helen K., '71
2/05/2013, Norris City, Ill.

ROBBINS, Helen J., '71
4/04/2013, Mulkeytown, Ill.

BAMBRICK, Michael P., '72
4/13/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

FELL, John A. "Andy," '72
4/06/2013, Indianapolis, Ind.

HASTINGS, Michael W., '72
3/01/2013, Owensville, Ind.

JENKINS, Michael W., '72
12/08/2012, Sycamore, Ill.

LAWLESS, David T. "Dave," '72
3/12/2013, Springfield, Ill.

PRITCHETT, Shirlee D., '72
2/12/2013, Metropolis, Ill.

THOMSON, Peter A., '72
1/19/2013, Odessa, Fla.

VANDIVER, Richard D. "Dick," Ph.D. '72
11/13/2012, Lincoln City, Ore.

CREWS, Betty A., '73, M.S. '75
10/07/2012, Fruitdale, Ind.

DIEL, Daniel L., '73
2/09/2013, Mattoon, Ill.

DUNN, Charles D., Ph.D. '73
5/05/2013, Arkadelphia, Ark.

KELLY, Sara C., '73
2/02/2013, Wauconda, Ill.

LEVINSON, Marc, '73, M.A. '76, Ph.D. '79
3/18/2013, Cobden, Ill.

STEINKAMP, Kenneth G., '73
3/20/2013, Holyton, Ill.

SULLIVAN, Charles B., '73
4/24/2013, Menard, Ill.

WENDLING, William H. "Bill," '73
3/14/2013, Naples, Fla.

WIGGINS, Robert G., Ph.D. '73
2/21/2013, Hattiesburg, Miss.

BROWN, Barbara H., '74
04/17/2013, Salem Township, Penn.

IMBODEN IV, Francis M. "Buzz," M.S. '74
4/29/2013, Belleville, Ill.

KALTENBACH, Philip X., M.A. '74
3/26/2013, Florham Park, N.J.

SMITH, James L., '74
7/31/2012, Garden City, Kan.

STEWART, Hester R. Moore, Ph.D. '74
4/30/2013, Brooksville, Ky.

ARENS, Suzanne G. "Toots," '75
2/19/2013, Homer Glen, Ill.

BOSTON, David R., '75
5/07/2013, Herrin, Ill.

LEDERER, Jeanne M., '75
2/18/2013, Denver, Colo.

ROY SR., Thomas M., M.S. Ed. '75, Ph.D. '80, M.S. '85
4/16/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

COLLINS, Sandra V., '76
3/16/2013, Bloomington, Ill.

DAY, Raymond F., '76
4/21/2013, Lincolnton, N.C.

JACKSON, Rita L., '76
3/04/2013, Chicago, Ill.

MARTIN, Michael D., '76
1/09/2013, Bolingbrook, Ill.

SINGER, Dale A., '77
2/01/2013, Naperville, Ill.

VOYLES, Robert E., '77
2/23/2013, Charleston, S.C.

ASHBAUGH, Jean A., '78
3/02/2013, Effingham, Ill.

CARPENTER, David E., '78
2/01/2013, Freeport, Ill.

DUNN SR., Gerold O., '78
4/13/2013, San Antonio, Texas

SMILEY, Russell F., Ph.D. '78
3/10/2013, Edina, Minn.

THOMAN, John R., M.S. '78
1/20/2013, Hyde Park, N.Y.

CARRIGAN, James C., '79
3/07/2013, Ladson, S.C.

FARMER, Steven L., '79
2/06/2013, Metropolis, Ill.

HALL, Oscar I., '79
12/12/2012, Lincoln City, Ore.

HOGAN, Steven J., '79, M.S. Ed. '94
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LIPE, Roger A., '79
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Central Florida Spring Picnic

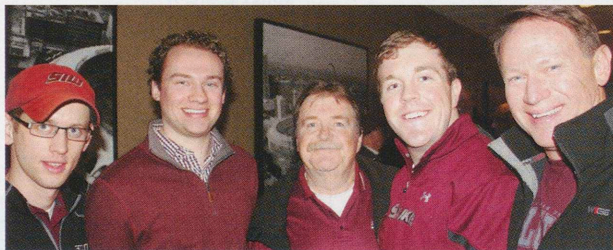
The Central Florida Chapter hosted more than 20 alumni and friends to a picnic at Fort Desoto State Park. Prior to lunch, several Salukis mingled, while others took advantage of the pristine beaches and beautiful weather. After lunch, SIU Alumni Association Director Zachary Sapienza provided a short program regarding current initiatives on campus. Tom and JoAnn Chamberlain coordinated the picnic.



Tremendous weather gave the Central Florida Salukis a great day to connect and enjoy each other's company during a picnic at Fort Desoto State Park.

MVC Tournament Hospitality Suite

The SIU Alumni Association hosted the alumni hospitality suite at Hilton at the Ballpark during the MVC Conference Tournament. Thursday's pregame reception featured SIU Carbondale Chancellor Rita Cheng and Athletic Director Mario Moccia as guest speakers. Saluki Hall of Fame basketball players



SIU fans enjoying the MVC Hospitality Suite at the Hilton at the Ballpark in St. Louis. Thursday's session featured guest speakers Rita Cheng, Michelle Suarez, and Mario Moccia.

Chris Carr and John "Mouse" Garrett were in attendance at the event. On Friday, a breakfast was provided to all alumni in the morning, and a student recruitment event was held in the evening.

12th Annual Greater Michigan Dinner

The Greater Michigan Chapter and the SIU Alumni Association hosted 40 alumni to a reception and dinner at Dave & Buster's. Mike Behrmann, chairman of SIU Automotive Technology, was the guest speaker and presented updates on the recently completed Transportation Education Center. Chris Micha, Dale Hall, Chad O'Brien, and Kent Wilson coordinated the event.

St. Louis Alumni Career Fair & Expo

The SIU Alumni Association teamed up with several other colleges and universities to host a career fair at Chaifetz Arena in St. Louis. Several Salukis explored various career opportunities being provided by more than 30 regional and national companies. A special thank you to Tracy Tucker, Harry Fanning, and Jeff Kutterer for volunteering at SIU's registration table. Michelle Garrett from SIU Career Services, and Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez attended the fair on behalf of the University.

SIU Day With The Nashville Predators

The Nashville Club of the SIU Alumni Association hosted more than 25 alumni to watch the Predators take on the Chicago Blackhawks. Following the game, members of the



Alumni and friends from the Nashville Club enjoy a post-game event with Executive Director Michelle Suarez.

group gathered at a local establishment to socialize, enjoy dinner, and cheer on MVC member Wichita State in the NCAA Tourney. Elle Turner coordinated the event, and Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez helped host the gathering.

