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As One Of The Music Industry's First Female Executives, Bonnie Garner Has Enjoyed A Career Working With Some Of The Giants In Entertainment.

A Deeply Rooted Devotion To The Arts

Anne Hill has been lauded for her support of the cultural scene in the SIU and Carbondale communities. She is pictured with J. Thomas Kidd, chair of SIU's theater department, and Carbondale Community Arts Executive Director Nancy Stemper.



This lively lady has invited the Free Range Chicks, a local trio, to sing at her 99th birthday party in April. She's a regular supporter of music and the arts, having helped to establish the Southern Illinois Chamber Music Society, and funding the SIU School of Music's first cash prize for student composers, named for her uncle, Carl Deis, a musician in his own right.

After Anne Hill retired from SIU in 1981, she continued her active membership in several local community organizations. A 1986 SIU English alumna, she wrote and circulated newsletters for three separate organizations over 12 years. She also served on the WSIU Friends Board and was a contributor in converting WSIU-TV to a digital broadcast, and provided funding for essential purchases for Morris Library and Carbondale Public Library.

"My grandfather emigrated here – he played trombone in the New York Symphony - because America needed music and musicians. This is still the case – we need to build audiences, too," she says. "I continue to enrich my own life in this community because I have made wonderful friends through the programs we have been able to serve in and support. It's great to retire in a university town."

Hill is making sure these programs enjoy longstanding support. When she sold her house recently, Hill put the majority of the proceeds in a charitable gift annuity through the SIU Foundation. Her gift will provide funds for WSIU Public Broadcasting, McLeod Theater Playhouse, SIU's Chamber Music Society and Carl Deis Composer Prize in addition to student scholarships.

She envisions this option as a way to continue her major support of music and the arts in addition to receiving some additional income. Her charitable gift annuity contract with the SIU Foundation provides Hill with a charitable income tax deduction as well as an income stream for life.

Hill, who now lives in a Carbondale retirement village, says she gathered home improvement concepts from "This Old House," a popular program on WSIU-TV. She is also a loyal listener to classical music on WSIU radio and is mentioned on air as one of the Leadership Circle.

"For me, commitment to something goes beyond just being a member," she says. "This Old House gave me so many ideas. I'm always intrigued by the process of making things work."

Her residence features art she has collected over the years, and she is making plans to donate her art to the University Museum.

Greg Petrowich, executive director of WSIU Public Broadcasting, says: "Anne Hill has supported the University in an extraordinary fashion. She truly understands the importance of public broadcasting and cultural events and activities in our region."

Hill's family has been deeply rooted in music for generations.

"Music was a big part of my upbringing. I love the arts – especially music," she says. "The arts – whether it's music, theater or libraries – are essential in the development of young people."

Hill enjoys her retirement home residence and doesn't appear to be slowing down anytime soon.

"I can't drive anymore due to macular degeneration. People who drive are still in the real world," she says. "My real world is interacting with people of all ages and interests in diverse organizations in which I have been a member. I want to encourage everyone in the village to be active, too. I have plans to keep myself busy."

"We're not here to just fold up."

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Bonnie Garner with singer Willie Nelson, a performer she calls "one of the best human beings in the world."

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Bonnie Garner has had a rich, multifaceted career working in concert with such luminaries of the entertainment industry as Dick Cavett, Bill Graham, Willie Nelson, Clive Davis, and dozens of others. As one of the United States' first female music executives, this Grammy award-winning SIU graduate is now lending her talents helping others through Saddle Up!, a therapeutic riding program serving children with disabilities. Volunteer Services Director Kim Kline says, "Bonnie Garner is one in a million. We are extremely lucky for her involvement in our programs."

32 USING HER CAREER TO HELP OTHERS

Brooke Patton knelt by the side of a reservoir in Zimbabwe, taking water samples as local people drew water from the area's main source. It was summer 2013, and she had traveled to the African nation to complete a water purification project as part of an independent study in geology. But now, seeing how crucial it was to the 20,000 or so people in the area who depended on it, she realized it wasn't water quality that mattered so much – it was water quantity. She was determined to help find a solution.

BELOW: Students stroll through campus on a sunny spring afternoon in Carbondale.





Gene Green, Editor

Some cherished memories graduates have from their SIU days are not all associated with fellow alumni. Consider the case of Mildred Hale.

Mildred never earned a degree from Southern, was rarely in Carbondale, and certainly didn't live in the easiest place to visit. Yet to countless SIU students, she was an iconic figure who provided real home cooking at affordable prices.

Better remembered as "Ma" Hale, the proprietor of a restaurant in Grand Tower, Ill., by the same name, she passed away January 12 at the age of 95.

Her mother, Melissa, who died in 1971, was the original "Ma" and established the business in 1938. Initially a boarding house, the food end of the enterprise began one day when a riverboat captain was laid over for a few days in Grand Tower and asked her if she would fix breakfast for him.

The next morning – legend has it – the obviously pleased captain decided to bring his entire crew in with him for breakfast. From that one-table start, a business began to grow.

Mildred helped her mother run Ma Hale's for many years, and later she would endear herself to a new generation of SIU students. The establishment was known for its tasty food, where the slogan "huge meals for small prices"

became sweet music to hungry Salukis.

Born in Grand Tower in 1919, Mildred probably was surprised to see the eventual following the small restaurant enjoyed.



Mildred "Ma" Hale

As her obituary noted, "People came from all over the nation to enjoy the hospitality and family style dinners."

"I first went to Ma Hale's in 1963," says former SIU Alumni Association Executive Director **Ed Buerger '70**.

"Back then it was unlimited portions of fried chicken, mashed potatoes, slaw, dumplings, and peach cobbler for \$1.50. I have no idea how she did it."

Although the business has been closed for more than 20 years, memories of former students like Buerger making the trek to Grand Tower remained with Ma throughout her life. It was a connection forged in part over endless plates of fried chicken.

"A trip to Ma Hale's," Buerger says with a smile, "was like going to your grandmother's house for Sunday dinner."



From left, former SIU students Brian Gerval, Gary West, and James Rohr enjoy a family style meal at Ma Hale's in 1988. Photo courtesy of widbnetwork.org.

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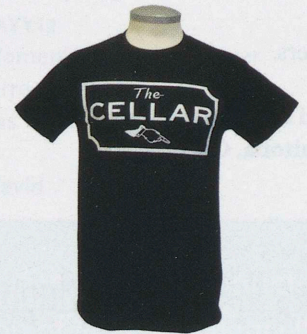
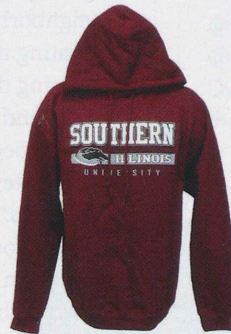
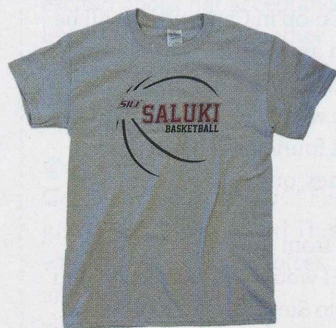
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LETTERS

Sending Her Down Memory Lane

Thank you for sending us down memory lane and creating the fun and factual article on the Justin Singers. What a great job you did capturing the flavor of the times and making our short time together pertinent.

Many thanks, especially to Bill Hayes for getting the ball rolling on this project. The story brought back good memories about good people, and I really enjoyed the inset article about our old car, which was the "sixth member of the group!"

Cheers.

Patti AuBuchon Green '67
Manitoba, Canada

Likes New Look Of Magazine

Your staff is to be complemented on the new layout for the *SIU Alumni* magazine. As a longtime Association member, I enjoy reading the stories about some of the "old timers." As a member of the Class of 1951, we were some of the first students to graduate under the SIU name instead of Southern Illinois Normal College.

With the influx of G.I. Bill students, the University was growing by leaps and bounds, and many things that we accept as the norm now were just getting a foothold in 1947. Unfortunately a large number of my classmates and NEA fraternity buddies have shown up in the memoriam column.

The magazine continues to show stories of past students, and fellow 1951 graduate Robert Odaniell was one of the more active on campus. He would later become executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, and still lives in Carbondale. Bob was in that role at SIU during a time of tremendous growth, and I think he was the guiding light for a lot of it.

Robert Smith '51
Phoenix, Ariz.



A Co-Op Founding Father

I enjoyed Gordon Pruett's article in the Fall issue of *SIU Alumni* magazine about filmmaker Steve James, and his comment about "a food co-op located in the basement of James' house on Forest Street in Carbondale" caught my eye.

Neighborhood Co-op in Carbondale will be celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2015, and I was going through a box of old photos over the weekend to see what we might want to put in a retrospective. I found old Polaroids that included Steve James, one captioned "Board of Directors."

The photos date from the opening of the storefront in 1985. I would appreciate it if you could pass this on to Steve and let him know that we are proud to count him among the Co-op's Founding Fathers. Thank you very much.

Francis Murphy '89, M.S. Ed. '92
General Manager, Neighborhood Co-op
Carbondale Ill.

Editor's Note: We did share two photographs with Steve James, who responded: "Ah, youth! Those pictures take me back for sure, and I thank Francis for that. I have fond memories and pride at having been a part the Co-op's beginning." In the photo above, James is shown with other founding members of what has become the Neighborhood Co-op in Carbondale. Standing, from left: James, Lloyd Tucker, Mike Bietsch, and Carole Palmer; kneeling: Judy Roth and Irene Tsuneta.

Surprised By Clarke Morgan Story

I nearly fell out of my chair when I saw the name Clarke Morgan in the Fall edition of *SIU Alumni* magazine. Like Morgan, who wrote Southern's alma mater, I also am a native of Maunie, Ill., and have known several member of the Morgan family all my life.

While in high school, I took voice and piano lessons from Clarke's aunt, Ethel Morgan Stokes. The Morgans were all talented in music, and I was fortunate to meet Clarke in 1952 when he returned to the area to give a short piano recital that was broadcast on WROY in Carmi. His aunt had invited me and other pupils to watch him play his music at the radio station.

I graduated from SIU in 1956, and while there studied voice and piano and sang in the University Choir under the direction of the great Floyd Wakeland. I was an art education major, and after graduation came back to campus several times for more training. I amassed more than 230 semester hours above my degree.

I have been involved in music most of my life, have directed several choirs, sang in many performances, and taught high school and grade school chorus for several years. I retired in 1998 after 38 years of teaching in Illinois and Tennessee.

Reading the article on Clarke Morgan released a flood of memories about SIU – things I thought I had forgotten! Thank you so much for the great feature story, as it helped me realize that I will always treasure my years at SIU.

John William Brown '56
Enfield, Ill.

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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 you have read in *SIU Alumni* magazine, or to let us know what you are thinking. Letters are sometimes edited for length and style.

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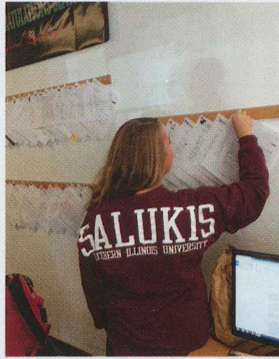
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SALUKIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SIU Bound

Thank you to all the faculty and staff who helped with my daughter Leia Ruebling's campus visit 1/30/2015. Dr. Daffner in German studies, Dr. Ferraro in Physiology, the Study Abroad staff, and the Admissions staff and all the student workers, were amazing. Plus, when we stumbled our way into the different building with our "lost sheep" look staff working in those buildings who just happened to be passing by were on it to help up find our way!!!! We did not even have to ask for help!!! Compared to other campus visits this rocked!!! Thank you!

Kris Selburg Ruebling
via FaceBook



@EastCounselors

@SIUC, Can you tell she's excited about her acceptance letter? Congrats to another senior that's been #accepted.
via Twitter

@SLeighMyHeart

Got accepted to @SIUC! Future just got a little brighter! This was one of my first choices and first acceptance!
via Twitter

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The first day of a new semester I'm always reminded why I came to @SIUC. There truly is no campus like it. #beautiful

@JakeHoltkamp1

Congrats to all of the #Salukis on signing today! #NSD2015
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@SAY_DAY12

@SIUC Women's basketball player Dyana Pierre earned MVC player of the week as well. #GoDawgs

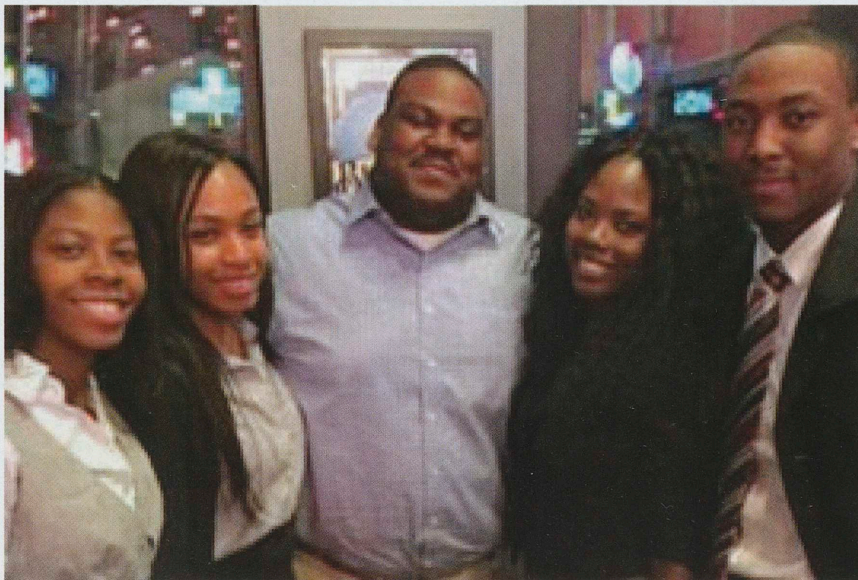
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Can't wait to spend the weekend interviewing the next generation of @SIUC Chancellor's Scholars. Tons of great potential on campus



Happy New Year all!! College is officially here THIS year and my new hoodie makes me all the more excited.

Alexis Lane
via FaceBook App



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Our executive board poses with our guest of honor John Gaskin after yesterday's event. We appreciate those who were able to make it! #SIUC
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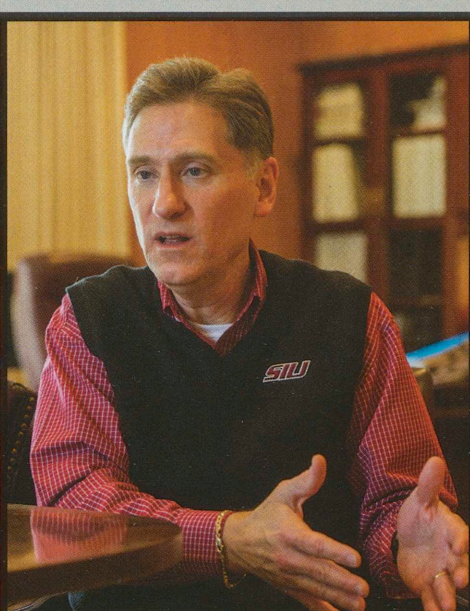
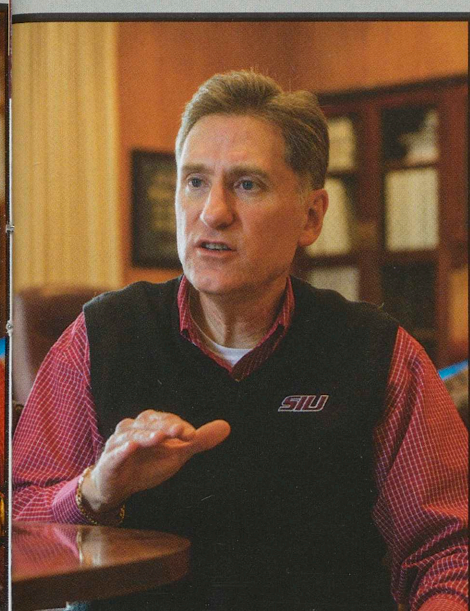
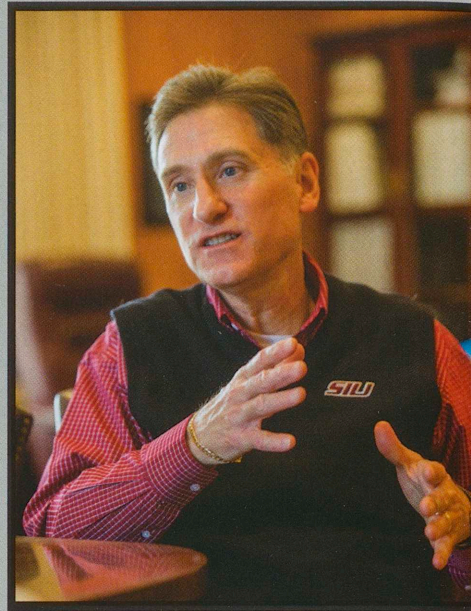
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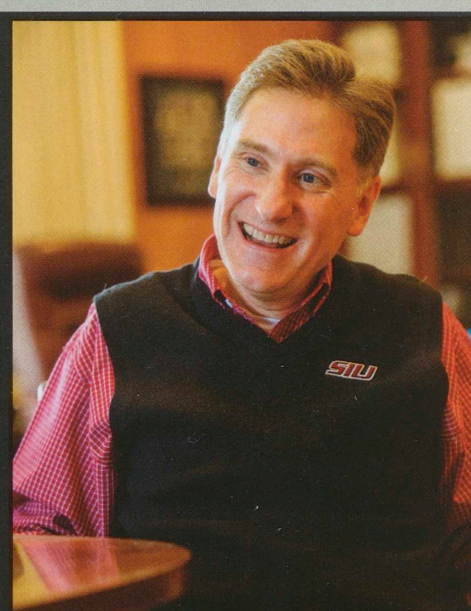


CAMPUS MOMENT

Spring's gorgeous colors frame Wheeler Hall, which was the third structure added to this campus in June 1904, and the first stand-alone library on a campus in Illinois. Its three-story exterior dazzles with deep red brick, arched entrances, and columns, while inside ornate handcrafted moldings and a granite-floored foyer set the tone for views of central campus. Today, SIU Carbondale's Med-Prep Program occupies this historic building.



