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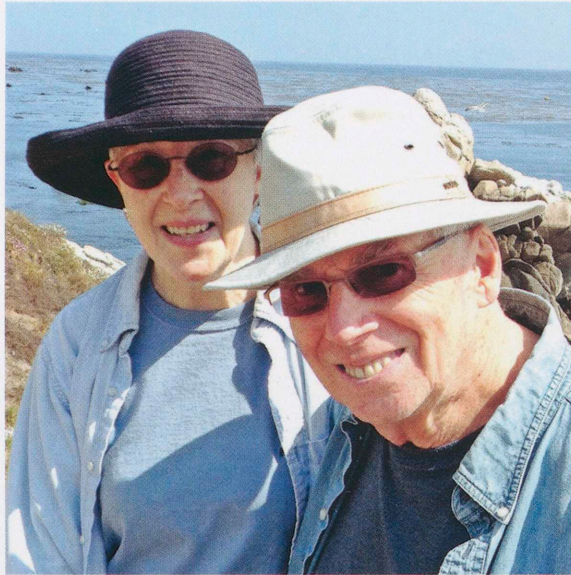


A Champion Of History

Kathryn Harris, who recently retired as director of library services for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, has been called Illinois' first lady of history. It's a title she wears proudly.

'I've Always Had Angels Looking Out For Me'

Carolyn WarmSun and her husband, Larry Cooke, have named SIU as a beneficiary of their retirement assets in support of scholarships.



While growing up in Vincennes, Ind., **Carolyn WarmSun '68** recalls her parents stressing the importance of education. She set college as a goal. However, her family's limited financial resources meant WarmSun would have to develop a plan on her own.

She heard about Southern Illinois University through a friend. The University offered monetary support enabling her to enroll, and WarmSun received a student worker position on campus.

"Tuition was \$62, but I didn't have any money," she says. "The early portion of my life was a real struggle. I wouldn't have received a college education without SIU." The vibrant psychology graduate was moved by a DVD she received from her alma mater about a decade ago that promoted SIU's efforts to provide financial assistance for students who demonstrate need.

"SIU was striving to help first-generation students like myself who were the first in their family to attend college," she says. "I had always thought that if I ever had more money than I needed to live on, the University would be the place I wanted it to go."

A fine artist and painter, WarmSun develops images alone in her Oakland, Calif., home studio. Now, she is creating brighter futures for students following in her footsteps. She and her husband, Larry Cooke, established The Carolyn Holloman WarmSun Scholarship by naming the SIU Foundation as a beneficiary of their retirement assets. The scholarships will support financially needy students from WarmSun's native rural southern Indiana in addition to rural southern Illinois.

WarmSun, who also attained a master's in social work at the University of Illinois, enjoyed a successful career in mental health. A career highlight was establishing a women's mental health services program for the state of Hawaii and being named an associate clinical professor of psychology by the University of Hawaii. She returned to the mainland in 1979 and continued to work in mental health and in 1991, became an organization development consultant for a major health care company.

As she approached retirement, WarmSun coveted something she could be passionate about. She enrolled in water color classes at a local high school near her home, and intensified her learning upon retirement. She subsequently discovered a book in her favorite used bookstore that continues to motivate her to this day.

"A real transformation occurred when I read Maxine Masterfield's book, *Painting the Spirit of Nature*," she says. "I saw how to paint the essence of nature." In February 2010, WarmSun spent four days with Masterfield in Florida.

The SIU alumna has studied rock and stone carving, cave art, and reads Native American spirituality and philosophy to further influence her work. She says "knowledge of psychology, the natural world, and Native American writings that reflect a deep connection between the two, has led me to explore the spirit of nature and the nature of spirit in my work."

WarmSun aspires to help young people who are in the midst of similar circumstances that she encountered en route to SIU.

"I've always had angels looking out for me in my life. They provided encouragement and steered me in the right direction," she says. "This is an opportunity for me to do for others what they did for me ... pay it forward."

You can read more about Carolyn WarmSun's story at siuf.org. If you are interested in supporting SIU through retirement plans or other gift planning options, please call Director of Development Pat Moline at 618/453-4947 or visit our gift planning website at: siufgiving.org.



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Kathryn Harris is regarded as the first lady of Illinois history. Photo courtesy of Rich Saal, *Springfield State Journal-Register*.

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Kathryn Harris, who recently retired as director at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, is generally recognized as one of the top scholars in the state regarding Illinois and African-American history. She also has a legacy in Carbondale, as one of 10 children raised by the late civic leader Eurma Hayes.

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As a former ABC and CNN correspondent, Walt Rodgers has almost seen it all and met several United States presidents along the way. He recently returned to the SIU campus to talk about those experiences and share his feelings on Southern. "I have many happy memories of SIU," he says. "This University is a laboratory between high school and the real world."

26 OUR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Since 1998, the SIU Alumni Association has sponsored Distinguished Alumni Awards, shining a light on Southern's best and brightest. SIU saluted four new recipients this spring, honoring career achievement, cultural impact, humanitarian efforts, and young alumni achievement. Current students also had the opportunity to engage with awardees and see the value an SIU education provides as a platform for successful careers.

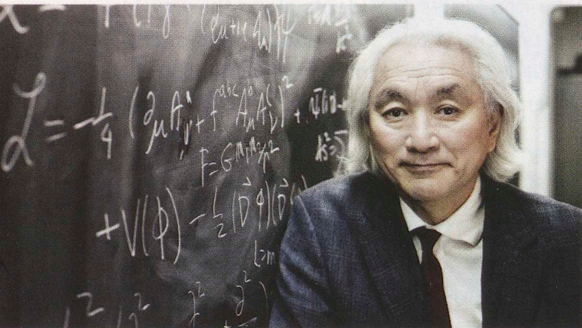
BELOW: The brilliant summer campus colors are evident around Thompson Point in this early morning aerial image.





One of the true joys of being near a university is having the opportunity to hear amazing speakers in your own back yard. In my more than 25 years at SIU, I have attended events featuring the likes of Walter Cronkite, Coretta Scott King, and Maya Angelou – iconic names known to most everyone.

But earlier this year, I witnessed something remarkable. The speaker I was waiting to



hear has forged an amazing connection with students across this country. With all three SIU ballrooms jammed to capacity, people stood five-deep on both sides, and an overflow crowd waited to watch the program streamed to the nearby SIU Auditorium.

A crush of young people – many who had arrived hours earlier to stand in long lines for the free presentation – could barely contain their excitement.

“Whoever thought we would actually get to hear him speak in person,” said a young girl sitting near me. “It’s surreal,” her friend answered. “I mean the guy is a rock star. I

can’t believe he’s here!”

Soon the “rock star” was ushered into the ballroom with thunderous applause. He was not an actor, musician, or famous political figure, but rather a slightly built 68-year-old *theoretical physicist* whose work predicts trends affecting business, commerce, and finance.

Michio Kaku, the author of three *New York Times* bestsellers, and a regular on the *Science Channel*, *Discovery*, and the *BBC*, had the ballroom in the palm of his hand before he even said a word. As a news contributor to *CBS This Morning* and a regular guest on countless other news programs, students have become informed and connected with his ideas.

One of the most internationally recognized figures in science, he is attempting to complete Albert Einstein’s unified field theory that unites the four fundamental forces of nature – the strong force, the weak force, gravity, and electromagnetism. Now a professor of theoretical physics at City College of New York, Kaku also taught at Princeton and Harvard, where he graduated first in his class in 1968.

His SIU presentation, “The Future of the Mind,” kept the overflow crowd – mostly under the age of 30 – glued to their seats. With a quick wit and an engaging personality, he gave them plenty to think about ... some good and some bad.

“We have to realize that science is a double-edged sword,” Kaku noted.

“One edge of the sword can cut against poverty, illness, disease, and give us more democracies, but the other side of the sword can give us nuclear proliferation, biogerm, and forces of darkness.”

His appearance was sponsored by the SIU Foundation, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Office of the Chancellor, and the College of Science, and I applaud all involved for seeing the value in bringing such speakers to Carbondale.

As budget dollars shrink, it will become more challenging to offer this type of on-campus programming. If speakers such as Kaku aren’t brought to Carbondale, the college experience is ultimately impacted, and I hope we always remember that.

“We believe bringing these thought leaders to our campus is critical to what it means in being a university,” SIU President Randy Dunn told *The Daily Egyptian* following the appearance. “By doing this, we’re enhancing the academic experience for students and further engaging the community in the academic and intellectual life of our great community.”

For Kaku, making us all think about the future is a source of pure joy. “I guess my view of life is that you live your life – and it’s short – so have as rich an experience as you possibly can,” he once noted. “That’s what I want to do. I’m trying to do something creative while educating people.”

For more on Michio Kaku, go to mkaku.org.

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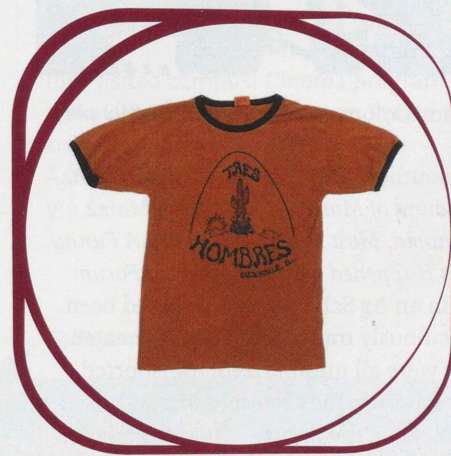
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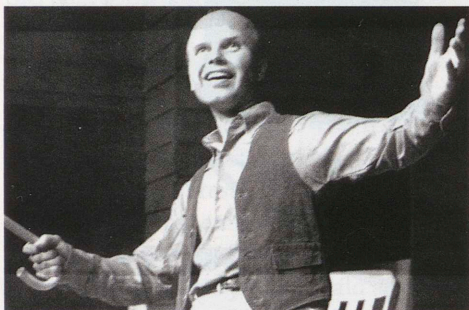
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LETTERS

Taylor Made A Difference For This Alumna

I was saddened to hear of the passing of Professor William Taylor, who taught at SIU between 1955 and 1970. I met him at a high school vocal music contest where he served as a judge, and he invited my parents to bring me to Carbondale for a visit to the School of Music. My parents had never visited a college campus, as this man opened a door for me that had never been opened for my parents.

I think my mother was determined to push right through that door. I'm not sure how she did it on my dad's coal miner pay, but Mom found the funds to take our family to the SIU Summer Music Theater founded by Taylor. This was an incredible experience for a family that had never seen a live musical production. There we sat in awe with other families from all



William Taylor on stage during an SIU play.

over southern Illinois, watching *Camelot*, *The Sound of Music*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Mame*, *Oklahoma*, *Most Happy Fella*, and *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* – all in an Ag School arena that had been miraculously transformed into a theater.

We were all mesmerized, transported. The orchestra, the costumes, the scenery, the makeup, the lights – it was Broadway, not an Ag School, and we had Taylor's vision and drive to thank for it. Thanks to him and that musical theater program, I enjoyed my most memorable times at SIU.

Taylor and his wife, Donna, an academic advisor, were the ultimate

SIU duo dedicated to the development and success of their students. They were surrogate parents who helped me and many others maneuver the obstacles and challenges that confront the first in a family in attending college.

A father of four, Taylor was equally at home singing the lead in an opera, as he was working in his wood shop. If I ever achieved one single moment of musical success, it was because I could hear his beautiful baritone voice booming, "Sing from your heart, Cindy!"

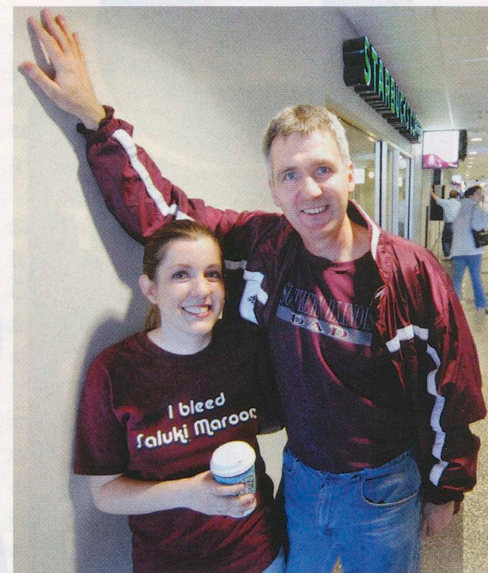
I was brokenhearted to hear of his passing and will be eternally indebted to him and Donna for their part in shaping my life.

Cindy Painter '72
Life Member
Chuckey, Tenn.

Touching Base From Northern Ireland

Living in Northern Ireland, I just recently received my winter copy of SIU Alumni magazine in the mail. I just wanted to touch base and say that I thought it was a great read. My thanks to Gene Green for the great cover story on Connie Price-Smith and her husband, John.

My first year at SIU was in 1980, and John was the first to step up and welcome me, inviting me to his home for Thanksgiving. I won't forget that. Connie and John are "rock stars" on this side of the pond!



The Breens are pictured reunited on the SIU campus several years ago. Tom was a four-year letterman on the SIU track and field and cross country teams from 1980-84. His daughter, Gina '06, '07, M.A. '10, later arrived from Ireland to earn three degrees and serve the Association as a member of the Student Alumni Council. She is currently working on her Ph.D. at Louisiana State University.

Congratulations to you all for the great work you do for the University.

Go Salukis!

Tom Breen '84
Life Member
Downpatrick, Northern Ireland

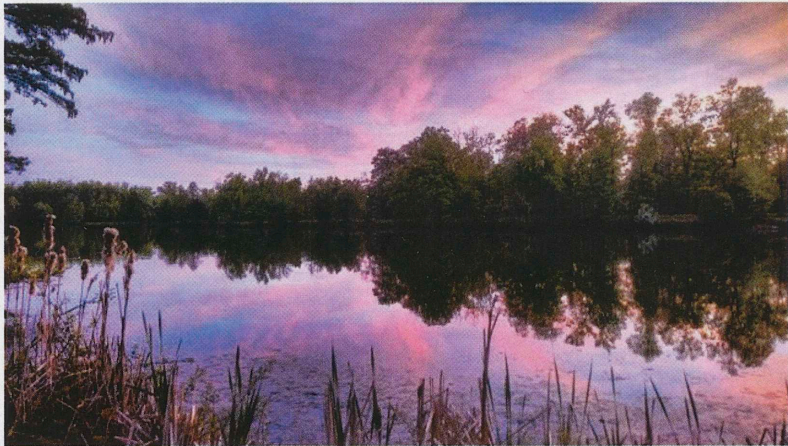
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As an SIU Alumni class of 1996 I appreciate all the pictures of my beautiful Alma Mater! Keep them coming!

Evelyn Gimon Delgado

Via Facebook

The best time of my life, on the most beautiful campus, with truly sincere friends. God, I was a lucky guy.(71-75)

Lam Vu

Via Facebook

Few other campuses can compare to the magic at SIUC.

Jennifer Harris Armstrong

Via Facebook

Once a Saluki, Always a Saluki!

Bleeding Saluki maroon. Class of 2007 and 2009!

Tom Kleczkowski

Via Facebook

@CoachMatt_KSU

3 years ago today I graduated with my #MBA from @SIUC. Proud of that one...a lot of time & effort on top of hoops. Time flies... @SIUMBA

Matt McCumber

Via Twitter

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We've got an amazing team of pros from across @SIUC campus that make commencement a wonderful experience for grads and families #ProudSaluki

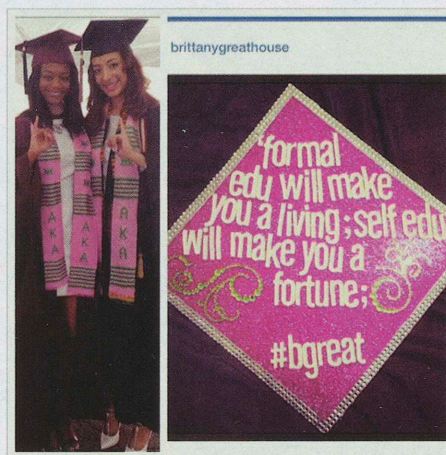
@emlee_93

Still can't believe I graduated from @SIUC this morning! Once a Saluki, always a Saluki!

Via Twitter

@SAY_DAY12

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



@brittanygreathouse

Time flies! It has been a year since I've graduated from SIUC and I'm so proud of my progress. I've learned so much my 4 years in undergrad and I wouldn't be where I am without SIUC. I have so much Saluki Pride!

Brittany Greathouse

Via Instagram

@cecilyhaase

Leaving my home for the last time. Thanks for the four best years, @SIUC

Via Twitter

Future Salukis

@matt_gross

Official. Registered for classes at @SIUC for Fall 2015. #KnowNoBounds #SIU

Via Twitter

Just visited campus! Cinema program looks promising & Thompson Point is soo nice. Super excited!

Aaron Banez

Via Schools App

@PeytonWilhoit

Had a great time at orientation this weekend, can't wait to get to @SIUC this fall!



CAMPUS MOMENT

The third “Forever SIU: A Commencement Celebration” was held May 15 to celebrate the members of the Class of 2015. SIU President Randy Dunn welcomed the graduates and their families, as 3,208 candidates for degrees enjoyed the festivities. To see a profile of one of those graduates, go to page 12.

A Champion Of History

BY GORDON PRUETT



Above: Harris sees her historical portrayals – here as Harriet Tubman – as a blend of education and entertainment.

Right: Harris with a bust of Free Frank McWorter, an African-American slave who bought his own freedom and founded the town of New Philadelphia, Ill., in 1836.

She has been called Illinois' first lady of history, and on occasion has been known to portray Harriet Tubman, the 19th-century abolitionist. She's Kathryn Harris '69, who in March retired as director of library services for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield after more than 35 years of service.

Harris grew up as one of Richard and Eurma Hayes' 10 children in Carbondale. (See sidebar for the family story.) "I thought our family was like everyone else, because in my neighborhood we were just regular people. I was an adult before I realized that we were poor," she recalls. "Mom and Dad both worked; my dad worked for and retired from the Illinois Central Railroad, and Mom was a cook at a fraternity house at Southern and also worked as a domestic in the Home Economics Building.

"Both of my parents graduated from high school, but neither went to college. My mom instilled in us at an early age the value of education, and like most parents, she wanted her children to do better than she had done."

As a child, Harris read Nancy Drew mysteries. She would go to the Carbondale Public Library and read all the books in the children's section. "My mom got special permission for me to go upstairs



to the adult section to check out books. You had to be 12, and I was only 11 at the time.” She also consumed biographies of historical figures, Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, and all the American presidents. It was at this point that she first read about Harriet Tubman, who she would later portray.