SIU Day With The Miami Marlins

The South Florida Alumni Club hosted more than 25 alumni and friends to watch the Miami Marlins battle the Chicago Cubs. After the game, several Salukis took the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful South Florida weather and socialize at a nearby establishment. Will Stransky and Art Duffy helped coordinate the event.



South Florida Salukis having fun at the Cubs-Marlins game.

2nd Annual Cubs vs. White Sox Spring Training Game Outing

More than 50 alumni and friends attended a White Sox-Cubs Spring Training game in Glendale, Ariz., at an event coordinated by Phoenix Chapter President Danny Griffin. Prior to the game, Salukis enjoyed a tailgate, where the Association provided lunch. SIU Alumni Association Director Zachary Sapienza represented the organization, providing a program where he updated alumni about key initiatives on campus and answered several general questions regarding the state of the University.



Baseball action in Glendale this year included a pre-game tailgate before the Cubs-White Sox game.

Contact A Chapter Or Club Near You

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

BAG Reunion July 18-21

The Black Alumni Group reunion, held every two years, will be held on campus Thursday, July 18, through Sunday, July 21. The Black Alumni Group, a constituent society of the SIU Alumni Association, hosts and organizes the reunion.

This year's theme is *"Familiar Faces In Familiar Places."* Reunion highlights include:

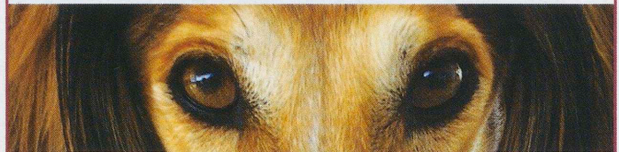
An SIU administrators' reception in Morris Library's Hall of Presidents, a signature gala honoring "The Legends of the Black Alumni Group," and parties featuring DJs Sam Chapman, Mike Perez, and The Spin Squad. For more information on this festive weekend, go to www.siualumni.com/BAG. If you have any additional questions, call Tuesday Ashner at the SIU Alumni Association, at 618-453-2408, or email her at tlashner@siu.edu.

Spirit Reunion In September

The SIU Spirit Group Alumni Reunion, supported by the SIU Alumni Association and Saluki Athletics, will be held Sept. 6-7. Saluki Athletics is beginning a year-long celebration of "100 Years of Saluki Athletics," and this event will help kick it off.

Those interested may register for the event at www.siualumni.com/cheer. Also check this site for additional details and contact information.

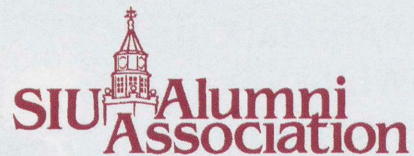
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MISSBACH, Nancy J., '79
1/24/2013, Chicago, Ill.

RACUTT, William S., '79
5/14/2013, Bloomington, Ill.

SEARS, Glenda M. "Sissy," '79
2/14/2013, Clinton, Ill.

THOMPSON, Thomas N., '79
2/14/2013, Round Lake Beach, Ill.

CURTIS, Walter S., '80
1/11/2013, Ruckersville, Va.

DIETZ, Peter J., M.A., '80
5/05/2013, Portland, Maine

MANDRELL, Evelyn O., ex. '80
4/15/2013, Knightdale, N.C.

CARRIER, Alan B., '81
5/13/2013, De Soto, Ill.

KING, James V., '81
4/27/2013, Benton, Ill.

McGAN, Linda J., M.S. Ed. '81
2/07/2013, Herod, Ill.

OSTRANDER III, Alfred I. "Bud," '81
8/06/2012, Middleton, Wisc.

KRAJEWSKI, Amy L., '82
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LADD, Janice K., '82
3/15/2013, Murphysboro, Ill.

BAIN, John H., '83
4/03/2013, Johnston City, Ill.

BLOOM, Jeffrey J., '85
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BRAYFIELD, Richard N., '85
2/18/2013, Mattoon, Ill.

WATGEN, Heather L., '85
5/02/2013, Lawrence, Kan.

SANGRELET, Treasha L., '86
2/18/2013, Murphysboro, Ill.

WHITE, Richard J., '87
5/02/2013, Port Orchard, Wash.

REED, Darrin L., '88
3/30/2013, Woodhull, Ill.

ROBERTSON, D. William, '88
2/23/2013, Rockford, Ill.

SHAW SR., Randall P., '88, M.S., '89
5/03/2013, Humble, Texas

DONOVAN, Marilyn P., '89
1/28/2013, Arlington Heights, Ill.

EDMONSON, Charlene, '89
4/05/2013, Sparta, Ill.

HERNANDEZ, Emilia E., '89
11/05/2012, San Bernardino, Calif.

REYNARD, Charles C., '89
1/30/2013, California, Md.

TATE, Freddie, '89
11/01/2012, Grand Prairie, Texas

HOSICK, Margie E., '90
2/27/2013, Rockford, Ill.

PAONI JR., David H., '90
3/01/2013, Joliet, Ill.

RAMEY, Ruth A., M.S., '92
3/24/2013, Goreville, Ill.

DEARING, Charles D. "Chuck," '93
4/21/2013, Westampton, N.J.

GLOVER, Tara M., '93
4/06/2013, Carmi, Ill.

ISAACS JR., Cecil J., '93
5/05/2013, Glendale, Ariz.

REED, Jason G., '93
3/01/2013, Oakwood, Ill.

ROBINSON II, Levell, '93
11/27/2012, Chicago, Ill.

TORRENCE, David F., '93, M.S., '99
5/08/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

BOLT, Todd L., '94
12/05/2012, Elmwood, Ill.

FIEDLER, David A., '94, M.B.A., '98
3/20/2013, Centralia, Ill.

STEWART, Paul D., '94
3/06/2013, Silverdale, Wash.

FORBES, Terry A., '95
2/09/2013, Royalton, Ill.

GALLAGHER, Jeana L., '95
3/08/2013, Shreveport, La.

GHANT, Jeannette M. "Gimny," '95, M.S., '98
3/05/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

SCHALLERT, Joseph A., M.D., '95
3/07/2013, Belleville, Ill.

TAYLOR, David M., '95
12/20/2012, Hillsboro, Mo.

RUIZ, Paul A., '96
3/24/2013, Murphysboro, Ill.

SMITH, Michael J., '96
4/03/2013, Taylorville, Ill.

SOLA, Harry P., '96
3/19/2013, Crestwood, Ill.

WATSON III, Louis L., '97
3/12/2013, Park Ridge, Ill.

NELSON, Cathy L., '04
4/09/2013, Harrisburg, Ill.

STEWART, Steven W., '04
3/17/2013, Rhome, Texas

SALINAS, Dave, '06
1/22/2013, Aurora, Ill.

