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SERVING OUR STUDENTS

NEW STUDENT-SERVICES BUILDING PROVIDES "ONE-STOP SHOPPING" FOR MOST STUDENT NEEDS

Inside: Honor Roll Of Donors, International Salukis, Class Notes, and more...
James Greenwood enrolled at Southern Illinois University in 1961 because it was one of only a few universities that could accommodate his wheelchair. More than 50 years later, he and his wife, Martha, left SIU a $1.3 million gift to support students with disabilities.

The Jim and Martha Greenwood Fund, created through their estate, will provide scholarships for students with disabilities who are studying science and engineering, says SIU Chancellor Rita Cheng. The first scholarships will be awarded in Fall 2014.

"The Greenwoods left a powerful legacy by supporting the institution that welcomed him in the '60s, well before the Americans with Disabilities Act required campuses to be accessible," Cheng notes. "He remained a Saluki throughout his life, and we couldn't be prouder or more grateful that he and Martha are making it possible for other students with disabilities to attend SIU."

Art Damiano, a close friend who Greenwood appointed as trustee to his estate, says, "Life was such a challenge for Jim, but he never complained. He was one of the most positive people you would ever meet. I have the highest esteem and respect for Jim and Martha."

After graduation, Greenwood was hired by IBM to work in its personnel department, and closed his 29-year career with the company as regional manager for national college recruiting in Atlanta. Along the way he reconnected with Martha, an artist and art teacher, who had been his high school sweetheart.


Jim was a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, once served on the Association Board of Directors, and was active in its Central Florida Chapter. He was also a close friend of former SIU quarterback and athletics director Jim Hart '67, who played professional football for the St. Louis Cardinals and Washington Redskins.

"Jim was a couple of years older than I was, but we both lived at Thompson Point," Hart recalls. "Like everyone else there, I quickly noticed how friendly he was and that he never let his disability keep him from doing anything – I can't stress that enough."

"Whether it was attending sporting events or going to Shryock Auditorium, Jim was always there with us. The physical challenges never seemed to impact his college life, and he was one of the most popular students I was ever around."

"It is a wonderful tribute to the Greenwoods that their legacy will, in part, help students have the same wonderful experience at SIU that Jim enjoyed," Hart says.

You can read a more in-depth version of Rae Goldsmith's story on Jim Greenwood by visiting www.siuf.org. If you are interested in supporting SIU through gift planning opportunities, please contact the Office of Planned Giving at 618/453-4900, or via email: giftplanning@siu.edu.
Ending The Woody Shuffle

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Afloat On The Ohio

Growing up in the Ohio River town of Metropolis, Ill., Robert Swenson '65 was aware of the river in so many ways - its folklore and history, its smell and immense power, and its economic and cultural influence on the region. But it wasn't until recently that the SIU alumnus realized that many of the steamboats that plied up and down the Ohio were built in his hometown.

A Beatle Comes To Benton

By the fall of 1963, the Beatles had conquered Great Britain with several No. 1 hits, but were still unknown in America. Their constant touring had made them an incredibly tight, but tired, band. A couple of weeks of hard-earned vacation would send George Harrison to southern Illinois to visit his sister in Benton. More than 50 years later, author Jim Kirkpatrick '75 reflects on that visit.

A Special Need For Golf

Although SIU Alumni Association life member Tim Miles '02 has always loved to play golf, the sport took a sudden backseat in 2005 when his son, Will, was born with autism. In a surprising and remarkable twist, it has been time spent teaching his son the game that has formed a special bond and produced countless special moments for each of them.
Another SIU football season is in the books, with coaches already hard at work molding the next Saluki squad. Although many staff members will remain the same, one smiling face will be missing in 2014.

“Miss Sharon” has retired.

For the past 18 years, Sharon Lipe has served as the office manager for Saluki Football. Her role, however, evolved into confidant, counselor, friend, and pseudo Mother to countless SIU football players who fought to adjust to the demands of playing a sport and earning a college degree. To each and every one of them, she was always “Miss Sharon.”

Her husband Roger, who serves as the team’s chaplain, explains:

“She mommas them,” he says. “When Bart Scott was here Sharon would wag her finger and say ‘you better get to class or I’m going to call your Mother!’ Yet when he was long gone from SIU and playing in the NFL for the Baltimore Ravens, he would call and say, ‘Miss Sharon, I need to get a flight from here to here.’ Instead of calling a travel agent, he would call her.”

I sat next to Bart’s mother at the SIU All-Century Football Team banquet in September, and as she was proudly telling me about her son’s new venture as a football commentator for CBS Sports, she suddenly stopped and pointed across the table.

“You know, I can’t tell you what it meant to me knowing that Miss Sharon was watching over Bart when he was here,” Dorita Adams said with a smile. “She’s such a special lady.”

Sharon’s real son Jason ’99, who works nearby at Southeast Missouri State, must feel at times like he has countless siblings. After all, thousands of Salukis from the past two decades love his Mother like their own.

“Every year I’ll have certain guys that are my favorites, but I don’t really have any one favorite,” Lipe told The Southern Illinoisan’s Todd Hefferman. “The key is that they all think they’re my favorite player.”

I worked at SIU Athletics for 10 years and saw Sharon work her magic on a daily basis. Still close to the program as a member of the radio broadcast team, I can’t imagine what it’s going to be like next year without her in that office. In addition to everything else she did, Sharon paired with SIU Associate Athletic Director Mark Scally in coordinating the football squad’s road trips. Directing team travel is a thankless job, and that duo has done it well for many years.

The head coaches have changed over those years – Shawn Watson, Jan Quarless, Jerry Kill, and now Dale Lennon – her fourth – and final boss. No two were alike, and in reality some couldn’t have been more different from the other, but Sharon found a way to connect with them all.

“Sharon Lipe has endeared herself to everyone that has been a part of Saluki Football over the past 18 years,” Lennon says. “Her true job description should have read ‘Do whatever needs to be done. Make everyone feel appreciated. Be unselfish in your sacrifices.’ She has given her all to the program and will always be remembered as someone who embodied Saluki Pride.”

Sharon doesn’t know this story is appearing, as she might have asked me not to place the focus on her. She says it’s been a labor of love and she is blessed, but that the day has arrived to spend more time with her 2-year-old granddaughter, Addison, and be more available to assist her aging parents.

I know former players reading this will long remember her smile, toughness, love, compassion – and the always stocked candy jar on her desk. If you haven’t done so already, take a moment and send “Miss Sharon” a note to let her know what she meant to you. Who knows – you might have just been her favorite!
Article Elicits Positive Feedback

The September 2013 Southern Alumni piece about Elena M. Sliepcevich and the SIU Centre created in her honor has elicited positive feedback from our local and distant Health Education graduates. The article was well received with messages about how they enjoyed the story and photos.

Some of our Ph.D. alumni who are professors at other universities have told me that they are including it in their professional preparation courses readings. Your publication adding to recognition of this special and unique leader in Health Education – as well as on our campus – is sincerely appreciated.

Judy Drolet
Life Member
Professor, Health Education and Recreation
SIU Carbondale

Takes Pride In The Aviation Program At SIU

It is always good to see the next issue of Southern Alumni magazine as, since I do not live in Illinois, it is a great vehicle to keep me up with important events at the University. My graduation was in the late 1960s and I can always see the changes on campus through your publication. There are always improvements shown and a mention of exciting plans for the future.

My major was Industrial Engineering, but I also earned an associate’s degree in Aviation Technology. I have noted stories on the airport expansion, the new Transportation Education Center, and over the years have also read how well the Flying Salukis do in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Championships. These stories underscore how the University promotes aviation-related professional training and careers as a curriculum choice for students.

I was involved when the programs were quite small at SIU. Seeing all the changes and upgrades in the aviation program is interesting. Larry Staples and I were two of the first to register for the two-year Aviation Technology course at Southern in 1965 – then part of VTI.

Tony DeRosa was department head, and he, Joe Shafer, and other members of the small teaching staff worked with the first class of 20 male students.

Our building was new, the classrooms were new, and our teaching aids and books had never been used. That first year focused on engine-related classes, and the second year had a focus on the airframe components. After completion of those two years, and a passing grade on the FAA exam, we were ready for our license. A lot of time was spent in the classroom and labs to achieve this license, but it was worth it!

Many students also took advantage of the flight training at the Air Institute and Services at Southern Illinois Airport. Some took flight training leading to a private pilots’ license, while some earned a full flight instructor license so they could teach other students. Back then, flight training was quite affordable.

I met many other students with a common interest and was a member of the Flying Salukis myself. While receiving my A&P and commercial pilot’s license, I graduated from SIU and went to work with a technology company for more than 30 years. I have also been part owner of several airplanes.

I still can remember my years at SIU and still appreciate the work of the faculty and administration at that great University. The aviation program was great at the time I was there – now it has obviously become one of the best in the entire country.

Jim Binneboese ’69
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SIU Senior Named Lincoln Academy Student Laureate

A Southern Illinois University Carbondale mechanical engineering student is this year’s Lincoln Academy of Illinois student laureate.

Eileen Schweiss, a senior in mechanical engineering and a member and captain of the SIU cross-country and track teams, was honored during a Nov. 4 ceremony in Springfield.

“Eileen is an outstanding student and deserving of this honor,” SIU Chancellor Rita Cheng says. “She successfully balances the demands of a challenging degree program along with those of being a student-athlete. The fact that she excels in her studies and in competition says a great deal about her commitment and drive to succeed.”

The Lincoln Academy of Illinois presents the award annually to one distinguished senior at each of Illinois’ four-year college and universities, as well as to one student from each of the state’s community colleges.

Schweiss says she was thrilled when she learned the College of Engineering chose to nominate her for the award.

“There are many outstanding students graduating from SIU who are deserving of the honor, so when I found out I was chosen I was ecstatic,” she says. “It takes a lot of hard work to balance a difficult major along with all of my extracurricular activities, and it means a lot to me to be recognized for my achievements.”

Lizette Chevalier, associate dean of the College of Engineering, says the Festus, Mo., native is a dedicated student leader. “Eileen has excelled in two demanding fields—engineering and athletics. In both she has demonstrated a commitment to excellence, leadership and a respect for helping others.”

John Warwick, dean of the college, praises Schweiss for her dedication to fellow students, and notes that “beyond her excellent efforts in both academic and athletic activities, she is also a highly engaged member of our outstanding Engineering Student Council.”

Schweiss says the challenges inherent in being both an engineering student and college athlete have sharpened her dedication and commitment to success. SIU has been key to her ability to fit both challenges into her life.

“These are two time-consuming commitments,” she points out. “It is common for me to miss class due to athletic competitions, and also for me to have classes scheduled at the same time as practice. The athletic department and the engineering faculty have both been supportive and cooperative in giving me the assistance I need to ensure I am successful at both.

“I am often surprised, and always grateful, at how supportive the faculty of SIU is of my endeavors.”

SIU Celebrates Partnership With Northeast Normal University

Chancellor Rita Cheng declared Friday, Nov. 22, as Northeast Normal University Day at SIU in honor of a 30-year partnership between the two institutions. She welcomed NENU President Liu Yichun and a delegation from the Chinese institution at a news conference and reception, noting that the relationship is the University’s longest active international partnership. NENU officials hosted a delegation from SIU in early October.

“We are celebrating 30 years of trust, mutual respect, and friendship,” Cheng says. “We believe this sends an important message to the world about how much we can accomplish together.”

Over the course of the partnership, nearly 100 NENU students have earned SIU degrees in the arts and other fields. An SIU Center that opened at NENU in 2009 helps recruit students from multiple institutions to SIU. And in October, Cheng and Liu signed an agreement that establishes a collaborative undergraduate program in accounting, originally proposed by NENU.

“Our partnership has transformed the lives of students at both of our universities, inspiring them to have a positive impact throughout the global society,” Cheng points out. “We look forward to working with our partners from NENU to create even greater opportunities for our students, our universities and our countries.”
University Goes Above And Beyond For Military Personnel

Southern Illinois University Carbondale received a new honor in November, for its continuing support of active-duty military personnel.

The University received the prestigious "Above and Beyond Award" from the U.S. Department of Defense's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. The award was presented during Military Appreciation Day at the football game between the Salukis and Missouri State University.

"SIU is proud of our long and continuing tradition supporting active and former military personnel who have served our country at home and abroad," says Chancellor Rita Cheng. "We are honored to receive this award and especially pleased that it will be presented on Military Appreciation Day before our many friends and fans."

The "Above and Beyond Award" recognizes that SIU faculty, staff and administrators "have gone above and beyond what is required by law to assure that Guard and Reserve service members who are students as well as employees are valued by their fellow employees and the university for the service they render to the security of the nation," says James Osberg, M.A. '68, Ph. D. '76, the employer outreach representative for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

The University has received numerous awards from the Department of Defense to "develop and promote a culture which supports and values the military service of its employees," notes Osberg, who worked at SIU in a variety of positions for a total of 34 years before retiring in 2003.

"SIU has really done some wonderful things to accommodate the special circumstances that result from activation and training for their employees and students," he said.

SIU has announced its partnership with "Hope For The Warriors," a national non-profit organization, to enhance educational support services for post-9/11 student veterans.

Calzolari Named Associate Director Of Simon Institute

Delio Calzolari of Chicago has been named associate director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Calzolari holds a law degree cum laude from SIU's School of Law and a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has also served as a Navy officer, a manager with Caterpillar, Inc., and as a campaign staffer and advisor.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to support this important part of Senator Simon's legacy," Calzolari says.

In his new role, he will focus on fundraising, organizing institute workshops and events, and running the day-to-day operations of the Institute. David Yepsen, director of the Institute, says "we are excited to have someone with Delio's experience and talents."

Calzolari assumed his duties Nov. 1.

SIU Proudly Serving Veterans

SIU has earned significant national recognition for educational services it provides to veterans.

U.S. News and World Report ranked the University 46th in the nation in its inaugural "Best National Universities for Veterans" listings. The rankings include numerically ranked schools in the 2014 edition of the "U.S. News Best Colleges" that meet criteria that include: belonging to the Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges Consortium; certified for the GI Bill; and participating in the "Yellow Ribbon Program." SIU Carbondale is the only university in Illinois to make the national university list.

In addition, SIU also ranks among the top 10 in the nation when it comes to assisting student military veterans as they return to the classroom. Military Times Edge magazine places SIU eighth in the nation among 86 four-year institutions in its 2014 rankings of the 120 Best Colleges for Vets. The rankings also include two-year schools and online and nontraditional schools. In all, more than 600 institutions responded to the survey.

A complete look at the rankings is available at militarytimes.com/bestforvets-colleges2014.

Bennett Receives Distinguished Service Award

Tena Bennett, director of the SIU Student Center, is the recipient of the highest honor given by the Association of College Unions International Region 9. She earned the Susan Yung Maul Distinguished Service Award, announced at the organization's annual conference in Cincinnati. The award recognizes someone from the region for significant contributions to the advancement of ACUI and its goals, for working hard, serving well in his or her position and displaying a positive attitude.

All staff and students from the organization's member institutions are eligible.

"I am truly grateful to receive the award," she says. "To have my colleagues and peers nominate me is humbling, and I look forward to continuing to serve the new region, ACUI, and SIU in the future."
Dear Fellow Saluki:

The new year is a time to give thanks to all of you who continue to support SIU. This issue of the magazine features the SIU Foundation Honor Roll of Donors—the individuals and organizations that expressed confidence in the University by making a private gift during the last fiscal year. On behalf of our students, faculty and staff, I thank you for your invaluable support.

Every gift has a story behind it. In this issue, you’ll read about a very special gift that illustrates the powerful impact of an individual alumnus. In October, we announced the establishment of the Jim and Martha Greenwood Fund. Jim enrolled at SIU in 1961 because we could accommodate his wheelchair. Two degrees and more than 50 years later, he and his wife, Martha, left the University a $1.3 million gift to provide scholarships to a new generation of SIU students with disabilities.

Giving back as the Greenwoods did is just one of many ways our alumni and friends support SIU throughout the year. Many alumni support externships to give current students experience that will ground them in their professions and make them more competitive in the marketplace. Many return to campus to talk with and mentor students. Many of our alumni hire SIU graduates. And many help us connect with prospective students and others who can benefit from an SIU education or research initiative. Whatever you do, I welcome your support telling our very positive story.

What is the SIU story?