Times Were Changing

Growing up in Carbondale in the 1960s involved “Times [that] were changing, especially in the area of race relations. Brown vs. Board was in force, and changes were on the docket for the white and colored schools,” she says. “Carbondale was segregated, but I don’t think I truly understood what that meant growing up. We lived in northeast Carbondale as did about 99 percent of the black community. The teen centers were segregated. I had white friends from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., but after school, we went our separate ways.”

Harris recalls that after school, there was no going to each other’s houses or hanging out together. “It was the times. I remember buying ice cream at Rexall drug store and eating it while walking home from uptown, but not sitting at the counter inside the store. I also remember going to the movies and sitting in the balcony at the Varsity and

going upstairs from another entrance at the other theater, the Rodger’s.

Those early days certainly helped shape Harris’ future, but librarianship wasn’t always the plan in life’s scheme for her. “When I got to high school, I took French all four years. At Southern I majored in French, and for a while thought I might like to be an interpreter at the United Nations, so I also took Russian. Well, that dream kind of fizzled out, so I decided to become a French teacher.

“But then a little thing called ‘my daughter’ came along. You have to remember that this was during the late 1960s, and I wasn’t married.”

Harris was to discover that her single parent status would prevent her from being hired in a school of a Chicago suburb. She confided her predicament to a sorority sister, who suggested, “Why don’t you apply to library school?”

“I never thought about going to library school, and on a whim applied at the University of Illinois. The rest is history, and it all worked out. My daughter, Kori, went with me to library school.”

After Harris graduated, she circulated among a number of library positions at the Lincoln Library (the public library in Springfield), Sangamon State (now University of Illinois Springfield), South

Florida University, and the SIU School of Medicine. In 1996, she became director of the Illinois State Historical Library, located in the basement of the Old State Capitol building.

She recalls, “It was a smooth transition as I knew the collection and the policies, procedures, and the staff, and had the respect and support of not only colleagues and staff, but also the administration, who believed in my abilities.”

In 2005, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, with Harris as director of library services, opened in downtown Springfield, absorbing the Illinois State Historical Library. According to Wikipedia, “Since its opening in April 2005, the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum has ranked as America’s most visited state-controlled presidential museum.

“In about six months, the museum generated approximately \$1 million, and in less than 21 months, the museum received its one millionth visitor. In August 2012, the museum received its three millionth visitor, with the steady attendance continuing. Museum officials credited the Steven Spielberg movie, *Lincoln*, for an increase in visitors in 2013, as the museum displayed artifacts from the film.”

Harris says the move into the new facility presented many obstacles. “First there was the challenge of the building project itself, followed by furniture and equipment selection, the move of the collection and staff, and finally settling into a 99,000-square-foot building after moving from a 33,000-square-foot structure. It was an exhilarating, though exhausting, time for both me and the staff. The success of it all was the highlight of my professional career.”

Living History

Harris is an advocate of living history and portrays a number of 19th-century women and one 20th-century woman in educating and entertaining audiences about the African-American experience. She calls her interpretations, *edutainment*, a term deserving of inclusion in next year’s dictionary. Her portrayals include Harriet Tubman, an Underground Railroad conductor and a spy, scout, and nurse during the Civil War. Another portrayal is Jarena Lee, who wrote an account of her religious experience in her autobiography, the first to be published in the United States by an African-American woman.

Perhaps Harris’ least known portrayal is that of Phoebe Florville, the wife of

Lincoln’s barber. Harris also portrays Elizabeth Keckley, Mary Lincoln’s seamstress and confidante. And finally, there is Sarah Louise “Sadie” Delany, a Civil Rights pioneer and the subject, along with her younger sister, Elizabeth “Bessie” Delany, of the *New York Times* bestselling oral history, *Having Our Say*.

In surmising Harris’ contribution to the field of humanities, former Springfield Mayor Karen Hasara points out, “Kathryn Harris is a professional librarian whose commitment to the humanities goes well beyond the call of duty. She has been honored specifically for her work in the African-American community as chairperson of the African American History Month Committee in

Springfield, and promotes greater public understanding of history through her living history interpretations.”

For her years of service to the community of history and to the history of Illinois, Harris was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Illinois State Historical Society in April.

Still Plenty To Accomplish

The SIU graduate is one of those rare individuals whose spirit, spunk, and resolve remain undiminished with the passage of time. Travel, family, and volunteering for a literacy program are all activities that figure in her future. She jokingly says that she was looking forward to getting Mr. Lincoln buried for the final time, as she was active with the 2015 Lincoln Funeral Coalition, which sought to commemorate the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln’s funeral.

Thousands of re-enactors, period carriages, visitors and dignitaries convened

on May 1-3 in Springfield to pay tribute to our 16th president with special events and the unparalleled historic and solemn re-creation of the funeral procession to Oak Ridge Cemetery.

For the countless people Harris assisted over the years, most say she will be hard to replace.

Dale Phillips, superintendent at the Lincoln Home, told the *State Journal-Register* that Harris helped him personally with administrative research on the relationships between the National Park Service and other local entities when he came to Springfield.

“The Lincoln Heritage Trail that involves Illinois, Kentucky, and Indiana is back on the front burner now,” Phillips says. “Kathryn did a magnificent job getting the history of that together for us. She is a good historic interpreter, a good researcher, and a good person. She will be missed.”

Center’s Name Honors Her Mother

Built in 1973 as a community center, the Eurma Hayes Center at 441 East Willow in Carbondale has served many purposes and clients, and it is currently home to the Southern Region Infant and Toddler Program. The red brick building is composed of offices, classrooms, and a large multi-purpose room, and it occupies approximately 31,000 square feet.

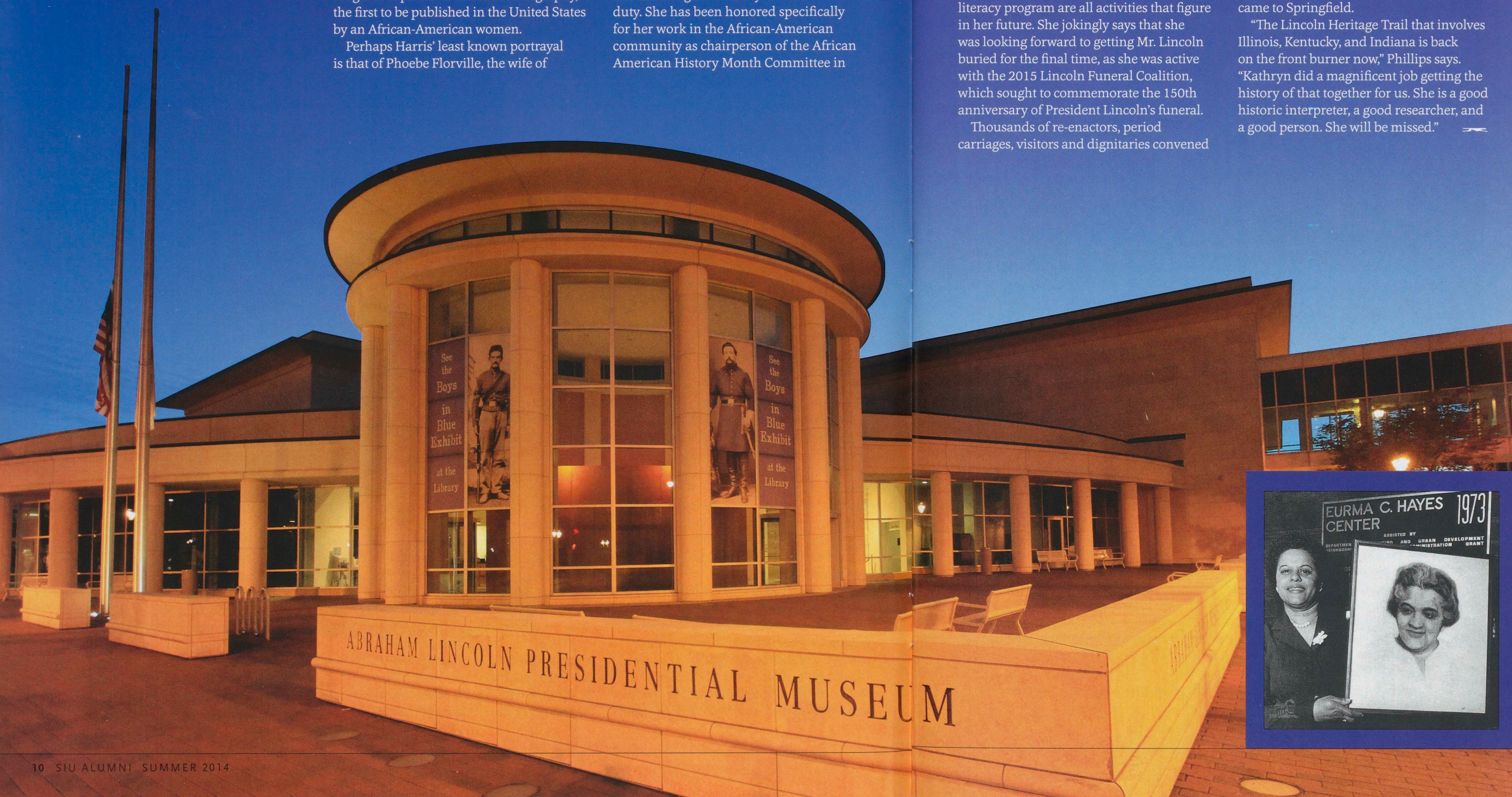
Born in 1918 in Unionville, Ill., Hayes came to Carbondale as a child when her father was named pastor of the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Though a steadfast advocate of the value of education, poor finances prevented her from enrolling at Southern. Rather, she married at 18 and started a family the next year.

A tireless worker, she served as a cook for a variety of employers, including Tiffany’s Restaurant in Carbondale, Giant City State Park, and the TKE fraternity. In the early 1960s Hayes, as Attucks School PTA president, was active in the effort to integrate Carbondale schools.

Regrettably, Hayes died in 1970 at age 52 before the building that bares her name was completed. The Hayes family was the focus of a previous *Southern Alumni* article in which writer Ann Ruger noted that “[Visitors] might well pause to think of the inspiring legacy of Eurma and Bill Hayes that lives on in this bustling, red-brick building, as it does in the lives of the children who exemplify the generous values at the center of this family’s core.”



Jackie Armstrong, a past executive director of the Eurma Hayes Center in Carbondale, holds an artist’s rendering of the center’s namesake.



Recent Grad Is Ready To Pursue His Passion



Stoerger handles a southeast asian basket he included in a recent exhibit he curated at the university museum.

He grew up surrounded by art. Visits to museums and art galleries were part of every family vacation from the time he was a child. So SIU Carbondale student Wes Stoerger, graduating in May with a master's degree in museum studies and public administration, was a natural choice.

For him, it's about giving back.

A Champaign native, Stoerger particularly remembers the Krannert Art Museum at the University of Illinois, a local museum for him growing up. "I loved getting lost in there, taking time to go through every gallery even if I had seen everything before," he says.

As an undergraduate at SIU, Stoerger majored in history and volunteered at the University Museum in Faner Hall. That's where he found that, as much as he enjoys working in the museum archives, curating an exhibit is what he really wants to do.

Recently, Stoerger curated the exhibit "Crossing Borders: Southeast Asian Cultural Treasures from the Museum's Collection" as an accompaniment to the traveling exhibit at the University Museum this past fall, "Cloth as Community: Hmong Textiles in America." He described researching the significance of colors in Vietnamese culture to help him select an appropriate accent color, and going through the museum's newly digitized archives to select pieces that would not only fit the exhibit perimeters, but also look good and excite interest.

Some pieces he placed along the wall, some in the center of the room to encourage all-angles viewing. Overall, he wanted an exhibit that was accessible and pleasant, but also one that recreated the magic of discovery that thrilled him as a child.

"It is our job as curators not only to preserve our collections, but also to display

them for the public," he says. "Creating high-quality exhibits allows future generations to enjoy their time in museums, and to have the same experiences that I had growing up."

Stoerger acknowledges that he might have selected an easier career path. Museums, along with other public institutions, face funding and other challenges. Nevertheless, Stoerger believes strongly in the need for museums, and he wants to be part of what they do.

"Despite the obstacles, I feel there will be a need for museums," he says. "Museums allow individuals to experience and learn about people, places and ideas they may not have had the chance to otherwise. It is one thing to read about a culture, or to look at the works of an artist in a book. It is another thing completely to see them first hand, and to establish a personal connection with a piece of art or an artifact."

He credits his undergraduate history degree with giving him the foundational tools for researching – and also for writing. If he works in museum curation, writing exhibit descriptions will be a big part of his job. Those skills, though, he notes are transferable to a range of careers. After all, he points out, the first introduction many professionals make to their future employers is a written resume.

Stoerger hopes to find a career in a university museum, such as SIU's University Museum, where he learned so much, or Krannert, where he spent happy hours as a child and teenager. He enjoys creating new exhibits, so the high exhibit turnover typical of university and college museums appeals to him most.

"Now that I am older and have the chance to give back, I feel a great sense of pride that I can now do so," he stresses. "I have learned a lot here – Dona Bachman (director of the University Museum) and other museum staff have given me many opportunities to learn about how museums work, and have given me the chance to use what I have learned."

Alumnus Travels To Cuba With Agriculture, Business Delegation

BY TIM LANDIS

There have been major changes in United States-Cuba relations since **Thomas Marten '12** first visited the island nation three summers ago.

In February, the rural Litchfield farmer returned there as part of the first major business and trade delegation to Cuba since plans were announced to normalize relations between the two nations. Marten, 23, represented the Illinois Farm Bureau and was also a member of a Farm Bureau delegation during the 2012 visit.

Marten says he came back with a lasting impression of the Cuban people. "I was impressed by how kind and courteous people were there. It's a beautiful island," says the Saluki, who works with his uncle on the family's 2,000-acre farm near Litchfield.

This year's five-day trip was sponsored by the U.S. Agriculture Coalition for Cuba, formed in response to trade actions last December. It included some of the biggest names in agricultural

companies and farm organizations. Approximately 75 business, academic, and farm representatives made up the U.S. delegation.

Marten says farm exports, specifically Illinois grains, are his focus. He believes both countries stand to benefit from increased trade of a variety of products and services. "There's a lot of opportunity," the SIU Alumni Association life member says. "It's evident that Cuba has a need. They import about 80 percent of their food."

A more than half-century-old U.S. trade embargo was a topic of intense interest to Cubans during his visits. While he says there are more conversations now because of progress that's been made, he understands political concerns remain on U.S.-Cuba relations.

But that is fine with him, as his goal is to continue communication and see how agriculture initiatives can assist both countries.

"I'm bringing back more knowledge to share with Illinoisans."



What Has Changed?

Plans to normalize relations between the United States and Cuba further eased trade and business sanctions imposed by a 1962 embargo. Here are some of the major changes:

- Allows travel to Cuba without government approval for certain purposes, including family visits, educational and religious activities, private foundation and university activities, journalism, humanitarian projects, and sports and entertainment events.
- Increases amount of funds that can be sent to Cuban citizens from \$500 every three months to \$2,000, if transactions meet certain criteria.
- Visitors to Cuba can purchase up to \$400 worth of products, including up to \$100 in alcohol and tobacco.
- Allows export of building materials for residential construction in Cuba, goods for privately owned companies and agricultural equipment for small farmers.
- Eases financial transactions; U.S. travelers will be able to use debit and credit cards while in Cuba.

— Source: U.S. State Department

Photo: SIU graduate Thomas Marten, a farmer in rural Litchfield, represented the Illinois Farm Bureau in February as part of the first major business and trade delegation to Cuba since plans were put in place to normalize relations between the two nations. (Tim Landis is business editor of the *Springfield State Journal-Register*, where this story first appeared. The photo is by Justin Fowler.)

ON THE SIDE

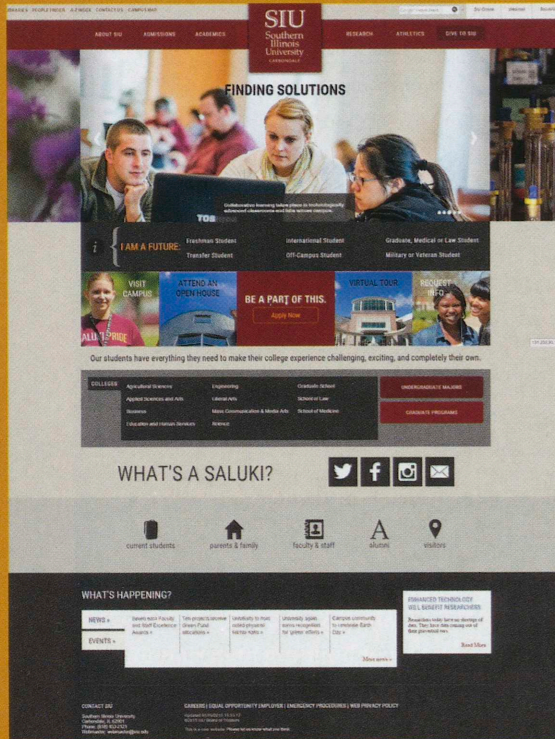
SIU Carbondale Unveils New Website

Southern Illinois University Carbondale has unveiled a new site that is responsive to mobile devices and provides easier, streamlined access to information for prospective students and other audiences.

The siu.edu redesign was based on current trends, research and surveys of prospective and current students, faculty, and staff. The responsive design means the layout will change according to what platform is being used – mobile, tablet, or desktop computer – and fit nicely onto that screen.

Jessica Mann '00, assistant director for web communications, says the web team analyzed data from Google analytics and heat map software to assess most important pages, link placement, page functionality, items no longer used or needed, and revision of the overall website structure.

The redesign is also better suited for Google's new search algorithm, which decreases the ranking of pages that do not have a mobile layout. The web team welcomes feedback via a survey (found at the bottom of all pages on the site) that allows people to anonymously submit items they believe are missing and offer suggestions and input.



EVENTS



ON THE SIDE

Komarraju Named COLA Dean

Meera Komarraju, chair of the SIU Carbondale Department of Psychology, became the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts in July. She replaces Kimberly Leonard, who left for a position at another institution. Psychology Professor Jane Swanson has been serving as interim dean.

Komarraju says she is honored to serve as dean. "I consider it a privilege to be given the opportunity to serve as dean of the College of Liberal Arts, the largest college on campus." She came to SIU as lecturer in 1986 and has held administrative roles as director of the psychology department's undergraduate program, chair of the department, and associate dean for student and curricular affairs in the college.