HOULE, Derek B., '07
3/01/2013, Bluford, Ill.

STANDARD, James A., '09
2/13/2013, Springfield, Ill.

AHLE, Ryan T., '12
3/16/2013, Sycamore, Ill.

Faculty/Staff

BAMBRICK, Michael P., '72
Extra Help Skilled Crafts
Physical Plant
4/13/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

BLACKBURN, PH.D., James W.
Professor
Mechanical Engineering and Energy Processes
2/21/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

DEWEESE, Jewel V., M.S., '71
Emerita, Academic Advisor/ Instructor
Department of Education
3/11/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

GOODE, Vernie R., '99, M.B.A., '01
Academic Advisor
College of Business
3/11/2013, Marion, Ill.

HICKS, John W., '81, M.S.Ed. '87
Safety Officer
Center for Environmental Health and Safety
3/29/2013, Carterville, Ill.

HOWARDS, Irving
Emeritus, Assistant Professor
Public Affairs Research Bureau/Government
4/08/2013, Amherst, Mass.

HUFFMAN, William "Riley Bill" N., '47, M.S.Ed. '48
Adjunct Instructor
Mortuary Science
3/20/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

LONG, Eddie L.
Kitchen Helper
University Housing
2/18/2013, Marion, Ill.

McArthy Named SIU Student Employee Of The Year

SIU Carbondale honored outstanding student employees at a breakfast recognition ceremony in April as part of its observance of the annual National Student Employee Recognition Week, and Association student worker **Hannah McArthy '13**, a senior marketing major from Marion, was selected as this year's Student Employee of the Year. **Hannah Oliver '13**, a senior from Decatur, was the runner-up.

McArthy is a receptionist for the SIU Alumni Association, but she has voluntarily taken on responsibilities not typically included in her job description. She has been conducting surveys for the Association – more than 50 – and enjoys it so much she may specialize in surveys as she seeks post-graduation employment.

Zachary Sapienza '99, M.S. '05, assistant director of the SIU Alumni Association, says any of the organization's 16 student employees are worthy of nomination for the Student Employee of the Year award, but he was particularly eager to nominate McArthy. He praises her work ethic, initiative, attention to detail, and ability to meet and surpass deadlines as

traits that made her a valuable employee and, quintessentially, the type of student employee for which the award was created.

"Hannah's unique background in marketing and her penchant for professionalism have uniquely contributed to the goals of the SIU Alumni Association by substantially strengthening and improving our alumni surveys, and by continually representing SIU and the SIU Alumni Association in a positive and professional manner," he says.

Terri Harfst '89, director of the Office of Financial Aid, says the week of recognition for student employees honors the "obvious benefit" student workers give to the University, but also acknowledges the benefits conscientious supervisors provide students.

SIU Carbondale employs approximately 4,400 to 4,500 students. The annual payroll for these student employees totals approximately \$11 million.

Other nominees for the 2013 Student Employee of the Year were:

William Brophy, Department of Aviation Management and Flight.

Jamie Franklin, the Office of General Counsel and Legal Affairs.

Philip Kunz, The Rehabilitation Institute.

Gabrielle Lowe, Center for English as a Second Language.

Katie Pendergast, University Housing.

Kelsey Pruitt, Student Center Scheduling Office.

Scott Schackmann, The Office of the Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students.

Tyler Shelton, Office of Records Management.

Kay Squibb, Plant and Service Operations.

Nicole Stoodley, College of Applied Sciences and Arts Dean's Office.

Tyler Voss, College of Agricultural Sciences. ■



From left, Bryan McArthy (father), Tina Shingleton, Zachary Sapienza, Hannah McArthy, and Angela McArthy (mother) enjoy the breakfast recognition ceremony.

A Song For Vivian

by Lee Seward '69

For more than 25 years a small but stubborn core group of more than 20 college buddies from Southern Illinois University – all members of Theta Xi Fraternity and lovers of the game of golf – have convened following Labor Day in the Chicago suburbs for an annual outing affectionately referred to as “The James Berg Memorial.”

The event is named after a fellow SIU alumnus and brother who passed away. About 10 years ago, when more attendees had extra time for golf and a little more money to travel, we expanded to include a second stop each spring in Gulf Shores, Ala., home to one of the regular attendees of the “The Berg.” The second tournament stop reflects the culture at the time it was established and is known as the “Murrie.com Invitational.”

The “Murrie.com” is a bit smaller than “The Berg,” but it is, nonetheless, hotly contested. The tournament includes all the standard challenges: low gross, low net, closest to the pin, longest drive, skins. Indeed, it's the whole menu – a classic golf outing and book-keeping nightmare. A fair amount of money changes hands, but the good news is that the bulk of it ends up donated back to the Theta Xi Memorial Fund we established for a scholarship at SIU.

We play four days of golf on three different courses, which is no small feat for guys who at that time of the year haven't played often and are all older than age 65. For those of us who drive there, it is often six days of golf as we make our way south through from the various corners of Illinois and Missouri.

One highly anticipated event is held about midway through “The Murrie.com.” At the home of the resident brother is the Champions Dinner. Tired bones get a needed rest, good behavior is a must (our host's wife is the official hostess), and the food and beverages are outstanding.

There are few things that are a “given” when old college buddies and fraternity brothers find themselves together enjoying the camaraderie. One of those “givens” with our group is that we will most certainly end up singing! In the 1960s, our fraternity was pretty good in that department and was always competitive at Greek Sing. It was a good way to meet girls, and some of that ability – now loosely described as talent – has remained when we try and fine tune it twice a year.

This particular year's Champions Dinner was no exception. We sang school songs, old songs, silly songs, drinking songs, and fraternity songs. It was a special time. One tradition is that several neighbors are invited to join us at the feast. Two worlds collide, but the “locals” and the “out-of-towners” get along just fine. SIU graduates in attendance this year were myself and Ed Murrie, Thomas Boyd, Bruce Herring, Jim Merz, Julian Pei, Thomas Haas, Ned Coulson, Pat O'Day, Andrew Bernhardt,

Craig Abbott, Al Manning, Larry Baldwin, Jack Hagerup, Jim Flick, Joe Guzzardo, and Greg Drinan.

We noticed that one of the neighbors who was always up for a great party was not there. Where was Vivian? We suspected she knew hanging out with this group could be trouble, and in a moment of clarity had decided to stay away. Unfortunately, that was not the case.