Randy Dunn Looks Ahead At SIU's Future In His Current Role As Chancellor And President



&

Double Duty

BY GENE GREEN

The process to replace SIU Interim Chancellor Paul Sarvela, who passed away unexpectedly last November, is now underway.

SIU System President **Randy Dunn** has appointed a search committee co-chaired by **Carl Flowers '75, M.S. '85, Ph.D. '93**, director of the University's Rehabilitation Institute, and Meera Komarraju, chair and professor of the Department of Psychology.

"The committee will move forward with a goal of having a new chancellor on board by the beginning of the fall semester," Dunn says. "I have confidence that their work will lead to the appointment of an outstanding chancellor prepared to deal with the University's challenges and opportunities."

Until that time, Dunn has taken on the unprecedented role of performing the

duties of both SIU Carbondale chancellor and president. He assumed the extra function to provide continuity for the campus during this time of transition.

Dunn recently sat down with SIU Alumni magazine to talk about the road that led him back to southern Illinois, discuss the challenging dual role he is now performing, and share his thoughts about the future of the University.

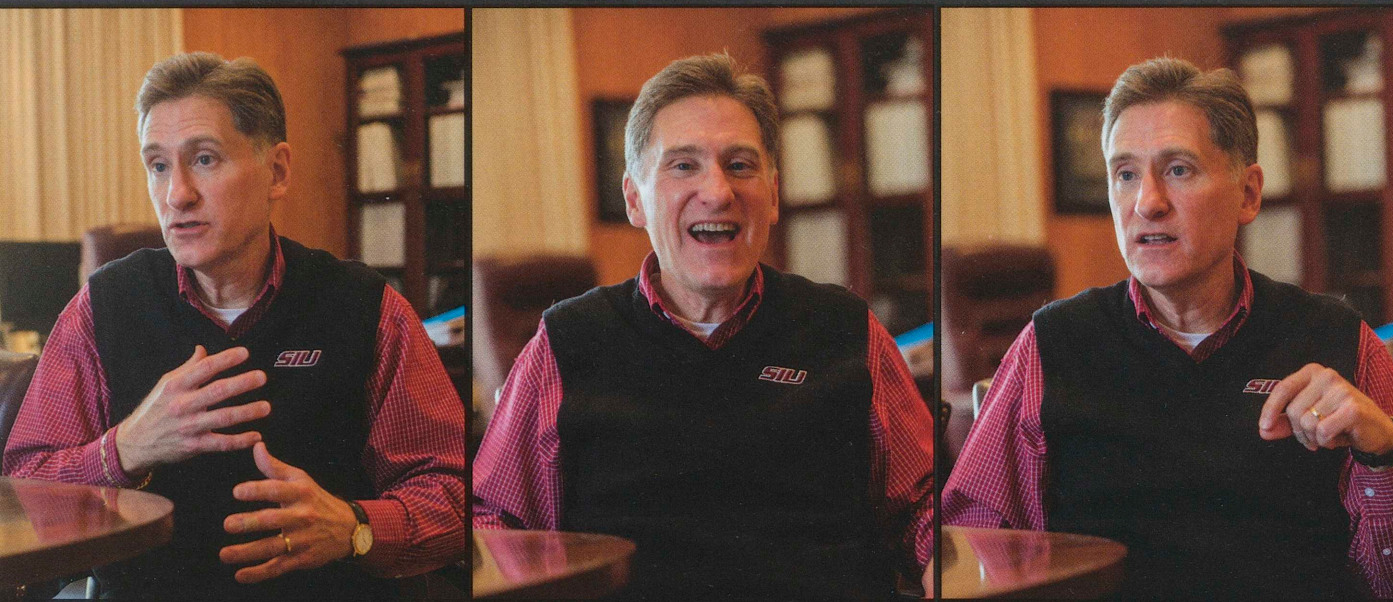
SIU Alumni: "You have been president of the system now for almost a year, but coming back to SIU was certainly not a new experience for you."

Randy Dunn: "I came to SIU Carbondale in 1995 as a faculty member and enjoyed my time here a great deal until I left 9 years later to become Illinois State Superintendent of Education. After

eventually serving as president at both Murray State University and Youngstown State University, I jumped at the chance to come back to this region."

SA: Was returning to the SIU system as president something that you had ever thought about?

RD: Not initially. I always considered a return to SIU, and thought it would probably be to seek a dean's position. But that changed when I received some advice from a friend who was a sitting university president. He told me that with my background, I was in a good position to look for a presidential role, and I started to cast my net out for higher-profile positions. That led me to Murray State and allowed me to begin learning what it takes to lead at that level.



SA: With Paul Sarvela's death last year, you have agreed to take on the added role of SIU Carbondale chancellor until his successor is found. What was the reasoning behind that decision?

RD: There was a consensus opinion that SIUC did not need another "stop and start" approach with the chancellor's position. My agreeing to serve as both system president and SIUC chancellor during this transitional period speaks to continuity more than anything else. Had it not been me, we would have looked internally again to provide coverage.

SA: The Board of Trustees obviously saw this as a good fit.

RD: They did, given that I had previously had campus CEO experience and knew this campus well. I thought – given the opinion that others shared – that the dual role could be workable for a time. This was discussed with the Board and several sources on campus, and the consensus was that it might be the best option.

SA: As we speak today, you have been doing both jobs for two months. What have been some of the biggest challenges?

RD: The main obstacle for me is getting to all the people who need to have contact with the chancellor and the president. There are many legitimate demands for

meetings. Other things challenge me as well. Each day there are phone calls that can't be returned, as you simply run out of space in the day. Also at any given moment, I'm sitting on more than 200 emails, and each day some of those can get lost in the wake, a new day comes, and more fill the plate. That is frustrating for me, as I've always been diligent in getting calls and emails returned. It's good management, but now it's a struggle to do that in a timely manner.

SA: How long is a normal day for you now?

RD: I normally put in about 14 hours – sometimes more – but you eventually have to realize you must shut it off and regenerate for the next day.

SA: Speaking of Paul Sarvela, what did this University lose when he passed away?

RD: When he died, SIU Carbondale lost a huge opportunity and took itself somewhat off a trajectory that was taking us back to a real level of prominence. He was on the path to create an immediate impact and set the groundwork for the larger, complicated changes needed to reestablish our role in the state and region. With him being gone, we have to select another chancellor, but we have to stay on that path.

The Dunn File ...

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- University of Illinois, Ed.D. 1991 – Educational Administration
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- Illinois State University, B.S. 1980 – Education

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- President, Youngstown State University 2013-14
- President, Murray State University 2006-13
- State Superintendent of Education, Illinois State Board of Education 2004-2006
- Professor, SIU Carbondale, Educational Administration and Higher Education 1995-2004
- Assistant Professor, The University of Memphis 1994-95
- Superintendent of Schools, Chester, Ill., District No. 139, 1991-94
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- Principal, Roanoke-Benson, Ill., Middle School 1984-89
- Principal, Paw Paw, Ill., Grade School 1983-84
- Elementary Teacher, Gibson City, Ill., Grade School 1980-83

SA: And you feel confident that will happen?

RD: Yes; it must happen. The chancellorship for a university on the rise is not just handling the day-to-day operations effectively, but having a strong vision for the future. Paul was getting the ducks in a row to positively affect change, and we can't allow ourselves to take a single step back.

SA: How long do you see yourself serving as both president and chancellor?

RD: It will probably take seven or eight months to do the search right, so that is what I am planning. We are not spending any money on an outside search firm – those duties will all occur internally – as we have the talent in house to do the work.

SA: How has your previous experience at Murray State and Youngstown State helped you here at SIU?

RD: It has been extremely important, as a person without campus CEO experience would have a real challenge doing both roles. The functions of institutions at this level are not drastically different. The players might be different, the agendas different, but duties that must be fulfilled each day are not substantially different from where I have been before. All are strong regional universities, with SIU having a much stronger research component, but the duties at all the institutions are similar.

SA: That being said, is there something about SIU Carbondale that is unique when compared with your other campus CEO roles?

RD: I think the SIUC chancellor has a more critical impact on the region than the other places I have been. There is a strong expectation that the person is going to be highly visible, a participant at countless activities, and accept a heightened expectation of involvement.

SA: And another expectation of the position is to foster a solid working relationship with the Board of Trustees.

RD: It is fair to say that the relationship between the system office and the campus has at times not been as strong as it could – or should – have been. Without drilling down into specifics, the main thing was that it needed to improve, and I think it has in a noticeable way. When you have an adversarial relationship, both sides suffer. Certainly Paul and I worked in tandem to correct that, and we must keep such progress moving forward.

SA: You will be in a unique position with the next chancellor, given that you will have been in that person's shoes for several months. How will that impact the working relationship?

RD: It think it is going to be critically important to me to have a hand-in-glove connection with the next chancellor. I want someone I can forge an integral relationship with. As a president, I tend to be quite active and don't see my role being ceremonial or magisterial. It is not my goal to micromanage, but I take seriously the oversight and support role I have at both the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses.

SA: The state's financial situation is well documented. What are things SIU can do to progress and succeed despite these fiscal hurdles?

RD: We must be careful that the present environment and financial challenges is not used as an excuse for us to fold in on ourselves and do nothing. There is still a way to invest in programs, but we may have to reallocate funds or find alternative approaches to get there. If we use this period to cover and allow status quo to be maintained, we are not serving the campuses. It is important to ensure that we keep embers stoked in areas that are important to this university.

SA: Is distance education an area that could be expanded?

RD: We made good progress in that area under former Chancellor Rita Cheng's administration. She advanced those efforts, and now we need to look at that area in a broader sense to see what our next step can be. We have also had a great relationship historically providing programming on military bases, but those numbers have shrunk precipitously. Part of that is because of declining numbers in the military, but we must see if we can get some of that business back and reestablish our presence. Also, offering off-site course work that leads to a degree is another opportunity.

SA: We've talked about the dual-role challenges and some of what SIU can do to leverage itself for the future. But as chancellor and president, there are plenty of fun moments as well.

RD: You are so correct, as meeting alumni and friends at various events recharges me every time it occurs. There is so much love and affinity they have for SIU, and it serves as a tremendous strength we must continue to embrace. I want to build on our legacy programs, urging our alumni to assist us in any way they can – certainly not just financially. Their goodwill can carry our message.

I want our alumni base to realize that if they have something they are willing to take on or try that will support the

university, then please let us know and we will try and make it happen. I want our Salukis to never hesitate to move forward with something that they feel gives back to their alma mater.

SA: What is one message you would like to send to our alumni?

RD: Keep talking to anyone who will listen that we are coming back strong, distinctive, and in a way that will make them proud. We want to be the go-to institution for high school graduates and transfer students all over the state to come and receive an outstanding and traditional university experience. We have challenges ahead, but our mission is to again be a place viewed as one of the great state universities in the country.

Returning To SIU Was 'Coming Home' For Ronda Dunn

When Randy Dunn returned to Southern Illinois University last year to become president of the SIU System, it was a homecoming of sorts to a place he once served as a professor. To his wife, **Ronda '85, M.S. '96, Ph.D. '03**, it was simply coming home.

The first lady of the SIU System grew up in nearby Benton, Ill., and still has many friends and family in that area. The former Ronda Baker is the daughter of Ron Baker and Sybil Swinney, and she still has vivid memories of spending time at her grandfather's car dealership, Bert Baker Chevrolet. Southern is in her blood, and she is one of three siblings to attend SIU Carbondale.

"I'm a southern Illinoisan for sure," she says. "Coming back to SIU has been almost surreal, as each day I wake up feeling proud to be back in this area."

Ronda, who describes herself as "quite determined," has put her three SIU degrees to work at various points in her life. She worked for Prudential and First

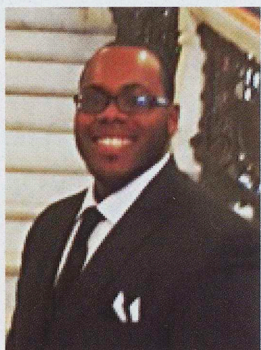
Bank of Carbondale, became a business education and computer science teacher for the Herrin school district, was hired as Williamson County technical education director, and later was appointed the regional superintendent of schools for Franklin and Williamson counties.

When the Dunns were at Murray State, Ronda worked for the Kentucky Department of Education and supervised school improvement efforts at high schools within the western 36 counties of Kentucky. For now, she is enjoying supporting her husband as he takes on the challenge of performing both the duties of chancellor and president for the next few months.

"I'm a bit of a work widow," she says with a laugh, "and that is just fine. Randy is working hard – I'm really proud of him – and I'm also trying to do whatever I can to help. His dual roles take up a great deal of time, but I think SIU is better served during a transition with this arrangement."



Brione Lockett Named Alexander Lane Intern



Southern Illinois University Carbondale student Brione Lockett is the 2015 Alexander Lane Intern and will serve on the House Democratic Issues/Communication staff for the Illinois House of

Representatives this year.

Lockett, from Rolling Meadows, will earn his bachelor's degree in history and Africana studies in May. His work with the House Democratic staff will include assisting representatives in communicating with constituents and researching and analyzing proposed legislation. Linda Baker, a University professor with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, mentors the interns in Springfield.

The institute established the Alexander Lane Internship program in 2011 to honor Lane, the first African-American male student at the institution that would become SIU Carbondale. The paid internship allows at least one student each spring to work with a minority member of the Illinois General Assembly toward the goal of carrying on Lane's legacy of high achievement and public service.

Lane rose from meager beginnings in pre-Civil War Mississippi to become a school principal, physician and an Illinois state legislator, serving in 1906 and 1908. He died in 1911 in Chicago.

In applying for the internship program, Lockett has already demonstrated his commitment to and passion for government service. Last spring, he joined students from SIU in visiting the Illinois state Capitol and meeting with state officials and served as SIU student speaker.

He worked with U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., in talking with college students and with Illinois State Rep. Arthur Turner Jr., D-Ill., addressing East St. Louis youth

during the annual Leadership Weekend at SIU Carbondale. Lockett earned the Vince Demuzio Internship last fall, handling projects involving constituents needing assistance with government agencies in the Marion office of state Rep. John Bradley, D-Marion.

"The Lane Internship is invaluable to students truly wanting to experience state government and politics up close," **David Yepsen**, institute director, says. "Brione will not only be a positive asset for the legislative staff with his experience and desire to learn and work hard, but he will also gain extraordinary skill sets."

Private donations from individuals and corporations fund the Lane Internship program. Tax-deductible donations can be made online at paulsimoninstitute.siu.edu/ donate or sent to the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Mail Code 4429, 1231 Lincoln Dr., Carbondale, Ill. 62901. Checks should be made payable to SIU Foundation. For more information, contact Delio Calzolari, associate director, at 618/453-4001 or email Delio@siu.edu.

Miller Receives Internship Honoring Gene Callahan



The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is creating an Illinois state government internship in

honor of the late Gene Callahan.

Callahan, a longtime aide to Simon and former U.S. Sen. Alan Dixon, was a member of the SIU Board of Trustees and a

founding member of the institute's board of counselors. His son, the late Dan Callahan, was head baseball coach at SIU Carbondale and his daughter, U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-East Moline, was recently re-elected to her second term.

The internship is supported by a gift from **Jerry Mileur '55, Ph. D. '71**, who served with Callahan on the institute's board of counselors. The Callahan internship will replace one named for Mileur.

Adrian Miller of Carbondale, former student body president and student member of the SIU Board of Trustees, has been selected for the internship, which this year will involve working in the Illinois House of Representatives during the spring semester.

"Gene Callahan had a lifelong love affair with politics, baseball, and the State of Illinois, all of which he served at the highest levels," Mileur says. "American politics would work as our founders intended if all its practitioners were like him. His example is a model of public service, and my hope is that an internship in his name will lead others along his path."

Congresswoman Bustos says: "My family and I are so proud that my father's legacy of public service will live on in this internship. It is fitting that the program that bears his name will help students at SIU, a university that he cared about so deeply."

Applicants for the 2016 award should apply to the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Any current SIU Carbondale student intending to pursue a career in government or politics is eligible. Previous recipients have worked in state agencies, including one who landed a job with the agency at the end of their internship.

David Yepsen, institute director, says such awards are crucial for students.

"These internships are life-changing experiences for the students," Yepsen notes. "I think Paul Simon and Gene Callahan would both be grateful to Jerry for his generosity. I'm glad Gene's name will still be associated with education and good government in Illinois."

ON THE SIDE

Stegall Earns Housing Leadership Scholarship

Ashley Stegall, a senior majoring in University Studies, is the recipient of the inaugural University Housing Leadership Scholarship at SIU Carbondale.

Stegall also has minors in psychology, sociology and women, and gender and sexuality studies. She has lived on campus throughout her college career, serving in a variety of leadership positions, including national communications coordinator for the Residence Hall Association and current president of the Saluki Chapter of National Residence Hall Honorary.