At SIU, we describe ourselves as a top-tier, public institution that has the brains of a nationally-ranked research university and the heart of a small college. We put students first, as demonstrated by the new Student Services Building that graces the cover of this magazine and serves as a beautiful new front door to our campus.

SIU faculty members are advancing knowledge in the classroom as well as through research on everything from sustainability to hearing loss to cyber security. They are leading national professional organizations, receiving national and international recognition for their work, and bringing credit to SIU even as they give students the personal attention they need to be successful during and beyond college.

SIU is a serious institution on the move. It's a university you can be proud of.

If you haven't been to campus in awhile, I encourage you to come see how we are changing. We have shed some of the less-flattering images of our past even as we have retained and built upon our historic mission of access and opportunity, innovation in research and creativity, and outstanding teaching that focuses on nurturing student success.

We have also retained our Saluki traditions and our stunning, welcoming campus. In fact, when you visit SIU, it will be like returning to a remodeled house: the infrastructure will be updated and enhanced, but it will still have the comforts of the home you remember so well.

I share this with you because however you support SIU—through your gifts, by engaging with current students or by helping us recruit new ones—we hope you'll help us tell our evolving SIU story. We hope you'll say with confidence that SIU is the sort of place that puts big things within reach for all of our students, just as we did for you.

Sincerely,

Rita Cheng
Chancellor
The grand marshal of the 2013 Southern Illinois University Carbondale Homecoming was a man whose strong ties to the University go back more than half a century.

Bill Norwood, retired United Airlines captain, veteran and former long-time member of the SIU Board of Trustees, led the parade on Oct. 19. Norwood, a Centralia native and longtime Carbondale resident now living in Mesa, Ariz., earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry at SIU in 1959. He was SIU’s first black quarterback, a three-year starter, and an inductee into the SIU Carbondale Hall of Fame.

The SIU Alumni Association life member served in the U.S. Air Force from 1959 to 1965, piloting a B-52. He then had a 31-year career with United Airlines, becoming the company’s first African-American pilot and the first to achieve the rank of captain. He is a founding member of the Organization of Black Airline Pilots and served on the SIU Board of Trustees from 1974 to 2001. He earned his MBA at the University of Chicago.

The Norwood family connection to SIU is quite extensive. His wife, Molly, is a 1961 graduate with a bachelor’s degree in education. She also holds a master’s degree and specialist certificate from Northern Illinois University and is a former elementary school teacher who has served on numerous commissions and boards, including the Governor’s Commission on the Status of Women and the Illinois Community College Board.

Their son, George, is an SIU Law School graduate, currently serving as Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois. Bill’s brother, Richard ’67, and his wife, Joyce ’88, are also SIU alumni.

Bill has devoted countless hours to mentoring young people and giving back to the community and the University in a number of ways. He established the William R. Norwood Aviation Scholarship Endowment Fund, providing an annual scholarship to an SIU aviation student and along with Molly, Joyce and Richard Norwood, established a scholarship endowment to assist students in the med-prep program.

The Norwood Fellowship, an endowment for the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, brings to campus prominent speakers to address public policy and diversity matters. It was established by the late Senator Paul Simon and enhanced through a generous donation from Donald and Jo Ann Boydston in honor of Bill and Molly Norwood. The endowment has more than tripled since that time.

Now retired, Norwood remains active, serving as vice president of the Phoenix Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen Inc., working in his church, traveling, and playing golf. He also continues to visit schools and mentor youths.

Of his selection as Homecoming Grand Marshal, Norwood says it was “a humbling honor of which I, along with my wife, am proud. SIU helped my family members get great educations so that we could take advantage of the available opportunities.”
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WHERE TO FIND SERVICES

Here is a look at the floor-by-floor configuration planned for the new Student Services Building, featuring University offices, functions, and support:

**FIRST FLOOR:**
- Career Services
- Exploratory Student Advisement
- Undergraduate Admissions
- Undergraduate Research

**SECOND FLOOR:**
- Bursar's Office
- Financial Aid Office
- Registrar's Office
- Student Employment

**THIRD FLOOR:**
- Enrollment Management
- Graduate School
- Information Technology - Building Support
- Transfer Student Services
- Undergraduate Admissions - Processing Staff
- University College - Administrative Offices

**FOURTH FLOOR:**
- Dean of Students
- Center for Service - Learning and Volunteerism
- Non-Traditional Student Services
- Saluki Cares
- Students’ Legal Assistance
- Student Rights and Responsibilities
- University Housing
Rita Cheng. "And as we have improved the services for our students, we have improved the aesthetics of the campus. This building creates a new entryway, with a design that is similar to the architecture of the old part of campus that we all appreciate."

The project evolved over the last six years, as the SIU Board of Trustees approved preliminary planning at a September 2006 meeting. The Student Services building was identified as part of the 2001 Land Use Plan which was then integrated into the 2006 Campus Master Plan. The building was constructed in accordance with the Campus Design Guidelines and conforms to the University Standards.

"With 19 departments, the Student Services Building is certainly a multipurpose facility," Cheng notes. "But it really has a single purpose: providing outstanding services to students and families."

To that end, Gatton says students enter the facility through a main entrance featuring storefronts of departments that are actually in their sightline. "There is a help desk, and the person working there is actually able to point to where the student wants to go," he notes. "The concept resolves many of the issues at the help desk quickly and provides support."

SIU Director of Admissions Katherine Suski ’88, M.P.A.D. ’04 told The Southern Illinoisan that she had been counting the days until the new facility opened. She says the design process was helpful, as she was able to confer with her staff about what was needed in the new structure, and it was built for those needs.
CHANCELLOR’S REMARKS
AT THE DEDICATION …

I would like to give my personal thanks to our architects, White and Borgongoni; to our contractors; and to Kevin Bame, Phil Gatton, Scott Weber, Brad Dillard and the many other SIU staff who made this building possible. It has been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated team.

I wish I could adequately describe what it has been like to see this building rise since we broke ground 18 months ago. I remember the day we saw the full size of the foundation, the day the framework gave us a 3-D perspective of its scale, the day it was covered by the roof, the day the banners were hung, the day the first office moved in just two weeks ago. The journey has been amazing and rewarding.

None of it would have happened without the many people who brought this building and its surroundings to life. Our contractors and staff were here early in the morning and late into the night, on weekends, when the temperature was zero and when it was 100 degrees. Every time I walked by or through the building, I could sense the pride and care they were taking to make sure this facility represented their best work and brought credit to the University.

And it does. I’ve said that this building has a “wow” factor. From the day it opened, the first students and families who came for tours were in awe when they entered the front door. They’re impressed that SIU had such a magnificent facility, and even more impressed when they learn that it is environmentally friendly and built to last.

Our staff members have been equally excited to be a part of something so important to SIU. Many have told me that they appreciate not only the beauty of the building, but also its functionality and flexibility. The design and proximity of offices allow staff within and across departments to be more collaborative as they solve problems, brainstorm and explore new ways to serve our students.

In fact, the facility behind me is so much more than a building – more than bricks and mortar, offices and hallways. It’s more than the beautiful fountain and the stunning entryway that causes mouths to drop, more than a place to conduct business as a student at the university, more than a place to come to work each day.

This building is about students, and about SIU’s focus as a student-centered, national research university. When we decided to create a stunning building to bring together key student service offices – from undergraduate admissions to the graduate school, from registration to academic advising to financial aid – we were making a statement that students come first at SIU.

And when we placed this building next to the Student Center, we were making a statement that we care about the whole student – the brains as well as the heart.

Our goal was to put an end to the Woody Hall Shuffle with a one-stop student services shop. But our dream was to build something that would send a message to all students that their success matters and that they can accomplish big things at SIU.

To our students, our board, our leadership team, our contractors, our staff, and all who made the Student Services Building possible, thank you for helping us demonstrate that big things are, indeed, within reach at SIU.
The lobby of the new facility is decorated with bright, abstract banners that incorporate images of SIU students and structures on the campus.

"Although Woody Hall served us well for 30 years, our office was an old cafeteria," she says. "The new building looks wonderful when prospective students visit campus and provides a great initial impression. It's probably the first thing they will see when they arrive on campus."

Gatton agrees, and predicts the facility will bring alumni, new students, and current students together. "These groups all are related, so finding better ways to serve them will make for a stronger campus connection for everyone."

And for those who have grand memories of Woody Hall, rest assured that the building will still be a part of the campus scene. Although almost 80 percent of the current occupants will relocate in the Student Services Building, Woody Hall will be refurbished to provide office space for other campus units in need of improved facilities.

Approximately $5 million will be spent on infrastructure improvements such as new windows, a new electrical distribution system, new roof, and other upgrades. The project will be done in several phases, one wing at a time, and more information on this project will soon be announced.

The end result of a completed Student Services Building, says Cheng, will be a better student experience. "Our focus is on student success, and creating opportunities for students to excel," she stresses.

"By offering all of these services in one convenient location, with state-of-the-art technology and a skilled and dedicated staff, we will minimize disruptions to students' schedules and minimize their frustrations."
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My decision to come to SIU was made in the third grade. I know that it sounds both crazy and impractical, but it is the absolute truth.

I remember sitting in Mrs. Fritz’s class at L.T. Stone Elementary School in Galesburg, Ill. It was 1975. Like my classmates, I had the requisite pencils, notebooks, and a folder to safely store loose papers. I can still see and feel that folder in my memory today. Back then, I would spend what seemed like hours looking at the back of that folder.

The simple pocket folder was not much different than the ones that students on the Carbondale campus use today. It was maroon, said “Southern Illinois University” on the front, and on the reverse was a map of the entire campus. I think a variation of that map is still used today.

The map captured my attention and imagination. Even as a 9-year-old, I could picture myself walking to class in the buildings depicted in the drawing. Years before my classmates would even begin thinking about college, I was able to quickly point to the Communications Building, McAndrew Stadium, Thompson Point, and the Student Center. I could even show anyone who cared the location of Quigley Hall and tell them – if they asked – that it was the general area where (as family lore has it) my grandmother lived as a child and where many of my family had studied.

Even as a child I knew of and about SIU. I knew that my grandmother and grandfather both graduated from the institution in 1929. I heard the stories my father told of being part of the first class in the newly formed School of Agriculture, graduating in 1959. As I continued to approach college age, I remained steadfast in my juvenile dedication to Southern. I could list the names of not only parents and grandparents who were alumni, but also aunts and cousins.

Our family made frequent visits to Carbondale to visit families and, of course, to drive around the campus. Saluki apparel was often under the Christmas tree for me, and I followed SIU athletic teams as much as one could before the days of ESPN and the Internet.

As I approached my junior year of high school, there was no doubt where I was headed, and all of my classmates knew it. I sent entrance examination scores and a college application to only one school: SIU. Then, in the fall of 1984, just as I had imagined years earlier, I found myself among the actual buildings I had studied on the map many years prior.

A farm boy with an interest in communications, I prepared for a career in agricultural broadcasting through an agriculture major, mixed with radio, television, and journalism courses – proudly boasting of my SIU heritage and often reminded (by the stories of some agriculture faculty members who also had taught my father) of my second-generation SIU agriculture student status. I loved being able to experience many of the same people, classes and places that my father recalled so fondly from his time at Southern. I soaked up the stories and the history of both my family’s connections with the University as well as SIU’s history and traditions. I considered it an honor to promote Southern to new and prospective students during my time as an undergraduate and later as both a graduate student and as an SIU staff member.

As often happens to people at that stage of life, I fell in love while in college and later married Christine Davis ’09, another SIU student. And, like many other alumni, we chose to stay in Carbondale and have a family. Our children have grown up with SIU as a constant in their lives. With Saluki games, parades, boat regattas, musical performances and other events always around us, it should have been no surprise that they also chose to enroll at SIU, carrying on a family tradition that now not only spans four generations but includes parents, an uncle, cousins, and more. Our son, Grant, is close to finishing his degree in communication design and, like his dad, recently married a fellow SIU student, too.

When our daughter, Sarah, now a sophomore, declared her major as hospitality and tourism, it struck me that she too is an SIU agriculture student, making her one of, if not the first, third-generation student in the college.

Now she is experiencing many of the same people and classes that I did nearly 30 years ago, walking in the same places that her great-grandparents strolled a century before – often in the same buildings that I used to point to on a map on the back of a pocket folder in a third grade classroom.

Les O’Dell ’88, M.S. ’90 is executive director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. Among his most prized possessions are a piece of floor joist from Old Main, his father’s SIU ring, and his grandparents’ diplomas.
Staff Member Contributes To Student Success On And Off Campus

by Rita Cheng

SIU has earned the designation as a “Military Friendly School” for the fifth consecutive year. Victory Media, whose publications include G.I. Jobs magazine, annually recognizes the top colleges and universities for active-duty military personnel and student military veterans.

Southern's commitment to meeting the educational needs of those who sacrifice so much for all is longstanding. SIU was among the first universities in the nation to offer off-campus academic programs to military personnel, starting in 1973 at Scott Air Force Base. Today, the University serves active-duty personnel at 21 military bases in 13 states, as well as several other off-campus locations.

Matt Bacon '07, M.S. '12 is one of the people who facilitates those efforts. Matt describes himself as “a utility player” on campus, helping where he is needed. I consider him to be a key contributor because his skills and versatility make a positive difference in multiple areas. In our Office of Distance Education and Off Campus Programs, for example, he works closely with our academic departments, on-campus advisers, and the bases to ensure a seamless experience for the men and women in uniform.

A West Frankfort native and two-degree graduate of SIU, Matt joined our staff in 2006. He works primarily in the registrar’s office, scheduling classrooms, final exams, and special events in classrooms.

He also visits dozens of classrooms every semester and compiles a list of needed repairs and improvements. I appreciate his attention to detail, because upgrading the teaching and learning environment is a priority for us. We are currently renovating 61 general-purpose classrooms. When the work is completed, 92 percent of our classrooms will be technology-enabled.

In the Office of Distance Education and Off Campus Programs, Matt maintains close relationships with instructors and advisers on the military bases.

"I work with the bases and with the academic departments to build a course sequence that’s going to work for the students,” he says. “We want them to get through their degree programs in as short an amount of time as possible because they may get deployed.”

After spending six years in the Air Force, Matt also is an important advocate for our military students. He understands their constraints, as well as the requirements related to education benefits.

“I’ve been on that side of it, so I know how hard it is to take classes,” he says. “Before, there wasn’t any military experience in this office, so those students were treated just like on-campus students. The people in the military have time constraints; they’re working every day. We have to help them build a class schedule that works for them.”

They also lack the direct access to services that are available on campus.

“Since I also work in the registrar’s office, I am their direct line to Enrollment Management’s services,” Matt explains. “If someone on a base has a problem or a question for the bursar’s office, financial aid, or with transcripts, I can go directly to those offices to get issues resolved.”

Thanks to Matt and so many other dedicated SIU employees, big things are within reach for our students – no matter where they are studying.
A native of Metropolis, Bob Swenson's diligent research has uncovered a wealth of previously unknown information about steamboats built in southern Illinois.

Growing up in the Ohio River town of Metropolis, Illinois, Robert Swenson '65 was aware of the river in so many ways - its folklore and history, its smell and immense power, and its economic and cultural influence on the region. But it wasn't until recently that he realized that many of the steamboats that plied up and down the Ohio were built in his hometown.

In his youth he was familiar with such businesses as Mound City Marine Ways and Paducah Marine Ways, yet unaware of any similar heritage with Metropolis. So it is ironic that from the 1930s to the 1950s, his family had been in the furniture business in Metropolis, and the beginning of that enterprise was dependent on the locally built steamboats that had their origin in the 1850s.

After 17 years of private practice and teaching in the School of Architecture at Southern for more than 20 years, Swenson retired in May 2012. In addition to his research on the design and development of 19th-century Ohio River steamboats, he has been consulting with the U.S. Forest Service and the SIU Center for Archaeological Investigations on 19th- and early 20th-century buildings in southern Illinois.

He has also been engaged as a consultant and teacher for Cairo YouthBuild, a multi-disciplined project, which is a collaboration between SIU's School of Architecture and the southernmost communities in Illinois. In 2004, for his dedication to Illinois architecture, commerce, and history, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Illinois State Historical Society. He hopes to eventually bring his extensive research on southeastern Illinois steamboat heritage to fruition in a book.