In the year since the last event, Vivian had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was quite sick and unable to leave her home for any length of time. Almost immediately, the “Brothers” were standing in her driveway. The singing began, and shortly after that, we saw her at the window. She came out to where we were, as we kept on singing. One song that all of us knew well (both tune *and* words) was something we used to sing at formal fraternity social events. The Sweetheart Song is best described as a love song for the ladies in our lives. The words are simple:

*When TX men grow weary
of happy rounder songs,
there's another song and sweeter
that wafts the dreams along.
Our thoughts go back to Sweethearts,
those girls of days gone by.
Our dreams are always of you,
Sweetheart of Theta Xi.*

*Your hair is gold like sunshine,
or dark as twilight shades.
Your eyes like bluest heavens
or deep as guarded glades.
Though you've such varied features
neath dark or sunny skies,
to you we'll e'er be faithful,
Sweetheart of Theta Xi.*

I can tell you that we never sounded better than we did that evening. Vivian smiled while standing in the middle of our circle. She was frail and walked with a cane, but at least for a moment she was drinking in the warmth of that special song and evening. When we were finished, she hugged each of us before she went back into her house. We walked a bit more slowly – and more thoughtfully – as we went back to our host's home.

The golf was great, the camaraderie of a brotherhood spanning more than 50 years was irreplaceable, and the event was an overwhelming success. And the chance to sing to Vivian was life changing.

It's hard to describe how you feel when you know you have done something you will never do again. As it turned out, that was

the last time we would have a chance to sing to Vivian. She died shortly after our golf outing concluded.

Even if we had a mulligan, I don't think these old Salukis could have done it any better. ■

Editor's Note: Lee Seward is a 1969 graduate of SIU and a life member of SIU Alumni Association. His fellow fraternity brothers include bankers, manufacturing executives, entrepreneurs, financial specialists, real estate representatives, salesmen, insurance men, lawyers,

teachers, and a licensed ship captain. Many are military veterans, and all are SIU graduates, Theta Xis, and Salukis through and through. This



From left: Andy Bernhardt, Julian Pei, Jim Merz, Bruce Herring, Ned Coulson, Tom Haas, Al Manning, Ed Murrie, Pat O'Day, Lee Seward, Larry Baldwin, Craig Abbott, and Jack Hagerup. Not present for photo, Joe Guzzardo.

Southern Memories story is dedicated to Vivian, a special "Sweetheart of Theta Xi."

What's on your bucket list?

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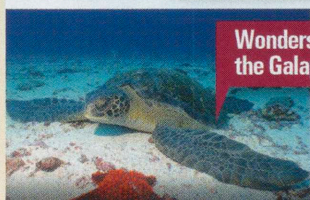
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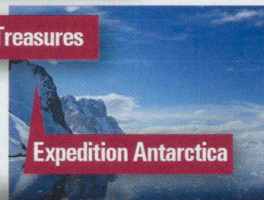
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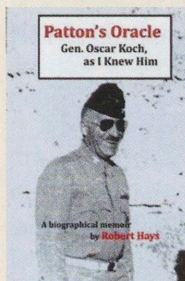
Alumni listed in **maroon** are SIU Alumni Association members.

1940s

Raymond Hahn '48 was recently recognized at a dinner in Franklin, N.H., for 60 years of ministry. Rev. Hahn began his ministry in April 1953 in a little country church in west-central Illinois, near the Mississippi River. Since then, he has been a pastor, associate pastor, minister of education, youth minister, missionary, administrator, interim minister, supply preacher, speaker, and leader of worship. In his six decades of ministry, Hahn has served more than 200 churches and organizations of 21 denominations in 14 states.

1960s

Robert Hays '61, M.S. '72, Ph.D. '76 offers an insightful



portrait of Gen. Oscar Koch, the World War II intelligence chief for General George S. Patton Jr. in *Patton's Oracle: Gen. Oscar Koch, as I Knew Him*. Hays contends that Koch's overwhelming concern for the welfare of his soldiers was responsible for Patton's success. Patton gave intelligence highest priority and rarely made a move without consulting Koch first. *Patton's Oracle* has just been released in print and e-book by Lucidus Books.

Peter Schakel '64 M.A. of the Hope College English faculty has been presented the 49th Hope Outstanding Professor Educator Award. This award is presented by the graduating class of 2013 to the professor



who they feel has the best qualities of a Hope College educator. Schakel is the Peter C.

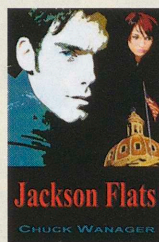
and Emajeon Cook Professor of English and chairperson of the department. He has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1969 and has held his endowed professorship since 1984. An internationally respected scholar of C.S. Lewis' work, he has published seven books on Lewis.

1970s

Photographs by **David Nolan '71** were featured in an exhibit in May and June at the Ally Gallery in Danville, Ill. Nolan has a special interest in portraiture and art photography of the nude. While he did spend a great deal of time photographing the nude, his main emphasis has been the "social landscape." In many of Nolan's art creations, he incorporated his photography into a three-dimensional artwork such as a box, multimedia collage, installation, or sculpture.

Jim Frank '71, M.S. '72 of Springfield has donated about \$4,700 to his hometown of Sparland, Ill., for a small picnic shelter and other improvements. His parents, Tom and Margaret Frank, ran a local hardware, plumbing, and heating business for nearly 50 years, but the family's presence in the community dates back to German ancestors who arrived in the 1850s.

Chuck Wanager '71, M.S. '82 has written a novel based partly on his experiences as a newspaper reporter. The novel, *Jackson Flats*, was released this month by Vabella Publishing in Carrollton, Ga., where Wanager lives. Wanager works full time as an author and editor. His other creative projects



include a collection of poems, with a 2013 release date, and his memoirs. His background

spans more than 30 years as a reporter and editor for various newspapers and as a writer/editor in public relations positions.

Jim Pape '74 has joined West Kentucky Community and Technical College as vice president of Workforce and Economic Development, having served as a manufacturing specialist for nearly seven years at the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center at SIU. Pape



has worked with manufacturers in Illinois and other

partner states to improve their businesses by managing projects in production, engineering, production inventory control, safety, finance, quality, research and development, and the general business office.

After 30 years as an award-winning national correspondent, **Chris Bury '75** left ABC

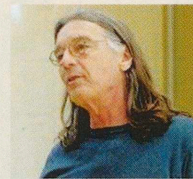


News last July, telling colleagues, "It's been a good run - through hurricanes, coup d'états, wars, presidential

campaigns, scandals, and all those quirky little stories along the way." Since then, he's been home in Chicago making plans for the next phase of his career and waiting out the last six months of his contract, which ran through January 31. Bury's next project is a weekly, half-hour public affairs show for

WYCC. He will be one of the hosts of *In the Loop*, which premiered February 14. Bury has been honored by the University as an SIU Distinguished Alumni recipient.

When artist **Stan Meyer M.F.A. '75** opened his show in March at the Batavia (Ill.) Fine Arts Centre, his mother, Elaine, was standing nearby, beaming



with pride. "My mom was probably my

earliest inspiration as an artist," says Meyer. "There was a small group of us in the mid-70s who started the contemporary craft movement ... my instructors at Southern were a big influence in the development of my art."