She has also been Illinois regional communications coordinator for the Great Lakes Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls and an orientation leader for New Student Programs.

Selection of the scholarship winner was on the basis of leadership work and an application including an essay. In her application, Stegall wrote that leadership “means that you see the potential in others and help them see how they can become leaders themselves. It’s about knowing how to step down at times to let others grow and shine.”

The Harding, Ill., native will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, created with contributions from University Housing staff, students and donors. After completing her bachelor’s degree, she plans to obtain her master’s degree in student affairs and work as a hall director as she begins her career in student personnel administration.

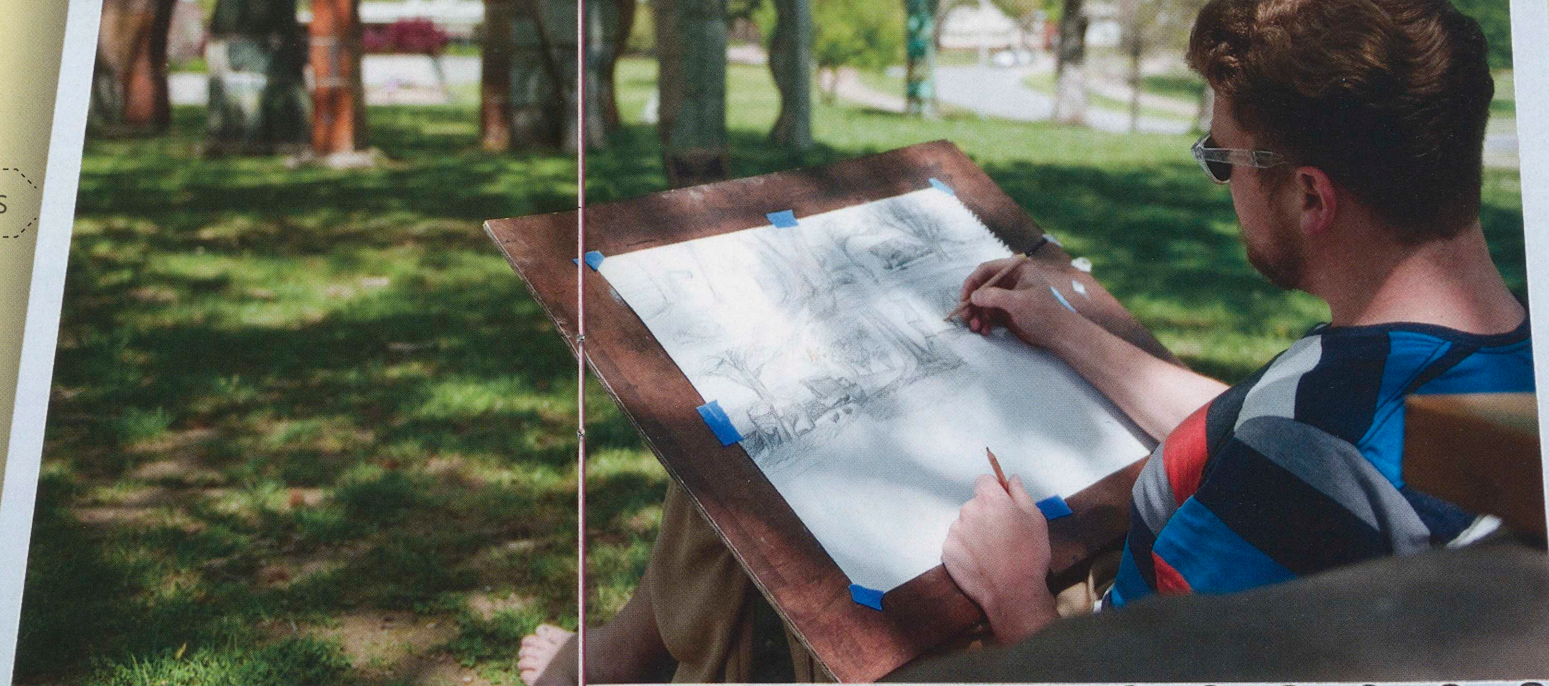
Stegall, who has been a member of Saluki Peer Mentors and the Residence Hall Association, says she considers SIU as her “home away from home.”

For more information about the new University Housing Leadership Scholarship, visit housing.siu.edu/leadership/scholarships.



Ashley Stegall

EVENTS



APRIL 2015

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ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE
STUDENT CENTER BALLROOMS

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MINORITY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
CORKER LOUNGE
SIU STUDENT CENTER
7:30 A.M. – 3 P.M.

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SIU JAZZ ORCHESTRA
SHRYOCK AUDITORIUM
7:30 P.M.

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SIU DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CEREMONY
GUYON AUDITORIUM
MORRIS LIBRARY
3:30 P.M.

MAY 2015

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SYMPOSIUM
INTERNATIONAL LOUNGE
SIU STUDENT CENTER
7:30 A.M. – 6 P.M.

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SIU DAY AT THE FRISCO ROUGH RIDERS
FRISCO, TEXAS
7:05 P.M.
PRE-GAME AT DR. PEPPER

JUNE 2015

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SIU DAY AT KANE COUNTY COUGARS GENEVA, IL
GAME 6:30 P.M.
PREGAME EVENT IN SUITE

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SIU DAY AT TARGET FIELD TWINS VS. ROYALS
GAME 7:10 P.M.
PREGAME EVENT TBA

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SIU DAY AT NASHVILLE SOUNDS NASHVILLE, TN
GAME 6:35 P.M.
PREGAME EVENT IN SUITE

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SIU DAY AT BUSCH STADIUM CUBS VS. CARDINALS ST. LOUIS, MO.
GAME 6:15 P.M.
PREGAME EVENT TBA

TO SEE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS, CHECK OUT SIUALUMNI.COM, CALENDAR.SIU.EDU, AND SIUSALUKIS.COM

SIU DAY AT MARLINS PARK DODGERS VS. MARLINS MIAMI, FLA.
GAME 4:10 P.M.
PREGAME EVENT TBA

UNIVERSITY MUSEUM EXHIBITS THROUGH END OF SEMESTER

THROUGH APRIL 15: WARHOL: SCREEN PRINTS

THROUGH MAY 1: FRED MYERS EXHIBIT, SCULPTURE BY THE WEST FRANKFORT WOOD CARVER

THROUGH MAY 1: EXQUISITE TREASURES FROM THE COLLECTION, A COLLECTION FROM THE FAMILY OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS JOHN FOSTER

ON THE SIDE

SIU Spring Enrollment Increases

Official spring enrollment at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is 16,684, an increase of 65 students from spring 2014. The growth in spring enrollment continues the trend started in the fall, when enrollment increased for the first time in 10 years.

This spring, the University saw a significant increase in sophomore enrollment of 351 students, or 16.4 percent.

“The spring-to-spring increase in sophomores can be attributed to last year’s larger freshman class and our ongoing retention efforts,” says Susan Ford, acting provost and vice president for academic affairs. “We’re pleased to see the impact of both our recruitment and retention efforts gaining ground.”

Other spring enrollment highlights include:

- An 11.6 percent increase in on- and off-campus transfer students
- A 10.7 percent increase in off-campus enrollment
- A 1.8 percent increase in continuing students, defined as on-campus undergraduates who were enrolled in the fall and returned in the spring
- Increases in spring-to-spring enrollment in several colleges, including the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, the College of Engineering and the College of Science
- A decline in graduate enrollment, the enrollment of first-time students who start in the spring semester and seniors

“The decline in seniors suggests that we still have work to do in retention,” she says. “Our retention efforts have focused primarily on new students. We are now beginning to extend them to all students.”

Fall enrollment at SIU was 17,989, an increase of 25 students over the previous year. Spring enrollment is always significantly lower due in large part to the number of students who graduate in December, Ford notes.



NAVY SEAL

Leaves A Legacy Behind

BY GREG SCOTT

Will Bushelle was a decorated Navy Seal and SIU graduate.

William Bushelle Ex.'71, says his son preferred reading about heroic stories and figures as a youngster. He vividly recalls conversations with Will, who inquired about the modern-day equivalent of ancient knights in American society.

As the elder Bushelle and his wife, Paula, reflect on their late son, they believe these early occurrences were a precursor of the direction he was headed in life. "Maybe he made up his mind to shape his own life in that fashion. Our country's history clearly had an impact on Will," Bushelle says.

Will's actions confirmed this notion. After graduating from Ladue Hortin Watkins High School in St. Louis, the 2004 SIU industrial technology graduate initially chose the military over college. He enlisted in the Navy in August 1994, no doubt influenced by his father, a Navy man; his grandfather, a decorated WWII veteran, and his great uncle, who served in Korea.

"Will's mother and I were proud, although we wanted him to enroll in college first," Bushelle says. "We discussed it over a period of time, and Will told us that he wasn't ready for college. He had completed substantial research and decided he wanted to become a Navy SEAL. He was intent on that."

After Basic Training and Electricians Mate "A" school in Great Lakes, Ill., Will completed Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL Training Class 202 in Coronado, Calif.

A TRUE SUCCESS

Will served as a platoon operator throughout his active service, which included stints in Germany and Spain, in addition to a voluntary deployment to the Al Anbar region of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with SEAL Team Five in 2006. His personal decorations include a Navy Commendation Medal With Valor, Navy Achievement Medals with Valor, Meritorious Service Medal, a Combat Action Ribbon, Iraq Campaign Medal, in addition to various unit and service awards.

And he enjoyed a successful civilian career. He served stints at Boeing, Master Brand Cabinets and Global Experience Specialists. "Will never feared stepping into the breach," Bushelle notes. "He ran toward incidents that most people avoided."

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This was the case even before his career in the Navy SEALs. In high school, Will, an Eagle Scout, was honored for saving a classmate's life, immediately reacting to suffocate a chemistry lab fire that had engulfed his classmate.

While on reserve duty, Will noticed a car engulfed in flames. He hurried to the scene and pulled the passengers out of the vehicle. As a 16-year-old, while

traveling with his father and others on a hiking trip, the group came across an automobile accident. Will ran to the scene and administered aid to a lady who was bleeding from a head wound.

“Will did not brag about himself. He was always more interested in others,” Bushelle says.

“He took great interest in family, friends, and even strangers he would engage in conversation.”

This humbleness is an attribute that many remember about Will, who died February 2014 as a result of a car accident in Las Vegas. He was only 38.

HUMBLE AND DEDICATED

Bruce DeRuntz M.S. '96, Ph.D. '05, an engineering technology professor at SIU, initially met Will when the latter arrived on campus in 2002. “Will was so humble. He never voluntarily talked about being a Navy SEAL. You had to pry it out of him,” he says.

Will made an instant impression on DeRuntz. The two initially encountered each during a weekend course. Will stayed afterward to introduce himself, extend appreciation for the lecture, and inform DeRuntz that he thought it was going to be an enjoyable class.

“That was a first in my teaching career ... I don't recall a student ever making that statement to me,” DeRuntz says. “I instantly thought that there was something special about this student.”

After graduation, Will often contacted DeRuntz for career advice, and the professor sent care packages to him while he was in the reserves serving tours in the Middle East.

DeRuntz also directs SIU's Leadership Development Program, which was founded in 2006 by SIU

engineering graduate **Dick Blaudow '70**, CEO of Advanced Technology Services in Peoria. The program is designed to develop technical leaders through training, mentoring, community service, opportunities and financial support.

Experiential learning is often incorporated for students. DeRuntz had Will skyped in and conducted a one-hour presentation on his own leadership principles. When Navy SEAL teammates offered support after Will's death, DeRuntz invited two team members to campus last September during Military Appreciation Day weekend to lecture about Will's principles.

“You can't learn everything about leadership from a textbook. Special forces like the Navy SEALs are an outstanding resource in this regard,” DeRuntz says. “We integrate Will's principles into the leadership program every chance we get. His friends thought the principles captured what he stood for as an individual.”

Close friends **Paul '02** and **Nikki Bell '02** refer to Will as a “special human being and friend.” “Will's thoughtfulness, courage and zest for life are attributes that Nikki and I loved about him,” Paul says. “He made a strong commitment scholastically and to the Navy SEALs and Reserves. I appreciate his sacrifice.”

Nikki adds, “Will had natural charisma, and he was unfailingly honest. He was upfront and truthful ... you always appreciate that in a friend.”

The SIU Alumni Association life members were so fond of Will that they approached the Bushelles about the possibility of establishing a scholarship in his honor. After receiving approval, the Bells coordinated efforts with the SIU Foundation to create the William Bushelle Scholarship Endowment.

The scholarship gives family and friends an opportunity to make a gift in Will's memory. It is open to all applicants who are active duty military/ reserve, veteran or active ROTC with a major in engineering. If this criteria isn't met, the recipient must be an engineering student participating in the Leadership Development Program.

“Will always made time for others. We wanted to further the goals Will had for himself and others around him,” Nikki says. “He was focused on giving back to SIU by mentoring or coaching students. His passion and love for the military and the engineering field were important, so we wanted that to be a part of the criteria.”



William Bushelle with his son, Will, on Christmas 2013 at Navarre Beach Pier in Florida.

SCHOLARSHIP IS APPRECIATED

Bushelle says this gesture is heartwarming. The Bushelles have hosted many of Will's college friends, co-workers and Navy SEAL teammates at their home since his death. He also says that people from all facets of Will's life have honored his son's memory in various ways.

"We have heard from so many of Will's friends. It is overwhelming to know that he had such wonderful friends who remember his family during these times," he says. "There is no end to the good will and communication we have received from people who were touched by Will."

Perhaps DeRuntz says it best in reflecting on Will's impact on family and friends. While attending Will's funeral, he says those in attendance took inventory of what Will's life meant to them.

"Everyone decided that we should all strive to be like Will and live to the highest character, integrity, and honor. This is what Will would want us to do," he says. "If we encounter a situation in life and ponder the best way to handle it, we should ask ourselves: 'What would Will do?'"

"And that will be our answer."



If you would like to contribute to the William Bushelle Scholarship Endowment, please call Director of Development (Scholarships) Gary Bogue at 618/453-4906.

WILL BUSHELLE'S LESSONS ON LEADERSHIP

Get to know your team and don't make assumptions.

Set/communicate expectations.

You need to manage up as much as you manage down.

Subordinates are teammates, too.

People are the most underutilized resource a team has.

Work to eliminate your job.

Focus on the team – not you.

Delegated authority is not leadership.

Learn to love your team deeply.

Find something to love, even in those you don't love.

Building relationships leads to trust, which leads to having a team, not just a group.

If being the leader isn't the hardest job you are doing it wrong.

No one is done til everyone is done.

You need to make everyone on your team believe in the mission.

Leaders need to learn to become a "force multiplier."

Involve the team in developing plans.

Marry mission success with the things you want from a superior.

Be better, faster, and smarter than you were yesterday.

FEEDING THEM RIGHT: A CONVERSATION

PROFESSOR: ANIMAL SCIENCE, FOOD AND NUTRITION

SIU offers a non-degree online diploma in companion animal nutrition to expand the career potential of students studying agribusiness, animal science, agricultural education and pre-veterinary medicine and science. Amer AbuGhazaleh coordinates the program. In the interview below, he offers tips to dog and cat owners who want to make sure their pets have healthy diets.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO LOOK FOR ON A DOG OR CAT FOOD LABEL?

The first five or six ingredients account for the majority of what's in the food, so those are most important. Generally, nutrients from animal sources are superior to those from plant sources, and meat products are better than meat by-products. A balanced food is more important than a flavor of food. Some pets do have preferences, though.

I'VE NOTICED MANY DOG AND CAT FOODS HAVE A HIGH PROPORTION OF GRAINS. WHY IS THAT?

First, grains are a cheap source of energy – usually the cheapest ingredient in the food. Second, grains are needed as a binding agent in making food pellets. However, grains are not at the top of the list when it comes to nutritive value. In general, low quality foods tend to have a greater percentage of grains in the food mix.

WHAT'S BETTER: CANNED FOOD OR DRY FOOD?

Each has its advantages. Dry foods are usually less expensive, and are easier to feed and store. Also, they help reduce tartar buildup on teeth. However, they contain more grains. Canned foods, on the other hand, are often more nutritious because they have fewer plant ingredients. They are more palatable and more energy-dense than dry food – which can raise the risk of obesity.

WHEN IT COMES TO PET FOOD, WHAT'S IN A NAME?

