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# SOUTHERN ALUMNI

## HIS KIND OF TOWN

ESPN's Marc Silverman Is  
Living A Dream In Chicago



Inside: SIU Names New President, Saluki Hall Of Fame , Class Notes, and more...

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## 'A Wonderful Life At SIU'

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It has been nearly three decades since **Nobu Tanaka** earned his doctorate degree from SIU. His memories, however, remain vivid and continue to inspire him.

The Tokyo native's interest in classical music dates back to his childhood years. While the music enthusiast completed his studies in chemistry, he is thankful for an all-around enjoyable college experience.

"My life at SIU was fulfilling as a community member in the School of Music. I was the principal timpanist of the SIU Symphony for seven years under the direction of Robert Bergt, Daniel Mellado and Michael Barta," says Tanaka, who points out that his late wife, Asako, played the violin in the symphony, too. "I had the pleasure of being mentored by Dr. James Cox, a wonderful professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

"It was a *wonderful life* at SIU."

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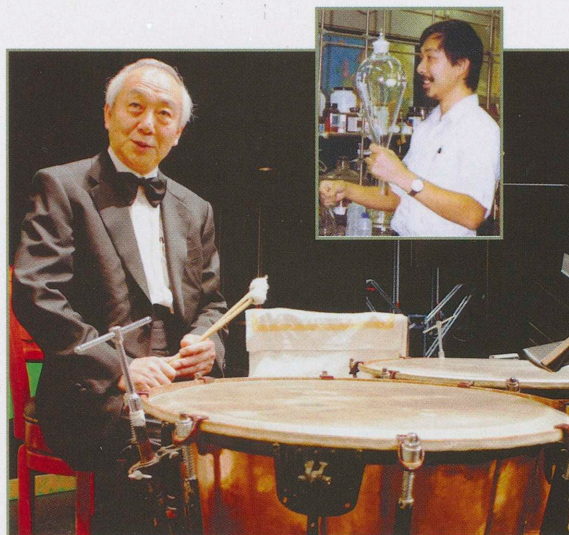
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When Life Technologies – a biotechnology company with operations in multiple countries that Tanaka has served in various capacities since 1985 – was acquired by Thermo Fisher Scientific recently, the San Mateo, Calif., resident decided to give back to SIU with the shares he had accumulated through the company's stock purchase program.

The company was initially established in 1981 as a start-up entity for developing, manufacturing and selling/service-providing on research tools in the field of life science/biotechnology research activities. The SIU Alumni Association life member points out that during his 28-year tenure, which began four years later, the company has grown from 300 to 50,000 employees and increased its annual revenue from \$30 million to \$17 billion during his 28-year tenure. It has also experienced multiple mergers and splits.

"I am fortunate to have enjoyed a challenging, exciting, and wonderful professional and personal life with a lot of opportunities. And this truly happened because Asako and I lived in Carbondale when we were in our late 20s and early 30s in age," Tanaka says. "I wanted to express my appreciation to SIU, and I want my fellow alumni to seriously consider making a similar gift arrangement in support of the University."

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Tanaka, pictured recently as a timpanist, relishes his college experience, which included performing seven years in the SIU Symphony and (inset) attaining his doctorate while studying in an analytical chemistry lab.

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Marc Silverman in the ESPN 1000 studio in downtown Chicago.

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### His Kind Of Town

The city of Chicago has always been important to Marc Silverman, and more than two decades after he graduated from SIU, the Association life member reigns as one of the town's top media figures. As co-host of ESPN 1000's popular "Waddle and Silvy Show," he is where he wants to be and wouldn't change a thing about the journey it took to get there.



### Respect For Other Living Beings

As the first executive director of the newly-created Office of Animal Welfare for the state of Delaware, Hetti Brown continues to try and make the world a better place for all living things. Previously that state's director of the Humane Society of the United States, she says animal advocates are extremely passionate people. "We're fighting for those who can't speak for themselves."

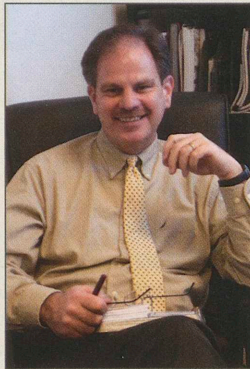
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### Dawgs In The Hall

The 2014 Saluki Hall of Fame class was inducted earlier this year, with first-ballot inductees Jerry Kill (Football Head Coach) and Brittany Riley (Track & Field) headlining a group, which includes Mark Gagliano (Football), Mickey Maule (Tennis), Joe Schley (Baseball) and Amarachi Ukabam (Track & Field). Gagliano perhaps summed up the feelings of the new members when he noted, "This honor is the best SIU has to offer - to be included in something like this is humbling."





by Gene Green

**A**lthough he is now a media celebrity in his hometown of Chicago, SIU graduate **Marc Silverman** admits he is never far removed from his days in Carbondale. As the afternoon drive radio host at ESPN 1000, he is living a dream that began more than 25 years ago.

The subject of this issue's cover story, Silverman remains forever connected to SIU.

"When I arrived at Southern in 1989, I was determined to succeed," the SIU Alumni Association life member says. "I always considered myself a hard worker, and knew I was ready to learn as much as I could."

Silverman would eventually work at student station WIDB and for WSIU, but it was a position he never got in Carbondale that perhaps challenged him the most. Like countless other radio-television students during the past three decades, he yearned to work with SIU broadcaster **Mike Reis '78**.

"Reis worked at WCIL back then, and after a point I thought I was good enough to get one of the jobs he had at that station," Silverman recalls. "Mike didn't hire me, but he always took the time to make me better. I would bring him a tape to listen to, and he always told me what he thought."

"I recall so clearly how he would say, 'This is good; this isn't.' He would also crush me about my Chicago accent and how I pronounced some words," Silverman says with a laugh. "He taught me so much, especially since he was doing what I wanted to do at the time."

"I would go home on break and tell people that they wouldn't believe the guy doing our games in Carbondale. I told them he was just as good as anyone they were listening to in Chicago."

For Reis, figuring out where the young Saluki's talents best fit was the challenge.

"Marc was at Southern at a time when sports talk radio was changing," Reis says. "It was developing an edge, an attitude, and beginning to emphasize controversial instead of safe. Our station had jobs that paid pretty good money, and he wanted to work for us badly, but we were looking for reporters and high school play-by-play men."

"I recall he was behind others competing for those type of jobs; he got started late. Also, I thought his confidence in himself belied his performance. In short, I didn't think he was cut out for *those* areas."

Instead, the SIU hall-of-fame broadcaster quickly noticed something else.

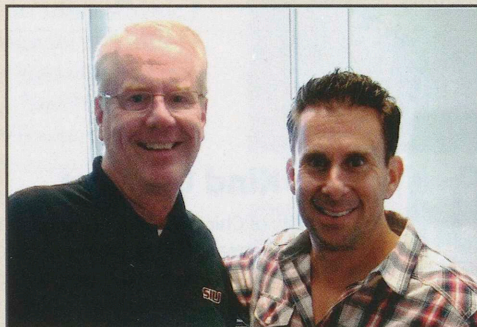
"Even if Marc never became a play-by-play person, I knew he could benefit by becoming a good writer. The really good talk show hosts and broadcasters write well. I told him he could help himself if he worked on his writing – not only to work for us, but anywhere."

"I felt it would help him focus and work in facts to support his opinions when ad-libbing. Marc clearly had opinions then, but he struggled to support them. Now he supports those opinions better and more concisely – a must since he is working at the highest level."

Reis says the transformation makes him proud.

"He is doing what he set out to do and is doing it well. That always impresses me," Reis notes. "When I listen to him today, I hear preparation and love for the job, and when I talk to him, his enthusiasm comes through."

"I'll bet Marc considers himself self-made, and he should. His weaknesses when I met him are strengths now."



Reis (left) and Silverman prior to SIU's Homecoming football game.

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Your terrific publication always impresses and makes me proud to be an alumnus of one of the best universities in the United States of America. For the rest of the world to know this also, your magazine will continue to spread the word. I wish everyone the very best in the New Year and thereafter.

**Daniel Klem, Ph.D. '79**  
Allentown, Pa.

## Alumnus Wants To Share Ideas

**I** read with interest the article in *Southern Alumni* concerning the history of riverboat construction at Metropolis and Cairo (*Southern Alumni*, December 2013, "Afloat On The Ohio"). As a former resident of Cairo in the 1960s, I also am interested in the history and architecture of Cairo.

My idea (or fantasy, if you will) was for Cairo to be declared a national park site, allowing federal funds for support of a historic restoration district serving a nucleus for economic assistance to the area. Besides architectural interests, there is also the fact that Cairo was the "launching pad" for the great River Wars under U.S. Grant during the Civil War.

Perhaps others of similar interests in Cairo and the southern Illinois region could link into a discussion or planning group to share ideas. I am a graduate of the Master of Public Administration Program at SIU, now retired, and have interest in regional planning.

**Gordon Epps M.P.A.D. '88**  
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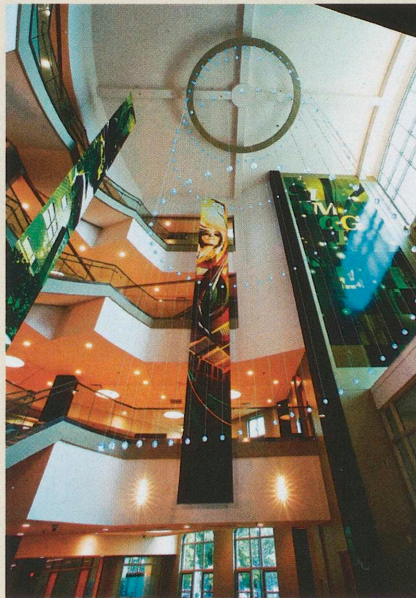
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We also invite you to send items and photographs of interest for the class notes section as well as submissions for *Southern Memories*. You can mail this information or send it by email to the above addresses.

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

## The Crown Jewel

**H**ow exciting it was to read about the new Student Services Building in the recent alumni magazine cover story. I know that several new buildings are starting to make our University one of the best to be found, and now this facility is a real crown jewel as people arrive on campus.



The foryer of the new building is a blend of color, light, and design.

I remember well my days of roaming – sometimes with no idea where I was – around Woody Hall trying to get things done. Although I have not been back to campus recently, I am looking forward to going to the Student Services Building and seeing what current Salukis now have to enjoy.

It's nice to see Southern making these improvements in this challenging fiscal climate. Our alumni and current students should be well served for years to come by what is happening now at SIU. I can't wait to see it for myself!

**Michael Warner 'EX 84**  
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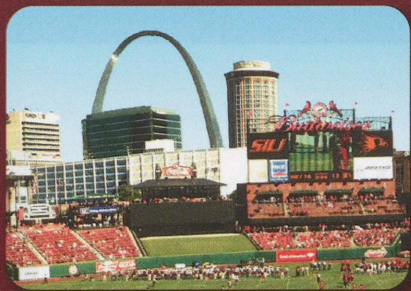
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# A Greeting From The Chancellor

## Dear Fellow Salukis:

Every day, I hear about the accomplishments of SIU alumni who are making their marks in their professions.

This issue of our magazine features two: Edgar Barens, whose documentary on dying in prison was nominated for an Oscar award, and Marc Silverman of ESPN 1000 radio in Chicago. They are among the many stellar alumni who bring credit to SIU.

Our current students also are points of pride for the University. Two recent examples: Chanta Thomas, a graduate student in accounting, has received a prestigious \$10,000 minority doctoral scholarship from the KPMG Foundation. Ben Campbell, a senior member of the debate team, earned the top award at a recent tournament. (Ben and his debating partner, junior Josh Rivera, hold the top ranking for the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence, the national championships of collegiate debate.)

SIU faculty members are also raising the bar as leaders in their professions. Matt Whiles, professor of zoology, was elected president of the Society for Freshwater Science. And Keith Wilson, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, has received the 2013 James F. Garret Award for a Distinguished Career in Rehabilitation Research.

Even our academic programs are being honored. Our rehabilitation counseling program, already ranked fourth in the country by *U.S. News and World Report*, has earned recognition among the top programs in the United States for research productivity over a ten-year period. And our relatively new online MBA program has earned a spot among *U.S. News and World Report's* "Best Online Graduate Business Programs."

These are just a few examples of the many honors our alumni, students, and faculty receive over the course of any given year.

I see even more recognition ahead if the students we met at this year's Chancellor's and University Excellence Scholarship Interview Weekend represent the potential for future success.

More than 600 top high school seniors from 39 states interviewed for SIU's top scholarships. These amazing students are already leaders in their home high schools and communities. They are scholars, volunteers, artists, musicians and athletes who will study everything from engineering to languages to science to journalism at SIU. Their presence will invigorate the campus, just as the scholars who joined us in fall 2013 have raised the bar for other students as well as faculty and staff.

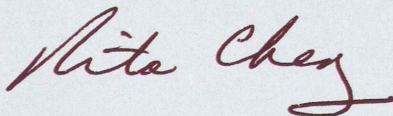
The highlight of the weekend, for me, was talking with students and their parents about the decision to explore SIU. Keep in mind that these are students who have opportunities to go anywhere given the strength of their academic profiles and the depth of their talents.

What made SIU stand out? One of the top responses was the personalized engagement with faculty and staff signaling that SIU is a supportive, caring community. The other was our strong academic programs, which incorporate opportunities to engage in research and creative pursuits as early as the freshman year. In other words, SIU is a school of choice because we offer all the brains of a nationally ranked research university and all the heart of a small college.

I look forward to the contributions of these future students, who will become our future alumni, in the years ahead. They will join our many alumni, faculty and staff who bring credit to SIU every day.

After all, the success of one Saluki raises the profile of the entire SIU community. Imagine what the success of thousands will do to help us tell our compelling story.

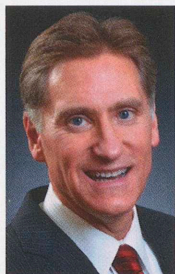
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**Rita Cheng**  
Chancellor



# Dunn Selected As SIU's Next President



**R**andy Dunn, previously at Southern Illinois University Carbondale as an associate professor and chairman of the Department of Educational

Administration and Higher Education, has been selected as the next president of the SIU system.

**Glenn Poshard '70, M.S. '74, Ph.D. '84**, who has served as SIU's president since 2006, announced that he will retire on June 30.

Dunn returns to SIU from Youngstown State University, where he has served as president during the past year. He previously had a seven-year stint as president at Murray State University. SIU Board of Trustees Chairman Randal Thomas says Dunn will be a strong voice as president, not only managing the

multi-campus University, but lobbying in Springfield, and working with state legislators for funding.

"It was an intense process," Thomas noted Feb. 17 when Dunn's selection was made at a board meeting on the Edwardsville campus. "We quickly got ahead of our timetable and realized that by getting ahead, we had an opportunity and an obligation to maintain confidentiality." Dunn was selected from a field of five final candidates.

Dunn has molded a strong career in education. He previously was the State Superintendent of Education for the state of Illinois, assistant professor of Leadership at the University of Memphis, superintendent for two school districts, principal at a middle school and grade school, and an elementary and reading teacher – all in Illinois.

That background should be invaluable in his new role, says SIU Carbondale Chancellor **Rita Cheng**.

"I am pleased to welcome Randy Dunn back as president of the Southern Illinois University system," Cheng says. "He knows the University, brings a commitment to students, and understands the Carbondale campus as a national, public research University."

Dunn's many honors include: Administrator of the Year from the Kentucky Music Educators Association, Outstanding Faculty Member of Hart Residential College at Murray State University, and the Alumni Hall of Fame Award from the College of Education at Illinois State University.

Dunn has a bachelor's degree in teacher education and a master's degree in educational administration from Illinois State University, and a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Illinois. His wife, Rhonda Baker Dunn '85, M.S. '96, Ph.D. '03, is a former regional superintendent from southern Illinois and three degree graduate of SIU Carbondale. ■

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## Online MBA Program Earns Recognition

**A**lthough it is just a few years old, Southern Illinois University Carbondale's online MBA program is already earning national acclaim.

*U.S. News and World Report* earlier this year ranked the program among its "Best Online Graduate Business Programs" at No. 51. This is the third year the publication has released online education program rankings and the first year SIU's program has earned a spot. SIU launched its program in summer 2009. Rankings were determined following a survey of nearly 1,000 accredited schools that feature 100 percent online course delivery.

"When I chose to enroll at SIU, I wanted to grow my career with my current employer, obtain an MBA, and move into a sales manager role," says Lisa Wagner '03, M.B.A. '13, who works for Emerson. "The SIU Online MBA Program provided the flexibility I needed in a challenging and rewarding environment that complements my career at Emerson.

"I broadened my skill set and drove focus in my career. As I approach my tenth year with Emerson, I am confident that the online MBA program helped me reach my short-term objectives while further preparing me for continued growth in my career."

Such comments from graduates – as well as the program's ranking – is important to Dennis Cradit, dean of the College of Business.

"It is always great to see confirmation that we are on the right track in designing and delivering a non-traditional program format," Cradit says. "Earning a rank that is higher than some elite programs this early in our development is a validation of our efforts."

He notes a number of reputable business schools' programs, including three that top the list, were studied as SIU designed its program, and "this tells me that we focused on the right elements. We never want to focus on rankings purely for the prestige."

SIU begins a new online MBA cohort each summer, and the program takes 23 months to complete. There are currently 110 online students. The program will expand again this summer with a new twist. The College of Business is partnering with the College of Agricultural



Lisa Wagner, SIU MBA Cohort 2011

Sciences to offer a joint program where students can earn their MBA online with a concentration in agricultural economics.

The accolade for the online MBA program is the most recent of numerous notable rankings SIU has earned from *U.S. News and World Report*. SIU was ranked No. 174 among "Best Online Bachelor's Programs," the first time the university has earned a spot on this list as well.

In addition, the University is ranked among the top 100 public, national universities and is 177th overall among U.S. institutions according to September 2013 rankings. In November, *U.S. News and World Report* ranked SIU 46th on its inaugural "Best National Universities for Veterans" list, while the College of Business earned the No. 23 spot on that list. Numerous other SIU programs have earned recognition as well. ■

### One Graduate's Online Story ...

**I** was on the SIU Carbondale campus as an undergrad and was ecstatic when I learned about the online MBA pilot program in 2011. The idea of an MBA program with flexible hours from a military-friendly, accredited state school was exciting.

"This was particularly true as I was transitioning from my life as an Army officer and had a young family that required my attention. Make no mistake, there would still be tight deadlines and requirements to complete the MBA programs, however SIU understood how to strike a balance that made pursuing this advanced degree possible.

"All of the teaching faculty and staff I've had the pleasure of working with during my course of instruction were truly 'world class.' Having professors with solid credentials and major published research doesn't adequately explain the quality of instruction within the program at SIU.

"To say I highly recommend the OMB program at Southern would be an understatement. Go Salukis!"

**Capt. Carl Weimer, U.S.A., Ret. '02, M.B.A. '13**  
Havre De Grace, Md.



## Med School Starts Hand Transplant Program

The Institute for Plastic Surgery at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine has launched the first clinical hand transplant program in Illinois for patients who have suffered from an amputation of their upper extremity.

This program, which would be the 11th in the nation, builds on a long-standing history of successful replantation, or re-attachment, of amputated digits, hands and upper extremities by the plastic and reconstructive hand surgeons at SIU, says Dr. Michael Neumeister, professor and chair of SIU's Department of Surgery, The Elvin G. Zook Endowed Chair in Plastic Surgery and surgical director of the Hand Transplant Program at SIU School of Medicine.

The Memorial Medical Center Foundation provided a \$2.8 million grant to establish the program. The grant is expected to cover the majority of costs for up to five patients over three years.

Between 6,000 and 10,000 upper extremity amputations occur each year in the United States, and more than 1,200 soldiers have lost a limb as a result of explosions in Iraq and Afghanistan. It is estimated that more than 1.3 million people in the United States currently have some form of amputation.

