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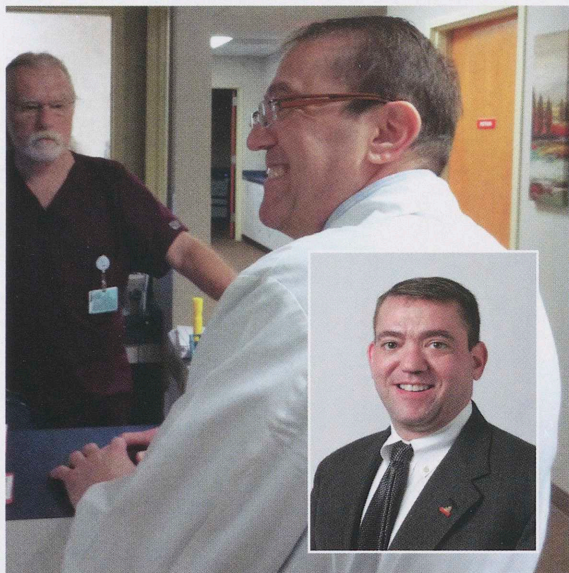
TOM KEYSER IS NOW A RESPECTED LAWYER, BUT MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO, HE ALMOST LOST IT ALL WHEN HE CHOSE A PATH OF DESTRUCTION.

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*Come Back
To Carbondale!*

**SIU welcomes you back to campus
Oct. 19-24 to celebrate Homecoming 2015**

South Carolina Surgeon Gives Back To Microbiology Department



As the son of two SIU Carbondale faculty members, **Chad Rubin '85, M.D. '89** says there was never any doubt where he would attend college. The Carbondale native had no intention of leaving his hometown.

"I knew my parents would pay my tuition if I went to SIU," he jests. It was a family affair of sorts, as he, his four brothers, and sister all enrolled at SIU. Now a practicing surgeon in Columbia, S.C., the SIU product says he never regretted it, and discovered his true passion in during a required biology course his freshman year.

"I fell in love with the class and microbiology," Rubin says. He became intrigued as he listened to course lecturer Michael Madigan, an eventual mentor who presented him with research opportunities and initially informed him that microbiology was a major area of study at SIU.

"My bachelor's degree in microbiology was a springboard to becoming a surgeon," he says. "Microbiology plays a huge role in surgery with the risk of infection." Rubin says the overall SIU experience lived up to expectations.

"It was fantastic. I was amazed at what was going on from an academic standpoint," he says. "I attended Southern during an era when it had a party school reputation, but you can make what you want out of an educational experience. I knew the resources were here for me to attain my goals in education."

Rubin, also a graduate of SIU's School of Medicine in Springfield, is now creating opportunities for students who are following him. His \$500,000 deferred gift to SIU will

fund scholarships for microbiology students, and he is also presenting the department with an additional \$25,000 for immediate support.

"I'm at the point in my career where I can make a commitment to SIU," he says. "Microbiology helped me get where I am today and I wanted to give something back."

While pursuing his undergraduate degree, Rubin became increasingly intrigued by medicine through Medical Explorers, a student organization comprised of first-year medical students. He attended presentations conducted every two weeks and was enthralled by the information shared by participants.

He subsequently chose to attend the SIU Medical School because it offered a "cutting-edge education." Rubin was further influenced by Roland Folse, chair of surgery at the Med School, who "took me under his wing and guided me through the residency process."

After applying at some of the country's most competitive programs, Rubin interviewed and was accepted into residency at Wake Forest University. He completed his residency in 1994 and has been practicing in South Carolina ever since.

Rubin's career includes several national leadership roles. He is the past chair of the committee on young surgeons of the American College of Surgeons, chair of the American College of Surgeons General Surgery Coding and Reimbursement Committee, alternate delegate to the American Medical Association House of Delegates, and is past chief of staff and chief of surgery at Richland Memorial Hospital.

Rubin, who has been practicing for 22 years at Providence Surgical Associates, a private community hospital, is medical director of the Richland Memorial Hospital Vascular Laboratory. He performs general and vascular surgery.

Although he is in South Carolina, Rubin still feels connected to his alma mater.

"There are a number of SIU graduates in various roles here. We have our own group," he says. "It's fascinating to meet and work with so many graduates while living this far from Illinois."

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This aerial view looking south of campus is a drone photograph taken by SIU sophomore Darlleson Oliveira. A Civil Engineering major from Brazil, he is at Southern for two years as part of the Brazil Scientific Mobility Study Abroad Program.

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For those who are close to new SIU Foundation Board President Roger Tedrick, there is often a consistent theme used to describe him. They agree that he thrives as a leader and is focused on making a difference at a University where he planted deep roots years ago. They also point to his humble demeanor. "Roger's commitment to his family, his business, and SIU are all done the same way – without attention to himself," says long-time friend Paul Conti.

16 HIS WORLD OF MUSIC

Growing up in rural Iowa, Stephen Hamilton surprised more than a few people when he announced at a young age that he was going to become a concert organist. Since then, the two-degree SIU graduate has more than fulfilled his prophecy. A virtuoso concert organist, Hamilton has played more than 600 concerts during the last four decades. He credits his training at Southern for making it possible.

30 THE LIVING YEARS

In the early 1980s, former SIU baseball player Tom Keyser had it all: a job at a law firm, a large home in the suburbs with his college sweetheart and their three beautiful children, and a Porsche in the driveway. In just a few years, substance abuse demons would turn that world upside down. Now the president of the San Antonio Bar Association, Keyser's journey back to success is a story he shares in hope of helping others who face challenges.

BELOW: Another photo by Oliveira captures the SIU campus looking north. The empty stands of Saluki Stadium will no doubt be filled by alumni returning for the Homecoming game Oct. 24.





Gene Green, Editor

Salukis are everywhere! You know the phrase – we’ve all used it at one time or another to note the small world connection of how SIU graduates’ lives seem to cross paths at the most unlikely places. The following story, however, might just set a new standard.

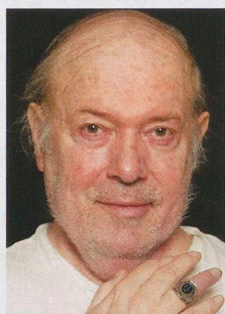
In 1983, **Tim Kirby '79** was living in Chicago and was out for a walk on Oak Street Beach. The Mass Communications and Media Arts graduate glanced down, saw a ring in the sand and picked it up. It was an SIU class ring from 1978, but aside from some initials, there was not much identification to go on. Finding the owner would not be a simple process.

Kirby, now living in Scottsdale, Ariz., and an active member of the SIU Alumni Association’s Greater Phoenix Chapter, says he really didn’t really know what to do with the ring. “This was obviously long before things like email or Facebook, and I wasn’t involved with the Association yet. I decided to reach out to SIU via a letter and left information about the ring.

“I also left my phone number and never got a call back, but didn’t really think that much about it. I lived in several different cities soon after that and thought perhaps that someone had found the owner, but now couldn’t find me.”

The ring would quietly be in his possession ... for the next 32 years!

Kirby, who moved to Arizona in 2012, decided to bring the ring with him to the Association’s Cubs-White Sox spring training game event last March. He gave the ring to



Charles Jaskiewicz holds his SIU class ring for the first time in 36 years.

Executive Director Michelle Suarez, who brought it back to campus in hope that the owner could be located.

Suarez passed the ring along to Association Director of Corporate Relations Kathy Dillard, who oversees the organization’s class ring program. With

little to go on, she started her investigation. “After searching through our database, I finally found a person whose degree information and initials fit as the ring’s owner,” she recalls. “It required quite a bit of online research, but I found a solid match that appeared to be correct and sent him an email.”

It was no doubt a message Charles Jaskiewicz '78 never expected to receive. He soon called the Association office to say that elusive ring was indeed his.

Jaskiewicz, who earned a degree from the College of Business, had proudly purchased the class ring to celebrate that achievement. One year later, however, he lost it somewhere

in the Windy City. Now 36 years later, he has it back – somehow found by a fellow Saluki in a city of almost three million people.

“I find it absolutely incredible that a 1979 SIU graduate found a class ring lost by a 1978 Saluki,” Kirby says. “It is such a strange coincidence, but I’m so glad Charles and his ring are reunited after all of these years.”

Small world indeed.

I want to wish someone important to the SIU Alumni Association a happy birthday. This issue of *SIU Alumni* magazine is being sent to all alumni of record – about 230,000 graduates – and more than a few of them have no doubt interacted with this classy gentleman.

Bob Odaniell '51, who turns 90 years young Oct. 19, served as executive director of the Association for 32 years. Still residing in Carbondale with his wife, **Marylyn '52**, he remains a wealth of information regarding the history of this University. It is knowledge I have often tapped as editor of this magazine.

A humble man who has helped countless others during his life, Bob might not initially welcome this special mention, but hopefully he will accept it as my small gift.