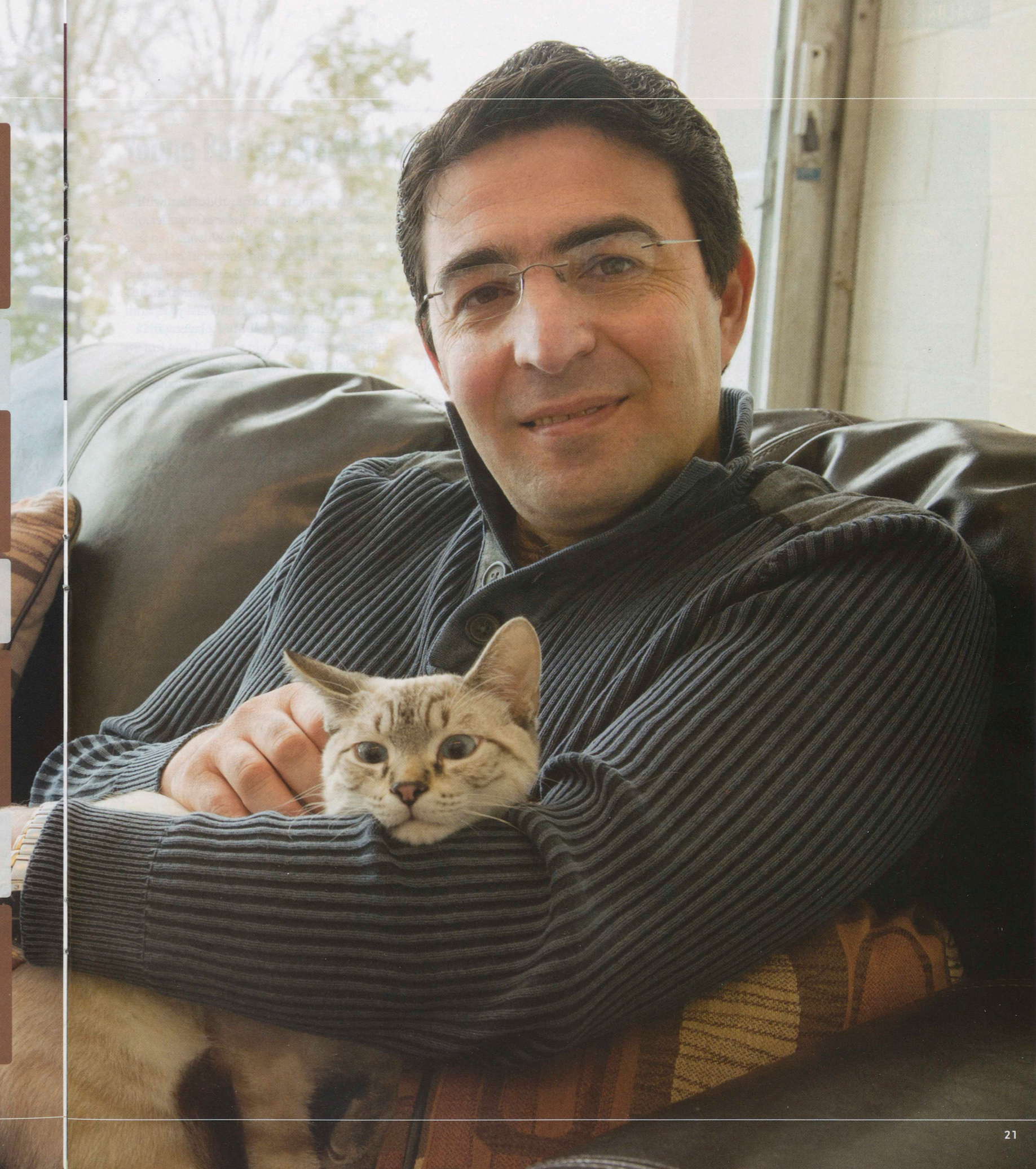
The Association of American Feed Officials dictates how the name of an ingredient is used based on its percentage in the food mix. So, "tuna cat food" means it has at least 95 percent tuna; "tuna dinner for cats" has at least 25 percent tuna; cat food "with" tuna has about 3 percent tuna; and "tuna flavor" doesn't necessarily have any tuna at all.

WHAT ABOUT TABLE SCRAPS – ARE THEY REALLY SO BAD FOR A CAT OR A DOG?

Most table scraps are high in fat and sugars and deficient in vitamins and minerals. With obesity widespread among house pets, feeding table scraps often makes things worse. If owners feed table scraps on a regular basis, they should adjust the intake of commercial pet food. I recommend limiting the amount of table scraps to about 10 to 15 percent of the total food intake.

WHAT ARE COMMON MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE WHEN THEY FEED THEIR CAT OR DOG?

The most common mistake I see is unrestricted feeding. Although most pet food bags list feeding recommendations, owners should monitor their pet's weight and adjust accordingly, dividing the total amount into two or three feedings. Also, people overuse treats to show affection, contributing to obesity. Find non-food ways to show your pet affection – you'll both be happier!





Salukis Picked Fourth In Softball

The 2015 Saluki softball team will feature a mix of youth and experience as it hopes to improve on a 28-24 season a year ago. SIU returns two All-MVC performers and four of its top five hitters.

“We lost some starters, so there’s an adjustment period,” head coach Kerri Blaylock says. “Hopefully, we have kids waiting in the wings to take their places.” The Salukis were picked fourth in the conference preseason poll, with Wichita State, Illinois State, and Northern Iowa ahead of the Dawgs.

SIU was also picked fourth in last season’s poll, and Southern went on to a 15-11 conference season and third-place finish. SIU has finished among the top three in the MVC in 12 of Blaylock’s 15 seasons as head coach.

Southern returns five starters, including 2014 second-team All-MVC pitcher Katie Bertelsen and second-team All-MVC first baseman Shaye Harre. Bertelsen won 14 games for Southern last season and pitched 20 complete games. Harre hit .368 in MVC play and ranked among the top 10 hitters in the MVC in on-base percentage, RBIs, doubles, and walks.

Katie Bertelsen

SIU also returns a lot of production with the 2015 team captains, Kelsey Gonzalez, Kalyn Harker and Meredith Wilson. Gonzalez, a junior shortstop, hit .328 last year in the middle of the lineup. Harker has a career .995 fielding percentage and hit .313 at the top of the lineup for SIU last year, and Wilson is a two-time All-MVC player with a .293 career average.

The Salukis face major non-league competition this season, including games against Ohio State, Kentucky, and DePaul on the schedule.

“We’re at a point in our program where we need to face quality competition all the time,” Blaylock says. “We wanted to go to new venues and face teams in up-and-coming conferences that are getting multiple NCAA Tournament bids.”

She also knows the MVC will be a challenge.

“Every team in our conference is tough; it doesn’t matter if you face them at home or on the road,” Blaylock notes. “The league is stacked, but our kids are used to that and are looking forward to it.”

To see the 2015 Saluki softball schedule, go to siousalukis.com.

Bardo Leading Athletics As Interim AD

Harold Bardo '62, M.S. '69, Ph.D. '72, who recently retired as director of the SIU Carbondale Medical/Dental Education Preparatory Program and served as faculty representative to the university’s athletic program for 15 years, began serving as interim director of intercollegiate athletics effective Jan. 1, 2015.

Bardo is providing his expertise during the search for a replacement for **Mario Moccia**, who accepted a position at New Mexico State University in January. “I’m happy that people

have faith that I can continue to move this program along,” Bardo says. “It has been a big part of my life, and I’m happy to help wherever I can.”

This is the second time Bardo, a standout athlete at SIU in basketball and track, has served in the interim role. He was interim athletic director in 1999 and 2000 prior to the appointment of Paul Kowalczyk.

Bardo is supported in his role by Doug Woolard '73, who is a special adviser to help assess the program prior to the appointment

of a permanent director. Woolard, former director of intercollegiate athletics for St. Louis University and the University of South Florida, is a Carbondale native who was a basketball coach and athletic director for Carbondale High School.

The committee leading the search for a new athletic director was appointed by SIU System President Randy Dunn January 26. Dunn says he hopes to fill the position this spring.

Young Baseball Salukis Hope To Improve

With almost three quarters of his roster consisting of freshmen and sophomores, SIU baseball coach Ken Henderson did not expect fellow league coaches to rank his squad prominently in the 2015 MVC preseason poll. The Salukis were picked to finish eighth, and he says that makes sense – for now.

“I expected it based on the quality players we lost and how few players we have returning,” Henderson says. “We have 26 freshmen and sophomores. I don’t think that opposing coaches know anything about our club, and we have a ton of question marks with so many new kids. That being said, I certainly don’t expect to finish eighth.”

The Salukis finished 26-31 last season, and to improve on that mark they will lean in part on a deep pitching staff. They are led by senior Aaron Hauge (3-4 record and

3.60 ERA in 60.0 innings last year) and Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American Kyle Pauly (2-3, 1.43 ERA, 50.1 innings). Austin McPheron (4-3, 2.92 ERA, 40.0 IP) and Connor McFadden (1-1, 7.71 ERA, 21.0 IP) could vie for the third weekend starter role. Colten Selvey, a junior college transfer, is expected to start the year as the team’s closer. He had a 1.61 ERA with four saves last year at Jefferson College.

The catching spot is wide open between Nick Hutchings, Jake Hand, and Taylor Martin, while seven infielders will compete for playing time, including returnees Will Farmer (.268, 97 AB), Connor Kopach (.222, 144 AB), and Ryan Sabo (.234, 64 AB).

SIU will have both depth – and questions marks – in the outfield. Parker Osborne (.250, 1 HR, 164 AB) and Tyler Rolland (.223, 112

AB) are the only senior-position players on the team, while Dyllin Mucha (.265, 117 AB) is back to anchor center field. J.C. DeMuri (.218, 55 AB) will continue to see time in right field, and has the potential to be a major offensive threat.

“This year’s team is a good group and has worked hard,” Henderson says. They are much more athletic than we have been in many years and have more depth. We are excited to see where everyone fits in.”

SIU, which starts its MVC season March 20-22 hosting Wichita State, will host its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser April 3 at the Carbondale Civic Center.

To see the 2015 Saluki baseball schedule, go to siousalukis.com.

SALUKI ALUMNI ARE GATHERING NEAR YOU

The SIU Alumni Association will host with alumni at baseball games across the country this spring and summer. There is an event near you this year. Come and connect with fellow Salukis and learn how you can support SIU and the Association.

MARCH 20 – Phoenix, AZ
4th Annual Spring Training Game
Chicago Cubs vs Chicago White Sox

MARCH 26 – Springfield, IL
SIU Baseball Fundraiser, 5-8 p.m.
D H Brown’s, 231 East Monroe

MAY 16 – Frisco, TX
4th Annual SIU Day with The RoughRiders
Frisco RoughRiders vs Corpus Christi Hooks

JUNE 6 – Geneva, IL
3rd Annual SIU Day with the
Kane County Cougars
KC Cougars vs Dayton Dragons

JUNE 8 – Minneapolis, MN
4th Annual SIU Day at Target Field
Minnesota Twins vs Kansas City Royals

JUNE 20 – Nashville, TN
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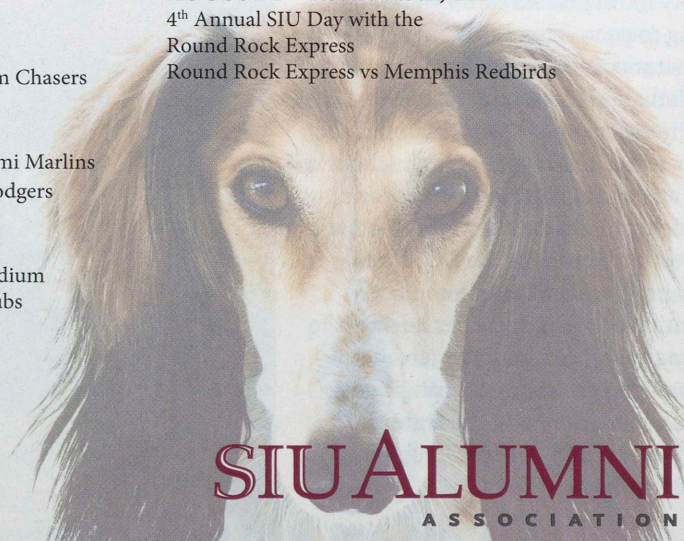
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Basketball Was Djimde's Ticket To the United States

BY TOM WEBER

SIU Carbondale junior center Iby Djimde grew up in the west-African city of Bamako, Mali. It is a place where the average high temperature ranges between 90 and 100 degrees in a country that lies in the southern half of the Sahara desert.

Basketball would become his ticket to the Western world.

One of six children in his family, Djimde's fondest childhood memories are playing soccer with his brothers and sisters. When he turned 13, a teacher at his school recognized how much bigger and taller Djimde was than most other kids his age. His instructor suggested he try playing basketball.

Djimde gave it a shot, but didn't like it at first.

"The first time I touched the ball, I just took it and ran with it, because I didn't know any rules," he laughs. "I just ran with it and dunked – that was it."

Djimde's uncle had a friend who lived in the United States at the time, and on a visit to Mali, he saw Djimde playing basketball. He immediately told his mother that Iby was good enough to play in the United States, and he could also get a superior education. She was apprehensive at first.

"My mom just asked if I would be going to go to school first, and if so, then it was OK to come here and play basketball," Djimde recalls.

Djimde arrived in Washington D.C. prior to his junior year of high school and attended Progressive Christian Academy in nearby Maryland. He played basketball for the DC Assault AAU program and caught the attention of college coaches during a tournament in Milwaukee. Jerrance Howard, an assistant coach at Illinois, liked what he saw and the Fighting Illini signed him to a scholarship in the fall of 2010.

During his senior season of high school, Djimde played at Huntington Prep (W.Va.), where he averaged 10 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots and helped his nationally ranked team to a 25-3 record.

Former Saluki Head Coach Bruce Weber was Djimde's head coach during his freshman season at U of I., and although he saw limited action in 17 games, he says Weber became like a father figure to him.

"Coach Weber doesn't just know about basketball – he knows me as a person," Djimde explains. "He called my family back

home in Africa and knew everything about them. He always asked me what was going on with my family. He tried to make me feel comfortable."

A coaching change before his sophomore season brought a whole new staff to Illinois and Djimde's role decreased. He played in only 11 games, and after the season, decided to transfer. "When Coach Weber left, I had nobody," he notes. Djimde says Weber continued to check on his well-being, and does so to this day.

SIU was in the market for a big man, and SIU assistant Anthony Beane got a solid recommendation on Djimde from former Illini assistant Jay Price. Djimde enrolled at Southern in the summer of 2013 and used a red-shirt year to polish his game.

Early in the 2014-15 season, it appeared Djimde was poised to make an impact – he was productive in the team's exhibition games – but he injured his knee in the season opener at Saint Louis University. The 6-foot-8 junior missed nine games and felt occasional flare ups of pain the rest of the season.

Djimde knows five languages, is fluent in French and Bambara, and says he's worked hard to improve his English. "A big part of learning English is for my teammates," he says. "We can hang out, we can talk. My English has gotten better and I can communicate with them more easily."

The International Studies major hopes to continue his career in basketball after college and is grateful for the many doors the sport has opened for him as he looks forward to his senior year at SIU next season.



Iby Djimde



Alumna Has First Book Published At 91



As a child of the Great Depression, Penelope Easton Ph.D. '64 learned to "make do" with what she had, and developed a spirit of adventure that was essential to working in Territorial Alaska starting in the late 1940s. As a World War II veteran, she embarked on a journey that would be full of adventure.

After military service – spent mostly in India – Easton was recruited as a nutritionist in Alaska to assist with developing dietary plans for native populations. Although prepared, she could not anticipate the deplorable health-related conditions that she would find. The Southern graduate observed the effects of measles and tuberculosis epidemics, educational philosophies that opted to teach native children only in English, a scarcity of imported food supplies, and the derision of native foods.

One of the results of that experience is her recent book, *Learning to Like Muktuk*, which she wrote at 91 years of age. It draws on her detailed field reports, photographs, letters, and other documents, some of which may be the only remaining descriptions of native Alaskan foods from the period between the end of WWII and statehood.

Fascinated by the foods of indigenous Alaskans, such as muktuk (strips of whale skin and blubber) Easton took

every opportunity to learn about the people and their food cultures. As she gained knowledge, she identified the need for public health personnel to know and appreciate the dietary traditions and adaptations of

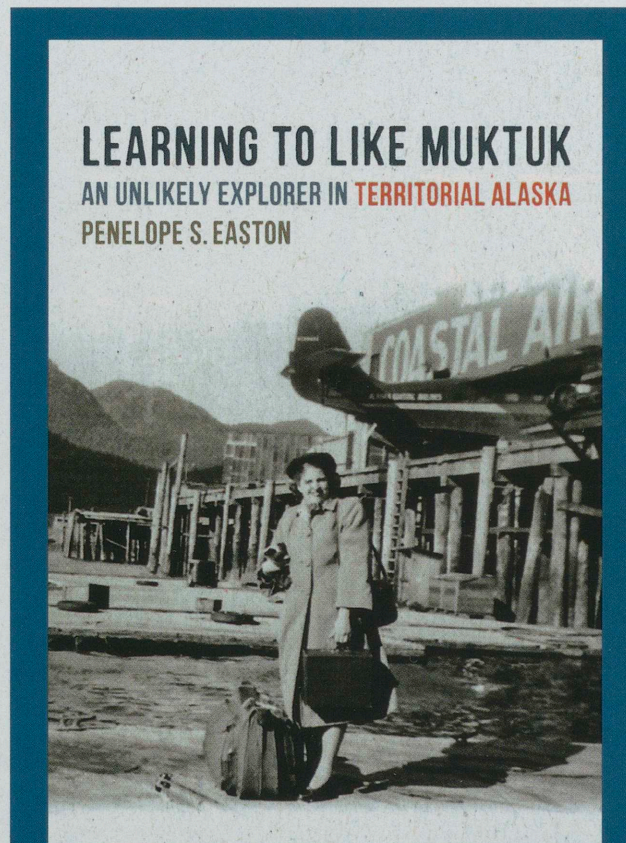
the region, and became an advocate for preserving native food customs.

The epilogue of the book describes Easton returning to Alaska as a member of research teams from 1996 through 2005. Now residing in Durham, N.C., she also looks back at her experiences as a public health advisor. She helped hospitals and children's homes with food procurement and service, prepared regional nutritional information materials, and worked with public health nurses conducting classes for adults and school children.