Nova Silvy Ph.D. '75, wildlife and fisheries sciences associate department head for



undergraduate programs at Texas A&M University, College Station, was named a 2012 Senior

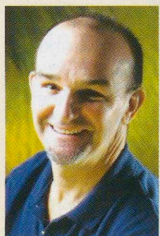
Faculty Fellow by Texas A&M AgriLife Research. Throughout his 40-plus year career, Silvy has presented 70 invited papers, authored more than 265 referred publications, and secured more than \$13 million in research funding.

The Ann Tower Gallery in Lexington, Ky., hosted several new paintings by **Lisa Williamson M.F.A. '75**, who returned to her Kentucky family home in 2007 after living, painting, and exhibiting her work for many years on the East Coast and maintaining a studio in Washington, D.C. Her artwork has been featured in solo and group exhibitions at galleries and museums across the United States, and is included in many public and corporate collections.

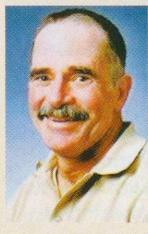
Monica Miller's '76 new book, *Abandoned: The Untold Story of the Abortion Wars*, relates her involvement in the pro-life movement that she has advocated. Miller is a professor of theology at Madonna University and serves as president of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society in Michigan. *Abandoned* provides great anecdotes about the tenacity and creativity of those who were involved in the rescue movement during the 1980s.

1980s

Longtime gymnastics coach **Phil Savage '80** marvels at the growth of the Ozone Invitational in Knoxville, Tenn. "Look at it," he says as he peers across the spacious Knoxville Convention Center. "It started with 600 kids in '93. When we sold it, we had, at the most, 1,700 kids. Now there are over 3,000." Born in Venezuela, Savage became involved in gymnastics after his family moved to the Washington, D.C., area. He later competed in the sport at SIU, where one of his teammates was longtime U.S. Olympic Coach **Kevin Mazeika**.



Indiana University East has appointed **Neil Sabine '81 M.A.** as the Dean of the School of Natural Science and Mathematics. Sabine has served the campus as the interim dean since August 2011 in addition to teaching as an associate professor of biology.



Dr. Eric Benink '82 has been named the chief medical officer for Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Ill. "Dr.



Benink was the clear choice after many rounds of interviews with finalists and a national search process that considered over 30 candidates," says Bruce Crowther, CEO of Northwest Community.

Glenbard South High School will have a new head in the next school year with the appointment of **Sandra**



Coughlin '83 as the school's next principal. Coughlin has worked in District 87 since 1996, and since 2011 has served as the assistant principal of instruction at Glenbard East High School.

Andrew Herrmann '83, veteran Chicago newsman, has been hired as senior editor of DNAInfo.com Chicago.



Herrmann grew up in north suburban Beach Park and rose from reporter to managing editor during 28 years at the *Sun-Times*. He most recently was editor-in-chief of *Sun-Times Media's* west suburban *Aurora Beacon-News*, *Naperville Sun*, and *Elgin Courier-News*.

Col. Thomas Purple Jr. '83 of Rochester has retired from the Illinois Army National Guard after 30 years of military service. "I've truly been blessed being in the Illinois National Guard," says Purple. "It may not have been the path I thought I would have taken, but it ended up being the right path." Over the last three decades, Purple has served in several leadership and staff positions in units across Illinois.

David Colo '84 has been appointed Executive VP, Global Operations and Supply Chain, at Diamond Foods. He has more than twenty-five years of operations and supply chain experience. He spent seven years with ConAgra Foods in a variety of senior roles, including manufacturing, operations, and food ingredients general management in the Consumer and Commercial Products Divisions.

Jorge Seminario M.S. '84, Ph.D. '88 was recently honored twice in Lima, Peru, for his professional accomplishments. In January 2013, the Universidad Ricardo Palma (Ricardo Palma University), honored Seminario for his advancements in nanotechnology and molecular electronics. And the Universidad Nacional de Ingenieria (National

University of Engineering) awarded Seminario La Antorcha de Habich (The Torch of Habich).

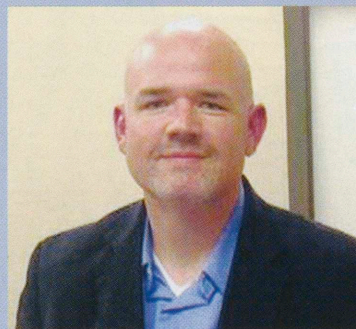
Karen Schulz '84 has been named the 2013 Middle School Teacher of the Year for the Rockwood School District. For



the last 13 years, she has taught Academic Stretch at Wildwood Middle School. She has taught in Rockwood since 1984 as both a math teacher and a gifted education teacher, according to district sources. Schulz said she always wanted to be a teacher. "It never occurred to me that I might do something else; I simply believe I was born to teach."

Two-Degree Alumnus Named Thomasboro Mayor

There's a new mayor in town: SIU alumnus Bradley Morris '84, M.A. '96.



As mayor of Thomasboro, Morris says he "just wants to help take care of this little corner of the world."

Morris decided to run for mayor of Thomasboro, Ill., after speaking with former Mayor Tony Grilo and learning that he was not going to run for re-election. "Thomasboro is home to me," Morris says. "I just want to help take care of this little corner of

the world, to beautify the town, and make things a little more pleasant."

Morris is a full-time sergeant with the Champaign County Sheriff's Office corrections division. He has held the position for 15 years. After graduating from Rantoul Township High School and Parkland College, he went on to earn two degrees in administration of justice from Southern.

"Thomasboro is in good hands with Brad," Grilo told *The Rantoul Press*. "I have full faith that he will take good care of the town."

Sculpture Portrays Lincoln's Short Military Tenure

Ramon "Jay" Castro '86 continues to garner funding for his Abraham Lincoln sculpture, "Burial Duty," which is to be installed near Kent, Illinois. The sculpture takes its name from an event in June 1832, when a young Abraham Lincoln, then a captain, marched with his men from Fort Dixon to Kellogg's Grove to bury the Illinois volunteers who had fallen in battle with Black Hawk.

Against Black Hawk's warriors, eight American soldiers died during the Kellogg's Grove battle. Captain Abraham Lincoln was tasked with leading his men through the arduous terrain from Fort Dixon to the battle site, to locate and to bury the fallen soldiers. In 1887 a native limestone monument was erected to pay tribute to the fallen soldiers, reburied at its base.

Historically, most representations of Lincoln are of his frontier heritage or as a politician, lawyer, or president. Castro says, "This sculpture portrays another part of Lincoln, his short military tenure during the Black Hawk War."