Yueh-Ting Lee Named Graduate School Dean

An educator described by former colleagues as "a committed teacher and active scholar and an unfailingly enthusiastic team player" will become dean of SIU Carbondale's Graduate School this summer.

Yueh-Ting Lee has been a professor of psychology at the University of Toledo since 2007, and has served as director of the university's Social Cognition and Intercultural Relations Laboratory since 2009. "Dr. Lee brings substantial experience and a strong record of involvement in graduate education," Susan Ford, SIU Carbondale's acting provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, says. "He is committed to SIU's mission and is enthusiastic about the future of graduate education at our university. We are pleased and fortunate that he is joining us."

JULY 2015

- 11** SIU DAY AT WRIGLEY FIELD CUBS vs. WHITE SOX 3:05 P.M. GAME, PREGAME AT CUBBY BEAR
- 15** COMBINED RECEPTION SIUC, SIUE ALUMNI 5-7 P.M., HILTON PINNACLE CLUB SPRINGFIELD, ILL.
- 16 → 19** BLACK ALUMNI REUNION SIU CAMPUS
- 17** SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. MORRIS LIBRARY
- 28** RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE 10 A.M. – 2 P.M., RENAISSANCE ROOM SIU STUDENT CENTER

AUGUST 2015

- 1** SIU DAY AT ROUND ROCK, TEXAS EXPRESS vs. MEMPHIS REDBIRDS 7:05 P.M. GAME; EVENT IS CATERED
- SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING CAMPUS

UNIVERSITY MUSEUM EXHIBITS THROUGH END OF SEMESTER

THROUGH SEPT. 4: IMPRESSIONS IN WATERCOLOR AND GLASS

THROUGH OCT. 2: BEN GELMAN'S RAILROAD PHOTOGRAPHS

SEPTEMBER 2015

- 14** STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY ADDRESS 3-4 P.M., BALLROOMS C, D SIU STUDENT CENTER
- 23** SIU EDUCATIONAL LAW CONFERENCE 11:45 A.M. – 1 P.M., BALLROOM D SIU STUDENT CENTER
- 26** SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TAILGATE FAMILY WEEKEND
- FOOTBALL GAME 6 P.M.; TAILGATE 4 P.M. SALUKI ROW

THROUGH OCT. 24: CONSERVATION OF A PAINTING

THROUGH OCT. 24: A FLATBOAT EXCAVATION

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Rodgers discusses his career in news during a recent program at SIU. (Photo by Linda Kay Porter-Smith).

‘Learning Doesn’t Stop When You Graduate’

by Greg Scott



Walter Rodgers' career travels as a CNN correspondent took him all over the world. He has dined and played softball with former U.S. presidents, provided coverage of historical events internationally and closer to home, and faced life-threatening situations while serving as an embedded war reporter.

He admits to often reflecting on his distinguished career. But Rodgers, who earned bachelors and master's degrees in history from SIU in 1962 and 1964, respectively, still speaks vividly about his college years in Carbondale.

"I have many happy memories of this place. This University is a laboratory between high school and the real world," Rodgers says. "Students learn about themselves and how to think. The remoteness of SIU stimulates thought. It is located in a lovely part of the world to spend four to six years of your life."

Rodgers speaks fondly of professors who prepared him for career endeavors. He says SIU helps students realize their potential through the efforts of "good dedicated teachers."

The SIU graduate recalls one particular story involving Harry Ammon, one of his history professors.

Rodgers was in the midst of a seminar in American Colonial History and was required to present a draft of his term paper to Ammon.

He didn't receive a favorable response.

"I submitted my paper thinking it was the greatest thing since sliced bread. He tore me apart and said, 'Do it again and get it right next time,'" Rodgers says. "That was one of the greatest academic experiences of my life. I eventually got an A on the paper.

"That is what good teaching is about. SIU had good teachers."

Rodgers has followed in his mentors' steps since retiring as senior international news correspondent for CNN in 2005. He taught a course on history of religious warfare at James Madison University, where the SIU graduate served as a distinguished visiting scholar in the Department of Justice Studies.

Additionally, the Vienna, Va., resident contributed a political column to the *Christian Science Monitor*. An avid reader, Rodgers often encourages young people to read extensively and gain expertise in a field beyond their vocation.

"It keeps your mind sharp. Learning doesn't stop when you graduate. Commencement is the day you begin learning for the rest of your life," he says.

During a visit to the SIU campus in November, Rodgers reminisced while visiting his old haunts. He enjoyed a tour of Morris Library, which has been renovated since his last trip to Carbondale, and a walk through Thompson Woods.

The 2005 SIU Distinguished Alumni Award recipient reflected and shared memories and wisdom he garnered during nearly 40 years of broadcasting news for the Associated Press, ABC and, ultimately, with CNN.

Rodgers conducted a public presentation in the Guyon Auditorium of his beloved Morris Library titled *Presidents I've Known and Liked – Well, Sort Of*. From conversing with John F. Kennedy at a cocktail party in the president's home, to dining with Gerald Ford, and playing softball with Jimmy Carter, he shared encounters he had with the nation's leaders during his career.

The SIU graduate was particularly close to Ford, who he refers to as a tutor and friend during the early stages

The two-degree graduate was a 2005 SIU Distinguished Alumni recipient.



of his career. He refers to Carter as “one of the brightest presidents of the 20th century.”

“During the quest of some American people to hate our presidents, it is often forgotten that they are human and hurt and bleed like the rest of us,” Rodgers says. “People don’t necessarily watch the news to acquire a better understanding. They prefer to reaffirm their prejudices. Everyone should examine their biases.”

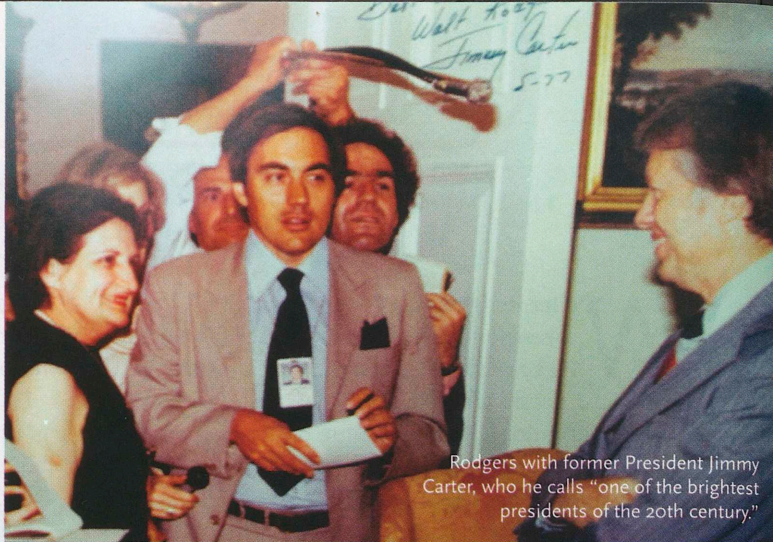
“I acquired these skills at SIU. I learned so much.”

And that’s why Rodgers makes it a priority to share with students during his visits to Carbondale. He visited with radio-television and digital media students, offering survival tips and advice for the dangerous role of war correspondent. The SIU alumnus fielded several questions from students who were hanging on his every word.

“I received a free education here because of a full-ride athletic scholarship for swimming,” he notes. “I owe this institution. That is why I come back pro bono and help as best I can.”

“A Biblical saying states from everyone who has been given much ... much will be required. I have been given a lot. So if I can come back, inspire young people, and impart some wisdom, it’s good.”

Commencement, Rodgers told students in the audience, is when learning begins for the rest of your life. (Photo by Luci Pemoni).



Rodgers with former President Jimmy Carter, who he calls “one of the brightest presidents of the 20th century.”

The Presidents He Has Known ...

Walter Rodgers returned to his alma mater late last year to present a talk entitled “Presidents I’ve Known and Liked – Well, Sort Of.” He also displayed framed signed photos and letters of some the presidents he highlighted, including Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan.

Rodgers shared remembrances of several presidents with whom he experienced history up close and personal. He spent the Christmas 1962 holidays with John Kennedy in Palm Beach, Fla., enjoying together what would be Kennedy’s last Christmas. He also played softball with Carter in his hometown of Plains, Ga., and covered Richard Nixon’s administration as well.

A witness to good times and bad, Rodgers was quite close to the action during the March 1981 assassination attempt on Reagan by John Hinckley. Rodgers says Hinckley’s gun was a mere 24 inches from his ear as Hinckley fired on Reagan and the presidential entourage.

Rodgers just about did it all before retiring in 2005. He covered the final years of the Cold War, the Soviet downing of KAL 007, the war against Osama Bin Laden in Afghanistan, and traveled on nearly all of the presidential trips of the Ford, Carter and Reagan administrations from 1974 to 1981. The Southern graduate also covered the Martin Luther King assassination and funeral, and was the first to broadcast Hinckley’s assassination attempt.

Rodgers is the author of *Sleeping with Custer and the 7th Cavalry*, as well as various newspaper and magazine articles. He is the co-recipient of the New York Festival’s World Medal (gold) for CNN’s extended coverage of “Israel in Crisis” in 1995 and wrote and produced several other documentaries about the Middle East.



Josh Rivera (left) and Zach Schneider hold the national championship trophy.

SIU Debate Team Wins Third Consecutive National Title

The SIU Carbondale Debate Team has completed the three-peat!

SIU's debate team of Josh Rivera, a senior from Chicago majoring in political science, and Zach Schneider, a senior from Great Mills, Md., majoring in computer science, won the national championship of debate recently by finishing first in the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence (NPTE) at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo. Nearly 800 teams competed in parliamentary debate this year, with only the top 68 qualifying for the NPTE.

It marks the third consecutive year that SIU won a national championship. SIU has won individual team national championship titles during six different years: 1988, 1996, 2008, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

Todd Graham, SIU's debate team coach, says the NPTE is a double-elimination tournament, so normally the consistent teams do well at this national event.

"We feel like the cream always rises to the top in this tournament. If a

team has one bad debate, they are not eliminated," he says. "We've been successful because of our system, the team's preparation, and our standards for what constitute solid arguments in debates."

Schneider adds, "It is gratifying to see the fruits of the hard work that we logged in the weeks before the tournament. This was truly a team effort, and I am deeply appreciative for the opportunity to be surrounded by such a quality group of people and end my debate career on top."

There are two different tournaments in parliamentary debate that are considered "national championships." NPTE and NPDA (National Parliamentary Debate Association). NPDA is open to anyone, while NPTE is by invitation only based on season-long rankings. SIU won both championships in 2013 and earned the NPDA title in 2014. This year's NPTE title earned SIU the national distinction of winning a third consecutive national debate title.

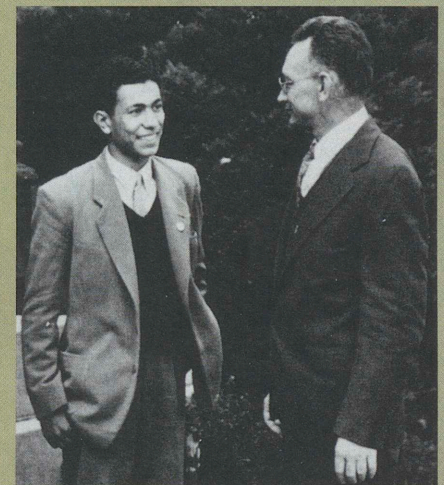
SIU's First International Graduate Dies At 86

Saad Jabr '52, M.S. '54, Southern Illinois University's first international graduate, died recently in his home country of Iraq at the age of 86. Jabr, the son of an Iraqi prime minister, came to Carbondale in 1947 to enroll as a freshman.

After graduating from Southern, Jabr returned to Iraq and amassed a fortune through international consulting and contracting. That success and his political pedigree, however, soon made him a target as Saddam Hussein began his rise to power. The family fled the country in 1968, maintaining residences in London, Beirut, and southern Illinois, where his family owned – at various times – the Air Illinois commuter service, the Du Quoin State Bank, and the Du Quoin State Fair.

Following decades of political exile, the SIU product returned to Iraq when Hussein was removed from power. Although no longer in the region, he always considered southern Illinois – the place where all five of his children were born – to be his second home.

"When somebody graduates from college, you associate that education with the person," Jabr's son, Tony, told *Southern Alumni* magazine three years ago. "My father remained one of the best ambassadors SIU had."



Saad Jabr chats with SIU President Chester Lay in September 1947.



WILLIAM “CHEF BILL” CONNORS
EXECUTIVE CHEF FOR SIU UNIVERSITY HOUSING DINING

William Connors, or Chef Bill as he's known on campus, is a leading force in providing local and organic foods for SIU dining – including food grown right on campus. He's vice chair of the SIU Sustainability Council, and a member of the Illinois Food, Farms and Job Council charged with promoting the state's food economy. In the following interview, he offers tips for healthy eating on a budget.

Q: WHAT ARE SOME MEAT-BUYING TIPS THAT CAN HELP ME SAVE MONEY AT THE GROCERY STORE BUT STILL HAVE A QUALITY PRODUCT?

A: The most important consideration is purpose. If you are slow cooking you can get away with a cheaper cut of meat. Sear it first to lock in the moisture – that's really important. You also want to look at fat marbling. The less fat, the more careful you have to be in cooking the meat. I don't recommend cutting corners on steaks. Cut portion size to save money without sacrificing quality.

Q: WHAT DOES “ORGANIC” REALLY MEAN?

A: Organic foods are grown in a more sustainable manner, and organic meat comes from animals fed an organic diet. There are strict regulations governing use of the label. If you want to eat organic but can't afford to shift your whole diet, focus on the root vegetables first – carrots, potatoes – and things that grow close to the ground, like strawberries.

Q: WHAT DOES “GRASS FED” BEEF MEAN?

A: Beef cattle start on pasture for the first six months. After that, many go to a feed lot for a corn diet until they are market ready – three or four months. The corn diet is what gives the meat marbling fat. Grass-fed cattle stay on pasture until they are market-ready – which can be up to three years. Grass-fed meat is much leaner and is healthier for you.

Q: WE SEEM TO HEAR ABOUT A “SUPER FOOD” ONE YEAR AND A DIFFERENT “SUPER FOOD” THE NEXT. WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT?

A: Every year food fads change. Years ago, we heard about margarine; now we know butter is better. It's not just health foods. The Portobello mushroom is an example of great marketing. The Portobello is an overgrown crimini mushroom. Someone came up with the name and marketed these mushrooms that otherwise were thrown away. Now it's one of the most popular varieties.

Q: HOW DO I INCLUDE LOCAL FOODS IN MY DIET?

A: A good rule is don't assume – ask. Local foods are often well-represented at farmers' markets but individual farm stands on roadsides are not always local. Buy directly from a local farmer when possible. The quality is often better. I notice a big difference in eggs. For SIU we buy eggs from free range chickens raised less than 10 miles from the university.

Q: WHAT IS ONE OVERALL TIP I CAN REMEMBER WHEN I'M TRYING TO SHOP FOR A MORE HEALTHY DIET?

A: The healthiest foods in the grocery store are also the least processed. You find them along the outer edges of the store – produce, meats and dairy. Processed food is less healthy and are mostly in the aisles, so avoid the aisles. If you aren't buying fresh, frozen is healthier than canned – and frozen is on the store edge too.

When you state individual a difference in growers.

Bell Returns As Saluki Athletics Director



Bell speaks at a press conference where he was introduced at SIU's next director of athletics.

A familiar face has been selected to lead SIU Athletics. Tommy Bell, previously the athletics director at Western Illinois University, succeeds Mario Moccia, who left the University to take the top athletics position at New Mexico State University.

Bell, who was associate director of institutional advancement for Saluki athletics from 2001 to 2007, served SIU in an athletics fund-raising role. He developed and implemented the Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund and oversaw the athletics program's first comprehensive fund-raising campaign.

His appointment as SIU's 13th athletics director was announced at a press conference on May 1.

Bell returns to SIU from Western Illinois, where he was responsible for 20 NCAA Division 1 sports programs

in two conferences since 2013. His accomplishments include developing a master athletics facility plan, initiating a stadium renovation project, and establishing a corporate sponsorship program.

From 2007 to 2013, he served as director of intercollegiate athletics recreation and intramurals for Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, where he launched a branding campaign, expanded donor relations and served as the athletics consultant for a \$42 million addition to the Gates Athletics Center.

SIU President Randy Dunn says Bell brings leadership and fund-raising experience to the position, in addition to a commitment to Saluki athletics.

"Tommy Bell knows and cares deeply about SIU and its athletics program," Dunn says. "He understands the value of a Division 1 program to a major research university, he knows the Missouri Valley Conference, and he is well equipped to tackle challenges and embrace opportunities to move us forward."

For Bell, who started the position on June 1, the job is something he is excited about.

"This is a huge day for our family," he says. "We have deep, long ties to SIU, and I look forward to working with the athletics staff, our student athletes, the University community, and our many friends and fans to support and continue to grow a Saluki athletics program that is successful at all levels."

Prior to coming to SIU, Bell served in multiple roles for the Department of Athletics at Northern Illinois University and was an athletic trainer and physical education teacher in Illinois, Maryland, Montana, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Saluki Athletics Finishes Second In MVC All-Sports Trophy Standings



SIU Carbondale placed second in the Missouri Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy race, its highest finish since 2007-08. In addition to its recent track and field title (see next page), the Salukis finished second in men's cross country, women's swimming and diving, women's indoor track and field, and men's golf. They also picked up third-place showings in women's cross country, women's golf and women's outdoor track and field.

Wichita State won the 2015 All-Sports championship, marking the third-straight season the Shockers have claimed the league's All-Sports crown. The title is the ninth in the past 12 years for Wichita State, which has won a league-high 21 times.

Seven different institutions won at least one league title this year, with Indiana State and Missouri State both claiming three titles. Counting Wichita State this year, only four times since 1992-93 (merger of MVC men's and women's sports) has an institution had more than five team titles.

SIU Men Win MVC Outdoor Track Championship, Women Third



SIU's men celebrate after winning the 2015 MVC Outdoor Track and Field Championship.

It's been 23 years since the MVC Men's Outdoor Track and Field Championship trophy has come back to Carbondale, but the Saluki men ended the drought recently with a 159-143 win over pre-championship favorite Wichita State in action hosted by Illinois State.

For SIU Head Coach **Connie Price-Smith** (named MVC Men's Coach of the Year), this was her sixth track title. The win also completed the sweep for her coaching career, as she has now won both men's and women's indoor, outdoor, and cross country titles as director of track and field and cross country.