According to Swenson, the first boat builders to arrive in Metropolis were ship carpenters or shipwrights in the 1850s and early 1860s. Peter Beaupre, William Harl, Ben Kimball, William Farrow, and his sons were among the first to build boats in Metropolis. One builder who had had previous experience in the

The City of Cairo was partially built in Metropolis and completed in St. Louis in 1864. It was 272 feet long and 41 feet across. Photos courtesy of Cairo Public Library.
The tugboat, Alf Cutting, bears the name of one of the creators of the steamboat industry that prospered in southeastern Illinois.

building of Civil War ironclads with James Eads in St. Louis was Alfred Cutting. He would join forces with a Mr. Wood to form the Cutting & Woods' "Massac Shipyard."

Thus far Swenson has identified 65 steamboats that were built in Metropolis between 1855 and 1915, though in the 1860s several had their hulls constructed in Metropolis before being finished at the James Eads shipyard in Carondelet just south of St Louis. Though Mound City was largely a repair facility, 35 steamboats were created there, eight were built in the Golconda-Shawneetown area, and seven were constructed in Cairo. Swenson is aware of one small steamboat that was assembled in Joppa, a few miles downriver from Metropolis. Across the river in Paducah, Kentucky, 111 steamboats were built during the same time frame. There diesel-powered towboats were built into the mid-20th century.

One of the surprising discoveries of Swenson's research has been the scale of the boats. Generally, they were from 100 feet to more than 250 feet long, though a few were more than 330 feet long and more than 50 feet wide. Built in the Alf Cutting yard in Metropolis in 1875, the Mary Bell was an impressive 327 feet long and a robust 56 feet wide. The boat was down bound on a Mardi Gras trip in February 1876, stopping in Vicksburg when fire was discovered. Twenty minutes later the Mary Bell was a mere memory.

Swenson states, "These were huge boats requiring serious engineering. The complexity of some of the boats is interesting as well—especially the railroad transfer ferry boats which had railroad tracks built onto the deck that could carry a very heavy steam locomotive and six to 10 railway cars across the river."

But the biggest surprise and challenge for Swenson has been the scarcity of available information about an industry that prospered for more than a 60-year time frame, yet attracted little attention from writers, historians, or journalists. Neither local historian O.J. Page, who in 1900 compiled History of Massac County, Illinois, With Life Sketches and Portraits, nor George Washington Smith, professor of history at Southern Illinois University, who published A History of Southern Illinois in 1912, paid any attention to the men and machines of the steamboat industry of southeastern Illinois.

Swenson has assembled a library of more than 60 volumes on Ohio, Mississippi, and Missouri river steamboats. But such steamboat research also requires personal travel to the repositories of this unique material. "I have visited more than 35 different library and museum collections along these rivers from Cincinnati to New Orleans, Little Rock, St. Louis, upper Wisconsin, and North Dakota," he says. He also credits two volumes—one on packet boats, the other on towboats—written by former steamboat pilot Frederick Way Jr. as particularly useful.

Way's thousands of photographs and notes at the Hamilton County/Cincinnati Public Library have proven invaluable as well. Swenson's proposed volume promised to be lavishly illustrated, as he has scanned more than 1,000 images using the resources of the Howard Steamboat Museum in Jeffersonville, Ind., the Murphy Library at the University of Wisconsin—La Crosse, and many other collections.

In retirement, the SIU alumnus finds himself busier than ever, but he qualifies it as "a good kind of busy. I miss working with architecture and history students, but I continue to work with young people in Cairo, and am still engaged in a limited architectural practice doing heritage preservation consulting, working on this steamboat book, and being involved in the traditional music scene."

Swenson lives in Carbondale with his wife, Karen.
The Wm. J Lewis was built in Metropolis in 1866 and lost in April 1873 near Grand Tower, Ill.

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Almost perfect weather made for a spectacular Homecoming Weekend, as Salukis of all ages returned to Carbondale. The SIU football team was in a close battle with defending national champion North Dakota State for more than a half before falling to their conference foe in action at Saluki Stadium.
Why Not Cruise Through Europe With Other Salukis?

Retired SIU Alumni
Association Executive Director
Ed Buerger ’70 and his wife,
Jan ’91, recently traveled
through Europe on a cruise
offered through Saluki Travels.
Here are some of his thoughts
on that experience:

Southern Alumni: “What
types of international travel
have you and your wife previ­
ously enjoyed?”

Ed Buerger: “Jan and I have
mostly traveled through
Europe, visiting places like
France, Germany, and Ireland.
We have also been to Malaysia,
Taiwan, Brazil, Jamaica, Mexico,
and Alaska. We love to travel.”

SA: How did your recent
trip compare to those trips?

EB: This was the first cruise we had
been on in the Mediterranean, so we had
the opportunity to visit many new
places, including Rome, which was a
huge attraction for us.

SA: These trips give alumni an
opportunity to explore the world with
other SIU graduates. Can you describe
what it was like to go on a vacation
halfway around the world with people
you already had a connection with?

EB: On the first night we attended a
reception on the ship, started talking to
various people, and found out several
got to SIU. The next thing I know, we’ve
made new friends to sightsee with in
some of the most historical cities in the
world.

SA: Will you stay in touch with any­
one from this trip?

EB: We met many other couples that
got to SIU and we still stay in touch
with them. Since we have returned, we
have even had dinner with a couple we
met there. When the trip started we were
all just a bunch of people on a cruise –
we walked away friends.

SA: What part of the trip was most
memorable to you?

EB: For me it was visiting Marseille,
France, a city my father told me stories
about when he was in the Navy during
World War II. He told me a story of when
he took shore leave in Marseille, saying: “In
Marseille there was a beautiful church on
top of a hill a couple miles away. I walked
to that church and back, as it was the only
thing that hadn’t been destroyed by
bombs.” As we pulled up to Marseille on
our cruise, that same church was the first
thing I saw – still standing and beautiful.

It was also amazing to experience the
history and culture of places we had only
read about. Rome was a major draw for
us, and we spent an extra two nights
there to explore the Vatican and
Coliseum. When you stand inside a place
like the Sistine Chapel it can be hard to
fully grasp the reality of it all.

SA: If you could travel anywhere in
the world, where is the next place you’d go?

EB: Definitely a trip to Tahiti, howev­
er I’d also like to return to the
Mediterranean, spend more time in
Rome, and visit the Greek Isles.

SA: As someone with first-hand
experience, what would you say to a fel­
low Saluki who is considering going on
one of the Association’s trips?

EB: I’ve been on several cruise lines,
and the trips the Association offers are
quite good. If you are looking for first­
class treatment on a trip with amazing
food at a modest price, there is a lot of
value in these cruises. I wasn’t sure how I
was going to feel about cruising on a
smaller ship, but now I think I prefer it.

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Visiting the mysterious Amazon River Basin, one of the Earth’s most exotic natural realms and our planet’s largest rainforest ecosystem, is an unforgettable experience. While you’re there you will have the opportunity to experience the phenomenal food of Lima, Peru.

Splendors Down Under
Feb. 21 – Mar. 11, 2014 from $6,499, round trip airfare from select cities included.
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- **Heart Of Russia: Cruising Moscow To St. Petersburg**
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  Round trip airfare from O’Hare is included!
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Purchased at Fenton Music Store in Mt. Vernon, Ill., Harrison’s Rickenbacker guitar shown here is now on display at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum in Cleveland.

BEFORE HE WAS FAB

George Harrison’s Visit To Southern Illinois

BY GORDON PRUETT
By the fall of 1963, the Beatles had conquered Great Britain with several No. #1 hits, but they were still unknown in America. Their constant touring had made them an incredibly tight, but tired, band. A couple of weeks of hard-earned vacation sent Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr to Greece, John Lennon went to Paris, and George Harrison came to southern Illinois. Jim Kirkpatrick '75 chronicles this September visit made by George and brother Peter Harrison to their sister, Louise Harrison Caldwell in Before He Was Fab: George Harrison's First American Visit (2000).

Recently, Kirkpatrick was in the news for his part in installing a plaque, placed in Benton in league with the Illinois State Historical Society, which commemorated the 50th anniversary of the first Beatle to visit America.

Louise had accompanied her husband, Gordon Caldwell, a mechanical engineer from Dundee, Scotland, who had come to Benton in March 1963 to work for Freeman Coal Company's oper-
lations office. Despite a certain amount of culture shock, Louise was charmed by the area. "Back in those days everybody, the whole world, was pretty different. There wasn't as much hatred and fear and suspicion. People were open with each other, and you could walk into somewhere and be accepted for who you were without everybody wanting to do a background check," she said in the Daily Egyptian recently.

Seemingly, the genesis of Kirkpatrick's book comes from two events 30 years apart. As a youngster living in Dowell, Ill., he distinctly remembers the seminal moment he read a curiously titled Southern Illinoisan article, "Her Brother's a Beatle: Of Benton Woman." This Jan. 19, 1964, article by Martha Moser profiled Louise Harrison Caldwell and the unconventional style of the Beatles. The article states, "She said another characteristic the men are known for is saying 'oooh' between lines and shaking their hair. She said her brother did it once and 'his hair swirled and the girls Screamed.'"

The article also attributes the famous Beatle hairstyle to Harrison. "One day Harrison and his three singing cohorts were swimming in Hamburg, Germany, before an evening singing performance. This was before they had their 'Beatle-cut' hairdos. Harrison's long hair hung over his face when he climbed out of the water. All four liked the shaggy look and went on stage with their hair hanging."

The other element that prompted Kirkpatrick's endeavor was the Illinois Department of Mines and Minerals announcing in 1995 that demolition was planned for the former home of Louise Harrison Caldwell at 113 McCann in Benton to make way for a parking lot. Citing a precedent with the home of songwriter Stephen Foster in Bardstown, Ky., Kirkpatrick argues in the preface of his book that like Foster, perhaps...
Harrison had only visited the home of relatives, but his overall impact on culture and music was such that the preservation of the house was warranted.

"The Beatle house" escaped the fate of demolition and for a time became the Hard Day’s Nite Bed and Breakfast, but today it has returned to being a private residence.

William Furry, executive director of the Illinois State Historical Society, offered this assessment of the importance of Harrison’s visit, “The George Harrison – First Beatle in America historical marker in Benton tells a unique story about small-town America, that fate is serendipitous and history happens in unlikely places. And of all the places in the world Mr. Harrison could have gone for his vacation, he chose to spend it with his family in southern Illinois, camping, hiking, making music, and meeting working-class people who had no idea he was destined for greatness. The visit to Benton says a great deal about George Harrison and what he valued; what he took home to England was priceless.”

Many Americans believe that the first appearance of a Beatle on stage in the U.S. was the band’s fateful appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show on Feb. 9, 1964, which attracted a record audience of 73 million viewers and ushered in the age of Beatlemania. But, in point of fact, the first Beatle on stage in America was Harrison’s appearance with a southern Illinois band, The Four Vests, at the Eldorado Veterans of Foreign Wars, on Sept. 28, 1963.

Awkwardly introduced as the “Elvis Presley of England,” Harrison preferred to play country numbers, notably “Your Cheatin’ Heart” by Hank Williams, but included some rock ’n roll standards like Carl Perkins’ “Matchbox” and Chuck Berry’s “Roll Over Beethoven.” In that prophetic Southern Illinoisan article, Louise shared with the reporter that after her brother’s Eldorado VFW performance a man advised him, “If you had the right handling, you could go places.”

During Harrison’s visit he bought a Rickenbacker 425 guitar at Fenton Music Store in Mt. Vernon and performed on two occasions, once at the Eldorado VFW and again at the Boneyard Boccie Club in Benton. He marveled at elements of American life – roller-skating waitresses, and the giant time and temperature neon signs that one day indicated a blistering, late-summer temperature of 105°.

Before He Was Fab was published by Cache River Press of Vienna, Ill., founded by the late Lonnie Russell, a former SIU professor of physiology. The book is now distributed by Quick Publishing of St. Louis, Mo., and is also available from other online booksellers. More than 4,500 copies have been sold to a worldwide audience, and a second edition is under consideration.

A lifelong resident of southern Illinois, Kirkpatrick has been a Beatles fan since the early 1960s. “But never in my wildest imagination did I expect that one day I would become friends with a Beatle sibling,” he says. A journalism graduate of SIU, he has worked for several southern Illinois newspapers, including the Du Quoin Evening Call and the Southern Illinoisan.

Since 1985 he has been a legislative assistant, working for Congressmen Ken Gray, Glenn Poshard, and David Phelps, and has been State Representative John Bradley’s district manager since 2003. His wife, Brenda ’74, is the librarian for the Southern Illinoisan and is a 1974 graduate of Southern. Before He Was Fab is Kirkpatrick’s first book.
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have enjoyed serving the last two years as President of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors. As I reflect upon my time as President, I take great pride in devoted alumni and friends who support Southern Illinois University.

In the FY2012 Honor Roll of Donors, I wrote about Chancellor Rita Cheng’s focus on student success. It is obvious to me that many of our alumni recognized that effort to help students succeed. The proof of that recognition can be seen in the number of gifts alumni made this year, especially in support of scholarship initiatives. How has it impacted the University? The University developed an outstanding applicant pool during its fall 2013 enrollment drive. Many of those students arrived on campus this August and the scholarship funds which our donors provided played a significant part in the enrollment success at SIU.

In the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2013, the SIU Foundation received $7.9 million in support of the University. Those funds are being used in numerous ways, including first, and foremost, student scholarships and awards. But the funds have also helped SIU students pursue academic excellence; participate in community and public service programs and conduct academic and research initiatives.

The goal of the SIU Foundation is to assist the University in offering premier facilities, engaging mentors and significant student resources. We want to make sure that SIU students have access to opportunities they would be hard-pressed to find elsewhere. And with the assistance of alumni and friends, we are not only contributing to the education of students, but also enhancing their lives.

Please take a few minutes to review the names listed in this year’s honor roll of donors. The generosity of these individuals, companies, organizations and foundations has made a difference in the lives of our students and faculty. This issue also features several stories which exemplify and demonstrate the commitment being given by alumni and friends to make a difference at SIU.

Thanks to each and every one of you who made a contribution. When you partner with the SIU Foundation, you are Investing in Saluki Futures.

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

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

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

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

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$10,000-$24,999

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

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One of the initial academic presses in the country, Open Court, which has offices in Chicago and LaSalle, was originally founded in 1887 by Edward Hegeler, who hired Paul Carus as editor-in-chief. Open Court’s initial quest was to provide a forum to discuss philosophy, science and religion.

The Carus family’s relationship with SIU dates back to the 1960s. Alwin C. Carus, the youngest son of Paul and Mary Carus, became familiar with Morris Library through Paul Schilpp, a philosophy professor at SIU, who knew the family. Carus subsequently met other SIU administrators and faculty, and was convinced that Open Court’s archives would benefit from being stored and cared for at SIU. The documents feature topics of the family’s diverse interests through multiple generations including philosophy, science, religion, engineering and mathematics.

Carus, who died in 2004 at the age of 103, had arranged for Morris Library to be one of the beneficiaries of his estate. The Library began to immediately receive payments from the Alwin C. Carus Irrevocable Mineral Trust, and will continue to do so for the next 13 years.

“Our great uncle believed in persons over institutions. Our great uncle’s bequests to all institutions, academic or otherwise, were made on this basis,” says Win Carus, Alwin’s great nephew. “It was because of David Koch M.A. ’63 (former faculty member and associate dean at SIU) personally and his numerous meetings with our great uncle that the Open Court and Hegeler-Carus archival materials came to Morris Library. He was confident that the materials would be made available to the larger world in useful forms.”

Win says his great uncle viewed Koch as a skilled archivist who would “do the right thing” with the materials. Koch, who served SIU for 35 years and assumed the leadership role at Special Collections in 1980, recalls establishing a close relationship with Carus.

“Alwin and I had common interests and became good friends,” says Koch, who retired in 2005. “Alwin was an intriguing man with a variety of interests. He was aware of our needs and helped Special Collections significantly.”

Pam Hackbart-Dean, director of Special Collections Research Center, says the trust has generated funds allowing the library to address the Carus family’s wishes.

“We are developing outreach programs with various academic disciplines on campus and K-12 schools in the community,” Hackbart-Dean says. “People can utilize the collection to conduct their own research. We’re excited about the opportunities it presents our library and the university.”

Hackbart-Dean says Morris Library has hired a full-time staff member and graduate assistant, whose duties are devoted to caring for the collection. The Library will continue enhancing outreach programs, which includes a K-12 plan to get young people interested in philosophy.