Castro says the sculpture was conceived from several thoughts – from a combat veteran's point of view who has experienced eminent danger in war. "Jay Castro is a former Navy Seal, who served his country," explains Michael Beckman, who has family ties to where the statue will eventually stand. A Vietnam veteran, Castro's tours were as a Navy Frogman, sniper, and a front gunner on patrol boats. For his service he received two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, and five medals for Valor, and a submission for the Silver Star.

John Cowdery M.S. '85 has joined TRC Industries, a national engineering services, consulting, and construction management firm, as senior vice president and environmental sector director. In this role, Cowdery will be responsible for working with environmental business leaders to develop and implement a five-year strategy for growth across the company's markets.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association recently named **Renee Royalty Contino '86** the recipient of the SEI Award. This award salutes the values of sportsmanship, ethics, and integrity and is presented each year during the state swim meet in Canton to a high school coach. Contino has coached for 12 years at Turpin High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was an All-American at SIU, where she helped lead the Salukis to a 5th-place finish at the NCAA Division I meet her junior and senior seasons.

The work of nationally noted sculptor and metal-smith **John Medwedeff B.F.A. '86, M.F.A. '91** was the focus of an exhibit at the University of Missouri–St. Louis' Gallery 210 from February through April. The solo exhibition featured selected sculptures, design maquettes, drawings, and photographs for large-scale projects.

Gary Pratt '86 has been named managing director of maintenance with Air Wisconsin Airlines Corporation. In his new role, Pratt is responsible for all decisions relevant to airworthiness, serviceability, and flight safety, and he is Air Wisconsin's primary maintenance liaison with the FAA and other regulatory bodies. Additionally, he is responsible for monitoring and measuring Air Wisconsin's maintenance operations to maximize cost effectiveness while ensuring operational reliability.

Dan Haughey M.F.A. '87 has been selected for the Illinois Humanities Council 2013 "Road Scholar" Speaker's Bureau roster for his new theater presentation, *E.A. POE: The Imagination of Edgar Allan Poe*. The show also is featured on the Illinois Humanities Council "Road Scholars" statewide tour roster, and can be booked by schools, libraries, and clubs at the Illinois Humanities website, www.prairie.org, or at www.danact3.com.

Cameron Bettin '87 will take over as executive director



of the Plainfield (Ill.) Park District in July. Bettin has worked for the district since 2004, most

recently serving as the planning superintendent. Since 2004, he has been involved with Conservation Plainfield, a nonprofit environmental awareness group.

John McNally '87 recently wrote *Vivid and Continuous: Essays and Exercises for Writing Fiction* a blunt, cheerful, and helpful guide for writers, published by the University of Iowa Press. He is the author of three novels and two collections of



short stories, including *Troublemakers* (Iowa, 2000), *The Book of Ralph*, and *After the Workshop*, as well as *The Creative Writer's Survival Guide: Advice From an Unrepentant Novelist* (Iowa, 2010). A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, he teaches creative writing at Wake Forest University and in Pacific University's low-residency M.F.A. program.

Intersil Corporation, designer and manufacturer of high-performance analog, mixed-signal, and power-management semiconductors, has announced the appointment of **Necip Sayiner M.S. '88**, as president and chief executive officer of Intersil and a member of the company's board of directors effective March 2013. He was most recently the president and CEO of Silicon Labs.

Daniel Goggin '89 has been named chief financial officer of the St. Joseph Health System in central Texas. As the hospital's CFO, he will "take the lead in strengthening the financial structure of St. Joseph Health System in order to sustain St. Joseph's health ministry in the Brazos Valley."

James Hull '89, Ph.D. '05 was recently appointed to three year terms on the Mattoon Area Community Foundation Advisory Board. Hull is vice president for Academic Services at Lake Land College in Mattoon, which includes responsibilities for all facets of education at the college.

1990s

Marion Friebus-Flaman '90 was part of a delegation that recently visited Fukushima, Japan, to offer support and



learn lessons from the disaster, focusing on the impact of the nuclear crisis. She is principal of Thomas

Dooley Elementary School in Schaumburg, Ill., and has family ties to Fukushima, where her grandfather farmed. "As an educator, I'm interested in finding out what is happening to the families in Fukushima because I know many of them had to leave their homes," she says.

Bell Helicopter has announced that **Anthony**

Moreland '91 will return to Bell Helicopter as North American managing director. In this role, Moreland is responsible for all sales and marketing activities in the United States and Canada.

John Carr Ph.D. '91 has written a chapter for a Colombian reference book investigating biological conservation of the continental turtles of Colombia. In addition to writing this chapter, he also contributed to five other sections within the publication. He is the holder of the Kitty DeGree Professorship in Biology at the University of Louisiana at Monroe and an associate curator in the Museum of Natural History Washington, D.C.

Jeff Krehbiel '91 has written *Immaculate Fracture: A Medical Odyssey*, published by Mayhaven Publishing of Mahomet, Ill. Krehbiel is a native of Charleston, Ill., but he began his medical odyssey on the Caribbean island of St. Croix. "I wrote this book in part to give readers a look at what happens when you ignore the fact that you are sick, work harder and never take the time to think about the mental strain of a long, drawn-out medical issue," says Krehbiel.

Nick Crowder '92 is the 2013 Forsyth County (Georgia) Teacher of the Year. Crowder says he started teaching after praying to God to guide him in a career "with a true meaning and be helpful to people." Crowder started teaching in 2001, and it's his concern for students that makes him special. "I care about them and the period of life they are in. With one foot in childhood and one foot in adulthood, students are looking to me for affirmation."

Illinois Central College has named **Karrie Redeker '93** as its new head women's basketball coach. Redeker is slated to replace Cindy Stein, who resigned earlier this month for the head coaching position at



SIU. Redeker played collegiately as an undergrad at Southern, where she was a four-year letter winner and helped advance the Salukis to a Gateway Conference Title and two NCAA appearances. In 2005, Redeker was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Margaret Zabiega '93, M.S. '95, M.D. '01 was recently honored by Presence Saint Joseph Medical Center as the Physician of the Year. The award recognizes and celebrates an outstanding physician who embodies professionalism, teamwork, clinical excellence, and a commitment to personal growth.

Bryson Baker '94 has been named as Sunset Hills, Mo., city engineer/public works director. After earning his master's degree in engineering at SIU, Baker was hired as assistant city engineer by Fairview Heights, Ill. He worked there from 1997 through 2007, before taking a private-industry management position at SCI Engineering Inc.

Bianca Green JD '94 was presented the Athena Award, given for professional accom-



plishment, community service, and developing leadership potential in women. The award is sponsored

by the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce and Spherion Staffing Services, which underwrites the program.