He notes that since microsurgery was first initiated at SIU School of Medicine in the early 1980s, plastic surgery has reattached many amputated fingers and hands. Unfortunately, not all amputated limbs are salvageable, and these patients are destined to live as amputees with or without the use of various prosthetics. Although prosthetics can be extremely useful, they do have their limitations, costs, and poor ability to provide sensation.

"Given the significant upper extremity trauma and number of amputations treated by SIU Plastic Surgery as well as the experience of transplantation at Memorial Medical Center, we are uniquely qualified and poised to offer hand transplantation within the Midwest," Neumeister says.

"Because these patients will be receiving a deceased person's tissue, they will be similar to other transplant patients and will require lifelong immunosuppression (antirejection) medications," says Dr. Bradford West, medical director of SIU's hand transplant program and chair of nephrology at Springfield Clinic. West also serves as medical director of

## On The Side

### Top Students On Campus For Scholarship Interviews

Southern Illinois University and the Carbondale community welcomed more than 560 high-achieving high school seniors and nearly 1,000 family members in February for the Chancellor's and University Excellence Scholarship Interview Weekend. The students and families came from Illinois and 37 other states.

In addition to interviewing for the University's top scholarships, students joined family members to tour campus, participate in mini classes, attend informational sessions, and visit a campus expo to learn about services and student organizations. More than 200 of the students stayed overnight in campus residence halls.

"We're pleased with the large turnout, which reflects greater awareness and growing levels of interest in SIU among the best and brightest students," Chancellor Rita Cheng says. "Our goal is not only to identify our top scholarship recipients, but also to give all of our candidates a sense of the vibrancy of campus life and breadth of opportunities at SIU."

Nearly 50 additional students interviewed for scholarships on alternate dates, bringing the total number of candidates for fall 2014 scholarships to more than 600. All of the candidates have been admitted to SIU and were invited to the interview weekend based on their ACT scores, academic credentials and high school activities.

"These students will bring tremendous leadership skills to our University and serve as wonderful role models for fellow students," Cheng says. "We have been Beta-testing a program with current Chancellor's Scholars that includes specialized activities, leadership training, and a service component. Based on this experience, we plan to formalize and expand the program next academic year."

SIU will award 40 Chancellor's Scholarships, which cover tuition, fees, and room and board for four years, and a significant number of University Excellence Scholarships, which cover tuition for four years. Last year, 422 students participated in the scholarship interview weekend.

the Alan Birch, MD, Center for Pancreas and Kidney Transplant Program and Surgery Services at Memorial Medical Center.

The overriding goal of the Hand

Transplant Program is to return amputees back to their pre-amputation productive life without the need of a prosthetic limb.

The SIU Hand Transplant Program is a research study that has been approved by the Springfield Committee for Research Involving Human Subjects. Patients who meet the basic eligibility requirements and wish to be considered should contact the Clinical Research Coordinator at 1-

855-SIU-HAND (1-855-748-4263) or [hand-transplant@siumed.edu](mailto:hand-transplant@siumed.edu) for an initial evaluation. See [siumed.edu/handtransplant](http://siumed.edu/handtransplant) for more information.



Dr. Michael Neumeister, professor and chair of SIU's Department of Surgery.



# HIS KIND OF TOWN

ESPN 1000's Marc Silverman Is Living A Dream In Chicago

**BY GENE GREEN**

Silverman interviews former Chicago Bears Coach Mike Ditka earlier this year.

**W**hen **Marc Silverman** graduated at SIU Carbondale in 1993, the self-described sports geek already had a dream job in mind. “That was easy,” the radio-television alumnus says with a smile. “I wanted to be on the radio in my hometown.”

Home for Silverman is Chicago, and two decades later, he reigns as one of the town’s top media figures. As co-host of ESPN 1000’s popular “Waddle and Silvy Show,” he is where he wants to be and wouldn’t change a thing about the journey it took to get there. That being said, the road to the Windy City was hardly a straight path from Carbondale.

“When I got out of school, I probably thought I knew more than I really did,” he admits. “Taking a few jobs that weren’t exactly what I wanted helped shape who I am. I bided my time, believing that everyone eventually gets that big break. It’s what you *do with it* when it arrives that separates people.

“I was willing to do whatever it took. My motto has always been that the harder you work, the luckier you get.”

### **JAYHAWKS OR SALUKIS?**

When Silverman graduated from Niles North High School in 1989, he was ready to jump on the bandwagon and follow several of his friends to the University of Kansas. His parents had other ideas.

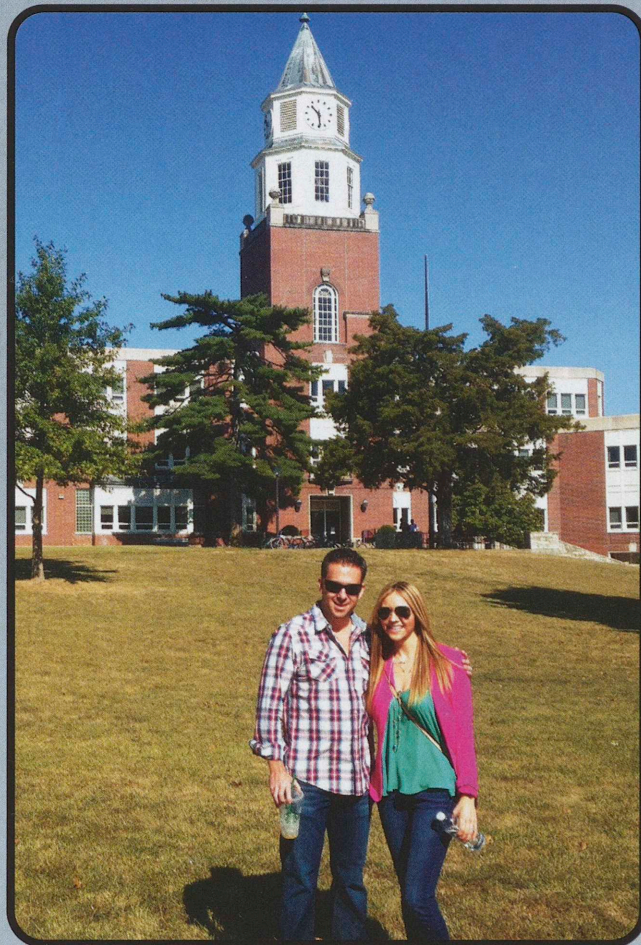
“We had heard that SIU had a good radio-television department, so my mother and father wanted me to stay in state for college – at least give it a try,” he recalls. “They told me to go to Carbondale for one year, and if I didn’t like it I could transfer to Kansas.”

On the first trip down, the Skokie native fell in love with the campus and never once thought of leaving.

“Coming to SIU is the best thing I ever did for myself,” he notes. “Instead of following 20 people I already knew to a fraternity house in Lawrence, Kansas, I came to Carbondale and made new friends. The four guys I lived with all four years at SIU were students I met in the 14th floor of Schneider that first semester.

“It got me out of my comfort zone and exposed me to new things; I started to grow up.”

Silverman stayed active and productive not only in the classroom, but he also jumped into the broadcasting world. He worked for WIDB, WSIU, and was the play-by-play voice of the SIU women’s basketball team for two seasons.



Coming back to SIU last fall was important to the ESPN host, who was anxious to show wife, Allie, “my University.”



Chancellor Rita Cheng with the Silvermans last year. "I'm real impressed with the Chancellor," he says. "Cheng brings great energy to the job and is passionate – she just gets it!"

## 'BLOWN AWAY' BY SALUKI WAY . . .

**W**hen Marc Silverman returned to SIU last fall to attend the 2013 Homecoming Celebration, the trip was two-fold for the unabashed Southern booster. He wanted his wife, Allie (a University of Illinois graduate), to see his University, and he was anxious to view the results of the Saluki Way Project.

"I had read about Saluki Way in the alumni magazine and seen many photos along the way," he says, "but when I finally saw it in person, I was just blown away! You hear about plans like that all the time, but often something happens and it doesn't come to fruition. To actually see it and walk through it was unbelievable."

Silverman says the visit to Carbondale made him even more proud of the institution he loves.

"I've always been pro-SIU, and try to do my part in making sure people know about all the great things going on there. It's not about partying; it's about a school providing support and hands-on academic experience that often is not available anywhere else."

Silverman says the ESPN 1000 staff dished up good natured-ribbing when he told them he was going to be featured in *Southern Alumni* magazine.

"One person said, 'Archie Griffin doesn't have the relationship with Ohio State that you have with SIU, and he won two Heisman Trophies there,'" Silverman says with a laugh. "And they are probably right."

"Even though it's been more than 20 years since I attended, I still feel such a strong connection to Southern. I'm proud of what SIU gave me, and it's important for me to continue to back the institution any way I can."

—Gene Green

During his time in Carbondale, Silverman was always asking questions to become better prepared for a career in broadcasting. Veterans like Mike Reis critiqued his work (see story on page 2), and he felt optimistic when graduation arrived.

Little did he know he would soon need directions to Fort Morgan, Colorado.

### GETTING HIS FEET WET

When Silverman graduated, the pressure was on to find a job – any job.

"My parents had paid for most of my education, and they sure as heck didn't want me moving back in with them," he now says with a laugh. "It was sort of ironic that teachers at SIU always told me that sports are great, but I better know news as well – that might be the job I get right out of college."

His instructors were correct, as the only opening Silverman found was as

news director at a radio station in Fort Morgan, Colorado. Located almost two hours east of Denver in the mundane plains region of the state, the new SIU graduate soon became disenchanted with the small town.

"I was homesick, hated doing news, and was living in a motel because of the lack of housing there," he says. "After a couple of weeks, I called my parents and said I might quit if things didn't get better soon. I thought maybe I'd go back home and work at the Mercantile Exchange – anything but what I was doing."

Soon afterward, a "break" occurred.

"I got a call out of the blue from my guidance counselor at SIU asking me if I liked the job I had taken," Silverman says. "I told her I hated it. She told me about a sports position that had opened in northwest Iowa and wondered if I was interested."

Silverman couldn't say yes fast enough.

"She put me in touch with the manager of KIRL Radio in Estherville, Iowa. I talked to him on the phone for about 45 minutes and he hired me sight unseen. I was thrilled!"

It would be the sort of "one-man band" position that taught him a great deal and tested almost everything he had learned at Southern.

"I was there 18 months and did play-by-play of just about every high school and junior college sport you can imagine," he says. "I also covered the county fair, deejayed the 'All Oldies Show,' and sold commercial time."

The only thing missing was a mop and a broom, but Silverman still cherishes that experience.

"Who knows, without SIU having people who care, I don't get that call and get headed in the direction I wanted to go," he says. "It was one of those special moments where the dots were starting to connect for me."

**BREAK  
NUMBER TWO**

The dream of getting back to Chicago was never far from his thoughts, and after almost two years in Iowa, he left to take a paid internship at WGN Radio.

“The station really didn’t have many reporters at the time,” he says. “They had a lot of veteran sportscasters who had little interest in actually going out and covering something. On the other hand, I was ready to do anything.”

He covered the Chicago Bulls and Chicago Blackhawk games for free, did postgame interviews, and always delivered solid material back to the station. He felt WGN was noticing the long hours he was putting in, but there remained no promise of a full-time position.

Silverman’s next “break” would arrive in March of 1995, as rumors

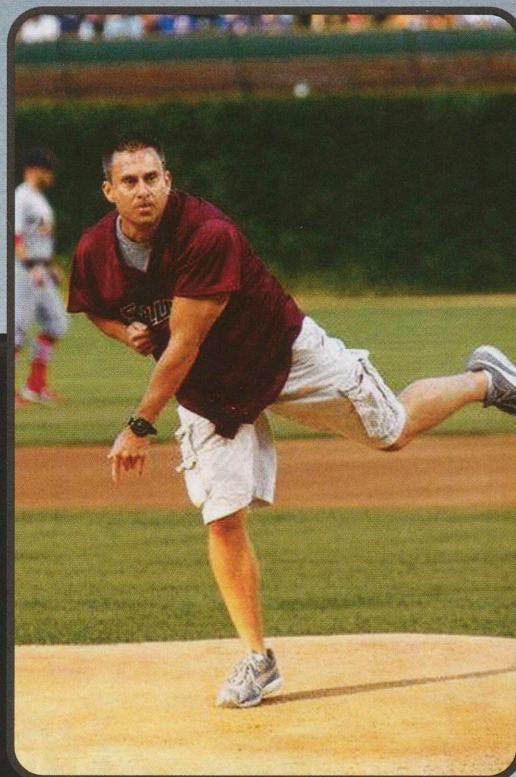
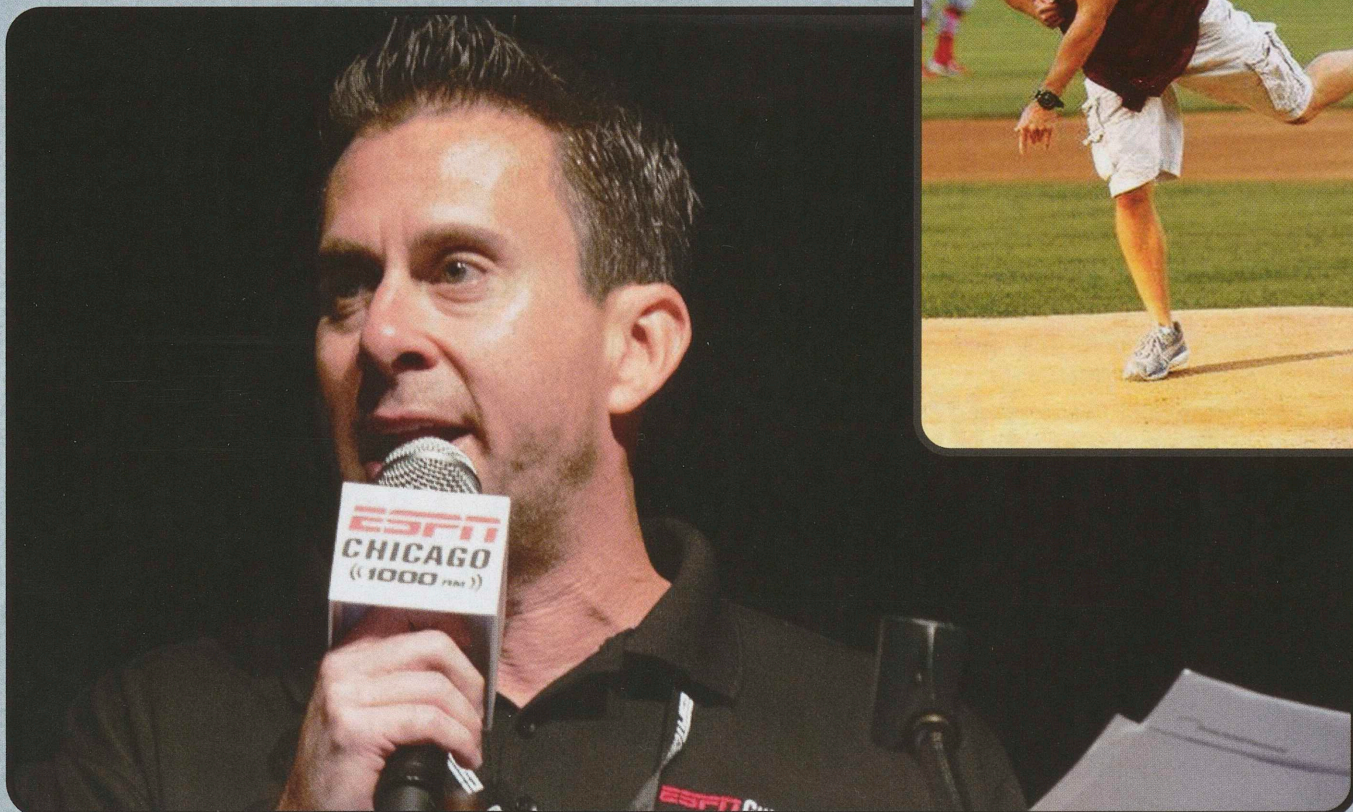
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began to swirl around Chicago that Michael Jordan was going to return to his NBA career after a self-imposed hiatus playing minor league baseball.

“They sent me to stake out the Berto Center, where the Bulls trained,” he says. “Nobody at the station wanted to hang around there hoping that Jordan would show up, but I was happy to do that. Jordan did not surface that day, but instead of returning with an empty tape

recorder, I put my SIU skills to good use by doing a parody report with the “Mission Impossible” theme playing in the background. When I got back to the station, I asked a producer to *at least* listen to it.

“He was blown away. They aired it three times that afternoon, and people started to notice me a bit more. I started that job with five paid hours a week, went to 35, and then they hired me full time



Silverman, who has assisted SIU with recruitment ads in the Chicago area, is proud to be a vocal supporter of the University. Above, he throws out the first pitch at the 2011 “SIU Day At Wrigley Field” event.



when I finally got a one-on-one interview with Jordan.”

### **THE DREAM JOB ARRIVES**

In October of 1998, Silverman made a move that he had been aiming for since his SIU days. He joined Chicago’s ESPN 1000 as one of the station’s original hires, serving as Bears beat reporter

from 1998-2003 and hosting their pre- and postgame shows from 2000-2003.

The next year, he entered the talk show arena as co-host for the “Jay Mariotti Show,” and in 2005 teamed up with Carmen DeFalco for radio sports talk. The real match, however, would come in 2006 when he and former Bears’ receiver Tom Waddle would become partners on the “Waddle and Silvy Show.”

Still together eight years later, the duo is now a drive-time staple in the Windy City. Their chemistry, humor, and preparation is matched by mutual respect.

Although he and Waddle meet before each show to map out a plan, things often take a crazy and fun path listeners seem to enjoy. After many years together, they come across as a perfect blend.

“Tom is like a big brother to me. We

## **THE MARC SILVERMAN FILE . . .**

### **Education:**

Grew up in Skokie and attended Niles North High School.

Graduated from Southern Illinois University, where he majored in radio/television, was named Top 25 Most Distinguished Seniors (out of more than 20,000 students), and spent two years as sports director of the University student radio station.

### **Career Background:**

Has been in the radio business since graduating at SIU in 1993 and in Chicago radio since 1995

First sports job was in Estherville, Iowa, as the sports director of KILR Radio (1993-95)

Spent 1995-98 as primary sports reporter at WGN Radio, where he covered three Bulls Championships, hosted Cubs pregames, covered all Bears practices and games, Blackhawks home games, and anchored nighttime sports report

Has been at ESPN 1000 since October of 1998 (one of the station’s original hires), where he served as Bears beat reporter from 1998-2003 and hosted Bears pre- and postgame shows from 2000-03

Became talk show host in 2004 as co-host of the Jay Mariotti Show

Hosted Silvy & Carmen in 2005-06

Hosted Waddle & Silvy since 2006

### **Unique Experiences:**

Covered six Super Bowls as a reporter

Covered three Bulls Championships

Hosted National ESPN Radio coverage of All-Star Game HR derby in 2003

Covered Mark McGwire’s 61st and 62nd HRs in St. Louis in 1998

### **Sports Fan Experiences:**

A diehard Cubs, Bulls and Bears fan, Silverman grew up with Cubs and Bulls season tickets

Remains a huge Saluki booster

### **Personal:**

Married to Allie

They live in the city with Cosmo (Jack Russell terrier)

Active athlete, especially on the softball field

Enjoys public speaking appearances, including many charity auctions



When he joined ESPN 1000 in 1998, Silverman was one of the station’s first employees.

have fun, respect the listeners, and I think that comes through when you hear our show," he says. "It also works because we're so different. He played the game, and I didn't. He is married with four daughters, and I was single for many of those years." (The SIU grad is now married, and he and wife Allie, are expecting their first child this summer).

For Silverman, work for the next day begins soon after the Monday-Friday 2-6 p.m. show goes off the air. "I get home and start watching sports on TV; there are two televisions in the living room so I can watch more than one game at a time."