“We have the resources to promote the collection and coordinate efforts with various disciplines that were important to Mr. Carus,” she says. “Travel scholarships are also available so students can come from anywhere in the world to do research in such a rich collection. People come here to conduct their research because SIU has the one of the best American philosophy collections in the country.”
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It has been more than 66 years since David Rendleman '51 entered Southern Illinois University Carbondale as a pre-med student. And his fondness for the University has never wavered.

The Anna native, who practiced medicine for 31 years in Carbondale and served close to 40 years in the medical field, enrolled at SIU Carbondale in 1947. Shortly afterward, legendary SIU President Delyte Morris assumed the reigns at the University.

"I benefitted from some outstanding instructors in the pre-med program," the SIU Alumni Association life member says. "And Delyte Morris was the perfect man to serve as president because he was a great ambassador and representative for our University. It was a great experience to attend SIU during that period of time, with the University and City of Carbondale springing to life."

Rendleman, and his wife, Mary, want students to continue to enjoy such experiences. The couple recently contributed $100,000 to the David E. and Mary G. Rendleman Pre-Med Scholarship that they originally established in 2010. The award is presented annually to an incoming freshman who is a graduate of Anna-Jonesboro High School - or another neighboring southern Illinois high school in Union, Williamson, Alexander, or Pulaski Counties - with a desire to study pre-med at SIU.

"Anna is the primary focus because I received a wonderful education there during the 1930s. It was during the Depression, but we had good teachers which prepared and enabled me to get into Southern, and subsequently, med school," David says. "In the event we don't receive an applicant from Anna pursuing a pre-med degree, we are more than willing to honor a student from one of the surrounding counties."

The Rendlemans are committed to making a difference in the lives of SIU students. And in the process, they admit it has been a gratifying experience.

"We have received nice notes from recipients of the scholarship," Mary says. "They tell us that attaining their education wouldn't have been possible without this award. That does make us feel good because it's the reason we continue to support SIU in this fashion."

The Rendleman family has a longstanding relationship with SIU. David's brother, John, studied pre-law at SIU Carbondale before serving as its legal counsel, and later serving as Chancellor at SIU Edwardsville. SIU has been responsible for the education of the Rendlemans' three daughters - Jill, who received her master's from SIU Carbondale in 1979 and has proceeded to attain success in agricultural business; Amy, a registered nurse, who earned her nursing degree at SIU Edwardsville, and Laurie, a dermatologist in Lexington, Ky., who received a medical degree from SIU Carbondale in 1995.

David, who graduated from the University of Illinois in 1954, served two years in the Navy and completed his residency at Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago in 1961. He met Mary, a Vandalia native, as he was graduating from medical school and she was completing nursing training. They lived in Chicago, where David spent four years in surgical training. While they enjoyed what Chicago had to offer, they chose to return to southern Illinois to raise their children.

The couple has been married for 59 years.

"We've had some wonderful years here in Carbondale. It is a great place to raise a family and we love it here," Mary says. David concurs.

"It's been a great life for us and Carbondale is a wonderful town," he says. "The University has always been a driving economic engine of this region. As a result, we have met some fine people. There are many cultural advantages here and we are big Saluki sports fans. "Southern Illinois has been a satisfying place for us to live."
A former SIU Carbondale president is supporting the University’s initiative to recruit and retain high achieving students.

Albert Somit served as SIU Carbondale President from 1980-1987, a role that is known as the Chancellor today. The Chicago native established the Albert & Leyla Somit University Honors Endowed Scholarship at SIU. An award is presented to four undergraduate students annually in SIU’s Honors Program, a University-wide undergraduate program for top academic achievers.

“I wanted to do something useful for SIU,” Somit says. “I am delighted by the quality of students the University is attracting and impressed by their achievements.”

Somit, now 94 and living in California, says it’s essential for the Honors Program to continue receiving private funding to attract premier students who enhance the institution’s profile. He says giving back in this fashion allows one to see the impact being made on students.

“I have even had the opportunity to meet some of the scholarship recipients which is gratifying,” he says. “SIU’s honor students are outstanding. It’s nice to know my gifts are being invested in quality individuals.”

One of the recipients who has been in touch with Somit is Lucas Pulley, a 2011 mathematics graduate, who says the award was essential to his success as an undergraduate and his endeavors beyond SIU.

“It has been a real pleasure to correspond with Dr. Somit recently,” says Pulley, executive director of Southern Illinois Ekklesia Network in Carbondale. “I appreciate Dr. Somit saying how proud he is of my work today, and how privileged he was to invest in my academic life. A student’s highest potential is unleashed when someone supports and believes in them. It was a gift to receive that from Dr. Somit.”

Pulley says that gift validated his academic work and provided future motivation.

“Individuals who had won the award before me proceeded on to further feats of success that I had yet to even imagine,” he says. “My name becoming a part of that legacy opened my eyes to greater possibilities.”

One of those previous recipients, Amanda Mulch, received the scholarship in pursuit of a microbiology degree in 1999. Mulch, who proceeded to graduate from SIU’s medical school in 2003 and practices in Herrin, appreciates the impact the award has had on her life.

“Without the assistance of scholarships, it would have been much more difficult to complete my undergraduate degree in a timely manner,” she says. “I am grateful to have received the Somit Scholarship. It has helped me achieve the success that I enjoy today.”

That same impact is being felt by current Somit Scholars. Bridget Munoz, a senior majoring in rehabilitation services, says Somit’s continued vested interest in SIU students is a source of motivation for her.

“It isn’t an easy task to meet the demands of attaining a college degree. But it is inspiring that people like Dr. Somit continue to support students like myself through this momentous journey,” Munoz says. “His devotion to SIU students makes this award even more meaningful.”

Lori Merrill-Fink, director of the University Honors Program since 2006, says Somit’s support provides funding for activities that may not have been possible otherwise. “We are incredibly grateful to Dr. Somit. Private support can present our students with opportunities to present research at a conference or possibly study abroad,” she says.

Merrill-Fink says nearly 18,000 students have gone through the University Honors Program, which was initially established in 1951. The Program has experienced significant growth in recent years, correlating with improved visibility and accessibility after moving its offices to Morris Library in 2009. UHP courses have been restructured to better serve a student’s goals, including a diploma track that provides a bridge to graduate school.

Other changes include honors housing on campus, a community service requirement for participants, and a call for proposals to faculty who wish to compete for an opportunity to teach honors students.

“The Honors Program has grown from 220 to 600 students during these last three years,” Merrill-Fink says. “It is more present in the University’s marketing and recruiting materials. Our motto is to learn, lead, and serve. We offer an experience that feels more like a private school — but at a state price.”

And Somit is pleased with the program’s progress.

“The quality of applications to a university is enhanced through a strong honors program,” he says. “I am hopeful that the University continues to secure private funding for this worthwhile program.”

If you would like to join Dr. Albert Somit in supporting the University Honors Program, please visit: http://www.siuf.org/priorities/honors-program/ and select a fund of your choice.
SIU Students Thank Donors on Student Engagement and Philanthropy Day

SIU Carbondale students participated in a worldwide effort to enhance awareness of philanthropy of universities and colleges.

SIU joined 120 other educational institutions while participating in the inaugural Student Engagement and Philanthropy Day on Feb. 28, organized by CASE Affiliated Student Advancement Programs (ASAP). SIU’s Student Alumni Council (SAC) coordinated this initiative on the SIU campus, hosting tables at the Student Center and Morris Library. SAC members encouraged students to write “Thank You” cards, which the SIU Foundation subsequently mailed to alumni and friends who support the University’s annual fund.

“SAC members were trained to educate students on how they were impacted by donor contributions,” says Tuesday Ashner, director of Student, College and Constituent Relations for the SIU Alumni Association. “SACers were excited to participate in this worldwide initiative.”

Haley Shaw, a senior in advertising and SAC Signature Events Chair, says: “Once we spoke to our fellow students about the impact alumni and friends have at SIU, they realized how important it was to extend our appreciation.”

With a goal of 300 cards to be written during a three-hour timeframe at the Student Center and Morris Library, students composed 100 “Thank You” cards at Morris Library in just one hour. The hashtag #SIUgives generated additional awareness on twitter.

“The Association appreciates the opportunity to collaborate with the Foundation in assisting students to thank alumni and supporters for their generosity,” says SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez ’85, M.S. ’04.

SAC plans to continue its participation in the program in 2014.

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As someone who truly appreciates and embraces nature, it isn’t unusual to see Kathie Fralish Ph.D. enjoying walks on the SIU campus she truly loves.

“The SIU campus is beautiful, and that can be attributed to Campus Lake and Thompson Woods to a great extent,” she says. “My visits to campus also remind me that maintaining that beauty isn’t inexpensive.”

Kathie, and her late husband, Jim, made a contribution to a project to restore Thompson Woods, an effort that spanned from 1996-1999. It is indicative of the couple’s devotion to supporting various aspects of the University and Carbondale communities since moving from Wisconsin to Carbondale in 1969. The move was precipitated by a career opportunity for Jim, who joined SIU’s forestry department, where he taught and conducted research until his retirement in 1996.

In the meantime, Kathie, earned a doctorate in speech pathology and audiology from SIU, with a focus on people who experienced traumatic brain injuries or strokes that affected their ability to communicate. In 1977, with encouragement from SIU faculty members, she founded Center for Comprehensive Services (CCS) in Carbondale, which earned an international reputation as one of the premier state-of-the-art rehabilitation facilities for individuals with brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, and related disabilities.

The Fralishes quickly embraced the SIU and southern Illinois communities.

“There are many departments and units within the University that contribute significantly to the benefit of this region. Regardless of your area of interest, you can see SIU’s impact,” she says. “We knew how important the University is to the area and people who live here, so we chose to support the University in ways that continue to benefit southern Illinois as a region.”

Kathie and Jim’s support spanned various aspects of the University. Saluki sports fans immediately upon their arrival to Carbondale, they purchased season tickets and supported facility enhancements for athletic programs, in addition to educational programming on WSUI radio and television. And through Jim’s devotion to students, they offered funding of professional development opportunities.

“Jim’s greatest joy in teaching came from the close relationships he developed with his graduate students. So it was important that these students receive the financial support of graduate assistantships,” she says. “This presented them with freedom to pursue their research while assisting Jim, without having to pursue unrelated, part-time employment. Jim also encouraged his students to participate in meetings and conferences, often making presentations of their research. So upon Jim’s death, he ensured continued participation with a Forestry Student Travel Fund through the SIU Foundation.”

Although Kathie retired as President of CCS in 2000, she stays busy as a community volunteer. She is President of the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, and represents the organization on a regional and national level. Kathie lauds SIU Carbondale Chancellor Rita Cheng and BGCC executive director Randy Osborn for a partnership that honors two Youth of the Year Scholarship winners who represent the state of Illinois and the Midwest Region, respectively. And she hopes others join her in supporting the University.

“SIU would not be able to provide the level of education necessary without individual and business support,” she says. “I believe that each of us has an obligation to offer whatever we can, in talent, time, and treasure, to give back to the communities we live in. It is simply the right thing to do.”

Kathie’s son, Chris Julian Fralish ’04, a staff member in SIU’s Counseling Center, and his wife, Stacey Julian-Fralish ’13, are both SIU alumni with master’s degrees in social work.
M ore than $1.9 million has been raised to help renovate one of SIU’s most historic sports landmarks. Funds are being raised through gifts and pledges from former baseball players, alumni and friends to enhance Abe Martin Field on campus. The total estimated project cost is $4.5 million dollars. The renovation is a partnership between SIU and private donors with an affinity toward Saluki baseball. University leadership has pledged its support of the project by matching each dollar privately gifted to the baseball facility project through an internal loan to Saluki Athletics. This partnership has allowed the athletics department to significantly accelerate the project timeline, due for completion prior to the 2014 season. Chet Savage, Deputy Director of Saluki Athletics, says more than 200 gifts have been received in support of the project, 11 of which are more than $50,000. The new stadium honors Saluki legend and former head coach Richard “Itchy” Jones ’61, M.S. ’66, who led the program to 738 victories, 10 NCAA Tournaments and three College World Series berths during his 21-year tenure. Abe Martin Field at Richard “Itchy” Jones Stadium will feature a new grandstand, press box and dugouts, in addition to stadium lights, a synthetic grass playing surface, and a security fence around the facility. Also the clubhouse will be renamed to honor the late Dan Callahan, SIU’s head coach for 16 seasons, who is the second-winningest coach in team history. “Obviously, this initiative changes the face of Saluki baseball. We are maintaining the nuances and traditional features, but at the same time, upgrading amenities for our student-athletes and fans,” Savage says. “For instance, “The Hill” will continue to be a featured attraction. But we're improving our seating and other aspects of the facility. Additionally, it is important to have an artificial surface that could be in use 365 days a year. “This improves SIU baseball from a recruiting standpoint. We’ll no longer be at a disadvantage in that respect.”

The Abe Martin Field Renovation project, an effort initiated by several loyal SIU baseball alumni, will enhance every aspect of the Saluki baseball team’s homefield.

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Football Salukis Tie For Second In MVC, Miss Playoffs

SIU made its final case for a playoff berth with a 31-9 road win over Indiana State in the regular-season finale, as the Salukis (7-5, 5-3 MVC) held the Sycamores to 55 yards of total offense – the fourth-lowest total allowed in school history.

The highlight of the game was the return of senior quarterback Kory Faulkner, who played for the first time after a month-long finger injury. He sparked the Saluki offense, playing with a glove to protect the splint on his injured finger. Faulkner completed 65 percent of his passes and threw for 131 yards, with fellow senior John Lantz his favorite target en route to catching eight receptions for 99 yards. Southern continued its road dominance and won eight of its last nine conference road games.

Despite winning three of its final four contests and finishing in a tie for second place in the conference, the Salukis were overlooked by the NCAA selection committee for the playoffs. Only two-time defending national champion North Dakota State and fellow conference squad South Dakota State secured bids from the MVC, tabbed by many as the toughest conference in the FCS (1-AA division).

SIU Head Coach Dale Lennon says he and his squad were disappointed to be overlooked for post-season action.

"The toughest thing as a coach is when you break the news that we didn't make it and see the looks on their faces," he says. "The bottom line was we needed to win more games – I understand that. That being said, the snub is disappointing since we play in a league where the competition is so tough. Early season polls had six teams ranked in the top 25. When it came to the end of the season, there was no love for the Missouri Valley since the teams end up beating up one another.

"It came down to some missed opportunities," he notes. "We had to win that close game against Youngstown, and losing at home against Missouri State was huge. If we win those there is no argument, and you don't leave it up to the committee."

Lennon says that even with the stiff schedule, his team had talent and the opportunity to succeed. Southern was indeed close to being an elite program, as losses included a one possession defeat at the University of Illinois, a double-overtime loss to second-ranked Eastern Illinois, and the aforementioned one-point loss to Youngstown State. Key wins came on the road, as the Salukis defeated top-ten ranked South Dakota State and the University of Northern Iowa.

Lennon says this year's team was one of his favorites, and he looks forward to building on its success next season.

"We have a huge junior class, and that's where the strength of our team is right now," he points out. "This is a group to get excited about, as we do have several players coming back with extensive experience who are playmakers. I think what happened to us this season will serve as strong motivation going into the offseason."

The Saluki football team ended the home season by shutting out Illinois State in the second half. SIU won three of its final four games to close the season strong.
Saluki Cross Country Men And Women Capture MVC Titles

Saluki runners earned two trophies after sweeping the MVC Championships at Drake University in November. It was the first time since 1989 that men and women from the same school swept the league cross country championships. It is also only the second time since 1987 that the same head coach won both titles.

The effort brought the 14th men’s MVC title in SIU history and the second championship in as many years for the squad and Head Coach Matt Sparks, who now owns five MVC men’s titles in his tenure at Southern. That total ties Bill Cornell for the most in school history and ties for the fourth-most in conference history. Including the women’s title, Sparks is now the winningest cross country coach in SIU history with six titles.

After posting five All-MVC runners in 2012, the Saluki men posted yet another solid performance with three all-conference runners and two more in the top-15 that narrowly missed out on the distinction—all contributing to a dominant 59-point victory over second-place Loyola. Zach Dahleen (fourth, 24:30.3), Nick Schrader (fifth, 24:31.3) and Oscar Medina (sixth, 24:35.4) all finished within five seconds of each other in the top-10.

"On the men's side, it was great to repeat," says Sparks. "Anytime you can win a conference title, that's something you have to be excited about. It's also good to send our seniors out on top. Zach, Brian (Dixon) and T.J. Heffernan, have been exceptional in their time at SIU."