Jason Ness '94 has been named the principal of Niles West High School in Skokie, Ill. Ness has led the school's student services programs since

he became assistant principal in 2009 and was responsible for guidance and college counseling, social work and nursing services, crisis intervention, coordinating response to intervention, and student scheduling.

Corizon, the nation's leader in correctional healthcare solutions, has announced the promotion of **Brian Holman '95** to senior vice president of information technology. In his new role, Holman will oversee the technology management of customer service, business applications, clinical systems, security and data center operations, focusing on strategies to effectively enable employee collaboration, client solutions, and patient outcomes. Holman joined Corizon in 2008 and was promoted to vice president of IT in 2009.

Grant Guthman '96 was recently named the 2012 engineer of the year for the state's southernmost 27 counties by the Illinois Association of County Engineers. Guthman picked up his award for exemplary work at the association's annual conference in late February at the University of Illinois. A Murphysboro native now living in Ava, he has worked as the county's engineer since 2003.

Kristine Domaracki '96 has been admitted as an audit partner with Wolf & Company LLP of Oakbrook Terrace, Ill. She joined the firm in 1997 and has been working with banking, healthcare, manufacturing, and ESOP companies for more than 15 years. Domaracki is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Illinois CPA Society.

Robert Bonjean III JD '97, an assistant state's attorney since 2004, has been named Morgan County (Ill.) state's attorney by the county commissioners. "I'm thankful to the county commissioners for the confidence they've shown in me and grateful to the commu-

nity and those who have reached out to me and even contacted the commissioners on my behalf," Bonjean says.

Matthew Jockers '97 Ph.D. was quoted in the *New York Times* as citing that in the nineteenth century Jane Austen, author of *Pride and Prejudice*, and Sir Walter Scott, the creator of *Ivanhoe*, had the greatest effect on other authors, in terms of writing style and themes. These two were "the literary equivalent of Homo erectus, or, if you prefer, Adam and Eve," Jockers wrote in research published last year. He based his conclusion on an analysis of 3,592 works published from 1780 to 1900.

Christian Kennerly '97 assumed command of D Company 4-2 Attack Battalion at the U.S. Army garrison in South Korea in April. He is a graduate of Springfield High School. His wife, Lindsay Harris, and two daughters live with him in South Korea. He is the son of Jay Kennerly '62.

Laurel Tinsley '97 is using her background in law, tax, and real estate to help revitalize some of the more neglected



neighborhoods in St. Louis. She is director of MBS Urban Initiative CDE, LLC's New Markets Tax Credit program, a senior vice president of finance with McCormack Baron Salazar, and a vice president with Sunwheel Energy Partners.

Phil Kubow '98 has joined ProHealth Care as chief human resources officer. He is responsible for attracting, retaining, and motivating employees and guiding



organizational change. His career spans more than 25 years in the healthcare industry.

Jennifer Nowacki '98 is a member of the inaugural class of Chicago Economic Growth Fellows on loan from area companies to support implementation of the city's Plan for Economic Growth and Jobs. This month, Fellows began their full-time, three-to-six-month commitment working with World Business Chicago.

Ryan Sponsler AAS '98 recently became graphic designer for Hanson Professional Services Inc. in Springfield, Ill. Joining Hanson in 2009, he designs print materials for the company, including advertisements, the employee newsletter, proposals, presentations, and award entries.

Begun in November 2012 Code 3 Spices is a business venture of **Chris Bohnemeier '99** that gives back to charities that support first-responders and the military. Bohnemeier and his business partner produce a line of barbecue blends and rubs, which has donated more than \$5,000. "They're all-purpose blends, except for the steak (rub). They each have their own individual flavor profile," Bohnemeier says.

2000s

Nora Coffey '00 a veteran park ranger, has been named superintendent of Lake James State Park in Burke and McDowell counties, according to the North Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation. Coffey has been a ranger at Lake James State Park since 2007. A native of Chicago, Ill., she worked as an environmental educator at the John G. Shedd Aquarium in Chicago and Aquatic Research Interactive Inc. and as a seasonal naturalist at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

The latest book from **Joseph Spencer '00**, a paranor-

mal crime thriller, is *Grim*.

Before Spencer began spinning his own tales, he pursued a career in sports journalism. He covered a variety of events, including NASCAR's Subway 500 race in Martinsville, the NBA Draft Camp in Chicago, the Junior College World Series, and Minor League Baseball's Midwest League All-Star Game during a 10-year career throughout the Midwest.

Heather Kesterson '01 has been appointed to the position of assistant dean in the Center



for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics at Mohawk Valley Community College in

New York. Her experience includes working as the Coordinator of Military Education, the Director of Admissions and Military Partnerships and the Assistant Director of Military Partnerships for Southwestern College in Winfield, Kan.

Joe Bartletti '01 of rural Buckhart, Ill., has joined Prairie Engineers of Illinois as an environmental scientist. Bartletti has been active in the field of professional consulting for more than eight years and possesses experience with a wide diversity of environmental service projects.

At Fire Creek in Lander County, Nevada, **Shuai Chen M.S. '02, Ph.D. '06** has joined Klondex as chief engineer. Chen will oversee the design of the Fire Creek underground mining project. He has 17 years of experience designing mining projects, specializing in underground mine design, planning, ground control, and cost control.

Serving the upper Midwest, **Byron Hendrix '02 M.S.** is a new regional field specialist for the Enlist Weed Control System for Dow AgroSciences. He brings strong experience in

weed science and agronomics to his new role. He most recently served as Mycogen Seeds customer agronomist and has experience in agriculture retail.

Jennifer Daulby '02 J.D. has been appointed congressional chief of staff for Illinois 13th District Republican Rodney Davis. Daulby, a Du Quoin native, will work in Davis' Washington office. She also served as counsel to Congressman Steve Chabot, handling issues before the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, was legal counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture, and a legislative assistant to Congressman John Shimkus.

Allstate Insurance has opened a new office in Flora, Ill.,



with agency owner **Ryan Pottorff '03**. Pottorff grew up in Flora and attended school there. He graduated

from Flora High School in 1997. He worked in community banking for 10 years and sold benefits with American Fidelity.

Gregory Odom '05, J.D. '08 has joined HeplerBroom LLC in the Edwardsville office as an associate attorney with an emphasis in toxic tort defense. While in law school, he was a Moot Court Board Member, president/founder of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Student Society, Order of Barristers, Dean's and August Fowler Scholarship recipient.

Kelly Gerlach '06 M.P.A.D. '10 has been named Navy's assistant women's golf coach. A Sparta, Ill., native, she served as a two-time captain of the SIU



women's golf team, leading the Salukis to the 2007 Missouri Valley Conference title and a berth in the NCAA Championships. As a freshman in 2004, Gerlach won the Missouri Valley Conference individual title and earned All-MVC honors all four seasons of competition. She was a two-time Academic All-American (2007 and 2008) and was a three-time member of the Missouri Valley Conference All-Scholar Team. She was also named to the Missouri Valley Conference All-Centennial Team, which honored the top 20 golfers in conference history.