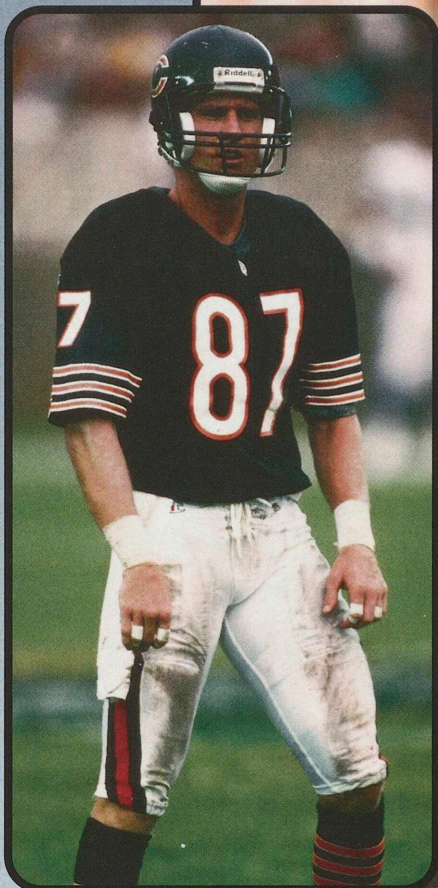
When he gets up in the morning, he works out on an elliptical machine while watching SportsCenter. After breakfast, he checks several social media sites and listens to ESPN 1000's morning shows.

Silverman, who enthusiastically embraces social media platforms to both receive and distribute information, takes pride in having more than 63,000 followers on Twitter – the most of any Chicago sports media personality.

Unlike many shows, Waddle and Silvy strive to be respectful of their callers. "If you are on our show, you are a guest and will be treated like one," Silverman points out. "Our callers are important, and it's a customer service industry. If they are treated poorly, they will go somewhere else; we want them back."

"We're talking sports here, not brain surgery. If someone doesn't agree with us, that's OK. We want as many 'P1' listeners as we can get – people who have our show preset No. 1 on their car radio."

Silverman, who also does TV sports each Sunday on Chicago Fox 32, admits he is often asked what his next step is.



Former Bears receiver Tom Waddle has become like a big brother to Silverman. "It works because we are so different," he says. "There is a lot of respect between us and we have fun every time we step into the studio."

He doesn't give it much thought.

"I've been here for 15 years, which is a long time in this business," he says. "People ask if I want to go national, but I love what I do. I'm working for four letters – ESPN – and those are real good letters to work for."

I don't need to read a book to know this city's history, because I've lived it for 42 years as a die-hard Chicago sports fan.

"Sometimes you have to be smart enough to realize you are where you're supposed to be."

# Volunteer SIU!



SIU students volunteer in the second annual Student Engagement and Philanthropy Day. The initiative is designed to increase student understanding of philanthropy and grow engagement on campus. The SIU Foundation and SIU Alumni Association invited students to write "Thank You" notes to donors who have given generously to the Carbondale campus.

## Have you ever considered volunteering for Southern Illinois University?

*We invite you to become a volunteer and give the gift of time to your alma mater.*

By volunteering to assist SIU, you become part of a valuable network that helps the University in many ways. Your involvement makes a difference when you collaborate with your alma mater. Go to [www.siu alumni.com/volunteer](http://www.siu alumni.com/volunteer) to find out more. You can select an area that interests you, and you will be contacted you about opportunities as the need arrives.

### **Please contact us at:**

[alumni@siu.edu](mailto:alumni@siu.edu) or call the SIU Alumni Association office at 618-453-2408, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**SIU ALUMNI**  
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# Morris Library Renovation Complete

The Morris Library renovation is finally complete. The outdated 1950s design has been re-imagined as a spectacular showplace for SIU and a center for students. The 6th floor opened at the beginning of the spring 2014 semester to welcome math students to two flexible classrooms and two laptop-equipped labs. Now the 6th floor is Math Central for all students taking courses below calculus.

Math faculty enjoy innovative teaching environments with movable chairs and lecterns, remote control A/V and projection, and 360° of glass writing surfaces. Students get help with online, self-paced exercises and take their exams where they attend class.

On Jan. 27, the 7th floor opened as the new home for the Center for Learning Support Services and its Tutoring Center, which offers group study sessions, academic coaching, learning consultants, Saluki peer mentors, and math tutors for free. The Center for Learning Support Services also operates state-of-the-art testing services, proctoring the following types of exams: distance education courses, nationally standardized tests, professional certification, and make-up exams.

Students now enjoy a variety of flexible individual and group seating arrangements that encourage collaboration. Any personal device connects to "pucks" in a central panel of our mediascapes to project onto one or two flat-panel screens. If students need an adaptor or docking station to connect their devices, they can check one out from the Circulation Desk



Study spaces featuring a variety of flexible individual and group seating arrangements serve to help encourage students to collaborate in their studies.

on the 1st floor. Even if students do not bring their own devices, they can still be productive using an SIU-provided computer attached to the mediascape.

The northeast corner of the 7th floor is

arranged in concentric half-circles of seating around a mediascape with two flat-panel screens. This setup is conducive to informal class sessions, meetings, and Webinars. Library administration will cor-

don off the area for scheduled sessions. Web cameras are available for checkout from the Circulation Desk and can be used with any screens on the 6th and 7th floors.

"It's great for me to see all the students come in and discover it," Anne Moore, dean of library affairs at SIU, recently told *The Southern Illinoian*. "We were handicapped because the exterior of the building was finished, but these two floors were empty and the lights were out. We've actually had to tell students, 'There are sixth and seventh floors, and here's what's here for you.'" ■



Tutoring assistance, group study sessions, academic coaching, and peer mentors are some of the initiatives in place to help SIU students succeed in the classroom.



## A Compassion And Respect For Other Living Beings

by Gordon Pruett

Hetti Brown, Executive Director of the Office of Animal Welfare for the state of Delaware, and her dog, Petey.



While Delaware director of the Humane Society of the United States, Brown participated in a multi-state dog fighting case that included the seizure of 367 dogs in August 2013.

**H**etti Brown '00 grew up in LaGrange, Mo., a town of less than 1,000 residents, on the Mississippi River. Near the Iowa border, La Grange is just north of Hannibal, the storied river town that gave the world one of its most famous storytellers, Mark Twain.

As a child, Brown was drawn to animals while growing up on the family farm. With the family dog at her side, she would spend hours in the woods looking for wildlife, or she would spend time in the barn with the farm animals.

"Growing up with animals in my life taught me compassion and a respect for other living beings that stayed with me throughout college and my adult years," says Brown.

In November 2013, Brown was named the first executive director of the newly created Office of Animal Welfare for the state of Delaware. In addition to compassion and caring for creatures great and small, she also must attend to a plethora of administrative

tasks, including "budget administration, which includes managing, developing, analyzing, and implementing budgets; developing strategic plans; and establishing internal control," according to her job description.

The SIU graduate was previously Delaware state director of the Humane Society of the United States, where she worked with animal shelters and rescue organizations. She was also active in public animal protection policy, and was instrumental in advocating legislation that prohibits the sale, possession, and distribution of shark fins in Delaware.

The legislation is intended to eliminate shark finning, which occurs when fins are cut from live sharks, and the bodies are thrown back into the ocean. Shark fin soup is a delicacy in certain regions of the country and some parts of the world.

"Animal advocates are extremely passionate people," Brown notes. "We're fighting for those who can't speak for themselves."

## Fond Campus Memories

In the late 1990s, Brown came to SIU because of the University's reputation in the natural sciences. "I was interested in zoology, wildlife management, microbiology, animal physiology, and other related fields," she says. "Because of the diverse course offerings at SIU, I was able to explore my interests to find the best career fit for me."

Brown has fond memories of Carbondale and southern Illinois saying, "Carbondale is a beautiful place with a lot to offer. The surrounding environment is stunning with lakes, bluffs, and protected wildlife areas, while the city of Carbondale offers an eclectic mixture of restaurants, theaters, and fun community events. I really enjoyed going to outdoor concerts, rock

climbing, and meeting a diverse group of friends."

At one point in time, she was a cocktail waitress at a popular eatery, Tres Hombres in Carbondale. **Gary Robinson** '79, one of owners of the business, says, "After 32 year of business, at times it can be difficult to remember all of the students who have worked here, but I do remember Hetti. She was a favorite among her co-workers and our regular customers. Her love of the outdoors and animals was second only to her incredible work ethic and positive attitude."

## Dover Goes Home To Dover

**B**everly and Fred Hartline moved from Delaware to Montana in October 2012, and they unintentionally relocated a 4-foot, non-poisonous black rat snake to an alien and potentially deadly environment.

"I was unpacking our container, and there sitting on top of one of the boxes about a third of the way back in the container was a black snake, which I recognized," Fred says. "It was one that had been in our garage in Delaware. I thought, that poor snake doesn't belong here."

Once discovered, something had to be done with the snake. Releasing it was an option, but winter was coming, and releasing it in unfamiliar territory in late fall could doom the animal.

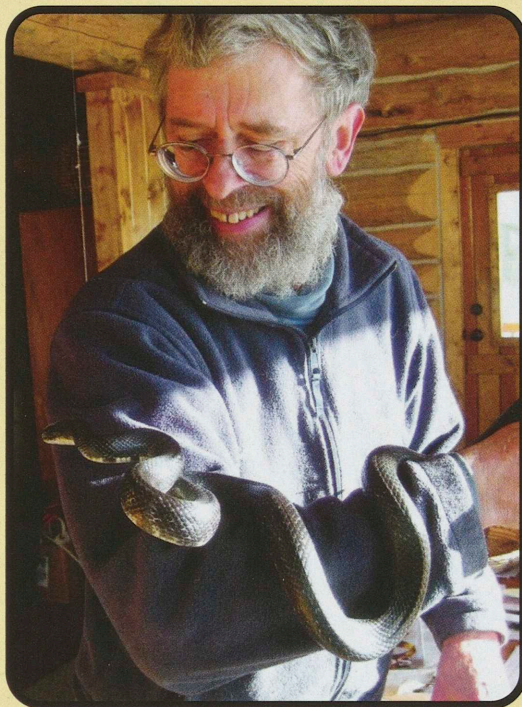
"It was November, and it was freezing," Beverly says. "Releasing it would have been a death sentence."

The Hartlines sought a better fate for their black rat snake, so they eventually contacted Dave Pauli, senior director of wildlife response with the Humane Society in Billings, Montana. However, before they could get the snake to Pauli, it escaped from the box where they'd been keeping it, and Dover, as the snake came to be named, went missing for about a week.

Finally, Dover was secured inside a canvas bag inside a cardboard box inside a foam chest marked REPTILE and mailed to Delaware.

In the end, Hetti Brown, then director of the Delaware Humane Society, released Dover into some high weeds near the Hartlines' old home. The snake's long, strange trip of 5,000 miles was at an end.

—Gordon Pruett



Fred Hartline displays the snake that inadvertently hitched a ride from Delaware to Butte when he and his wife, Beverly, moved to the mining city last year.

## Key Volunteer Experience

While Brown was at Southern, she volunteered at Free Again Wildlife Rehabilitation in nearby Colp, and this experience shaped her life's path. Founded in 1988 by Beverly Shofstall, Free Again rehabilitates orphaned and injured wildlife for return to their natural environment, studies the behavior and diseases of wildlife, and educates the public on the importance of all wildlife.

Brown recalls, "Volunteering at Free Again was an amazing experience. As a student, it offered an opportunity to apply what I was learning in my science courses. It also offered experience in a dynamic workplace that involved caring for the animals while providing service to the community.

"I provided nutritional care to the animals, prepared them for release back into the wild, trained new volunteers, and conducted community education events. My time at Free Again greatly influenced my career, and I still do what I can to support the organization."

Of Brown's volunteerism, Shofstall says, "From the beginning, I could tell she had a different focus than some of the students that see the job as just a resume builder. Her dedication and attention to detail showed that she took the animals' welfare seriously, even in the most mundane tasks."

After graduating from Southern, Brown relocated to the East Coast as a

result of a position with a large pharmaceutical company. "I was with AstraZeneca for 11 years before leaving to pursue a full-time career in animal advocacy, which is my true passion," she says.

The Delaware Office of Animal Welfare is a newly-formed state office that coordinates programs and policies that protect animals from abuse and neglect, reduce pet homelessness, and improve the quality of care animals receive in shelters, rescues, and foster care systems.

Brown elaborates, "As the executive director of this office, I must identify and address emerging issues that need attention to protect both animals and members of the public. Animal welfare issues are closely tied to human welfare issues, and this makes the work even that much more necessary and rewarding."

In recognizing Brown's potential for positive change, Shofstall says, "Over the years, we've remained good friends. I remember speaking with her while she

was first working on the East Coast. She expressed frustration that even though it was a great job, she felt she had gotten away from her roots and her desire to work with animal rescue or some related field.

"I'm so proud of her and her accomplishments. I know she'll make a difference for Delaware and its animal welfare services." 🏠

Even ferrets need love too, and Brown's compassion is unconditional.



## Association Life Member Celebrates 100th Birthday



**V**iola Crim Walker '35 celebrated her 100th birthday in February. Born in Unionville (near present day Brookport) in Massac County, Ill., she moved to Carbondale, where she attended Attucks Grade School and Attucks High School, graduating in 1931.

In her late teens she played piano for her church. Her parents encouraged her education, and she attended Southern Illinois Teachers College (now SIU), graduating in 1935. She went on to teach music and history at Attucks High School, and she was director of the school's glee club in 1942.

Her late husband, William Harold Walker '37 M.S.E.D. '48 was a Tuskegee airman, who she married in 1943. Settling in Centralia, Ill., in 1948, they built a home and farmed on Airport Road. She has lived at the same residence for 65 years. Her husband was principal at Lincoln Grade School in Centralia.

Prior to her husband's passing in 1999, they celebrated 55 years of marriage. Viola became a member of the Second Baptist Church in Centralia in 1948, where she still attends services every Sunday. She has been an educator and a stalwart member of the community her entire life. She is the beloved matriarch of her family, which have had a presence in southern Illinois since the 1840s.

## Alumni's Son Wins Bronze In Winter Olympics

**N**ick Goepper, a 19-year-old Lawrenceburg, Ind., native who won the bronze medal in slopestyle skiing in the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, is the son of Chris Goepper M.S. '89, and his wife, Linda.

His parents are proud of their son – and his American teammates who claimed the two other medals in the event. It was only the third podium sweep ever by the United States at a Winter Olympics. The others: 1956 men's figure skating and 2002 men's snowboarding halfpipe.

"They figured they might get one guy on the podium, but I don't think they expected to get all three," Chris Goepper says. "That morning, he woke up and said, 'How cool would it be if we swept? Who cares who is on top, just as long as we are up there?' – and it happened. It was a great day for the U.S. Ski Team when everyone got on the podium."

Nick's family was there to see it in person, as the *Indianapolis Star* reported that a benefactor paid for flights to Russia for his parents, and siblings Kasey, 17, Bradee, 14, and Jason, 12.



Chris and Linda Goepper being interviewed in Russia. Their son, Nick (inset) won a bronze medal in slopestyle

## Documentary Focuses On Team That Stood Tall Against Racism

**S**IU Alumni Association life member **Tom Davis '88** has written and produced the inspiring story of how the University of San Francisco's 1951 football team took a dramatic stand against racism. *'51 Dons*, an hour-long documentary, has been airing on the ESPN network's various stations early this year.

Davis, a Carbondale native who helped market and promote the SIU Athletics Department following his graduation, now works in Southern California for Loma Media. He calls *'51 Dons* "the story of the greatest sports team that you've never heard of."

The 1951 University of San Francisco football team was arguably the best in college football during that era. With a perfect 9-0 record, it would be the first – and still only – college team to produce three NFL Hall of Famers from the same team. The team's unwavering support of its African-American teammates (Ollie Matson and Burl Toler) came at a high price: no post-season play, no championship, and no glory.

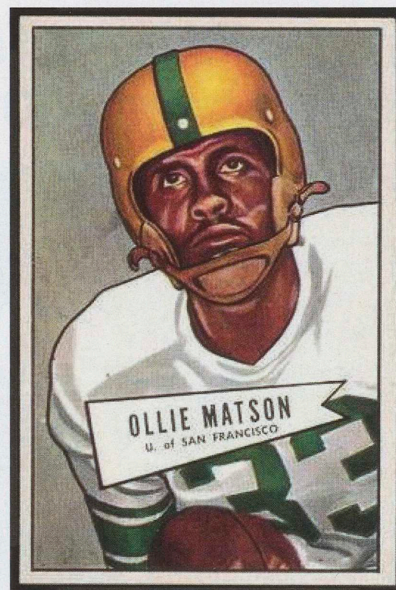
USF's Orange Bowl invitation had one condition: only the white players could participate. The Dons' first-ever bowl appearance would have allowed the tiny Jesuit school to test its mettle against elite competition – and the payout would have saved their cash-strapped program, which was forced to fold the next season because of funding woes.

Even with that forecast on the horizon, the Dons unanimously rejected the offer to play.

"We pulled out of the Bowl bid because it was the right thing to do, and the *only* thing to do – we were a family," says team member and NFL Hall of Famer Bob St. Clair.

In the years that followed, ten members of the 1951 team were drafted into the NFL, six appeared in the Pro Bowl, Matson, St. Clair, and Gino Marchetti were enshrined in the Hall of Fame, Toler would become the first African-American official in the NFL, and media relations director Pete Rozelle, would become the league's commissioner.

"This documentary is the lasting chronicle of a time and a team that should never



Hall of Famer Ollie Matson was one of only two African-Americans on the 1951 University of San Francisco football team.

be forgotten," Davis says. "They are a band of brothers who stood together, refusing to allow racism to do what no opponent could."





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# 93-Year-Old Alumnus Is 'Blessed Beyond Measure'

by Adam Testa

**K**estner Wallace '56, M.S. '60 has called Saline County home for 93 years. Raised on a homestead about 12 miles

south of Harrisburg, the SIU graduate has had a front row seat for the evolution of modern culture. Born in 1920, he endured the Great Depression as a youth, served his country in World War II, and

taught in a one-room school-house.

The world around the Wallace family farm has certainly evolved, but the homestead has remained a constant. Wallace's grandfather, a Civil War veteran and father of 14 children, divided the property among his four sons. Years later, Wallace reunited much of the property, passing on 100 acres to his own son, Ray '91.

Wallace built a house on 28 acres at the northern end of the property in 1948, leasing it for a year before moving in with his wife, Evelyn (a 1960 SIU alumna), whom he was with 56 years. He can still be found in the house, where he'll gladly regale visitors with stories of the past.

"I'm pleased to still own the property," he says. "A good portion of the acreage belongs to my son, too, so it's still close in the family."

Family has always been important to Wallace. From his two younger brothers to his own children, each member of the family has played a role in shaping his life. It's his daughter, however, who helped ensure Wallace's stories of the past live on forever.

Through the years, Wallace found solace in writing short stories, mostly narrative essays about the experiences of his life. Much of his work was handwritten, and he would send the papers to his daughter, LeAnn Wallace '76, who edited them and formatted them electronically.

As time progressed, he began making subtle suggestions to LeAnn.

"He really has no clue what goes into creating a book, but he always hinted it would be a nice thing to do," she says.

For Wallace's 85th birthday in 2005, LeAnn surprised him by making that dream a reality. She published 31 of her father's short stories in a book called *A Dollar the Hard Way*.

While he'd grown accustomed to see-



*Blessed Beyond Measure*

Stories by Kestner Wallace

More Stories from the Ozark Foothills of Southern Illinois

Wallace's daughter, LeAnn, edited his handwritten notes, and turned the material into *Blessed Beyond Measure*, a book released on his 93rd birthday.

ing his stories in the pages of *Springhouse* magazine, a southern Illinois publication, it was a different feeling altogether to see them in book format. The gift came as quite a surprise, one Wallace was glad to see materialize before his wife's death in 2006.

Wallace didn't know if he would continue to write after Evelyn's passing, but about a year later, he picked up the pen again. And while neither he nor LeAnn imagined he'd write enough for a second book, that's exactly what he did.

And, once again, LeAnn planned to surprise him.

"My original goal was Father's Day 2013, but he kept writing more stories I needed to include," she says. Instead, Wallace's second book, *Blessed Beyond Measure*, was released on his 93rd birthday earlier this year.



