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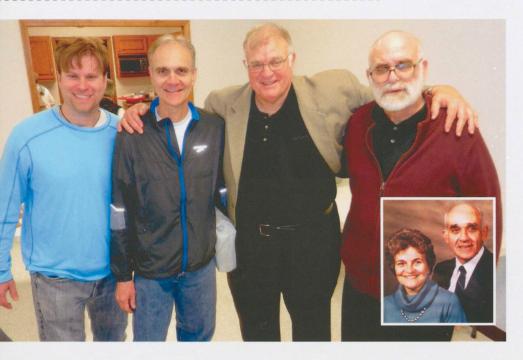
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### 'A Heart Of Gold'



From left, Timothy Mauck (Carl's son), Walter Mauck, Carl Mauck, and George Mauck. Inset is a photo of their parents, Walter and Aurelia Mauck, whose memory the scholarship honors.

fter starring for the Saluki football team in the late 1960s, Carl Mauck '69 embarked on a 13-year playing career with four teams in the National Football League. The SIU business management major then subsequently served more than 21 years as a NFL assistant coach.

Mauck's exploits are well documented in southern Illinois. The high school football field in his native McLeansboro is named in his honor, and last year he was selected as a member of SIU's All-Century Football Team.

His contributions go beyond the football field, and he remains loyal to his roots.

"Southern Illinois is a wonderful place to grow up," he says. "I have great memories of SIU. In addition to receiving a quality education, I'm still in touch with people that I met on campus. I couldn't have asked for a better college experience."

Mauck continues to pay it forward. He and his two younger brothers – George, a priest in Carlyle, Ill., and Walter '76, a dentist in Springboro, Ohio – have established a scholarship endowment in memory of their late parents. The Walter and Aurelia Mauck Scholarship will honor an SIU student from Hamilton County who maintains at least a 3.0 grade point average.

The Mauck brothers funded the scholarship through the sale of their parents' farmland. Walter Sr. was a World War II veteran and post office worker, while Aurelia served as an administrative school secretary for more than 20 years.

Mauck has made giving back to SIU a habit. He led efforts to establish a scholarship fund in memory of the late Saluki football player Billy Patrick to support student-athletes who need to return home due to hardship. Following his NFL coaching career, he came back to Southern as a volunteer tight ends coach under former Saluki Coach Jerry Kill.

"I don't know anyone with a bigger heart or who is more loyal. I know this through personal experience," Kill says. "They will never make another Carl Mauck."

The Saluki Hall-of-Famer continues his work with young people as a volunteer assistant high school football coach in Texas. His Argyle Eagles advanced to the class 3A state championship last season.

"Carl has a heart of gold and loves SIU," says Saluki Head Football Coach Dale Lennon. "He wants the University to thrive and aspires to help others in the area become successful. When he does something, it is definitely genuine, and there's no other intention but to do good."

Close friend Mike Reis '78, SIU's Hall of Fame broadcaster, agrees.

"SIU means the world to him, and he gets mad when it fails – whether from an academics or athletics standpoint," Reis says. "Carl is not self-centered, and if he can help SIU succeed, he just feels that it is what alumni are supposed to do."

Reis says Mauck's devotion to Southern and his hometown are further demonstrated through the establishment of this scholarship.

"It was important to Carl to reward a Hamilton County student who wanted to attend SIU, whether or not he or she is an athlete," Reis says. "He hopes this creates SIU awareness among Hamilton County students, and that they will recruit others to enroll at the University. He gets huge satisfaction from helping. We need so many more like him."

If you are interested in establishing a scholarship endowment, please contact the Director of Development for Scholarships, Gary Bogue, at 618/453-4906 or garyb@foundation.siu.edu. NOTE: An online version of the SIU Foundation's annual report is available at siuf.org. It includes donor stories, financial information, and the Honor Roll of Donors.



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Connie Price-Smith waves to Saluki fans after being introduced at a football game.

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Connie Price-Smith has accomplished a great deal during her athletic career, first as an athlete at SIU, later as an Olympian, and now as the highly successful Saluki track and field coach. A member of numerous halls of fame, the SIU Alumni Association member continues to lead and mentor young people in her special way. "Probably one's greatest asset is people skills, and Connie is as good as it gets," says former SIU Women's Basketball Coach Cindy Scott. "She is unlike anyone else I have ever known."

### 16 REMEMBERING THE JUSTIN SINGERS

It's been more than 50 years since a folk group called the Justin Singers arrived at SIU. In the mid-1960s, they were Carbondale's contribution to the world of folk music. Comprised of five School of Music students, the Justin Singers entertained audiences in southern Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, and Indiana, during their brief existence.

### 22 COMING FULL CIRCLE

In May 1992, then Second Lieutenant Craig Hansen '92 was asked what his fondest memory of SIU Carbondale would be. He jokingly replied, "Seeing it in the rearview mirror." That comment wasn't born out of a dislike for the University or the AFROTC detachment he had called home for more than three years. Instead, it was an expression of his desire to do his operational mission and make his impact on the Air Force and the world. Last July, Hansen returned to Carbondale to accept command of that same detachment. After more than two decades away, he had indeed come full circle.

BELOW: A winter scene on the SIU campus ushers in the holiday season.





Gene Green, Editor

hree years ago we introduced you to John C. Taylor Ph.D. '96, a Saluki who at the time was attempting to become the first 90-year-old triathlete in history to complete a sanctioned USA Triathlon event. Complete it he did, doing the 600 meter swim, 3.8 mile bike ride, and 5k run in Carrolton, Ga. on May 3, 2011.

John, who earned a doctorate in health

education at
Southern when he
was 75 years old,
has done many
things in his life,
including teaching
college journalism,
holding wellness
seminars for
seniors, and
serving as a pastor
at various churches
for more than
45 years.



Sally and John Taylor enjoy the Homecoming Tailgate with Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez.

With his wife, Sally, at his side, he continues to enjoy each and every day. That is why I was so pleased when he called me out of the blue a few months ago.

"I'm planning on driving my motorhome up to Carbondale for homecoming," the 93-year-old Atlanta, Ga., resident told me. "I want to see the new football stadium, and my wife wants to see the fall colors in southern Illinois. I decided we probably better do those things while we can."

The website 2ndhalflounge.com did a piece on John after his historic 2011 run, noting that his wife of 15 years is a key reason why he has been successful competing at such an advanced age.

"They're inseparable, and slowing down doesn't seem like part of the plan," the story stated. "As we followed John during his race setup, Sally was everywhere: part assistant,

part trainer, part cheerleader."

The SIU Alumni
Association life
member affectionately
calls Sally his
"performanceenhancing drug."

Serving as editor of SIU Alumni magazine, I encounter some amazing people, and Homecoming Weekend added to that list when I

was able to meet John and Sally face-to-face. Blessed with a great sense of humor to go with incredible perseverance, he is indeed an inspirational figure.

John admits he is slowing down a bit, but says his mind is razor sharp and there's no use worrying about aches and pains. "Just keep on keeping on," he says. "That's how I go about things – I don't ever quit."

he recent death of Interim Chancellor Paul Sarvela was certainly a blow to the SIU Carbondale campus.

Universally well-liked and respected, he had clearly earned the admiration of students, faculty, and staff at the University.

In the days following his passing, I noticed how many times I saw words such as unassuming, approachable, and kind to describe the man who gave almost three decades of service to SIU.

Perhaps SIU President **Randy Dunn** summed up his character best when he told a *Daily Egyptian* reporter: "There was no pretense to him whatsoever," Dunn noted. "If you had a problem with Paul Sarvela, you were the problem."

Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Debra, and their two children.

he 2014 World Series had a real SIU flavor to it, as four Salukis enjoyed various roles. The World Champion Giants had three Dawgs involved, as radio announcer Duane Kuiper '71, strength coach Carl Kochan '99, and bullpen coach Taira Uematsu '07 earned rings.

For the Kansas City Royals, relief pitcher Jason Frasor '99 saw his first action in the Fall Classic. Kochan and Frasor were teammates and roommates at SIU, making the connection even stronger.

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### Remembering Paul Sarvela

The community, the University, and its alumni and friends are mourning the death of SIU Carbondale Interim Chancellor Paul Sarvela, who passed away at 55 on Nov. 9. Named to the position in July, he quickly became a trusted and popular leader on campus.

"Over the past 28 years, Dr. Sarvela has served our University with distinction as a faculty member, department chair, center director, dean, system vice president, and since July, interim chancellor," says SIU President Randy Dunn. "As much as we value his many contributions as a mentor and a colleague, it is his friendship and compassion for those around him that we will miss the most."

Sarvela came to SIU Carbondale in 1986 as a faculty member in the Department of Health Education. He was appointed director of the Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development in 1993. In 1996-97 he served as an American Council on Education Fellow at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse before returning to SIU, where he became chair of the Department of Health Care Professions in 1999 and dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts in 2002.

He began serving as vice president for academic affairs for the SIU System in 2009 prior to being appointed interim chancellor. His significant contributions to the University during his many years of service include developing, implementing, and securing accreditation for numerous academic programs, restructuring and growing the SIU College of Applied Arts and Sciences, and increasing administrative effectiveness through changes in university policy.

Sarvela is survived by his wife, Debra, a daughter, Kristin, and a son, John. A public visitation and celebration of life was held Nov. 13 in the SIU Student Center Ballrooms, with Father Joseph Brown offering words of reflection on the SIU Carbondale leader.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the following: Paul D. Sarvela Scholarship Fund at the SIU Foundation, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois, or Epiphany Lutheran Church in Carbondale.



Debra and Paul Sarvela enjoying the Homecoming Parade Oct. 25 at SIU.

### A Big Bag Of Kudos

I wanted to send Gene Green and the entire staff of SIU Alumni magazine a big bag of kudos. I pulled it out of my mailbox and said out loud, "Wow! This is nice." And, it is - I love the look, size, shape, and feel. Way to go! Also, I really loved the story on Gene Callahan. I went to my first Yankees game with a little help from Mr. Callahan, so it was really nice to see the tribute piece.

Thanks for all you do to keep us all informed.

Beth Sherman '97 **Annual Member** Falls Church, Va.

### Tell Us Your Story

I just received my copy of the new and improved SIU Alumni magazine. I am flattered and appreciative of the extremely nice article highlighting my post-SIU life. Regarding the "Tell Us Your Story" piece, I would like to mention one small correction. After graduation in 1969 and immediately enlisting in the U.S. Army, I served for almost three years as an Infantry Officer, the final two in the Panama Canal Zone, not Vietnam.

Having served in the Army during the Vietnam conflict era, I sincerely respect and value the service of the thousands of young men and women of my generation who did serve there and put themselves in harm's way during a very unpopular period in our country's history.

Thank you again for letting me tell my story. As always, "Go Salukis!"

Mike Richardson '69 **Annual Member** Anderson, S.C.

### The Man Behind Southern's Music

What a fantastic piece on Clarke Morgan! You have outdone yourself with great research and great pictures. Who would have guessed that he ended up writing music for soap operas or daytime dramas, as I was admonished to call them. As a facile organist, as well as pianist, he would have been a natural for the early soaps.

Morgan's story really resonated with me, as we have a lot in common: We were both from small Illinois towns, thrived at SIU but were drawn to New York, and both wrote for the soaps. I wrote for One Life To Live, Loving, and All My Children, and was primary composer for General Hospital for a time.

There's another parallel as well: Both of our wives left us but never wanted a divorce. That one isn't particularly praiseworthy, I grant you! I was, however, touched by how his story demonstrated the apparent wear-and-tear that a professional music career can have on a relationship and raising children, even two generations before mine.



Thanks for opening up the world of a figure that has been a part of my life since my first day at band camp at Little Grassy in 1958. I hope the article's publication elicits an enthusiastic response.

Congratulations.

Glen Daum '62, M.M. '64 **Annual Member** New York, N.Y.

Editor's Note: A native of Centralia, Ill., Daum is an SIU Distinguished Alumni recipient. He has composed and arranged music for the Count Basie Orchestra, the Boston Pops, has been nominated for five Grammy Awards, and won twice for his work with Sesame Street. Since 1978, he has been a composer, arranger, and producer in New York writing music for commercials, television, films, and recordings.

### Out Of The Park

To use sports vernacular, you and your staff have "knocked it out of the park" with the new look of SIU Alumni magazine. The content continues to be impressive and informative, and now the publication backs that up with a more modern appearance.

I was really surprised that I liked it as much as I did, as normally if one of my publications arrives featuring a new design, it takes me awhile to gets used to the change. Not this time! By the time I read the cover story on Steve James, I knew that I wouldn't put it down until I finished the entire edition.

Congratulations! It is quite good.

Chris Carson EX'08 Denver, Colo.

### DEAR READERS ...

Your SIU Alumni Association is always eager to hear from you. As with all magazines, we can only improve if we are being responsive to you, or readers. We encourage you to take a moment to comment on something let us know what you are thinking. Letters are sometimes edited for length and style.

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### SALUKIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

### Campus Color

Loved the SIU campus every season I was there, but especially fall and when the snow fell.....Nothing more beautiful than to walk around Thompson Lake in the early morning after a big snowfall before anyone else left their footprints. Wonderful....

Bonnie Pritchard via FaceBook

### Welcome Home

Waking up for homecoming is like waking up for Christmas! Welcome back, @SIUC alumni! Enjoy Carbondale today & the @SIU\_Football game!

Savannah McCord via FaceBook

### **Future Salukis**

Beyond excited to move to Carbondale next fall.

Ally Maltry via FaceBook

I'll be going to SIU next fall to major in humanities for social work ... pretty excited!