The Saluki women captured their first MVC title since 1992, and only their second championship ever in an exciting and competitive 5K race. Southern was down by eight points at midway point and made an impressive charge for the victory, besting pre-championship favorite Bradley by 20 points.

SIU placed three All-MVC runners on the women’s side. Kristen Levi (third, 17:30.3), Sadie Darnell (fourth, 17:33.4) and Kelley Gallagher (fifth, 17:41.6) each earned all-league honors.

"Track and field head coach Connie Price-Smith and I have been working toward this for the women for more than 12 years now, so this is extremely special," Sparks notes. "It was a tight race, but we made a lot of strong moves over the last 2K to seal the win."

SIU Volleyball Gets To MVC Title Match

The SIU volleyball team made it to the MVC Championships in late November before falling in three sets to Wichita State in the title match televised by Fox Sports Midwest. The Salukis fell by scores of 20-25, 17-25, and 18-25.

“We beat Wichita State before and felt great about the way we had been playing the last month,” says SIU head coach Justin Ingram. “Our expectation was to come in and win this thing.” Jessica Whitehead and Alex Rivera were each named to the MVC All-Tournament team.

Southern concluded its season with an overall record of 20-13 and advanced to the MVC title match for the first time since 2002. The total also marked the first back-to-back 20-win season for the program since 1984 and 1985. The Salukis graduate three seniors and return 12 players to the 2014 team.

“Losing in the title match was tough, but when we look back on everything we accomplished this season we are really proud and have our heads high,” Ingram says.
Men's Basketball Tabbed 8th In Valley Poll

The SIU's men's basketball team was picked for eighth-place in the 10-team Missouri Valley Conference in a preseason poll. Coming off a Final Four appearance in 2013, Wichita State is tabbed to win the league title in 2013-14.

Southern which finished 14-17 last season in Barry Hinson's first year as head coach, returns only five lettermen and two starters from that squad. The top returnee, Desmar Jackson (who averaged 15.1 points and 5.4 rebounds last year for the Salukis and has led the squad in scoring during early action this season.

The Salukis finished 10th last year - precisely where they were picked in the preseason poll. Along with Jackson, Southern returns guards Anthony Beane (who averaged 9.1 points and made the All-Freshman team in 2013), Jalen Pendleton and Colby Long, and center Davante Drinkard.

“We have a challenging non-conference schedule, and the MVC is strong once again,” Hinson says. “I think we could really be a much better basketball team than we were last year, yet it might not produce more wins. This is a real young team that will hopefully get better as the season progresses.

“If you look at our schedule, we didn't jump into the wading pool; we jumped into a swimming pool. It's a little bold for me to do this, but I felt we needed to find out where we are and where we need to be.”

SIU opens home conference play Jan. 2 against Wichita State. To see the full Saluki schedule and results, go to [www.siusalukis.com](http://www.siusalukis.com).

Women's Hoops Looks To Prove Voters Wrong

The rebuilding process of the SIU women's basketball team continues under new head coach Cindy Stein, as her squad is tabbed to finish 10th in the MVC in a preseason poll. All five starters return from a 5-26 squad last year, with junior forward Cartaesha Macklin back after being SIU's leading scorer last season and ranking ranked second in the MVC 15.0 points-per-game.

“We don't like being picked 10th,” Stein says. “The team will work hard to prove that wrong. I don't want to harp on it, but we want the players to understand that it is unacceptable. We'll be patient, but patient with a fever.

“Our goal is going to be to rebuild things and aim for the top. We have some great athletes, and now we've got to make them basketball players.”

The Salukis open MVC play in Carbondale Jan. 2 against Bradley, and will play five of their first seven Valley games at SIU Arena.

For a full schedule and results, go to [www.siusalukis.com](http://www.siusalukis.com).

SIU Tennis Shines At MVC Championships

Johnny Rigby and Michal Kianicka won the 2013 MVC Individual Doubles Championship in men's tennis, taking the title in action at Drake in November. It was the first time since 1990 that Southern Illinois has won a MVC doubles title. The bested the Wichita State tandem 8-2 to claim the 2013 title.

The Saluki women's tennis team won both the No. 1 doubles championship and the No. 2 singles championship in the 2013 MVC Individual Championships held in St. Louis. Senior Korey Love and junior Natasha Tomishima won the flight No. 1 doubles championship over Wichita State, 8-5. Anita Lee bested Arial Dechter of Bradley 7-5, 6-4, to take the flight No. 2 singles championship.

Baseball Alumni Reunion May 2-4

With the opening of the new Itchy Jones Stadium in 2014, the largest Saluki baseball player reunion ever is expected when SIU hosts the University of Evansville the weekend of May 2-4. Still in the planning stages, there will be several special events throughout the weekend, including the annual golf outing that raises money for Saluki Baseball.

More details will be released when available, but save the date and plan on coming back to see your fellow baseball alumni and the new facility.

The SIU Alumni Association has secured room blocks at a special rate for that weekend at area hotels. Be sure to book early to assure that you get a room. Reserve your hotel room now at: Comfort Inn & Suites (618/529-2720) $89.99 + tax, Hampton Inn (618/549-6900) $99 + tax, Holiday Inn (618/549-2600) $109 + tax, or Super 8 (618/457-8822) $60 and $65 + tax. The promo code to use whether booking online or via phone is BAT.

Please contact SIU Athletics Director of Special Events John Goode with any questions related to the events that weekend. He may be reached at goode.johnb@siu.edu.
A stroll across a golf course with his son, Will, is a prized moment frozen in time for Tim Miles. The game of golf has helped him deal with the challenges of his son's autism, and has provided a connection and hope that they each share.

BY TIM MILES '02

A SPECIAL NEED FOR GOLF
I’m typing this at 36,000 feet flying across the country to Bandon, Ore., to play two of America’s great courses – Bandon Dunes and Pacific Dunes – remembering a conversation I had a couple days ago with my 8-year-old son. I wouldn’t be here if it weren’t for Will, who helped me rediscover why I loved the game of golf.

I say “loved” because a couple years ago, I quit – and I quit in arguably the most fantastic cathedral in all of golf – ending a nearly lifelong love of the game.

My cousins first introduced me to the game in 1983. I was a 12-year-old farm boy in east central Illinois, and my first four holes at Brook Hill Golf Course went 12, 22, 12, and 7. As you might suspect, it was that seven that kept me coming back like a hopeless addict for the next 21 years. I worked at courses while going to Southern Illinois University, and often played seven days a week until a sort-of-real job got its hooks into me at 25. Still, I could play a dozen times a month and had a single-digit handicap.

I played with a regular group at times. I played alone at times. I swept the dew of early morning and played in dusk so dark, I’d hit and guess, hit and guess. I lived for the frictionless thwack of a well-struck shot, and the sweet sounds of balls bottoming out in cups. It was cheaper than therapy, though I had no understanding of real challenges or needs for therapy and wouldn’t for a few more years.

Eventually, my work would lead to me marrying way above myself and moving to Columbia, Mo. It was there in 2004 that our first child was born. From day 1, William Reis Miles was a challenge.

SOMETHING WAS STRANGE

Most people speak with awe of their children’s births. I do the same about the natural, at-home birth of our daughter, Sarah, in 2009. Will’s birth, however, was traumatic from the start. After hours and hours of labor with no delivery, complications arose with his heart rate, and my wife delivered our son that evening via emergency Caesarean. That was just the beginning.

Through the first year of his life, we noticed Will’s development felt strange. He wouldn’t make eye contact with us or smile at us, or connect in a way our friends’ children were doing with them. He would, instead, stare for long periods of time at the strangest of things – hinges in his crib, for example. When he played with toys, he often played atypically. Toy cars across our house would be turned upside down. He preferred spinning the wheels over and over and over.

Like most parents I suspect during the first year of a child’s life I didn’t feel right playing much golf. In addition to managing a rapidly growing division of a company, we had few friends and no family in Columbia. I’d play in the occasional work-related outing but that was about it. I could still shoot in the low 80s. My short game suffered, sure, but I still got great joy out of frictionless thwacks and sweet sounds of balls in cups.

But I was about to learn what bottoming out really meant. On Oct. 30, 2005, I quit my job (and my job’s health insurance) to start my own communications consulting company. On Nov. 21, 2005, my wife said, “Tim, I think Will has autism.”

Finally having enough of the nagging intuition inside her that something was amiss with our son’s development, Dee began to Google Will’s odd behaviors, and what returned to her was, essentially, a checklist for autism spectrum disorder.

According to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders, autism is a communications disorder characterized by qualitative impairment of social and behavioral patterns. Persons with autism don’t intuitively learn the societal cues and typical responses you and I have taken for granted since childhood. Autistics also frequently struggle with varying degrees of overstimulation to sensory input and are known to display repetitive and restrictive behaviors.

Like perhaps you, when my wife first mentioned “autism,” my mind went to Dustin Hoffman’s Oscar-winning portrayal of Charlie Babbitt in the film, Rain Man. Babbitt had been institutionalized for most of his life because of his inability to assimilate to typical society.

Certain stimuli – bright lights, loud noises – would set him off and cause meltdowns. He would repeat certain phrases and obsess over what typical people would consider strange things.

What I came to learn is that autism actually characterizes a wide spectrum of behaviors from yes, Babbitt’s institutionalized and fairly non-verbal person to brilliant – but quirky – and wildly
We didn’t (and don’t) want people to feel sorry for us. Will’s an amazing (if quirky) young man, and we celebrate all kinds of things that mark his progress and development. Ours just might be different from yours for your child. Our company, too, took off, and our lives felt whole and happy.

The only thing that felt off was playing golf. Dee encouraged me to play. She said I was happier when I was playing golf, and I would be for a little while after the occasional round, but the joy was gone.

“I shouldn’t be out here,” I would always be thinking to myself. I shouldn’t be wasting this money and time away from Will and Dee. With all the real challenges our family was facing, whether or not to lay up on #9 at Lake of the Woods seemed worse than trivial. I went from playing, in my 20s, five rounds a week to, in my early 30s, five rounds a month, to, in my late 30s, five rounds a year. In 2011, I played a total 27 holes of golf, nine at L.A. Nickell in Columbia and 18 at St. Andrews in Scotland (my niece married a Scot). There I was, on holy ground in August 2011, desecrating it. I hit maybe two pure golf shots in 18 holes at a place I’d dreamed of visiting for more than a quarter-century. Yep, that’s right. It was at the home of golf that I decided to give up the game. I know the courses there are a few hundred years old, but that still might have been a first.

Then, the following spring, a funny thing happened. My son was looking at my dust-collecting clubs and said,
"Daddy, I have a question."
"Yes, Will."
"Can I try golf?"
"Sure, buddy."

Will's different ability (we prefer not to call it a disability) is primarily social, not physical. Due to what we presume was trauma at childbirth, he's somewhat pigeon-toed, but other than that, he didn't have anything that would seemingly preclude him from playing and having fun.

As for the disorder affecting his love of the game, consider these autistic traits on the spectrum recently shared on Twitter: Hyper focus, eye for detail, exceptional memory, able to embrace solitude, and unique perspective.

"How can any of those be anything but good for golf?" I thought. So, we tried golf.

**HE PLAYED AND PLAYED ...**

Living in the country on a couple acres at the time, we went out behind the house and built Backyard National Golf Club. I got him a hybrid iron and pitching wedge cut down to his size. We got a flag and chipping target map from the local sporting goods store. I showed him how to grip the club and told him golf could be a game he would play his whole life if he remembered to have fun while he played.

And he played. And I played. And we played. And played. And played.

We'd move that flag all around the back yard. He'd hit big whiffle balls, and I'd hit little ones. He'd hit that hybrid and his wedge, and I'd play around with all my clubs, trying to hit low bouncing 3-irons, banana 7-irons, absurdly high wedges.

And a funny thing was happening. I was rediscovering the joy of golf thanks to our brilliant, beautiful, special boy.

By mid summer, he was ready to try a real course – in our modified fashion. I wanted to make sure we weren't interfering with anyone else's enjoyment of the course, so we set out on a Friday evening when we could pretty much ensure no one would be behind us. I wasn't sure whether we'd make it one, four, or nine holes, but we were going to try, and he carefully understood his rules of golf.

Will's Rules of Golf are a sheet he keeps in his golf bag that we review before each round. I'm not qualified (or particularly interested) in teaching my son to be a better golfer. I'm his dad. My job is to teach him to be a better human being. Golf's always been great for that, don't you think?

1. **Always listen to Daddy for your own fun and safety and the fun and safety of others.**
2. **Golf is a game. Games are fun. Have fun playing golf.**
3. **Golf is also hard. You will not hit every shot the way you hope, but you could be home changing your sister's diaper.**
4. **Golf starts over after every shot – which is cool – because every shot's a new chance to be awesome.**
5. **Always be mindful of others. Show respect. Say, "Yes, sir" or, "No, ma'am." Say "Thank you."**
6. **Fix at least two ball marks on every green.**
7. **Ask me questions about golf. Questions are good.**

He tees off from 100 yards out on par 4 holes. He tees off from 150 out on par 5s and from the start of the little fairway approach to par 3 greens. He knows if he gets upset or complains or doesn't listen, it's a one-hole penalty, which is torture for him.

This boy loves golf. He's forever cleaning and organizing his clubs and balls, and I'm storing away memories like mad. I will always remember the first shot he got airborne (we actually have it on video). I will forever remember his first par. This year, he made his first two on a par 3. He hit his tee shot about 65 yards and it rolled right by the cup stopping maybe 18 inches behind the cup. He made the putt.

"How many twos have you made so far this year, Daddy?" he asked innocently.

So, as you can see, he's already learning to talk trash... even if he doesn't know it yet.

Will I get him proper lessons someday? Sure.
Mary Ellen Dillard, SIU Distinguished Service Recipient

Mary Ellen Dillard ’51, M.S. ’80, who received the Service to Southern Illinois Award from the Association’s Jackson County Chapter in 1994 and the Alumni Achievement Award for Distinguished Service in 2006, passed away in October at the age of 84.

Dillard’s devotion to her alma mater spanned more than 50 years, working closely with the Jackson County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association and serving as its president from 1997 until 2001.

A lifelong educator, Dillard retired in 1994 after a distinguished career as a teacher, principal, and school district official in the area. For many years during her husband, Neil’s, tenure as mayor of Carbondale, she served as the city’s “First Lady,” was active in countless activities that helped those around her, and was named the “2003 Citizen of the Year” by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce.

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Within weeks of SIU Athletics starting online balloting to select the Saluki men's basketball "All-Century Team," two of the biggest names in the program's history passed away, Joe C. Meriweather, who scored 1,536 points and grabbed 1,005 rebounds during a remarkable three-year career at SIU, died unexpectedly in Columbus, Ga., at the age of 59. A few weeks later, SIU all-time leading scorer Charlie "Chico" Vaughn lost his long battle with cancer at the age of 73.

Meriweather, who lettered at SIU from 1972-75, was the 11th pick overall in the 1975 NBA Draft by the Houston Rockets, and played 10 seasons in the league with five different teams. The 6-10 center would become a part of Kansas City's basketball scene for more than three decades – first as an NBA player and later as a college coach.

He served as the head women's basketball coach at Park University in the Kansas City area from 1997-2010. Before Park University, the Saluki Hall of Famer coached the Kansas City Mustangs and served as a coach at Bishop Hogan High School and Penn Valley Community College.

At the time of his death, Meriweather served as CEO of 3C's Fatherhood Educational Partnership, Inc., a Kansas City-based educational program that works to develop young men into responsible fathers.

Vaughn, who lettered at Southern from 1958-62, scored 2,088 points for the Salukis – the most in school history. He also is still the highest scorer in Illinois High School Association history, as the Tamms, Ill., native scored 3,358 points as a prep star. He was selected 26th overall in the 4th round of the 1962 NBA draft by the St. Louis Hawks, one of three teams he played for in the league. He also played in the ABA with the Pittsburgh Pipers.

The 6-4 guard accomplished it all without the aid of the now popular 19-foot, three-point goal.

"I would say that 70 percent of my shots would have been three-pointers," Vaughn once told local writer Jim Muir.

"I had a range of about 30-plus feet, so I was crossing half court looking for a shot. A lot of guys back then shot from that distance – a 19-footer was a layup to us."