As one reviewer described Easton's book: "Her stories are told with goodwill, respect, and humor. The day-to-day experiences in coping with the challenges of life in Alaska in the late 1940s were often funny and touching, and is a story of a young, adventuresome, professional woman who dared to question common practice and act on behalf of her clients.

"This put her ahead of her time and profession."

Published by Oregon State University Press, Easton's book is available at osupress.oregonstate.edu and amazon.com.



From the humblest of beginnings – a farm outside Mulkeytown, Ill. – **Bonnie Garner '64** has had a rich, multifaceted career working in concert with such luminaries of the entertainment industry as Dick Cavett, Bill Graham, Willie Nelson, Clive Davis, and dozens of others.

In 2002, coordinating and capitalizing on a lifetime of contacts and connections, she assisted in producing *Timeless: Hank Williams Tribute* for which she received a Grammy. Retiring in 2007, Garner resides just outside Nashville, Tenn., contributing her time and talents to a therapeutic riding program that serves children with disabilities.

Garner's remembrances of her earliest days reflect modest beginnings. "My address was Route 1, Mulkeytown. The town was a church, two filling stations, and about three houses close together, and we were three miles from that.

"Mama came from Milwaukee and met Daddy, and they married in Chicago. When Grandma died, no one else really wanted the farm that he grew up on, so he bought it from his brothers and sisters. I guess I was 4 when we moved there from Chicago. I loved being a farm girl."



The Southern grad stands with The Highwaymen, a country music super group composed of Willie Nelson, Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson, and Waylon Jennings, who were active between 1985 and 1995.

BLAZING HER TRAIL

SIU Grad Bonnie Garner Was One Of The Music Industry's First Female Executives

BY GORDON PRUETT

Garner, who returned to SIU last October to attend her 50th class reunion, attended high school in Christopher, graduating in 1960. She says she frequented Herrin's Teen Town, calling it the "closest and the coolest teen town in the area" – and it offered the wild opportunity of dancing with boys.

She enrolled at Southern with a double major in speech and English. "I was a cheerleader for SIU and a sorority girl, and I was also in the theater and did radio," she recalls. "I thought that was normal – I thought doing one thing or the other was limiting, and I wanted to do it all."



From Garner's senior yearbook at Christopher High School.

BONNIE GARNER

"A Star is Born."

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FINDING HER WAY

After graduating from SIU, Garner initially joined the staff at the Conrad Hilton Hotel on Michigan Avenue in Chicago, but the constant crush of impatient conventioners and travelers soon taxed her composure to the degree that she left the Hilton to work for Playboy Press, the new book division.

"I could proofread, copy edit, and I could type, so I became the assistant to the managing editor of Playboy Press," Garner says. It was at this juncture that she met author James Baldwin, filmmaker Michelangelo Antonioni, comedian Mort Sahl, TV host Dick Cavett, cartoonist Jules Pfeiffer, and impresario Enrico Banducci. Such personalities were in Chicago for the Playboy Forum or the Playboy interview, staying at the corporate mansion, and Garner served as a staff liaison.

Garner's brother was killed in Vietnam, and suffering this loss and feeling disillusioned, she sought refuge in San Francisco, where her mother was living. Sahl had introduced Garner to Banducci, and she spent the summer of 1968 working at Banducci's hungry i, the iconic nightclub that helped launch the careers of dozens of legendary comedians and singers, including Lenny Bruce, Woody Allen, and the Mamas and the Papas.

Next she received a call from *Playboy After Dark*, and was off to Los Angeles to book music for that television show. Garner recalls, "I was this little hippie chick who was into Canned Heat and the Grateful Dead, and that's who the new producer wanted. I put The Grateful Dead on national television for, I think, the first time, and Ike and Tina Turner – all kinds of people like that."

Again Garner's Playboy mansion past proved fruitful. "In television back then they did 13 weeks on and 13 weeks hiatus. The associate producer of the Playboy show was also the producer of *The Dick Cavett Show*, so I went to New York and became the program coordinator for *The Dick Cavett Show*."

Cavett knew that Garner had an interest in contemporary music, which allowed her to book for the show such acts as Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, the Jefferson Airplane, and Delaney and Bonnie, who at the time featured Eric Clapton on guitar.

Garner recalls that Cavett considered himself "mayonnaise, white bread, and station wagon enough," but he wanted more funk, soul, and rock 'n roll. And she was more than happy to acquire such talent.

BLAZING HER TRAIL

Next, Garner went to work for rock guru Bill Graham, who had been a guest on *Cavett*, at the Fillmore East, the legendary venue for rock and jazz concerts in the East Village of Manhattan. The Fillmore

East's existence was brief – from March 1968 until June 1971 – but the royalty of British and American rockers all played there, and nearly 50 live albums were recorded there due to the auditorium's acoustics. Garner remembers that at the Fillmore she was allowed to pick her job title, and one week she was the “donut commissioner.”

“Having Graham as a mentor was wonderful. I did everything from answering the phone, to working the shows, to giving out passes.”

With the closing of the Fillmore, Garner retreated to a sabbatical in Acapulco as a hippie, but “that got boring after awhile and about then I got a telegram from Jo Bergman, who was working with The Rolling Stones in the south of France. They flew me to the south of France, where I was interviewed by all of The Rolling Stones except Keith Richards, who wasn't around.

The best thing about that job was saying, ‘I work for The Rolling Stones in the south of France.’ Other than that it was 24/7 on call.”



The SIU alumna booked rock bands for *The Dick Cavett Show*.

But working for The Stones was not in Garner's future, as the band never hired anyone to replace Bergman.

“It was a hoot, but then I started working for Kip Cohen, whom I'd worked for at the Fillmore. He had just taken over as the head of the A&R [artists and repertoire] department at Columbia Records in New York, where Clive Davis was head of the label. So I became the first woman executive in the A&R department of a major label – I was an associate producer.”

In 1973, Garner accepted the challenge of setting up Columbia and Epic Records' first Nashville pop division. She worked with a number of rising talents like Dan Fogelberg, John Hiatt, and Tracy Nelson in the process. “That's what I came down here ostensibly to do. But I could also, as they said, ‘translate’ between hillbilly and New York.

“I met Willie Nelson in 1973 and had been a fan and had gone to see him in New York when I lived there. Actually, Kris Kristofferson was playing Carnegie Hall, and he brought Willie out as a special guest. When we signed him to the label, I was his A&R coordinator, so I've worked with Willie since *Red Headed Stranger*. “I was just so fortunate to have been able to work with and go on the road with him. He's one of the best human beings in the world and the most non-judgmental person I know.”

In 1984, Garner was promoted to vice president of A&R for CBS Records, the first woman to attain such a position and one of the few women in the higher echelons of the music industry.

Garner and Seth, a former student, at a Saddle Up! event.





Not Prepared For What She Saw

Late in October last year, Bonnie Garner returned to SIU Carbondale to celebrate her 50-year reunion and be inducted into the Half Century Club. It was – to say the least – an eye-opening experience.

“I had not returned to campus since my graduation,” Garner says. “I knew SIU had grown, but was not prepared for what I saw. I was especially impressed by the Communications Building, Shryock Auditorium, and the renovated Morris Library.

“In fact, the entire campus was something special,” she says. “The icing on the cake would have been if we would have won the Homecoming football game!”

At left, Garner is shown being inducted into SIU’s Half Century Club by Association President Mike Kasser.

Leaving CBS in 1987, Garner joined forces with Mark Rothbaum in managing Nelson, Kristofferson, Roger Miller, The Highwaymen, The O’Kanes, and Emmylou Harris. “At one point Emmy got another manager, Roger passed away, and the O’Kanes broke up ... so when we ran out of stationery with both our names on it, I formed my own company in Nashville in 1994.”

In 2002, Garner teamed with Mary Martin and Luke Lewis in a tribute album to Hank Williams. “From my Fillmore and television booking days, I had the old rock and roll Rolodex, so if I didn’t know how to call Keith Richards, I knew how to call Jane Rose, who is his manager. We put together an incredible record.”

Artists such as Sheryl Crow, Keb Mo, Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, Keith Richards, and Johnny Cash were part of the project. For their efforts, *Timeless: Hank Williams Tribute* was awarded a Grammy as Best Country Album.

AN INDUSTRY LEADER

In 2010, the SIU Alumni Association member was honored by the Louise Scruggs Memorial Forum, which recognizes music industry leaders who can be seen as the legatees of Scruggs, the wife of Country Music Hall of Fame member Earl Scruggs and the first woman in country music to take on roles as a booker and manager.

Honorees are chosen by representatives of both the Gibson Foundation and the Museum and receive final approval from the Scruggs family. Too, in 2013 Garner received a SOURCE Award, which honors women in the Nashville music industry.

The Southern graduate retired in 2007 after an amazing 40-year career in the music industry, and

her life seems to have come full circle. She grew up in southern Illinois surrounded by dogs, cats, goats, and farm life, and today she is comfortably ensconced in rural Tennessee in a similarly bucolic situation.

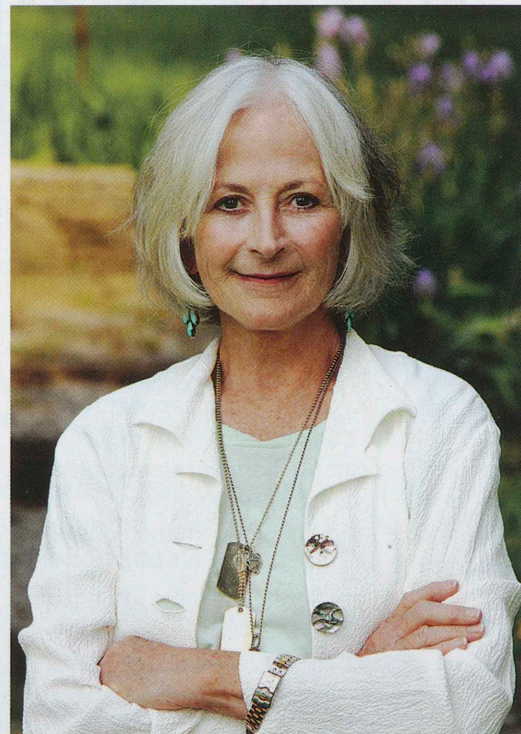
She notes that she was raised in Franklin County, Ill., where Williamson was a neighboring county, and today she lives in Williamson County, Tenn., where Franklin is the county seat.

After a brilliant professional career, she found new inspiration just around the corner.

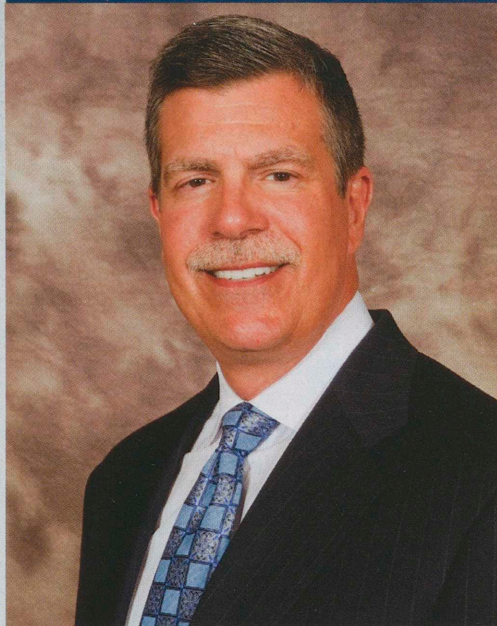
These days, in addition to gardening, reading, and caring for her animals, Garner works part time for Saddle Up!, middle Tennessee’s oldest and largest recreational therapeutic riding program. It is the only one exclusively serving children with disabilities.

Garner was certified as a riding instructor in 2009, and Saddle Up! Volunteer Services Director Kim Kline says, “Bonnie has helped with our fund-raising events and leveraged her music industry connections to help source talent for benefit concerts.

“I think I can speak for the entire Saddle Up! family when I say that Bonnie Garner is one in a million. We are extremely lucky for her involvement in our programs.”



Garner is now retired in the Nashville area.



George Klenovich's First-Generation Journey

As George Klenovich '80 prepared to graduate from George Washington High School in 1976, college didn't appear to be in his future. A standout student, he was double promoted during elementary school, but his mother was concerned about him leaving home to attend college at such a young age.

"No one in my family had ever attended college, and my mother was strongly against me doing so," Klenovich says. "She thought that some societal issues during that time could have a negative influence on me if I went away to college."

Klenovich, 17 at the time, was too young for a job in the steel mills, the path for many young people growing up

in southeast Chicago. His high school bookkeeping instructor, 1970 SIU management graduate Sam Panayotovich, saw potential for more in his understudy. So Panayotovich, who was also raised in the southeast side of Chicago, visited Klenovich's family.

"George is intelligent, and I saw a spark in him," Panayotovich says. "George's mother was concerned that he was too young for college. So I used myself as an example of someone from the neighborhood who flourished as a result of attending college. I convinced his mom that there were more opportunities out there for him."

And Klenovich is forever grateful. "Sam took an interest in his students.

He is an exceptionally personable and charming guy who somehow persuaded my mom to reconsider," Klenovich says. "Sam proceeded to contact SIU's admissions office on my behalf."

And now Panayotovich's prized student, a CPA, is regional managing partner for CohnReznick, the 10th-largest accounting firm in the United States, with 28 offices and \$575 million in revenue. Klenovich serves in this capacity for the firm's South/Central region, which includes offices in Chicago, Atlanta, Austin and Charlotte. He also serves on the firm's 10-person executive board.

The SIU product has served public and private clients in multiple industries, often as the lead assurance and coordinator

partner on large, privately held, private equity-owned and public companies. Many of the companies are active on an international level.

Previously, Klenovich was office managing partner and director of the assurance practice for the St. Louis office of Ernst & Young. He focused on strategic growth for the Midwest region.

“CohnReznick fosters a culture of excellence and high performance. The key in professional service is attracting highly motivated, talented people. We strive to present them with challenges and opportunities for input,” Klenovich says. “Our firm is committed to fulfilling our strategy and value propositions. That goal can only be accomplished with the right people who are committed to the firm’s vision.”

Klenovich, who was inducted into the SIU College of Business Hall of Fame last spring, says the honor gave him an opportunity to reflect. In particular, he is appreciative of

SIU accounting professors Phil Neal and Richard Rivers, who he says influenced him in their own distinctive ways.


He says both challenged young people to be their best, and he, in turn, practices this method at CohnReznick. Additionally, he thinks all professionals should seek opportunities to have an impact on the lives of others, like Panayotovich, Neal, and Rivers did for him.

“Young people should always embrace mentorship as their careers are developing. And once you have a chance to return the favor, seize the moment because it’s one of the more rewarding elements in the circle of life,” he says. “Many of us are fortunate to have certain people take an interest in our lives and careers. It’s important to take time to reflect on those who made a positive impact in your life and, in turn, strive to make a favorable impact on others as they are in the development stage of their lives and careers.”

Klenovich and Panayotovich reconnected recently, and the latter admits to taking pride in his former student’s success.

“George was going to be successful no matter what. I’m happy that I was in a position to impact someone’s life,” Panayotovich says. “In addition, he is quite a family man. When we visited, he talked 15 minutes about his children. That says a lot about a man.”

Klenovich is an example of many who are the first in their family to attend college. And, in many cases, they require financial assistance to pursue their education. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of current students who are striving to follow in his footsteps, please visit: www.siu.org/priorities/campus-wide to make a gift, or call Mary Carroll, director of development for the Chicago region, at 773/562-1375.



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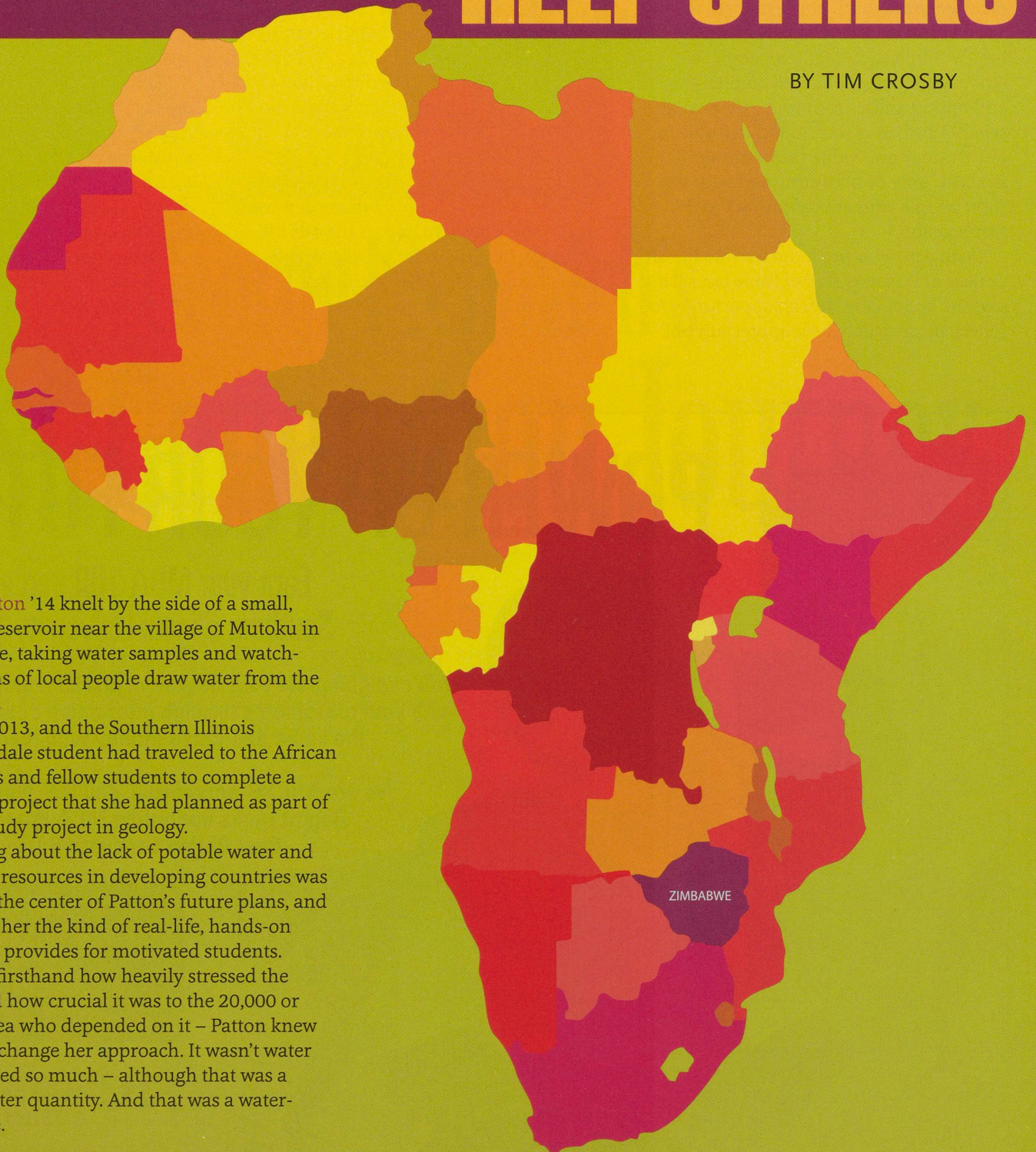
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BY TIM CROSBY



Brooke Patton '14 knelt by the side of a small, shallow reservoir near the village of Mutoku in Zimbabwe, taking water samples and watching dozens of local people draw water from the area's main source.