Katelyn Kistner via FaceBook

I'm Cheyenne and I plan on attending SIU in the Fall and majoring in Aviation! Can't wait to meet you guys!

Cheyenne Koster-Tessler via FaceBook

### **SIU Carbondale Homecoming**



### @saluki1

Go Dawgs! (Above: Saluki Statium) Matt Purdy Via Twitter

### @dailyegyptian

Attendance is 13,170 for tonight's game. That's the fourth largest crowd at #SalukiStadium #familyweekend @SIUC #SIU.

Daily Egyptian Via Twitter

### @mphelmers

We won't make it to homecoming, but wearing our vintage SIU sweatshirts! (Below: SIU spirit) Michael Helmers Via Twitter





### @tinakhorvath

Stunning fall day @SIUC. (Above:campus lake) Tina Horvath Via Twitter

### @NT\_LaChance

 $\dots$  oh how I miss SIUC and its awesome campus  $\dots$ 

NT\_LaChance Via Twitter

### @bybee\_sam

Got accepted to @SIUC! Sam Bybee Via Twitter

### @MatthewLee95\_

Offically accepted into my dream school!!

MatthewLee95\_
Via Twitter

Welcome to the #Saluki family! Such a beautiful time of year to visit with all the #SIUFallColors. Congratulations! SIUC Via Hootsuite

@starkid\_herman

My visit to @SIUC yesterday was phenomenal! I can't wait to graduate so I can start being a Saluki! Fall 2015!



For SIU's Track
And Field Coach,
Returning To
Carbondale Was
Coming Home

BY GENE GREEN

## A Southern Ambassador

he road back to Carbondale has been one of countless twists and turns, but SIU Carbondale track and field coach **Connie Price-Smith '85** says she wouldn't change a single curve. One of the most celebrated athletes in Saluki history continues to live a dream at her alma mater.

After graduating from Southern, Price-Smith morphed into one of the top track and field performers in the United States, winning seven international medals, 25 combined U.S. titles, and five U.S. Olympic Trials championships while throwing the shot put and discus. When her days of competition were over, she found herself at life's crossroads.

"For more than a decade, I had traveled internationally competing against the best athletes on the planet," she says. "When that chapter of my life was done, it made me wonder what the next step would be."



Price-Smith made four United States Olympic teams from 1988 to 2000.

### SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY

Following her athletic career, Price-Smith was serving as a volunteer track assistant coach in 2001 at Ohio State, where her husband, John, was a Buckeye assistant. At that same time, SIU was searching for a women's track and field coach to replace Don DeNoon, and contacted the surprised former Saluki star to gauge her interest.

"I had never really done anything but be an athlete, and really wasn't sure I wanted to get into coaching," she recalls. "But when I was contacted by SIU, John and I decided it was something I should consider."

Price-Smith would return to her alma mater as the head women's track and field coach that year, and was handed the keys to the combined program in 2004. To say that results have been stellar would be quite an understatement.

The St. Charles, Ill., native has led SIU to five Missouri Valley Conference team championships, including the first men's indoor championship in 20 years in 2012. In 13 seasons at the helm, Price-Smith has coached a staggering 43 NCAA All-Americans and five individual national champions, which includes three NCAA titles from world-ranked thrower Jeneva McCall and two from weight throw world-record holder Brittany Riley. (See sidebar for career highlights).

### A True Hall Of Famer

Connie Price-Smith was recently inducted into the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame at a ceremony at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis. She was one of 15 individuals inducted, which includes Baseball Hall of Fame member Orlando Cepeda (St. Louis Cardinals) and Football Hall of Fame inductee Aeneas Williams (St. Louis Rams).

The SIU Alumni Association member is only the second Saluki to be inducted in the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame, as just last year SIU sprinter Ivory Crockett was honored.

Price-Smith is one of the most decorated athletes SIU has ever produced. Although she is remembered for her remarkable track and field career, she began her Saluki career as a four-year starter on the Saluki women's basketball team (1980-84) and ended her basketball career as a two-time All-Gateway honoree and one of the best players in SIU history.

Price-Smith's greatest accomplishments, however, came in the shot put and discus over the next 15 years. What followed were four Olympic appearances in 1988 (Seoul), 1992 (Barcelona), 1996 (Atlanta) and 2000 (Sydney). In the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Price-Smith finished fifth in the shot put at 19.21m (63-00.50) — less than five inches away from a bronze.

She became the only female Olympic finalist in SIU history and the highest American finisher in the shot put since 1960. At the end of her career, Price-Smith was one of only 14 American female athletes and 30 American athletes of either gender to go to at least four Olympiads.

All told, Price-Smith was a seven-time international medalist and won 25 combined titles in the United States during her career, including five US Olympic Trials championships. She was the the first U.S. woman to ever be world-ranked in the shot put for six consecutive seasons.

"I never thought that throwing a little ball would take me around the world, but it did and I'm happy about it," Price-Smith said at the ceremony.

Former *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* sportswriter Dave Dorr, served as her personal interviewer at the induction ceremony.

"Connie, you've really done yourself proud," Dorr said in his conclusion. "You won 25 United States championships in the shot put or discus, and stand tonight as the greatest American woman ever, ever, in those two events.

"What more can anyone say? That's the stuff of legends."

– Tyler Wooten

### A REAL PARTNERSHIP

Her story is synonymous with the story of fellow Saluki **John Smith '84**, whom she married in 1990 and has worked alongside at SIU since 2004. Smith was instrumental not only in her development as her coach, but in getting her started in the sport as well.

"I kind of looked at her," Smith once told Dave Dorr of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* of his first sight of her years earlier. "I looked again. I said to myself, 'If God ever made a discus thrower, she was it."

Price-Smith says working with her husband is a great experience, and she wouldn't want it any other way. "John started out as my training partner," she says. "Along the way he's been by my side and taught me a lot, always there for support. We've been married for 24 years – it's a real partnership.

"I am blessed to have a talented and dedicated staff to work with at SIU, so that makes it much easier to succeed. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't feel like I am learning more as a coach, so that process continues to evolve."

Her coaching evolution is also being acknowledged by her peers, as Price-Smith continues to gain acclaim in coaching circles on an international level. She has been an assistant coach for several IAAF World Championship teams and for Team U.S.A. in the 2008 (Beijing) and 2012 (London) Summer Olympics. She was also head women's coach on the 2011 IAAF World Championship team, and most recently the 2013 World University Games. This September she was also an assistant coach at the 2014 IAAF Continental Cup in Morocco.

The irony of it all is that she arrived at SIU not as a track and field star, but as a basketball player.

"Some people probably forget that I was recruited to SIU in the early 1980s to play basketball," she says. "Cindy Scott M.S. '76, the head coach at the time, told me I could also compete in track, but I quickly realized I needed to focus on basketball year around to succeed at this level. It wasn't until my basketball career was over that I competed in track and field my fifth year at Southern."

Price-Smith says she credits Scott with many aspects of her coaching style, including the ability to handle athletes with diverse personalities. They maintain a strong connection almost three decades later. (See sidebar).

"Coach Scott and her assistants (Julie Beck and George Iubelt '49) had different personalities, but that worked in their favor and helped us reach our

### PRICE-SMITH AWARDS AND HONORS

- St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame (2014)
- MVC Hall of Fame (2012)
- Drake Relays Hall of Fame (2003)
- Saluki Hall of Fame (1990)
- SIU Distinguished Alumni Award (2001)
- SIU Administrative/Professional Woman of Distinction (2007)
- In 2013, Lew Hartzog Track and Field Complex and Connie Price-Smith Throws Area were dedicated, the first facility on SIU's campus named after an African-American female

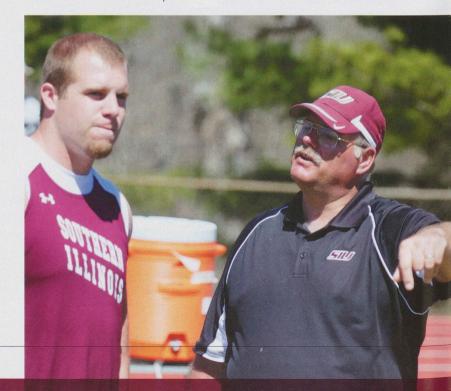
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Hart and Walt Frazier."

John Smith (right) has served as an assistant coach at SIU since 2004.





Former Coach Cindy Scott (inset) says her star center was not only a great player, but remains one of the best people she has ever known.

goals," she notes. "I saw her keep teams disciplined, accomplishing it in a fair way. I try to be that type of coach."

SIU Athletics Director **Mario Moccia** says Price-Smith is a person who has an aura of success and knowledge regarding her profession.

"She has what I'd refer to as 'gravitas," Moccia explains. "Connie has an incredible list of accolades in her life, is at the pinnacle of profession, and we are fortunate each and every day to have her in our department.

"Connie leads by example with a quiet confidence. She is arguably the greatest female thrower in our nation's history, one of the few African-American females overseeing both men's and women's track in the country, and coaching those teams to conference championships and individual national championships.

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As those team and personal honors continue to mount, the affable Price-Smith remains humble and appreciative.

"It really continues to be incredible," she admits.
"Competing and coaching a sport I love has taken me to all corners of the world, and working with young people keeps me energized – things have worked out well, and returning to Carbondale was certainly coming home."

### **Learning From The Best**

Growing up in St. Charles, Mo., Connie Price-Smith was an athlete who quickly made people take notice. "I played everything," she says with a chuckle. "Volleyball, track, softball, basketball – I did it all and enjoyed it a great deal."

When it came to time to take her talents to the collegiate level, the decision came down to the University of Missouri and SIU Carbondale. A talented basketball player, she had been originally recruited by Tiger Assistant Coach Julie Beck. By the time her senior year rolled around, Beck had been hired by the Saluki Head Coach Cindy Scott, who picked up the recruiting trail and convinced the talented multi-sport standout to come to Carbondale.

"I had planned on competing in track and basketball at SIU, but when I arrived I formed a special bond with the basketball team," she recalls. "There were seven of us that came in together that freshman year, we got along well, and I decided to concentrate only on basketball."

Price-Smith says it was an interesting time to play for Scott, who was early in her coaching career and only slightly older than her players.

"When Cindy was on the sidelines, she was one of the most intense people I had ever been around – when the game was over, she was one of the most caring," she says. "Looking back at those days now, I realized how much I learned watching her handle people, how passionate she was about what she was doing, and what a great ambassador she was for our department."

Scott, who retired from coaching in 1998 after 21 years as Saluki coach, is now in her 17th year as assistant athletics director at Bentley University in Waltham, Mass. She is not the least bit surprised Price-Smith has been successful as a head coach.

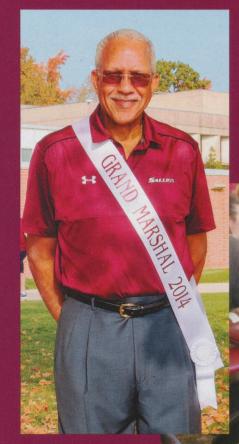
"The greatest asset one has as a coach is people skills, and Connie is as good as it gets," Scott says. "She has accomplished a great deal, but what I also think of when I hear her name is what she stands for as a person.

"To this day, she remains one of the most special people I know. Her core values are so remarkable that it truly makes those around her better."

For Price-Smith, the feeling is mutual.

"I still love Cindy to death," she says. "Tough, demanding, and fair, she earned your respect and was a tireless leader. What a role model I had at SIU."

### Wild With Pride!



Harold Bardo served as the 2014 parade marshal.

Members of the Marching Salukis play during the parade.

Students
replicate a
football scene
on one of the
floats.

Below: This young tailgater is all smiles while petting a Saluki.

Near perfect weather conditions set the stage for the 2014 SIU Homecoming Weekend Salukis everywhere enjoyed the festivities with friends and family, and many at the SIU Alumni Association tailgate talked about old times as well as what was going on in their life now.

A large crowd enjoyed complimentary food, drink, and entertainment at the SIU Alumni Association tailgate.



Next October will serve as the SIU Class of 1965's 50th Anniversary Celebration. When the date for Homecoming is officially announced, we will be sharing the plans for activities set that weekend. Stay in touch regarding this event by visiting siualumni.com.

Everyone has a story to tell. Let us hear yours at siu.alumni.com/tellus.

### **Alumni Band Rolls Out**

## Rhythm On Wheels'

Homecoming Weekend was music to the ears of Mike Hanes M.M. '65, emeritus director of the Marching Salukis. Not only was he thrilled that more than 150 alumni returned for their 25th annual band reunion, but he was also delighted at the restoration of the band's old drum carts – the framework with wheels that makes mobile the unit's percussion section.

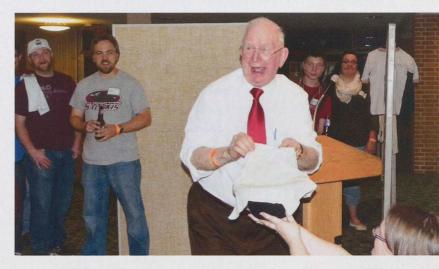
Sometimes known as "Rhythm on Wheels," the drum carts fell from favor in the 1990s, but efforts spearheaded by **Larry Hunter '83** have revitalized the carts. Hanes says, "Larry took it upon himself to completely refurbish them. It's just amazing."

"I wanted to locate, restore, and make available the drum carts for the Marching Salukis Alumni Band," says Hunter, an SIU Alumni Association life member who was a Marching Saluki in the early '80s. "To preserve the





Before Larry Hunter removed years of paint, rust, and neglect, the old band carts were obviously unusable. His hard work revitalized them for use by the Alumni Band Group during this year's Homecoming Weekend.