The two-degree alumnus has lived in Saline County all of his life.

record of his family's history, as well as a wider look at a generation past.

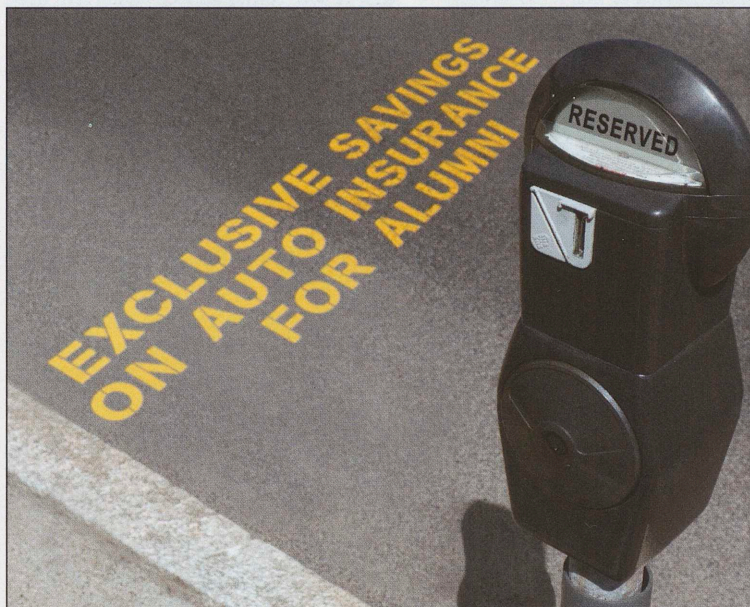
"I'm happy I was able to record it in book form," he says. "I really don't consider myself a writer, and I'm amazed I came up with that many stories people have read and complimented."

For LeAnn and the rest of the family, it's a special opportunity to keep that link to the past alive and to share it with future generations of the family.

"I feel like I know my dad and his family's history better than most children," she says. "It's just such an invaluable gift that he likes to write and put down these stories." ■

This volume contains 36 stories. Between the two books, Wallace tackles topics from childhood in southern Illinois to conflicts on the battlefield of war. The works serve as a personal

–Adam Testa is a reporter for *The Southern Illinoisian*, where this story first appeared.



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# Saluki Baseball Picked 5th In League Preseason Poll

For the second year in a row, the SIU baseball team is picked to finish fifth in the Missouri Valley Conference, says a preseason poll by a vote from the eight coaches of the MVC.

“Preseason polls are largely determined by the number and quality of returning players,” SIU head coach Ken Henderson says. “Based on that, I think Wichita State is clearly the favorite, but I also think the league will be overall much better and more competitive this year. With 17 new players, I think we will surprise some people and are looking forward to competing for a league title.”

SIU senior shortstop Jake Welch was selected to the MVC Preseason All-Conference team. Welch hit .317 as a junior in 2013 and finished third in the Valley with 51 runs scored and 20 stolen bases. He hit .333 in conference play,



Welch scores a run during SIU's opening series at Western Kentucky.

which ranks fifth among all returning MVC hitters. In addition, Welch tied for the overall team lead with 79 hits, which ranked fourth in the conference.

“Jake is deserving of this recognition,” Henderson notes. “He is a four-year starter and has grown tremendously as a person and a player during his time here. He provides us a great deal of leadership, and we certainly expect a big year from him.”

The Salukis will look to rebound after finishing seventh in the eight-team league in 2013. Former MVC member school Creighton, which finished fourth in the conference in 2013, has been replaced by Dallas Baptist for the 2014 season.

SIU will open the 2014 MVC portion of the season on the road with a three-game series against Missouri State. The first league home game at the new Itchy Jones Stadium will be April 4 hosting Bradley University.

The SIU baseball team will host 23 home games at the newly constructed stadium. Season tickets are \$75 for adults with a \$15 discount for SIU faculty and staff. Youth season tickets (ages 13 to 18) are \$25, and all fans 12 and under, as well as current SIU students, are admitted at no charge. Southern dedicated the new facility in mid-March. Photos from that event will be featured in the June issue of the magazine.

## Action For Swimming, Track/Field, And Basketball ...

The Salukis were competing in Missouri Valley Conference Championship action in track and field and men and women's basketball, and men's swimming was at the Mid-American Conference Championships as this issue of *Southern Alumni* went to press. Please check [www.sialumni.com](http://www.sialumni.com) for complete results of those championships and other spring SIU athletic events.

## Baseball Alumni Reunion May 2-4

The largest Saluki baseball player reunion ever is expected when SIU hosts the University of Evansville the weekend of May 2-4. 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 soon, 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, but you are urged to book early to make sure you have 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](mailto:goode.johnb@siu.edu).

# Softball Salukis Tabbed 4th In MVC, Return Seven Starters

The Saluki softball team has been picked fourth in a 2014 Missouri Valley Conference Preseason Poll.

"I am excited that people think enough of us to put us in that top tier where we could be fighting for a conference crown because we believe we are going to be able to do that," says SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock.

The University of Northern Iowa was picked as the preseason favorite, voted unanimously by league coaches.

"Northern Iowa is returning the pitcher-of-the-year and they are a veteran ball club so I don't think that is a surprise," Blaylock says. The 2014 MVC season begins in Carbondale on March 15, as the Salukis host the Panthers.

Southern is represented on the MVC Preseason All-Conference Team by

senior Jayna Spivey and junior Meredith Wilson. Spivey brings an offensive spark to the Salukis as she finished tied for first in RBIs, second in home runs and fourth in two-out RBIs in the Conference. Wilson is a two-time All-MVC Second Team member.

Spivey is also a candidate for the Senior CLASS Award. Thirty NCAA softball student-athletes who excel both on and off the field were selected. She is a 2013 Capital One Academic All-District selection and First-Team Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete who holds a 3.761 cumulative GPA in biological sciences.

SIU returns 14 letterwinners, including seven position starters, and two pitchers to the 2014 squad.

"We focus on being prepared for

every game whether it be a conference game, a midweek game, or a game against a top-25 team," says Blaylock. "We did some things during the offseason that focused on team bonding and goal setting. The kids are ready to go." ■

## SIU Women 3rd In MVC Championships

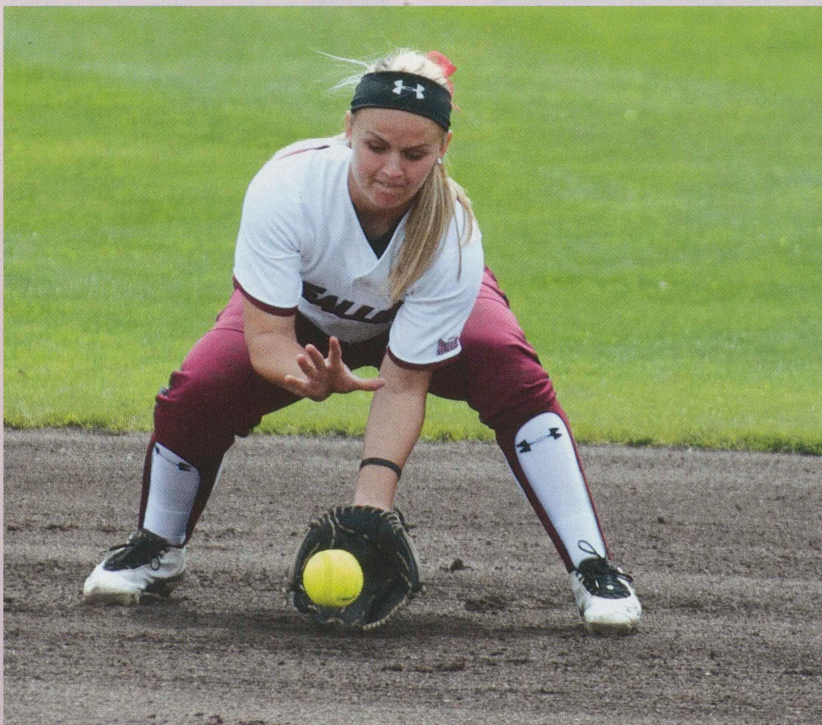
The Southern Illinois women's swimming and diving team finished third as hosts of the 2013 Missouri Valley Conference Championships. Saluki diving coach Joy Zhao was named the MVC Diving Coach of the Year, and sophomore Kaixuan Zhang was named MVC Diver of the Year.

"We are the first ones at the pool and the last to leave," says Zhao. "I am honored to be named the best diving coach in the conference and am grateful for the athletic administration for helping us get to where we are today."

Six swimmers earned MVC All-Conference honors, while 10 swimmers were named MVC Honorable Mention. The three-day meet was highlighted by four event wins for Southern. SIU's Kaixuan Zhang claimed the one-meter dive, while senior Pamela Benitez won the 200-yard freestyle, and Pamela Benitez cruised to a win in the mile winning her second conference title in as many years.

"We have a really solid group of kids coming in next year," says SIU head coach Rick Walker. "However it is a challenge to replace the seniors leaving. I watched them come in as little girls and I see them grow into strong, confident young women. I'm proud of them."

While the women's season is over, as this issue went to press the Saluki men were in Buffalo, N.Y., for the Mid-American Conference Championships March 6-8. ■



Although Spivey led the Salukis in several offensive statistics, she also is a leader off the field as well as a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award.

## SIU Inducts Six Into Saluki Hall Of Fame

**S**IU Athletics honored its 2014 Saluki Hall of Fame class earlier this year. The distinguished, six-person class, which was formally inducted in a ceremony on Friday, Jan. 31, is headlined by first-ballot inductees Jerry Kill (Football Head Coach) and Brittany Riley (Track & Field), and also features Mark Gagliano (Football), Mickey Maule (Tennis), Joe Schley (Baseball), and Amarachi Ukabam (Track & Field).

Here is a look at this year's class:

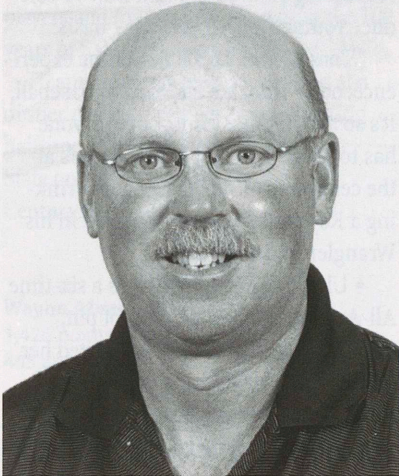
- Kill (2001-07) resurrected Saluki Football during his seven years at the helm. The failing program had posted 11-straight losing seasons and had not made a playoff appearance since winning the National Championship in 1983. That changed in 2003 when Southern went 10-2 and won its first of three-straight Gateway Conference titles, while making its first of five-straight I-AA Playoff appearances.

He was 55-32 overall, including 50-18 in his final five years at SIU. Among his many honors were winning Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year (2004), Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year (2007), and Gateway Conference Coach of the Year (2003, 2004). The program spent 84 weeks in the Top 25 during his tenure, including 12 weeks at No. 1. Kill is currently in his third season as head coach at Minnesota. The Gophers were 8-5 this year, their best record since 2003.



The 2014 Saluki Hall of Fame class, from left: Brittany Riley (track and field), Mark Gagliano (football), Jerry Kill (football), Mickey Maule (tennis), and Joe Schley (baseball). Amarachi Ukabam (track and field) was not at the ceremony.

## SIU All-Century Basketball Team



Jerry Kill

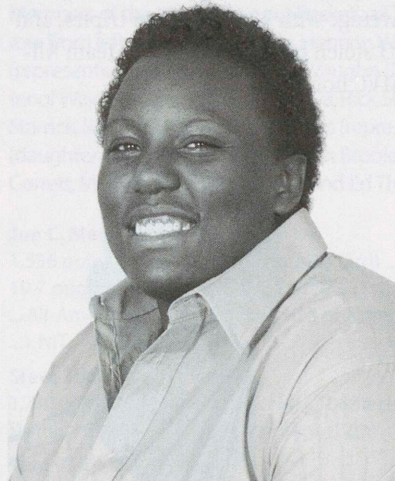
“What turned it around was when we beat Western Illinois (in 2002) and the drive when **Joel Sambursky '05, M.B.A. '07** took us down,” Kill says. “It seemed like the tide switched at that time. There are so many memories of SIU, and the best were the people, the players, and the camaraderie we had with our staff. The kids and the coaching staff built this house, not me.”

- Riley (2005-08) was a two-time NCAA Champion in the weight throw (2007, 2008) and six-time All-American between the weight throw and hammer. She is the current world record holder in the weight throw (83-10.50), which was set as a Saluki on March 10, 2007. Twice, she was the NCAA runner-up in the hammer throw (2007, 2008). In 2007, the seven-time MVC Champion was named the NCAA Indoor National Athlete of the Year.

After graduation, Riley competed as a member of Team USA at the Pan American Games, the North American, Central American and Caribbean Championships, and the World Games.

She currently resides in Forest Park, Ill., where she works for BP as a technical expert.

“The first time I broke a national record, I didn’t know that I’d broken it,” she remembers. “They took 15 minutes to come back with the results, because in order for it to be an official record, they have to measure it. When they



Brittany Riley

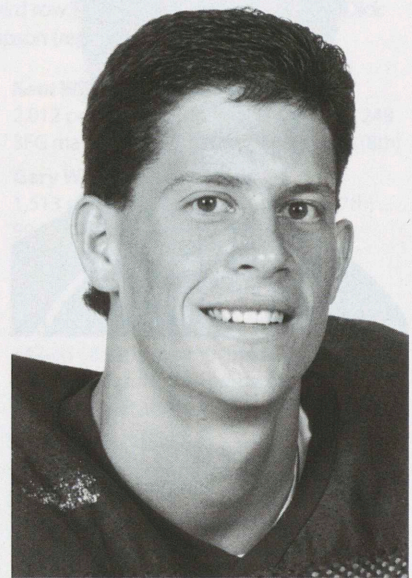
came back and announced it, I was pretty excited.

“It means a lot to go in to the Hall of Fame. There are a lot of great athletes included here, and it’s an honor for the school to recognize me.”

- Gagliano was among the best punters in school history. Playing from 1993-96, he earned First-Team All-America status from Walter Camp, the American Football Coaches Association, and *The Sporting News* in 1996, a year in which he averaged 45.04 yards per punt. He was a two-time All-Gateway Conference performer (1994, 1996) and three-time Gateway All-Academic Team selection (1994, 1995, 1996).

Gagliano, who is currently working as a pilot for Federal Express and lives in Collierville, Tenn., ranks first in career punt attempts, third in career punting average and was named to SIU’s All-Century team last fall.

“It’s been 22 years since my recruiting trip and 17 years since my playing career ended,” he says. “I’m never going to forget the 1996 season. You hope your senior year is the best one. To lead the country, be an All-American, and go out with a bang was really special to me.



Mark Gagliano

“I looked all the Hall of Famers up on the SIU Web site, and it’s so special to see all the different sport broadcasters, sports information directors, coaches, women, men – it’s the best SIU has to offer, and to be included in that is humbling.”

- Maule became only the third Saluki in school history win the MVC’s No. 1 singles championship when he won it in

## SIU Inducts Six Into Saluki Hall Of Fame

1990, and no SIU tennis player has done so since that time. The league's 1990 Player of the Year and Region V Senior Player-of-the-Year led his team to a conference title and also participated in the NCAA Singles Championship that season. He ranks first in school history in both singles wins (112) and doubles wins (44).



Mickey Maule

He also won the MVC's No. 3 singles and No. 1 doubles championships in 1988. He teamed with Fabiano Ramos to post a career record of 48-5 in doubles play, for a winning percentage of .906. Maule currently resides in Wayzata, Minn., where he serves as a national sales manager for Babolat, a company that produces world-class tennis rackets.

"It's special, meaningful to come back here after so many years," Maule notes. "I just want to thank Dick LeFevre, an NCAA Hall of Fame coach who brought me here and passed away in 2010. I also thank my teammates. They made me better when I was here."

• Schley (1996-99) is the school's career hits leader with 286 and posted a career batting average of .329. He ranks among the school's best in numerous categories, such as games played (6th), at bats (2nd), runs (2nd), doubles (4th), triples (2nd), walks (11th), total bases (1st), and stolen bases (2nd). He had a remarkable 1999 campaign, recording a .372 batting average with 52 runs, seven triples, and 23 stolen bases to earn First-Team All-MVC honors.



Joe Schley

The speedy outfielder led the Salukis in stolen bases every year of his career and was a two-time Itchy Jones MVP Award Winner. He currently lives in Oak Forest, Ill., and works as a mortgage specialist for Chicago Bank. He pays tribute to his late coach. "Coach Dan Callahan was a great man on and off the field," Schley says. "He didn't treat anyone differently. If he didn't know you, he would treat you as if he had known you for a thousand years, and he taught me a lot about life –

respecting your elders and how to conduct yourself on an everyday basis.

"That is what I took out of the experience, other than his teaching of baseball. It's so sad that he's gone, but everyone has to go at some point. I know he's at the ceremony in spirit, probably drinking a Keystone Light and dressed in his Wrangler jeans and boots."

• Ukabam (2004-2006) was a six-time All-American at SIU in the shot put, weight throw, and discus. She posted her best finish in 2006 by placing second in the nation in the weight throw. Ukabam won six MVC individual titles and took home All-MVC honors in both indoor and outdoor competition in 2005 and 2006.



Amarachi Ukabam

In the storied history of Saluki track and field, she still ranks third all-time in the indoor shot put and fifth in the weight throw. In 2006, she added MVC Scholar-Athlete team honors to her resume. Ukabam, who was not at the induction event, is currently living in Houston and recently finished nursing school. ■



# SIU All-Century Basketball Team

Saluki Athletics announced the SIU All-Century Men's Basketball Team in December, as fans cast their votes online for two months to help select a team of 25 players and four coaches spanning the 100 years of Saluki Basketball (1914-2013).

Team members were recognized at a dinner on Feb. 7 and introduced during halftime of the game versus Missouri State on Feb. 8. Members of the All-Century Team are:

## Players

### Wayne Abrams, 1977-80

1,426 points (15th) ... 557 rebounds (18th) ... 465 assists (2nd)

### Ashraf Amaya, 1990-93

1,864 points (4th) ... 1,137 rebounds (2nd) ... 158 blocks (3rd) ... 2 seasons in NBA

### Darren Brooks, 2001-05

1,761 points (5th) ... 673 rebounds (12th) ... 410 assists (4th) ... 136 steals (1st)

### Seymour Bryson, 1956-59

1,529 points (9th) ... 1,244 rebounds (1st)

### Chris Carr, 1993-95

1,251 points (22nd) ... 539 rebounds (20th) ... 8 seasons in NBA

### Jermaine Dearman, 2000-03

1,446 points (12th) ... 802 rebounds (8th)

### Randal Falker, 2005-08

1,315 points (21st) ... 905 rebounds (6th) ... 195 blocks (1st)

### Walt Frazier, 1965, 67

884 points ... 531 rebounds (22nd) ... 17.7 ppg (8th) ... 13 seasons in NBA ... named one of the top 50 players ever in the NBA

### Dick Garrett, 1967-69

1,337 points (20th) ... 18.1 ppg (6th) ... 5 seasons in NBA

### Mike Glenn, 1974-77

1,878 points (3rd) ... 334 assists (10th) ... 18.1 ppg (7th) ... 10 seasons in NBA

### Shane Hawkins, 1995-98

1,384 points (16th) ... 435 assists (3rd) ... 314 3FG (1st) ... 39.0 percent 3FG (9th)

### Nate Hawthorne, 1971-73

1,001 points (41st) ... 523 rebounds (24th) ... 3 seasons in NBA

### Troy Hudson, 1996-97

1,164 points (28th) ... 21.2 ppg (3rd) ... 227 3FG (3rd) ... 11 seasons in NBA



Members of the SIU All-Century Basketball Team who were back for the event were: Front row from left – Seymour Bryson, Herman Williams (representing Gary Wilson), George Iubelt (representing Walt Frazier), Junior Vaughn (brother of Chico Vaughn), Erica Abrams (daughter of Wayne Abrams), Ashraf Amaya, Rick Shipley, and Marcus Timmons. Second row – Greg Starrick, Rich Herrin, Yvonne Williams (representing Steve Middleton), Errinn Abrams (daughter of Wayne Abrams), Darren Brooks. Third row – Bryan Mullins, Kent Williams, Dick Garrett, Mike Glenn, Troy Hudson, and Ed Thompson (representing Chris Lowery).