"Winning the title was awesome," Price-Smith says. "One of the goals I've had for a long time was to win a championship in each of the men's and women's indoor and outdoor and men and women in cross country, and I've accomplished that now. It's a great feeling after 23 years of not having this one at SIU.

Pole vault, discus and triple jump came through in a big way," she adds. "We had a few people who didn't do as well as they wanted to, but everybody else stepped up.

The guys were hungry and they wanted to win."

Southern wrapped the title up on the final day thanks to three extraordinary performances in the pole vault, discus, and triple jump, which added 70 points to the men's total alone. In fact, as the public address announcer updated the team scores before the running of the day's final event – the men's 4x400 meter relay – a jubilant roar from the infield could be heard from the Saluki men when it became clear no one could catch them.

The title was SIU's 15th men's outdoor crown, 28th overall men's title, and 41st team conference title across both genders.

The men's pole vaulters started the final day off scoring 22 points by going 1-3-4-8 in the event. Walk-on Nathan Schuck came away as champion, leading a group of Salukis who all set new career bests.

He improved an entire foot to 5.19m (17-00.25) to capture the title, which was the first outdoor pole vault championship for the Saluki men since Cody Doerflein in 2012. Also strong for pole vault coach Brian

Porter's squad was Jonathan Walsh, who finished third.

Assistant coach **John Smith's** throwers kept up the work they produced all season in the men's discus, as the throwers went 1-2-4 for a large surge of points at the end of the meet. Josh Freeman, just one day after becoming the first Saluki male to ever win three shot put titles, won his first-ever discus title personal best toss of 57.09m (187-04) on his last attempt.

After breaking his coach's all-time shot put record at last year's conference meet, Freeman now has another thing in common with him: the last Saluki male to double in the shot and discus was Smith in 1984. For Smith, his male and female throwers scored an 87 points at the outdoor conference meet and only lost one event (women's discus). SIU throwers have only lost that one event in both the 2015 indoor and outdoor seasons combined.

Luke James successfully defended his outdoor title in the triple jump and completed the Saluki male jumper sweep. James and the Salukis once again used the intense winds to their advantage and won on a 5.0 meters per second wind-aided leap of 15.92m (52-02.75).

After not winning a men's triple jump title in ten years, associate head coach Andre Scott's jumpers have won five in the last four years, including the last four outdoors. This was also the first time in school history that the Saluki men swept all three men's jumping events in the same outdoor season.

Kyle Landon won his fourth career MVC high jump title in dramatic fashion. He was down to his final attempt with the bar at 2.11m (6-11.00), and cleared for the win to make him 4-for-4 in MVC meets.

Curtis Wideman won his first career MVC hammer throw title with a toss of 67.14m (220-03), as he became the eighth hammer champion in SIU history, the sixth under Smith.

(See Track Championship, page 24)

Former Ticket Manager Lee Trueblood Dies



Trueblood as a member of the SIU Athletics staff.

Former SIU Athletics staff member Dennis "Lee" Trueblood Jr. '79, '83, M.S. '96, died in April at the age of 60.

Lee was raised in Carbondale and had a long career at the University, including many years managing the ticket office for SIU athletic events. After leaving Southern, he became the residence hall director at Arkansas State University from 1996 to 2003, director of residence life at Avila College from 2003 to 2004, and director of residency at Bethany College from 2004 to 2012. He was currently working for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Tulsa, Okla., as a claims examiner.

Lee's last name no doubt resonates with many alumni, as his late father was a professor at Southern and coordinator of the SIU College Student Personnel Graduate Studies Program. Trueblood Hall on campus is named in his honor.

Lee is survived by his wife, Kathleen "Kat" Trueblood, in Muskogee, Okla., a sister Zoe, in Clear Lake, Iowa, and several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to The Rising Star or Muskogee High Repertory Theater.

Pruitt Selected By Vikings In NFL Draft

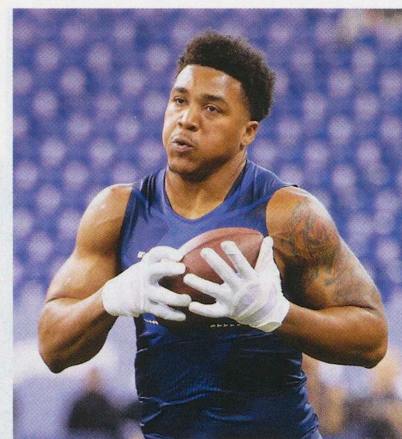
SIU tight end MyCole Pruitt became the first Saluki football player to be selected in the NFL Draft since 2011, when the Minnesota Vikings selected him in the fifth round with the 143rd pick earlier this year. Pruitt is the highest Saluki draft pick since running back Brandon Jacobs was chosen in the fourth round with the 110th pick by the New York Giants in 2005.

The 6-foot-3, 255-pound St. Louis native ended his career as the school and Missouri Valley Football Conference record holder in career receptions (211), receiving yards (2,601), and receiving touchdowns (25) by a tight end. He was named the best tight end in conference history as part of the league's 30-year anniversary celebration.

Pruitt was the sixth tight end taken in the draft and says he wasn't expecting the Vikings to take him. "It came as a surprise to me," he says. "But I couldn't ask for anything better."

The SIU star had the best 40-yard dash and vertical jump among all tight ends at the NFL Combine, perhaps a by-product of a versatile prep upbringing. "I also competed in basketball, volleyball, and track and field in high school," Pruitt notes. "I didn't start playing football until freshman year of high school, but it ended up working out."

A three-time All-American (2012, 13, 14), Pruitt was an all-conference pick all four years at SIU. He was a two-time CFPA FCS Tight End of the Year (2013, 14). Pruitt



Pruitt opened plenty of eyes at the NFL Combine, having the best 40-yard dash and vertical jump of all tight ends there.

holds the school career record for receptions (221) as well as the single-season mark for receptions (81 in 2014). He ranks second in SIU history in career receiving yardage (2,601) and receiving touchdowns (25), and had at least one reception in 43 of 44 career games played

Those statistics and some impressive performances in front of scouts more than caught the attention of Vikings Offensive Coordinator Norv Turner.

"Turner sees guys that remind him of players in the past," Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer explains. "He was pretty adamant throughout the draft that he was really intrigued with Pruitt. He has a chance to be a good tight end, and that is really important in our offense."

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The Saluki women scored a solid 127.50 points, but were outmatched by Wichita State and Indiana State. SIU won titles in the women's hammer throw (DeAnna Price) and shot put (Raven Saunders), and were able to score points in all three throwing events and the women's pole vault.

Although Southern loses several important seniors, SIU fielded a talented crop of freshman and have underclassmen poised to keep the momentum going for both the men

and women. That group includes a group of young sprinters that have helped SIU out immediately in those events.

"I am really impressed with our progress," Price-Smith says. "I told sprints coach Anthony Acklin that from where we were last year to this year with the sprinters is a world of difference. I think they are going to continue to keep getting better."

At press time, SIU was preparing to compete in the NCAA West Regional in Austin, Texas. Southern had 19 individual qualifiers (10 men, 9 women) in 26 events (13 men, 13 women).

BYARS, Ruth F., ex. '40
1/25/2015, Mount Vernon, Ill.

CAMPBELL, Roy E., '40
1/25/2015, Storrs Mansfield, Conn.

DODDS, Wilma E., '41
3/17/2015, Edwardsville, Ill.

FUGATE, Thelma R., '41
3/19/2015, Charlotte, N.C.

HEREN, Louise R., ex. '41
4/08/2015, Peoria, Ill.

BREWNER, James D., ex. '42
12/13/2014, Tucson, Ariz.

GEORGE, Cleona Rea, '42
12/13/2014, High Springs, Fla.

LAUDERDALE, Roscoe T., '43
4/12/2015, Langley, Wash.

POPE, Sarah L., '43
4/01/2015, Ventura, Calif.

WINEMILLER, Herbert L., ex. '43
1/23/2015, Whittington, Ill.

DIDEA, Viola M., '44
3/08/2015, Orlando, Fla.

GIBSON, Jack T., ex. '44
4/14/2015, Sarasota, Fla.

DAVIS, Evelyn, '47
3/25/2015, Charleston, Ill.

KARRAKER, David G., '47
2/27/2015, Aiken, S.C.

SIMMONS, Jack E., '47
4/20/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

WOLLSLAGER, Betty L., ex. '47
4/16/2015, San Antonio, Texas

LAUDERDALE, Bettye L., '48
2/09/2015, Mascoutah, Ill.

SWINNEY, Charles L., '48
1/28/2015, Du Quoin, Ill.

BANKSON, George A., ex. '49
1/20/2015, Mounds, Ill.

BOSWELL, Patricia A., '49
1/19/2015, Shelbyville, Ill.

DEYOUNG, Julia M., '49
4/24/2015, Stoughton, Wisc.

FISHER, Jean Barnes B., ex. '49
12/06/2014, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

HUFF, Robert D., '49
3/12/2015, Indianapolis, Ind.

LOWERY, Clarence, ex. '49
1/16/2015, Benton, Ill.

REIMAN, Wayne D., ex. '49
4/03/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.

STANHOUSE, James W., '49
4/03/2015, Du Quoin, Ill.

SWEARINGEN, Paul, ex. '49
1/18/2015, Benton, Ill.

BROWN, Wilbur L., ex. '50
3/14/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

FROMAN, Jimmy D., '50, M.S. Ed. '54
3/18/2015, Farmer City, Ill.

LOOMIS, Nola F., '50, M.S. Ed. '92
2/06/2015, Anna, Ill.

MORGAN, Elizabeth B., ex. '50
3/28/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.

REINBOLD, Carolyn, '50
2/21/2015, Ivins, Utah

ROBERTSON, Leslie C., ex. '50
1/12/2015, Creal Springs, Ill.

WAGNER, Elaine E., '50
3/12/2015, Avondale Estates, Ga.

CHAMBLIN, Billie J., '51
11/8/2014, Saint Louis, Mo.

ELDER, William E., ex. '51
1/23/2015, Springfield, Ill.

MILLINER, Bonnie N., '51
12/19/2014, Lake Worth, Fla.

NICOL, Robert L., '51
12/24/2014, Chatham, Ill.

MOSKOFF, Basil A., '52
11/25/2015, Zeigler, Ill.

RAMSEY, Martha L., '52
1/22/2015, Sun City, Ariz.

WIGGS, Robert A., '52
4/18/2015, Lafayette, La.

LUDWIG, John L., '53
11/06/2014, Rotonda West, Fla.

BIEBEL, Paul J., ex. '54
4/18/2015, Carlisle, Penn.

CASEY, George R., '54
4/01/2015, Worthington, Ohio

DAVIES, Doris M., ex. '54
3/27/2015, Springfield, Ill.

GEISELMAN, Joan G., ex. '54
11/27/2014, Woodburn, Ore.

KEMMERER, Roland R., M.S. Ed. '54
1/16/2015, Camdenton, Mo.

CAMPBELL, Thomas R., '55
2/22/2015, Center City, Minn.

CHOR, Jack E., ex. '55
11/27/2015, Bellville, Ill.

FLY, John A., '55, M.M. Ed. '63
2/06/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

ORR, William H., '55, M.S. Ed. '56
7/19/2014, Cookeville, Tenn.

HOOKS, Clifton F., '56
1/07/2015, Richland, Mich.

PHILLIPS, Roberta J., '56
2/27/2015, Roanoke, Texas

PURCELL, George E., ex. '56
2/11/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.

STARASTA, George, '56, M.S. Ed. '60
11/14/2014, Farmington, Ill.

WALKER, Earl E., ex. '56
1/21/2015, Sullivan, Ill.

WEBB, Marion E., '56, M.S. Ed. '63
4/17/2015, Jefferson City, Mo.

HUBER, John H., '57
1/18/2015, Marseilles, Ill.

MURARO, Aldo T., '57
12/05/2014, Springfield, Ill.

THATCHER, Jack L., '57
2/01/2015, Flora, Ill.

HARTMAN, Francis C., '58
3/20/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

LIGHTFOOT, Zoe A., '58, M.S. Ed. '65
2/16/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

RYAN, Thad B., M.S. Ed. '58
1/06/2015, Sikeston, Mo.

SINGLETON, Gilbert J., '58
2/28/2014, Santa Fe, N.M.

BALLANTINE, George J., '59
11/24/2014, New Lenox, Ill.

BROWN, Delno W., ex. '59
12/09/2014, Johnson City, Tenn.

GRAVES, Samuel L., '59, M.S. Ed. '62
3/24/2015, Mendon, Ill.

GURLEY, Robert C., '59
M1/25/2015, Metropolis, Ill.

LAYMAN, Ralph E., '59, M.S. Ed. '62
12/09/2014, Dongola, Ill.

PAPE, Louis R., '59
4/08/2015, Portage, Mich.

RENFRO, Jane R., '59
2/19/2015, Murrells Inlet, S.C.

STEPHENS, Justin T., '59
2/21/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

THOMAS, James E., '59
3/16/2015, Fair Oaks, Calif.

WEDEKING, Raymond W., '59
1/03/2015, Madisonville, Ky.

GOLDMAN, Frances E., ex. '60
3/17/2015, Laramie, Wyo.

HORVAT, George L., '60
3/20/2015, Duluth, Minn.

PETERSON, Ronald A., '60
12/28/2014, Flagstaff, Ariz.

PHILLIPS, William E., '60
11/26/2014, Centralia, Ill.

POLLACK, Edith A., ex. '60
12/12/2014, Farmington, Conn.

SAVOIE, Doris A., '60
3/09/2015, Springfield, Ill.

SWEDBERG, Rodney W. '60
4/29/2015, Little Falls, Minn.

WELLS JENNINGS, Peggy J., '60
11/09/2014, Royalton, Ill.

COX, Joyce F. '61
1/28/2015, Stillwater, Okla.

GLENN, John W., '61
2/25/2015, Peoria, Ariz.

HALBIG, Leo E., '61, M.S. Ed. '68
3/27/2015, Mount Carmel, Ill.

HARRES, Leon F., ex. '61
3/05/2015, Decatur, Ill.

HATCHETT, Donald L., '61
2/17/2015, Benton, Ill.

LEE-WATKINS, Billie L., M.S. Ed. '61
7/23/2014, Clinton, Miss.

RICHEY, Eva L., '61
4/22/2015, Franklin, Tenn.

STANSFIELD, Mary P., '61
4/20/2015, Streator, Ill.

BEST, Brenda M., '62
3/17/2015, Wilmington, N.C.

DANESH, Yousef, M.A. '62, Ph.D. '64
4/19/2015, Baton Rouge, La.

HARRE, Kenneth D., '62
4/09/2015, Yorba Linda, Calif.

HOWE, Carol A., '62
11/29/2014, Auburn, Ill.

KNAPP, Betty L., '62, M.S. Ed. '77
2/22/2015, Mount Vernon, Ill.

MILLER, Larry G., B.M.E. '62, M.M. Ed. '66
11/20/2014, Orion, Ill.

OVERTURF, Evelyn J., '62
4/03/2015, Herrin, Ill.

WILKINSON, John D., '62
2/14/2015, Cartersville, Ga.

DEUCKER, Emil R., '63
1/19/2015, San Antonio, Texas

GAMBETTA, James R., '63
1/16/2015, Sandoval, Ill.

HANDLON, Jerome R., '63, M.S. Ed. '65
4/26/2015, Schaumburg, Ill.

HARRIS, Robert L., '63
3/11/2015, Denver, Colo.

HILL, James E., '63
1/16/2015, Ma Mesa, Calif.

RADEMACHER, Bruce H., '63
1/07/2015, Odessa, Fla.

RUSHING, Howard R., '63, M.S. '69
2/11/2015, Herrin, Ill.

STEWART, Venita, R., '63
4/03/2015, Makanda, Ill.

TAYLOR, Frank N., '63
4/25/2015, Harrisburg, Ill.

BINKLEY, Dane R., '64, M.S. '70
3/11/2015, Ridge Farm, Ill.

BURY, William J. '64
4/24/2015, Hilton Head Island, S.C.

FIORI, Dan L., '64, M.S. Ed. '70
12/17/2015, West Frankfort, Ill.

JACOBS, Loris C., '64
1/09/2015, Shawnee Mission, Kan.

KIRKPATRICK, Robert J. '64, B.S. '66
2/07/2015, Mount Vernon, Ill.

LORINSKAKAS, Robert A. '64, M.A. '66
4/06/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.

OUTTERSON, Jane A. '64
1/30/2015, Bettendorf, Iowa

BEAVERS, Max B. '65
11/26/2014, Davis, Ill.

GARMON, Robert L., '65
4/02/2015, Memphis, Tenn.

HANNER, William M., '65
3/10/2015, Springfield, Ill.

WEEKS, Billy R., ex. '65
2/18/2015, Marion, Ill.

MAYO, Donald G., '66
4/29/2015, Clay City, Ill.

PALMER, Allen D., '66
4/12/2015, Dubuque, Iowa

PELEATE, Frederick A., '66
2/09/2015, Springfield, Ill.

RALPH, John, '66
1/06/2015, Biloxi, Miss.

REYNOLDS, Jean E., '66, M.S. Ed. '70, Ph.D. '78
7/07/2015, Carterville, Ill.

RISSE, Carolyn S. '66
1/22/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

VANEMAN, Dale L., '66
12/18/2014, Greenview, Ill.

ALMY, David P., '67
2/09/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.

BANDY, Jerry W., '67
1/19/2015, Highland, Ill.

BECKER, Fred H. '67, M.S. '69
3/01/2015, Marion, Ill.

CHIDSEY, Ann B. '67
6/04/2014, Millstadt, Ill.

HAM, Marsha L., '67
2/16/2015, Westerville, Ohio

MCDOWELL, Jerry L., '67
12/15/2014, Olney, Ill.

PRATT, Dorothy A., '67
11/16/2014, Portland, Ore.

THOMPSON, Dallas D., '67
2/05/2015, Fort Collins, Colo.

DELANEY, Robert L., '68
4/25/2015, Madison, Miss.

EDWARDS, Marvin E., '68
4/26/2015, Springfield, Ill.

HAKE, Norman H., M.S. Ed. '68
12/15/2014, Fairview Heights, Ill.

HUTNER, Paul J., '68
6/30/2014, Penfield, N.Y.

KEENE, Russell E., '68
1/07/2015, Collinsville, Ill.

WILSON, Shirley M., '68
3/24/2015, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

CLORE-COATES, Jeraldine M. '69
7/10/2014, Upper Marlboro, Md.