Marching Salukis Emeritus Director Mike Hanes has a fun moment with alumni during a reunion event.

heritage and tradition of the 'Rhythm on Wheels,' I removed years of paint and rust, polished the metal, purchased new wheels and hardware, and procured and mounted the drums for use."

The carts date from the days of **Donald Canedy '58**, who is largely responsible for giving the Marching Salukis the image that they hold today. According to Hanes, in 1961 Canedy introduced the tuxedo jackets and homburg hat attire. Some of the arrangements of those days were written by Centralia native and Grammy recipient **Glen Daum '62**, who also played trombone in the band.

Instruments that have been supported by the carts include snare drums, cymbals, bongos, congas, and a xylophone. Hanes adds that in addition to the convenience of the carts, the sound that's produced has "more resonance."

As far as the reunion itself, Hanes says it was a special time indeed.

"I could not have been more pleased and gratified at the large response," he says. "There was representation from as far back as the early '60's, including many alumni who had not been back for some time and some who returned for their first time.

"We had an absolutely wonderful weekend, and I thank the Association staff for all they did to help make it such a great event."

### **SIU Graduate Named** Illinois Teacher Of The Year

The Illinois State Board of Education has named Steve Elza '02, M.S. '08, an automotive technology teacher at William Fremd High School in Palatine, Ill., as the 2015 Illinois Teacher of the Year.

"Steve is an important role model both for his students, colleagues and for those individuals thinking about a career as a teacher," says Illinois State Superintendent of Education Christopher Koch. "His pathway into teaching, including his experience in being mentored, is an important story for others to hear about as the field of teaching experiences decreased enrollments."

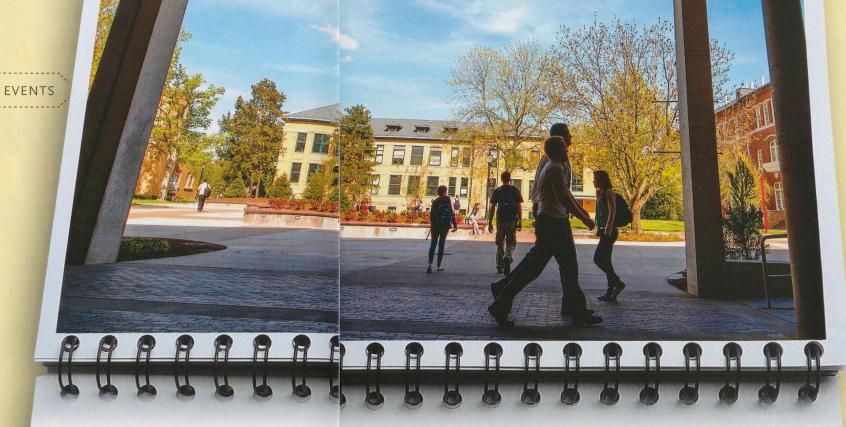
The SIU product wasn't interested in school until the end of his sophomore year in high school when an opportunity arose that would change his life: He was offered the chance to attend the Technology Center of DuPage to specialize in automotive technology. Fellow Saluki Jim Krudl '82, M.S. '92 was the program director and became his mentor and lifelong friend.

College hadn't been a part of Elza's plan until Krudl asked him to visit SIU. He obliged, "fell in love," and would become the first person in his family to attend college and graduate.

This year more than 230 nominations were reviewed and scored three times by a selection committee composed of administrators, teachers and school board members. The 12 finalists were interviewed and videotaped, and those interviews were scored again before going to Koch for a final decision.

Elza says it is a great honor to be recognized for his passion of teaching students because he is doing what he loves to do. He adds that sometimes it's for teachers to be unaware of the impact education might have on students, and moments like this validate the job teachers do.

"Anyone who knows me knows that I truly enjoy my job," Elza say. "I love working with students, and being able to share my passion for the automotive field is why I do this. Fremd is an amazing place to work -I truly believe we have a family atmosphere here."



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ON THE SIDE

### **New Student Retention Rises**

The percentage of first-time, full-time students who enrolled at SIU Carbondale in fall 2013 and returned for fall 2014 increased more than 8 percentage points over the previous year, according to a preliminary analysis.

"The dramatic increase in freshman-to-sophomore retention significantly exceeded our goals," says Susan Ford, acting provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "We started with a strong class and implemented a number of new strategies with the launch of our new retention plan last spring.

The University's student retention efforts placed it among three universities in the nation to receive the 2014 Student Success Collaborative Award from the Education Advisory Board. "We had hoped for an increase to 63 percent this year and 67 percent next year," Ford adds. "It's to the credit of the entire campus that we jumped over both goals to reach 68.4 percent this year."

### SIU Offers Free Online Course

A free online learning opportunity is now available at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. SIU is offering its first Massive Open Online Course (MOOC), Behavior Analysis and Therapy for Autism Spectrum Disorders, which will debut during the spring 2015 semester.

The course will provide an overview of applied behavior analysis and therapy for individuals with autism spectrum disorder. Additional details are available online at http://extendedcampus.siu. edu/programs-courses/mooc/index.html.



### Where are they now?



## Justin Singers

Carbondale's Folk Scene 50 Years Ago

BY GORDON PRUETT

he 1960s were a time of change, and musicians were the front echelon of those pushing for social change and riding the crest of a wave for a new, better, more peaceful world. Woody Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Bob Dylan, and Joan Baez were citizen singers that eschewed war and championed Civil Rights. And in the mid-1960s, the Justin Singers were Carbondale's contribution to the world of folk music.

Comprised of Patti AuBuchon '67 (vocals and guitar), **Bill Hayes Jr. '67** (vocals and bass), Larry Johnson '65 (vocals and guitar), Wanda Jones '67, M.M. Ed. '69 (vocals), and Charles Trentham '68 (vocals and guitar), the Justin Singers – or the Justins – were a popular folk music group that entertained audiences in southern Illinois as well as Missouri, Kentucky, and Indiana, during their brief, two-year existence. Their repertoire was principally ballads, but included some spirituals and other songs.

Patti AuBuchon Green recalls, "After having taken up the guitar during the summer prior to my second year at SIU,

I mentioned the same to fellow music student, Larry Johnson. As it happened, Larry had picked up the guitar at the same time. Almost in unison, we said 'we should start a group!' Wanda Jones and I were good friends by this time and I loved her husky alto voice, so she was an easy pick.

"And then there was the gifted Bill Hayes who could play a mean bass and belt it out, too! That was a no-brainer! I can't remember if we found Chuck Trentham or if he found us, but what a showman – with a voice and virtuosic 12-string guitar chops to back it up! Of course we knew Larry, with his extensive vocal training, would be the foundation of our group. How could we luck out more, with such talent?!"

### The Early Days

The group's earliest days still resonate with AuBuchon Green, "We started our rehearsals in the stairwell of Altgeld Hall [in 1963], where we were presented with wonderful reverb and acoustics. We immediately fell into harmony with the

greatest of ease. It seemed as if we had been singing/playing together for years. When it became apparent that the five of us were going to click, Larry came up with our moniker during a short interruption of his otherwise good night's sleep. Having placed a flashlight, pencil and paper beside his pillow in hopes of a nocturnal inspiration, he jotted 'Justin Singers' down and the group became a reality."

There was not a wealth of performance venues for live entertainment in mid-60s Carbondale. The Justin Singers would play at residence halls on campus like Thompson Point, or local high schools, the Rotary Club Hootenanny in Anna, and at competitions, sometimes in neighboring states.

Johnson does recall the experience in one downtown Carbondale location. "In 1964 and 1965 the old Greyhound bus station on South Illinois Avenue had been converted to a coffee house that was patronized by the college crowd," he says. "The Justin Singers did several performances there, mixing songs with



Top photo:

Not only home to Southern's School of Music, Altgeld Hall's stairwells were often used as a rehearsal location due to their acoustic properties. Members of the Justin Singers left to right, Patti AuBuchon, Larry Johnson, Bill Hayes, Chuck Trentham, Wanda Jones.

Bottom photo:

The Justin Singers were hand-picked for the CBS Summer Special 1965 in St. Louis.

'humorous' rambling introductions that usually had little to do with the actual song we were going to do. We may have been a little ahead of the times - the Smothers Brothers based a lot of their act on that same process."

The group's song selection was similar to that of the iconic folk group of the period, Peter, Paul, and Mary. This proved to be a liability as well as an asset. Johnson remembers, "In 1965 Peter, Paul, and Mary came to perform at the SIU Arena. Liz Mullins, who was the Director of Student Affairs, was a fan of ours and made arrangements with their agent to do an audition when she was on campus with the famous trio. We did three of our best for her, but afterward she declined to pick us up saying, graciously, that it wouldn't work: We were too much like her current clients. It made us feel better, even if we questioned her reasons."

The rise of the Justin Singers occurred when a talent show, sponsored by the

local Theta Xi chapter, was also a popular annual campus event. The group won first place in the small group division in 1964, and they repeated their victory in 1965, outpacing other acts as the Dusty Road Boys and Slanted One Plus Two. Johnson recalls, "Winning at Theta Xi a second consecutive year was a huge accomplishment against the strong competition that year, and a big relief after risking our 'reputation' attempting to repeat. Our version of "All My Trials" and the Shryock audience's response in 1965 is one of my fondest memories of those years."

### Some Comic Relief

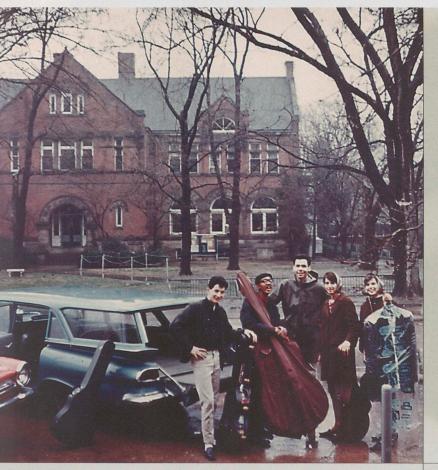
Hayes recalls the comic relief aspect of a Theta Xi competition. "We all had a mouth full of smoke as the curtain opened on "Puff, the Magic Dragon" and we all exhaled on the word 'Puff." As the one African American member of the group, Hayes was the victim of racial discrimination during

a trip to Kentucky. "There was a debacle at the bar in Henderson, Ky., before the show when the management would not serve us because of me. The first person backstage to congratulate us after we won first prize? It was the owner of the bar."

Jones Couch defers to others in recounting the group's trials and tribulations, yet she remembers events with poignant accuracy. "I think our fearless leader, Larry Johnson, has the best, and most organized memory of our appearances. These were good times with good friends. I was honored to be a part of the group."

When Johnson graduated from Southern and headed westward to a job in Colorado in 1965, the Justin Singers essentially ceased to exist.

Their time as a folk group was brief, but remarkable.



### The 'Sixth Member' Of The Group

In 1964, gasoline averaged \$.30 a gallon, a dozen eggs were \$.54, and a first-class stamp was a nickel. Lyndon Baines Johnson was in the White House, and Otto Kerner was governor of Illinois. Musically, the British Invasion was in full swing. The Justin Singers relied on Larry Johnson's 1959 blue Chevrolet Bel Air station wagon for transportation.

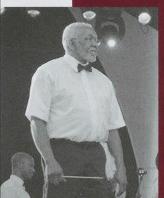
Johnson recalls, "We took all our Justins trips in my old blue Chevy station wagon. Piling five people, three guitar cases, a stand-up string bass, and various garment bags was just about the limit of its capacity. On route, we would hash out song lists for the upcoming performance, and when a new song came along that we wanted to add to the repertoire, chances are we would spend part of the trip working out the arrangement and voicing for it before adding it to the act a month later.

"In a sense, the station wagon was the sixth member of our group."

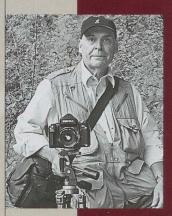
### The Justin Singers Today:



AuBuchon Green is retired from the French horn position she held for 36 years with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. During her tenure with that orchestra she was a member of the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation recording orchestra, the Prairie Winds woodwind quintet, and the Musik Barock Ensemble.



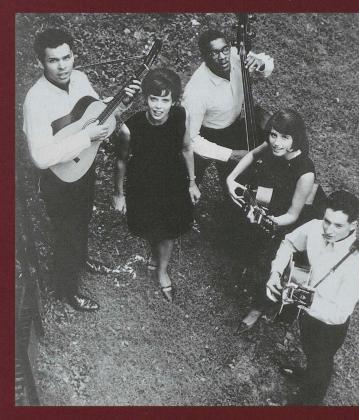
A Carbondale native, Hayes moved to southeast Michigan in 1993 as the strings teacher for the Ypsilanti Public Schools. He co-founded the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra and continues to serve as the conductor and music director of that organization, now in its 16th year.



Also from Carbondale, Johnson taught high school for 13 years and conducted more than 200 Denver-area concerts with community choirs before becoming a professional photographer. His photographs in his *Oh, Beautiful America* portfolios at www.larryjohnsonphotography.com have been selected to celebrate the diversity, beauty, and grandeur of the American landscape. He lives in Littleton, Co.



Since graduation from Southern, Jones Couch has lived and worked in or near Plymouth, Ind., where she has taught all facets of music to all ages. Her SIU degrees, which included a K-14 endorsement, allowed her to weather several budget cuts made by the public school systems. She taught "everything from kindergarten through college" during her career.



All the members of the Justin Singers were students in the School of Music in 1963. Left to right, Larry Johnson, Wanda Jones, Bill Hayes, Patti AuBuchon, and Chuck Trentham.