Happy birthday to one of our legendary Salukis!

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HOMECOMING

2015

Salukis...

RESPECT THE ROYALTY

Monday, Oct. 19

Homecoming Kickoff

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
North Entrance, Student Center
Saluki students, faculty and staff are invited to celebrate in the Homecoming Kickoff with FREE fun, food, giveaways and prizes.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Salukis Got Talent

7 p.m.
Student Center Auditorium
SIU students are invited to showcase their talents in this one-of-a-kind talent show. Prizes will be awarded to the first-, second- and third-place winners. To attend, tickets are \$2 for SIU students, \$3 for the public, or FREE with a canned good. Sponsored by the SPC Late Nite Committee

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Homecoming Comedy Show

7 p.m.
Student Center Ballrooms
Celebrate 2015 SIU Homecoming week with SPC for a free night of comedy! The program will be for mature audiences.

Thursday, Oct. 22

SPC Film: "Sinister 2"

7 p.m. (7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights)
Student Center Auditorium
Tickets are \$2.00 for SIU students/children 10 and under, \$3.00 for the general public and are available at the door. Rated R, 90 minutes

Friday, Oct. 23

Class of 1965 Reunion Brunch

10:30 a.m. - Noon
Student Center Old Main Lounge.
Campus tour follows.
Sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association

Half Century Banquet

6:15 p.m.
Ballroom D, Student Center
Sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association

Saluki Volleyball vs. Drake University

7 p.m.
Davies Gym
General admission tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for youths. SIU students receive free admission with valid SIU Student ID.

26th Annual SIU Alumni Band Reunion

7 p.m.
SIU Student Center
Returning SIU Alumni Band members may attend a Friday night reception. Pre-registration required. Visit www.sialumni.com for more information.

Saturday, Oct. 24

SIU Homecoming Parade

11 a.m.
Downtown Carbondale
The parade will begin at 11 a.m. at the corner of Mill Street and South Illinois Avenue and will continue through downtown Carbondale, ending at the SIU Student Center. The parade will feature more than 50 units, including student and community groups, area high school marching bands and the Homecoming royalty. Sponsored by the SPC Homecoming Committee

SIU Alumni Association Homecoming Tailgate

3 - 5:30 p.m.
An SIU Alumni Association membership card, game ticket or student ID will be required to enter the tailgate. Join alumni, students and friends of SIU under the big tent! Network with fellow alumni as you enjoy food, games and music.

Become a member of the SIU Alumni Association at www.sialumni.com/join. Enter TAILGATE15 into the field marked "Appeal Code" and get a keychain card holder as a special gift with your membership card! Show your card at the tailgate for additional giveaways! Sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association and Saluki Sports Properties.

Saluki Football vs. Youngstown State

6 p.m.
Saluki Stadium
Come cheer on the football Salukis as they take on Youngstown State in exciting Missouri Valley Conference action! All public tickets are reserved seats and are \$20 for adults, \$15 for youths. SIU student tickets within the designated student section are available with just the presentation of a valid student ID at the SIU Ticket Office or at the entrance before the game.

For more information,
visit homecoming.siu.edu
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LETTERS

Graduate Thanks SIU

My wife and I graduated from SIU in the early 1960s. I arrived at Southern in 1959 from my hometown of Springfield, Ill., after saving money four years so I could attend as a freshman. I lived at Thompson Point my first year – it was a blessing.

Within the first week, I was having lunch with new friends from Chicago, when I saw my future wife (**Mary '63**) standing in line at the dining hall. Your picture of Thompson Point (*SIU Alumni*, Summer 2015 issue) brought back many memories. After 54 years of marriage, our lives together and our careers can be attributed to SIU.

Former President Delyte Morris made it all possible with his efforts to expand the campus and make it the University alumni are so proud to call their alma mater.

Col. Ronald Baker '64
U.S. Air Force
Life Member
Springfield, Va.

'Cactus Pete' Brought Back Memories

I enjoyed the article on "Cactus Pete" in the Fall 2014 *SIU Alumni* magazine. I have special memories of that program as I was volunteering for the Humane Society of Southern Illinois (formerly Jackson County Humane Society) during my undergraduate days and made a bi-weekly appearance on the show to promote an adoptable dog or cat.

Thanks for bringing back some wonderful memories!

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

Margaret (Shelton) McConnell
'76, M.B.A. '80
Prescott, Ariz.

A Good-Hearted Soul

"Come on guys, you can lay around and watch *Charlie's Angels* anytime, but when are you ever going to see Elvis again?" These were the words of my fellow SIU Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity brother, Lee Trueblood, in 1976.

Lee, who recently passed away, was trying to convince some of us to volunteer our time for charity by serving as ushers to that night's concert at the SIU Arena. Elvis was ancient. Nobody our age wanted to see him in concert – even if it was free. But we went.

We went and worked as ushers and our pay went to a local charity. We did this because Lee asked us to. You see, he never asked us for much. The Carbondale native was just a good-hearted soul who could make fun of himself as much as the next guy.

Lee was a lifetime learner, graduating with three different degrees from SIU. During his early career at the University, he managed the ticket office for athletic events, and later become a residence hall director at Arkansas State University, and director of residency at Bethany College in Kansas. He was living in Muskogee, Okla., and working for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Tulsa, when he died in April at the age of 60.

His death sent shock waves through fraternity brothers who have found each other again utilizing Facebook connections. I know that he served the University for many years with distinction, and that Lee never stopped being a Saluki.

Everyone in our fraternity liked Lee. He will be sorely missed by friends and family, alike.

David Withum '79
Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, Fla.

His Door Was Always Open

On behalf of the entire Stokes Family, I want to express our thanks to Gene Green and the SIU Alumni Association for the lovely tribute to our Dad in the article, "A Life In Photos- Remembering Rip Stokes." Rip had many loves in his life: His wife of 68 years, Gloria, his family, photography, and of course, SIU. He was proud of his work at SIU throughout the years.

The little red house just off of the campus is a lot quieter and just isn't the same without him these days, but if you had the chance to spend time there over the years – as many did – you always knew you were welcome. Many SIU students from all over the world passed through those doors, and the holidays were always special as our house filled with all of the people that Mom and Dad would bring home. The door was always open no matter who you were, or where you came from.

We hope to keep Dad's memories alive for many years to come through his photographs and through the scholarship fund set up in his name. Thank you again for the great story.

Ripper would have been proud.

Teresa Stokes-McCarthy '87
Life Member
Springfield, Ill.

DEAR READERS...

Your SIU Alumni Association is always eager to hear from you. We encourage you to take a moment to comment on something you have read in *SIU Alumni* magazine, or to let us know what you are thinking. Letters are sometimes edited for length and style.

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Beautiful! My Alma Mater.
Barbara Saieg
 via FaceBook

Bring back great memories of SIU & C'dale.
Patricia Roy Fors McIlroy
 via FaceBook

Beautiful campus, lovely flowers and nature trails.
Lynette Post
 via FaceBook

My Salukis Land ...that crazy marching band ... Gus Bode ... the City of New Orleans ... Italian Village ... Spudnuts if you're still there ... Campus Lake and Giant City keggers (probably outlawed) ... Delyte & Dorothy and watermelon parties. Oh, yeah, remember you Salukis Land.
Rich P. Davis
 via FaceBook

#SalukiPride



Follow the paws! Volunteers and local businesses came together to lead the way to campus. Thanks to everyone involved!

#SIUSummer #Greenhouse



Way back as a student- 1977- as a science major, taking Botany, Zoology etc, I worked for credit in the SIU greenhouses. I still remember that our Supervisor was the NICEST guy. Loved the ferns.
Kathleen Roper
 via FaceBook

I miss my time in the greenhouse!
Leslee Ann
 via FaceBook



Such regal beauties! Go Dawgs!
Susan Drone
 Via Alumni Association Facebook page

Fresh coats of paint! Definitely needed. Brings back memories to when I first saw those paw prints when my dad was dropping me off to start my first semester of college. The excitement to starting a new adventure in my life. Glad I went to SIU!
Kayla Murphy
 via FaceBook

The paw prints did me in! I was fine dropping my daughter off 4 years ago until we actually made it to Carbondale and saw the paw prints on the road. After that first drop-off, I've always enjoyed seeing them because I know that we are getting close!
Melissa Korte Thomasson
 via FaceBook

@RussEisenstein

No doubt, one of the best choices I ever made was going to @SIUC. The school & @SIUSalukisopened so many doors!
 Russ Eisenstein
 Via Twitter

@_nicxlogxn

@SIUC I think it was meeting the other incoming students. It was very informational. I also liked meeting my Academic Adviser. She was cool.
 Nica S. Logan
 Via Twitter