It was summer 2013, and the Southern Illinois University Carbondale student had traveled to the African nation with friends and fellow students to complete a water purification project that she had planned as part of an independent study project in geology.

Doing something about the lack of potable water and trouble with water resources in developing countries was quickly becoming the center of Patton's future plans, and the trip was giving her the kind of real-life, hands-on education that SIU provides for motivated students.

But now, seeing firsthand how heavily stressed the resource was – and how crucial it was to the 20,000 or so people in the area who depended on it – Patton knew she would have to change her approach. It wasn't water quality that mattered so much – although that was a concern. It was water quantity. And that was a water-management issue.



Brooke Patton works with a microscope in a geology laboratory. The Carbondale native says SIU gave her the opportunity to accomplish great things.

Changing Her Mission

On her own, without reliable communication available, she decided to change the focus of her mission.

"I was nervous about making that call, but communication in the area wasn't possible," Patton, the daughter of Brent and Vicki Patton '77 of Carbondale, says. But thinking on her feet and following the path to discovery were also skills she learned during her four years at SIU, a place she acknowledged having some misgivings about attending at first.

"Because I grew up in Carbondale, SIU was almost too familiar," she explains. "But once I got here, I quickly learned you can achieve anything here. You really get out of it what you put into it."

The geology major, along with more than 1,600 other degree candidates, graduated in December during commencement ceremonies. Patton, who also works as a laboratory assistant and was one of the founders of a popular Carbondale-area road race, hopes to pursue a degree through the Master's International Program through the Peace Corp and its partner universities.

Solving problems around the world had always been an interest of Patton's. While she was in high school, her strong interest in science filled her with dreams of becoming a doctor and serving with Doctors Without Borders. But an

environmental sciences class in high school got her thinking in a new direction.

"That class kind of blew me away," she says. "We learned about these major events, like Love Canal, that we had never heard of. These were really important issues, and I wanted to do something about that."

Patton enrolled at SIU as a biology major but switched to geology before classes even began as the environmental aspects of the discipline took hold. Through her talks with fellow SIU alumnus Peter Makiriyado (see sidebar), she began wishing she could help with such environmental issues in Zimbabwe.

She worked closely with Ken Anderson, professor of geology, to design a water purification project for an independent study project while planning the trip in fall 2012. Anderson says Patton is a talented student and exceptionally socially conscious.

"She is determined to make sure that she puts what she learns to use making a difference for the better in other people's lives," Anderson says. "She is a remarkable young scientist with a bright future ahead of her. It has been, and I am sure it will continue to be, gratifying watching her career take shape. I suspect that there are great things ahead for her, and lots of folks will be better off because of that."

Making A Decision

The following summer, Patton and friends Ellen Esling, Sam Brittingham and **Elle Murray '13**, all of whom are current or former SIU students, headed to Zimbabwe. But best-laid plans don't always work, however. Upon witnessing the situation with the reservoir, and being unable to reach Anderson, Patton found herself calling an audible and attacking the most pressing problem instead.

"When I saw the reservoir, it was shocking because thousands of people use it and it was really obvious to me that water management was what I needed to look into," she notes. "They use it for everything: laundry, drinking water, some irrigation and cattle. I believed the water source was lacking, that it was heavily stressed.

"The local people said siltation was a problem. The entire thing was slowly being filled in with silt and getting worse each year. And if there's no more water there's nothing to purify."

Patton set out to conduct a bathymetry survey of the reservoir, which is like a topography survey but under water. She spent six weeks in the country, taking depth measurements in a grid of 5-foot by 5-foot squares, and gathering thousands of numbers and data points, later entering them into a geographic information system program on a computer, which

created a graphic representation. Using that data, she was able to estimate the reservoir's volume. She was also able to make predictions based on various scenarios, parameters, and factors about how long the water resource would remain viable for the local population's use. As graduation approached, Patton was busily finishing the paper that describes her findings.

But simply traveling to a foreign land has not been enough for her. Taking her own mantra of "getting out of it what you put into it," Patton is also helping researchers study actual pieces of a foreign land drilled out of the ground and brought back to campus to study.

Pursuing Her Passion

Patton works as an undergraduate research assistant for **Scott Ishman**, professor of geology, who has made several trips to the bottom of the world as part of elite, international, multidisciplinary scientific teams. Traveling to Antarctica, the teams have recovered cores from deep under the ice that potentially hold information about the planet's past.

Ishman is a micropaleontologist and has studied foraminifera, a tiny single-cell organism that lives in the ocean and

has a shell. Looking at the shells that are preserved as fossils in the rock cores can provide information on the age of the rock and the type of environment in which it was formed. That information, when used in context with other information, can help scientists decipher the climate history of Antarctica for the last 17 million years.

Patton's job is analyzing data tables with an eye toward determining whether the size of foraminifera effects its isotopic signature.

As her undergraduate career at SIU ended, Patton couldn't help but marvel at how many opportunities she has had to pursue her passion for knowledge. Participating in the University Honors Program and the Research Rookies program, which helps undergrads get hands-on research experience early in their college years, helped shift her perspective on the University.

"It became clear to me that I had the opportunity to customize my experience here based on my interests and what I desired to learn, and that initiative at this University is indeed rewarded," she says. "My long-term goal is to attain my doctorate and conduct hydrology and water-management research in the developing world."



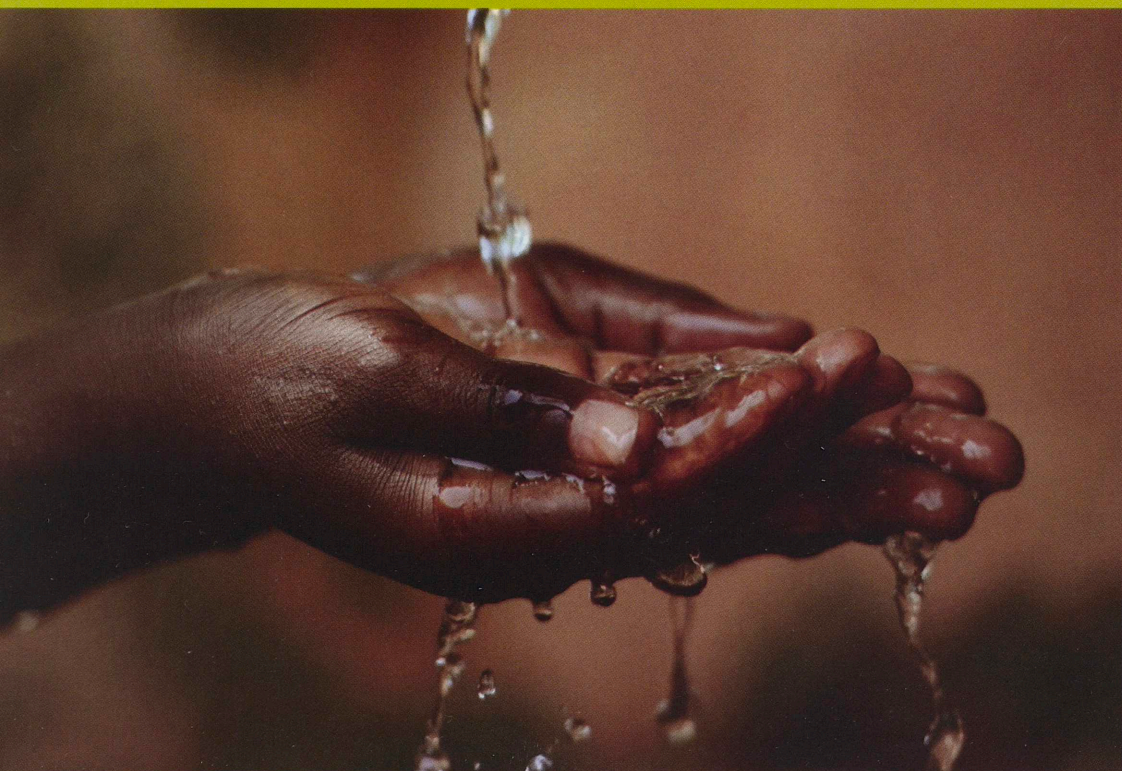
Carbondale Trio Helps Support ACTIVE Water Efforts

Brooke Patton's journey from Carbondale Community High School, to SIU, and on to Africa and back had its beginnings in the relationships she formed as a teenager. Her friends, Ellen Esling and Lacey Gibson, the daughters, respectively, of SIU professors Steven Esling (geology) and David Gibson (plant biology), were longtime pals who together came up with the idea for the Pumpkin Run, a 2-mile race held around Halloween.

Founded in 2011, the popular race, which attracts as many as 300 participants each year, benefits a local environmental preservation group called Green Earth. It also benefits a group called ACTIVE (African Church-Planting and Training in Vocational Education), founded by Zimbabwe native Peter Makiriyado Ph.D. '12.

ACTIVE raises money for water purification efforts and building a college in Zimbabwe. The group purchases water filtration systems to install in African villages to provide clean water for hundreds – and possibly thousands – of people that otherwise would not have clean water to drink.

It is estimated that the usual cost to provide clean water to a village is \$3,500.





Association Presents Textbook Awards

The SIU Alumni Association has awarded 41 Southern Illinois University Carbondale students approximately \$20,000 worth of textbooks and supplies for the 2015 spring semester. The Association hosted a ceremony January 20 to gather students, family, friends, and college deans for the distribution of the materials.

Textbook scholarships have become an annual tradition the SIU Alumni Association proudly sponsors. Its national board of directors first allocated money for this purpose in 2008.

“With the financial challenges many talented students face in obtaining a college degree, we hope receiving this assistance helps keep them on their path of success,” Association Board President Mike Kasser says. “We also feel that helping fill these funding gaps plays a role in supporting the University’s goal of retaining students.”

To receive the award, students must demonstrate a financial need and have a GPA of at least 3.0. The Association works with many units on campus to help determine which students best fit the profile of eligibility.

“This program would not be possible without the support of the colleges and our colleagues at SIU,” says Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez. “The financial aid office, Saluki Cares, Extern coordinators, academic advisors, and the Center for International Education all are sources which identify students in need.”

To see a list of the recipients, go to sialumni.com.

Class Of 1965 — Plan Ahead!

This 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 sialumni.com.

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



A Saluki Christmas In Austin

The seventh annual Saluki Christmas in Austin was held last December, as 47 alumni and friends enjoyed fellowship and fun at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort. The event featured a holiday dinner buffet, a “White Armadillo” gift exchange, and an optional golf outing. Chapter leader Sean Lervaag helped coordinate the event.





St. Louis Chapter Trivia Night

More than 100 alumni and friends attended the St. Louis Area Chapter's 10th annual trivia night and silent auction. More than \$4,000 was raised to support the St. Louis Chapter Scholarship Fund. Alumni also brought various canned food items to donate to a local charity. "Team Carr" won the event for the sixth year, and the group donated the prize money back to the chapter. Team members shown here are, front row from left: Elinor Schmidt, Kaye Carr, and Kevin Kuschel. Back Row: Brad Gaskell, Russ Friedewald, Omar Mahmood, Bryan Carr, and Ken Carr. "It is a fun and well-run event," says Ken. "And it is always nice to give back to SIU." Chapter leaders Leslie Patterson, Aimee Snavely, and Anna Vani coordinated the evening's activities.

Black Alumni Group Reunion

Held biennially in odd-numbered years, the Black Alumni Group reunion will be July 16-19 on the SIU campus. If you missed early bird registration (through March 31), you can find out more about the activities and sign up for the reunion by going to sualumni.com/BAG.

Meet Emily Spann: Director of Student Relations



Emily Spann '07, M.B.A. '09 recently joined the SIU Alumni Association as Director of Student Relations. In her role, she is the advisor to the Student Alumni Council, responsible for the coordination of the Extern Program, and helps manage student scholarships offered through the Association

Before joining the Association, she served as the Coordinator of Student Programs at the SIU Student Center. For the past five years, the Lawrenceville, Ill., native has worked extensively with student programming on college campuses.

Spann started her professional career at SIU Edwardsville in 2009 as the Campus Programs Manager, serving as an advisor to the Campus Activities Board and the Student Government Finance Board. She returned to her alma mater as the Coordinator of Student Programs and as the advisor to the Student Programming Council.

Spann has been actively involved in the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) organization where she was the Mid-America Conference Special Events Chair (2012), Communications Chair (2013), and Treasurer (2014). At both the NACA regional and national level, she presented numerous presentations on campus programming and student organization development.

She and her husband, **Jay '07, M.B.A. '09**, reside in Carterville.

Board Member Ray Serati To Be Honored



Marking the 25th anniversary of HerrinFesta Italiana, the 2015 Memorial Day weekend event will again celebrate Herrin's history and heritage. This year Ray Serati '59 is recognized as the Lifetime Achievement Award winner. The Herrin native graduated from SIU in 1959 and from Herrin High School in 1955.

Serati's start in journalism came when he reported high school sports for the *Southern Illinoisan* while working with legendary sports writer Merle Jones. Upon graduating from Southern, he was named "Outstanding Journalism Graduate."

Now retired, he and his wife, Margaret, live in Springfield, Ill., where he worked for years with the Illinois Capitol Press Corps covering all facets of state government and politics. He won the Bell Ringer Award in a Copley News Writing Contest and was recognized for his coverage of the birth of the Fisher quintuplets in South Dakota while working for United Press International.

True crime author and retired journalist Taylor Pensoneau says, "Ray Serati came out of Herrin to achieve success as a journalist in the Illinois Statehouse and recognizable expert on our state's government. While doing so, he never wavered in honoring his Herrin legacy and Italian heritage. Indeed, Herrin has no stronger booster than Ray."



Board Of Directors Ballot

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

Only the votes of dues-paying alumni who are members of the Association are valid in this election. Ballots must reach the offices no later than noon on April 10, 2015. You may also vote online at www.siualumni.com.

Directors For Election (four-year term)



Mike Farmer '77, College of Liberal Arts

Farmer is the Director for the Office of Planning and Economic Development for the city of Springfield, Ill. He has 38 years of economic development experience including administrative positions with the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, and AT&T.

Farmer is a board member for the Illinois Tax Increment Financing Association and Springfield Senior Center. Farmer is also a private pilot and member of Springfield Flying 20. He and his wife, **MaryBeth '81**, have a son, Nicholas.

A B



Holly Kruep '01, College of Liberal Arts

Kruep is the president and owner of Karco, Inc. in Mount Vernon, Ill. Karco Corporation is comprised of the Roll n Up Retail Liquor Store chain. She serves as an executive board member for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Illinois Tourism Council, and is active in her community through different organizations, which include Cedarhurst Center for the Arts and St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Kruep grew up in Mt. Vernon, Ill., and resides there today with her husband, **Chris Campo '00**, and a daughter, Regan. She enjoys losing at golf and boating when time allows.

A B



Allison Niendiek '08, College of Business

Niendiek is future product marketing manager with John Deere Intelligent Solutions Group. She takes on the company's global marketing lead for future combine programs, works with Europe and South America Strategic Marketing to ensure customer needs, and works with engineering to develop solutions for customer during crop harvest

A B

Originally from Teutopolis, Ill., she currently resides in Moline. She received a degree in marketing, with a minor in history, from Southern. As a student, Allison was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, the American Marketing Association, College of Business Student Council, and was a Saluki Ambassador.

She also holds an International Business Certificate from Ecole de Management in Grenoble, France.



Wayne Sirls '89, College of Agricultural Sciences

Wayne Sirls, vice President and part-owner of Rendleman Orchards, Inc. is a fifth-generation commercial specialty crops grower on his family's centennial farm in Alto Pass, Ill. He graduated Magna cum Laude from the SIU College of Agriculture, was the 1989 Lincoln Academy of Illinois SIU Student Laureate recipient, and the third generation to attend SIU.