Trentham succumbed to cancer in 2006. His obituary revealed, "He had a great sense of humor and loved telling jokes and stories of his early Southern upbringing ... Music was an intrinsic part of Chuck's life. He played eight different instruments."

Although one member provided the following words, they all echoed the following sentiment in pitch perfect harmony, "I remember how proud I was to be one of the Justin Singers. I still love you all, and there haven't been many days since I left SIU that I have not thought about us, the Justin Singers."

Editor's Note: Thanks to Bill Hayes, who initiated and facilitated this article. The Association life member's assistance was invaluable.

### BONE DEEP: A CONVERSATION WITH GRETCHEN DABBS

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY, COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

The Complex for Forensic Anthropology Research at Southern Illinois University is one of just six facilities like it in the world. The primary focus is to study human decomposition in the context of helping identify remains, and to uncover clandestine homicide. Gretchen Dabbs, forensic anthropologist, is co-founder and director of the facility called CFAR.

### WHAT IS FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY?

Forensic anthropologists apply biological anthropology to criminal investigation. We examine skeletal remains to create a biological profile: approximate age, sex, ancestry, height and disease status. We drop that profile into NAMUS – the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System — in hope of finding a match leading to a positive identification. We all have unique identifiers in our bones similar to our fingerprints. When other identifiers are not available, we turn to the bones.

### WHAT ELSE CAN YOU LEARN FROM SKELETAL REMAINS?

We try to establish the post-mortem interval – how long has the body been dead; and we analyze for evidence of trauma such as a stab wound visible on bones, gun shot, or breaks.

### WHAT IS THE ADVANTAGE TO HAVING SUCH A RESEARCH FACILITY IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS?

The environment affects decomposition. In Southern Illinois, we have distinct seasons, high humidity and relatively high winds. Wind contributes to natural mummification. Knowing this is a factor here helps us establish a more accurate post-mortem interval. We also offer training for area law enforcement. And of course the research facility offers many opportunities for student research, including interdisciplinary research.

### HAVE YOU WORKED ON CRIMINAL CASES? CAN YOU GIVE ANY EXAMPLES?

I've worked on many cases. I was part of a case in Jasper County in 2012. A hiker found partial skeletal remains near the Embarrass River. Law enforcement used a search grid on Saturday and Sunday to locate more. My students and I went out on Monday and found bones, including a rib bone with evidence of a stab wound. We were able to give the police a series of possible names based on the biological profile established from all the bones. Ultimately, the remains were identified and his girlfriend pled guilty to second-degree murder this past summer.

### HOW DID YOU BECOME INTERESTED IN FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY?

I took a course in human osteology as an undergraduate because it fit my schedule. And then I fell completely down the rabbit hole. I took forensic anthropology with the same professor and loved it. This was before "Bones" — only seven people were in my class. Now I teach a forensic anthropology class that has 90 students in it.

### THIS CAN BE A GRIM EXPERTISE. WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF IT?

I consider my entire career a success when I can help a family gain some closure by learning what happened to their missing loved one.





"I was struck by the number of significant projects that had taken shape during the past 20 years," the SIU Alumni Association member says. "The University has done an admirable job of maintaining – and even improving – the campus."

After more than two decades away, Hansen had indeed come full circle.

### No Military Influence

Hansen never expected to join the Air Force. Growing up in Glenview, Ill., he had no military influence to speak of. Other than an uncle who served as a naval officer during the Vietnam War, no one in his family had military experience, and he had little exposure to the armed forces.

It wasn't until he joined Civil Air Patrol (CAP) at the age of 12 that the seed was planted. The traditional military values of integrity, sacrifice, excellence and teamwork immediately struck a chord with the young cadet. In particular, he quickly fell in love with the flying aspect of the program.

He was attracted to the discipline and hard work involved in being an aviator. And this is something he excelled at from the beginning, quickly advancing to solo in all three categories of aircraft available to him: airplane, glider, and lighter-than-air.

This love of aviation set the tone for his college experience when he enrolled at SIU in the spring of 1989. Although his major was political science, it was more of a means to an end. His true goal was to become an officer and fly for the U.S. Air Force. Due to some minor problems with his vision, Hansen was ineligible for a pilot slot at the time he entered AFROTC. Undaunted, he competed for and earned a navigator slot during his sophomore year and looked forward to beginning a career in aviation after he graduated.

But fate had other plans for the future officer.

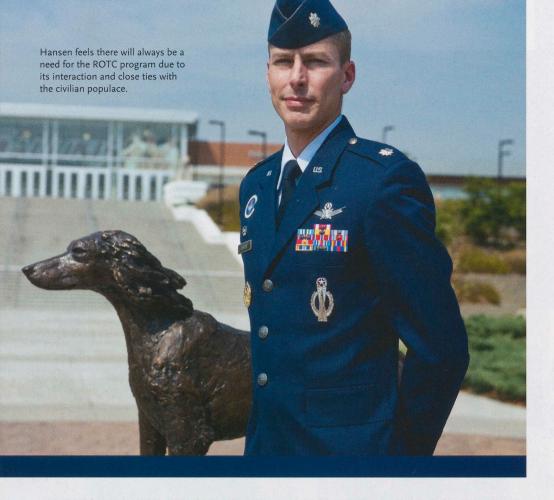
When the Berlin Wall came down in 1989 and the United States declared victory in the Cold War, budget, and policy decisions set in motion a series of military cutbacks. These filtered down to AFROTC in the form of reductions in pilot and navigator training opportunities. Hansen became an early victim of these policy decisions when he lost his navigator slot in 1991. However,



an amazing transformation had occurred in the course of his AFROTC experience. He had come to learn that being an officer and serving his country was his true calling; he would be an officer first and serve in whatever capacity his nation required.

While many aspiring aviators across the country took the opportunity to withdraw from their contracts and pursue civilian careers, Hansen remained committed to military service and forged ahead into an unknown future. Eventually, he received a new operational slot as a missileer. In this capacity, he would be in charge of monitoring and – if required – launching Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles still maintained on constant alert by the Air Force.

Hansen returned to SIU last year to assume command of Air Force ROTC Detachment 205 from outgoing commander Lt. Col. Melanie Friedman.



Crew training at Vandenberg Air Force Base (AFB) in California, he began his first operational assignment at Malmstrom AFB, Mont., in April of 1993. During the next 20 years, he would crisscross the United States (and the world) in the service of his nation, including a tour at the Pentagon and two deployments - one to Southwest Asia and another to the Horn of Africa.

Throughout this time, SIU continued to play a prominent role in Hansen's life. He's been stationed with no less than 20 alumni during his career, including a two-year stretch with this author when we served together at Malmstrom AFB from April 1995 to June 1997. But the most important of these assignment twists-offate concerned his future wife, Paula '94. Previously friends from their shared cadet experience, they began dating when she was also assigned duties as a missileer at Malmstrom AFB.

The pair was married in August of 1996, and Paula gave birth to their daughter, Erica, five years later while they were both stationed at Vandenberg AFB. She left the service shortly thereafter to concentrate her full attention on parenting their only child.

Paula is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in psychology, while Erica is in the eighth grade at Carterville Junior High School.

"It is nice to finally be assigned someplace where we already know the shortcuts and back roads," Hansen says of living in southern Illinois. "Usually by the time we figure that out, it's been time to move again."

### A Dream To Return

When now Lieutenant Colonel Hansen returned to Detachment 205 in July 2013, it was without the fanfare that normally accompanies a change of command. Never one for showy pretensions, that was fine with him. What mattered was the substance: it was the culmination of his dream to return to SIU and the dream of every officer to command.

Currently boasting 80 cadets, the officer training program at Southern is considered a large detachment. The AFROTC program in general produces the lion's share of Air Force officers annually; 42.6 percent of those officers currently serving on active duty were commissioned through the program, compared with 22.6 percent from the Air Force Academy and 34.8

percent from other sources such as Officer Training School (OTS) and direct commissioning.

"It was an opportunity to truly make a difference, to make an impact on the future of the Air Force," Hansen says. He is optimistic about the detachment's future prospects and feels there will always be a need for the ROTC program due to its interaction and close ties with the civilian populace.

"In a way, it closes the gap between civil and military societies," he notes. "There is a dynamic here that just doesn't exist at the Air Force Academy or OTS. It really reinforces the idea that the military comes from, represents and serves the public at large."

There are certainly challenges ahead: Attracting and retaining well-rounded individuals, developing mental and physical capabilities in emerging leaders and maintaining a balance between military training and university academics - all within an increasingly fiscally constrained environment. Ultimately, Hansen hopes to deliver the same quality program he remembers from his days as a cadet despite the reduction in resources.

In the 63 years since the detachment first opened its doors in Parkinson Hall, the program has produced a great number of notable officers, including many who went on to become SIU faculty or prominent members of the local community (see sidebar).

Although Hansen currently has no plans to seek a position with the University, he fully intends to follow in the footsteps of many of his predecessors by remaining in the Carbondale area upon completion of his tour.

"Nothing would feel more right," he explains. "Even after all these years, it still feels like home."

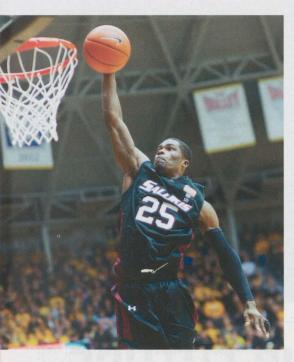
Editor's Note: Robert Lindblom '92 is a part-time freelance writer whose fiction, nonfiction, and poetry have appeared in numerous national publications. He is also an AFROTC Detachment 205 alumnus and former Air Force helicopter pilot. He wrote about his wartime experiences in the critically acclaimed Operation Homecoming anthology.

### Prominent Detachment 205 Staff And Alumni

- Colonel Alexander MacMillan, Ph.D. '59 served as the commander from 1954-1959. During this time, he founded both Arnold Air Society and Angel Flight student service organizations affiliated with the AFROTC program. After retiring from the Air Force, he accepted a position as Transportation Officer for SIU and was eventually selected as an emeritus of Civil Service. He passed away in 1989.
- Colonel Joe Johnson '56 attended Southern on a basketball scholarship, graduating in 1956. He served 26 years with the Air Force, accumulating more than 6,500 flying hours as pilot, including more than 1,000 combat hours in Vietnam. His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit and the Presidential Unit Citation.
- Lieutenant Colonel Harvey Welch '55, M.S. '58
  was an SIU basketball all-star and a Saluki Hall of
  Fame inductee. He went on to serve 20 years with
  the Air Force, and after his retirement became Dean
  of Student Life at SIU. Over the course of the next 24
  years, he went on to hold several key positions at both
  SIUC and SIUE.
- Lieutenant General Thomas Baker '57 served 35
  years with in the Air Force, where he held numerous
  key leadership positions, including Commander of
  Twelfth Air Force. He accumulated more than 5,000
  flying hours in a variety of fighter aircraft and earned
  numerous accolades, including the Distinguished
  Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the
  Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Medal.
- Colonel Oliver Halderson founded AFROTC Detachment 205 in 1951. He retired after serving three years as commander and went on to take a position as Safety Officer with SIU. He later retired from the University as an emeritus of Civil Service and passed away in 1992.
- Captain William Norwood '59 came to SIU on a
  football scholarship, was the first black quarterback
  at the University, and is a Saluki Hall of Fame inductee.
  After flying bombers for six years, he separated from
  the Air Force in 1965 and went on to a 31-year career
  with United Airlines, where he was the company's first
  black pilot and the first to achieve the position of
  captain. From 1974-2001, he served as a member of the
  SIU Board of Trustees.



### **Young Salukis Ready To Show Improvement**



Top returning scorer Anthony Beane is a preseason All-MVC selection

Coming off a tie for fourth place a year ago, the SIU men's basketball team is tabbed for seventh in the 2014-15 Missouri Valley Conference preseason poll. The Salukis return four starters, including all-conference guard Anthony Beane and all-bench reserve Jalen Pendleton, but must replace Desmar Jackson, who led the team in virtually every statistical category last season.

Southern has no scholarship seniors on its roster and six freshmen.

For the third time in the last five years, Wichita State is picked to win the conference crown, as the Shockers received 45 of 46 firstplace votes in the conference poll of coaches, media and sports information directors.

Southern's schedule of 18 MVC games begins with a New Year's Eve home matchup against Missouri State. After hosting the Bears, SIU will play three of its next four games on the road, with trips to Bradley

(Jan. 3), Northern Iowa (Jan. 7) and defending champion Wichita State (Jan. 14).

Home games during the month of January are versus Indiana State (Jan. 10), Loyola (Jan. 18), Bradley (Jan. 21) and Northern Iowa (Jan. 28). Other January road dates include Evansville (Jan. 24) and Missouri State (Jan. 31). The full schedule may be found at www.siusalukis.com.

"Even though we will have one of the youngest teams in college basketball this season, I really like my team," says third-year head coach Barry Hinson. "I expect we'll be right in the thick of the conference battle."

With five players on the roster 6-7 or taller, Southern will have more size than in recent years. That should help the offense make up for points and rebounds lost by Jackson's departure.

"We have talent that can step up, as Anthony Beane can't do it by himself," Hinson says. "For him to not have that target on his back, we must be able to score inside, and have others produce on the perimeter. Tyler Smithpeters, K.C. Goodwin, Deion Lavender, and Armon Fletcher can all shoot the basketball.

"Sean O'Brien can score inside and out and Pendleton is a much better offensive player than he has been in the past. I think we have the talent to take some of the pressure off of Beane this season."