@Celena_Slowick

new student orientation down,
 move in day to go! 58 more days!
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Bittersweet last day @SIUC. Grateful for my time with @SIUCPlantBio and @SIUWeedScience.#salukiforlife #ARorburst!
 Lauren M. Schwartz
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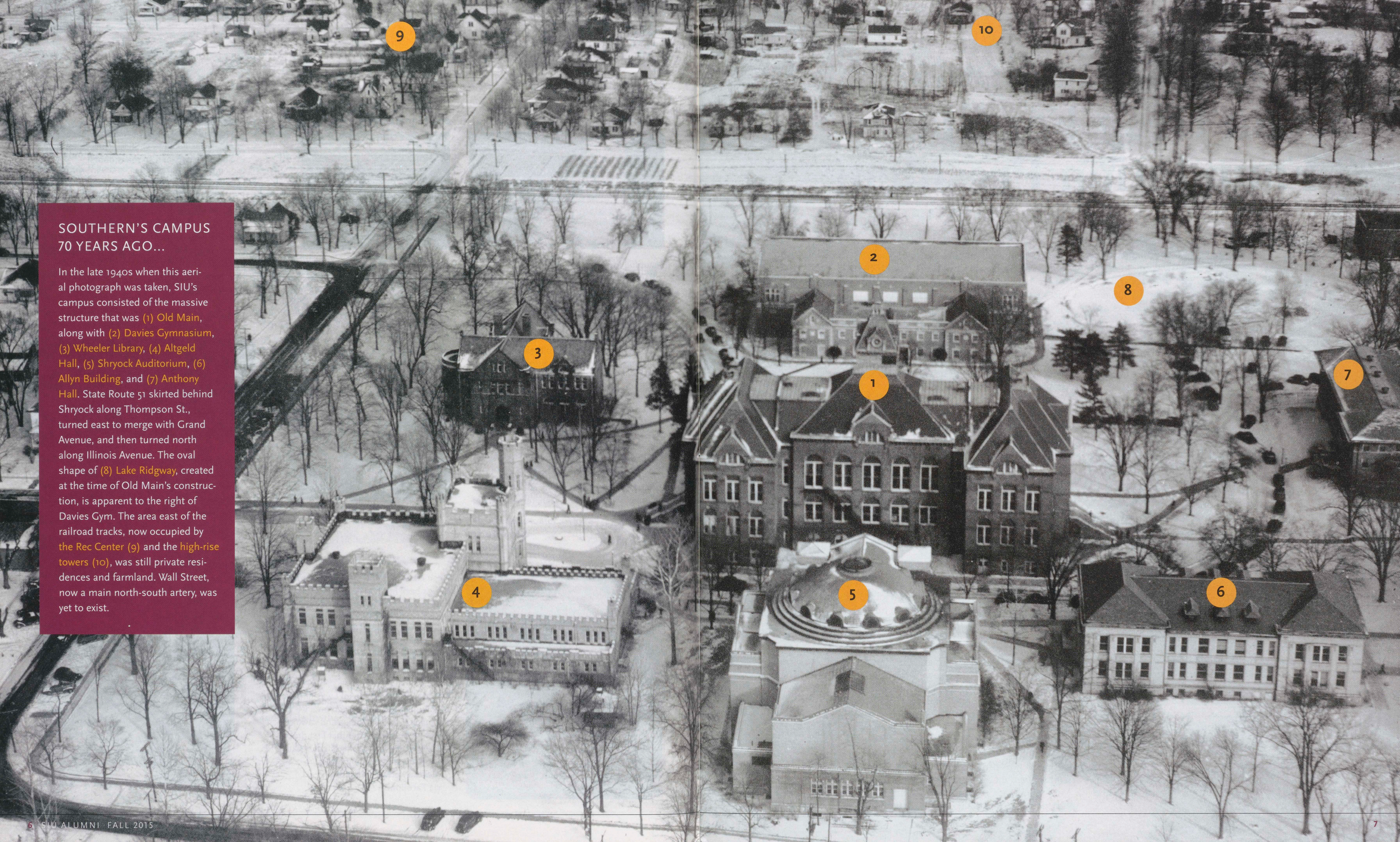
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Girls Night at McLeod Theater waiting for Legally Blonde! Love @SIUC ! #SIUC #southernillinois
 Tracey Glenn
 Via Twitter



SOUTHERN'S CAMPUS 70 YEARS AGO...

In the late 1940s when this aerial photograph was taken, SIU's campus consisted of the massive structure that was (1) **Old Main**, along with (2) **Davies Gymnasium**, (3) **Wheeler Library**, (4) **Altgeld Hall**, (5) **Shryock Auditorium**, (6) **Allyn Building**, and (7) **Anthony Hall**. State Route 51 skirted behind Shryock along Thompson St., turned east to merge with Grand Avenue, and then turned north along Illinois Avenue. The oval shape of (8) **Lake Ridgway**, created at the time of Old Main's construction, is apparent to the right of Davies Gym. The area east of the railroad tracks, now occupied by the **Rec Center** (9) and the **high-rise towers** (10), was still private residences and farmland. Wall Street, now a main north-south artery, was yet to exist.



Carbondale Roots Run Deep For SIU Foundation President

BY GREG SCOTT

While listening to individuals who are close to new SIU Foundation Board President **Roger Tedrick '70**, there appears to be a consistent theme. They agree that he thrives as a leader and is focused on making a difference.

But it goes beyond that.

Some have known Tedrick for more than a quarter century. His effectiveness hasn't gone unnoticed as a longstanding, devoted servant to his alma mater. While establishing and overseeing a successful insurance agency in Mt. Vernon, Ill., he has devoted considerable time and resources to Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

His University service includes two stints on the SIU Foundation Board of Directors, his second commencing in 2011, in addition to a tenure on the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors. He was a SIU Board of Trustees member from 2004 to 2011, presiding over the board as chairman for six years. Tedrick was also instrumental in Saluki Way, an initiative that led to the enhancement of Southern's athletic facilities.

The political science graduate doesn't strive to be the center of attention. In fact, he avoids it.

Paul Conti '72, M.B.A. '74, a fellow SIU Foundation board member, says this attribute sets his friend apart.

"Roger's commitment to his family, his business and SIU are all done the same way – without attention to himself," says Conti, a longtime University servant himself, whose friendship with Tedrick dates back to the 1980s. "Roger and I have spent many nights over the years at his farm in Mt. Vernon and talking through issues facing SIU. They get addressed and are handled professionally and to SIU's betterment.

"He is a man who is committed to doing things right and the SIU Foundation is better because of his involvement."

Doug Elgin, commissioner of the Missouri Valley Conference, has been friends with Tedrick for 25 years. He credits him for being a behind-the-scenes leader in the league's efforts to establish "Arch Madness," the annual conference basketball tournament hosted at a neutral site in St. Louis. Elgin says Tedrick Insurance Agency was the first sponsor of Arch Madness and Tedrick secured additional support from businesses. The event has become a successful mainstay in the Gateway City.

"Roger is unassuming – he's not the kind of guy who is looking for credit or attention," Elgin notes. "He's a people person who not only invests in the University, but also in relationships. He has been loyal to SIU athletics through good times and not-so-good times, and he and his wife, Sally, care about much more than the athletics program. They've always been there for SIU, its staff, and students.

"I've been around the league a long time and I don't think there is anyone more dedicated to their alma mater than Roger. He's the consummate servant-leader."

Harold Bardo '62, Ph. D. '72 says he initially met Tedrick during the latter's tenure as chair of the SIU Board of Trustees. Bardo, who joined the SIU Foundation Board of Directors on July 1, has similar observations to those of Conti and Elgin.

"Roger is unusually dedicated to the promotion of everything good for the University. He is a modest man who does not seek the limelight," Bardo says. "Roger puts the University's needs above his own and wants SIU to be great in all matters large and small. He shares his treasure, care, and concern with SIU where it matters most."

Tedrick brings his devotion, loyalty, and leadership to the presidency of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors, a two-year appointment he assumed on July 1. The volunteer board governs the SIU Foundation, an independent nonprofit organization that



provides alumni and friends a means to invest in the University's future.

He expects to employ the same leadership style that has served him well for more than three decades as a businessman, where his unassuming nature evolved and is indicative of his personality.

"When I was chair of the SIU Board of Trustees, I had the ability to create an environment through which people could communicate in a civil way. It's important to avoid acrimonious meetings – we all want to do what is in the best interest of the University," Tedrick says. "If everyone can get along and work together in a civil fashion, I don't have to be out front. You have more success that way."

The SIU Alumni Association life member is quick to point out the excellence of the SIU Foundation Board. Tedrick, who says the board's diverse group of individuals offers a unique base of knowledge, also credits his predecessors in the presidency.

"We have an excellent board that keeps getting better, and comprised of qualified individuals from different walks of life," he says. "The SIU Foundation has never had a weak president, so I have some big shoes to fill. Our presidents have been tremendous people who were an asset to our University and continue their service."