A B

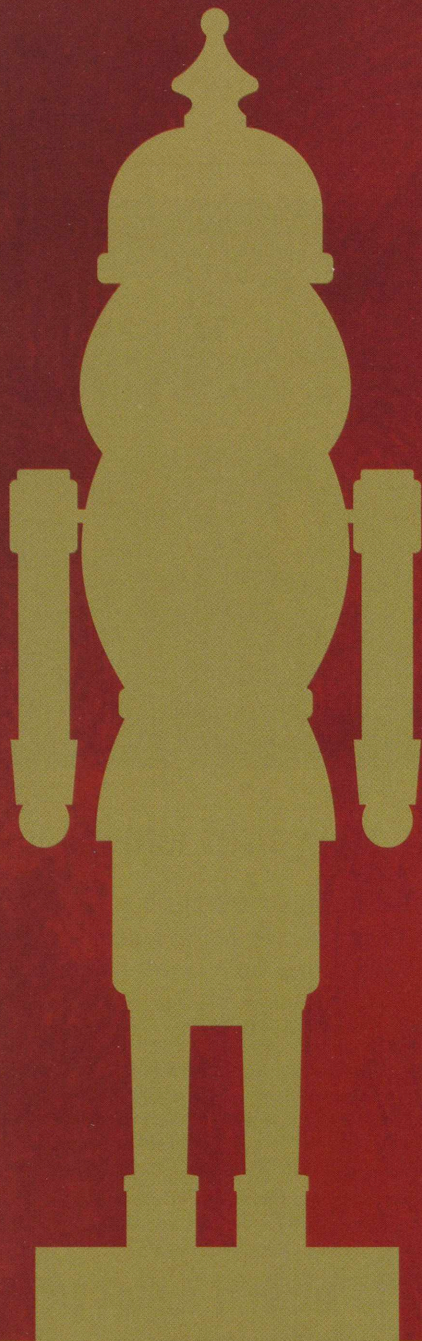
Sirls has been actively involved in his industry through positions held with Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois State Horticulture Society, Illinois Specialty Crops Association, among others. He currently serves on the Agriculture Advisory Boards for both U.S. Senator Mark Kirk and U.S. Congressman Mike Bost. He speaks at state and Midwest conferences, and supports continued research by the SIU College of Agriculture on his farm.

He and his wife, **Michelle '89**, have raised two daughters, now the sixth generation on Rendleman Orchards.

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Above: One of Shirley's prized nutcrackers is this mouse king given to her by Don after they moved to Carbondale.

Below: Shirley and Don own a variety of classic nutcrackers. The life-size version shown was a gift from a friend in Wichita.

Designing a home, you can specially build an area as a movie room, do an oversized kitchen for someone who especially likes to cook, or craft a bar area that's prime for weekend entertaining.

SIU graduates **Shirley '64, M.S. Ed. '68** and **Don Beggs '63, M.S. Ed. '64** did something unique too. She says their special area, however, was specially built for "the fellas."

Hundreds in number, some 7 inches tall and others nearly 7 feet and guarding the doorway to the room specially designed for them, "the fellas" are nutcrackers.

Don And Shirley Beggs... And Their 'Fellas'

BY BILL FLICK



The former first family of Southern Illinois University, Don was dean of the College of Education and Human Services at Southern, a post he held until becoming chancellor in 1996. After his tenure in Carbondale, he retired from SIU and became the 12th president of Wichita State University in January 1999.

These days the Beggs are retired and living in Bloomington-Normal to be closer to family. Son **Brent '91, M.S. Ed. '95** and daughter-in-law **Jeri '96, M.B.A. '93** both teach at Illinois State University and have two children (Brendan and Sydney). Another daughter, **Pam Jarvis '92**, is a teacher in Edwardsville, Ill.

Thus, inside their condominium home, it's just Shirley, and Don, C.J. the cat, and memorabilia from 50 years of educating the future. And the "fellas." In their own large room, on an entire wall of floor-to-ceiling shelves, the nutcrackers live year-round.

"We have no idea what they do late at night," Shirley says.

The nutcrackers, nearly 200 strong, are mostly from Germany, birthplace of the nutcracker, and many are Christian Steinbach authentics. It began nearly 50 years ago on a trip from Carbondale to St. Louis where Don's mother had a doctor's appointment. In a store on that trip, she spotted a nutcracker on a shelf, liked it, took it to the checkout, and gave it to Shirley as a simple "thank you" for the nice day in the city.

No. 2 came from Don.

In a life of marital bliss and endless holidays that mandate love and gift-giving endowment, nothing may be better for an appreciative, eternally contemplative husband than a wife who has begun a grouping of something. From there, it simply got around that Shirley, then a sixth-grade teacher in Carbondale, had begun to develop a love of the statuesque little guys in uniform.

Going up and down the shelves, nutcracker by nutcracker, Shirley

remembers a bit of history of each: from a friend who at 94 presented Shirley with a Wizard of Oz nutcracker; from a college student and active Army reservist who gave the Beggs their only soldier nutcracker; from six of Shirley's best friends in Kansas who gave her a "Dorothy" nutcracker... the list goes on.

Coincidentally, not one of Shirley's nutcrackers do what was its original purpose – to crack nuts.

Those were metal and practical appliances in homes of 19th-century Germany where unshelled nuts were a popular dessert and diners needed something attractive yet practical on the dining table to crack it open. That was Germany, circa the late 1880s.

The Beggs' home of the mid-2010s? Ah, it's nutcracker sweet!

– *Flick is a writer for the Bloomington Pantagraph, where this piece first appeared. Photos are by staff photographer David Proeber.*



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Kent Haruf, Author Of *Plainsong*

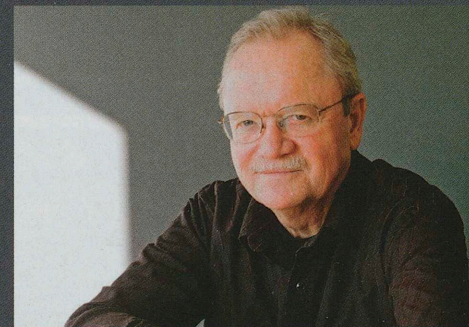
Former SIU Professor Kent Haruf, the author of several books, including *Plainsong* and *Eventide*, died in November at the age of 71. He arrived at Southern in 1991 and left SIU after the popularity of *Plainsong* in 2000.

The New York Times noted that Haruf's first two books brought critical respect, but few readers. *Plainsong* brought both, settling in on best-seller lists in both hardcover and paperback and being named a finalist for the National Book Award. It was made into a television movie in 2004.

Beth Lordan, professor of English, also joined the SIU faculty in 1991. She told the *Daily Egyptian* that Haruf was deeply committed to his students was here to help those who struggled and showed a love for writing. "He was utterly committed to fiction itself," she says. "He would tell students that fiction was his religion, and they shouldn't mess on the altar."

Mike Rosenwald '96, staff writer for *The Washington Post*, says he first had Haruf as a professor for an introductory creative writing class. He notes the talented writer enjoyed talking to the normal people that lived in small towns and would carry around a small notebook in the front pocket of his flannel shirt to jot down the interesting things people said.

"Kent loved ordinariness," Rosenwald says. "He loved the small details that many people do not notice. He taught beauty with simplicity."



Aviation Technologies Adds Navy Gulfstream Jet To Fleet

The newest addition to SIU Carbondale's aviation technologies program will be an invaluable resource for students in aircraft and avionics maintenance training. The program received a U.S. Navy Gulfstream III C20A once used to transport military leaders in Europe and Africa.

Built in 1982, the aircraft has more than 21,700 hours and while it was flown to the Southern Illinois Airport, the military plane is for ground use only and not flyable. Michael Burgener, department chair, says while the jet, with two Rolls Royce engines, is fully operational, it will be used to train aircraft technicians on the ground.

The program has approximately 170 students, and each will receive training on the Gulfstream at some point, he said. The jet will be particularly useful in advanced maintenance and avionics.

Burgener adds that there are two large aircraft repair organizations within 100 miles of the university in the Metro East area,



A U.S. Navy Gulfstream III C20A donated to SIU Carbondale's aviation technologies program taxis toward its final destination on Feb. 3 at Southern Illinois Airport.

and that both, Jet Aviation in Cahokia and West Star Aviation in East Alton, hire SIU Carbondale graduates and have programs to maintain Gulfstream jets.

"This donation allows us to train our students using the exact same aircraft they will encounter after they graduate in our maintenance training program," Burgener says.

The Navy used the aircraft and others like it to transfer leadership, including the Chief of Naval Operations, the Secretary of the Navy and other command personnel to

the U.S. Military Headquarters for African operations, or AFRICOM. The jet, "Catbird," which would cost more to repair than it is worth, was part of an executive transport detachment out of Sigonella, Italy.

The jet will be a "great addition to the instructional resources" within aviation technologies, Andy Wang, dean of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, says. He emphasized the importance of the students gaining hands-on experiences with different types of aircraft, including the Gulfstream. The program's current variety includes a commercial Boeing 737, another military jet, and a Learjet, in addition to small single-engine and twin-engine piston airplanes and helicopters.

Because the Gulfstream jet was primarily used for distinguished visitors and government and military officials to travel around the world, Wang notes it supports worldwide secure voice and data communication.



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1940'S

ROMADELL MCNAIR AUSTIN EX '45 has joined Danville (Ill.) High School's Wall of Fame as a



distinguished alumni 73 years after graduating. "This is quite a surprise – a pleasant surprise,"

Austin says. "I'm truly honored." Austin was the first in her immediate family to graduate high school. She attended Southern for two years, and although she loved her classes and being involved in a sorority, she had to leave when her money ran out. In 1962, Austin took a job as a radio dispatcher for the Danville Police Department and was called upon to assist in some police duties as the number of female arrestees increased. She was sworn in as the city's first female officer in 1976 and spent most of her 22 years on the force as a juvenile officer in the criminal investigations division.

Longtime friends of Du Quoin educator and community historian **GALEN DAVIS '49 M.S. ED. '54** came together to celebrate Davis' 92nd birthday. Davis was the



face of Du Quoin Indian athletics while attending Du Quoin High School before he joined the Army and was a multi-sport athlete at Southern following his return from the service. He was a Du Quoin teacher, and in retirement he has researched and published a history of Du Quoin High School athletic

teams. He has also put together the histories of past mayors, clerks, police and fire chiefs, and commissioners. His most recent project is compiling a history of girls' sports in Du Quoin. Davis is pictured at right seated with Carl Campanella and Dawson Duncan '47. On the left side of the table are Pete Doerr, Rich Youngman and Charles Swinney '48.

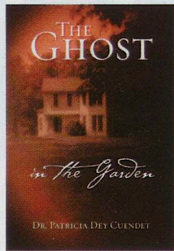
1950'S

It was a time for celebration recently when **ROBERT '54 AND MARY EAST EX '54** celebrated



their 60th wedding anniversary. He says they met at SIU in the anatomy lab over a cadaver! After they were married, the family relocated to Chicago, where Robert was employed as a research chemist and then a materials engineer. Mary was a registered nurse who received her degree from Elmhurst College. Now both retired, they enjoy being near their son, daughter, and five grandchildren. They also visit campus when they are in the area, and are always amazed how large SIU has grown.

Recently **PATRICIA CUENDET '59, M.S. ED. '68** held a book-

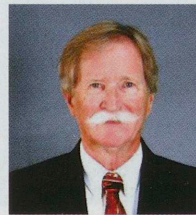


signing for her recently published book, *The Ghost in the Garden*. She came to Carbondale when her father became principal and superintendent of the local high school in 1945. The family moved into the old Thompson House, situated in

Thompson Woods, and she hated to leave there when it was demolished to make way for the present SIU Student Center. The house's footprint still lies in the woods, just west of the Student Center. Cuendet's past inspired the narrative of her novel as 12-year-old Jo Keaton hopes to save her 100-year-old home from demolition in southern Illinois. Only 5 days remain as Jo explores the attic and discovers an ancient trunk with a letter hidden in its lining. During a violent thunderstorm, she reads of a ghost haunting the rose garden. This mystery galvanizes her to search for a connection to the Underground Railroad, and leads her to learn the horrors of slavery during the 1800s and the Civil War. Today, Cuendet lives in a cottage on New Thompson Lake Road. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of *The Ghost in the Garden* benefits the SIU Foundation.

1960'S

LARRY DALTON A.T. '65 was honored with induction to the Monticello (Ill.) Hall of Fame.



His career has included employment at two nationally noted laboratories in New Mexico, Los Alamos and Sandia. While with Sandia, Dalton was involved with the NASA and the space shuttle program. Dalton says, "Our Sandia team's role was providing a specialized camera onboard each shuttle – operated by shuttle astronauts – that scanned the exterior of each shuttle. Data from the camera was transmitted to the Mission Control Center in Houston, where the Sandia team

evaluated the data for possible damage. My team and I were at Mission Control in Houston for every single shuttle flight following the Columbia accident, inspecting every single shuttle after launch."

1970'S

After 20 years as a Will County judge, **GERALD KINNEY '72** has retired. After being admitted to



the bar in 1975, Kinney spent nine years with the firm that is now Spesia and Ayers, and 10 years with Garrison, Fabrizio and Hanson. He mostly handled civil matters in private practice, but believes the greatest challenge in those cases also applies to criminal lawyers. "Hopefully, I'll enjoy being retired. I've been working ever since I was delivering *The Herald-News* when I was 11 years old," he says.

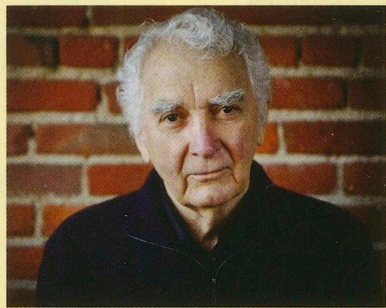
American Agri-Women awarded **RUTH HAMBLETON '75 M.S. '77** its highest honor for



members, the LEAVEN Award, at its 39th annual convention. American Agri-Women (AAW) is the nation's largest coalition of farm, ranch, and agribusiness women representing more than 50 state, commodity, and agribusiness affiliates. AAW promotes the welfare of our national security through a safe and reliable food, fiber, and mineral supply. Hambleton is a member of Illinois Agri-Women (IAW), the state affiliate of AAW, where she has held numerous leadership positions, including

Angeli Exhibit In San Francisco

A master of advertising art since the early 1960s, PRIMO ANGELI '57, M.S. '59 has created innovative branding, packaging, logos and



advertising posters for such stellar clients as Boudin Bakery, Ben and Jerry's, Coca-Cola, DHL, Guinness, Robert Mondavi Winery, Tommy's Joynt, Molinari & Sons, Xerox, General Foods, Banana Republic, Levi Strauss, and the Oakland A's, to name a few.

Through April 19, 2015, the Museo Italo Americano in San Francisco will exhibit the works of Angeli. According to University Museum Director Dona Bachman, this exhibit originated at SIU in 2012.

Angeli's work has indeed been prolific. He has received more than 400 awards in his forty-five years of professional excellence. His designs are in permanent collections and exhibitions worldwide, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, Smithsonian Institution, Library of Congress, Cooper-Hewitt Museum, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Warsaw Poster Collection, Centre Georges Pompidou, Paris, and the Olympic Museum in Lausanne.

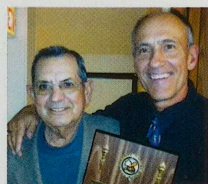
He was also sought out to design celebratory posters of such events as the 50th Anniversary of the United Nations, the 50th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge, the Silver Anniversary of Grace Cathedral, as well as the official poster for the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.



Angeli has a publication showcasing some of his work in the book *Primo: Celebratory Posters*.

president. She is founder of "Annie's Project," whose mission is to help farm and ranch women to be better business partners. The program is now available in 38 states and has educated more than 10,000 women.

NEIL FIALA '78 was one of four inductees to the 2014 Mon Clair Baseball League Hall of Fame. Fiala



played for the Sauget Wizards and Waterloo Buds and remains

one of the most accomplished players and coaches in the St. Louis area. Before coming to Southern, he played at Meramec Community College, where he led the baseball team to a second-place finish in the 1975 NJCAA World Series. The infielder then transferred to SIU, where he helped the Salukis to a College World Series appearance in 1977. Fiala played for Team USA in 1976, in which future Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith was the shortstop. He later played professionally in the St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds organizations, and is now in his 22nd year as head baseball coach at

Southwestern Illinois College. With Fiala in the photo is his former manager, Vern Moehrs (left).

TERRY MAGEE '79 has spent most of his working life in the computer industry but has turned to writing in the past several years. In addition to numerous articles, his first book, *In the Grip of Prayer* has recently been released. Through both hardcover and Kindle editions, *In the Grip of Prayer* has achieved worldwide exposure and readers.



1980's

Recently, RACHEL JONES EX '83 was the focus of a profile by Murray State's NPR affiliate WKMS.

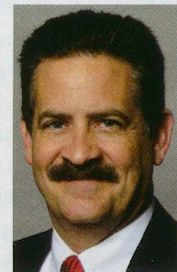
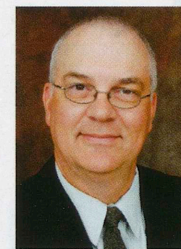


The ninth of 10 children, Jones grew up in Cairo, Ill., where her father was a riverfront laborer. Her mother was a housekeeper, but she encouraged her children to see the world beyond Cairo. After attending Northwestern University for a year in 1979, Jones came to Southern, where she wrote a paper on "Black English" in which she embraces black slang as part of her identity, but she champions a mastery of standard English as a requirement for success. Her instructor encouraged her to publish her paper, and she sent it to *Newsweek*, where it appeared a week later. Impressed with Jones, the late, legendary Ben Bradlee offered her an internship at the *Washington Post*. She has since worked for NPR,

Knight Ridder, *Detroit Free Press* and *St. Petersburg Times*. Since 2008 she's lived in Kenya, working for Voice of America.