DILLON, John F., '69, Ph.D. '91
12/28/2014, Murray, Ky.

VAN LIEW, Pamela M., '69
12/29/2014, Northlake, Ill.

YATES, Peggy Sue, '69
2/23/2015, Mount Vernon, Ill.

BECKER, Craig R., '70
4/15/2015, Aurora, Colo.

FLAK, Ellen A., '70
1/21/2015, Centennial, Colo.

BINKLEY, Kenneth H., '70
2/17/2015, Winnetka, Ill.

HEARN, Charles W., '70
11/28/2014, Carrier Mills, Ill.

STOTT, Gerald N., M.A. '70, Ph.D. '81
12/07/2014, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

WILLHITE, Stephen A. '70, M.A. '75
12/01/2014, Salem, Ore.

DOUGHERTY, L. D. '71
10/02/2014, Amarillo, Texas

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From left, Carl Lutes, Pamela Pfeffer, Frederick Unverzagt, and Scott Pate enjoy a moment before receiving their 2015 SIU Distinguished Alumni awards at a ceremony at Morris Library's Guyon Auditorium.

SIU Honors Four Distinguished Alumni

by Gene Green

The foursome ranged in age from 88 to 36, and each shared unique stories about their path to success. In April, the Association was once again proud to shine a spotlight on prominent graduates as 2015 SIU Distinguished Alumni Award recipients.

The event honored career achievement, cultural impact, humanitarian efforts, and young alumni achievement. Individuals were selected for the honor they bring to the University through outstanding accomplishments within each award category.

The SIU Distinguished Alumni Award began in 1998, and Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez notes that the accolades not only honors graduates, but also affords key interaction opportunities for current SIU students.

“They get the opportunity to engage with the awardees and see first-hand the value of an SIU education,” she says. “Our award winners are shining examples of what SIU has to offer the world, and they represent the significant accomplishments of our graduates across many fields.”

The 2015 SIU Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are:

**Award for Career Achievement:
Frederick Unverzagt '82, M.A. '86, Ph.D. '91**



Unverzagt is professor of psychiatry at Indiana University School of Medicine where he is training director for the Clinical Neuropsychology Residency. His research and clinical service focuses on assessment of memory loss and cognitive impairment in neurodegenerative disease and breast cancer. He also has developed cognitive assessments for cross-cultural studies in Nigeria, Kenya, Jamaica, and China.

“Many of my memories about SIU revolve around connections I made with faculty and students years ago,” Unverzagt says, “I appreciated that the mindset of training at the SIU Psychology Department was a scientist practitioner approach.”

Unverzagt, who has 150 peer-reviewed publications, has served as president of the Indiana Psychological Association, treasurer for the American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology, and as a board member for the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology.

“I will always be grateful to Southern, and take great pride in being honored with this award,” he says. “It is a special place, and when I was at SIU, the faculty treated their students like colleagues. We were no different, just a little younger.”

Unverzagt and his wife, Karen, live in Indianapolis, Ind.

**Award for Humanitarian Efforts:
Pamela Pfeffer '67**



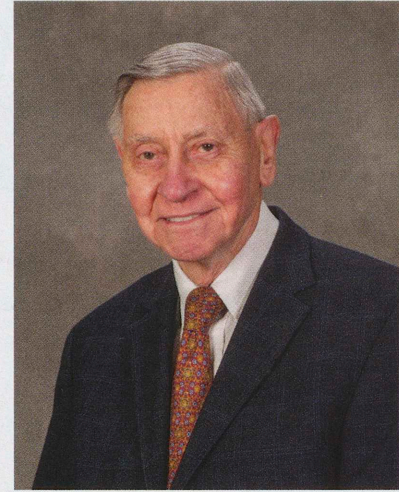
Pfeffer has a deep legacy to Southern, and is proud of that connection. “My roots go deep at SIU,” she says. “I always tell people I was born a Saluki. My grandfather (Lindell Sturgis) was on the Board of Trustees before I was born, and he was instrumental in bringing Delyte Morris to Carbondale to transform SIU into a full-fledged university.”

Pfeffer’s education created a solid foundation for her subsequent success as a math instructor at the University of Tennessee-Nashville and accounting instructor for the American Institute of Banking. Her career in the banking industry began as a lending officer and branch manager at Nashville National Bank.

She began service on the SIU Foundation Board in 1995, was president from 2007-2009, and served on the steering committee for the Opportunity Through Excellence Campaign. Pfeffer also supports numerous University initiatives including taking a leadership role in establishing the “Mike Hanes Marching Saluki Scholarship Endowment,” the University’s only scholarship fund geared to support the Marching Salukis. A former Marching Saluki herself, she encouraged fellow alumni and friends of the group to support the cause which pays tuition for students to participate in the class.

Pfeffer is also active with the Nashville Symphony Association, where she serves as a member of the board and audit committee, and has held many previous positions with the organization. She and her husband, **Phil '65, M.A. '66**, reside in Nashville, Tenn.

**Award for Cultural Impact:
Carl Lutes '48, M.S. '59**



Lutes says SIU has provided him with many great gifts over the years, and that he is thankful for being a graduate. He has spent most of his life in the arts, and has been principal flutist with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the Longines Symphonette. He played concerts throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico as personal flutist with Roberta Peters, the Metropolitan opera star.

When Lutes enrolled at SIU (then SINU), he says World War II was raging and all males were expected to serve in the military. After a year at Southern he joined the Navy and was eventually assigned to the battleship, USS Washington. After the war he returned to SIU to finish his bachelor’s degree, went to Columbia University for a master’s in music, and received additional graduate study at the Paris Conservatory and the Sorbonne, where he earned degrees in flute and French language and culture. While there he became interested in Renaissance art and subsequently formed a modest collection of Renaissance furniture, tapestries, and other works of art.

During his studies at SIU, Lutes was granted a scholarship. In gratitude, he has established endowed scholarships for a deserving student from his home town of Christopher, Ill., and for exceptional students in the fields of music and English.

“It is common knowledge that with age can come the puzzling – and often amusing – thing called a second childhood,” says Lutes, who lives in Carbondale and will turn 89 years old in September. “I am enjoying that now, and this award gives me one more reason to thank SIU for one more gift.”

**Young Alumni Achievement:
Scott Pate '00, M.B.A. '04**



and northern Indiana. Following his graduation from SIU with a bachelor's in marketing, he began his banking career with Old National Bank and served more than eight years in a variety of consumer and commercial banking roles while he earned his master's of business administration.

A former golfer at SIU, he says SIU has always played an important role in his life.

"In addition to earning two degrees from Southern, I fell in love with my wife here," he says. "My parents and sisters are also alumni, so the place is quite important to me. As I look back at what my family and I are able to enjoy, most of it can be attributed back to the time we all spent at the University."

Pate and his wife, **Alicia M.P.A.S. '04**, reside in Spanish Fort, Ala., with their two daughters.

Pate, who currently serves as the Private Wealth Sales Manager, for Regions Bank in Mobile, Ala., works closely with a team of advisors across the South Alabama/Florida Panhandle markets.

Prior to taking on this new role in 2015, Pate served as city president for Regions in both southern Illinois

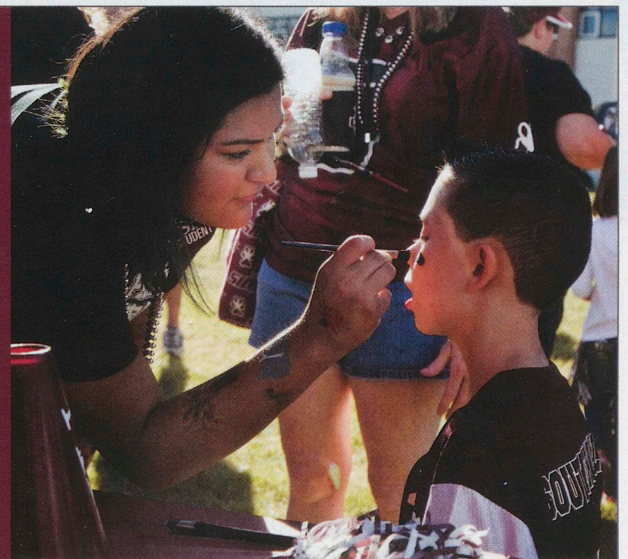
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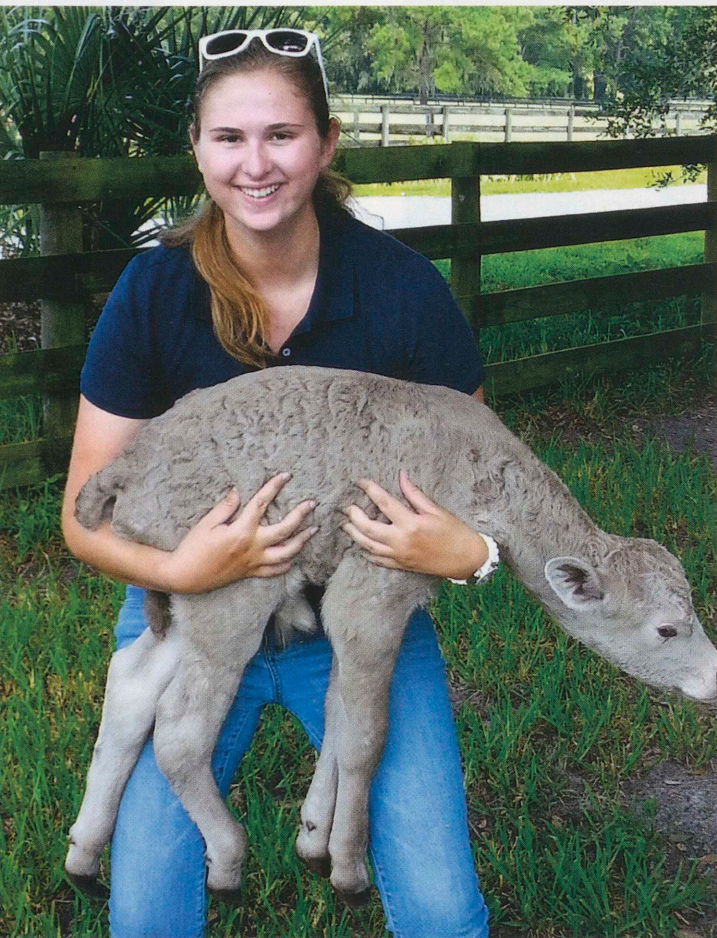
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The Extern Program 'Changes Everything'



Gabrielle Fry gained valuable insight in the veterinarian profession with her Extern experience.

The SIU Alumni Association's Extern Program continues to be a time-honored tradition that has grown and developed at SIU since 1984. The endeavor pairs junior and senior students with businesses in a real world environment, with young Salukis gaining invaluable experience by spending a week – typically over spring break – with a sponsor appropriate to the their chosen profession.

In 2015, nearly 100 students were paired with an equal number of sponsors. One participant says, "It gives us a chance to 'dip our toes in our field of study.'" Another notes that the experience "changes everything."

The Extern Program began as a partnership between the Student Alumni Council and the SIU Alumni Association. Providing many benefits, the program is an opportunity to involve alumni with their alma mater, while creating a unique circumstance for students to intimately observe and learn from people in the field.

The program also develops real-world, outside-the-classroom knowledge and focuses an Extern's career goals and objectives through experience. And finally, the program forges a unique relationship between the SIU Alumni Association and the academic colleges.

"The Extern Program could not exist without the commitment of SIU to student success and the partnership between the SIU Alumni Association and the Colleges," says Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez. "This partnership has existed for more than 30 years, and we appreciate the opportunity to collaborate with various campus representatives to provide this experience for our students."

The Extern Program has received two national awards over the years from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. Since its inception, nearly 4,000 students have served as Externs all across the United States.

For the past two years, Externs were invited to a campus workshop with Brad Karsh, founder and president of JobBound, which prepares students for successful careers. Such events are designed to provide students with a skillset for successful workplace interaction.

Gabrielle Fry, an animal science major who participated in the program at Central Hospital for Animals in Marion, Ill., says, "Connecting with alumni and people in my possible career field was what appealed to me the most." Her Extern experience was to job shadow a veterinarian for a week, and she found that experience beneficial.

"I would recommend the program because it is a great learning experience and you are able to see if this is the career that you want to go into. You are able to get contacts that can serve as future internship or employment opportunities."

Brianna Stodden, a cinema and photography major, was placed with Digital Audio Post in Nashville, Tenn. "My Externship provided me with a valuable and lasting network of industry professionals that have helped me in reaching my career goals," she says. "Every student should participate in an Externship before graduation."

To learn more about the Extern Program, contact Emily Spann at emilys@alumni.siu.edu or call the SIU Alumni Association at 618/453-2408. You may also find out how to become a participant or a sponsor by going to siualumni.com/extern.



Brianna Stodden

2015 Extern Participants/Sponsors

Student	Sponsor	Company	Student	Sponsor	Company
Felix Peralta-Muñoz	Shane Cannon	Advocate Health Care	Joshua Lohmann	Krissy Biggs '01	Kemper CPA Group, LLP
Brittany Bova	Sarah Gitersonke '06	AKA Media Inc	Shaun Patel	Christine Hayward	Legat Architects, Inc.
Mallory Holzhauer	Sarah Gitersonke '06	AKA Media Inc	Jacob Rose	Elizabeth Kutterer '05	Mackey Mitchell Associates
Tiara Smith	Sarah Gitersonke '06	AKA Media Inc	Stephen Tutka	Elizabeth Kutterer '05	Mackey Mitchell Associates
Jhabri Hughes	Jeff Grossberg	Ally Entertainment	Zachary Roberts	Scott Grott '86	Metro
Steven Smith	Gina Eberhart '00	Ameren Illinois	Jerry Simshauser	Dan Sherman '90	Mitsubishi Motors North America
Haitao Zeng	Kyle Tekiela '06	Artimage Entertainment	Daniel Boadu	John Vazquez '85	Mt. Sinai Medical Center
Caroline James	Lori Vogler	Associated Vet Clinic	Audrey Burgener	Andrew Roszak '08	County and City Health Officials
John Bridgman	Macklin Andrik '14	Big Machine Records	Dayna Demro	Jessica Iskrzycki	Nelson
Molly Book	Stacey Barnes	Black Diamond Harley-Davidson	Nicole Gharbawi	Derek Kowalski	Nucor
Amanda Nash	Steven Oliver	BLDD Architects Inc.	Robert Johnson	Derek Kowalski	Nucor
Meagan Rottman	Slade O'Keefe '91	Bluff City Materials, Inc.	Mansor Sufran	Derek Kowalski	Nucor
Nathan Brady	Melissa Fellows '13	Boeing	Erika Walzer	Amy Williams	Orthopedic Institute of So. Illinois and W. Kentucky
Brandon Brushwitz	Melissa Fellows '13	Boeing	Ashley Zissler	Brandi Brown	Pet Wellness Center
Elizabeth Gillespie	Melissa Fellows '13	Boeing	Ibrahim Ababtain	Jeff Priest	Regional Brain and Spine
Nicole Kirby	Melissa Fellows '13	Boeing	Haley Pence	Hilary Machovina '99	Remiger Design
Allan Kremer	Melissa Fellows '13	Boeing	Amie Conway	Steve Falat '87	River Radio Group
Robert Siwek	Melissa Fellows '13	Boeing	Lateesha Baquet	Breanna Johnson	Robbins Community Help Agency, Inc.
Ka Mei Chen	Pete Jansons '89	CareerBuilder	Brittany Tyler	Glen Gdalmann '04	Roedl Landford de Kock
Mason Clark	Pete Jansons '89	CareerBuilder	Kayla Winterton	Sandro Miller	Sandro Film
Melissa Murphy	Pete Jansons '89	CareerBuilder	Xiaomei Pang	Paul Gillham '94	Securities America
Cassidy Bruns	Shannon Larson	Central Animal Hospital	Liyuan Wang	Paul Gillham '94	Securities America
Gabrielle Fry	Shannon Larson	Central Animal Hospital	Nina Moore	Penny Clancy '95	Sentinel Technologies
Julie Spies	Shannon Larson	Central Animal Hospital	Drew Foxx	Stephanie Spence	Sierra Club Illinois Chapter
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Anton, Jackson Receive Sturgis Awards

BY PETE ROSENBERY



Phil Anton, second from left, and John Jackson, second from right, winners of the Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award, are flanked by Board of Trustees Chair Randal Thomas, left, and SIU President Randy Dunn.

From assisting cancer patients in need of rehabilitation to helping people gain perspective into political machinations on the local, state, and federal levels, public and professional service are benchmarks for Southern Illinois University's 2015 Lindell W. Sturgis Award recipients.

The SIU Board of Trustees recently presented the awards to Phil Anton and **John Jackson**. Anton, an associate professor in exercise physiology in the Department of Kinesiology, received the Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award. Jackson, a visiting professor with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, received the Sturgis award for professional achievement.

The annual award, presented by the board since 1980, recognizes SIU Carbondale employees for public service unrelated to their jobs. The award honors

Sturgis, a Metropolis native who served more than 30 years on the SIU Board, including as chair from 1969 until retiring in 1971. He passed away in 1972. The award carries a \$750 cash prize.

Anton came to SIU Carbondale in August 2004. He is widely recognized for his work as a founding contributor and exercise program director with the Southern Illinois Healthcare-SIU Carbondale Strong Survivors Exercise and Nutrition Program for Cancer Survivors and Caregivers. Since its inception in September 2005, the free exercise and nutrition program for cancer survivors and caregivers has assisted more than 420 participants.

He is also a member of the Strong Survivors/SIH Foundation fundraising team; a charter steering committee member of the annual Southern Illinois Men's Health

Conference; organizer and supervisor of the women's and men's health conferences fitness screening staff, and a community representative to the SIH Institutional Review Board. Nationally, he is involved with the Midwest chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine and the American College of Sports Medicine.

His involvement with the American Cancer Society has included serving as the SIU Carbondale chapter advisor for Colleges Against Cancer; the Relay for Life planning committee, and the organization's Southern Illinois chapter leadership board. He also was a charter member of the Healthy Southern 7 Region Coalition.

Bobbi Knapp, an assistant professor in the Department of Kinesiology, wrote in her nomination letter that in meeting people in the "Strong Survivors" program, either as a cancer survivor or as a caregiver, the conversation always turns to Anton and his positive impact on their lives.

Several cancer survivors also wrote about Anton's work, including as a mentor who offers emotional and physical support, and who works tirelessly to make sure they are "accommodated, supported, connected and nurtured."