The Foundation elected emeritus directors a year ago, as each has a distinguished history of service to the organization and University. Tedrick plans on tapping into their knowledge, and says such individuals are an asset as SIU prepares to head into another comprehensive fundraising campaign.

Three alumni joined the SIU Foundation board on July 1 (see accompanying story), and Tedrick is instituting a mentorship program. Each new board member will be paired with an emeritus director.

"Our emeritus directors have a great deal of institutional history and their passion is exhibited through their time, effort, leadership, and philanthropy," Tedrick says. "I'm asking them to assist our new board members by developing a relationship and maintaining communication regarding the Foundation agenda and history. It will

assist our new directors in prospering at a quicker rate.

"It doesn't make sense to term limit individuals as if they are no longer a part of our Foundation. They love SIU and have a lot to give."

Tedrick admits the University has issues. In particular, he is concerned about dwindling funds from state government and a lack of stability at the institution. Key administrative roles are currently filled with individuals serving in an interim capacity, but the Foundation's leader has high expectations.

He credits SIU Foundation CEO **Jim Salmo** for building a fundraising team that is progressing. Tedrick says an essential aspect of his two-year tenure is moving a comprehensive campaign forward in support of University initiatives.

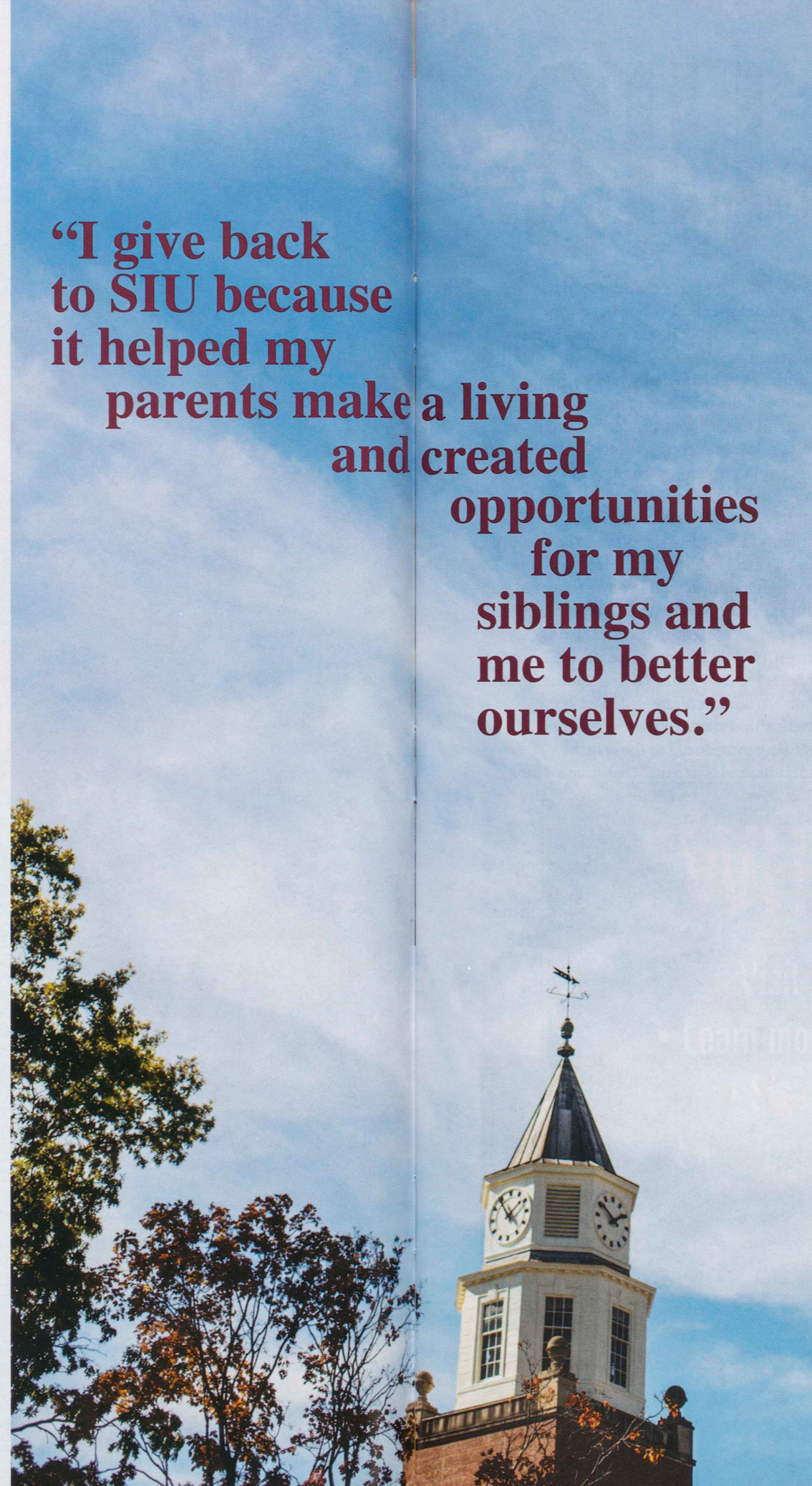
"A lot of good people are devoted to ensuring that SIU prospers, and our Foundation will have to play a bigger role in maintaining the University's academic integrity at a desired level," he says. "Athletics is a way to keep score for a university, but we are proud of so many strong academic programs at SIU."

"My involvement with the Foundation has presented opportunities to interact with individuals behind this success and witness how various aspects of the University perform. There are good students and faculty on this campus, and it is enriching to be a part of that."

Tedrick has a personal stake in Southern. He and his wife of 47 years, **Sally '73**, are longtime supporters of the athletic program. The couple is a fixture as season ticket holders at Saluki basketball games, and have also provided resources to foster growth in multiple educational programs including WSIU, and the areas of business, education, engineering, and liberal arts.

Their roots run deep in southern Illinois – particularly in Carbondale. Tedrick was just two years old when his parents moved him and his three older sisters to Carbondale. His parents wanted their children to have an opportunity to pursue a college education and knew they couldn't afford it if they lived away from such a community.

"I give back to SIU because it helped my parents make a living and created opportunities for my siblings and me to better ourselves."



His parents ran a boarding house at SIU, and enrolled their children in University School, a K-12 school formerly housed in Pulliam on campus. Fittingly, Roger served on a development team charged with raising funds to light Pulliam Tower in commemoration of the SIU Alumni Association's 100th anniversary in 1996.

"A lot of our University School faculty were SIU alumni who instilled in us the value of a college education. It was an SIU culture of sorts," Tedrick says. "University School was like a preparatory school."

His wife's family moved to Carbondale for an identical reason – pursuit of employment and education for their children. Sally's roots in the city date back for more than a century. Sally attended Carbondale Community High School, and met her eventual husband through mutual friends. Both subsequently attended SIU, where they married and started a family.

Tedrick says he toiled in a variety of jobs to support his family and assist in financing his education. "Some faculty members mentored me and took interest, and steered me in the right direction," he says. "That is what makes the SIU experience so special."

After graduation, the political science major opted against pursuing a career in the political arena. He was working for a sporting goods company in Carbondale, but feared statewide budget cuts in education could have an impact on high school athletics. He began investigating other opportunities.

"A friend of mine was in commercial insurance," he explains. "I figured if he could be successful in the industry I could do the same, so I pursued a career in the insurance business."

It has proven to be the right decision.

Tedrick Insurance Agency was established in 1978. Located in Mt. Vernon, an hour north of Carbondale, the agency continues to serve clients with a variety of insurance needs. "I've been blessed to be surrounded by good people who have helped me build a successful business," he says. "Several members of my team have been SIU graduates – I am proud of that."

The Tedricks, who have two grown children (Lori and Sarah) and five grandchildren, say they have never forgotten SIU's impact on their lives.

"Growing up, SIU was the center for many activities for children and adults," Sally says. "So giving back is important." Roger is also grateful for the impact the University has had on his family's life, and says it has done the same for many others.

"I give back to SIU because it helped my parents make a living and created opportunities for my siblings and me to better ourselves. We grew up on this campus," he says. "Also, SIU is the economic engine of southern Illinois and has helped so many people."

"I'm concerned about the direction of our state funding. That is why I stay involved."

Tedrick is assuming this key leadership role at a pivotal time in the University's history. But close associates say he is the right person at the right time.

Conti says: "Roger is one of the peace makers. He will always be calm when things are turbulent and strives to find an answer that is acceptable to the individuals and/or groups involved."

John Haller, former SIU Vice President of Academic Affairs, says he has admired Tedrick's leadership since his appointment to the BOT in 2004.

"He is a wonderful asset to the University," Haller notes. "I've worked with many academic leaders throughout my career – including administrators at three other universities before coming to SIU – and I have found Roger to be among my favorites."

During his two-year term as SIU Foundation president, Tedrick will no doubt continue to be focused on making a difference at a place he has loved for a lifetime. Haller says the organization is in good hands.