KARL TODT '83 recently celebrated 25 years of service with Hanson Professional Services in Springfield, Ill. Todt joined the company in 1989. He provides computer-aided design and drafting (CADD) services for new bridges, bridge rehabilitations and roadways. He also conducts surveying and construction and field observation. Prior to joining the company, he worked for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

JEFFREY BAKER '84 of Belleville has been named chief financial officer of PolyAd Holdings, LLC, the global plastic additives business recently spun off from BASF. PolyAd, which does business in more than 30 countries around the world, has home offices and main research and development labs in St. Louis. Service and support professionals are based in seven nations. Baker, a CPA, most recently served as chief financial officer and senior vice president for administration at The ROHO Group. Baker volunteers his services as a member of the finance committee of the Violence Prevention Center of Southwestern Illinois and has served as Congregational President and School Board Chair at his church.



Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings Inc., announced that it has appointed **JOHN DIETRICH '86** as



president and chief operating officer of Atlas Air, Inc., the company's wholly owned subsidiary.

Prior to joining AAWW, Dietrich spent 13 years at United Airlines, seven of those as a litigation attorney. He is a member of the Bar in New York, Illinois, and Colorado.

1990's

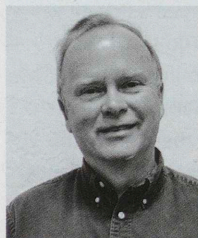
DIANE COMPARDO '91 M.ACC. '92 has been named to the *Financial Times*' list of the top



100 women advisers in the United States. She is the only Missouri adviser on the list. She

joined Moneta in 1997 and leads her own advisory group, The Compardo Team. She is a board member at Covenant House of Missouri and SIU Foundation and a member of the Women's President's Organization.

After 36 years in community banking and a lifetime of helping people with their money issues, **JOE KESLER M.B.A. '91** has written *Smart Money With Purpose*.

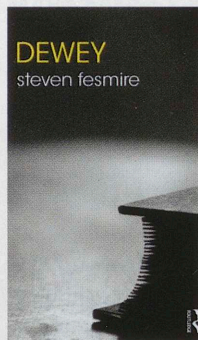


He moved to Montana in 2005 after 28 years in Carbondale to become CEO of the First Montana

Bank in Missoula. His website at smartmoneywithpurpose.com

discusses his book. Kesler joined the Old National Bank in Carbondale in 1980 as an internal auditor after working as a bank examiner in southern Illinois, and was president of Old National from 1992 to 2005. While in Carbondale he was active in the community, serving as the president and a director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce.

STEVEN FESMIRE M.A. '92 PH.D. '94 has written *Dewey*, a well-received account of John Dewey, who was the dominant



voice in American philosophy through the world wars, the Great Depression, and the nascent years of the Cold War. Fesmire

credits his alma mater. "With the Center for Dewey Studies, Dewey's papers and personal library in Morris Library, and the best team of Dewey scholars at any U.S. philosophy department, SIU Carbondale is well positioned for its graduates to become leaders in introducing Dewey to the next generation," he says.

LATASHA GILLESPIE '96 has accepted the position of Lead HR Manager in Asia Pacific Distribution Services for Caterpillar. In her current role, she leads Carterpillar's Global Diversity and Inclusion Office with responsibility for creating an environment that embraces the ideas and perspectives of all



50s Era Pi Kappa Sigmas Have Reunion



SIU Pi Kappa Sigma Sorority members from the 1950s recently meet in Staunton, Ill., to share memories and renew friendships that started years ago. They say it was great to remember so many good times at SIU Carbondale.

The group will meet again this spring, and anyone needing information about the event should contact Hulda (Menke) Black at 618/635-2779.

Front row, from left: Joann (Jennings) Sullivan, Gerry (Tripp) Green, Shirley (Martin) Bigham, and Maryann (Klingenberg) Bender. Back row: Judy (Cailotto) Laughlin, Lois (Thate) Teague, Thelma (Walker) Fahrenholtz, Mary (Black) Montovani, Hulda (Menke) Black, Betty King, Juanita (Peradotto) Rule, and Alice (Lowry) Crippen. Also attending were Ken Black and Max Sullivan.

employees. Gillespie says, "To provide the best solutions we need creativity, innovation and collaboration. This requires people of all abilities, backgrounds, cultures and life experiences." Gillespie has been with Caterpillar for more than 18 years.

NATHAN SCHAUMLLEFFEL '98, M.S. ED. '01 has co-edited *Cooperate - Advancing Your Nonprofit Organization's Mission Through College & Community Partnerships: A Guide For Nonprofit Leaders*, a new guidebook that promotes campus and community partnerships.



"The whole premise of the book is that nonprofits need more," Schaumleffel says. "There are about two million nonprofits in the United States and they're all competing for resources, and all of them need more ... Unfortunately, most nonprofit organizations look past one of the best resources right in their back yard, which is a local college or a university." Schaumleffel was also awarded the 2014 SIU Recreation Alumnus of the Year Award from Southern's

Department of Health Education and Recreation.

2000's

SCOT PETERSON '00 was honored by the National Science Foundation (NSF), along with 10 other military veterans with Graduate Research Fellowships, in November at NSF headquarters in Arlington, Va. Eighty-five graduate student veterans are currently supported by fellowships from the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program – 11 were selected, including Peterson, to attend the "Saluting Veterans in STEM" (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) event in Arlington. Peterson was chosen for his NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in 2012; it provides three years of support, including salary and tuition. The selected veterans/students met with project directors from a variety of academic fields to discuss ways to engage, promote and keep veterans in STEM fields.



MATT MONCHINO '01 from Holiday Inn Express & Suites in



Marion has received the InterContinental Hotels Group 2014 Best of the Best General Manager of the Year Award.

Monchino was honored by IHG and presented with the trophy at the 2014 IHG Americas Investors and Leadership Conference last October in Las Vegas. The winner was selected based on performance that goes above and beyond normal job responsibilities by providing outstanding and unique service to the property, to the guests and to the community. There are about 2,300 Holiday Inn Expresses, and this award is presented to only one general manager.

National Sorghum Producers and the United Sorghum Checkoff Program announced the hiring of **BRENT CRAFTON '02** as the southeast regional director.



Crafton will serve both organizations as a regional director and assist with sustainability. Crafton previously organized the energy crop and grain sorghum field demonstrations in North America for Abengoa Bioenergy, and he has worked in the environmental monitoring field for six years. Crafton also served in the U.S. Army.

Former first assistant state's attorney **BRIAN KERR J.D. '03** has become acting Henry County state's attorney on judicial recommendation, pending approval by the Henry County Board. Originally from Knoxville,

Kerr attended Knox College before earning his law degree from Southern, where he was on the law journal staff. He began his career in Henry County as an assistant state's attorney in 2003 and was promoted to first assistant state's attorney in 2009.

ANDY KISTLER '05 has been selected to fill ARC Community Support System's Executive Director position upon the retirement of the current Executive Director Mike Poe. Kistler brings more than 20 years of management experience to the position where he served as the Director of Community Employment Services. Kistler says, "I am extremely grateful to be



selected to fill this role. I look forward to continuing a rich tradition of expanding opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work, and play."

NICOLE BUCKLEY '08 has earned the 2014 Suncoast Emmy Award for medium markets in



Florida for her efforts at WFTX Fox 4 in Ft. Myers-Naples. Now an executive producer at the station, she began her career in Springfield, Ill., before accepting the position at Fox News in 2012. During her time at Fox she has played an integral role in the station winning a regional Edward R. Murrow Award, and subsequently the Suncoast Regional Emmy. The

Williamsville, Ill., native credits SIU Alumni Association life member Joe Crain '88 with helping her "get in the door" years ago in Springfield. Crain is now the news director for WCIS-TV.

LUELLA KLANN '08 and her business partner, Christine Alt, recognized a niche in the market in Platteville, Wis., noting the fact there were few, if any, retailers within a 40-mile radius that offered



cloth diapers. "We are two, cloth-diapering, breast-feeding, baby-wearing moms who found it difficult to find the resources that we needed to feel successful," Klann says. Their venture, Hens and Chicks, opened in November 2014. The business morphed from cloth diapers into a plethora of environmentally friendly, durable toys, books and clothing geared toward youngsters ages 5 and younger.

Recent Grad Is Soy Ambassador



Uphoff, third from the right, is shown with the ISA's new leadership class of Soy Ambassadors. Inset is ISA Chairman Raben.



The two-year, Illinois soybean checkoff-funded group of seven farmers was chosen so they might each develop qualities that can be channeled toward future soybean leadership roles. "Our Soy Ambassador Program is important to what we hope to achieve both in the present and in the future," says **BILL RABEN '70**, an SIU Alumni Association life member who is a soybean farmer from Ridgway and ISA chairman. "Participants receive firsthand experience and exposure that can lead to greater leadership positions while they also work on current projects."

The Illinois Soybean Association (ISA) recently announced its new leadership class of Soy Ambassadors, which included **ELLIOTT UPHOFF '12** of Shelbyville. He farms with his father in central Illinois, and for the last year he has also managed his own acreage in Assumption.

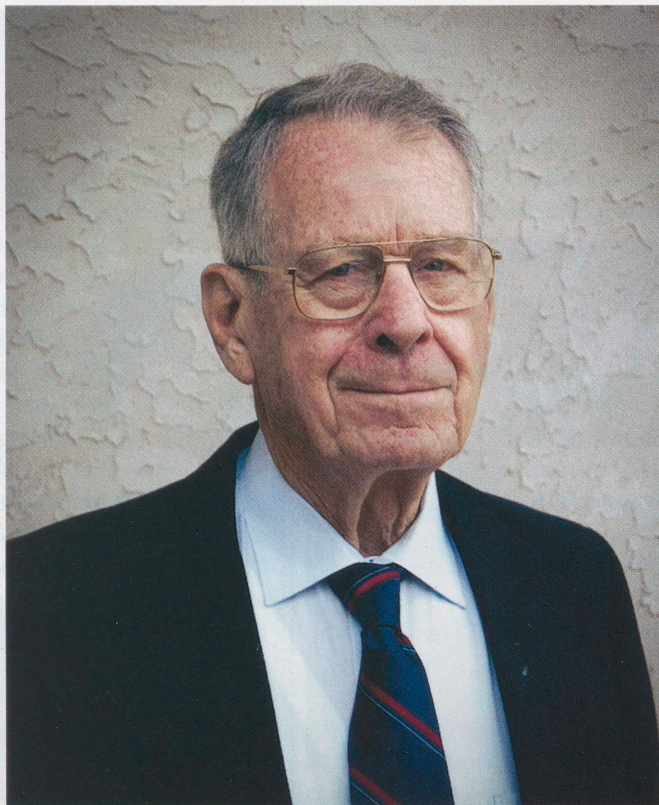
2010's

AARON LEONARD J.D. '10 was named a new board member by the C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation Board of Directors. Leonard, an attorney at Taylor Law Offices P.C. of Flora, was appointed to serve on the board by the Head Start 0-5 Program Policy Council and will represent the client sector for Clay County.



Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.

Every Saluki has a story.



After graduating from Southern in 1942, I joined the United States Navy as a junior commissioned officer. Following the war I taught high school biology and general science, but my ultimate goal started to take form in February 1948 when I became as an inspector by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in St. Louis.

I quickly became involved in the inspection of the unsanitary conditions in the food industry and the illegal sales of prescription drugs, and in 1954-55 was one of the inspectors involved in a nationwide investigation of the sale of amphetamines to long-haul truck drivers. We rented a big-rig truck, dressed as truckers, and went undercover. Our efforts were quite successful and served as a completely new experience for FDA inspectors.

When I was transferred to San Francisco in 1956 as a senior inspector, my work continued in uncovering unsanitary conditions in major food manufacturing plants. These findings

led to significant changes in their operation and produced sanctions against the responsible persons.

In 1960, another promotion and transfer occurred when I became a compliance officer in Dallas, preparing recommendations on legal cases and assisting U.S. Attorneys. I returned to San Francisco in 1967 as deputy director, supervising compliance officers and assisting the director. In 1968 I was selected to participate in the agency's executive development program in Washington, D.C., and I was involved with congressional correspondence, monitoring hearings, and drafting testimony for the FDA commissioner to present at the hearings.

In 1970 I was assigned as the director of the Kansas City District, but it was a short stay as I returned to San Francisco later that year to be the district director. That district covered the northern two thirds of California, the states of Nevada and Hawaii, the U.S. Territories of Guam and America Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. It was staffed over the years by more than 180 inspectors, chemists, microbiologists, nutritionists, compliance officers, and administrative personnel.

This was to be my final position. I retired on July 31, 1984, having completed 40 years of federal service.

My career was exciting, with every day bringing new challenges. The teaching background I received at SIU was beneficial, as we always had new employees coming on board that had to be trained in the law and shown how to enforce it.

The path I took from SIU was an enjoyable climb up a career ladder in the Federal Civil Service. By the time I became a district director, there were only 18 such positions nationwide. I am still proud that I was a part of such a small fraternity.

William Hill '42
Lee's Summit, Mo.

Editor's Note: Hill, now 94, returned to campus in 2002 to mark the 60th anniversary of his graduation. That weekend he presented the University with a \$100,000 gift, establishing the William C. Hill Zoology Scholarship Endowment. He said then that the gift was a way of "paying back what SIU gave to me."

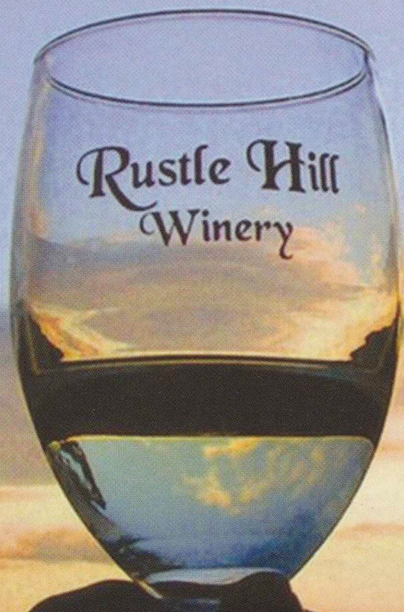


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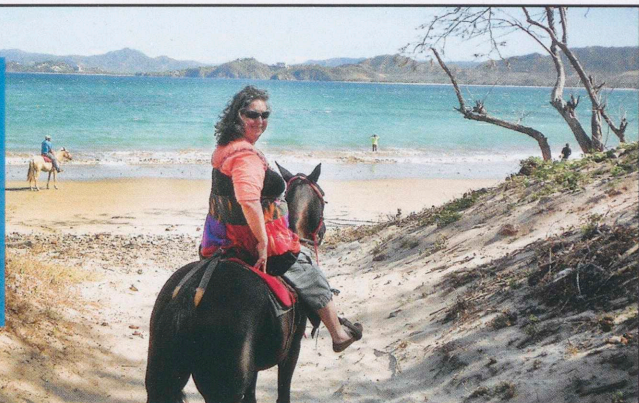
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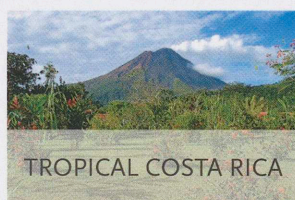
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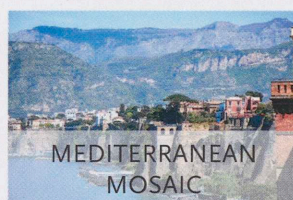
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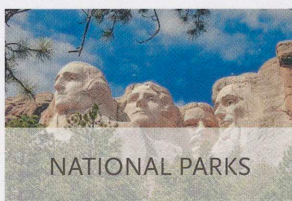
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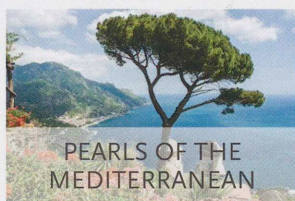
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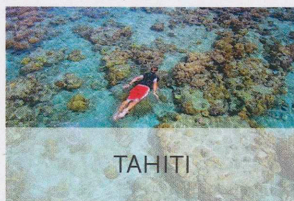
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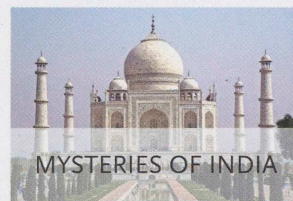
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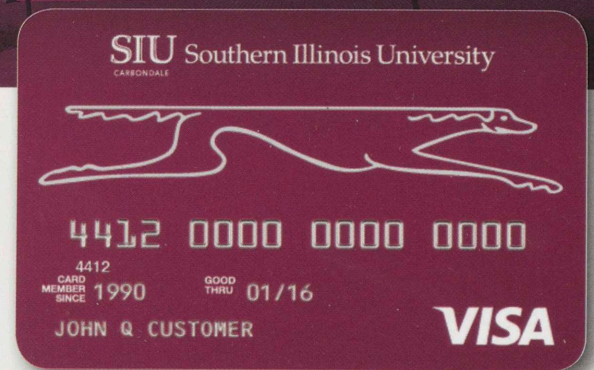
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