### Joe C. Meriweather, 1973-75

1,536 points (8th) ... 1,005 rebounds (3rd) ... 19.7 ppg (4th) ... 2.10 blocks per game (1st) ... All-American (1975) ... Saluki Hall of Fame ... 1 NIT ... 11 seasons in NBA

### Steve Middleton, 1986-89

1,710 points (6th) ... 240 assists (20) ... 106 steals (13th) ... 38.9 percent 3FG percentage (12th)

### Tom Millikin, 1949-52, 54

1,092 points (31st)

### Bryan Mullins, 2006-09

944 points ... 509 assists (1st) ... 2.08 steals per game (1st) ... 127 3FG (11th) ... 39.0 percent 3FG (11th)

### Matt Shaw, 2005-08

1,363 points (17th) ... 741 rebounds (9th) ... 121 3FG (13th) ... 294 FTs (16th)

### Rick Shipley, 1988-91

1,359 points (18th) ... 983 rebounds (5th)

### Greg Starrick, 1970-72

1,428 points (14th) ... 22.0 ppg (2nd) ... 90 percent FT percentage (1st) ... 328 FTs (8th)

### Jamaal Tatum, 2004-07

1,667 points (7th) ... 309 assists (13th) ... 220 3FG (4th)

### Marcus Timmons, 1992-95

1,434 points (13th) ... 999 rebounds (4th) ... 343 assists (9th) ... 123 blocks (4th) ... 211 steals (3rd)

### Charlie Vaughn, 1959-62

2,088 points (1st) ... 666 rebounds (13th) ... 6 seasons in NBA

### Kent Williams, 2000-03

2,012 points (2nd) ... 352 assists (8th) ... 249 3FG made (2nd) ... 39.2 3FG percentage (8th)

### Gary Wilson, 1976-79

1,513 points (10th) ... 841 rebounds (7th) ... 99 blocks (6th)

## Head Coaches

### Jack Hartman, 1963-70

142-64 (.689) overall record in 8 seasons, 4 Small-College NCAA Tournaments, 2 NITs, 1 NIT Championship

### Rich Herrin, 1986-98

225-174 (.563) overall record in 13 seasons, 3 NCAA Tournaments, 4 NITs, 2 MVC regular-season titles, 3 MVC Tournament titles, MVC Coach of the Year (1990)

### Chris Lowery, 2005-12

137-93 (.596) overall record in 8 seasons, 3 NCAA Tournaments, 1 Sweet 16, 3 NCAA Tournament wins (most in school history), 1 NIT, 2 MVC regular-season titles, 1 MVC Tournament title, MVC Coach of the Year (2005, 2007), Salukis nationally-ranked for 11 weeks

### Bruce Weber, 1999-2003

103-54 (.656) overall record in 5 seasons, 2 NCAA Tournaments (1 Sweet 16), 2-2 in NCAA Tournament, 1 NIT, 2 MVC regular-season titles, MVC Coach of the Year (2003)

# Association Awards Textbook Scholarships

The SIU Alumni Association has awarded 49 students with more than \$20,000 worth of textbooks and supplies for the spring semester. The Association hosted a brief ceremony in January to gather students and college deans for the presentation of these books.

The textbook scholarships have become an annual tradition the Association proudly continues. Its National Board of Directors first allocated money for such a purpose in 2008. From there, the awards and impact on students' lives have grown.

"We hope receiving these textbook awards will help each of you continue on your path of success," Association Board President-Elect **Mike Kasser '78** told the group.

To receive the award, students must demonstrate a financial need and have a GPA of at least 3.0. In addition to working with the Department of Financial Aid, Center for International Studies, and Morris Library, Saluki Cares was also contacted to identify students to receive assistance.

The textbook scholarships are just one example of how the Association engages with the campus community, connecting alumni and current students. The textbook scholarships are just one example of

how the Association engages with the campus community, connecting alumni and current students.

"Often we are asked what the Association does," Executive Director **Michelle Suarez** says. "We facilitate relationships in support of SIU. The programs and services offered each year provide opportunities for students to engage with alumni, while at the same time engaging alumni and Association members with SIU."

The following is a list of the students who received the scholarships, along with their majors and hometowns:

## Illinois

Dalton Michels, Chemistry, Albion; Sarah Demkovich, Aviation Flight/Aviation Management, Algonquin; Brock Ohl, Physical Therapy, Assumption; Robert Thies, Electronic Journalism, Ava; Alexandria Damery, Forestry, Blue Mound; Devin Helm, Accountancy, Bluford; Imani Hudson, IT5, Carbondale; Jalon Hatley, Business Management, Chicago; Sydney Grover, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Chicago; Bianca Alaniz, Psychology, Chicago; Kyanna Haywood, Radiology, Chicago; Jovan Gathings, Speech Communications, Chicago; Taylor Shufford, Undecided, Chicago; Kerriane Waters, Juris Doctor,

Dunlap; Ronald Madlock, Law, East St. Louis; Charly Lowery, Chemistry, Eldorado; Alex Glasnovich, Information System Technology, Galesburg; Taylor Medernach, Psychology, Geneva; Alexandra Mistak, Sociology, Geneva; Jessi Funkhouser, Animal Sciences, Grayville; Aundrea Burrowes, Information Systems Technology, Gurnee; Heather Pierce, Spanish/Foreign Language and Int. Public Service, Herrin; Kenny Grundy, Music Business, Hodges Park; Seyla Balcazar, Radiation Therapy, Joliet; Jaclyn Wittenborn, Workforce Education and Development, Mascoutah; Jennifer Koob, Elementary Education, Morton Grove; Eduardo Sanchez, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Normal; Scott Schackmann, Foreign Language/Int. Trade, Odin; Danny Duerdoth, Business and Administration, Oswego; Brittany Johnson, Mech. Engineering, Palatine; Abigail Englund, Art History, Pecatonica; Stephanie Cessna, Accounting, Potomac; Christopher Watson, Information Systems Technology, South Holland; Amanda Erd, Journalism, St. Charles; Brian Hankey, Civil Engineering, Steger; Lateesha Baquet, Psychology, Tamms; Michele South, Anthropology, W. Frankfort; Michael Dinn, Juris Doctor, W. Frankfort; and Natasha Hammonds, Radiological Sciences, W. Frankfort.

## California

Rosa Covarrubias, Accounting, Los Angeles; and Daniel Denge, Workforce Education, San Diego.

## Indiana

Elizabeth Biever, Agribusiness Economics, Evansville; and Joshua Nygren, Juris Doctor, Indianapolis.

## Missouri

Delila Brandon, Zoology, Owensville.

## International

Isaac Onoh, Computer Engineering, Arochukwu, Abia State; Dominique Crespo, Zoology, Ecuador; Fatoumata Saidou Hangadumbo, Biological Sciences, Niamey, Niger; and Mirko Tadinac, Biochemistry, Split, Croatia.

## Military Off-Campus

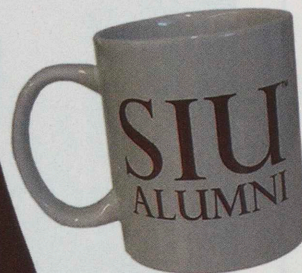
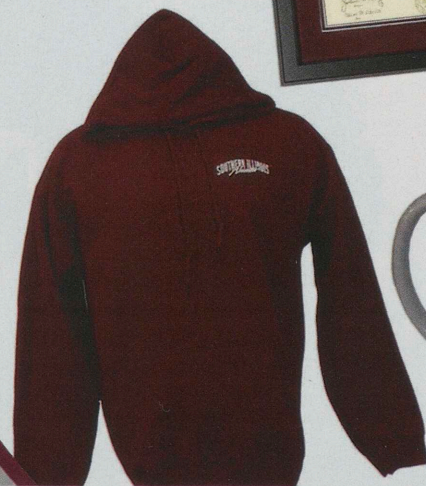
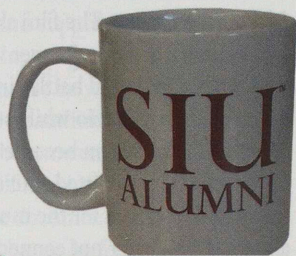
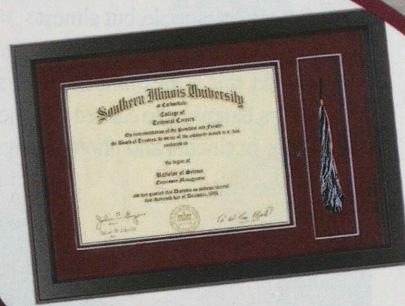
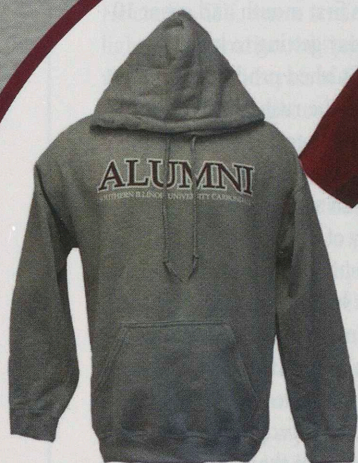
Nicolas Nixon, Radio-Television, Ramstein AFB.



SIU Alumni Association President-Elect Mike Kasser welcomes the students at the ceremony. More than \$20,000 was awarded to 49 students.

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# Prison Terminal Earns Oscar Nomination For Alumnus

by Pete Rosenbery

A compelling story about a unique prison hospice program provided filmmaker and Southern Illinois University Carbondale alumnus Edgar Barens '86, M.F.A. '93 an opportunity to walk on the red carpet March 2.

Barens' HBO documentary film, *Prison Terminal: The Last Days of Private Jack Hall*, was among five Academy Award nominees in the documentary short subject category. The film documents the final months of Jack Hall, a terminally ill, 83-year-old World War II decorated veteran serving time in prison for murder and the hospice care he received from volunteer prison inmates. The film debuts on HBO on March 31. (At press time for *Southern Alumni*, the Oscar winners had yet to be announced).

"I feel totally humble, but almost screaming inside pretty much all the time. In our world, this is the pinnacle of one's career," says Barens, who earned a bachelor's degree in cinema and photography

and a master's degree in film production from SIU. He learned of the nomination while at the Irvine International Film Festival where *Prison Terminal* premiered and earned Audience Award honors.

The nomination is the third Academy Award honor for SIU cinema and photography alumni, says assistant professor emeritus Michael Covell, one of Barens' earliest instructors and his mentor. Steve James M.F.A. '84 and Frederick Marx M.F.A. '83 earned a 1995 nomination for best film editing for *Hoop Dreams* in 1995, and Milcho Manchevski '83 was also nominated in 1995 for best foreign language film for *Before the Rain*.

Barens' work includes documentary and experimental films, music videos, and public service announcements. As part of his work with the Open Society Project, he shot a "how-to" film on prison hospices at Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, La., which helped when he approached prison officials in Iowa. Filming took place over six months at the maximum-security Iowa State

Penitentiary in Fort Madison, Iowa, in 2006 and 2007.

There are 75 prison hospice programs in the United States, but only about 20 that use prisoner volunteers, Barens notes. He is a media specialist at the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois Chicago.

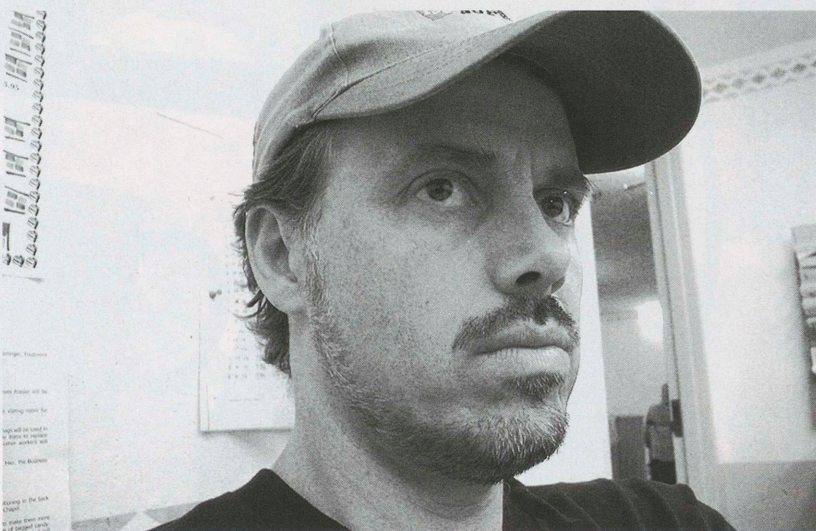
Crediting prison officials for a 24-7 open door policy, Barens ate with the inmates and lived across the street in the finished basement of a home where prison doctors stayed during the week. He cashed in his retirement to buy new camera equipment and spent time working as a phlebotomist, used car salesman, and file clerk to help finance the project.

Barens completed the film as a "one-man band" with a camera and shotgun microphone. But he didn't pull out the camera for the first month and spent 10 to 12 hours a day getting to know the inmates. The finished product would not be the same had he rushed the effort, says the SIU graduate, who describes himself as "naturally curious, gregarious, and compassionate."

"The luxury of time helps you bond with people. In prison, it is even accentuated because you have guys who have been there more than 20 years. They want to make a human connection, really," he says. "If you give people time and you listen, I think you bond with people much easier."

Barens shot more than 300 hours of film for the project. The film showcases Jack Hall, a U.S. Army Ranger whose background included battles in North Africa, Italy, and Anzio while still in his teens. Hall, whose son became hooked on drugs and committed suicide, was sentenced to prison for the murder of an alleged drug dealer not connected with his son's death.

Barens believes the film validates



Coming to SIU to study marine biology, Barens soon turned to his passion for films, and credits the University with teaching him the "solid craft of filmmaking."

what is essential for filmmakers – listening to people and truly caring about what they say. It is important for filmmakers to not just “get what they want and make it work in the edit room.”

“In documentary filmmaking, listening has to be at the top of the list of requirements,” he says. “If you don’t give the person you are talking to the courtesy of being curious and interested in what they are saying, even if 80 percent of what they are saying is not related to the film project, that is a huge thing.”

Barens, 53, lives near Aurora and came to SIU to study marine biology. He also had an interest in films, growing up exposed to great foreign films from parents who regularly took the family to Chicago. He was in a general studies cinema course in Lawson Hall when he learned of the University’s film department.

Ecstatic there was a filmmaking program, he went to the Communications Building, met Covell, got information about the program, and changed majors. He credits SIU, where students learned lighting, animation, editing, shooting titles – the “solid craft of filmmaking.”

“What SIU taught us was how to make a film from beginning to end,” he explains. “Other colleges would divide students into niches; for better or worse, SIU did not do that. It was a well-rounded education, and I felt capable to do anything I had to do once I got out of school.”

Barens took his mother to the awards ceremonies; his father, an artist whom Barens describes as a “creative force” in the family, passed away two years ago. His mother has also been a source of creativity and support.

As filming progressed, Barens says he began to realize he was onto something “absolutely beautiful” and believes audiences will become emotionally involved. The point of making films, particularly social issue documentaries, is to showcase social issues he feels don’t receive enough public support. When HBO came on board to assist in editing and to air

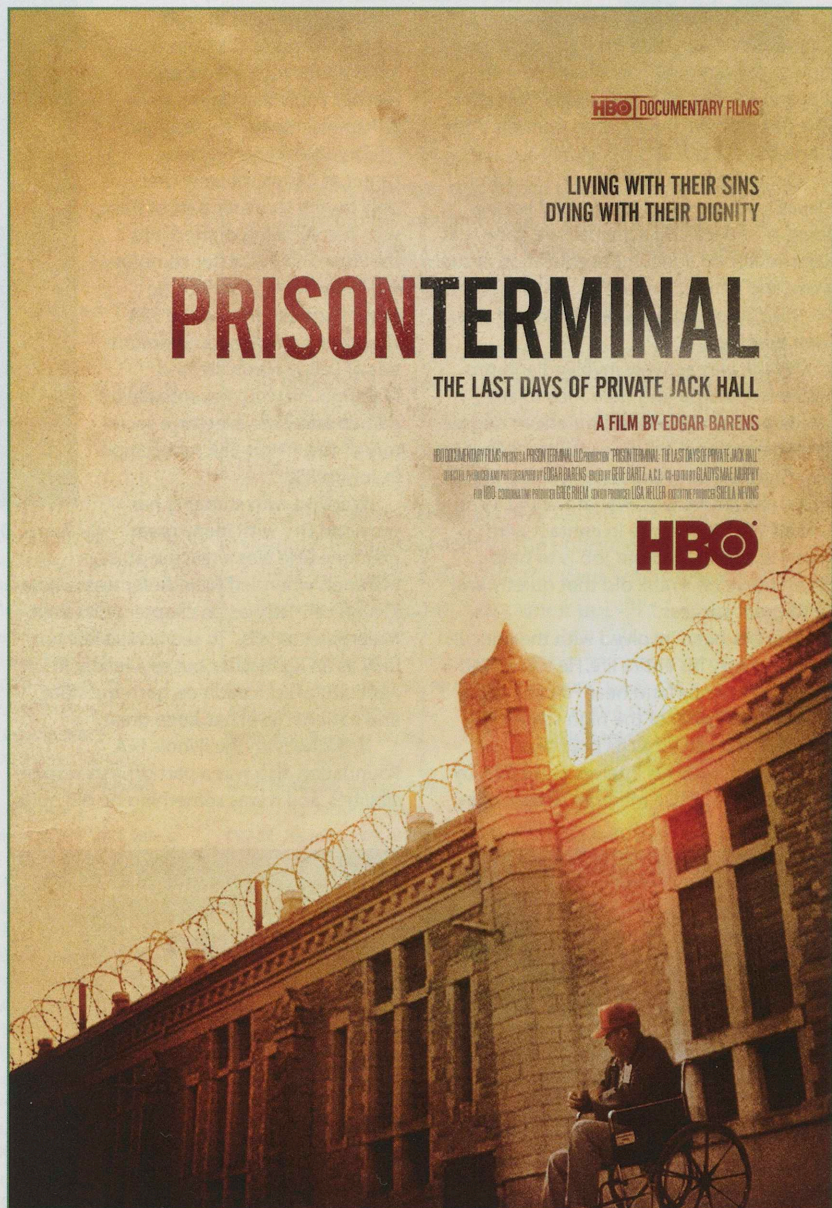
the film, he began believing in the film’s potential impact.

“These guys opened themselves up to me, and I think viewers can feel that. It doesn’t surprise me that the film is receiving these kinds of accolades,” he says.

Walter Metz, professor and Department of Cinema and Photography chair, says Barens’ documentary, along with the works of other award-winning

former students, “is a testament to the decades of quality filmmaking instruction that is a hallmark of the department.”

Metz also notes the diverse interests the former students bring with their films. While “few film schools could boast of such range,” the films are each the “work of talented, socially committed artists such as Edgar and challenge the way we see the world.” ■



Shooting more than 300 hours of film for the project, Barens realized he was dealing with something audiences would become emotionally involved when they watched the finished product.

# Organization Recognizes Life Member For Years Of Leading Ag Students

For more than four decades, **Frank Dry '69, M.S. '70** has impacted thousands of students as an agricultural teacher and the associate executive secretary of the Illinois Future Farmers of America Association.

At the National FFA Convention last fall, Dry received a citation from the organization to recognize his significant contributions to the FFA and agricultural education. The SIU graduate had retired from his position with the FFA on Dec. 31, 2012.

"I didn't expect this award," Dry admits. "I was honored to be recognized for the years of service and activities I've done that contributed to agricultural education at the state and national levels."

His contemporaries say the award was well deserved.