"Thoughtful and steady in his demeanor, he had the ability to listen and learn before making a judgment. He demonstrated a true respect for individuals in both his public and private statements, and practiced patience. As a longtime admirer of leadership qualities, I see Roger as an exemplary role model."

President Dunn Enjoys Meeting Alumni Around The Country



From left, Dunn, Thelma Mothershed Wair, Terrance Roberts, and Minnijean Brown Trickey at the Lincoln Leadership Prize Dinner.

One of highlights of **Randy Dunn's** job as president of the Southern Illinois University system, is often meeting various alumni as he travels to and from events. That was the case earlier this summer, as he had the opportunity to meet some special Salukis. Following a trip to California in June for a

military base commencement ceremony, he and his wife, **Ronda**, were able to take some free time to go to Long Beach and tour the iconic 1936 ocean liner *RMS Queen Mary*. While there, they toured the vessel's Wireless Room and met its operator, Larry Rolewic '72.

Rolewic, who earned a degree in microbiology at SIU, is one of several volunteers on duty in the Wireless Room each month.

The month before going to California, Dunn had the privilege to be in Chicago, Ill., to attend the 8th Lincoln Leadership Prize Dinner. While there, he was able to talk some of evening's honorees, members of the fabled Little Rock Nine.

It has been almost 60 years ago that nine students faced down a mob to integrate Little Rock Central High School. Many feel these civil rights leaders changed the face of public education in this country. SIU graduates who were part of the group include Minnijean Brown Trickey, Honorary Ph. D. '07, Terrance Roberts Ph. D. '77, and Thelma Mothershed Wair '64, who were presented with the Leadership Prize Awards.

"Being introduced to these three individuals was a thrill," Dunn says. "In a way, it was like touching history. Many people shared that feeling, as there was certainly an aura about them."

Dunn says they all still love SIU Carbondale.

"They are humble, down-to-earth people," the SIU President says. "Despite the many challenges they faced, they hold the University in high regard and are grateful that it has been a part of making them who they are."



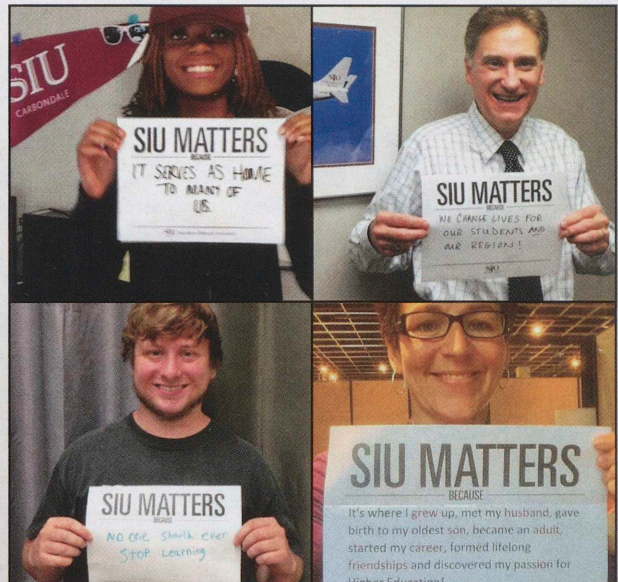
Dunn with Larry Rolewic in the Wireless Room of the *RMS Queen Mary*.

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ON THE SIDE

'Saluki Cents' Makes Sense

Following the recommendation of the Financial Literacy Task Force, SIU Carbondale has created a new campus initiative to help improve financial literacy. With the current state of the economy, it is critical that financial literacy education be a focus for the entire SIU community.



In an effort to achieve that goal, SIU has partnered with iGrad, an industry-leading and award-winning online financial literacy platform. This service will provide on-demand money management education, along with tools and resources for alumni, current students, faculty, and staff.

iGrad can be a singular destination for all of your personal finance questions on financial aid and repayment, continuing education, banking, investing, career resources, and more. By taking the interactive courses, reading articles, watching videos, and exploring countless additional resources, one can increase their knowledge and lower the stress many experience when managing finances.

SIU Financial Literacy Coordinator **Jordee Justice '12, M.B.A. '13** encourages you to create your personalized iGrad account today through the portal on the "Saluki Cents" webpage at fao.siu.edu/saluki-cents.

Educating the SIU Community about financial literacy is critical in preparing our students for a strong foundation and a successful financial future. As SIU alumni, once you have created your iGrad account, you will retain access for life. Questions about the new program may be directed to Justice at jordeejjustice@siu.edu.

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ON THE SIDE

The Eclipse Crossroads Of America

Though Aug. 21, 2017, seems like a long way off, it's not too early to begin making plans to be at the Eclipse Crossroads of America. That is the date when the first total solar eclipse over the mainland United States since 1979 will sweep across the country from northwest to southeast. The last time that happened was in 1918.



Then, on April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will again sweep across the country, this time from southwest to northeast. The intersection of the two eclipse paths is just south of Carbondale over Cedar Lake. No other place in the world will offer the opportunity to observe these two eclipses from the same ground-based spot.

And in 2017, Carbondale is the closest city and SIU is the closest campus to the point of the eclipse's greatest duration. The eclipse will begin at 11:53 a.m. and all phases will be complete by 2:47 p.m. More information is available on the Eclipse Southern Illinois website at eclipse.siu.edu.

His World Of Music

Virtuoso Organist Stephen Hamilton Continues To Perform Around The Globe

BY GENE GREEN

Growing up in the small farming community of Boone, Iowa, **Stephen Hamilton** always looked forward to his piano lessons. One day his teacher, Mildred Achenbach, asked him if he would like to go to her to a local church so she could let an organ tuner do his work.

Excited to have the opportunity to simply see the instrument, Hamilton quickly agreed. When he later heard Achenbach play the organ that day, he was enthralled with the glorious sounds. "I was smitten with it and ran home to tell my parents that I was going to be a concert organist," he recalls.

It was a bold prediction – he was in the second grade at the time.

Since then, the two-degree Southern Illinois University graduate has more than fulfilled his prophecy. A virtuoso concert organist, Hamilton has played more than 600 concerts during the last four decades. He retired in 2011 as minister of music at the historic Church of Holy Trinity (Episcopal) in New York City, but certainly is not retired from performing and continues to be in demand around the world.

In 2016, Hamilton '70, M.M. '72, will play at – among many other venues – the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, Bloomsbury Central Church in London, and the Cathedral of Saint Peter in Regensburg, Bavaria (Germany).

"I retired from my church position in New York City when I was 63 so that I had the ability to travel and play at such places," he explains. "My Dad died when I was young, and I recall him telling me that everyone is going to die, and you surely would hate to make a bucket list and not get to the first item.

"That stuck with me, and it is one reason I retired when I did, although I haven't really retired at all – I just don't have a 9-to-5 job anymore. I still practice three hours a day, five days a week, and do even more than that when a concert is around the corner. Through it all, I often look back and marvel at the great education I received at SIU, and how it helped get me to where I am."

Hamilton has played venues around the world, including Westminster Abbey in London and Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Someday he would enjoy returning to play at SIU.



Marie-Claire Alain was a friend and mentor to Hamilton, who studied under the master French organist in Paris.

THE ROAD TO CARBONDALE

Two years after making the prediction to his parents, the fourth grader began studying the organ at Drake University. Hamilton was the youngest student that instructor Russell Saunders had ever taught, and although the training went well for a few years, the 60-mile trek from Boone to Des Moines was often a challenge – especially in the winter.



Stephen Hamilton, here playing in St. Paul's Cathedral, is remembered by his former teacher, Kent Werner. "He absorbed the training at SIU with zeal," Werner says, "and went on to establish himself as one of the most sought-after young organists of his generation, both as a recitalist and as a solid liturgical musician."

In the seventh grade, he transferred his training to Iowa State University in nearby Ames. The school recently employed Marianne Webb (see sidebar story), who had just graduated from the University of Michigan School of Music. Her influence would one day help lead Hamilton to Carbondale.

"I studied with Marianne while in the seventh and eighth grades, and continued with her and two other teachers throughout high school," Hamilton says. "When it came time to go to college, we discovered that she was now teaching at some place called SIU Carbondale. I went there for a visit in the summer of 1966, auditioned, and was accepted into school."

Hamilton, who lived in Stevenson Arms at Southern and was the organist at Carbondale's First United Methodist Church while a student, says Webb was a talented teacher. He was also impressed with how she developed a Fall Organ Conference at SIU to bring world-famous performers to town.

"People like Jean Langlais from St. Clotilde Church in Paris, Catharine Crozier of the Eastman School of Music, and Arthur Poister from Syracuse University came to SIU, and we in turn were able to play for them, often in Shryock Auditorium. There were large crowds, and it was a great opportunity for people in southern Illinois to hear great musicians.