MVC Preseason Poll	
1. Wichita St.	459
2. UNI	411
3. Mo. St.	338
4. Evansville	300
5. Illinois St.	287
6. Indiana St.	219
7. SIU	191
8. Bradley	140
9. Drake	92
10. Loyola	91

### Salukis Connect In Florida At Charity Event



Larry Bush holds a football autographed by fellow Salukis Kevin House (left) and Jim Hart. Photo courtesy of Corgi Photo in Ocala, Fla.

Former Southern Illinoisan reporter Larry Bush '83, who now resides in Ocala, Fla., was recently asked to emcee a fundraiser for Marion County (Fla.) Special Olympics. Planned by Ocala resident Don Nottingham, a former player with the Miami Dolphins and Baltimore Colts, it featured 14 former NFL players.

"I was asked to emcee the event. introduce the pro athletes who were participating, and keep things moving throughout the evening," Bush says. "There was a live and silent auction that raised funds that night, and a golf tournament was held the next day with a former NFL player in each foursome."

Salukis were well represented! "Former SIU receiver Kevin House '80 was on my team, and we finished second," Bush notes. "And former Saluki quarterback and athletic director Jim Hart '67 was there as well. Jim couldn't play due to recent surgery, but he drove around and putted with various groups - it was a great experience.

"It is sort of ironic how we came together. I was a freshman when Kevin was a senior at SIU, and I interviewed Jim for the Southern Illinoisan in 1981 regarding his involvement with the Carbondale Special Olympics. What fun it was to catch up with both of them at this Florida event."

### Saluki Men 2nd, Women 3rd In MVC Cross Country Championships

The SIU men's cross country team finished in second place and the women's team finished third in the Missouri Valley Conference Championships hosted by the Salukis in early November. Indiana State won the men's 8K, while Bradley won the women's 5K race.

In the men's event, SIU and ISU tied with 73 points each, but the tiebreaker went in favor of the Sycamores. As they have done all year, *Michael Castel, Oscar Medina*, and *Juan Carrera* paced for the Salukis, finishing sixth, seventh, and eighth respectively. The trio also earned first team all-conference honors.

Head coach *David Beauchem* is proud of the way his top three runners led the team once again.

"That is what we have been trying to setup up front.," says Beauchem. "They were really the three guys in the top ten that crossed together as teammates. They did a great job."

Castel had an impressive MVC
Championship debut and was happy
with the way he and his teammates
performed. "It went pretty well my first
year here," says Castel. "Being on our
home course gave us an advantage and
we worked real well together."

The women's race saw Krista Menghini take charge for the Salukis, earning a 10th place finish to guide SIU to a third place finish and a spot on the First Team All-Conference squad. Kelley Gallagher and Kristen Levi finished 12th and 15th respectively to earn honorable mention status.

### Full Roster Gives Lady Salukis A Reason To Smile

The Saluki women's basketball team has been picked to finish ninth in the Missouri Valley Conference in the 2014-15 poll, with standout center *Dyana Pierre* named to preseason all-conference team. Southern, which is coming off an injury-marred season, feels invigorated.

"I'm extremely excited to get this MVC season underway," says SIU Head Coach Cindy Stein. "It is already 10 times better, more intense, and more competitive. We have 14 young ladies working hard, and with all the injuries, we didn't have that last year, ending the season with eight scholarship players and a walk-on."

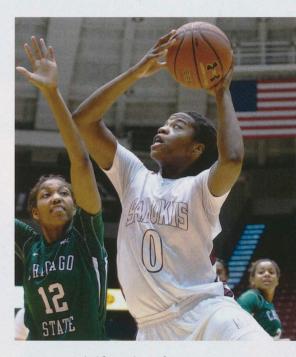
SIU's top returnee, Pierre is coming off a stellar sophomore campaign where she became only the second Saluki since 2000 to earn First-Team All-MVC status, and the eighth-ever such honor in Saluki women's history since Valley play began in 1992-93. Pierre ranked first in the conference in double-doubles (12), rebounding (9.5), 10+ rebound games (13), and offensive rebounds (4.1). She led the conference by 58 total rebounds.

The Salukis are coming off a 5-25 season that included a 3-15 mark in Valley play, but players such as *Asia Washington*, *Cartaesha Macklin*, and *Rishonda Napier* return this season, alongside Pierre and six other players with starting experience.

"We don't have the chip on our shoulder this year, but we want to prove ourselves," Stein says of her team's ninth-place spot in the poll. "Our kids have more confidence and more knowledge this year."

The Salukis open Valley action Jan. 4 at Illinois State, followed by road games at Northern Iowa (Jan. 9) and Drake (Jan. 11), before a home conference game Jan. 18 against Evansville. Combined with a challenging non-conference slate, Stein feels he team will be ready for the league battles. The full schedule may be found at www.siusalukis.com.

"I think we will definitely be challenged in non-league games, but it's all about being ready for conference play," Stein says. "That's what we're aiming for; if we can get better playing teams like Illinois, Memphis, Toledo, and Oregon State, then I think we'll be solid against MVC teams."

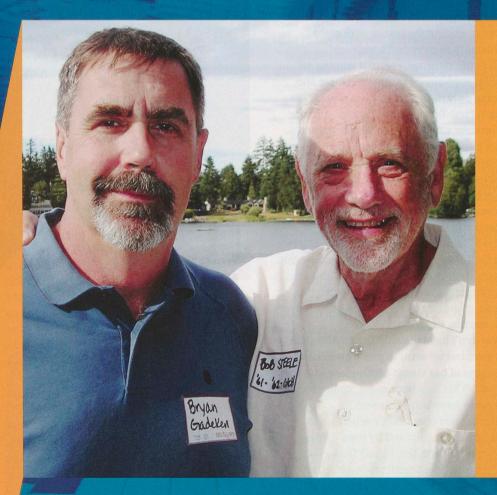


Dyana Pierre ranked first in the conference in double-doubles and rebounding last season.

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	MVC Preseason Poll	
	1. Wichita State	395
	2. UNI	348
	3. Drake	315
	4. Evansville	252
	5. Indiana St.	234
	6. Mo. St.	190
	7. Loyola	166
	8. Illinois St.	125
	9. SIU	116
	10. Bradley	60

## Coaching Flame Still Burning Bob Steele Bright For Bob Steele

BY GENE GREEN



Tith more than a half-century of successful coaching under his belt, former SIU swimming coach **Bob**Steele '61, M.S. '62 has certainly earned the right to bask in his glory and ramp up his love of fishing. That plan, however, holds only limited appeal for the 75 year-old Saluki, who shows no signs of slowing down.

Now in his eighth year as a Master Coach Consultant for USA Swimming, the Saluki Hall of Famer is constantly on the go, sharing his knowledge with athletes and coaches around the world. He travels to provide field service consultation and support, with the goal of enhancing athlete performance and educating and mentoring coaches.

"Since I retired from active coaching, it has been fulfilling to work with teams that have world-ranked high school swimmers," Steele says. "It's something I love doing, and working with motivated young people and

Steele (right) enjoys staying in contact with many of his former swimmers. This summer he caught up with former letterman Bryan Gadeken '81 at an SIU Alumni Association event in the Seattle area. Respected by his athletes for being both tough and fair as a coach, former national champion Roger VonJouanne '82, M.S. '87, once described Steele's training methods as "distracted pain."

their coaches helps keep me young."

No matter where he goes, Steele is never far removed from his days at Southern decades ago. As a Saluki athlete, he captured school records in the backstroke while earning All-America honors on the medley relay team. After graduation, he coached at two Illinois high schools and Northwestern University, arriving back at SIU in 1974 to take over the swimming coach duties from Ray Essick.

Steele would guide the Salukis to six National Independent championships and 10 Top-20 NCAA finishes during his 12-year SIU coaching tenure. Under his guidance, Saluki swimmers earned a total of 56 All-America honors, and he would be inducted into the SIU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995.

"It's great for retired coaches to be asked to share our knowledge to help coaches enrich young swimmers' experiences in our great sport and help them raise their level of aspiration to their coaches' level of expectation," Steele told *Swimming World* magazine. "I enjoy helping USA Swimming increase the effectiveness of identifying talented young people and enriching their opportunities to 'be the best they can be."

Steele also still wants the Salukis to be the best. He comes through Carbondale to work with SIU swimmers, and his visit this September was appreciated by Saluki swimming coach Rick Walker.

"Bob Steele makes a special effort to return to his old stomping grounds annually, and every time he arrives, I get to review the latest trends of USA Swimming and see what kind of impact it can have on how we prepare," Walker says. "He allows me to confirm or question what I am doing as a coach, and likewise our athletes gain confidence in their training.

"If there is something we need to adjust, there is an open dialog. Bob brings old and new school coaching styles to our program, and we are left with a refreshed passion for swimming. I just can't describe how valuable that is for us."

Steele – who estimates he travels more than 20,000 miles each year for U.S. Swimming and speaks to thousands of athletes and coaches – enjoys splitting his spare time between homes in Lynden, Wash., and a nearby "place on the water" on the Sunshine Coast in Canada.

The Association member, who proudly served as president of SIU's Peoria Alumni Chapter in the mid-1960s, is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting, fishing, and painting. He has eight swimming paintings on display at the Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and has provided artwork for Ducks Unlimited.

"I try to keep busy, and still have a passion for anything I'm involved with," Steele says. "And I try to stay involved and informed about what is happening at the University. SIU still means a lot to me; I will never forget my years there."

### The Steele File

### 1970-73

Northwestern University 16 new school records 20th place NCAA Championships

### 1973-1984

Southern Illinois University
10 NCAA TOP 20 finishes
19 new school records
2 American records
6 National Independent Championships

### 1984-86

Justus Dolphins of Orlando USS National Junior Team Camp

### 1986-95

U.S. Swimming Director of Athlete and Coach Development

### 1995-97

Wichita Swim Club
4 top 12 finishes at Junior Nationals

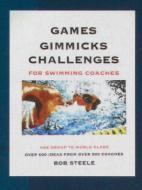
### 1997-2004

Cal State-Bakersfield
5 NCAA Division II National Championships
2 NCAA National Championship Runners-Up
6 NCAA National Championship Records
14 new CSUB Records - 21 Individual
and 11 relay champions
79 All-Americans - 2 conference
championships
4-Time NCAA II Coach of the Year

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# Among The World's Best At Argonne National Laboratory

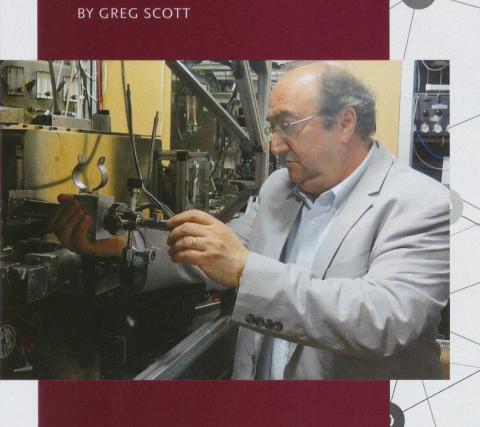
sen Alp Ph.D. '85 was nowhere near Chicago when he first became aware of Argonne National Laboratory – in fact he wasn't even in the United States.

The Ankara, Turkey, native initially became familiar with Argonne after purchasing Paul Shewmon's book *Diffusion in Solids*. He needed the publication for a course at Middle East Technical University in 1975, and Shewmon's biography listed that he was from Argonne.

Twenty years old at the time, Alp says the name struck a chord with him.

"I was walking the streets of Ankara, and a physicist friend of mine saw the book under my arm. He scoured it and told me that Argonne was an important institution," says Alp, who completed requirements for his bachelor's and master's degrees at Middle East Technical University. "Somehow, his remark stuck with me."

Nearly four decades later, Alp is a senior scientist at Argonne, a multifaceted research center that fosters a collaborative work environment for researchers worldwide. Argonne, located in DuPage County just 25 miles southwest of Chicago, employs some of the world's premier researchers coordinate efforts to enhance energy sources,



environment, technology, and national security.

Alp was furthered intrigued by Argonne's reputation for being the best place in North America for Mossbauer Spectroscopy research, a cross discipline between nuclear physics and solid state physics. It happened to be the subject of his doctoral thesis at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

"All the big names I encountered while reading newspapers were associated with Argonne," he says. "I particularly wanted to work for Gopal Shenoy and Bobby Dunlap, who were leading Mossbauer Labs at the time."

Argonne is known for embracing some of the nation's primary challenges. Its renowned scientists and engineers conduct innovative, cutting-edge research fostering security for this country. Argonne is the nation's first national laboratory, and its team is a leader in conducting research in most scientific disciplines.

Team members coordinate efforts with multiple companies, universities, and federal, state, and municipal agencies to assist them in conquering various challenges, and preparing America's scientific leadership for the future.

"More than half of our interactions are with the international community," Alp says. "Therefore, you can keep up with the latest and most advanced fields of research, as well as the pioneers who are conducting it. Often, I can walk down the hall and find the best person in that field and have a conversation.

Argonne's proximity to O'Hare Airport provides another advantage. Researchers traveling from Europe, Asia or South America can conveniently visit and provide lab staff with personal access to the world's best.

The SIU graduate, who

joined Argonne's scientific staff in 1984, is in charge of Argonne's Advanced Photo Source (APS), a monstrous x-ray machine large enough to encircle a major league baseball stadium.

An essential tool for Argonne's team, the APS provides access to invisible light that provides researchers with the brightest high-energy x-ray beams in the Western Hemisphere to conduct scientific experiments. This supports their efforts in studying arrangement of molecules and atoms, probing interfaces where materials meet, determining the form and function of biological proteins and watching the occurrence of chemical processes.

"It allows me to conduct unimaginable research," Alp notes. "For instance, we can create conditions similar to the center of the Earth, allowing us to measure thermodynamic and electronic properties in ways that weren't possible previously. The enormous human and material resources

available here make it easy and feasible to conduct cuttingedge research."