"Frank was actively involved and provided leadership and guidance to students preparing for their American degree and the national officer candidates," notes Jim Craft, executive secretary of the Illinois FFA Association, who worked with Dry since 1990. "We come in contact with many students, and our job is to help them move on. Frank did that quietly and with great success."

Dry has been involved with the agricultural industry his entire life. He was raised on a small family farm near Pinckneyville, Ill., was a member of the high school FFA chapter, and served as its president.

He continued his interest in the FFA by becoming an active member of the colle-

giate FFA chapter at SIU, where he completed both his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural education.

"Becoming an agriculture teacher was one of my career choices when I was in high school," he notes. "I always admired my high school ag teacher, Louis Templeton, who influenced me to be a teacher."

Dry started his teaching career at Carlyle; however, he only taught there for part of the year before being drafted into the Army in 1971. After completing three years of service, he taught agriculture and led FFA chapters in the Illinois communities of LeRoy, Nashville, and Marengo. He would eventually be named associate executive secretary of the Illinois FFA Association in July 1985.

Working with students has provided Dry with many great memories. He was a teacher at Marengo when Jeff Maierhofer was a state FFA officer. "He was on chapter visits then," Maierhofer recalls. "To see his success not only as an ag teacher but as a leader in agricultural education on both the state and national level has been great."

Working with the Illinois FFA Foundation also was a part of Dry's responsibilities, and it was something he did quite



Frank Dry

well. "During the Illinois Foundation banquet, it was mentioned that during my tenure I raised more than \$9 million for the foundation," he says. "I didn't realize the extent of money raised over the years."

At the national level, Dry was involved in several activities, including serving on the National FFA Foundation Board of Directors and as a member of their executive committee.

Now retired and living in Springfield, Ill., Dry says he is enjoying extra time with his grandchildren. He and his wife, **Shirley '68**, are the parents of two grown daughters, Melissa and Julie. Both were active members of their FFA chapters while in high school.

"It has been an honor to serve agricultural education in Illinois," he says. "I've enjoyed meeting all the teachers and students that I've had the opportunity to work with over the years."

—Thanks to Martha Blum, field editor at *Illinois AgriNews*, for some of the material used in this story.

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**SCHOVANEC**, Kathleen D., **'38**  
1/20/2014, Mount Prospect, Ill.

**AKIN**, Marsoen E., **'39**  
1/05/2014, San Clemente, Calif.

**MCADOO**, Winston S. "Mr. Mac," **'39**  
11/08/2013, Peachtree City, Ga.

**ZIEGLER**, Mildred L., **'39**  
12/24/2013, Fairfield, Ill.

**ETHERTON**, June H., **EX '41**  
11/03/2013, Jacksonville, Ill.

**SCHERRER SR.**, CDR Robert A., USN (Ret.), **EX '43**  
12/23/2013, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

**SMITH**, William F., **EX '43**  
11/30/2013, Herrin, Ill.

**HEDGES**, Anne L., **'44**  
11/20/2013, Poulsville, Wash.

**HEAPE**, Robert L. "Bob," **EX '46**  
12/14/2013, Du Quoin, Ill.

**BARNARD JR.**, Arthur "Art," **'47**  
11/27/2013, Wayne City, Ill.

**THOMPSON**, Rosemary, **'47**  
1/24/2014, Fort Worth, TEXas

**DEADMAN**, John C., **'48**  
1/10/2014, Novato, Calif.

**EADE**, Nona G. "Rose," **'48**  
11/12/2013, Meridianville, Ala.

**MITCHELL**, Ruth R., **EX '48**  
1/07/2013, Vincennes, Ind.

**NOLEN**, Robert S. "Bob," **'48**  
1/07/2014, Carmi, Ill.

**ROSSEL**, Lawrence J., **'48**  
7/02/2013, Okawville, Ill.

**ELLIOTT**, Joseph W., **'49**  
11/02/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

**GAERIG**, Carl D., **'50**  
12/20/2013, Dearborn, Mich.

**KESSLER**, Dean W., **'50**  
12/15/2013, Springfield, Ill.

**MCFADIN**, Val J., **'50, M.S. Ed. '51**  
11/01/2013, Modesto, Calif.

**SAUNDERS**, Robert "Bob," **EX '50**  
11/18/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

**STOFFLER**, Mildred E., **'50**  
11/01/2013, Greeley, Colo.

**WOODWARD**, Delores L. "Milo," **EX '50**  
11/18/2013, Vienna, W.V.

**BULLOCK**, Bill G., **'51**  
12/11/2013, Du Quoin, Ill.

**EDWARDS**, Dorothea E., **EX '51**  
1/24/2014, Marion, Ill.

**HARPER**, Wayne E., **EX '51**  
12/18/2013, Kewanee, Ill.

**LUPELLA, Ph.D.**, Robert O. "Bob," **'52, M.A. '53**  
1/23/2014, Melbourne, Fla.

**MEYER**, Verna L., **'52**  
1/12/2014, Keyesport, Ill.

**HANCOCK, Ph.D.**, Rev. Robert R. "Bob," **'53, M.S. Ed. '54**  
12/05/2013, Carterville, Ill.

**PHEGLEY**, Mildred M., **'53, M.S. Ed. '56**  
12/01/2013, Herrin, Ill.

**FEE, Ph.D.**, James V., **'54, M.S. Ed. '55**  
11/12/2013, Akron, Ohio

**GILL**, Kathleen Bryant, **'54**  
11/16/2013, Galatia, Ill.

**HALL**, George E., **EX '54**  
11/23/2013, Cochise, Ariz.

**SALMON**, Samuel E., **M.S. Ed. '65**  
1/19/2014, Thebes, Ill.

**SCHRADER**, Martin J. "John," **'54, M.A. '56**  
11/02/2013, Granite City, Ill.

**STAHLER**, Betty M., **'54**  
11/27/2013, Sarasota, Fla.

**JACKSON**, Col. Leslie G., USAF (Ret.) "Gene," **'55**  
12/19/2013, Ruston, La.

**SIMPSON**, Elaine M., **'55**  
10/02/2013, Red Bud, Ill.

**BARNES JR.**, Lester E. "Les," **'56, M.S. '57**  
11/24/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

**HOAGUE**, John L., **'56**  
1/18/2014, Herrin, Ill.

**MORGAN**, John A., **M.S. Ed. '56**  
11/22/2013, Mobile, Ala.

**FRANKLIN**, Rina R., **'57**  
1/11/2014, Herrin, Ill.

**GAYER**, Clifford E. "Gene," **'57**  
1/06/2014, Plumfield, Ill.

**HARBIN**, Samuel W., **M.S. Ed. '57, Ph.D. '82**  
1/01/2014, Springfield, Mo.

**LAWSON**, Charles W. "Bill," **'57**  
12/18/2013, Ballwin, Mo.

**ROBERSON**, Thera S., **'57, M.S. Ed. '63**  
12/03/2012, Benton, Ill.

**WELLS**, Robert S. "Bob," **'57**  
12/05/2013, Natick, Mass.

**BROWER**, Charles E., **'58**  
11/23/2013, Zeigler, Ill.

**NICHOLSON**, Luther M., **'58**  
12/16/2012, University City, Mo.

**OSBURN**, Letitia S. "Tish," **'58**  
11/16/2013, Harrisburg, Ill.

**LANGER**, Kenneth L., **M.S. Ed. '59**  
11/28/2013, Osage Beach, Mo.

**ROOSEVELT**, Paul H., **Ph.D. '59**  
12/07/2013, Paris, TEXas

**CULPEPPER**, John W., **'60**  
12/22/2013, Oklahoma City, Okla.

**O'BRIEN JR.**, Dr. Daniel J., **M.A. '60**  
2/06/2013, Olathe, Kan.

**PARRISH**, Kathryn B. "Kay," **M.S. Ed. '60, Ph.D. '83**  
11/22/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

**RAGSDALE**, Tommy R., **'60**  
12/12/2013, Charleston, W.V.

**TURKINGTON**, Albert K. "Keith," **'60**  
11/12/2013, Port Isabel, TEXas

**VON FUHRMANN**, Eric L., **'60, M.S. Ed. '62**  
12/26/2012, Evansville, Ind.

**HILL**, Betty Jo, **'61, M.S. '66**  
11/22/2013, De Soto, Ill.

**MUSSELMAN**, Alva Dale, **M.S. '61**  
12/02/2013, Oakdale, Ill.

**SATHOFF**, Roger P., **'61**  
12/12/2013, St. Louis, Mo.

**WEARY JR.**, Dewitt L., **'61**  
11/10/2013, Belleville, Ill.

## Katy Simonds, Business Leader And SIU Supporter

Katy Simonds, SIU Alumni Association life member and longtime supporter of Southern Illinois University, died in January at the age of 100. In 1946, she and her husband, Gene, founded E.T. Simonds Construction Company in Carbondale. Katy worked at the company for many years and served on its board of directors until 2003.



Katy Simonds

While neither she nor her late husband graduated from SIU, they were important friends of the institution, and two of their four children attended Southern. Among her many philanthropic initiatives at the University, Simonds established the Katy Becker Simonds Scholarship for southern Illinois residents majoring in Business, and the Eugene T. Simonds Memorial Library Endowment Fund at Morris Library which supports the purchase of materials related to U.S. military history. The Alumni Lounge at the College of Engineering was named in honor of E. T. and Katy Simonds' contributions to the college in 2000. Morris Library is also home to the Simonds Family Papers, 1836-2003.

Simonds served on the SIU Foundation Board of Directors from 1988-2003, was honored as a Southern Illinois Business Leader by the College of Business in 2000, and received the Distinguished Service Award from the SIU Alumni Association in 1997.

**CLARK SR.**, Roy L., **M.S. '62, Ph.D. '79**  
12/13/2013, Skull Valley, Ariz.

**MUNSELL**, Benedict W., **'62**  
7/11/2013, Highland, Ill.

**WHITTENBERG**, William B., **'62**  
10/31/2013, Russellville, Mo.

**CRAIN**, Joseph L., **'63, '67**  
1/04/2014, Herrin, Ill.

**MOSLEHI**, Janet K., **'63**  
1/12/2014, Murphysboro, Ill.

**SMITH**, Herwald Paul, **'63**  
12/27/2013, Houston, TEXas

**FOEHR, DDS**, Frank W., **'64**  
11/04/2013, Bloomington, Ill.

**KEITH**, Dale A., **'64**  
11/21/2013, Rogersville, Tenn.

**STOTLER, Ph.D.**, Raymond E., **M.A. '64**  
12/04/2013, Makanda, Ill.

**WALKER**, Dr. Kenneth E., **M.S. '64, S.P. '75**  
11/24/2013, Princeton, Ky.

**SCROGGINS**, Michael D. "Mike," **'65, M.S. '67**  
8/22/2012, Edwardsville, Ill.

**UNIEK**, James J., **M.A. '66**  
1/14/2014, Oak Forest, Ill.

**BRIGHAM SR.**, James R., **EX '67**  
12/21/2013, Hilton Head, S.C.

**EARNHART**, Larry J., **'67**  
12/11/2013, Karnak, Ill.

**GARLAND, Ph.D.**, Barbara K. "Skippy," **M.S. '67**  
12/2013, Hillsborough, N.C.

**KNITTEL**, Robert E., **Ph.D. '67**  
11/21/2013, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

**NELSON**, Donald G., **M.S. '67**  
11/29/2013, Powell, Wyo.

**TATE**, Danny R., **'67, M.B.A. '72**  
12/07/2013, Winnemucca, Nev.

**CAVATORTA JR.**, James L., **'68**  
12/25/2013, Ottawa, Ill.

**CONNOR**, Michael R., **'68**  
2/13/2013, Newton, Ill.

**DZIADUS**, Bertha F., **'68, M.S. Ed. '77**  
12/07/2013, West Frankfort, Ill.

**SPAHN**, Ernest E., **M.S. Ed. '68**  
10/8/2013, Nauvoo, Ill.

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## 6th Annual Saluki Holiday Dinner In Austin

The Austin/San Antonio Chapter hosted more than 50 alumni and friends to an optional day of golf and a holiday dinner at the Hyatt Lost Pines Resort. After dinner, Salukis participated in a “white armadillo” gift exchange. SIU Foundation Director of Development Pat Moline was the keynote speaker. After the event, several attendees mingled around a giant bonfire on the premises to socialize and grill up some Texas-style s’mores. Tara Janssen, Sara McKnight, Eileen Eiden, Claudia Ogrin, and Bill and Mary Szelag helped plan the fun-filled evening.



## Loyola Basketball Game And Reception

The Chicagoland Chapter hosted more than 75 alumni and friends to a night of men’s basketball. Prior to SIU’s game at Loyola, there was a pregame reception at Bar 63 featuring food and drink specials. SIU Associate Athletic Director Chet Savage was on hand to greet and talk with attendees.



From left, Clarence Toran, Zachery Sapienza, Sandra Smith, and Mary Carroll enjoy the pregame event at Loyola.

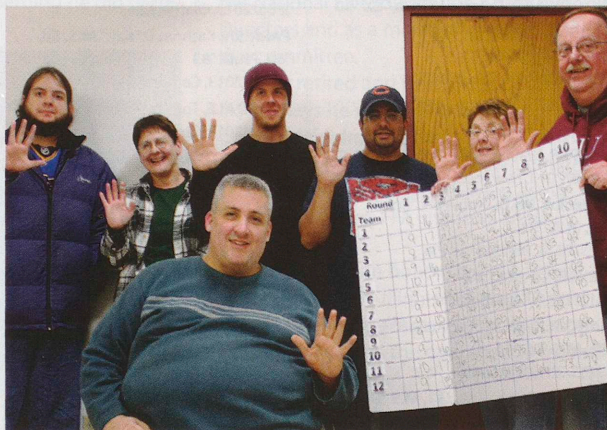
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Learn more about SIU Alumni Association chapters and clubs at [www.siu alumni.com/chapters](http://www.siu alumni.com/chapters), or call the Association office at 618/453-2408 to find out more about how you can connect with other Salukis in your area.

## 9th Annual St. Louis Trivia Night

The St. Louis Chapter hosted 85 alumni and friends for their annual trivia night fundraiser. Team Carr, captained by Ken Carr – a retired marketing coordinator for SIU Student Health Services, successfully defended the title by winning for a fifth consecutive year!

More than \$2,500 was raised for the St. Louis Chapter Scholarship Fund. Chapter Representatives Anna Vani, Aimee Snavely, and Leslie Patterson coordinated the event.



“Team Carr,” captained by Ken Carr (far right), a longtime SIU employee now retired, led his group to their fifth year of winning the event.



## Springfield Chapter Watch Party

The recently revitalized Prairie Capital Chapter hosted more than 50 alumni and friends to an afternoon of fun and entertainment at the Brickhouse Pub & Grill. Saluki alumni had a private section to watch the men's basketball team take on the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers. Tim McCarthy and Matt Jennings coordinated the event.

## Save The Dates ...

The dates for three of the SIU Alumni Association's most popular Major League Baseball events have been set for this summer. Mark these games on your calendar:

**June 14** – 13th Annual Family Day at U.S. Cellular Field

**July 26** – 37th Annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field

**Aug. 30** – 30th Annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium

Go to [www.sialumni.com](http://www.sialumni.com) to find out more.

## JobBound Event Helps SIU Students

The SIU Alumni Association gave students the opportunity this semester to network and learn from a noted career specialist. The Association's Student Alumni Council and the SIU College of Business partnered to host Brad Karsh, president and founder of JobBound, for a workshop at Morris Library. Student members of the Association, as well as all students across campus, were invited to attend.

Student members of the Association were treated to extra time with Karsh prior to the workshop, during a special reception in the library's Hall of Presidents and Chancellors. The reception was part of the Association's commitment to con-

necting current SIU students with the resources and people they need to get ahead after college.

The Association is also home to the award-winning Extern Program, which, since 1984, has helped more than 3,000 students get a week of experience in their chosen career field over spring break.

JobBound is the nation's leading authority in preparing college students for career success. Karsh is a job advice columnist for Yahoo!, has authored two books and has been featured on CNN, CNBC, *Dr. Phil*, as well as in the pages of the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*.



Brad Karsh, middle, with some of the student members of the Association who met with him at a reception.



Students at Grad Bash enjoy getting their photo taken with a cutout of the Saluki mascot.

## Grad Bash Provides 'One Stop Shop'

For the third straight year, the SIU Alumni Association hosted an event to bring together several campus groups and departments to provide valuable information and resources for students as they prepare for graduation. "Grad Bash '14" was part celebration and part information sharing in February festivities in the Student Center Ballrooms.

Students preparing for graduation in May or December this year attended. The event provided a "one stop shop" for them, as they were able to apply for graduation, order caps and gowns, and verify a permanent address with the Office of Records.

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## Board of Directors Ballot

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

Only the votes of dues-paying alumni who are members of the Association are valid in this election. Ballots must reach the offices no later than noon on April 11, 2014.

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

A  B



**Laura Soucy '87**, earned her bachelor of science in Food and Nutrition from the College of Agriculture Sciences. After 24 years in the food service industry, she recently switched careers and is a paralegal working as the manager of contracts for Symphony Clinical Research in Vernon Hills, Ill. Soucy says she feels honored to be considered for Board reelection, and continues to feel it is a way for her to give back to the University. In addition to her work on the board, she has served as a volunteer at several SIU Alumni Association events. She and her husband, Matt '89, reside in Grayslake, Ill.

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

A  B



**Harry Fanning '83**, has been representing the College of Applied Sciences and Arts on the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in aviation management and is a logistics engineer for Boeing Aerospace in St. Louis. Fanning received the Alumni Achievement Award in 1997. He is a member of the SIU AvTech Industry Advisory Board and is president of the CASA Alumni Board. In addition, he has facilitated a relationship between the Boeing Company and SIU that has resulted in the company's participation in the Association's Extern Program. He and wife, Beverly, are the parents of three children, one grandchild, and live in Wright City, Mo.

A  B



**Paul Piché '74**, a Chartered Life Underwriter and Chartered Financial Consultant, is the owner of Safe Money Assets, a retirement planning practice in Garland, Texas. He is a graduate of the College of Business Administration with a degree in Economics. While attending SIU he was active in Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity and president of the SIU Chapter of the Society for Advancement of Management. He entered the financial services industry in 1977 and has earned numerous industry awards and honors. Paul is the immediate past-president of the Dallas/Ft. Worth SIU Alumni Chapter. He and his wife, **Babs**, reside in Garland.

A  B



**Molly Hudgins '97** is department chair of sport management and an associate professor at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. She has been at the institution since 2002, and also chairs the President's Athletic Advisory Committee. Hudgins, who earned a master's degree at Florida State and a doctor's in jurisprudence at the University of Tennessee, is co-founder and president of the Future College Golf Association, mentoring junior golfers and their families. She was a member of the SIU golf team from 1992-97, and was honored by the MVC for both athletic and academic success. She resides in St. Louis.

### Please return this ballot or photocopy to:

SIU Alumni Association  
Attn: Board of Directors Election  
Colyer Hall, Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale, IL 62901-6809

### Name of person(s) voting / address / city / state:

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You may also vote online at [www.sialumni.com](http://www.sialumni.com).

## Nominations Being Accepted For SIU Distinguished Alumni Award

The SIU Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes alumni who have achieved success and recognition in the fields of career achievement, cultural impact, humanitarian efforts, and honors accomplished young alumni. Individuals are selected for the honor they bring to the University through outstanding accomplishments within the award category.

In addition, the awards demonstrate to our students the value of an SIU education and how it serves as a platform for successful careers. The 2014 awards will be presented at Morris Library during a public ceremony and reception April 25 at 3:30 p.m. in Guyon Auditorium. A story and photos will be featured in the June issue of Southern Alumni magazine.

Michelle Suarez, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association says, "The alumni who earn this award are shining examples of what SIU has to offer the world. The Distinguished Alumni Award Program, which began in 1998, is yet one more example of how the Association facilitates relationships in support of SIU. While on campus, SIU students will have the opportunity to engage with the recipients to learn about their life experiences."