"Marianne, in addition to being a fine instructor, was also a great organizer," Hamilton recalls. "I served as her graduate assistant and enjoyed having an inside knowledge of how to run conferences and conduct business. It was great training."

THE REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

When Hamilton graduated in 1972 with his master's in music, he received a job inquiry from Norman Nunn, the academic dean at the small private school Virginia Intermont College. When he arrived for an interview, the first thing he saw sitting on stage was a brand new Flentrop Pipe Organ from Zaandam, Holland.

Hamilton had heard recordings of people playing this instrument, namely E. Power Biggs, and had been impressed with how clear and clean the organ sounded. "When I saw that organ on the stage of Harrison-Jones Memorial Hall, I knew in my heart that the job would be mine," he says with a laugh.

He accepted the position and was employed there from 1972-86.

"I started an organ conference at the college, and Marianne Webb was the first organist I brought to campus. The second year I invited Marie-Claire Alain from Paris, and we became good friends."

Alain, who passed away in 2013, had admirers and distinguished former students around the world. Her interpretations of various composers were widely considered authoritative, and her 300 recordings included the complete organ works of J. S. Bach.

Alain eventually asked Hamilton if he would be interested in coming to Paris to study with her, and the alliance produced several trips to Europe to train with the master French organist and teacher. When Hamilton began his position at the Church of the Holy Trinity in 1991, the connection

continued, as Alain appeared four times for organ master classes and recitals in New York City.

In addition to his duties at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Hamilton would serve as a member of the artist faculties of Hunter College, Manhattan School of Music, and Queens College. As a writer, he championed the music of American composer Kenton Coe in his 1993 doctoral thesis from the Manhattan School of Music, where he studied with John Walker, the organist of Riverside Church, who is currently the president of the American Guild of Organists.

"I could do many things few of my peers could do, because of the great teachers I had at Southern."

STEPHEN HAMILTON



A Lasting Legacy

Marianne Webb, a professor at SIU for nearly 50 years who was Hamilton's instructor when he came to the University in 1966, died in 2013 following a long battle with cancer. She established, with her former husband, the Marianne Webb and David N. Bateman Distinguished Organ Recital Series.

In 1970, Webb was promoted to associate professor and to full professor in 1977. She retired from Southern in 2001 as professor emerita of music, but continued to serve as visiting professor and distinguished university organist for an additional 11 years. She was recognized with a variety of musical awards throughout both her teaching and playing career, and received SIU's University Distinguished Service Award in 2005.

Perhaps Webb's most important and lasting legacy was designing the 58-rank Reuter pipe organ in Shryock Auditorium. She sought funding for the instrument in 1969, and built to her specifications, the instrument is considered among the finest in the region.

On April 10, 2001, the organ was named in her honor.

SIU MADE THE DIFFERENCE

In addition to Webb, Hamilton still treasures the training he received at SIU from people like Stephen Barwick, Wesley K. Morgan, Robert Mueller, and Kent Werner '50. Collectively, he says it made a huge difference in his career.

"I could do many things few of my peers could do, because of the great teachers I had at Southern" he says. "That helped me in so many ways.

Werner, now 86 and living near Carbondale, says he fondly remembers Hamilton.

"Stephen came to my attention in the 1970's as a focused and extremely talented musician, both academically and musically," the emeritus professor says. "He was an industrious student in both theory and ear training, and a most capable pianist. I realized his goals early on, and concentrated my teaching on developing those keyboard skills which might apply most specifically to organ technique.

Werner says Hamilton "absorbed the somewhat grueling regimen of scales and technical studies with zeal ... a program that not many students would relish. But his organ professor, Marianne Webb, saw his potential early on and was anxious for him to build the kind of technique that would transfer logically to the organ keyboard."

In this, Werner says Hamilton succeeded brilliantly.

BIGGEST THRILL IS PLAYING WELL

Hamilton says one of the biggest challenges an organist faces is moving from one instrument to another, using a race car driver analogy to make his

point. "A driver needs time to adjust to a different car, as each handles differently and has controls in a different location. It's somewhat like that when you play different pipe organs.

"The venue also requires the musician's expertise. Shryock, for example, is a three-manual instrument in a rather dry room, which suggests playing a certain repertoire," he explains. "And the size of the facility makes a real difference. For instance, Notre Dame in Paris has 10 seconds of an acoustic, so you play a symphonic repertoire written for that room. The next organ – and space – might be completely different, so you must adjust and be prepared for what the situation requires."

And whatever is required is what Hamilton is ready to provide. Now living in Minneapolis, Minn., with his partner of 41 years (Kenneth Huber, a concert pianist and retired Carleton College piano instructor), the SIU graduate knows that he will always be his own harshest critic.

"After all of these years, my biggest thrill is simply playing well," he says. "It is a real challenge to always be at your best, but that is my objective each time I play."

And that will remain his goal for every performance, including a May 21, 2016, concert in Paris.

"I'm looking forward to that evening, as I have not played there since 1974," Hamilton says. "I already know that sometime that evening I will think of a young kid from Boone, Iowa, and take pride that he is now playing at Notre Dame in Paris.

"Who knew? The path I have taken still amazes me."

**MAKING YOUR MONEY GROW: A CONVERSATION WITH XIAOXIN WANG BEARDSLEY,
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND HAMILTON FAMILY FACULTY FELLOW OF FINANCE, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

People at all ends of the financial spectrum want to get the most “bang for their buck.” Xiaoxin Wang Beardsley, SIU associate professor of finance and Hamilton Family Faculty Fellow of Finance, offers advice on how to make wise investment decisions to help your money grow.

WHY INVEST?

To attain long-term financial security. The key mechanism here is compounding returns. You earn money on the principal and on the return it generates. Over time, even small investments, especially made earlier in life, can add up to future financial security. And, consistent and disciplined additions of capital into the investment plan over time reduce the overall purchasing cost because a fixed amount invested on a regular basis buys more shares when share price is low and fewer when the opposite happens.

WHAT DIFFERENT TYPES OF INVESTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE?

Stocks, bonds, money-market securities, and derivatives (futures, options, swaps, etc.) are the major types of financial investments you can make. You can also invest through mutual funds and exchange-traded funds. You can open a brokerage account to invest directly or invest through an investment firm, retirement accounts such as a 401K, 403b, and IRA or other tax-deferred accounts such as a 529 plan.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS AND POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF THE VARIOUS FORMS OF INVESTMENT?

Unlike savings in a bank or credit union which are covered by insurance from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. or the National Credit Union Administration to a limited amount, investments involve risk. You could lose part or even all of your principal. Higher-risk assets carry higher expected returns. Note, this is expected return, not guaranteed. In general, the pecking order among common investments, in order of increasing risk and increasing expected return is: money market securities, bonds, stocks and derivatives.

WHAT COSTS ARE ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF INVESTMENTS?

If you invest directly through a brokerage account, the brokerage commission is a major cost as most brokerage firms charge on a per-executed-trade basis. Therefore, the more trades you make, the more you pay. If you invest indirectly through a mutual fund, each fund has a disclosed fee structure and annual expense ratio. The higher the ratio is, the more you pay in fees.

HOW DO I FORMULATE A PERSONALIZED FINANCIAL INVESTMENT PLAN?

First, you need to understand your risk tolerance level to form an asset allocation plan with proper weight for each asset group (equity, bonds, money market, etc.). Then, within a group, you can decide to hold a passive index fund that tracks the group in general or select specific industries or individual stocks. Index funds provide the most cost-efficient diversification, but if you actively select individual securities, it is still crucial to diversify.

HOW DO I AVOID FRAUD OR RISKY DECISIONS WHILE MAXIMIZING RETURN?

To secure long-term financial freedom through investment, you need discipline and patience. Investment is NOT about getting rich quickly; that mentality has the opposite effect. Don't be swayed by temporary market fluctuations and don't get overly attached to a specific security or fund. Let time play its role in compounding the returns with yearly rebalancing. Like anything else in life, you should find a balance between acting too much and too quickly and taking no action at all.



Football Salukis Hope To Take The Valley By Surprise

Calling the Missouri Valley Conference one of the toughest leagues in the country would rank as a major understatement. Consider that not only were multiple teams ranked in the Top 25 for the majority of the 2014 season, but the Football Championship Series national champion and national runner-up both were Valley schools.

Entering the 2015 campaign, it was perhaps not that surprising to see that SIU was picked seventh in the league's preseason poll. Four-time defending national champion North Dakota State was the preseason pick to win the league, followed by national runner-up Illinois State, Northern Iowa, Youngstown State, South Dakota State and Indiana State. Western Illinois, Missouri State and South Dakota rounded out the 10-team league.

SIU was picked seventh for the third time in four years. After being picked seventh in both the 2012 and 2013 preseasons, the Salukis went on to finish third and second, respectively, in those years.