Probably one of the more satisfying accomplishments for Vaughn occurred long after his playing days were over. More than 30 years after leaving SIU, he returned to Carbondale, and in 1988 earned a bachelor's degree in recreation. For the next two decades, the Saluki Hall of Famer worked at the Meridian High School as a teaching assistant, where he enjoyed interacting with students and trying to make a difference in their lives.

Not only is Vaughn the all-time leading scorer at SIU, but he set an Illinois prep record by scoring more than 3,300 points.
Outstanding scholastic achievements and noteworthy efforts outside of the classroom are among the hallmarks of 38 Southern Illinois University Carbondale students who were named Chancellor's Scholars in 2013.

The Chancellor's Academic Scholar Award, the most prestigious award given at SIU, is a significant achievement for the students as it covers tuition, fees, room and board for four years.

"We were excited to welcome these accomplished students this fall," Chancellor Rita Cheng says. "They excel in academics, provide leadership on campus and in our communities, and mentor fellow students. Like our other Chancellor's Scholars, I am confident these students will be inspiring role models."

The awards are given on the basis of ACT or SAT scores and the students' academic credentials submitted at the time of admission along with the personal interviews. The Chancellor's Scholars are considered effective leaders in their classrooms and in their communities. The award is renewable for four years, contingent upon the students maintaining a 3.0 or higher GPA.

Winners of the 2013 scholarships, listed, by hometown, are:

**Illinois**

**Alhambra** – Samantha Green, Highland High School. She plans to major in animal science (pre-veterinary).

**Ava** – Rachel Edgar, Trico High School. She plans to major in workforce education and development.

**Bloomington** – Anurag Kurumbail, Normal Community High School. He plans to study philosophy and physics.

**Alexandra Walch**, University High School. She plans to study therapeutic recreation and sport administration.

**Carbondale** – Delia Marie Amos, Carbondale Community High School. She plans to major in cinema and photography.

**Erin Anderson**, Carbondale Community High School. She plans to study history.

**Carlyle** – Nicole Hanke, Carlyle High School. She plans to major in civil engineering.

**Tyler Wheelan**, Carlyle High School. He plans to study biological sciences and Spanish.

**Chatham** – Zoey Koester, Glenwood High School. She plans to study interior design.

**Kelsie Lee**, Glenwood High School. She plans to study linguistics.

**Colfax** – Miller Eaton, Ridgeview High. He plans to major in physics.

**Danville** – Stephanie Venis, Oakwood High School. She plans to major in mechanical engineering.

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Patriotism Leads To Student Entrepreneurship

by Gene Green

For one 2013 Chancellor’s Scholar, patriotism and entrepreneurship helped shape her life many years before she arrived on the campus at SIU Carbondale.

Emily Waldon was only six-years-old when terrorism changed the nation forever on Sept. 11, 2001. Watching the devastation on television, the Horn Lake, Miss., native felt the need to do something to show that she was proud of her country. "It really hit home for me, even though I was just a six-year-old, I wanted to do something."

Bryan and Ginger Waldon sat down with their young daughter to talk about what the terrorist event meant. Emily asked if they could build a flagpole and fly an American flag in their front yard. Her father said they could, as he had some poles left over from a fence business he used to own. Soon the flagpole was installed and they began flying the American flag.

A neighbor noticed and soon asked if he could buy a flagpole. That first sale thrilled Emily, and it wasn't long before they made another sale to a local service station. The Waldons started advertising the flagpoles with a sign in their front yard, and demand grew steadily. Before long, Emily had a decent business on her hands – she named it "Flagpole Express."

They also produce flagpole supplies like halyards for raising the flags.

Her father says while he has helped her in the business, Emily has been the driving force. "She evolved from a girl with an idea to an extraordinary woman who knows she can make her way in the business world," Bryan says. "She was a different kind of kid. As she became older and more mature, we introduced her to Quick Books and different aspects of running a business."

With the more than $100,000 in profits in the past 11 years, Emily has been able to do many things other high school students would have only dreamed of. She has invested in horses and a horse trailer, taken her family to Disney World, visited Ground Zero in New York, and spent time in Europe.

Although the second semester engineering major is currently taking a break from the business now that she is attending SIU, Emily says Flagpole Express will eventually return.

"After seeing my schedule next semester I don't think it would be smart for me to add extra to my plate," she says with a smile. "I won't be bringing the company to college just yet, but I'm considering starting it back up sometime."

"I'm definitely going to keep with it as long as I possibly can. Maybe I'll pass it down to my kids. It's been great growing up with it."

Her advice to other young entrepreneurs is don't let people underestimate your capabilities. "And stick to it," she says. "There were times when I was growing up that I would rather have been hanging out with my friends, but I knew it was important to keep up with the business."

Some quotes in this story originally appeared in the Mississippi Business Journal.
SIU A Favorite Choice
For Malaysian Students

American universities are more popular than ever among international students, and Malaysian students have been part of SIU Carbondale's campus since 1972. But it was a surge in enrollment in the 1980s and 1990s that made SIU a significant destination for many Malaysian students wanting to study in the U.S.

Recently, in league with Education USA and the U.S. Department of Commerce, Cheryl Barnett '04 and Yi Lee J.D. '08, admissions representatives for SIU, traveled to Malaysia and the Philippines to recruit students to come to Carbondale. They hope to increase the number of Malaysian students at SIU, which currently stands at 45. They met with a number of SIU alumni, as well as prospective students, at INTI International University, a private institution about 30 miles from Kuala Lumpur, the capital and largest city in Malaysia.

Barnett says, "SIU trained the Malaysian Air Force in the 80s, and their government sent hundreds of scholarship students to us as well. We ran into so many alumni everywhere, and not only did students have a very positive impression of SIU, but alumni look back so fondly on their times in Carbondale that they still meet and reminisce monthly.

"Yi and I take great pride in recruiting for Southern, and I can't express how much fun it is to meet a fellow Saluki who graduated 20 or 30 years ago, who still talks about places like the Italian Village and the Student Center and has gone on to become a respected leader in their field."

Home to 1,400 international students from 100 countries, SIU is a favored destination for students from Malaysia and the Philippines. More than 6,700 Malaysian and 3,100 Filipino students studied in the U.S. last year, and more
than 50 of those students were at SIU.

Science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) are among the most popular courses of study around the world, making the U.S. a key destination for higher education. SIU offers Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. programs in not only STEM fields, but many other disciplines.

SIU grads Aaron Victor '07 (left) and Yi Lee answer questions from inquiring students. Malaysian students have been part of SIU Carbondale's campus since 1972.

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An SIU Alumni Association life member has been appointed president and CEO of an international trade organization representing companies involved in the distribution, rental, and support of equipment used in construction, mining, forestry, power generation, agriculture, and industrial applications.

Associated Equipment Distributors says Brian McGuire '92 will begin his position Jan. 6, 2014, and will be based at AED's headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill. He was most recently the president of the Tooling and Manufacturing Association, headquartered in Park Ridge, Ill.

McGuire, 43, has a broad professional background in trade associations with an impressive record in public policy advocacy, membership growth, as well as training and educational services for industry. He is the former senior regional manager for Illinois and Wisconsin of the National Association of Manufacturers, which is based in Washington, D.C.

Focused on civic duty, the Southern graduate is the top elected officer of his community, serving as Hanover Township Town Supervisor for 99,000 residents and responsible for a treasury of $12 million. McGuire was also a 20-year veteran volunteer firefighter who retired as captain in 2008.

McGuire is only the third AED president/CEO in the last six decades.

Kathy Best Named Seattle Times Editor

Longtime Seattle journalist Kathy Best '79 has been named editor of the Seattle Times. The SIU graduate, who most recently has been one of newspaper's two managing editors, previously was assistant managing editor at The Baltimore Sun, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

She joined the Times as managing editor for digital news and innovation, working primarily with the Web staff to create a 24/7 news operation featuring social media, video storytelling and reader interaction. She helped the Times earn two Pulitzer Prizes.

Most of her editing career, however, was firmly planted in local news, including the long stint at the Post-Dispatch where she covered Illinois state government.

When named editor of the Times, she told her staff that with the uncertain future facing the industry, "all of us in this room need to stay laser-focused on our mission: producing useful, meaningful journalism that readers can't get anywhere else."

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3rd Annual ‘Dawg Days Of Summer’

The Randolph County Chapter hosted more than 20 alumni, students, and guests to a picnic at the American Legion Park in Steeleville, Ill. SIU Director of Undergraduate Admissions Katharine Suzuki spoke about Southern's current recruitment efforts, which have led to the largest incoming freshman class in more than two decades. Eric Reickenberg and Barb Brown from the Randolph County Chapter coordinated the picnic, which raised approximately $650 for the chapter's scholarship fund.

Chicago Foodbank Volunteers

The Chicagoland Chapter hosted 15 alumni and friends in a volunteer effort at the Greater Chicago Food Depository. More than 5,300 pounds of bread was boxed, labeled, and sealed for needy families in the Chicagoland area. Vanessa Matheny and Tom Hanna coordinated the effort and attended on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association.

Hale To Direct Association's Member Services/Marketing

Caleb Hale '02, an editor and reporter for The Southern Illinoisan newspaper, became the Association's new director of marketing and member services on Nov. 1. He is responsible for growing and maintaining SIU Alumni Association membership, as well as coordinating a strong message about the Association that resonates with students, the community, and SIU's more than 245,000 alumni worldwide.

"I'm excited to have Caleb direct our member services and marketing unit," Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez says. "In addition to writing at the newspaper, he was responsible for team building, staff management, marketing, brand expansion, and was the lead in the transformation of the newspaper's website to a 24/7 interactive platform. I feel his familiarity with the SIU campus makes him a natural fit as we work to expand our reach to alumni."

Hale was with the Southern since 2001. For six years he covered SIU and higher education, and in 2007 became the newspaper's first-ever online editor, overseeing a website and digital news operation that has experienced exponential growth under his leadership.

"I'm honored that the SIU Alumni Association asked me to join their team," Hale says. "There are many reasons for alumni to be excited about SIU, and I'm proud to have a role in helping spread the word and keep alumni and friends connected to our University."

The Anna native resides in Jonesboro with his wife, Theresa, and children, Liam and Hannah.

Illinois Tailgate And Reception

The SIU Alumni Association hosted approximately 350 alumni and friends to a reception prior to the SIU football game at the University of Illinois. Breakfast was served by alumnus Marty Kramerer '87 and his company Michael's Catering. Steve Falat was the official emcee and guest speakers included Chancellor Rita Cheng, Athletic Director Mario Moccia, and SIU AA Executive Director Michelle Suarez. The SIU Marching Band made a surprise appearance and electrified the crowd.

Busch Stadium Football Pregame At Paddy O's

The SIU Alumni Association hosted approximately 1,200 alumni, students, and friends to an exclusive reception at Paddy O's prior to the SIU football game against Southeast Missouri State at Busch Stadium. Steve Falat was the official emcee and guest speakers included Chancellor Rita Cheng, Athletic Director Mario Moccia, and SIU AA Executive Director Michelle Suarez. Grey Dawg and the SIU Marching Band pumped up the crowd with SIU's fight song. Substantial drink and food specials ensured a fun-filled atmosphere. A special thank you to the St. Louis Chapter for assisting with this event.
Nashville Club Fall Dinner
The Nashville Club hosted 36 alumni and friends to a fall dinner at the home of Phil and Pam Pfeffer. Chancellor Rita Cheng was the guest of honor and updated the group on positive changes on campus. The Pfeffers' provided a feast of BBQ and all the fixins', while complimentary beer and wine from the southern Illinois region was enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Nashville Club Leader Elle Turner for coordinating the event and to the Pfeffers for hosting the dinner.

4th Annual SIU Day At The Dome
The St. Louis Chapter hosted 50 alumni and friends to a pre-game gathering and a football game between the St. Louis Rams and the Tennessee Titans. The St. Louis Chapter helped raise more than $600 for their chapter scholarship fund. SIU Alumni Association board member Jeffrey Kutterer attended the event on behalf of the Association, and Anna Vani, Leslie Patterson, and Aimee Snively helped coordinate the event.

Salukis Largest School Group For Cubs In 2013
On Oct. 3, Southern Illinois University Carbondale was honored by the Chicago Cubs as the largest school group attending a game this year. That occurred on July 13, when almost 500 alumni and friends were part of the 36th annual "SIU Day at Wrigley Field" festivities. Keith O'Connor of the SIU Alumni Association's Peoria Chapter attended on behalf of the organization and accepted the Louisville Slugger bat noting the accomplishment.

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SIU Group Raises Funds, Awareness For Those Impacted By Typhoon In Philippines

by Luke Nozicka

On Nov. 8, Super Typhoon Haiyan bashed the Central Philippines, leaving entire villages ravaged and affecting the lives of millions. While the eradication of their native land was thousands of miles away, the Filipino community of southern Illinois quickly began to raise awareness of this devastation.

Raymund Narag, SIU assistant professor of criminology and criminal justice, says this was the strongest typhoon that has ever struck Southeast Asia. “It was like 195 miles per hour in terms of wind speed and basically three times stronger than Hurricane Katrina,” he notes.

Originally from the Philippines, Raymund moved to the United States in 2005 and last year became an assistant professor at SIU. Although he and his wife live in southern Illinois, many of their relatives still reside in the Philippines.

Grace Pineda, left, and Frances Anterola, a graduate student in the school of medicine, sell baked goods outside of Faner Hall for the victims of a typhoon in the Philippines. Photo by John Scott/Daily Egyptian

Narag, his wife, Shella, and other local Filipinos held a bake sale of homemade Filipino delicacies in the Faner Breezeway in November. The fundraiser was designed to draw attention to the natural disaster while

Military Saluki Helping People Affected

VILLAMOR AIR BASE, the Republic of the Philippines – Many U.S. service members are contributing their unique capabilities in support of the Armed Forces of the Philippines during Operation Damayan to assist people affected by Typhoon Haiyan. A handful of the U.S. service members contributing were born and raised in the Philippines for part of their life, a place they call home.

One such person is Lt. Cmdr. Eduardo Jimenez ’99, the deputy medical planner for 3rd Marine Logistic Group on Okinawa. The SIU graduate is from Pasay City, Manila, the Philippines, where he lived for the first 19 years of his life.

Prior to enlisting in the U.S. Navy, Jimenez was a student at the University of the East, in Manila. He continued his studies and earned a degree in human resources from Southern.

“It took me almost ten years to get my degree because I was always on the ships,” he says. “I had to go to classes during weekends or at night.”

Having the opportunity to be involved in Operation Damayan means a great deal to Jimenez because the typhoon has affected the nation he called home.

“This is the worst typhoon I have ever seen,” he says. “I have never seen this much devastation before. I wish there were more I could do.”
raising money to help needy families in the Philippines.

The bake sale consisted of banana bread, cupcakes, cookies, coconut macaroons and Filipino bread. As SIU students walked by, they could donate any amount of money for the food on display. "We didn't want to put prices on them, you know, like $5. We didn't want to make them pay for it, but instead to donate," Sheila says.

Sheila is originally from the south side of the Philippines and says her relatives' homes have been significantly affected by this catastrophe. "The ones that we see on TV are really bad, but it's not just that area that was hit. There are other areas that that were covered by the media, and that's where my family is," she says.

Raymund says he hopes people understand these things happen in developing countries, and that all donations are helpful, as the typhoons have impacted everyone. "I believe this is a worldwide phenomenon," he explains.

Aldwin Anterola, assistant professor of phytochemistry and plant secondary metabolism, also helped with the effort and was pleased with the initial response. "I am actually happy with the turnout from the bake sale because that shows how supportive the SIU community is."

Luke Nozicka is a student reporter for the Daily Egyptian.

Chancellor Scholars – from page 66

Decatur – Gage Barrows, Mt. Zion High School. He plans to study political science/pre-law.

Alan Jacob Ludlow, Mount Zion High School. He plans to major in accounting.

Dorchester – Michael Yorone Halpin, Gillespie High School. She plans to study animal science, food and nutrition.

Elkville – Kyle Whittington, Elverado High School. He intends to major in physiology.

Flora – Lizabeth Engelmeier, Flora High School. She plans to major in English/creative writing.

Granite City – Kristin Rachele Schellhardt, Granite City High. She plans to study chemistry.

Hardin – Kailyn Baalman, Calhoun High School. She plans to study physiology.

Hoyleton – Annamarie Beckmeyer, Centralia High School. She plans to major in physiology.

Humboldt – Austin Sherman, Mattoon High School. He plans to study crops, soils and environmental management.

Kankakee – Taniah Paden, Kankakee High School. She plans to study pre-medicine.