Anton and his wife, Julie Partridge, an associate professor in sport and exercise psychology, live in Murphysboro. He is "surprised and humbled" to receive the award.

"I had looked at the list of past winners before my nomination was submitted and was pretty sure I didn't even come close to the accomplishments of anyone on that list, so I was a bit shocked when I got the call," he said.

Jackson, well-known nationally and locally for his political insight and work, has held several positions since coming to SIU Carbondale in 1969 as a lecturer. Retired since 2001, he has served the university in a variety of capacities, including interim chancellor, vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, dean of the College of

Liberal Arts, associate dean and acting dean of the graduate school.

In his nomination letter, John Foster, emeritus faculty in the Department of Political Science, wrote that Jackson has more than 20 years as a university administrator, achieved national recognition as a political science scholar, and is “one of the finest classroom instructors on campus.”

Foster and Jackson have collaborated on the summer institutes program since its inception in 1993. The 17th program later this year will bring to 322 the number of people who have participated with a little more than \$3 million in external funding coming to SIU Carbondale.

“A former colleague once told me John was a ‘tower of strength and voice of reason’ on every departmental committee they jointly

served on,” Foster wrote. “Certainly few in our community can match his public service.”

Among his service organization work, Jackson has been a board member of the Alzheimer’s Association of Southern Illinois, the American Red Cross and the Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development.

Jackson is also the author of two recent books, *The Essential Paul Simon*, published by SIU Press in 2012, which is an editing of Simon’s works, and *The American Political Party System: Continuity and Change over 10 Presidential Elections*, published by The Brookings Institute in fall 2014. That book examines how the nation’s government became divided and polarized and the impact on the political system and presidents who are trying to get their

respective agendas adopted.

Jackson was surprised with the nomination, saying he never believed he would receive the honor.

“I’m pleased and honored to receive this outstanding award,” he says. “I am particularly glad to join the ranks of many fine colleagues who have received this award in previous years.”

Simon Institute Director **David Yepsen** says there isn’t a week that goes by without some former student just “dropping by” to visit with Jackson. “The conversations are lengthy and a sign many of our current political and business leaders are still taking advantage of John’s insight and wisdom into the university, the region and politics.”

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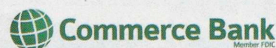
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Flying Salukis Win Second Straight National Title



Prescott Dean



Sean Gipe



Davin Miles

As defending National Intercollegiate Flying Association champions, Prescott Dean, Sean Gipe and the other members of the SIU Flying Salukis understood they were targets.

Their commitment to defending the 2014 title parlayed into a strong team effort this year as the Flying Salukis won a second straight national collegiate aviation championship in late May at Ohio State University. The title is the third in five years and the program's ninth national championship.

The Flying Salukis finished with 430 points and beat the University of North Dakota by 35. Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott, last year's runner-up, was third with 366 points. Twenty-nine teams featuring 343 students and team members competed May 11-16 at OSU Airport in Columbus, Ohio.

Dean, with a degree in aviation management, and Gipe, a senior in aviation technologies, tied for third in the nation in individual scoring. Dean earned an individual title in simulated comprehensive area navigation and scored in seven of the 11 ground and flight events. Gipe, meanwhile, scored in six events, including teaming with Davin Miles to win the message drop title.

For first-year head coach James Libuszowski, winning the title is

a "pretty unbelievable feeling." He served the past two seasons as an assistant coach and credits former coach Nathan Lincoln with establishing "the diligence that the students need and the mentality for what it takes to win a national championship like this."

"We've been able to carry that forward, and it's become so ingrained in the team that even with the leadership change it doesn't affect them too much to get down to business and get the job done," Libuszowski says. "The past few years have been special. Nate put a lot of hard work into what he did and won two national titles. It feels great to come into my first year and win a national title, but what I learned from Nate was invaluable."

Ground events are aircraft preflight inspection, aircraft recognition, computer accuracy, crew resource management, ground trainer simulator, IFR (instrument flight rules) simulator and simulated comprehensive area navigation (SCAN). Flight events are message drop, navigation, power-off landing and short-field approach and landing. The top 20 contestants in each event earn points for their team.

"Historically we've usually relied on our flying events to carry us to top placings and national championships," Libuszowski says. "To win first place in both ground and flight

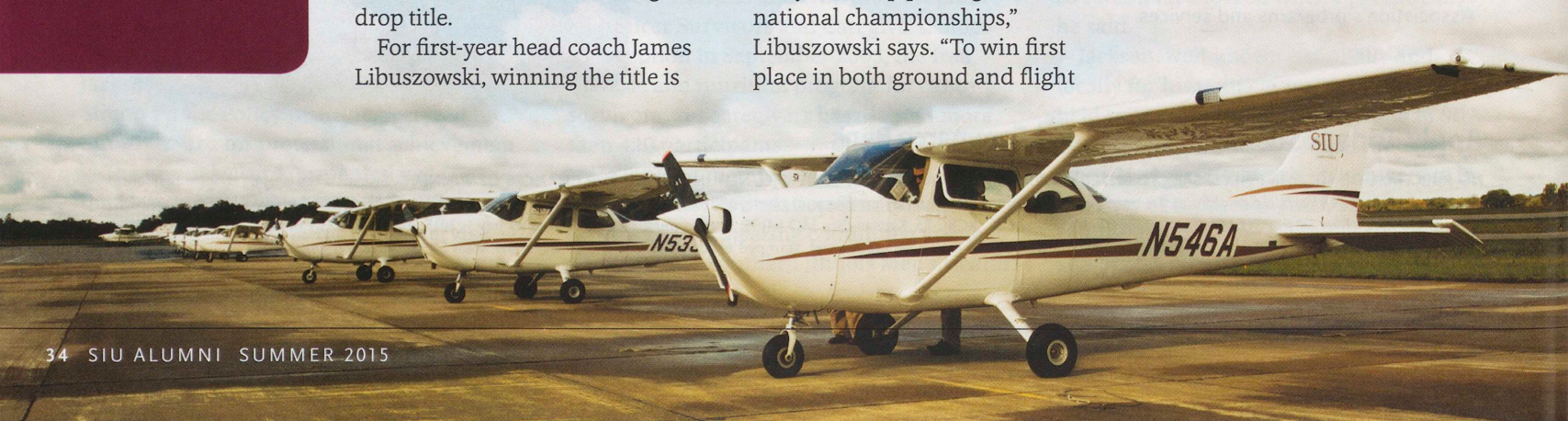
events was a tremendous help and shows we have improved the depth of our team and we can spread the points and safeguard in case inclement weather cancels some flying events."

The Flying Salukis assistant coaches are Kim Carter, a senior lecturer and academic adviser; assistant instructors and former Flying Salukis Michael LeFevre and Stephanie Armstrong; and David Blood, an assistant instructor in aviation management and flight.

John Voges, interim department chair, says that through "incredible dedication, tireless study and endless hours of practice," the team and coaching staff continue to show they are a "force to be reckoned with."

"There is no doubt that this team has taken the quality training they have received from this program and through hard work and discipline, honed their knowledge and skill that set the national standard for aviation excellence," he explains.

"I am pleased that this achievement demonstrates to our university and the collegiate aviation community that this program knows how to create the best aviators in the country year after year, without compromise."





Annual Greater Michigan Dinner Party

More than 40 people gathered in Livonia, Mich., for the 15th annual dinner hosted by the Greater Michigan Chapter. SIU Foundation staff members Jill Gobert and Kevin Lister represented SIU at the event, and Automotive Technology Chairman Mike Behrmann spoke to the group and shared a video presentation on the new Transportation Education Center. Chapter president Kent Wilson organized the event.



Saluki Baseball Fund-raiser

The Prairie Capital Chapter hosted its annual fund-raiser in Springfield for the benefit of the SIU Baseball team. More than 250 alumni and friends attended the event at D H Browns, making it one of the largest gatherings for this event in years. Board member Steve Brown, and chapter leaders Tim McCarthy and Matt Jennings, helped host the evening, as more than \$8,000 was raised for the Saluki baseball program. In the photo, from left: Brown, head coach Ken Henderson, Association board member Ray Serati, assistant coach P.J. Finigan, and McCarthy.

Become An Advocate For SIU

A message to alumni and friends from SIU President Randy Dunn:

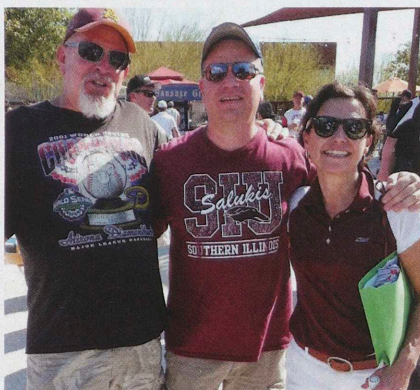
"Never has there been a more important time for our alumni to show their pride and support of our university. As the face of higher education in Illinois and around the country is changing dramatically, we want to be able to keep you up-to-date on important topics as well as give you a chance to join with other alumni so your voice can be heard on issues we all share."

"In the coming months, you'll be hearing more about these opportunities. In the meantime, if you'd like more information on our activities at the state and national level and how governmental decisions are impacting the university, please email the SIU Alumni Association, or go to our website at siumatters.com."

What can you do?

- Go to the website and more about the impact of potential budget cuts and read responses to frequently asked questions.
- Sign a petition in support of funding for SIU.
- Sign up to receive updates on the budget conversation.
- Tell us why SIU matters to you: download a sign, fill it out, take a picture, and share it via #siumatters.

We welcome your support, your action, and your commitment to telling others how SIU matters.



Phoenix Spring Training Game

The annual SIU alumni event in the Phoenix area featured Salukis enjoying a Cubs-White Sox spring training battle in March. Chapter leader Danny Griffin assisted with the event attended by more than 20 alumni, which also included an optional postgame gathering on the patio at the nearby Native Grill & Wings. From left, Rob Gudgeon, Scott Manicki, and Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez enjoy the festivities.



An Evening With The RoughRiders

More than 30 alumni and friends in the Dallas area enjoyed a May baseball game between the Frisco RoughRiders and the Corpus Christie Hooks. Guests enjoyed an all-you-can-eat buffet and drinks on the Dr. Pepper Patio. Dallas/Fort Worth Chapter leader JoAnn Paulek helped host the event, which was also attended by Association board member Paul Piche. The visiting team had a Saluki on the field, as the Hooks' hitting coach is former SIU standout Dan Radison.



MVC Tournament

Salukis young and old gathered in St. Louis in March to cheer on the SIU men's basketball team. SIU upset Missouri State 55-48 in the opener, before being eliminated by top seed Wichita State 56-45. Alumni and friends ushered the team members to their bus each game, and head coach Barry Hinson addressed the Saluki crowd in the lobby of the Hilton following the win over the Bears. In the photo, SIU Interim Athletics Director Harold Bardo presents Mary Keel with the hospitality suite door prize, a basketball signed by Hinson.

CONTACT A CHAPTER OR A CLUB

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.

SIU Students Thank Donors

The SIU Foundation and the Student Alumni Council of the SIU Alumni Association participated in the third annual Student Engagement and Philanthropy Month, with a day of thanks celebrated on Feb. 26.

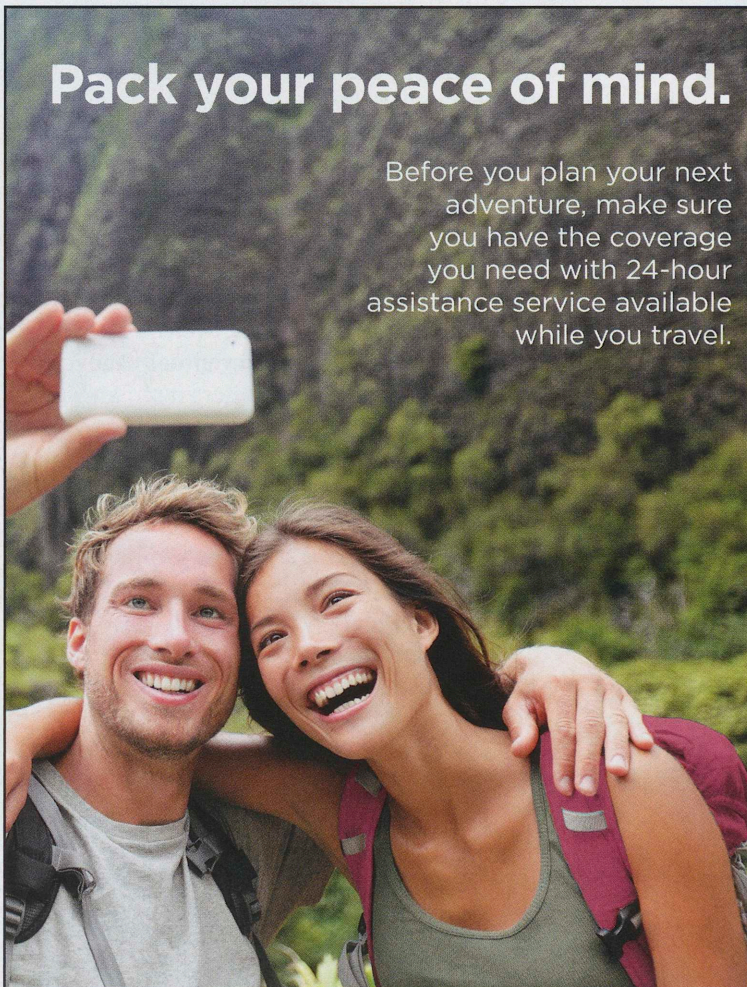
Students were invited to visit three locations on campus and write a brief thank you note to donors who have given to SIU. More than 24,000 alumni and friends donated to the University in 2014.

Student Engagement and Philanthropy Month, organized by the Council For Advancement and Support of Education, is “designed to increase student understanding of philanthropy and grow engagement on campuses.” SIU joined more than 100 educational institutions worldwide to participate in the event. Almost 600 postcards were completed by students at SIU this year.



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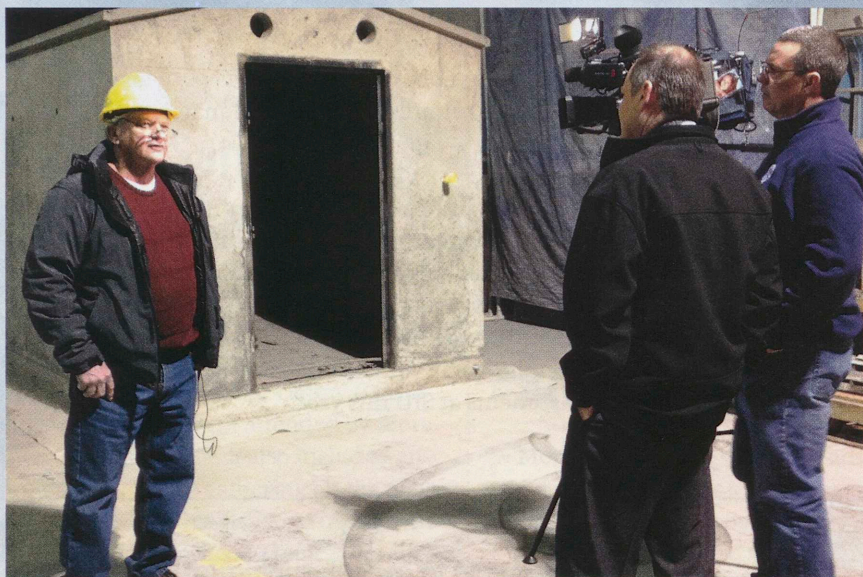
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Shelter From The Storm



Neighbors, children, and curious on-lookers gather to see what has come. They marvel at the efficiency as one person installs “it.” The item is a Safe Shed, a twelve-ton storm shelter that saves lives, which is designed and manufactured in Salem, Ill., by **Don Guymon '74**.

Safe Sheds Inc. was founded in 2002 after Guymon, and his wife Betty, viewed the devastation of a tornado that had passed through nearby Centralia. He took on the challenge to design a storm shelter that was affordable, attractive, easy to install, and also served as a storage shed. Consulting with wind engineers from Texas Tech University and the National Storm Shelter Association, the resultant design was compliant with the requirements for safe rooms and storm shelters as detailed in the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) publication, *Taking Shelter from the Storm: Building a Safe Room for Your Home or Small Business*.

Guymon’s sheds are designed to withstand the effects of a 250 mph wind, an EF5 tornado. He originally began production of the storm shelters on his farm near Kinmundy, twelve miles northeast of Salem, but he eventually moved the manufacturing to Salem, where it remains today.

Safe Sheds are composed of a reinforced steel framework around which is poured concrete. The structures are built in two sizes, 6’ x 6’ and 8’ x 10’. The larger size is by far more popular with consumers, and in military applications as many 50 soldiers have been squeezed into an 8’ x 10’ structure.

The shelters have been installed in more than 20 states, and more than 900 units have been placed on military bases including Fort Sill (Oklahoma), Fort Leonard Wood (Missouri),



Top photo: Don Guymon being interviewed by a St. Louis television station crew.
Bottom: A Safe Shed in the process of being installed.

and Guantanamo Bay (Cuba). According to Michelle Barbee '89, head of marketing and finance for the business, "When a Safe Sheds truck pulls up to a delivery location, we always cause a stir and have customers and neighbors overseeing the installation with cameras and video recorders. The delivery equipment is unique, and it's a very impressive process that allows one man to unload and install a 24,000 pound storm shelter in someone's yard or on their business property."

Guymon's degree from Southern is in agricultural sciences, and though he has no formal training in engineering, his designs have proven beneficial for the business. Barbee says, "All of the installation equipment and equipment used to move the shelters around the manufacturing floor were customer designed and built by Don. He has also designed and built the

concrete forms that are used to pour the concrete storm shelters. Given a piece of paper, a pencil, and enough free time to work it out, there isn't much he can't design and then build."

When the business began in 2002 on Guymon's farm there were few employees, and he did the delivery and installation himself. Today the business has income of more than \$1.5 million per year, and sales have steadily increased over the past 13 years. Safe Sheds employs 16 people, including two delivery and installation drivers. The company recently was selected as the Salem Business of the Year by the Greater Salem Area Foundation and the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Guymon underscores the modest lifestyle of his student days at Southern by recalling, "When I started at SIU in 1962, I didn't have money to socialize or eat out much. At

that time, it was a big deal to have enough money to walk to McDonald's and have a 15 cent hamburger. When I returned in the early '70s to finish my degree, I was commuting from Salem to Carbondale."