Kelly Baerwaldt M.S. '06, a fish biologist and eDNA program manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Paul District, has been named the 2013 Junior Scientist of the year by the Quad-City Engineering and Science Council. The Eldridge, Iowa, resident also represents the Corps on the Asian Carp Regional Coordinating Committee. She has exhibited dedication in the effort to prevent Asian Carp from establishing in the Great Lakes.

A solo exhibition by **Shelby Shadwell M.F.A. '06**, assistant professor in the University of Wyoming Department of Art, was on display in February, at the Manifest Drawing Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. His exhibition of drawings, *A Universal Picture*, was one of six selected from among 150 proposals submitted for consideration for Manifest's ninth season.

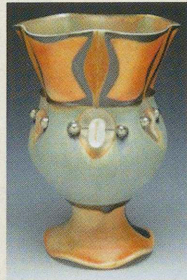
Matthew Barba '07 was recently named editor of the *Bolivar Herald-Free Press*. He previously



served as city and managing editor of the *Morning Sentinel's* Centralia bureau in Missouri. Both are dailies under the same private ownership.

Barba had been with the *Sentinel* organization since 2007.

Bethany Benson M.F.A. '07 recently received the Henry and Joan Gibbel Award for Distinguished Teaching from Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa. Nominations for the awards



are received from students, faculty, administrative personnel, alumni and

trustees. Benson has exhibited her work, such as this tongue cup she crafted, at various galleries and museums around the country, and she has work in the permanent collections of the University of Arkansas and the Jingdezhen Ceramic Institute in Jingdezhen, China.

Lt. Stephen Graff '07 has been "proudly recruiting for America's Navy" since 2004. Apparently, he is doing it well. The 29-year-old Naperville native recently was recognized



as a top U.S. Navy Recruiter of the Year for the second consecutive year.

The award recognizes the most accomplished and successful recruiters across the country. "I enjoy meeting people and identifying ways to help them achieve their future goals with the military," Graff says.

Randy Smith M.S. '07, a waterfowl scientist with the Illinois Natural History Survey, has joined the Illinois Department of Natural Resources as wetland program manager. That makes Smith the state's top waterfowl scientist. Smith worked at the INHS Forbes Biological Station near Havana

since 2007. At SIU, he studied waterfowl habitat rehabilitation and spring migration ecology.

The artwork of **Robin M.F.A. '08** and **Julia Rogers B.F.A. '08** was featured at this year's Hocking College Glass Invitational, hosted by the school's Art, Design, and Marketing program. After 10



years of moving from state to state, the couple began creating artwork collaboratively.

Robin is currently the co-owner of Nomadic Glass, and Julia is an instructor at Tidewater Community College, where she teaches Beginning Glassblowing.

Jason Hite '09 has joined the Durham, N.C., architecture firm MHAworks as a project designer. His previous experience in healthcare architecture provided a solid foundation for the diversity of work he encounters at his current position.

Drew Thomas M.S. '09 attended the first round of the NCAA Tournament as coordinator of special projects and technologies for women's basketball at the University of Miami. In the off-season, Thomas will be handling the details of the numerous camps at the college and be working on budget items and putting together recruiting packages.

2010s

Scott Dickson '10 was honored as Kitsap County (Washington) Sheriff's Office Deputy of the Year for 2012. The 11-year patrol division veteran joined the KCSO in August 2001, after serving two years with the University of Washington Police Department. Originally from upstate New York, Dickson is a Navy veteran and served more than eight years in the subma-

rine service as a weapons systems fire control technician.

Jaycen Herndon '12 recently joined the St. Louis office of Hanson Professional Services Inc., serving the firm's aviation market. He will provide design support and construction observation assistance for consulting projects in Missouri and southwestern Illinois.

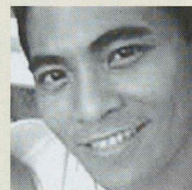
Michael Krohn '12 has been accepted into the Peace Corps and departed for Zambia in February to begin training as an agriculture and sustainability volunteer. Krohn will make a difference by helping local



farmers and agriculture specialists develop more sustainable programs to feed the community while minimizing negative environmental impact. He says, "I have been interested in the Peace Corps ever since high school, and as I continued through college, it became more of a realistic option post-graduation."

James Weyand '12 J.D. took the oath of admission to the Missouri Bar and was granted his license to practice law in April. Weyand was sworn in by the Supreme Court of Missouri in Jefferson City. He will practice law at Curl, Hark & Holliday LLC in Hannibal.

Eric Sia '13, an Industrial Design major at SIU, has placed



first in the "Popular Vote at Market" competition recently held in Las Vegas and featuring environmentally friendly product designs. Sia's Savanna Magazine Rack was voted "most marketable and most likely to show a profit" by professionals attending the event.

A Step Back In Time



President Parkinson's Desk ...

The desk used by Daniel Baldwin Parkinson (1845-1923), a protégé of Robert Allyn, the University's first president, is still a part of the SIU legacy. When the American Heritage Room was finished at the newly-built Morris Library in the mid 1950s, Parkinson's desk was moved there from Old Main and resides in that room at the renovated facility. The provenance and double-sided design of his walnut desk have contributed to its preservation through the years, though other items from his Old Main office have not been as fortunate.

Parkinson came to Carbondale in 1874, was named president of the University in 1897, and retained that position until his retirement in 1913. According to Eli G. Lentz writing in 1950 for *Seventy-Five Years in Retrospect*, "Parkinson piloted Southern through sixteen difficult years of transition. As one of the original faculty of eight he was a 'founding father.'" In 1912, the Alumni Association of Southern Illinois State Normal University presented the University with the life size portrait of Parkinson that now hangs in the Hall of Presidents and Chancellors of Morris Library.

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The SIU Alumni Association has announced ten scholarship recipients for the 2013-14 academic year.

Order Your SIU Day At Wrigley Tickets Today!

More than half of the tickets have already been purchased. The Saturday, July 13, game, featuring the Chicago Cubs and the St. Louis Cardinals, will begin at 6:15 p.m., with the annual pregame event at the Cubby Bear starting at 4:15 p.m. Each ticket includes one free beverage coupon at the Cubby Bear.



UPCOMING EVENTS »

JUN 13 **Alaska's Glaciers and the Inner Passage**

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JUN 15 **2nd Annual SIU Day at Minute Maid Park**

The Houston Alumni Club of the SIU Alumni Association invites you to attend SIU Day at Minute Maid Park featuring the Houston Astros vs. the Chicago White Sox.

JUN 18 **2nd Annual SIU Day at Target Field**

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