The Salukis lost 11 starters from a veteran senior class, but they are using the unknown status of their current roster as a reason they can improve from last year's 6-6 record.

"Look at Illinois State," preseason All-American center Garrett Clark says. "They went 5-7 two years ago, and were in the national championship last year. Why can't that be us?"

SIU Head Coach Dale Lennon agrees.

"The players know we have good athletes on this football team," he says. "There's some talent that is pretty impressive, and I remind

them that nobody else knows that. We have a room full of unknown players. How do you become known? Do it out on the field."

To improve, SIU will have to navigate one of the nation's toughest schedules. Six teams on the 11-game schedule were ranked in the preseason FCS top-25. A seventh game was the opener against Big Ten opponent Indiana, and an eighth is at a South Dakota team that received votes in the preseason Top 25.

Fortunately, SIU has been one of the nation's best against ranked teams under Lennon. The Salukis have won a road game against a ranked team in all seven of his seasons at Southern, including back-to-back wins on the road against top-10 teams in 2013.

To find out more about personnel and game information, go to siusalukis.com.



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Hall Of Famer Raske Replaces Price-Smith As Track Coach



When 2016 Team USA Olympic Coach **Connie Price-Smith** announced earlier this summer that she was leaving SIU Carbondale to accept the head track and field coaching position at the University of Mississippi, athletic department officials knew they had huge shoes to fill.

They filled this key position by hiring Saluki Hall of Fame track star **Kathleen Raske** as the SIU's new Director of Track and Field/Cross Country. A 1989 graduate of Southern, she recently completed her 12th season as the Director of Track and Field/Cross Country at Sacramento State. She was named Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year 16 times, produced 15 NCAA All-Americans, eight USATF Junior All-Americans, 128 NCAA National Championship participants, 191 conference champions, and 483 all-Big Sky performers during her tenure.

"To hire a head coach of Kathleen's stature is a great accomplishment for Saluki Athletics," says Saluki Director of Athletics Tommy Bell. "We're bringing home a Hall of Fame athlete and one of the most respected coaches in the business. In essence, we've replaced one Saluki legend with another. Our track program remains in good hands."

Sacramento State's men's and women's teams combined to win 17 Big Sky team championships under Raske and finished in second place eight times. She is the only woman to coach a Division I men's team to five conference championship titles in NCAA history in any sport. Prior to her arrival in 2004, neither program had finished better than fourth as a team at a conference championship meet.

An All-American in the 100-meter hurdles at Southern, Raske set conference records in the 100-meter hurdles, 200-meter and 55-meter hurdles. She also competed in five U.S. National Championships, including the 1992 Olympic Trials in the 100-meter hurdles. Raske was named the Most Valuable Player of the Decade by the Gateway Conference, and was inducted into the school's athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

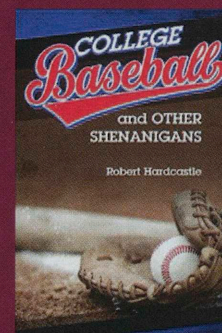
"I have always been a proud Saluki and had a wonderful student-athlete experience," Raske says "I started my coaching career 25 years ago at SIU and it has now come full circle. I am grateful for this opportunity to return home once again. I will give my best to not only continue, but to build upon the great tradition."

A respected teacher, Raske has extensive experience coaching at the national level. In 2009, she was named the head coach for Team USA at the World University Games. She was also the head women's coach for Team USA at its quadrangular meet against Great Britain, China and Russia in 2006, and at the NACAC Games in 2012.

Raske graduated from SIU with a double major in education and zoology. She is a certified strength and conditioning specialist with the NCSA and has earned Level I, II and Level III USA Track and Field coaching education certification. She was also a graduate of in the inaugural IAAF Level 5 master's of coaching for sprints and hurdles certification program.

Hardcastle Pens College Baseball Memoir

Financial talk show host **Robert Hardcastle '63, M.S. '64** – anchor of the weekend "Money Talk" program on KTRS-AM radio in St. Louis – has written a memoir of his days as a college baseball player at



Southern, called *College Baseball and Other Shenanigans*. Hardcastle, who joined the SIU program in 1959 to play for legendary coach Abe Martin, shares humorous stories of finding his way both on the

Saluki baseball team and as a new student at Carbondale. The publication chronicles his college baseball experiences during his freshman year at Southern.

The president and CEO of Delta Investment Services, Hardcastle has been involved in the financial field for more than 50 years and has hosted "Money Talk" for 27 years. In addition to his professional career, he is also a member of the St. Louis Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame.

"The response has been great, and it was certainly a fun book for me to write," the SIU Alumni Association life member says. "The process brought back so many memories and made me realize even more how special my days at Southern will always be."

Hardcastle's book is available at amazon.com. To watch a video interview regarding the publication, go to youtube.com/watch?v=tMYh2PbpUNk.



TOM KEYSER

The Living Years

BY STEVE PEIRCE

Editor's Note: **Tom Keyser '70** is the current president of the San Antonio Bar Association. A former SIU baseball player, I got to know him in the mid-1990s, when the Saluki baseball team played in tournaments in Texas. I was the team's sports information director then and would often see Tom arrive early, as he eventually had a standing invitation from then-coach Dan Callahan to take batting practice with the team. I witnessed the pure joy it gave him to be around the SIU players. Although I knew he was a successful lawyer in the area, I also had heard that the former Saluki "had a darker story to tell." Only recently did I discover how dark it was. Tom's remarkable journey of reclamation and hope is captured in an article that appeared in *San Antonio Lawyer* magazine. He has given us permission to share it with his fellow Salukis, and I hope you enjoy it.

— Gene Green

Tom Keyser stood on a chair in the gym of his rented townhouse, a rope tied around his neck. Once he had shown such promise as a baseball player that the Baltimore Orioles drafted him in 1967. At the time, he was the father of three who had lost his marriage, his home, and was about to lose his law license. All he had to do was take one small step and the pain would be over, but he lost his nerve. It was the summer of 1990.

It's the summer of 2014; Tom is having lunch with me. He is digging the joyous James Brown song being

played in the background. "I feel good," he says (Tom, not James), "except for a little pain in my back from hoisting grandkids." Tom is a music lover, and he wants to tell me about the inspirational songs he's chosen to play at the installation bar gala, where he will be honored as the 2014 San Antonio Bar Association President. "Mike and the Mechanics have a great song called 'The Living Years,' about spending time with the ones you love before they die. Give it a listen," he says.

It's another late morning for Tom. He feels his way around the house, as the electricity has been cut off. He sneaks out to his neighbor's yard and steals the Sunday newspaper. Since his water has also been cut off, Tom takes his neighbor's garden hose and uses it to give himself a shower in the yard. He's got no car, so he rides his son's bicycle to the gas station to pick up a quart of malt liquor for breakfast.

"How about a refill of your water, Mr. Tom?" the waitress at the restaurant asks. "Sure, and my friend here will have some more Kool-Aid," he says. Tom doesn't put anything exotic in his body anymore.

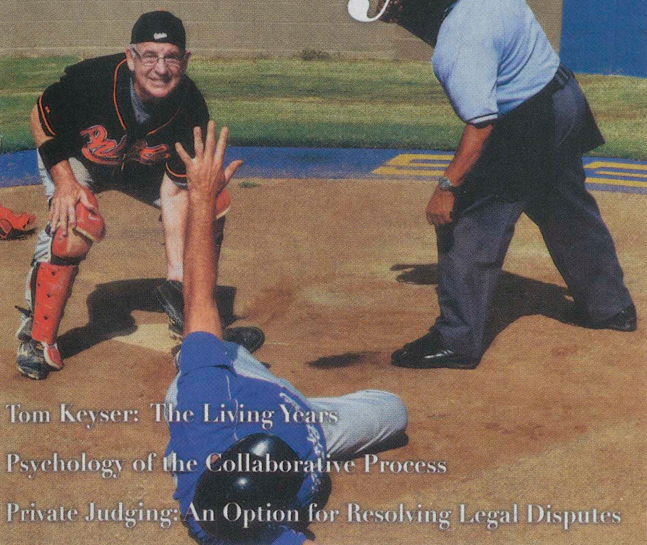
It's 1982, and Tom is playing softball for the San Antonio Blue. Life is good. He's making good money working for a local law firm and is married to his college sweetheart, Harriet. He's got three beautiful children, a home in Oak Hills, and a Porsche in the driveway. San Antonio Blue is a hard-partying group with lots to celebrate, being on their way to what would be nine consecutive state championships.

The Blues Brothers are popular at the time, and Tom's teammates wager him \$500 that he won't dress up as Jake Blues (John Belushi's character) and dance at the next San Antonio Spurs game. So the bet's on. On his way to the game, after a few drinks and some pot smoking, he is offered some cocaine for the first time. He's 35. People later tell him that his "Soul Man" choreography is spot-on, and he wins the bet. Tom might have looked like he was on a mission from God, but his descent into Hell was just getting started.