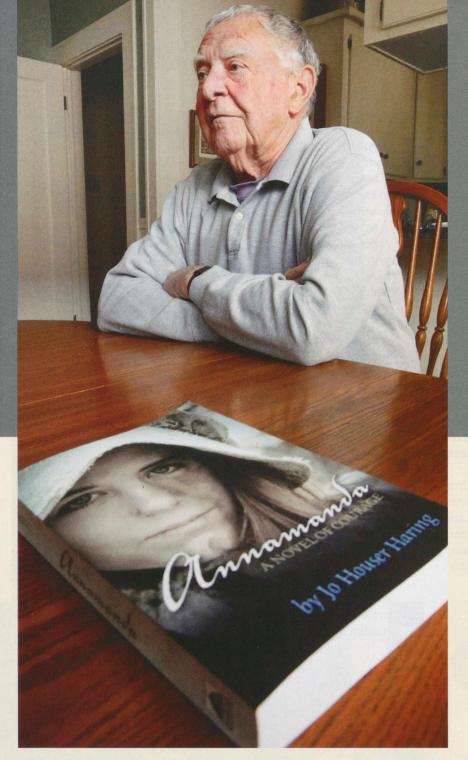
Alp says he initially heard about the Carbondale campus in 1979 through an advertisement in *Physics Today*. A graduate student in Turkey at the time, he reached out to Southern and received a favorable response. He says Bary Malik, then the physics department chair, and professor Mick Saporoschenko were instrumental in his arrival to the States.

"From the time I arrived on campus, I was able to do research and teach at the same time," he says. "Attaining a Ph.D. degree at a U.S. institution is something I would definitely advise for any young person.

"SIU offered me that opportunity, and I am forever grateful."

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Bob Haring, former Tulsa World executive editor, talks about the book Annamanda, written some 20 years ago by his late wife, Jo Houser Haring.

### Alumna's Novel Novel Published 23 Years After Her

o Houser Haring M.A. '59 had plans. Epic plans, really. And the first step in realizing those plans had been completed -in the form of several hundred pages of a novel she had titled Annamanda.

The SIU Carbondale graduate had plans for six volumes to follow this first one, which told about the young wife of an itinerant minister trying to create a life for themselves in the early 1800s in southeastern Missouri, dealing with hardships both natural, including the devastating New Madrid earthquakes of 1811-1812.

The subsequent novels would be subtly linked together – a minor character in one book becoming the protagonist of another - but would also be able to be read individually.

Together, these books would trace a strand of American history from a time soon after independence to the modern day, one that would also explore the influence of religion - especially some of the more extreme and fundamentalist strains of Protestantism on the formation of the country.

The manuscript had been sent to an agent, and Haring had begun work on the second volume when, in 1991, she died of leukemia at the age of 57. "And since no commercial publisher wants to deal with a dead author," says her husband, former Tulsa World Executive Editor Bob Haring '73, "we thought that was that."



Jo Hauser Haring

Twenty-three years later, the only surviving remnant of an epic dream will see the light of day, when Jo Houser Haring's novel *Annamanda: A Novel of Courage* is published. The novel, published as a trade paperback, was officially released June 30.

Haring had published one previous book, a historical novel titled *The Founding Father*, in 1984. A year after her death, her husband published a collection of the humorous newspaper columns she had written years before along with other pieces under the title "Notes on the Refrigerator Door."

"About a dozen years ago," Bob Haring notes, "our oldest son found a bunch of her manuscripts at her brother's home in Missouri. The manuscript for this book was in there. We made copies of it and sent it around to family members and friends, and everyone who read it said, 'You have got to get this published."

Published in Missouri by SEMO Press, Susan Swartwout, editor and publisher of the press, say "I got a letter from Bob about the book, describing it, and asking if we'd be interested. "I read it and loved it but had some doubts; the author wasn't from this area, although her family were pioneer settlers in this region.

What appealed to Swartwout was the title character.

"She is so compelling," she says. "Here she is living in these incredibly dire circumstances, and yet she faces every situation with remarkable fortitude, even humor." She also praised how Haring portrayed the devastation of the New Madrid earthquakes, still the most powerful earthquakes ever registered in the United States.

"We assume that there weren't many people in this area at that time, and those that were there left soon after the first quakes, but that wasn't the case," Swartwout notes.

Bob Haring runs a palm over the book's cover – a photograph of a young woman in a frayed bonnet, gazing calmly at the viewer. "I love the cover," he says. "I don't know where they found this girl in the picture, but she's perfect. I had the book out on the table, and people will just stop and pick it up because of that cover.

"The thing is," he says, "I first read this story when she was working on it, reading a chapter at a time. When we found the manuscript, I read it again, and I've read it two more times in the course of it getting published. And it has stayed fresh and compelling every time."

– Watts is a writer for the *Tulsa World*, where this article first appeared.



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### **SIU Day In Colorado**

The Denver Club hosted its second annual SIU Day With The Colorado Rockies, as more than 75 Salukis gathered at Fado's Pub prior to enjoying the Colorado Rockies and Chicago Cubs game at Coors Field. Club representative Craig Johlfs helped host the event.



### Guitar Raffle Helps Support Legacy Scholarship

Ray Simpson '92 of Carbondale was the lucky winner of the Shiner Epiphone Guitar 339 Pro Vintage Sunburst via a raffle at the end of the Association's Homecoming tailgate this year. Special thanks to Shiner Beer for donating the guitar. Raffle ticket sales support the Legacy Scholarship. Learn more at siualumni.com/scholarships.

### 30th SIU Day At Busch

More than 220 Salukis attended the 30th annual SIU Day At Busch Stadium. For the first time, the pregame portion of the event was held at Joe Buck's Restaurant, as alumni and friends enjoyed a meal and conversation before walking over to the stadium to watch the Cardinals host the Cubs. The St. Louis Chapter hosted the event.

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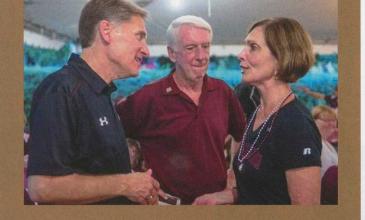
Want to stay with other Salukis and enjoy MVC men's basketball action? Plan now to book your room at the Hilton at the Ballpark in St. Louis so you can visit with friends at the SIU Alumni Association Hospitality Suite during the conference tournament. The tournament will be held March 5-8 at the Scottrade Center.

While there, you can also shop for Saluki apparel and join or renew your SIU Alumni Association membership. A block of rooms have been reserved at a special rate at the Hilton, and you can book online by going to siualumni.com.



### CONTACT A CHAPTER, CLUB, OR GROUP

Learn more about SIU Alumni chapters, clubs, and groups at siualumni. com/chapters, or call the Association office at 618/453-2408. See if there are graduates near you, and find out how you can connect with other Salukis in your area.



# SIU Day At The DuQuoin Fair

The SIU Alumni Association helped support SIU Day at the Du Quoin State Fair in August. The event was a way for alumni and friends to stop by the SIU tent to catch up on campus happenings, pick up an athletics schedule, connect with Salukis, or learn about enrolling at the University. There was also a cook out on the governor's lawn, where

SIU President Randy Dunn (above left) chats with Richard and

# **SIU-Purdue Game Tailgate**

More than 70 Salukis attended a tailgate prior to the SIU football game at Purdue. Alumni and friends were invited to a pregame event beginning outside Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, hosted by Greater Indianapolis Chapter President Paul McIntosh, the former Saluki quarterback.

Paul McIntosh (right) speaks to the gathering prior to the football game.





# **Bowling Fundraiser In Chicago**

The Chicagoland Chapter hosted a Bowling Fundraiser and Silent Auction to raise money for the chapter's scholarship fund. The event was held in Algonquin, Ill., with 36 attendees raising more than \$800. This money will assist Chicago-area students attend SIU. The scholarship will be based on academic merit, extra-curricular activities, and financial need. Chapter President Vanessa Matheny managed the event and helped host the group.



# Former Board Member Beverly Coleman Dies



Beverly Coleman '61, a lifelong educator and longtime member of the SIU Alumni Association's Board of Directors, passed away Oct. 6 at the age of 75. She served on the Association Board and its various committees from 1984-2005

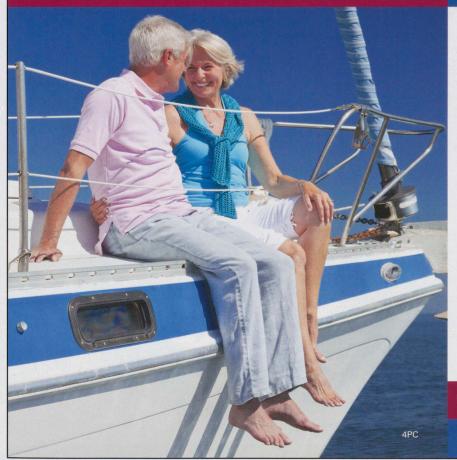
Coleman rose through the ranks during her long education career, taking the road from elementary special education teacher to the White House. She was an administrator for the United States Department of Education, where she worked directly with President Bill Clinton on his Small Class Size Initiative.

While in Washington, D.C., she was able to lead or assist in the advancement of educational initiatives under five U.S. presidents, including Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton, and George W. Bush, under whose administration she retired.

Coleman, who thanked SIU at her 50th class reunion for providing the opportunity for her to earn her bachelor's degree, later received a master's and a doctorate from the University of Illinois.

Coleman delivered the 2002 SIU commencement address for what is now the College of Education and Human Services.

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BY TOM WOOLF

fter spending more than three decades "touching lives" in the United States and around the world through public service, Janice Jacobs '68 hopes to Linspire SIU Carbondale students to do the same. Jacobs, who grew up in Murphysboro and earned her bachelor's degree in French from SIU, is back at her alma mater as a visiting lecturer in political science. She retired from the U.S. State Department in April after a 33-year diplomatic career.

From 2008 until her retirement, she was the assistant secretary for consular affairs, responsible for the State Department's second largest bureau with 12,000 employees worldwide and annual visa and passport revenues totaling \$3 billion.

Prior to that, Jacobs, who also earned a master's degree from the National War College in Washington, D.C., served in a variety of roles, including as deputy director of the Office of Cuban Affairs, principal deputy assistant secretary for the Bureau of Consular Affairs, and as U.S. ambassador to the West African nations of Senegal and Guinea-Bissau.

**Teaching At SIU** 

At SIU Jacobs is teaching two courses and a University Honors Program seminar class on major domestic and international issues that occupied much of her time as a diplomat: the Middle East, terrorism and counterterrorism, and immigration reform. Among her priorities in all three

There are strong family connections to the university. courses is helping Jacobs' late father, Robert, was an SIU alumnus and was

recruited by SIU President Delyte Morris in 1962 to serve as dean of international

students understand the nuts

and bolts of policy-making.

a consultant to the Center

during her semester-long tenure at SIU. Her efforts

for International Education

will help the center identify

marketplace, develop outreach

and cultivation strategies for

existing or emerging markets,

Study Abroad opportunities,

and meet with international

students and groups to foster

strong relationships among

students, faculty and staff.

advise students on the value of

and analyze trends in the

international education

She also will be serving as

programs. Her younger brother, her sister. and a niece all graduated from SIU. Returning to the university to teach also provides Jacobs with the opportunity to spend time with her 95-yearold mother, who lives in Murphysboro. Jacobs joined the Foreign

Service as an officer in 1980. In addition to Senegal, she has lived in Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, France, Mexico, deputy assistant secretary for visa services in the Bureau of

Consular Affairs. Initially she was hesitant.

"It was a very tense time for the bureau, because the hijackers had visas," Jacobs recalls. "Long before 9/11. we had to strike a balance between border security and openness. We did understand the importance of keeping the bad guys out of the U.S. After 9/11, we really had to prove ourselves.

"I knew the job would be difficult, but I also knew that I would be part of history as we completely revamped the visa process," she notes. "As difficult as I knew it would be, I thought it would be worthwhile if I could be a positive influence in helping to keep the door open to legitimate visitors while making sure we kept out those who would do us harm."

#### The History Of Reform

In her University Honors course on immigration reform, Jacobs believes it is important that her students are aware of the history behind this controversy.

"A lot of the issues being debated today have existed for years and years, such as openness versus being more restrictive, targeting certain groups, and bringing people into the U.S. for labor purposes but not offering them all the

benefits of citizenship," she says. "We also will talk about the latest efforts by Congress to come up with an immigration reform package. The Senate passed a measure, but it doesn't look like the House will anytime soon. Mainly I want the students to understand why this is so hard."

As assistant secretary, Jacobs also oversaw the Bureau of Consular Affairs' efforts to assist American citizens during times of crisis overseas.

"During the Arab Spring, we helped evacuate more than 2,000 American citizens and their family members from Tunisia, Egypt and Libya," she says. "We did the same for more than 10,000 American citizens and family members, including orphans who were being adopted in the U.S., following the 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti."