LaMoille – Meredith Stamberger, LaMoille High School. She plans to major in production horticulture.

Macomb – Trebor Mann, Macomb High School. He plans to study physical training.

Marion – Christopher Stanley, Johnston City High School. He plans to major in math education.

New Douglas – Cynthia Sirko, Staunton High School. She plans to major in animal science/pre-veterinary.

Oswego – Carissa Marie Ray, Oswego High School. She plans to study journalism/marketing and advertising.

Palestine – Matthew Schmidlin, Palestine High School. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Rockford – Gabrielle Nelson, Jefferson High School. He plans to major in communication disorders and sciences.

Sesser – Cody Lingle, Sesser-Valier High. He intends to major in information systems technologies.

Vandalia – Amanda Jourdan, Vandalia Community High School. She plans to study English.

California

San Marcos – Saxon Metzger, Carlsbad Seaside Academy. He plans to study economics.

Indiana

Plainfield – Kori Kirkpatrick, Hoosier Academies High School. She plans to major in zoology at SIU.

Mississippi

Horn Lake – Emily Waldon, Lewisburg High School. She plans to study civil engineering and Spanish.

Missouri

St. Louis – William Tipton, Maplewood Richmond Heights High School. He plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Tennessee

Brentwood – Ryan Sabo, Ravenwood High School. He plans to study finance at SIU.

Clarksville – Allison Campbell, Clarksville High School. She plans to major in computer engineering.

Wisconsin

Plymouth – George Nimmer, Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School. He plans to study aviation flight/aviation management.

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found relief from his respiratory problems as well as employment opportunities in the Land of Enchantment. For several years Coss worked for the New Mexico state legislature, dealing with health and environmental issues. Today, he stays busy tending to his garden using his own water-preservation system “All of my trees are nourished from rainwater, so I never have to use city water,” he says.

1960s

Rod O’Kelley ’64 M.S., ’66 has written a book about growing up in Cowden, Ill., Comin’ Up Country. The book retraces the path of O’Kelley’s life from a one-room schoolhouse to universities with classrooms large enough to hold the entire population of Cowden. O’Kelley owns a private cattle and swine research farm and is owner of Boot City, a retail boot and western wear store, and Boot City Opry in Terre Haute.

Lois Zachary ’68 M.S.Ed. has published My Mother Has the Finest Eyes, a compelling collection of poetry that records the struggle of families, the hidden victims of those who suffer from Alzheimer’s.

1970s

It Is Fun Making Money is G.W. King’s ’70 biography and travel memoir. He and his wife, Edna, have been married for more than 40 years and have been financially independent for three-quarters of their married lives. The Kings are motivational speakers who have traveled to more than 50 countries. The book offers a unique perspective on the topic of making a living—that it can be fun—and shows readers how they can adopt a positive attitude toward achieving their goals, all while adhering to basic Christian principles. Details at www.itisfunmakingmoney.com.

Thomas Winski ’71, adjunct professor of journalism and campus security officer at MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Ill., was honored with the National Scholastic Press Association Pioneer Award at that organization’s national convention. He has taught journalism for 35 years, and he was one of the founders of the Illinois Journalism Education Association.

Buzz Spector ’72, Chicago native and Dean of College and Graduate School of Art at Washington University in St. Louis, was the Walter Gropius Master Artist for September at the Huntington Museum of Art. An installation of his work was exhibited in November at HMA.

Judge Sandra Edwards-Stephens ’74 retired from the bench in October 2013. Her election as a Marion County, Fla., judge in 1990 shattered race and gender barriers. She was the first African-American and first female elected county judge in the 5th Judicial Circuit, which covers five Florida counties. Past Governor Jeb Bush appointed her to the circuit bench 10 years later, and she has been a circuit judge ever since.

The funeral home of Gregg Mason ’76 was featured in a business spotlight in the South Florida Times. Satisfying families during difficult times is the philosophy of the 18-year-old business in Miami Shores, Fla. He was honored in 1995 as “Mortician of the Year” by the First Regional District of the Florida Mortician Association.

A San Antonio-based food stylist, Mary Ellen Rose ’76, recently shed some light on this little known but essential occupation in an online article. A food stylist’s purpose is to optimize the way food appears for still photographs or video. The stylist works closely with the photographer to ensure that food appears appetizing and realistic for the duration of the shoot, which can last for hours.

Susan Rorison ’77 has joined NewMark Merrill Companies as its new chief operations officer. In her new role, Rorison oversees the firm’s operations including the management, acquisition, and development of its retail portfolio, which includes 79 assets totaling more than 10 million square feet throughout California, Colorado, and Illinois.

Debra Haire-Joshu M.S.Ed. ’78, an internationally known researcher in the field of obesity and diabetes prevention, has been installed as the first Joyce Wood Professor at Washington University in St. Louis. This also marks Washington University in St. Louis’ first endowed profes-
Class Notes

Marilyn Porter '79 has been appointed to the College of Saint Benedict Board of Trustees in St. Joseph, Minn. Porter is the director of engineering and facilities for Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit in Minneapolis.

Rod Wyatt '79, a Benton native, was recently inducted into the International Space Hall of Fame in New Mexico. Wyatt joins the likes of Neil Armstrong, Gene Kranz, Buzz Aldrin, Nicolau Copernicus, and other space pioneers and visionaries in the hall of fame, according to the New Mexico Museum of Space History. Wyatt will be inducted along with the rest of the original Delta Clipper Experimental (DC-X) Team, the first group ever inducted into the ISHF. He continues to work on unmanned airplanes and space vehicles as an avionics and radio frequency engineer with Boeing.

1980s

A longtime assistant public defender and private attorney, Ron Slemer J.D. '80 has been appointed an associate judge by the nine circuit judges of Illinois' 3rd Judicial Circuit. Slemer has been an assistant public defender for 25 years and served as a trustee from 1999 until 2011 for Glen Carbon, Ill. He lives in Glen Carbon and practices law in Edwardsville.

Larry Normansell '81 has received the Cora I. Orr Faculty Service Award from Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio. The award is named in honor of a faculty member and administrator who served the university with devotion and distinction for four decades.

Matthew Goeckner '82 was chosen as one of five University of Texas Dallas faculty members to receive the 2013 Regents' Outstanding Teaching Award. He is the head of the Mathematical Sciences Department. The annual award honors excellence in the classroom among universities in Texas.

Keith Starr '82 has been promoted to senior commercial lender at First Security Bank & Trust in Charles City, Iowa. He is also involved in the development of First Security's relationship management and business development efforts in the agriculture/commercial lending area. Starr has been with First Security for 12 years, and has 29 years of experience in the agriculture finance industry. Starr and his wife, Joanne, have three children: Stephen, Robert, and Emily.

Greg Wellman '83 has been named a senior program manager in the Los Angeles office of Parsons Brinckerhoff, a global infrastructure strategic consulting, engineering, and program/construction management organization. Wellman's initial assignment will be project manager for the transportation infrastructure development plan at Los Angeles International Airport. Wellman has 30 years of experience focused primarily on addressing large, complex aviation challenges.

Aron Aji M.A. '84, Ph.D. '89 was nominated for the prestigious 2013 PEN Translation Prize for A Long Day's Evening, an historical Turkish novel by Bilge Karasu. He has been dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at St. Ambrose in Davenport, Iowa, since 2006. The book is among five that were nominated for the prize. Aji's nomination follows honors he previously received for translating the works of Karasu, a legendary Turkish novelist who died in 1995.

Wanda Doolen M.S. '84 has worked for Missouri State Parks since 1978. In 1983, she became the park naturalist at Sam A. Baker State Park, and for the next 20 years, she worked at the park, developing the park's Interpretation and Nature Education Program, working with schools and youth groups, civic organizations, and park visitors. The Missouri Parks Association recently selected Doolen as its 2013 Outstanding Employee of the Year in the facility management category.

Christopher Koch '84, Illinois' state schools superintendent, has been named to two national boards. Koch will serve a two-year term as finance vice chair for the Education Commission of the States and a three-year term as a member of the board of directors for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation. The Education Commission of the States works to improve communication among state education chiefs and lawmakers.

Susan Romano '84, Ph.D. '06 has been named a fellow in the Society of American Foresters (SAF). The SAF provides informational and networking opportunities for professionals in the natural resources field. The recognition is granted by Romano's peers for "outstanding service to the society and to the profession. My sustained, lifelong participation in the forestry profession and in the advancement of forestry has provided many valuable experiences with those who have a deep appreciation of the forest at many levels," she says.

Nancy Parsons M.S. '85, Ph.D. '87 has been named associate provost for undergraduate and graduate studies at Western Illinois University. Parsons was named interim associate provost in July 2011. Previously, she served as a health sciences faculty member since 1988 and had served as the department's internship coordinator since 1990.

Bill Nevin '86 has become the voice of West Virginia University football. He has been the voice of the university marching band for the past nine years, and he's been broadcasting university basketball for the past 10. Before joining the West Virginia University in fall 2001, Nevin worked for West Virginia Radio Corporation for 11 years in various news positions.

Mike Phillips '86, M.S. '89, Illinois Valley Community College geology instructor, spoke at the 125th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in October in Denver. Phillips presented at
McNeese Noted For Diversity, Inclusion

Dr. Wesley Robinson-McNeese M.D. '86, executive assistant to the dean for diversity, multicultural and minority affairs at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and associate professor of internal medicine and medical humanities, recently earned a Healthcare Executive Diversity and Inclusion Certificate from Georgetown University and the American Association of Medical Colleges, both in Washington, D.C. The Certificate in Diversity Leadership is an academic program of diversity education designed to develop the competencies leaders need to drive diversity as a core component of excellence in healthcare. Dr. McNeese served in Vietnam and later became a paramedic with the U.S. Air Force. A native of East St. Louis, he was editor of The Crusader in his hometown before attending college. He is a licensed minister in the Church of God and is pastor of the New Mission Church of God in Springfield, Ill.

DeWitt M.S. '88, to become the District's next chief financial officer. DeWitt has served as the chief financial officer for Phoenix, the nation's sixth-largest city, since 2009.

The U.S. Forest Service welcomed Martie Schramm '88 as Snoqualmie Ranger District's new ranger on the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest in Washington. Previously, she was district ranger on the Kaibab National Forest in Arizona. Her office is in North Bend, Wash. Schramm grew up in Michigan and Pennsylvania, beginning her career with the Forest Service in 1989.

Bryan Brennan '89 of Springfield, Ill., has joined Prairie Engineers of Illinois as a civil engineering designer. Brennan has more than 25 years of experience designing infrastructure projects for government agencies, utilities, and private organizations.

1990s

CBS affiliate WISH in Indianapolis has named Jeff Mulligan '90 as its assistant news director. Mulligan joins News Director Steve Bray's staff from KFVS TV in Cape Girardeau, Mo., where he has been assistant news director. Previously he worked at WDAF Kansas City, Mo., where he was executive producer after serving as producer of WDAF's morning and late newscasts.

The subject of a recent article in the New York Times, Indigo Triplett '90, is the founder and C.E.O.
Johnson Rend Lake Alumnus Of The Year

NASA engineer Peter Johnson '87 is the Rend Lake College Alumnus of the Year. While at SIU, he ran his business — a television and stereo repair outfit called Johnson Electronics — to support his wife, Cindy, and their infant daughter. He says “juggling a family, a business, and school at the same time was definitely a challenge. From that experience, I have great respect for all returning students! Sometimes I think I am successful today because I was an older, returning student.” NASA was never a consideration until one day when he was walking through the basement of the engineering building at SIU. “There was a handmade sign, made from a cardboard box that said ‘NASA interviews tomorrow.’ That sign led to an interview and a job offer for the Shuttle Human Space Flight program at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.” Fresh out of Southern, he was hired as an Instrumentation System Engineer. Since then, Johnson has been involved with 110 successful missions, starting with the post-Challenger return to flight mission in 1988 and including Endeavour’s Intelsat capture, repair and release; and the Hubble repair mission where he was asked to assist on an independent peer review of the Hubble Space Telescope replacement control unit/science data formatter that was installed.

Johnson is pictured at the top of Launch Pad A, next to the tank used by Space Shuttle Discovery.

of Careers in Transition, a performance management consulting firm in Tucker, Ga. In looking back she says, “Every job I took seemed to revolve around helping people making career choices; it’s in my DNA.” Jeffrey Gudewicz ’91 has joined Wilson Electronics as director of business development and product line management. Most recently Gudewicz served as senior strategic sales manager at RF Micro Devices, Inc., a global leader in the design and manufacture of high-performance semiconductor components that enable worldwide mobility.

Cmdr. Peter Nilsen ’91 has stepped down from the helm of the USS Cole in August in Norfolk, Va. During Nilsen’s tenure as commanding officer, Cole successfully completed a nine-month deployment in support of maritime cooperation in the 6th Fleet area of responsibility. He will be transferring to Navy Air Missile Defense Command in Dahlgren, Va. “It has been an absolute honor and privilege to have served aboard the Cole,” Nilsen says.

The Second Judicial Circuit judges have chosen Franklin County Circuit Judge Thomas Tedeschi Ex ’92 J.D. ’03 as the next chief judge. He was elected by fellow circuit judges at the quarterly judges meeting in October.

Teresa Katubig ’93 was recently featured in the St. Louis Business Journal for her resounding success with her workforce management company Extra Help Inc. In 1995, Katubig founded what was a small temporary placement agency in Johnston City, Ill., but has since grown the company to $12 million in revenue by adding full-service payroll, human resources, and employee benefits management.

Georgina Costello M.S.Ed. ’04, Ph.D. ’07 recently celebrated her fifth year as Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) president. She is the college’s first female president in its 66-year history and is also the first former SWIC student to hold the post. “I really wanted to attend college, and my parents were financially unable to pay for my college tuition,” she says. Her husband, Jerry Costello, served as a U.S. representative in southwestern Illinois for 20 years, before recently retiring.

The city of Topeka, Kan., has appointed Luther Ganieany Jr. ’94 as its chief of prosecution. Ganieany has worked in Topeka’s prosecution section for 12 years. Prior to that, he worked in the Shawnee County District Attorney’s Office and with Topeka’s Legal Aid Society. He worked in the Manhattan, Kan. City Attorney’s Office before moving to Topeka.

Perry Jensen ’94 has been named new chief administrator for the Valley Arts and Science Academy in Fresno, Calif. A veteran who served two decades in the U.S. Air Force, Jensen was named the executive director/superintendent. He has taught elementary school and junior high school and was principal of McCabe Junior High School in Mendota, Calif., and vice principal of Valley Community High School in Merced, Calif.

Daughters Kelly West ’94, M.S.Ed. ’98 and Jessica Ysursa ’98 followed their mother, Connie Barre M.S.Ed. ’98 into education. When Barre and her two daughters get together, all they talk about is school and kids. Barre practically raised her daughters inside classrooms. At one point in time, Barre, West, and Ysursa were all attending Southern together. Ysursa was earning her bachelor’s degree, while Barre and West were finishing their masters’ degrees.

I-CAR has announced the appointment of Todd Chizmar ’98 of Chrysler Group LLC to its International Board of Directors. Chizmar has been part of the automotive industry for nearly 20 years, the last 14 in technical and management roles at Chrysler. He is currently senior manager, Technical Training for Chrysler, a role in which he is responsible for the planning, development and execution of the company’s global technical training strategy.

Noted friction expert Poh Wah Lee ’99, M.S. ’02, Ph.D. ’13 has been named director of friction materials sciences with Centric Parts. Lee, a preeminent researcher focused on copper-free formulations, will lead the ongoing development of
Centric's friction program. "Lee's unique expertise will be a great asset to the Centric Parts team and will further enhance our research and development capabilities," says Centric Parts President Dan Leichuk. Lee joins Centric following 15 years of research work at SIU's Center for Advanced Friction Studies.

2000s

Vincent Carilli Ph.D. '00 has been named vice chancellor for student life at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Carilli previously worked at UT as dean of students from 2000 to 2001 and as associate dean of students from 1998 to 2000. He has also held academic leadership positions at SIU and East Stroudsburg University.

The latest works of painter Chris Kienke M.F.A. '00 were displayed in the College of Southern Maryland's Tony Hungerford Memorial Art Gallery between Sept. 6 and Oct. 4. His current explorations in the studio revolve around a hybrid practice of painting and digital imagery. Kienke's work has been exhibited in more than 50 shows, with his most recent solo debut in New York City at the Bowery Gallery in June 2011. He lives and works in Savannah, Ga.