If you would like to nominate someone for the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award, submissions are currently being accepted through midnight Aug. 1, 2014. Go to [www.sialumni.com/distinguishedalumni](http://www.sialumni.com/distinguishedalumni) to submit your information, or for more information contact Kathy Dillard at [kathyd@alumni.siu.edu](mailto:kathyd@alumni.siu.edu) or 618/453-2408.

# Radio-TV Alumni Reunite At SIU

by Nancy Pearl '69

A grass-roots effort based in passion, friendship, and camaraderie brought together about 20 SIU Carbondale graduates from the Radio-Television/Digital Media department back to campus last fall. The movement started via Facebook, where an alumni page had been created years ago but lay relatively dormant. Early in 2013, it went viral with more than 400 members joining, adding many fond reminiscences, photos, and connections.

As a result, we decided to hold a reunion in Carbondale, where we had spent such happy times.

The reunion was open to alumni from all years, since there was often interaction among students of different years and even eras. What we shared wasn't as much the dates of enrollment as the shared passion and joy of the work, incredible opportunities to learn through hands-on experience, and the special people we were fortunate to know during our days at SIU.

We found that all of those things hadn't changed since graduation as we picked up where we left off, even if we were meeting one another for the first time. Attendees represented classes from 1967-1988.

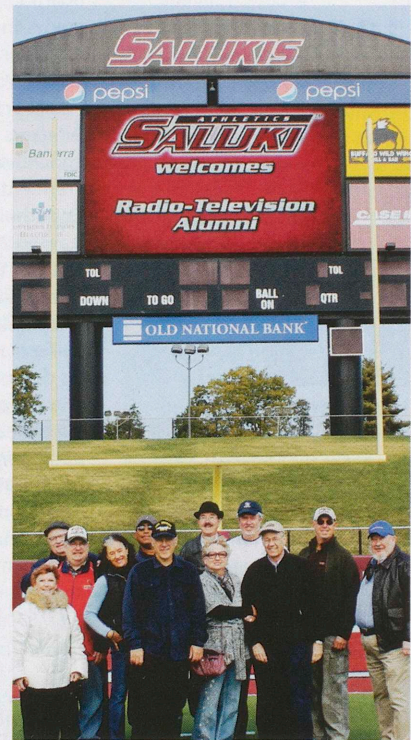
Department leadership gave invaluable administrative support and input to the

effort, but we created our weekend adventure. Friday afternoon, a few alumni spoke to current students to answer questions about "the real world" of communications. Bill Haines '69, Dick Dyszel, '69, Rich O'Dell '72, and I were impressed with the quality of the students, who in turn, were grateful for the information.

Later that day, the department hosted tours of the radio and television facilities – so familiar yet so different – and hosted a reception in the television studio. Guests were treated to a video updating them on the activities and growth of the current department. Several people then went on to a local Mexican restaurant for margaritas and merriment.

Saturday brought a tour of the campus, including a warm welcome on the electronic scoreboards at the basketball arena and football stadium. The afternoon was open for free touring, which many people used to explore the Southern Illinois Wine Trail. Evening brought us together at the Giant City Lodge for music, discussion, and a fried chicken dinner.

Everyone expressed joy in being together again, for some, the first time back in a home that meant so much to us. We didn't want it to end and look forward to next time.



The scoreboard at Saluki Stadium welcomed some of the group to the new football facility.



Alumni meet with some of the department administrators in the studio. Front row from left: Greg Britton '70, Novotny Lawrence (Interim Chair), Dafna Lemish (Interim Dean), Nancy Pearl '69, Bill Dyszel '74, Don Zeikel '69, and George Thompson '74. Second row: Ron Graves (SIU Foundation), Al Saponar '78, Cher Dombrowski '69, Bill Haines '69, Les Lannom '69, and Rich O'Dell '72. Third row: Dick Dyszel '69, Kevin Reynolds '79, I.J. Hudson '69, Joey Helleny '73, M.S. '04 (senior lecturer in radio-television), C.P. Harding '68, Mark Bradley '77, and Tom Hedeem '74.

Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.

## 1940s

The Reverend **LeRoy Pittman '48** recently celebrated his 94th birthday. Born in his



family's home in Elkhville, Ill., on Dec. 16, 1919, he considers himself as part of the first class to

have graduated from Southern Illinois University, as it was in 1948 that the University had dropped "Normal" from its name. He served in WWII in the Navy Air Corps in the South Pacific, and served his ministry in southern Illinois under the auspices of the United Methodist Church. The life member of the SIU Alumni Association recently provided the invocation at the Half Century Club's dinner. He is an ardent supporter of Saluki athletics, and a longtime resident of Carbondale who attends as many home basketball games as he can.

## 1950s

Olivet Nazarene University recently honored **David Elwood M.A. '58** of Columbus, Ind., with the Harold W. Reed Leadership Award for a life-



time of ethical leadership and for his success through his family business, Elwood

Staffing. Following a successful career in clinical psychology, he teamed with his son, Mark, to found Elwood Staffing, a leading provider of talent-

based solutions. Other sons, Michael and John, later joined the business. He continues to serve as the chairman of the board for the company and enjoys the shared leadership with his sons.

The Wyandotte (Kansas) Health Foundation's Board of Directors has announced the impending retirement of President/CEO **William Epperheimer '58**, who will leave in 2014. Epperheimer was hired by the new Foundation in June 1998 when the sale of the *Kansas City Kansan* to a California company triggered his departure there after 14 years as publisher. In subsequent years, the *Kansan* ceased publication. "Bill has provided outstanding leadership for the Wyandotte Health Foundation since its inception," board chairman Ray Daniels says. "The community and the board have greatly benefited from his experience and commitment."

## 1960s

**Larry Lorenz '65 Ph.D. '68**, the longtime moderator of "Informed Sources," the media and public affairs show produced by New Orleans PBS affiliate WYES-TV, has retired. Lorenz says when he

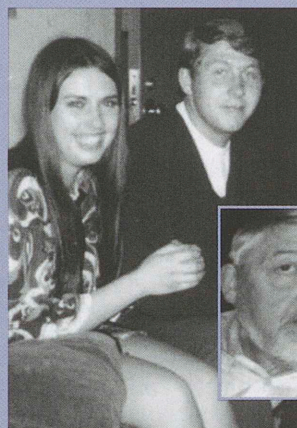


auditioned for the job, a producer told him that he was expected to stick around. "The producer said, 'You can't just stay here for a year. You have to be here awhile,'" he notes. "I had no idea it was going to be 26 years." Lorenz, age 76, says he's in good health and looks forward to more opportunities for travel.

**Max Hochstetler '67**, Austin Peay State University professor emeritus of art, received the 2013 Clarksville-Montgomery County (Tenn.) Arts and Heritage Development Council's Award

## Remembering Notso

**A**lthough Don Vollrath came to Carbondale in the late 1960s to play football for the Salukis, few knew him for his exploits on the gridiron. Even his real name wasn't that familiar to many who encountered him. But mention his nickname to anyone from southern Illinois who was a



Painter and "Notso" at Mae Smith in 1969. Inset, a recent photo of him.

patron of any of his many businesses, and you might get a wink, a nod, and probably a story.

"Notso" Vollrath, who died at age 65 last December in Carbondale, came to SIU to major in physical education. But business opportunities – of which he soon took full

advantage – interrupted the pursuit of his degree. He became manager of Bonaparte's, then the Carbondale Elks, and later

he acquired ownership of the Spanish Key. He founded or managed Notso's Brown Bag, Up Your Alley, Key West, and Vollrath Bar & Restaurant Supply. He also worked for Harrah's Casino in Metropolis, the Holiday Inn in Carbondale, and Jim Pearl in Carbondale.

Close friend and constant Carbondale companion Don Apostolos EX '71, described Vollrath as "a great guy with a heart of gold and a good head for business." Both were members of the Saluki football team in the late 1960s, and both were hired as bouncers at Bonaparte's Retreat, a popular bar on East Main Street.

Each was 6'1" and 250 pounds and often mistaken for the other. Bonaparte's manager Randy Kidd gave Apostolos the nickname "Dirty Don," and Vollrath was initially labeled "Not So Dirty." This was eventually shortened to "Notso."

**Cindy Painter '72**, a girlfriend in the late 1960s and now Director of Development at Walters State Community College in Greeneville, Tenn., says "some moments stick with you forever, as does the moment I met Don. Walking through the lobby of Mae Smith, I came in contact with a boisterous bunch of football players, including one particularly forward fellow named Apostolos. But it was his quiet, blond, grinning roommate who apologized for his friend's brash behavior and thus caught my attention.

"It was a carefree time for us all when we were young, laughing, and simply living life to the fullest. He was a gentleman, a sweetheart, and a steadfast friend."

The legion of SIU students and community members who encountered Notso over the years would no doubt agree.



for Lifetime Achievement for his contributions in the arts. An active painter and exhibitor throughout his teaching career, Hochstetler's award-winning paintings, both acrylic and watercolor, have been featured in many exhibitions and have been shown in galleries from Tennessee and Kentucky to New York City and Arlesheim, Switzerland.

The University of Western Ontario's longest-serving coach, **Bob Vigars '67**, was



inducted into the London (Ontario) Sports Hall of Fame last November. His accomplishments

for this honor are many and unparalleled. Vigars-coached teams won 11 track and field and 16 cross-country championships in Ontario university competitions. He claimed 14 of Western's 31 national championships (three women's track and field titles, seven women's and four men's cross-country titles). Vigars was named CIS Coach of the Year 14 times and Ontario University Athletics (OUA) Coach of the Year 28 times.

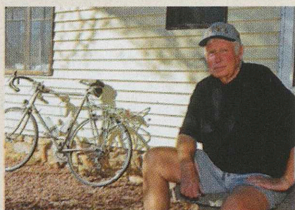
## 1970s

**Thomas Schanzle-Haskins '70, J.D. '76** has been appointed to serve as a federal magistrate judge in the central district of Illinois. His district covers 46 counties across central Illinois, including Springfield, Rock Island,



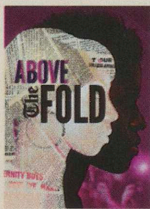
Peoria, and Champaign-Urbana. He previously served as a partner with Brown, Hay & Stephens, the oldest practicing law firm in Illinois. Schanzle-Haskins is an elected member of the Illinois State Bar Association and serves on the Federal Civil Practice Section Council. He lives in Springfield, Ill.

**Bill Holden '72**, whose philanthropic efforts for the fight against Juvenile Diabetes have been reported previously in this publication, added an addi-



tional chapter to his story when he rode his bike from his home in Prescott, Ariz., to Round Valley High School in Springerville, Ariz., to raise money and awareness for the Yarnell, Ariz., rebuilding effort. The small Arizona town lost 129 structures in the tragic June 2013 fire. Holden's ride covered approximately 240 miles each way. This was just one of several examples of Holden's charitable efforts for a good cause, which stretch back almost five decades.

**Mary Michelle Miner '72** was the production stage manager for the world premiere of *Above the Fold*, presented at the Pasadena (Calif.) Playhouse in January and February.



*Above the Fold* tells the story of Jane, an African-American newspaper reporter from New York, who flies to a southern university where three white fraternity boys have been accused of raping a young African-American woman. Taking place amidst the shift from print to digital journalism

*Above the Fold* asks tough questions about the exploitation of tragedy, the cost of success, and the dangers that come when ambition collides with truth. Michele lives in Pasadena with her husband, Paul Perri, and their two children, Giacomo and Justine. When she was in New York, she was a production stage manager on and off Broadway.

Content for Biz, an Internet marketing communications company specializing in content writing services, recently appointed **Mike Porcaro '72**



to the position of account executive. Prior to joining Content for Biz, he served as publisher

of several construction industry trade magazines, including *Better Roads, Aggregates Manager, Construction Equipment, Concrete Construction*, and *Building Design & Construction*. Porcaro began working as a construction laborer during his college breaks and has been involved in the construction market ever since.

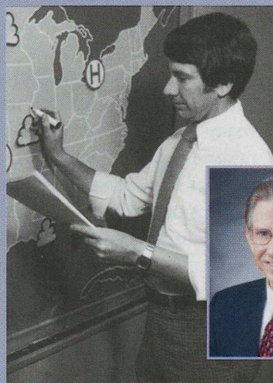
**Richard Guebert Jr. '74** of Ellis Grove, Ill., has been elected to a two-year term as Illinois



Farm Bureau president. Guebert previously served as vice president of IFB for the last 10 years and has served as president of the Randolph County Farm Bureau.

## TV 12 Weatherman Signs Off

**Bob Reeves '70**, weather forecaster and meteorologist for KFVS12 television, has announced his retirement after more than 40 years at the station. Reeves began his career in television in 1970 when Oscar Hirsch, founder of the CBS affiliate, hired him to anchor the 10 p.m. news along with covering weather and sports. He held many positions during his career, including reporter, assistant news director, farm director and, since 1982,



weatherman. Reeves' last day with KFVS12 was Feb. 26.

Reeves was the morning weatherman for 11 years until predecessor Don McNeely retired in 1993, and he became senior weather anchor for weekday evening newscasts. Tim

**For more than four decades, Reeves has been a fixture on local television.**

Ingram, vice president and general manager of KFVS12, says the SIU graduate's retirement leaves "immense shoes to fill."

"Lots of great people, a ton of great memories, lots of fun," Reeves says when asked to look back on his days at TV 12. "I've been blessed to be associated with this institution for 42 great years. I wouldn't change a thing."

## Glenn Returns To Campus, Releases New Book

SIU Hall of Famer **Mike Glenn '77** returned to Carbondale recently to be honored as a member of the Basketball All-Century team, and he also used the visit to launch the release of his fifth book.

The College of Business' Office of Minority Affairs and Blacks Interested in Business hosted an event, held in conjunction with Black History Month, where Glenn highlighted the 10 chapters of his book, *My Next Shot Goes In! Ten Sacred Characteristics of NBA Players That Lead To Success*.

Glenn, who is also a sports analyst and author, earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics and a minor in computer science while at SIU, spent 10 years in the NBA before retiring in 1987.

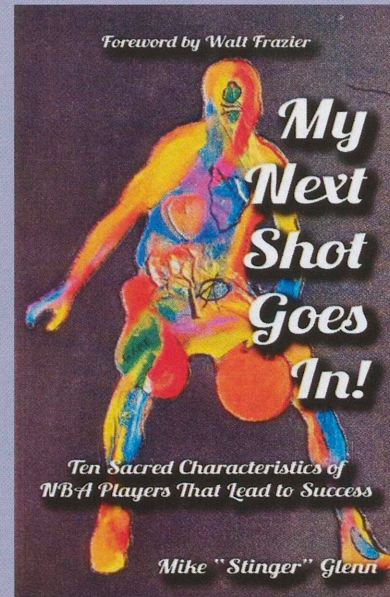
"This is a self-development book, but it's not based on the power of positive thinking just by itself," Glenn says. "I looked for more tangible ways that people can internalize, understand and really feel the power in these techniques."

With a foreword by fellow Saluki basketball great Walt Frazier EX '67, the SIU Alumni Association member's book encourages people to accept the challenges of life, build on their strengths, make their thoughts as big as your dreams and let the universe handle the details.

Currently a basketball analyst for Fox Sports South, Glenn also appears on 'Hawks Live,' the pre-game, halftime and post-game Atlanta Hawks show. He is active in youth programs and speaks about violence prevention and drug awareness.

"We strive to inspire, motivate, uplift and encourage our students and community by presenting Mike Glenn, in celebration of Black History Month," says longtime friend **Michael Haywood '83, M.S. '87**, director of minority affairs in the College of Business at SIU. "Mike loves SIU and always enjoys connecting with our Saluki family."

Glenn's book is available on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), [www.mikeglenn.com](http://www.mikeglenn.com), and at [www.booklogix.com](http://www.booklogix.com).



"I'm looking forward to working with the board of not only Illinois Farm Bureau, but also Country Financial," he says. "We'll continue to move Illinois agriculture forward, stay abreast of the emerging issues, and get our points of view carried out."

**Randall Schumacker '78, M.S., '84 Ph.D.**, a professor at the University of Alabama,



received the 2012 Faculty Technology Award for his development of the DecisionKit app which

features decision tools for selecting measurement, statistics, and research designs. He also received the 2013 McCrory Faculty Excellence in Research Award. Schumacker recently published several books: *A Beginner's Guide to Structural Equation Modeling* with Richard Lomax in 2010; *Understanding*

*Statistics Using R* with Sara Tomek in 2013; and *Learning Statistics Using R* in 2014.

### 1980s

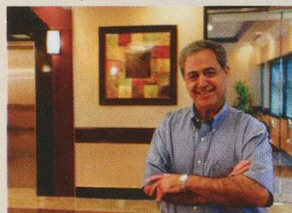
Naturescapes Perennial Farm and Plant Nursery is the brainchild of Collinsville, Ill., natives Tom Hardesty and **Nancee Kruescheck '80**, and the business recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. The duo grew up as neighbors, attended the Collinsville schools together, and eventually became business partners. The "small country nursery" has grown to include a garden shop featur-



ing dried herbs hanging from its rafters, gazing globes in the

window and art such as copper dragonflies by local artists and landscaping work. For Kruescheck, the uniqueness of the shrubs, trees, and flowers has a special appeal. "It's not like a manufacturing plant where you just order a new car," she says, "it has to grow."

**Ali Setork '82 Ph.D.** married his wife, Mina, in their native Teheran, Iran, in 1976, and they came to the United



States with plans to earn college degrees and return to their homeland. But the Iranian revolution changed all that. They bought a home in Lisle, Ill., and raised two daughters. They later moved to Naperville, where they continued their careers as college

professors. They started a home office, which blossomed into a larger business. They incorporated and focused on commercial properties with their privately held DynaCom Management Inc., which now has 15 employees.

Growing up in the tiny Franklin County community of Ewing, **Andrea Beaty '83** never dreamed of landing a book on the *New York Times* best-seller list, but that's exactly where her latest literary effort ended up

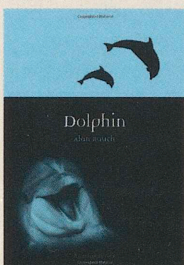


last year. *Rosie Revere, Engineer*, written by Beaty and illustrated by David Roberts, spent about five weeks on the

prestigious list in the fall. The tale of a young girl's quest to become an engineer was also recognized on several "Best of" lists of children's books published last year. Too, she was

recently named the Illinois Reading Council's Prairie State award winner for 2014, and her 11 books have earned awards and accolades from reviewers and the publishing industry.

**Alan Rauch '83 M.A.** has written *Dolphin*, the latest volume in Reaktion's animal series. Rauch is an associate professor of English at the University of North Carolina – Charlotte. From *Flipper* to SeaWorld, dolphins have long captured our hearts.



He says we love these friendly, intelligent mammals, and they seem to

return our feelings – they enjoy interacting with swimmers and have been known to encircle people under attack by sharks. Despite our familiarity with dolphins, though, many people remain ill-informed about how they evolved, how they function, and how they have interacted with humans for millennia. The book is available from many online booksellers.

**Sharon Leidy Todd '85** has been inducted into the South Central Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in Shippensburg. The

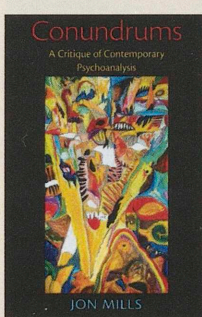


Boiling Springs High School valedictorian for the class of 1981, Todd was a hall-of-fame field hockey

and track star for Southern. She was a two-time Academic All-American and was named the Gateway Conference's field hockey MVP of the decade for the years spanning 1982-92 to go along with her 1985 conference championship in the indoor pentathlon and outdoor heptathlon. She was

inducted into the SIU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1992.

**Jon Mills '87 M.A. '88** recently won the Goethe Award for best book in 2012 for *Conundrums: A Critique of Contemporary Psychoanalysis* given by the Canadian Psychological Association. He also recently won a Gradiva Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis in New York City



for best TV program, *The Talking Cure*, which was produced

by Rogers Television and aired from 2012-13. Mills was the community producer and designed the TV series to educate the public about the value of talk therapy and psychoanalysis. This is his third Gradiva Award.