Guymon soon recognized the advantages of membership in the SIU Alumni Association. "One of the best things I did immediately after I graduated was become a lifetime member of the Association," he says. "I did it largely because it gave me a library card for Morris Library that I could use forever. Trips back to Carbondale, for years, involved either a performance at Shryock Auditorium or a stroll to the library to look up information and borrow books I couldn't access any other way.

"It was always good to take my children along on those trips, too, and it paid off. Both my daughter and son graduated from SIU."



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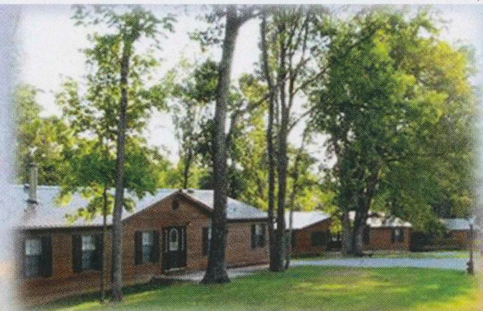
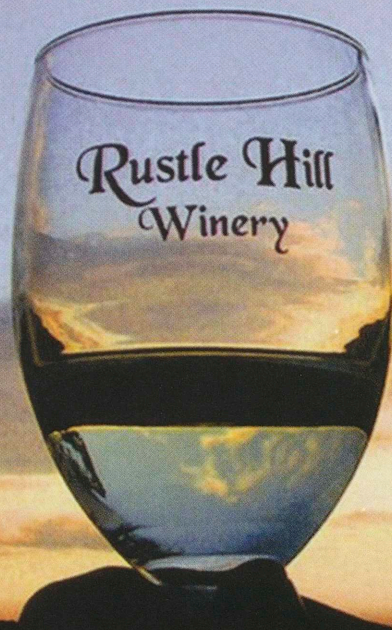
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STEWART, Jerry, '83
3/09/2015, Zion, Ill.

BELL, Eugene E., '84
1/11/2015, El Toro, Calif.

MURPHY, Richard D., '84
3/29/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

SLACK, David H., '84
10/06/2014, Camden, Wyo.

EDINGER, William R., '85
3/29/2015, Belleville, Ill.

FRANK, Robert J., '85, M.A. '89
11/10/2014, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

HARRIS, Philip, '86
1/21/2015, Longmont, Colo.

TRAJANO, Carlito B., '86
12/02/2015, San Diego, Calif.

MAGALDI, Anthony J., '87
11/30/2014, Hampton, Va.

DODD, Terry L., '88
4/07/2015, Albuquerque, N.M.

GUTZLER, Gerald M., '88
1/02/2015, Nashville, Ill.

HARTLIEB, Wendy J., '88
4/23/2015, Highland, Ill.

HOOPES, Andrea L., '88
4/21/2015, Summerfield, Ill.

WELLMAKER, Alex G., '88
2/09/2015, Mount Vernon, Ill.

HELLMER, Michael R., '89, M.S. '91
2/07/2015, Mahomet, Ill.

HILEMAN, Thomas W., '89
4/07/2015, Bloomington, Ill.

KNOWLES, Lawrence J., Ph.D. '89
3/23/2015, Temple Hills, Md.

MERCER, Shirley J., '89
12/14/2015, Cadillac, Mich.

SMITH, Michael D., '89
2/08/2015, Valdosta, Ga.

TAYLOR, Stephen W., '89
3/14/2015, Kansas City, Mo.

DURHAM, Judith A., '90, M.S.W. '91
4/06/2015, Benton, Ill.

GROSS, Barbara S., '90
12/01/2014, Chester, Ill.

NAWOJSKI, Robert A., '90
9/28/2014, The Woodlawn, Texas

ZARA, Jeffrey W., '90
11/10/2014, San Diego, Calif.

ASENDORF, Karl W., '91
10/01/2014, Belen, N.M.

BUCKLEY, Laura D., M.S. '91, M.S.W. '97
1/25/2015, Jonesboro, Ill.

ELLIOTT, Ronald L., '91
4/11/2015, Chula Vista, Calif.

SCOTT, William, '91
1/01/2015, Albuquerque, N.M.

SELVIDGE, Daniel V., '91
1/05/2015, Loudon, Tenn.

STUCKEY, Kent A., '91
3/04/2015, Canton, Ill.

EASLEY, Jeremy K., '92
8/08/2014, Hopkinsville, Ky.

LARNER, Daniel B., '93
2/01/2015, Maryville, Ill.

BYERS, Irene M., '94
3/31/2015, Hoschton, Ga.

DARBY, Russell G., '94
1/14/2015, Marion, Ill.

HARRIS, Claudette L., '94
4/13/2015, Carterville, Ill.

WIECZOREK, John A., '95
3/16/2015, Camden Wyoming, Del.

CROSWELL, Jeffrey K., '96
12/17/2015, Huntley, Ill.

NICKERSON, Christopher E., '96, M.S. Ed. '99
2/16/2015, Waverly, Iowa

BALK, Gregory J., '97, M.S. '03
12/30/2014, Denver, N.C.

BOLDEN, Keshia E., '97
12/03/2015, Atlanta, Ga.

NAPIER, Arvin N., Ph.D. '97
4/03/2015, Charleston, Mo.

CHRISTIAN, Deane S., '98
4/15/2015, West Frankfort, Ill.

THOMPSON, Linda J., '98
4/03/2015, West Paducah, Ky.

MEJER, Jason D., M.F.A. '99
12/03/2014, Quincy, Ill.

ATKINS, Peter L., '02
1/26/2015, Yorktown, Va.

DOESECKLE, Matthew P., '04
12/23/2015, Aurora, Ill.

SCHUMACHER, Scott B., '04
2/25/2015, Trevor, Wisc.

JENKINS, Edward, '05
10/11/2014, Charleston, S.C.

MAY, John M., '11
4/20/2015, Kiowa, Colo.

RICK, Aaron M., '11
11/24/2014, Ottawa, Ill.

BLAISE, Amy S., '13
1/30/2015, Marion, Ill.

EDWARDS, Jacqueline D., '13
3/01/2015, Anna, Ill.

GRAHAM, Robert M.
1/26/2015, Chicago Ridge, Ill.

PERRY, Karen
12/05/2014, Collinsville, Ill.

Faculty/Staff

COLEMAN, Deon R., '08
Civil Service, Associate
Information Technology
12/05/2014, Carterville, Ill.

CRABINE, William E.
Emeritus, Mechanic Refrigeration
Physical Plant
11/29/2014, Murphysboro, Ill.

DIBBLE, Elizabeth J., J.D. '83
Lecturer - Paralegal Studies
School of Law
3/02/2015, Freeburg, Ill.

EVANS, Janice M.
Emerita, Office Manager
Theater
3/24/2015, Las Vegas, Nev.

FLOM, Richard W.
Emeritus, Maintenance
University Housing
3/18/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

FLYNT, Sandra K.
Civil Service, Associate Medical Office
Student Health Center
4/09/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

MARTEN, Michael E.
Emeritus, Plumber
Physical Plant
1/28/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.

MERRIMAN, Patricia M.
Civil Service, Office Support Associate
Capital Planning & Service Operations
12/04/2014, Springfield, Ill.

O'BRIEN, Meghan C., '04, M.S. Ed. '06, M.A.T. '10
Instructor
Kinesiology
3/01/2015, Huntley, Ill.

PARKER, George D.
Emeritus, Associate Professor
Mathematics
2/01/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

PAYNE, Belvia P.
Visiting Asst. Professor
ASA Off-Campus Academic Programs
2/09/2015, Augusta, Ga.

PHILLIPS, Edwin D., M.S. '96, Ph.D. '00
Emeritus, Visiting Asst. Professor
Aviation Management and Flight
4/04/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.

SCHAFER, Patricia A.
Civil Service, Office Manager
School of Medicine
3/31/2015, Petersburg, Ill.

SMITH, Douglas C.
Emeritus, Professor
Department of Psychology
1/22/2015, Carbondale, Ill.



A Life In Photos – Remembering Rip Stokes

BY GENE GREEN



Stokes serving his country in the U.S. Army Air Force in the 1940s.

An iconic Saluki left us in February, when legendary campus photographer Robert “Rip” Stokes, passed away at the age of 89.

Long before Stokes chronicled Southern’s history frame-by-frame, he served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force. As his obituary noted, he first saw SIU (then SINU) when he was assigned to the Air Corps training classes on campus. Eventually he was sent to England as an 8th Army Air Force tail gunner on a B-17, flying missions over France, Germany, and central Europe.

Stokes first became interested in photography during the war, and upon returning to his hometown of Anna, Ill., he worked for – and was taught by – his mentor, C. William “Doc” Horrell, who owned a local photography studio. In 1951, Stokes and his wife, Gloria, moved to Carbondale where he and Horrell soon set up the SIU Photographic Services.

For 32 years Stokes served as this university’s photographer, and later became the director of Photographic Services. Long before the advent of digital photography,

he lugged around cumbersome camera equipment with often only one chance to capture the shot he wanted. The result was a career recording history at SIU and southern Illinois via thousands of memorable pictures taken before he retired in the early 1980s.

Stokes initiated a simple numbering system for the archive of the Photographic Services, and by the end of his career more than 35,000 assignments had been logged. It was the aforementioned digital age that prompted his eventual departure from the medium. "It's like kissing your sister," he gruffly explained.

Concern for the safety and the integrity of the Photographic Services archive brought the collection to Morris Library in 2009. More than one million images – taken between 1948 and the late 1990s – comprise the collection. It documents and promotes the dramatic growth of SIU under the auspices of President Delyte Morris. Stokes fondly recalls that Morris treated him like a "pet dog," underscoring the fact that the SIU leader understood the power and persuasion of visual media.

In addition to Horrell and Stokes, other photographers that contributed

to this collection were Bernie Weithorn, Jack Holderfield, Ken Anderson, and innumerable student photographers. Frequently, photographs were created as an assignment to accompany a university press release or news story.

As Stokes told Gordon Pruett four years ago in a *Cornerstone* feature, "I was fortunate to do what I wanted to do, where I wanted to do it." Probably his most famous photograph graced the pages of *Life* magazine in December 1956, when a Boston bull terrier escaped its leash and latched onto the end of trumpet that belonged to a member of the Marching Salukis. He also recounted that three separate photos of his made the front page of the *Chicago Daily News* within the same calendar year.

Over the past few years, Stokes would usually call me after the alumni magazine arrived in his mailbox, and always had comments to share. He was never more proud than when we would select one of his historical images to help illustrate a story.

Evidently pleased with what I was doing, Stokes afforded me a great compliment eight years ago when said he wanted to become a life member of the SIU Alumni

Association – at the age of 81! I told him he could instead opt for a yearly membership, but he quickly cut me off on explaining that plan. "Nope – going to do the life membership – so I guess I better do it now."

During one of our many calls, I asked him if he would be interested in working with me on a feature story for the magazine. I wanted to do something called "Rip's Top 10," where he would select his 10 favorite photographs and talk about them. He hesitated for almost a minute, and then said he wasn't interested.

"I'm not sure I could pick 10 photos from all the stuff I took all those years," he explained. "Gene, how about you just keep using my material when it fits with what you are doing in the magazine – I'm real happy with that."

I told him I understood, and that I looked forward to chatting with him again soon.

I already miss those calls.

(Stokes is survived by his wife, five children, nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Robert "Rip" Stokes Photography Scholarship Fund at SIU Foundation, Colyer Hall, 1235 Douglas Drive, Mailcode 6805, Carbondale, IL 62901.)



A coed shows off a new Saluki flag. The relaxed expression of the subject and sharp detail of this image were indicative of a Stokes' photograph.



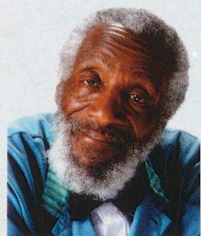
In what was arguably his most famous sports photograph, Stokes snapped Saluki standouts Ralph Johnson and Walt Frazier holding the 1967 NIT championship trophy on the Madison Square Garden floor.



The former SIU photographer admires the image which graced the pages of *Life* magazine in 1956. A terrier escaped its leash and latched onto the end of trumpet that belonged to a member of the Marching Salukis, and Stokes captured the moment.

1950's

DICK GREGORY '56, HON. PH.D. '87 was honored with the 2,542nd star on the Hollywood

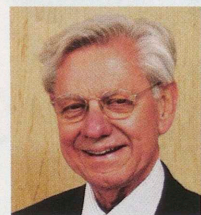


Walk of Fame in February. The star in the category of Live Theatre/Performance was dedicated at 1650 Vine

Street near Hollywood & Vine. Gregory is a comedian, civil rights activist, author, recording artist, actor, philosopher and antidrug crusader. He began his career as a comedian while serving in the military in the mid-1950s. Gregory attributes the launch of his career to Hugh Hefner, who watched him perform and then hired him to work at the Chicago Playboy Club as a replacement for comedian Professor Irwin Corey. By 1962, Gregory had become a nationally known headline performer, selling out nightclubs, making numerous national television appearances, and recording popular comedy albums.

1960's

ALLAN HODGES '62 retired last year as lead planner at Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB) in Boston,



completing a 34-year long career with the global planning and engineering firm. Hodges

was the Environmental Document Manager for the \$14.5 billion Central Artery/Tunnel (called the Big Dig) in Boston, the largest and most costly public works project in the United States at the time. Most recently, he completed land use impact studies for the proposed

47-mile-long Illiana Expressway south of Chicago and the I-375 project in downtown Detroit. He and his wife, Carol (a culinary nutritionist and real estate broker), live in Boston and spend time at their condo in Newport, R.I.

LONDON BRANCH '60, M.M.ED. '66, PH.D. '76



was recently recognized at the Friendship Baptist Church in Jackson, Miss., when musical tributes were paid to him. "We share knowledge. I don't know it all. I just know what I know, and I share that with other people," says Branch as musicians and church bands serenaded the man of the hour. The Chicago native began teaching at Jackson State University in 1984 and is credited with building its symphony orchestra. The jazz bassist performed for 25 years with the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra and was the first African-American to be guest conductor with the Mississippi All-State Orchestra in 1984.

A ruptured appendix at age 11 set **JUDY SMITHSON** M.S. '67 apart from her classmates. Her

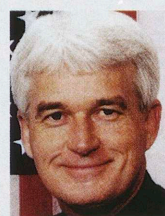


long recovery made her more aware of a classmate using crutches and another needing a wheelchair. These observations instilled in her a passion to help people with disabilities. The chance to observe students with disabilities in the classroom while completing her

degree at Southern prepared her for a faculty position at Illinois State.

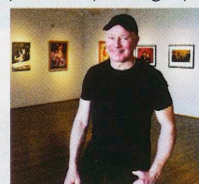
1970's

Danville Area Community College has named Vermilion County Sheriff **PAT HARTSHORN** '73 a distinguished alumnus.



According to the Danville native and longtime sheriff, he wanted a career in law enforcement and a degree beyond high school. The longest-serving sheriff in Vermilion County history, he has been re-elected six times and is in his 42nd year with the department.

BOB CAMPBELL '76 recently exhibited a retrospective of his 40 years in photography at the Laura A. Sprague Art Gallery at Joliet Junior College. Campbell says he was the featured artist at Presence Saint Joseph Hospital in Joliet with "The Story Behind the Picture," a showcase of his 12 favorite shots from years 2000 to 2012.



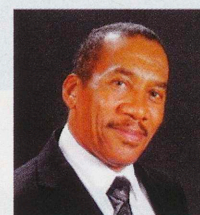
Recently **CAROLYN HARDY OLSEN** M.S. '76 became the 45th inductee and first woman to be entered into the University of Wyoming Hall of Fame for 2014 for the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Her first job after graduation from the University of Wyoming in 1963 was with the City of Los Angeles, where she was the only woman civil engineer working on public works projects, such as streets, sewers and storm drains. She retired in 2000 to Bend, Ore.,

where she lives with her husband and travels extensively.

An exhibit by **ROBIN BECKER** M.F.A. '77, "Afar," appeared in March in Paso Robles, Calif. Becker combines her passion for photography, architecture, portraits, and fibers/textiles that has evolved into a large series of photo mixed-media paintings. She has exhibited her work internationally and nationally, including the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC.

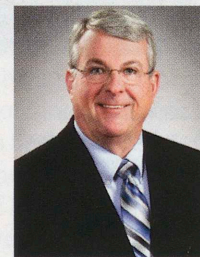
1980's

The Department of Adult and Career Education at Valdosta State University hosted **HALDEN MORRIS** '81 M.S. '82, PH.D.



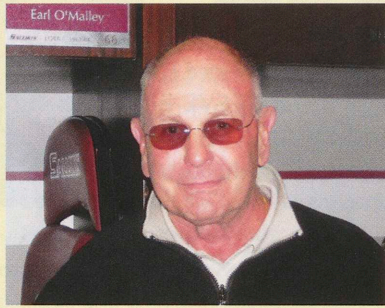
'87 during the spring 2015 semester. Morris is a member of the faculty of humanities and education in the School of Education at the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica. His doctorate is in occupational education, and his areas of academic specialization include technical and vocational education and training and technology education.

KIRK SCOTT '83, a longtime marketing professional with Grande Cheese Company, has joined the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board as its new director of retail programs.



O'Malley Named To Hospital Board

EARL O'MALLEY '66, M.S. '67 has been named to the Foundation Board of Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital in



Wheaton, Ill. Marianjoy is a recognized leader in providing exceptional, progressive, and compassionate rehabilitative care for adults and children.

A native of Fairfield, Ill., he was a member of the Saluki football team from

1961 to 64, and an assistant coordinator at Touch of Nature. He was an assistant to the director of admissions at SIU and Northern Illinois University before being recruited to Oak Park and River Forest High School. There he developed and implemented the first program of Rehab Adapted Physical Education in the state of Illinois. Although retired, the SIU Alumni Association life member serves his community of Indian Head Park, Ill., as a planning and zoning commissioner and volunteer coach for the boy's track and field team at Lyons Township High School.

Previously he served on the Westlake Community Hospital Sports Medicine Council, the Graduate Program Advisory Council of Concordia University in River Forest, Ill., the SIU Chicagoland Advisory Board, and the Friends of Saluki Football Alumni for fundraising during construction of the new Saluki Football Stadium. He also serves as a co-pilot for Mercy Flights to Cincinnati Shrine Hospital for Burn Children.

Scott will be responsible for managing and implementing WMMB's retail cheese and dairy efforts. He worked for Grande Cheese at its Lomira location for 25 years. He has also held roles in marketing and brand management at Kraft Foods, Rayovac, Careerbuilder.com, and The Mark Travel Corporation.