In addition to enhancing her students' understanding of major domestic and international issues, their history, and the challenges of policy-making, she wants them to understand the value of

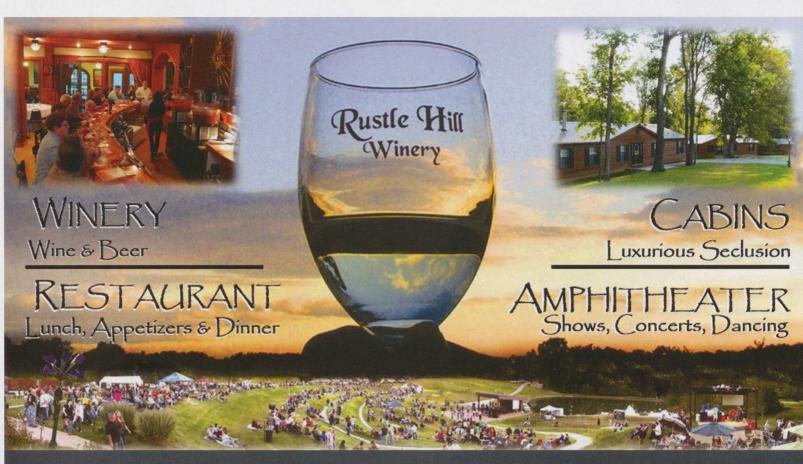
"It offers an opportunity to make a positive difference," she explains. "It comes with a lot of responsibility, but also the chance to help others, to give back."

public service.



Nigeria and Thailand. On 9/11, Jacobs was serving as the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Santo Domingo, the Dominican Republic. Shortly after the attacks, she was asked to return to Washington as

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#### 1950'S

BILL WIRTANEN M.S. ED. '57 was among 16 inductees at the Mesabi Range College Athletics



Hall of Fame enshrinement in Virginia, Minn. His athletic career began at Roosevelt High School

in Virginia, where he was a threesport athlete. He went on to Virginia Junior College, where he participated in basketball and track. Wirtanen continued his education and athletic career (basketball and track) at Bemidji State University. After earning his master's from Southern, he began teaching and coaching in Gilbert, Minn., and he was hired at VJC in 1966 as the men's basketball and track coach. He was named VJC athletic director in the 1967-68 school year. In 1980, he was elected to the Bemidji State Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 1981 was named a member of the NJCAA Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame as a contributor. In 1997, he was inducted into the Minnesota Community College Athletic Association Hall of Fame, and in 2001, the Mesabi Range College dedicated the gymnasium in his honor. The SIU graduate says his real achievements and true legacy are the countless lives he has touched throughout his 42 years as an educator. Two \$500 scholarships are given in his name to students enrolled at Mesabi Range College each year.

1960'S TOM WUNDERLICH '67 M.A. '72, retired as Executive Director, Career Management Center, Old Dominion University (ODU), Norfolk, Va. on Aug. 1, 2014, completing a 25 year career at ODU. He joined ODU in 1989 after



completing a 21-year career in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring at a Lt. Colonel. Wunderlich joined the Marines through the Platoon Leaders Course while an undergraduate at SIU and was commissioned upon graduation in June 1967. He completed U.S. Air Force flight school in the second group of Marines assigned to the USAF for flight training and also received his Navy wings upon return to the Marine Corps, training and qualifying in the F4 Phantom fighter. He was in combat in Vietnam from August 1969 to August 1970 flying 106 combat missions. He returned to SIU and completed his master's in higher education, student personnel. He and his wife, Sheila '67, will continue to reside in Virginia Beach, Va.

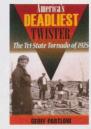
#### 1970's JOHN HEAKIN '71 and his wife, Maureen, have been awarded their city's Historic Preservation



Commission's 2014 Restoration Award for their home in River Forest, III. The Heakins were recognized

for their outstanding achievement in returning the exterior of a structure to its original design and condition by repairing or replacing the original architectural details and materials. Heakin, a major contributor in the marketing research world, was elected to the SIU College of Business Hall of Fame and was chair of the Marketing Department's External Advisory Board. He was honored by the SIU Alumni Association as a Distinguished Alumni in 2009.

GEOFF PARTLOW '71 author of America's Deadliest Twister: The Tri-State Tornado of 1925, was in



Carbondale in August to sign copies of his book. Published by SIU Press, the book draws on survivor interviews.

public records and newspaper archives to tell the story of a tornado that devastated parts of southern Illinois, along with portions of southeast Missouri and southwestern Indiana. Partlow, a former southern Illinois resident for more than 40 years, now lives in Hilton Head Island, S.C. A "lifelong fascination with tornados" inspired the book, fueled by a firsthand account told to him by an acquaintance who survived the twister. The tornado was on the ground for 219 miles, generating wind speeds in excess of 300 mph and killing 695 people. The book also examines recovery and disaster relief efforts, along with the lasting social and economic impact and technological firsts the tragedy brought.

Wilberforce University, the country's oldest private historically black college and university, has announced ALGEANIA WARREN FREEMAN M.S.

'72 as its president. A career administrator and educator with 40 years of relevant experience, she served as president of Martin University, as well as Livingstone College, where she was honored with the prestigious Harlem



Renaissance Award for Outstanding HBCU President. "I'm excited to join the Wilberforce community, and continue this university's history of academic excellence," says Freeman. "Through this experience I have seen the dedication of all those involved in this process and the passion that each and every person has for the university."

MARYANN EVERHART-MCDONALD M.S. '73 was named Sports Medicine Teacher of the Year for 2013-2014 by Riverside Methodist Hospital, Ohio Health Dept. of Medical Education in Columbus, Ohio.

CHARLES GARNATI '74 J.D. '78, the longest-serving state's attorney (Williamson County) in



the state has announced his retirement. "When I was elected in 1984, I truly thought I'd serve a

couple of terms and move on to a judgeship or to the statehouse in Springfield, but when those opportunities came up, it dawned on me this was the job I loved," he says. "This was the place where I could do the most good for the county." Garnati also championed children's causes, helping to found both the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center and the Court-Appointed Special Advocates of

**Changing The Face Of Beauty** 

KATIE ARENDS DRISCOLL '96 was a stay-at-home mom to her four children, Liam, Patrick, Ryan, and Sean, when she and husband, Tom, welcomed Grace four years ago. "I was expecting a baby with

Down syndrome, but not expecting a girl," says Driscoll. "I wanted people to be happy for me and our family. I wanted them to see her as my daughter and not a baby with Down syndrome."



She took photos of

Grace and posted them on a blog, falling in love with photography and eventually opening her own studio. Two years ago, she and a friend, Steve English, started "Changing the Face of Beauty," a campaign to encourage advertisers to use photos of children and adults of all abilities. "I feel that imagery is the strongest form of communication in our world, so that is why I have chosen to focus on the advertising world," the Palos Park, Ill., resident says. "People living with a disability are part of one of the largest minorities in our world and the most under-represented in our media."

Their website included a photo gallery, and they asked parents of children with disabilities to send in photos. The response was overwhelming. Journalist Maria Shriver, whose mother founded Special Olympics, recognized the pair as "architects for change." That helped get the attention of *The Today Show*, which featured a segment on Driscoll's work and an interview with Driscoll and her daughter.

Williamson County program. His annual golf scramble has raised more than \$350,000 for the center and program.

BOB SPRINGER '77, an academic advisor for the school of Journalism and Mass



Communication at Kent State University, retired in 2014. Springer spent the past six years advising students to

ensure they graduate on time and overall guiding them academically throughout their college career. "No matter what kind of mood I'm in, once that student sits down, it's just me and that student

and it's fun listening to them," says Springer. "Whatever their need is, it's just fun dealing with them." Before coming to Kent State, Springer worked in the newspaper journalism industry for more than 35 years.

JIM WISURI '77 AND VICKY LEKOVISH '78 of Prairie Oak Communications won a 2014



Gold Trumpet Award at the Publicity Club of Chicago's 55th Annual Awards Dinner in

June. The SIU alumni are business partners and married. Prairie Oak was one of 69 honorees in 21 categories to receive a Gold
Trumpet Award, which recognized
the most creative and successful
public relations campaigns of
2013 in the Chicago area. The
firm received the recognition for
"Creating Value with an Electronic
Health Record," which included
internal communications to
support their client, Presence
Health. President Jimmy Carter was
the keynote speaker at the event,
which featured a record-breaking
crowd of more than 500 attendees.

## 1980's

Marina Biotech, Inc. has announced that DONALD WILLIAMS
'80 was elected to serve on the



company's board of directors. Williams is a 35-year veteran of the public accounting

industry, retiring in 2014. He spent 18 years as an Ernst & Young partner and the last seven years as a partner with Grant Thornton. From 2001 to 2014, Williams served on the board of directors and is past president and chairman of the San Diego Venture Group.

MAYOR ED FOLEY '84 rises to any occasion to promote his adopted hometown of Jenkintown,

Penn., a suburb of Philadelphia. A marketing manager for a Philadelphia insurance



firm, Foley uses most any method to draw attention to Jenkintown, including encouraging residents to play with his country-rock band, "Mayor Foley and the Broken

Promises," at concerts. Here he is shown in a gut-busting campaign to draw attention to the tiny borough's varied restaurant scene, as he set out to visit all 24 of them in one day. "I don't just think he's the best mayor Jenkintown has ever had. I would put him against any mayor of any small town across the country," says one borough resident.

Between 1988 and 2000 LINDA SICKLER '85 took us into the lives of the people around us



through the dayto-day writings of a newspaper correspondent with the Southern Illinoisan. Then in 2000 she and husband

Charlie moved to Savannah, Ga., to be closer to their children in the Atlanta area. For the past five years she has worked as the arts & entertainment editor for Savannah Morning News, a daily in what is arguably the most haunted city in America. "We love it here and my therapy is working as a tour guide in Savannah," she says. Because of her acquired taste for the town and its favorite haunts, she has partnered with co-author Michael Harris to author a new book Historic Haunts of Savannah. The book is available online from Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

## 1990's

BERYL MCEWEN M.S. ED. '87, PH.D. '90 has been named the dean for the School of

Business and Economics at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical



University in Greensboro, N.C. McEwen has served as N.C. A&T State University's vice provost, for strategic planning and institutional effectiveness since August 2012. Prior to her role as vice provost she served as the associate dean of the School of Business and Economics from 2010-2012.

Tremor Video, Inc. has hired LAURA BUCHMAN '90 as vice president of Publisher Sales.



Tremor Video is an advertising technology company elevating

performance across all screens for the world's leading brands and publishers. Buchman will be responsible for managing the company's growing roster of premium publisher partners and extending those relationships to encompass the company's programmatic solutions. She will be based in Los Angeles. Buchman is a 20-year veteran of the digital media and telecommunications industries. She was named by Business Insider as one of the most powerful women in mobile advertising in 2012 and 2013.

TODD LINK '90, '93 has been named as the new police chief of Glen Carbon, Ill. Previously,



he was the Collinsville Police Department's Assistant Police Chief. "I'm really

honored that the people of Glen Carbon are putting their faith in me," Link says. "I want to be there for many years to come." Glen

Carbon Mayor Rob Jackstadt felt Link's diverse and extensive law enforcement experience, as well as his education, distinguished him among many qualified candidates.

PAUL CHECCHIA M.D.'93 has been named to the U.S. Cardiac Surgery Advisory Board.



He is Medical Director of the Pediatric Cardiovascular ICU at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston.

Previously, Dr. Checchia served as Chief of the Pediatric Cardiac Critical Care Service as well as Medical Co-Director of the Pediatric ICU at St. Louis Children's Hospital. He investigates cardiopulmonary bypass related injury in children undergoing cardiac surgery for complex congenital heart disease.

The odds of two Saluki radiotelevision graduates doing an NFL game in the same press box is no doubt extremely high, but it occurred Aug. 15 when the



Tennessee Titans met the New Orleans Saints at the Superdome. Calling the

game on WKRN-TV in Nashville was CORY CURTIS '93 (left), while SEAN KELLEY '97 was a part of the Saints broadcast team. Kelley, who is also the radio voice of the New Orleans Pelicans, is now in his 10th season with the NBA team.

Carbondale Times recently featured the work of JAMES CHAKLOS '94, who has re-created R2-D2 of Star Wars fame. "He gets a lot of attention everywhere he goes,"

## A Team Player

MARK PAGANO '79, M.S. '83, PH.D. '92, provost and academic vice chancellor at Montana State University Billings, received



some attention from the Advance-Titan, the student newspaper of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh, where he was a finalist for the position of chancellor.

Matt Redinger, professor of history and vice provost for academic affairs at MSUB, says Pagano leads the division of academic affairs effectively as a team. "As provost, he makes it clear that his is a team approach," Redinger says.

"Whenever we face a large task, he makes it clear that while each office has its own responsibilities, none of us is working in a vacuum. The division of academic affairs, under his leadership, is a team, and we will each pull a little harder to help accomplish a task."



says Chaklos. "People are backing up, saying, 'Wow, I had no idea you could

build one of those." Chaklos, a Makanda resident, has shown R2-D2 at various school functions, out-of-town events and many other places in the area. Chaklos says he had always been a fan of the Star Wars film franchise whenhe stumbled upon a worldwide group dedicated to creating robot replicas of the famous character. He joined the St. Louis chapter of the R2-D2 Builders Club, researching the possibilities of R2's movement. There are approximately 15,000 members communicating through forums. (Photo courtesy of Zack Stork)

SHANNON PETERS '96 has joined Husch Blackwell's product liability group. Prior to law school,



Peters spent more than 10 years in the automotive industry working for

industry leaders including Moog Automotive, Electronic Data Systems, Saturn Corporation, General Motors and Nissan Extended Services North America.

## 2000's

SEAN HENRY '00 was recently the subject of an online New Yorker article as a result of his



candidacy for the state Senate in New York. "The only reason

I can be here talking to you right now is because of education," Henry says. His experience, he notes, gives him unique insight into an area wracked by poverty, unemployment and failing schools. As a homeless teen, Henry says there were days his family wouldn't eat. There was always a fear that whatever temporary home they were in would give way, leaving them out on the street. Thanks to the G.I. Bill, he was able to afford four years at Southern before moving to New York. If elected, Henry wants to fight to eradicate homelessness, not just build new shelters in neighborhoods like East New York.