**Eva Keiser '89** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Public Relations Society of America. Minnesota PRSA is comprised of more than 350 professionals from agency, corporate, non-profit, government, and freelance sectors. Chartered in 1949, Minnesota PRSA is the ninth-largest chapter of the Public Relations Society of America, the world's largest organization for public relations professionals with nearly 32,000 professional and student members.

Valdosta State University (Georgia) has announced the appointment of **A. Blake Pearce M.F.A. '89** as dean of College of the Arts. A professor of art who served as the head of the Department of Art, Pearce has been of a member of the Valdosta State faculty since 1991. In addition to his

academic and administrative duties, Pearce has been involved in various college and



university-wide committees. "Blake's knowledge of our community, administrative experience, excellent background in external accreditation, and vision for the College of the Arts in the 21st century were acknowledged throughout the interview process," says Karla Hull, interim vice president for Academic Affairs.

## 1990s

**Nancy Rosenstengel J.D. '93** has been nominated to serve as a United States District



Judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois; the seat is being vacated by Judge G. Patrick Murphy. Her nomination is currently pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee. She says, "The best advice I ever received was to go to SIU School of Law. I knew I wanted to remain in the area, and it was a great education at a great price."

Information systems expert **T. (Ravi) Ravichandran Ph.D. '96** has been named the Irene and Robert Bozzone '55 Distinguished Chair in the Lally School of Management at



Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. An endowed professorship is among the highest honors bestowed on a Rensselaer faculty member, as Ravichandran is noted as an internationally recognized

expert in the fields of business strategy, information technology management, and supply-chain management.

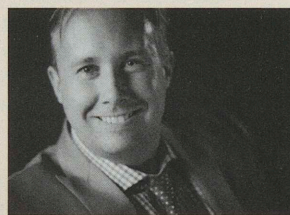
The law firm Heyl Royster has announced that **James Grabowski '98, J.D. '01** has



joined its ranks. Grabowski coordinates the defense of the firm's asbestos clients, which includes litigation management, preparation of defense strategies, and discovery and document production. Grabowski started his career at a general insurance defense law firm in St. Louis and then practiced in the areas of complex business litigation and asbestos defense at a mid-sized Illinois firm. He has coordinated all aspects of asbestos litigation for clients sued in multiple jurisdictions, including, Illinois, Missouri, Delaware, Texas, New York, and California.

## 2000s

Utopic has signed **Christopher Elliott '00** as director of finishing to the Chicago-based post production/digital media company. Elliott joins Utopic after a 10-



year stint as Red Car/Chicago's director of finishing. Prior to that position, he was on the staff at Optimus, where he worked with Tim Kloehn, Utopic's co-owner and editor. "I'm excited to be reunited with Chris. He's an innovative talent who brings both creative and technical ingenuity

to the craft of finishing – and is an invaluable addition to our team,” says Kloehn.

**Winston Calvert '02** has been named to *St. Louis Magazine's* inaugural list of



Generation Now, which recognizes young professionals who are “movers and shakers” in the communi-

ty. The list appeared in the November issue of the magazine. He has also been chosen as a 2013 Missouri & Kansas Rising Star by the Super Lawyers rating service of outstanding lawyers. The recognition is given to top up-and-coming attorneys who have achieved a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

The list of Rising Stars is published in the 2013 *Missouri & Kansas Super Lawyers* magazine. Calvert, a native of Carterville, Ill., who is a member of the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors, has been involved in a number of high-profile cases, playing a key role in the winning defense of St. Stanislaus Church in its property dispute with the Archdiocese of St. Louis. At stake was the survival of the heritage and culture of the historic Polish parish that dates back to 1880. Calvert is a member of Armstrong Teasdale's Litigation practice group.

A search for a special gift for his wife led to the creation of a new business for **Ryan Granger '05**. “As a furniture designer, I wanted something made of wood, and I couldn't find anything,” Granger says. So he drew a design, cut it from wood and gave it to her. Positive feedback from friends and family spurred him to start a new venture. The end result has been Tinsel & Timber, a company that combines their passion for creating timeless

and trendy jewelry with a desire to give back to the environment.

**James Gooden '07**, a project architect with Baysinger Architects in Marion, Ill., has



been elected treasurer of the southern Illinois chapter of the America Institute of Architects.

Elected for the 2013-14 term, he started this position Jan. 1. Gooden has been with Baysinger Architects for the past 18 months. His expertise includes commercial, public housing, and LEED-related architectural projects. Gooden resides in Herrin, Ill.

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**Colton Davis '12 P.M., '13**, a project manager with Baysinger Architects in Marion,



Ill., has been certified to become a LEED Green Associate. LEED credential-holders have a deep understand-

ing of the most current green building principles and practices and demonstrate a commitment to professional growth in the field. Davis has been with Baysinger Architects for 3 years. His expertise includes commercial, and LEED-related architectural projects.

**Brian Lee J.D. '13** has joined HeplerBroom LLC in the



firm's Springfield office. As an associate attorney, Lee is focusing on a wide range of areas, includ-

ing premises liability, construction injuries, contract disputes, nuisance, wrongful death, property damage, and employment discrimination. He is licensed to practice law in Illinois.

**Melanie Jensen '14**, a senior studying horticulture at SIU, interned at the Chicago Botanic Garden this past year



and was recently recognized for her work on the complexities and challenges of preparing the seasonal displays at the Garden. The institution's Web site stated, “Sometimes our work here seems like magic. Overnight, the Garden can transform from spring to summer or summer to fall.

“Yesterday there were spring troughs, summer palm trees, or fall mum towers in the Garden. Today, there is something completely different. Yes, it does seem like it happens just like *that*, perhaps with the snap of a finger. But behind the scenes, for months or even years before most visitors get to see a display, a team is already hard at work making it happen.”

## Recent Grad Thanks Business Placement Center

**Lane Dillard '13** has accepted a position with Union Pacific Railroad as a manager of yard operations. He



completed training in Memphis before beginning in the management position. His primary responsibilities include managing employees and transportation operations, analyzing data to improve yard and road operations, monitoring resources to ensure efficient operations, and investigating and reducing safety incidents.

“Union Pacific has developed tremendously fluid, efficient operations and is a great match for my interests and aspirations,” he says. He also credits the SIU

Dillard says using the resources SIU makes available to its students is something all Salukis should do.

College of Business and the Business Placement Center for assisting him in his career search.

“I would strongly recommend that all College of Business students utilize the resources available, which for me included workshops, seminars, mock interviews, career fairs, having my resume and cover letters critiqued countless times, and being introduced to the extremely valuable network of alumni and friends of SIU.”



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11/02/2013, Robinson, Ill.

**BISHOP, Mary D., EX '69**  
11/13/2013, Nashville, Ill.

**BOEHMER, Dennis R., '69**  
10/31/2013, McHenry, Ill.

**DEMING, George R., '69**  
10/11/2013, Houston, TEXas

**FRIEND, David L., '69**  
1/01/2014, Harrisburg, Ill.

**GLENDENNING, Richard F., M.S. '69**  
1/02/2014, Monroe, Wis.

**KALLIO, Edwin, M.S. '69**  
10/18/2013, Duluth, Minn.

**LOTZ, Donald K., '69**  
1/09/2014, Vandalia, Ill.

**MILES, Sharon A., '69**  
12/16/2013, Rossville, Ill.

**AGNER, Timothy A., '70**  
10/28/2013, Chatsworth, Ill.

**ALGER, Richard H., '70**  
12/22/2013, De Soto, Ill.

**HOWE, Thomas E., '70**  
4/28/2013, Las Vegas, Nev.

**JOHNSON, Barbara J., '70**  
11/09/2013, Olmsted, Ill.

**MOORE, Delores M., '70**  
12/02/2013, Rockton, Ill.

**PITTENGER, Daniel I., '70**  
1/13/2014, Richfield, Wis.

**STRICHER, Susan L., '70**  
10/15/2013, Plantation, Fla.

**BERG, Earl R., M.S. '71**  
11/14/2013, Rowley, Mass.

**BURLISON, David D., '71**  
12/23/2013, Peoria, Ill.

**KRAVETZ, John A., '72**  
12/31/2013, Phoenix, Ariz.

**LUEKE, Brenda L., '72, M.S. Ed. '81**  
1/25/2014, Piopolis, Ill.

**WINN, Joel L., '72**  
12/21/2013, Newton, Ill.

**BERGMAN, David A., '73**  
4/13/2013, Indianapolis, Ind.

**CADE, LTC James "Jim" R. (Ret.), '73**  
11/04/2013, Burke, Va.

**CAMPBELL, Joyce F., '73**  
1/29/2014, Carmi, Ill.

**MALONEY, Gerald P. "Jerry," '73**  
11/04/2013, Washington, Ill.

**NARDINI, Mary L. Richwine, Ph.D. '73**  
12/29/2013, Terre Haute, Ind.

**OLSEN, David E., '73**  
1/14/2014, New Lenox, Ill.

**RHINEHART, David A., '73**  
12/26/2013, Taylor, TEXas

**SWINSON, Vickie L., '73**  
1/13/2014, Marshall, Ill.

**BINKLEY JR., George "Fred," '74**  
1/20/2014, Danville, Ill.

**FERRARI, Kendra S. Rushing, '74**  
11/26/2013, Nolensville, Tenn.

**WUEHLER, Vicky A., '74, M.S. Ed. '78**  
1/02/2014, Centralia, Ill.

**BAUMAN, Charles R. "Bob," '75**  
11/06/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

**HIGGINS, Les C., '75**  
11/29/2013, Cambria, Ill.

**ROSE, Vicki L., '75**  
1/27/2014, Las Vegas, Nev.

**ROTTSCHAFER, Richard D., M.D. '75**  
1/10/2014, Merrifield, Minn.

**KONKEL, Gerald J., '76, M.S. '95**  
1/09/2014, Makanda, Ill.

**MCCLURE, Charles M., '76**  
11/08/2013, Paducah, Ky.

**MULLEN, Michael P., '76, M.A. '80**  
1/16/2014, Benton, Ill.

**DAUS, Janice L., '77**  
1/29/2014, St. Louis, Mo.

**HAENNI, Eugene J. "Gene," M.S. Ed. '77, Ph.D. '81**  
11/18/2013, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

**OHLMACHER, Elizabeth A. "Betty," Ph.D. '77**  
1/14/2014, Ottawa, Ill.

**HADLOCK, Jean M., '79**  
12/21/2013, Seattle, Wash.

**PRITCHARD, Lonni J., '79**  
11/21/2013, Harrington, Del.

**LITTLEJOHN, Jeffery S., '80**  
1/06/2014, Casey, Ill.

**CHULLEN, Claris A. "C.C.," M.S. Ed. '81**  
12/06/2013, Thompsonville, Ill.

**JAY, William, '81**  
11/17/2013, El Cajon, Calif.

**MICKEN JR., SCPO Peter C., USN (Ret.), '81**  
12/26/2013, Farmville, Va.

**BAUMGARTEN, Kenneth R., '82, J.D. '85**  
12/06/2013, Petersburg, Ill.

**PALMER, Judith E. Sheehan, '82**  
12/01/2013, St. Louis, Mo.

**HASAL, Ulrich A., '83**  
1/03/2014, Rocky Mount, N.C.

**ANTHONY, Charles E., '84**  
3/03/2013, Memphis, Tenn.

**RUGIS, Craig R., '84**  
10/15/2013, Seminole, Fla.

**BURITSCH, Jeffrey D., '85**  
12/29/2013, Cartersville, Ill.

**HAMILTON, Mark R., '86**  
9/26/2013, Geneva, Ill.

**FOX, Lynn M., M.A. '87**  
11/19/2013, Longmont, Colo.

**KLUTTS, CMSgt. Gregory G., USAF (Ret.), '87**  
8/03/2013, Mount Holly, N.J.

**ZENCIUS JR., Arnold H., M.A. '87**  
1/23/2014, Parker, Colo.

**KAWASH, Juanita, J.D. '88**  
8/19/2013, Marietta, Ill.

**RUSSELL, Janet G., J.D. '89**  
12/22/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

**WOMICK, James L., '89**  
12/10/2013, Hurst, Ill.

**AINSLIE, Joseph L., '90**  
1/05/2013, Benton, Ill.

**DILLARD, Miriam D. "Dawn," '90, M.A. '92**  
12/21/2013, Kenai, Alaska

**SCHUETZ, Brian L., '91**  
12/12/2013, Goreville, Ill.

**DROZDZ, James M., J.D. '92**  
12/29/2013, Hamilton, Ill.

**PROCTER, Craig C., '94**  
12/30/2013, Appleton, Wis.

**THRUSH JR., Richard L., '95**  
11/08/2013, Alexandria, Va.

**BLEYER II, Ralph F., '96**  
11/27/2013, Murphysboro, Ill.

**KELSCH, Julia A., '96**  
10/2013, Linden, Tenn.

**STEWART, Arthena M. "Teena," '96**  
1/01/2014, Bradford, N.H.

**MCCLANAHAN, Steven K., '97**  
12/15/2013, Du Quoin, Ill.

**ELDRIDGE, Travis L., '98**  
1/07/2014, Muscatine, Iowa

**ALLEN, Brenna R., '00**  
11/11/2013, Arlington Heights, Ill.

**CAMPBELL, Richard G. "Glen," '00**  
12/19/2013, Summerville, S.C.

**MCPHERSON, Derek L., '00**  
12/19/2013, Normal, Ill.

**CLARK, Bryan S. "Buddy," '01**  
12/20/2013, Mount Vernon, Ill.

**SPENCER, Jonathan A., '06**  
11/25/2013, Salem, Ill.

**NIEMEYER, Richard J., '07**  
11/01/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

**LEWIS, Ana L., '08**  
11/13/2013, Grayslake, Ill.

**FRANKLIN, Jonathan C., '10**  
5/31/2013, St. Charles, Mo.

**KELLY, Ryan M., '13**  
11/16/2013, Naperville, Ill.

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**BECK, Dr. Robert E., Emeritus, Professor School of Law**  
12/06/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

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12/24/2013, Stuttgart, Ark.

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11/01/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

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12/05, 2013, Franklin, Tenn.

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12/07/2013, Carbondale, Ill.

## Mike 'Old C-' Sortal



Legendary southern Illinois basketball coach Mike Sortal passed away in December at the age of 89. A proud native of Zeigler, Ill., he spent his career as a teacher, coach, and school administrator in Herrin. In his high school days, he excelled at sports and was a member of the football, track, and basketball teams at Southern.

World War II interrupted his college career, as he served as an Army communications specialist from 1943-46, then joined the Marines during the Korean War from 1950 to 1952. He graduated from SIU in 1949 and earned a master's in 1956.

Sortal later became assistant principal and basketball coach at Herrin Junior High, where he won four southern Illinois state titles and influenced countless young people in the area. The gymnasium at the school is named in his honor. In addition to his coaching honors, he served as executive director of the Southern Illinois Jr. High Athletic Association for 30 years.

Students remember him fondly for his magic tricks, and adults smiled when they asked him how he was doing. Sortal always said he was a C-. But to all that knew him, he was always an A+.

**Jim Gualdoni '63, M.S. '64**, a member of Herrin's 1957 state championship basketball team who now lives in Glendale, Ariz., says, "It was with great sorrow that I learned of the death of 'Old C-'. On each trip back to Herrin, I always made it a point to spend some time with Mike. He was an exceptional man who lived an exceptional life."

# A Step Back In Time



Sattgast in 1921

## Southern's Own 'Monuments Man'

The number of people that remember Charles Sattgast '21 diminishes with each passing year, but the release of George Clooney's recent film *The Monuments Men* helps keep his memory alive.

Although the 1921 Southern graduate was not individually portrayed in the movie, Sattgast was indeed one of more than 300 soldiers in a special company sent to protect historical and cultural artifacts and artwork during World War II. The often priceless items were being looted across Europe under direct orders of Nazi leader Adolf Hitler. Sattgast helped Allied forces return stolen artwork to many of the original owners and institutions before it was destroyed at the end of the war.

According to Rich Sattgast, treasurer for the state of South Dakota, "Because of my grandfather's history and arts background, he was invited to be a part of this unit." Other members included museum directors, curators, art historians, artists and architects.

The native of the small community of Opdyke, Ill., appeared to be cut from the same cloth as Delyte Morris, as he served as president of Bemidji State University from 1938 until his death in 1964. Under his tenure, Bemidji State tripled in physical size and grew from a small teachers' college to an institution with liberal arts programs. The science building is named in honor of his service to that campus. Sattgast also served as president of Sioux Falls College from 1930-1937.

In 1958 – along with Percival Bailey, who was recently featured in *Southern Alumni* – Sattgast was one of four inaugural recipients of the SIU Alumni Association's "Alumni Achievement Award." This honor, however, had nothing to do with the war. He was recognized by the Association for his service to higher education.

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## Life Member Enjoys Volunteering In His Community

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A past president of the Chicago Newspaper Guild, **Art Peterson '67** covered many beats for the daily newspaper based in Waukegan during his 40-year career there. For nine years the Southern graduate covered the Lake County Courthouse for the Lake County *News Sun*, and now he has been sworn in to a four-person Citizens Advisory Board of the Lake County (Ill.) State's Attorney.

This panel was created to bring community perspective to the issue of wrongful convictions and to act as a liaison on all law enforcement matters between the public and the state's attorney's office.

Such service by Peterson is something he enjoys. His volunteer activity includes working with the McHenry County Conservation District, the village of Spring Grove, and the Spring Grove Police Department.

Peterson is also a proud grandfather and spends a lot of family time with his daughter and her three-year-old son. When not spending time with family or doing volunteer work, he takes a few motorcycle tours each year. Pedaling his non-motorized bicycle along rail trails in the region is also a joy in the summer months, along with snowshoeing in the winter.

No matter where he is or what he is doing, Peterson says being a life member of the SIU Alumni Association is important to him,

"Keeping up with SIU, fellow grads and staff, and Carbondale is made easy and enjoyable through the SIU Alumni Association and *Southern Alumni* magazine" he says. "The magazine is a high-quality publication, chock full of a wealth of news about the University. My membership is an excellent investment in maintaining ties with all that is SIU."



Peterson stops in northeast Iowa on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi. He recently received a plaque from BMW after rolling up more than 100,000 miles on his motorcycle.

## Every Saluki has a story.

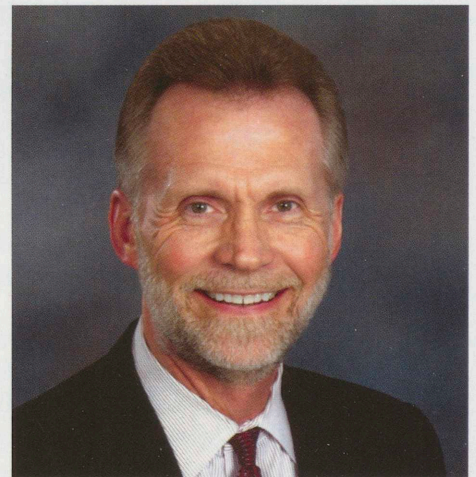


Ever since high school, I wanted to be in radio and television. When I looked at colleges, SIU was the clear choice. Its program wasn't "communications" with a little broadcasting thrown in, but instead an opportunity for hands-on experience on campus and at area radio stations.

I arrived in 1974 and soon was working weekends at WCIL in Carbondale. I took classes at SIU from all of the greats on the radio and TV faculty – Charlie Lynch, John Kurtz, Gene Dybvig, Tom Olsen, Ed Brown and Ken Garry – and in journalism with Harlan Mendenhall. They encouraged us to do as much as we could both in and out of the classroom. While at the University, I worked for WSIU, WIDB, WCIL, and eventually at WGGH in Marion. Along the way I gained experience in announcing, news, sales, production, and writing.

The SIU faculty set expectations high, and working at local radio stations gave me the chance to interact with the great people of southern Illinois. Now 36 years after graduation, I know I would not have achieved what I have without the experiences and education I received at SIU.

It was four of the best years of my life that I would not trade for anything!



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