SCOTT LEWIS M.A. '84

has written *Boundless Life: A Biography of Andrew Joseph*



Armstrong. As chairman of Baylor University's English Department for 40 years, Armstrong

influenced thousands of students. Lewis lives in London where he has served as president of the Browning Society.

The 37th Annual Big Muddy Film Festival on Southern's campus screened *Prison Terminal: the Last Days of Private Jack Hall* directed by **EDGAR BARENS '86, M.F.A. '93**. The film had received a 2014 Oscar nomination in the short subject category.

The focus of the film is the final days of a terminally ill prisoner who is cared for by fellow inmates who serve as hospice volunteers. As a student



in the Cinema and Photography Department in the early 1980s, Barends worked as a volunteer for the festival.

The Illinois Park & Recreation Association has installed **RICK HANETHO '86** as its 2015 chairman of the Board. Hanetho has more than 29 years of experience in the parks and recreation industry. He has served



as the executive director of the Northbrook Park District since April 2008. He currently lives in Schaumburg with his wife and three children.

DEBBIE JAMES '87 was highlighted in the Nashville Business Journal, as she was



recently named CEO of Vivere Health, headquartered in Franklin, Tenn. Vivere

Health is a leader in the nation for building and managing multispecialty ambulatory surgery centers for comprehensive reproductive health and beyond.

The Minnesota chapter of the Public Relations Society of America has announced its leadership for 2015, and the new secretary is **EVA KEISER '89**. The Minnesota PRSA is comprised of more than 400 corporate, agency, independent, non-profit and government public relations professionals from Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Western Wisconsin.

1990's

St. Louis-based Brown Shoe Co. has named **KENNETH HANNAH '90** as its new chief financial officer. Hannah previously was CFO of JC Penney and served in several executive positions in St. Louis including with Sun Edison, Solar Energy and Solar Materials. Hannah will be responsible for the company's finance, accounting, treasury, external reporting, tax, real estate and investor relations functions.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Alaska District has selected **DAVID HOBBIIE '90** as the



new chief of its Regulatory Division. Hobbie provides oversight of the Corps' second

largest regulatory division in the nation with responsibility for all permitting activities in Alaska. Previously, he served as the deputy district engineer for programs and project management at the Jacksonville (Fla.) District.

STEPHANIE POSEY '90 M.S.

'02 has accepted the position as principal of one of the largest



high schools in Illinois—Naperville North High School, which has about 3,000 students. She was

previously principal at Belleville East High School. She has worked in education for 23 years.

JEFF BALL '91, a senior vice president and infrastructure market principal with Hanson

Professional Services Inc. in Springfield, has received the Outstanding Engineer of the Year Award from the Capital Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers. He joined Hanson in 1991, and as market principal, he develops and implements programs to achieve profitable growth, oversees staff, and develops relationships with clients. An active member of ISPE, he was president of the chapter in 2000 and was named the organization's Young Engineer of the Year in 1999 and Outstanding Chapter Member in 2006.



WILLIAM "WILLIE" HEY PH.D. '91 has been chosen as "Sport Professional of the Year" by Southern District SHAPE (Society of Health and Physical Educators) America. This award honors outstanding leaders in the professional domain of sport. Hey has almost 30 years of higher education experience and has taught many undergraduate and graduate courses. Currently, Hey is the graduate coordinator of the Sport Media & Branding concentration within the School of Kinesiology, Recreation & Sport at Western Kentucky University.

Former Carbondale Mayor **BRAD COLE '94, M.L.S. '06** has been appointed to serve as the



new executive director of the Illinois Municipal League. Cole was unanimously selected following a

nationwide search. "Brad Cole was selected from an impressive list of candidates to assume the role of executive director of the Illinois Municipal League," says IML President, Mayor Jerry Daugherty of Mascoutah. "He brings to us a diverse set of skills that will enhance the league's capability of facing the challenges of the future. His past experiences as mayor of Carbondale and several years of serving on the IML Board of Directors provide him with a unique insight into the IML's role to educate, advocate, and empower." Cole leaves a position as senior vice president of Pepsi MidAmerica.

JERRY OKSAS '96 has been inducted into the Kaneland (Ill.) High School Athletic Hall of Fame for his achievements in the pole vault. Oksas was raised in a Maple Park family of pole vaulters before placing third in the state in 1989 and then winning the boys' state title in 1990. He is the co-owner of Tailwind outdoor furniture manufacturers in Maple Park, Ill.

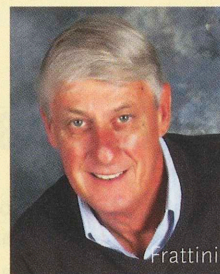
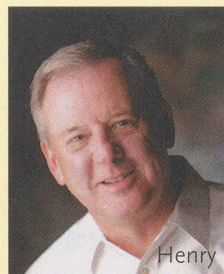
KYLE PILLER '96 has been awarded a \$607,800 grant by the National Science Foundation. He



is a professor and curator of vertebrates in the Department of Biological Sciences at

Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La. Fishing on the shores of Lake Mendota (Ill.) as a child, Piller never imagined he would one day lead research expeditions to study fish in places such as Guatemala, Mexico and Costa Rica. With the research grant, the SIU graduate will be

A Tale of Two Cities



The April 2015 elections saw two SIU alumni gaining the office of mayor in two southern Illinois communities, and the two men seem to have some

notable similarities. In Carbondale the voters elected **JOHN "MIKE" HENRY '72** to lead that city, and in Herrin, **STEVE FRATTINI '72** was chosen over two other candidates.

Both men are May 1972 graduates of Southern Illinois University Carbondale – Henry was an engineering major, while Frattini majored in recreation. Both cited their private sector business experience as a qualifying factor for holding office. Henry has owned and operated Henry Printing in Carbondale for the past 42 years, and Frattini has worked for the Southern Illinois Tourism Council and most recently Fazoli's Restaurant in Carbondale.

Henry says, "I ran on a common sense business approach to city government," while Frattini says, "We're at that point we have to manage the city like a private sector corporation."

able to focus on splitfins, which he said have not been adequately studied. "The lack of a robust family tree has impeded both basic and applied research on the splitfins," he explains.

ALEX BELCHER '98 is the 2014 Illinois State Auctioneer Champion. He is also the 2011 Missouri State Auctioneer Champion, the 2008 International Ringman Champion, and was the first Illinois State Ringman Champion in 2007. Belcher is the owner of Joe Ollis Auction Service, based in Buncombe, Ill.

ALEC MESSINA J.D. '98 is the executive director of the Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group ("IERG"), a non-profit trade association. Prior to returning to IERG in October of 2010, where he initially served as its general counsel from 2001-2005, Messina served as the Chief Legal Counsel for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, a position he took in August 2005.

Barry-Wehmiller Cos. has promoted **WILLIAM KUHN**

'99 to vice president of finance. Kuhn, a certified public accountant, brings more than 14 years of experience to his new position. Most recently he was the company's director of financial reporting. He will oversee the company's finance organization and have responsibility for its financial management, planning, and operations.



2000's

PHOEBE BOWERS J.D. '03 has been sworn in as an associate judge of the 6th Judicial Circuit in Illinois. Bowers recently served a term as president of the Decatur Bar Association. She is a member of the board of directors of Baby TALK, a non-profit child-development organization.

GRANT HAMMER '05 has been named director of Constituent Affairs for the state of Illinois. Hammer has a diverse



background grounded in public affairs and state government. He has worked in a number of public and

private endeavors over the past decade, from serving under state legislators and constitutional offices to working on political campaigns, in state government, and for state associations.

The law firm of Heyl Royster in Edwardsville, Ill., has announced that **SARA INGRAM J.D. '06**



has become a partner. Ingram joined the firm in 2006. She focuses her practice in the area of general tort litigation, with a particular interest in the defense of asbestos claims, healthcare matters, and professional liability cases.

CHAD MILLER '05 J.D. '09 has been appointed as state's attorney for Jasper County, Ill.



Miller is originally from Richland County, however,

he, his wife, Jaclyn, and their two children Lincoln and Josephine, are planning to permanently reside in Newton, and he will be a candidate in 2016 for state's attorney. Miller comes from a family of educators, but his main aspiration has always been the law.

LORI JAMES-GROSS PH.D. '06 of Carbondale's Unity Point School District 140, has been named an Illinois Superintendent

of Distinction. Selected by her peers from about 50 southern Illinois superintendents, James-Gross joins 20 other superintendents from throughout the state in receiving the honor.

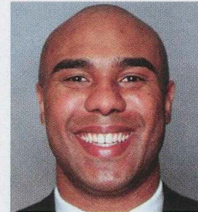
LANCE TROVER '01, J.D. '06 has been named as communications director for Gov.



Bruce Rauner's administration. Previously, he served as senior communications adviser for Citizens

for Rauner Inc. A former communications director for U.S. Senator Mark Kirk, he supervised media relations with local and national press during Kirk's successful return to Congress following a debilitating stroke. In 2012, Trover served as deputy communications director for the National Republican Senatorial Committee. He also directed communications for Kirk for Senate and the Illinois Republican Party. Trover has also been appointed to the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute Board of Counselors at Southern. A native of Vienna, Ill., Trover currently resides in Chicago.

MARLON HEASTON '07 has been named principal of Kenwood Middle School in Clarksville, Tenn.



Heaston served as assistant principal at Northwest High School in

2013. Previously, he was a math educator in Covington, Tenn. While at Southern, Heaston lettered in football.

KEVIN CURRY M.F.A. '08 has been awarded a Chilkoot Trail Artist Residency. Curry is an assistant teaching professor at Florida State University, where he teaches digital foundations, sculpture and public art, and architectural art courses. He is one of three artists who were chosen for the program from a field of 108 applicants. His artwork can be viewed at www.kcurry.com.

2010's

DATHAN BLACK '10 has been named the Department of Defense Fire Service Instructor of the Year for the Atlantic region. Black's job responsibilities includes all the training that is fire related, hazardous material, aircraft



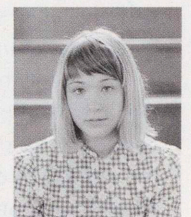
firefighting and rescue, technical rescue and emergency medical

services. He is also in charge of the logistics division, namely supplies and budget.

JASON COX J.D. '12 has joined the firm of Hackworth, Ferguson, and Thompson in Piedmont, Mo. Cox is a native of Madison County, Mo., and while in law school, worked with the Public Defender's Office in Jackson County, Ill., and the State's Attorney's Office in Union County, Ill.

Recently **PETER MAKIRIYADO PH.D. '12** was featured in the *Southern Illinoisan* for his ambition of building a theological training center in his homeland of Zimbabwe. His vision for Mudzi Theotechnic College is not merely to train ministers theologically, but to train them vocationally, teaching them skills that will be marketable in the Zimbabwean marketplace, and make them self-sufficient. Students will learn automotive, carpentry, computer programming and other vocational skills at the college. "We have issues about churches being able to support their ministers, so we empower the minister with vocational training," he says.

When **LAURA PARTAIN '12** was 17 years old, she got her first professional gig shooting a wedding and realized she could make a living doing what she loves. Since then, whether she's backstage



Smoot Named To Task Force



SEAN SMOOT J.D. '94 was at home with his family, cooking dinner on a Sunday night, when an "Unknown Number" called his cell phone. It was the White House, asking for his help. Smoot is one of the state's top experts in police and public safety policy, and the Obama Administration was creating a task force to explore ways to improve police-community relations. That move was spurred by recent events in Ferguson, Staten Island, Cleveland, and around the country. "It was exciting but surprising ... and humbling," says Smoot. "These are not easy things to talk about with communities or with police officers. A lot of these conversations are not comfortable for anyone. But I think it's important that they happen, and I'm extremely honored that they thought enough of my work to include me."

taking pictures of musicians in Nashville, Tenn., or photographing her grandfather on his pig farm in southern Illinois, her work stems from an emotional connection to her subjects and subject matter. "I don't know if there's a connection between shooting the guitar player of a band and photographing a pig farmer, but I just have a lot of passion for shooting musicians but also shooting out in the country and photographing farmers," she says.

Retiring after 26 years of service as the fire chief of the Paris (Ill.) Fire



Department, **STEVE WIRTH '13** has been named to the Georgia

Firefighter Standards and Training Council by Gov. Nathan Deal. Wirth has served as the fire chief/EMA director of Heard County (Ga.) Fire & Emergency Services. He and his wife, Mary, have two children and three grandchildren. They reside in Centralhatchee, Ga.

ADAM ARMOUR '14 has spearheaded an effort to benefit his former Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity



brothers who were displaced by a Jan. 5 fire that destroyed their Carbondale apartment building, shown here, as firefighters were on the scene at 408 West Mill St. Armour made his appeal through

brothers who were displaced by a Jan. 5 fire that destroyed

A Winding Journey



The effervescent **LA'KETTA CALDWELL '98** has been selected to receive a "40 Under 40" award from the Milwaukee Business Journal. Caldwell's journey has been a winding one, and she credited her growth

to her family, both biological and chosen. "I've always had a village," she says. "Everybody who has been with me – all of those voices, that huge village – I am because of them."

Too often, Caldwell says, the young people she encounters come from a place of trauma and pain. A rash of shooting deaths in 2012 inspired her to create a program called "Can You Hear Us Now?" that culminated in a documentary exploring the emotional impact of community violence and trauma on young people. Through the lens of a documentary she elevated the voices of youth and allowed a larger community to understand her work.

Caldwell hopes to transform "Can You Hear Us Now?" into a play that integrates poetry, dance and photography. For her, healing and art go hand in hand. "Arts have been the vehicle to help me make sense of the world," she confesses. "Senior program manager, what does that mean? I'm an artist."

ALL IN THE FAMILY

The dad-and-daughter duo Scott Byrne and **JEN BYRNE '08**, both pilots for American Airlines, had the opportunity to fly together in



March for the first time as captain and first officer. Jen adds, "It also marked the one-year anniversary since I've joined American."

Scott says they were so busy with the pre-flight requirements and then take off that he almost forgot who was sitting next to him. "Jenny was such a natural," he notes. "She did an absolutely fantastic job. And it's my 28-year-old daughter. I am so proud."

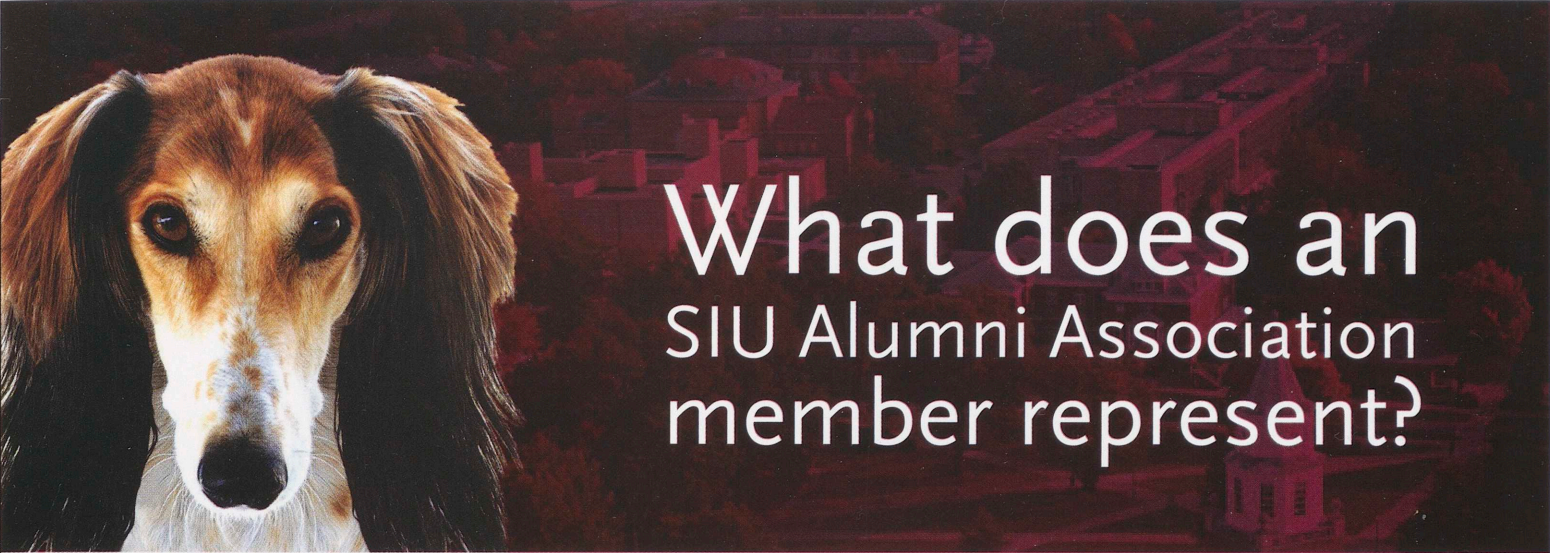
And while safety is always the very first priority, no doubt Jen wanted to touch down extra smoothly to impress her dad. "I was just praying it would be a good landing," she says. It was. "I looked over at him and he was smiling – it was the best feeling in the world. It turns out Mom was along too – as a passenger – for the Byrne family's first flight. Dad and daughter both credit her for Jen achieving her dreams.

www.gofundme.com, and his efforts brought in more than \$5,000 via 766 social media shares and 112 donations. He has divided the donated money evenly for distribution to his former fraternity brothers. Carbondale and SIU community members have pitched in more than cash. One TKE member says several local furniture stores have even donated new furniture, and he adds "Everyone really came together and helped out – it was a really humbling experience."

When Lt. Gov. Evelyn Sanguinetti called **MATT PEREZ '10** and asked him to apply to be the Illinois Fire Marshal, he had trouble taking it seriously. "It was kind of crazy," Perez told the *Chicago Tribune*. The five-year Aurora fire marshal adds, "I thought it was a joke, honestly." But Perez found out recently it was the real thing when Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner appointed him Illinois Fire Marshal, a position he

began on April 1. The state fire marshal's office is in charge of arson investigation and enforcement, public education for fire prevention, and code development and investigation. Those are the basic things the fire marshal's office does in Aurora, too, says Aurora Fire Chief John Lehman. "It doesn't surprise me," he told the *Tribune*. "Matt is a qualified individual, capable of doing that job. We're proud we've got the caliber of people here in Aurora to do that kind of job." Perez is the son of a longtime police officer in Aurora, Peter Perez, who also served as undersheriff for former Kane County Sheriff George Kramer. He also is the brother of former two-term Kane County Sheriff Pat Perez.

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