The School for Professional Studies at Saint Louis University has named Jennifer Roberts '00, M.A. '03 '06 as the new Assistant Chair for its Renaissance Programs in Education. The Renaissance Programs provide three teacher certification options for working adults. She also founded and advised the Belleville West Chapter of Girls Learn International, a service learning organization that educates students on girls' education. Through this organization, Jennifer and her students completed advocacy work and fundraisers in the community to benefit their partner school in Cambodia.

Belinda Scrogham '00 has been named Executive Recruiting Manager for 361 Services in Denver. 361 Services provides senior-level staffing and recruiting services in accounting, tax, audit, and finance throughout the Denver Metro area. She lives in Denver with husband, Jason, and children, Riley and Addi.

Nearly a year after taking over Yakima (Wash.) Air Terminal as its interim manager, Rob Peterson '01 M.P.A.d. '07 has been named airport manager. "He has done a great job" running the airport since the city of Yakima took over operations in February, city manager Tony O'Rourke says. He started at the Yakima Air Terminal in 2011, and he previously worked at airports in Denver; Dayton, Ohio; and Fort Worth, Texas.

Pacific Quest, an outdoor therapy program in Hawaii, welcomed in September Jody St. Joseph '01 as their Adolescent Program Director. St. Joseph is responsible for supervision of the adolescent program, personnel management, and assistance with out-reach coordination. St. Joseph's expertise will be invaluable in overseeing program policies and procedures, curriculum implementation, and providing performance evaluations for the supervisor team.

Angie Eslinger '02 recently completed the Architect Registration Examination to become a member of Registered Architects in Missouri. She has most recently been a project manager for the Village at Nazareth, a 50-unit independent living apartment building on the Nazareth Living Center Campus in St. Louis.

Steven Bost '03, J.D. '05 has partnered with Jackson County attorney Gary Miller J.D. '76 to form Miller & Bost, Attorneys at Law, LLP, a general law practice. With the partnership, Bost becomes a fourth-generation Murphysboro small-business owner. He served seven years on active duty as a Marine Officer and Judge Advocate in the United States Marine Corps. Miller has practiced law in southern Illinois for more than 35 years, with a similar focus on estate planning, real estate transactions, business formation, and municipal law. Bost is married to the former Elizabeth Kneeh '04, who will serve as office manager alongside Miller's spouse, Dorothy Miller.

Adam Meyer '03 starred in Frank Furino's Marilyn ... MADNESS & Me, which played at the El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood, Calif. He has appeared in theatrical productions across the U.S. including the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, Williamstown Theatre Festival, and Cortland Repertory Theatre. TV credits include Untold Stories from the E.R. (TLC) and Ella and Me (Animal Planet).

Leigh Grannan M.S. '04 is the new clinic director for the Autism Program of Illinois at the Hope Institute in Springfield, Ill. Previously Grannan was a clinical instructor with the Rehabilitation Institute at SIU. In Carbondale she supervised graduate students in providing therapy for children with an autism spectrum disorder, collaborated with Special Education programs and consulted various schools in southern Illinois.

Erin Keyser Horn '04 recently received a 2012 RONE (Reward of Novel Excellence) Honorable Mention Award for her debut novel, Eyes of Lightning. The award recognizes books from small publishing houses or independent authors. To learn more or to read the first chapter, visit Horn's Website at www.ErinKeyserHorn.com.

Becky Stanton M.A. '04 and her husband, Larry, have been appointed missionaries in Liberia, West Africa through American Baptist International Ministries. The Stantons will work in partnership with the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention and will serve at Ricks Institute.

Larry will serve as maintenance supervisor, overseeing the building and grounds of the campus that serves 625 students and 135 staff. Becky will serve as an English teacher in the elementary division and will conduct weekly Bible classes on the campus.

Troy Mason '05 has published his first novel, Outlaw, dealing with the outlaw motorcycle culture. "For years I
watched every History Channel show on outlaw bikers and read every book written by or about them. It was a subject I found fascinating, and without intentionally doing it, I was becoming well versed in the outlaw biker culture," he says. Mason retired as a master sergeant after 21 years of military service in 2005. Soon after, he decided to buy a motorcycle because he wasn't getting his "daily dose of adrenaline like I did in the Marines." Outlaw is set in Paris, Tenn., where Mason has lived most of his life.

Nicole Jones Reeve '06 recently received the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the 44th annual commencement ceremony at John A. Logan College in Carterville, Ill. She attended Logan on a softball scholarship and was not only a standout softball player, but also excelled in the classroom. She taught for a year before moving to Minnesota, where she and her husband, Pat, host the popular Outdoor Channel series, Driven TV.

Everett Neasman Ph.D. '07, an assistant professor of English at Jackson State University, was profiled in the Jackson Free Press. Neasman is a distinguished scholar of all things Shakespeare with a list of academic articles and a book to his credit. In the classroom Neasman employs 21st-century teaching mediums to encourage students to discuss the parallels between plays they study and the drama of everyday news.

Bryan Mullins '09, a former standout for the basketball Salukis, was recently named director of men's basketball operations at Loyola University in Chicago. Mullins, a Downers Grove native, was a standout for the SIU basketball program, leading his team to a pair of NCAA tournament appearances, one NIT berth, and two Missouri Valley Conference championships. He recently spent four seasons playing professionally in France.

Victoria Ruble '09, M.P.A.d.'11 has been named the new manager of the Greater Kankakee Airport. A native of New Lenox, Ill., Ruble says she sees great potential to expand and be a player in bringing new industry to the area. "I knew I wanted to be in airport management since I was a kid. SIU was the only school I applied to because I wanted to get into that program," she says, noting that she does not have a pilot's license. Her goal was always to be in management, not in the cockpit.

Senniger Powers LLP in St. Louis has announced that Brett Lohmeier '11, M.S.'13, J.D. '13 has joined the firm as an associate. Lohmeier's practice involves intellectual property law, with a focus on the preparation and prosecution of patent applications related to electrical engineering.

A new gaming store, owned by Mark Keplinger M.D., '12 and Joshua Sawlaw M.D. '09, has opened in Champaign, Ill. It carries board games, collectible card games, and role-playing games. Keplinger is originally from Geneseo. He plans to become a family practitioner and is operating the store before beginning a residency. Sawlaw grew up in Mahomet, lives in Monticello, and is a family practice physician with Kirby Medical Group in Monticello.

SIU Graduate Is An Advocate For People With Disabilities

Danielle Austin '10, '12, of Carol Stream, Ill., is Ms. Wheelchair Illinois for 2013. Diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy when she was 1 year old, the SIU graduate never let the disability stop her from achieving her goals.

Austin participated in the Ms. Wheelchair Illinois competition for the personal learning experience and the larger opportunity to advocate for those with disabilities. "The last thing I thought about was winning," she says. "I want to share with others that they can be successful in life and become active members in society. They should follow their dreams that anything is possible."

Once told that college was not an option, she proved the naysayers wrong. "My biggest accomplishment was graduating from college," she told the Suburban Life newspaper. She attended Southern and received a bachelor of science in liberal arts, a second degree in rehabilitation services, and a minor in speech communication.

Austin believes that she helps both the disabled and able-bodied communities by speaking about disability awareness. "When I speak to groups that are disabled, I relate to them," she notes. "They see my success and feel they can have the same success."

One day she hopes to have a job that allows her to become an advocate for others with disabilities across the United States. "I will continue to speak up for people with disabilities and attend events where I can help others," she says.

Austin currently works at Glenbard District 87 and CCS093 as a substitute teacher, and enjoys reading, watching sports, and working out. She describes herself as hard working, driven, and compassionate. She wants to teach everyone about tolerance, acceptance, and what it is like to live with a disability.
For The Benefit Of Birds

by Gordon Pruett

Daniel Klem Jr. Ph.D. '79 is the focus of an article in Science News, in which his research on the interaction of birds and glass-covered structures was featured. An ornithologist, Klem has been working on the issue for about four decades. It's difficult to determine just how many birds die in window collisions, but he is the source of the numbers stating that in the United States, windows kill 100 million to 1 billion birds a year.

"I blatantly – and openly – tell you they're estimates," he says.

One day in 1974, he sat down on a bench in front of the mirrored-glass Neckers Building on Southern Illinois University Carbondale's campus. "It only took about 20 minutes," he remembers. A mourning dove crashed into an upper story of the building so hard that feathers scattered, and the bird dropped to die on the ground. At the time, no one knew why birds flew into glass.

After World War II, a construction boom created more and more picture windows and glass walls. Accounts of birds crashing into windows surged, as did speculations of the cause. Perhaps the birds just didn't see the glass. Perhaps they were temporarily blinded by the glare of the sun. Perhaps the birds were drunk on fermented fruit.

Klem began to set up experiments. He propped panes of clear and mirrored glass against tree trunks at the edge of the woods on his adviser's property, and built a 12-foot Masonite tunnel, the first ever for testing windows. Birds flew toward a pane of clear glass as readily as through an empty window frame, showing no sign they could tell glass from air.

"It's the glass, stupid," became Klem's mantra. Birds just don't recognize clear glass as an obstacle. Reflections may even lure birds toward what appear to be trees, grass and other natural shelter that are actually behind them.

To learn how birds might be warned away from glass, Klem began testing bird-deterrence markings in his tunnel. He compared a plain pane with glass decorated with something – stripes, silhouettes of predators, and even blinking lights.

His results helped establish what's now known as the two-by-four rule. Most birds won't fly through a space less than 4 inches wide between vertical stripes or 2 inches high between horizontal stripes.

In 1978, a prominent ecologist published a paper suggesting that ultraviolet light, in the form of window patterns, could warn birds of a no-fly zone, while remaining invisible to humans. However, Klem's optimism soon turned sour, as "I realized there wasn't any way for me to test this." His frustration in reaching a resolution with safe window glass for birds was reflected in 2003 when a magazine profile deemed him "the Rodney Dangerfield of ornithology."

Nonetheless, Klem, in association with colleagues throughout Europe and the world, continues research in the hope that someday glass structures won't pose fatal obstacles to the avian world.
FredSparks Design: Doing It ‘Their Way’

A photo of the legendary Frank Sinatra dons the hallway wall of FredSparks an industrial design firm in St. Louis. And it symbolizes how its three founders have conducted business since their senior year at SIU Carbondale. Quite simply, they take pride in doing it "their way."

Ken Harris '05, Aaron Brookhart '05 and Brandon Hefer '05 entered SIU Carbondale's industrial design program in 2000. They became good friends while attending the same classes and working on projects together.

"You attend class with the same group of people for three years and it becomes a tight-knit group. There are approximately 20 students in each class, and 60 total on the same academic track," Ken says. "It's only natural that you form a tight bond with peers while spending a lot of time together."

While their classmates pursued job opportunities as graduation approached, Ken, Aaron, and Brandon had other plans. Aaron and Ken separately had a vision of establishing design firms, and after sharing that with one another, came to the realization that they should team up, and then recruited Brandon into the mix.

FredSparks was incorporated in 2004, right before the trio's senior year at SIU Carbondale. The three agreed on the firm's pen name during a brainstorming session.

"Our perspective was that all potential employers in the job market coveted experience. So we just decided to create our own experience," Ken says. "We were used to eating Ramen noodles and living on a small budget. So we figured this was the time to try it."

Brandon Hefer, Aaron Brookhart, and Ken Harris are co-founders of FredSparks agency in St. Louis.
Brandon adds: "This was a chance to take a risk with classmates, so there was a sense of comfort. And we were young. There were some ups and downs. But we always picked each other up during the down times."

The SIU graduates started their business working out of a house that they lived in. Since those early days, the trio has assembled a team of seven professionals with diverse knowledge that offer clients strategic product and brand solutions through a variety of skills.

Their client base includes brands of equal diversity, tapping both FredSparks' industrial and communication design expertise. FredSparks designs for a broad range of product categories from industrial equipment to consumer packaged goods, and for clients ranging from startups to global industry leaders. They have particularly formed a niche in designing sporting equipment through partnerships with companies like Schutt, Rawlings, Cabela's, and other brands in the category.

FredSparks' initial project was to develop the bulldog faceguard for football, one that led to designing a custom face guard for NFL star running back LaDainian Tomlinson. The firm has also designed shoulder pads, football helmets, batting helmets, catchers gear, golf bags, workout gloves, mouth guards, chin cups, protective apparel, cutlery, firearms accessories, and hunting equipment, amongs other things in the sporting goods category.

Even as their agency has prospered, the three SIU graduates agree that most consumers aren't aware of industrial design efforts.

"In college, it's an area of study that you discover by chance – it's really a well-kept secret," Ken says. "It is a truly an intriguing and enjoyable profession. But people just don't realize that someone has to draw or conceptualize products before they are built."

Aaron says that while the SIU graduates have similar skills sets, they complement each other.

"There are a variety of skills sets required to succeed in this profession," he says. "Each of us has core talents, but we each have unique abilities that we bring to each of our clients."

"Industrial design encompasses many skills. We know how to communicate the design and also understand branding," Brandon says. "So it's important for clients to get us involved early."

Ken adds that FredSparks has the capacity to offer innovative consulting to assist clients in developing various initiatives to include all product categories, services, and communications.

"We are renaissance men in that we have a process that makes us experts in understanding consumers through ethnographic research, that when coupled with meaningful product design innovations and then brought together with strategic communication and marketing, produces results for our clients" he says. "Our responsibility is to always do better for our clients."

"Sometimes that means putting ourselves in the consumer's shoes to understand the issue. This includes spending time with the consumer in the environment that they interface with the product or service. To include understanding what they do with their products when they aren't using them. It's truly user-environment research."

FredSparks positions clients for success through strategy, innovation and sustainability. The founders credit SIU professors for developing their perspective in these areas. And they give back to SIU by offering externship and internship opportunities for students at their agency.

"There is a level of confidence in hiring students and alumni because we have gone through similar experiences and know the professors at SIU," Aaron says. "We talk to professors and ask them for names of students who look promising."

Ken adds: "We learned everything the hard way and want to share our experiences with students so they can graduate an even more powerful Saluki. You form a bond with people who share similar experiences. Aaron, Brandon, and I want good things to happen for these students because we consider them to be part of our family."
The Lady Behind Woody Hall

Although Woody Hall has long been a building familiar to almost all within the SIU community, many might be unfamiliar with the woman for whom the facility is named. Lucy Woody joined the University in 1911 and served as a professor of home economics. She became Southern's first Dean of Women in the 1920s before retiring in 1949. Carbondale native and SIU Alumni Association board member Dede Ittner '61 remembers Woody as "an extremely well-organized little lady." The 1935 Obelisk noted she "is always ready to help in any student venture, particularly the Homecoming productions, when she plans and executes the costuming in her clothing classes. Perhaps more than any other member of the faculty, she is constantly awake to the interest of students." Although long retired from SIU, Woody is pictured above in 1965 holding court with some SIU coeds. She passed away in 1975.
When Thimios Zaharopoulos '79, M.A. '81, Ph.D. '85 emigrated from Greece to Carbondale at age 13, he attended Carbondale Community High School and graduated early because college life at SIU was so attractive to him.

"My uncles were running Jim's Pizza on the strip, where my family and I worked," he says. "I started working there at 14 and loved it. Later my relatives opened up El Greco, and my mother prepared some of the foods for the restaurant. But Jim's was 'home.'"

After leaving "home," he completed three degrees from Southern and married Julia Crain '83, M.S. '85 from Herrin, Ill., who completed her doctorate at the University of Kansas and most recently served as a principal for the Shawnee Mission (Kan.) School District.

Thimios has been the special assistant to the president at Park University in Kansas City, and has also served the institution as the founding dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and as interim provost. Most recently, he has been appointed provost of the American College of Greece in Athens, one of Europe's oldest and largest, comprehensive, United States-accredited academic institutions.

The American College of Greece is made up of Pierce College, a middle school and high school, and Deree College, a four-year college with several graduate programs. The campus served as the training site for the U.S. Olympic Team before the 2004 Olympic Games.

Both he and his wife are proud to be life members of the SIU Alumni Association. "We wanted to maintain our strong connection to SIU, are both products of the University, and grateful of the opportunities that SIU provided us," Thimios says. "Julie and I met at SIU, and the University is part of our identity.

"Being members of the SIU Alumni Association maintains that link for us and allows us to keep up with what is going on there. That connection also allows us to give back to an institution that helped us get to where we are today."
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