KRISTIN ADAMS, PH.D. '01 has been named president and CEO of the Indiana Family Health Council



(IFHC). Adams most recently served as the director for the Office of Public Health Policy and Performance

Management for the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH). She also is an adjunct professor at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, teaching undergraduate women's health courses.

#### **BRANDON ZANOTTI '03**

was appointed Williamson County state's attorney in September. A Johnston City native, he replaces



longtime state's attorney Charles

Garnati. Zanotti was Garnati's choice as his successor in office and made the case for his appointment. The job, Garnati says, requires a sense of fairness and justice, integrity, intelligence, common sense and the ability to work well with others, qualities he observes in Zanotti.

MOLLY PARKER '03, has joined the *Southern Illinoisan* as a reporter. She has previously worked



as a reporter in Springfield, Ill., Peoria, Charleston, S.C., Jackson, Miss., and Raleigh, S.C. Let there be no confusion about her delight in returning to the area. "It was a 12-hour drive home from Raleigh to Simpson, where my parents live. As I rounded the corner on my home street for a visit, my childhood home coming into view, I felt a weight lift off my chest as I knew I had landed where I belonged. I am home."

ANDREW MACKLIN '04, has joined Larson & Darby as a project architect. Macklin brings more than



no years of architectural experience and has worked on several notable local projects, including the Discovery

Center/Riverfront Museum Park expansion, Briggs Mansion renovation, the New Northern Illinois Food Bank headquarters. Founded more than 50 years ago, Larson & Darby is located in Rockford, Ill.

# **2010's** JAMES GOODEN '07,

architect with Baysinger Architects in Marion and Southern Illinois



AIA (American Institute of Architects) Chapter Treasurer, recently attended the AIA National

Convention in Chicago. The event focused on recent changes with the Americans With Disabilities Act codes and how smaller firms can take on large-scale projects. Gooden, a native of Herrin, also passed a certification exam which earns him the title of Accredited

Professional and permits him to design sustainable projects in Illinois. A project in which Gooden will use sustainable design is Meridian Elementary in Mounds, III.

## BRADY MCANINCH J.D. '11 has joined the law firm

'11 has joined the law firm Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale, P.C.



in Belleville, Ill. McAninch will represent clients in civil and commercial litigation

matters. He is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association.

# CLINT SIMPSON M.D. '11 has joined the staff at Mercy Medical Associates, Lourdes



Hospital's
physician
practice in
Paducah, Ky.
He completed
his residency
in Emergency
Medicine

at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, Ariz. after completing his degree with the School of Medicine in Springfield.

# COLTON DAVIS '12, architect with Baysinger Architects in Marion, Ill., attended the American Institute



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conference
in Rockford.

III. The event featured former AIA Vice President Mickey Jacob and architect Bob Borson with the focus of the event on civic engagement and achieving career goals. Davis was raised in Mattoon, Ill., and currently lives in Carterville.

#### MATTHEW FOY PH.D. '13

has joined other new full-time faculty members this academic year at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa. Faculty members will teach students on the campus in Fayette as well as throughout the UIU network of educational centers, online and self-paced programs. He arrives at UIU from North Iowa Area Community College, where he has been a journalism instructor and advisor to the student newspaper.

#### MATTHEW RIECHERS '14,

railroad designer, recently joined Hanson Professional Services Inc.'s

Kansas City metropolitan office. His responsibilities include feasibility studies and planning,



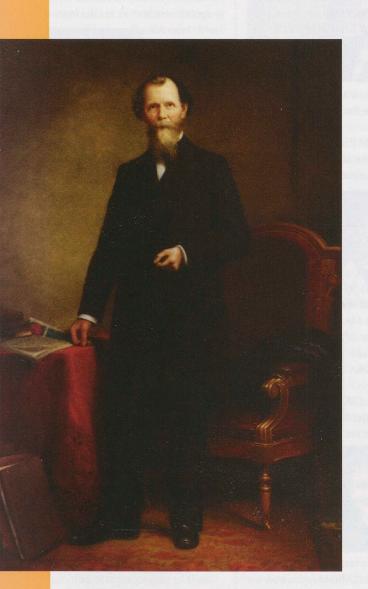
rail evaluation and assessment, rail specification development and track design, studies, plans and specifications. Previously Riechers was an intern at Hanson's Springfield, Ill., headquarters, where he assisted with the layout of a roadway. He also was an intern for Quigg Engineering Inc. in Springfield, where he conducted construction inspections and performed land surveying.

Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.

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# of Morris Revealed

BY GORDON PRUETT



Robert Allyn's massive life-size portrait reflects the high regard graduates of the young university had for him.

ome of this University's oldest and most iconic holdings remain shrouded in mystery. Many of the portraits of the Southern's earliest administrators in the Hall of Presidents and Chancellors in Morris Library have outlived the records of their cost and the details of their creation.

The specifics of the colossal portrait of the University's first president, Robert Allyn, have never been a matter of public knowledge - except, possibly, to those who were present at the acquisition of the item. The painting does not reveal an obvious signature, bringing the identity of the artist into question. And little to no information has been available on the price paid - until now. The discovery of a newspaper article from 1888 has provided information invaluable to the background of the portrait.

Before the *Egyptian* came into existence as a monthly publication in October 1916, the *Normal Gazette* was published monthly from 1888 to 1889. With a subscription price of \$.50 annually, this monthly eight-page paper was printed by the Free Press Steam Printing House of Carbondale. After 1,000 copies of the June 1889 issue were printed, the newspaper ceased publication for unknown

reasons. The newspaper carried the motto, "Fiat Lux," Latin for "let there be light."

Assumedly, the publication came about as the new Normal Building, which came to be called Old Main, had been completed in 1887. The University's original building had been destroyed by fire Nov. 26, 1883, and Old Main was built on its predecessor's foundation with much of the repurposed stonework.

In the May 1888 edition of the Normal Gazette a "letter to the alumni" appeared, written by W. H. Warder of Marion, Ill., and a graduate of the class of 1877. He was one of but four graduates that year. That letter, which comprised an entire column in that paper is a remarkable account of how the Allyn portrait came into existence. The information within his letter is particularly revelatory, so it's been reprinted here practically in its entirety.

He starts, "As most of you are aware, a committee composed of Mr. Treat, class of '84, Mr. Fulton, class of '86, Miss Sowers, class of '81, Mr. Allen, class of '87 and myself were appointed to make the preliminary arrangements for having a portrait of Dr. Allyn painted for the University and to report at the next meeting of the alumni."



W. H. WARDER, Director.

Warder further underscores the earnestness of their mission by stating, "It was in the first place decided by the committee that we wanted a portrait that would be a work of art of which we would be proud and which would be a credit to the institution. It would be better to have none than a cheap daub of which we would be ashamed.

"We conferred with the trustees, the faculty, and with Dr. Allyn and all spoke favorably of the enterprise. Dr. Allyn expressed himself as willing to assist by furnishing suggestions, corresponding with artists, and giving his time as needed for sittings. He further expressed himself as gratified that the alumni should have decided to move in this matter."

It's been long speculated that Alban Jasper Conant (1821–1915) was the artist for the Allyn portrait, but without an obvious signature there was always an element of doubt. But Warder's words seem to erase any suspicion, "After considerable correspondence, extending over nearly six months, the committee has ascertained and will report to

the next meeting of the alumni about as follows: That we want a three-quarters length life-size portrait: that the artist Conant, of New York, is probably the man to employ: and that such a portrait as we wish will cost \$4,000.

"Conant is the artist who painted the portrait of Abraham Lincoln belonging to the University and he also painted a portrait of Henry Ward Beecher, shortly before his death, for which he received \$5,000. He is well acquainted with Dr. Allyn and there exists between them a friendship of long standing. He can be obtained and will probably be in the west this summer."

Indeed, the sum of \$4,000 was an extraordinary price to pay, but the existence of the portrait assures us there was a transaction. According to SIU Professor of Finance Mark Peterson, \$4,000 in 1888 would be \$103,473 today, based on data from the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank.

The Lincoln portrait by Conant, which currently hangs on the third floor of Morris, had been acquired by the University at least eight Marion attorney W. H. Warder spearheaded the effort of alumni to honor Allyn with a portrait.

years prior to the portrait of Allyn. Writing in 1993 in When Lincoln Came to Egypt the late historian John Y. Simon noted, "In 1880 Southern Illinois Normal University mysteriously acquired its Conant portrait. As President Robert Allyn elliptically put it, 'an opportunity offered to purchase a grand portrait of President Lincoln."

At this point in his letter Warder embarked upon what may have been the first appeal for private underwriting on the University's behalf. He continued, "The price is considered reasonable and the reputation of the artist secures the assurance that the work the work will be ably done if he is employed. This brings us to the main point: how are we to raise the money? It looks like a large sum, but if each will do a small part we shall succeed without any difficulty.

"About \$500 has already been subscribed. Prof. C. W. Jerome has been chosen as treasurer of the committee. It is desired that we get the balance pledged as soon as possible, not later than our June meeting in order that the work may not be delayed."

As previously noted, the painting's presence is testament to the success of this appeal. At a time when the Southern Illinois Normal University Alumni Association was still years from existence – it was established in 1896

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graduates of the University, the additional \$3,500 was raised, meeting the \$4,000 price of the portrait.

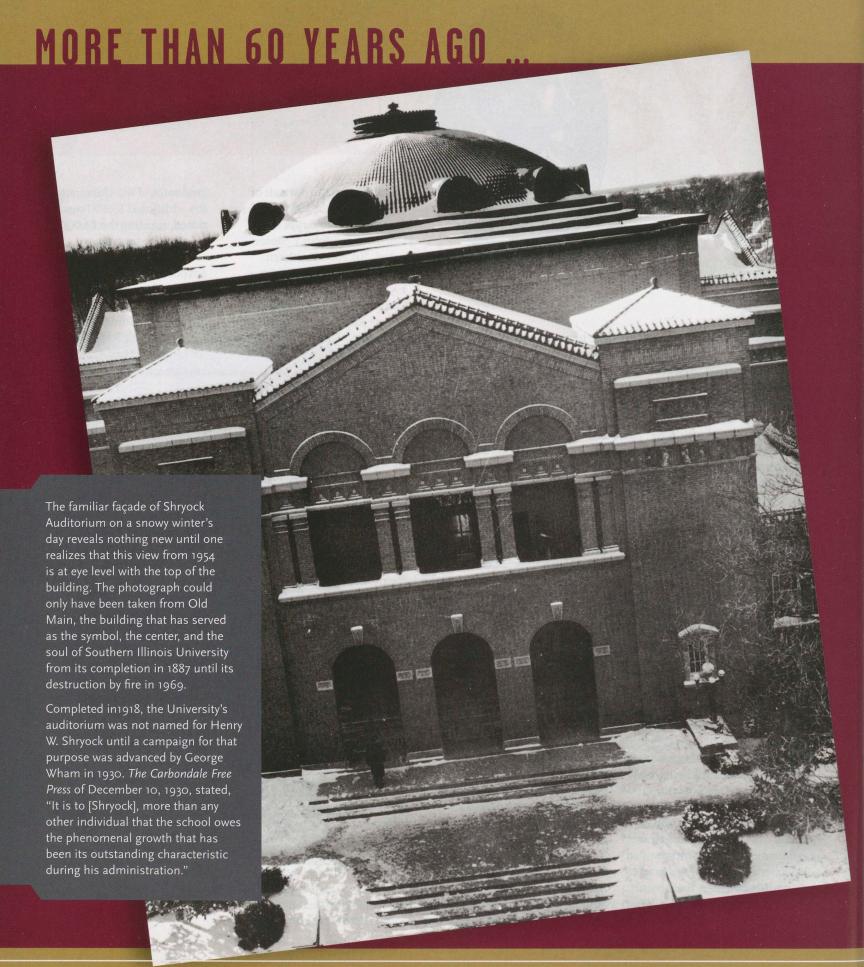
Warder was a pioneer advocate of securing private funding for a project that benefitted the greater good of Southern Illinois Normal University. At this time state funding underwrote the entirety of the University's budget, and in 1888, tuition at SINU was free.

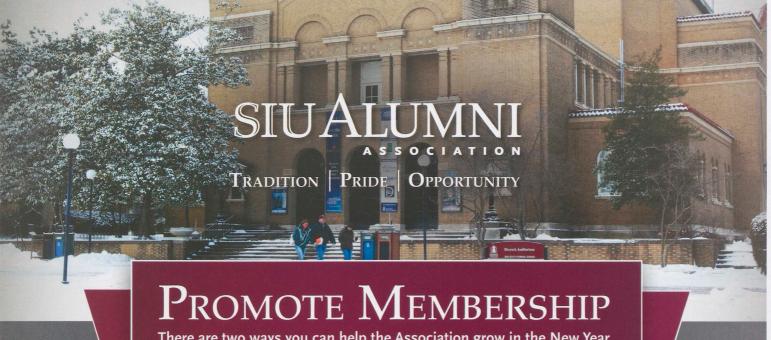
Warder started a law practice in Marion after being admitted to the bar in 1881. In the June 1888 Normal Gazette it was reported of Warder, "He is able and industrious, and such a man needs only time to place himself in the front ranks of his profession, where he will be useful to his fellows and enjoy the fruits of his prosperity."

His legal practice and abstract work dominated his professional life, but he did find time to be superintendent at the Sunday school of the Christian church in Marion. In 1905 the Historical Souvenir of Williamson County recorded that "he is public spirited and a recognized factor in the development of Marion and Williamson County interests." He went to his reward in 1936.

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