It would be hard to picture the now 68-year old dancing wildly at a Spurs game today. Not because he's not physically able. Far from it, he is still playing baseball in the men's senior league (he would play catcher the next Sunday afternoon in 98-degree heat). Today you see a humble, soft-spoken, sober man who exudes sincerity. He's wrinkled, even more, weathered, in part because of his time in the sun playing baseball, but maybe in larger part from what took place in the 1980s, when he threw it all away.

"There's a great song by Phil Collins, called 'Another Day in Paradise,' about the homeless," he says. "You should listen to it. I want the bar association to try to do more for the homeless." Tom's not just blowing

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The SIU graduate was featured on the cover of San Antonio Lawyer magazine last year.

smoke; but for the help of others and his own resolve, he would be among their ranks today ... if not dead.

In 1989, Tom looked toward the Gulf from the beach in Port Aransas. After a long night of partying, he'd left the Porsche out on the beach too close to the water, and the high tide had gotten it. A \$20,000 vehicle was ruined. A minor loss compared to some of the others. In 1984, he was arrested for possession of cocaine and sentenced to community service: build a baseball park at Old Blanco Park, which he did. The judge also told him to get help, which he didn't. Instead, Tom decided that the thing to do was kick the cocaine habit by using crystal meth, instead, so then the speed addiction took hold.

He had previously served on the grievance committee, but after the cocaine arrest, the grievance committee was coming after him. In 1986, Harriet divorced him. In 1988, he filed bankruptcy. Unbeknownst to Tom at the time, he had more than \$200,000 in IRS debt gaining penalties and interest every day. Another thing that was yet to come was his arrest on Mother's Day weekend in 1990 for passing bad checks, where he was handcuffed by the police while his son, Mike, watched. Then there would be the suspension of his law license, where he physically handed his bar card and law license over to the clerk of the Texas Supreme Court on March 15, 1991.

"So we're playing in this men's senior league World Series game," Tom says, "and all of a sudden, the pitcher on the other team collapses with a heart attack. They have a defibrillator on-hand and one of our guys

is a doctor. He uses it to save the guy's life. Come to find out, there's only two defibrillators at the Bexar County Courthouse, one in the District Attorney's office, and one in the Sheriff's office." So Tom goes on a quest to put defibrillators in the courthouse, and raises \$15,000 for eight of them. "Maybe we can save someone's life," he says.

There were other preparations for an early death during that lost decade. The deer rifle and shotgun stayed loaded and were often pointed where they shouldn't be, but it looked like Tom was going to opt for the slow suicide of so many drug addicts. But he got a call from an old friend, whom he refers to as an angel, inviting him for coffee and a trip to a local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Tom found a lot of laughter and caring at the meeting, with the plea to "keep coming back." With the help of his sister, who gave him a place to stay and loaned him a car to go to the meetings, he kept coming back. He has been sober since November 11, 1990.

"We need to do something for our brothers and sisters, either inside the bar or outside in the community; it will make us better," Tom says to me. "Sometimes we get too wrapped up in ourselves. You know that law school applications are down 37%? We're a chosen profession, and we can make a difference. Find a way to get involved."

Of course, life isn't as simple as just getting sober and living happily ever after. Six months into his sobriety, Tom finds out about the IRS debt and was still suspended from practicing law. These problems paled in comparison to the broken relationships that needed healing. But he stayed the course, kept going to the meetings, and started taking care of business. He completed an offer in compromise with the tax man and repaid friends, family, and business associates another \$100,000. He regained his law license and was even reappointed to the grievance committee.

In 1994, Tom started playing baseball again. He also repaired the relationship with his former wife, Harriet, and his now-adult kids. He attended their graduation ceremonies, weddings, and swore his son, Shane, into the law profession. In 2002, he married Constance Lindsey, and in 2014, took his entire extended and blended family – 15 in all – to San Diego, where they enjoyed a Padres game together.



The former Saluki (circled in the photo) in the 1968 SIU Baseball team photo. The Joe Lutz-coached squad finished second in the College World Series. Left of Keyser is teammate Bob Warn, who went on to enjoy a 31-year coaching career at Indiana State.

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SIU Grad Helping Fans Enjoy The Game Experience



BY STEVE KRAH

Chris Hagstrom leads more than 20 employees on game day to make the stadium experience enjoyable for all.

Go to Four Winds Field in South Bend, Ind., and you will be entertained by baseball players. Enhancing the South Bend Cubs experience is a team of production, marketing, promotions, and media relations people.

SIU Carbondale graduate **Chris Hagstrom '07**, director of creative services and promotions, oversees the show. "Show" is an appropriate word, because, from the owner on down, the franchise sees itself as an entertainment company.

Going from the South Bend Silver Hawks (an Arizona Diamondbacks affiliate in 2014) to the South Bend Cubs, a part of the Chicago Cubs player development system in 2015, has done nothing but help with attendance and overall interest.

But the aim has not changed.

"We had the same philosophy last year that we have this year," Hagstrom says. "Our goal is to entertain. While we can't control what happens on the field, we can control what happens off the field."

With Hagstrom directing their efforts, a group of hard-working and talented production folks run video boards, make public address announcements, man cameras (video and still), greet customers, conduct contests, and hold on-field interviews.

A script written prior to each homestand keeps the whole team – Hagstrom leads about 22 people on game days – on-task and on-schedule. A production crew goes through about 60 elements even before the game begins.

Beginning about 10 minutes after the gates open, Hagstrom helps choreograph

a series of PA reads, commercials, funny videos, and player elements, along with a pre-game show by a media relations intern and remarks from an on-field host.

This is followed by a presentation of first pitches, team lineups, pitching matchups, the weather report, player introductions, "running bear cubs" video, the national anthem and "Play Ball! Kid," and then the game begins. Four camera operators, who have been scouting the crowd for the most excited and loyal fans, are trained in how to shoot a game. All South Bend Cubs games are streamed on MiLB.TV.

Hagstrom (@chrishagstrom on Twitter) also oversees the "Blue Crew," a group of energetic customer service people who add to the fan experience. Crew members hand out programs at the gates and do their best to make the ballpark visit memorable. Out of a pool of 17, six-to-eight members work each game. Media relations handles web development and production web streaming.

"I want to emphasize how much of a team effort this is," Hagstrom says. "Yes, there is the person who coordinates it, but without the hard work of our interns and game-day staff, what we do wouldn't be possible."

The 2015 season is Hagstrom's second with the team. A year ago, he was just director of production. He took on the responsibilities of marketing and promotions, and a media relations department was established this year, with added interest in the Cubs players.

Hagstrom, who hails from Buffalo Grove, Ill., earned a degree in radio and television broadcasting and a minor in

marketing at SIU. He was in school during what he calls the "Golden age of SIU athletics," when the Salukis twice made the NCAA Men's Basketball Sweet 16. "I'm proud of my Dawgs," he says.

He performed video production duties at SIU football and basketball games when he was in Carbondale, and after college, he got his start in Marion, Ill., with the Southern Illinois Miners. He also taught a course on sports production with SIU's College of Mass Communications and Media Arts.

"It was a no-brainer when Learfield Sports hired him to be our producer/engineer on Saluki Radio broadcasts in 2008, and he didn't disappoint," says SIU External/Broadcast Operations Director **Mike Reis '78**. "The same was true at SIU Athletics in 2010 when he was hired to operate the video boards at Saluki Stadium and the SIU Arena.

"Chris doesn't repeat mistakes. He's current. He knew how to introduce new ideas to people not used to new ideas, and knew more than the rest of us about the things he was doing."

Reis says Hagstrom got into the business looking to be a sportscaster, specifically doing play-by-play. He soon accepted, however, that the technical/production side was his strength and his future.

"That's not easy for someone in his mid-20s to accept, but he figured it out. He's a mover, in my opinion. He'll be in the big leagues before long – he controls the height of his ceiling."

– Krah is a reporter for the Elkhart Truth, where some portions of this story originally appeared.



BAG Reunion 2015

The SIU Black Alumni Group (BAG) enjoyed their biennial reunion in Carbondale July 16-19, as alumni arrived from across the country for a long weekend of fun, engagement, giving back, and sharing of memories.

Officers were elected at the business meeting, and the group met with SIU President Randy Dunn and other administrators to discuss ways they could assist the University with student retention. BAG also sponsored a school supply drive at the Eurma Hayes Center in Carbondale.

Salukis danced the night away at several parties, including a masquerade-themed evening. A reception was also held to recognize BAG scholarship recipients, and Greek organizations participated in a spectacular step show in the SIU Student Center with more than 600 people in attendance.

BAG has been unofficially returning to Carbondale for reunions since the late 1960s, and the organization's current reunion format began in 1988.

Photos on this page show some of the activities during this year's event, and are courtesy of Shakeia Smith Photography. Smith is a 2013 graduate of SIU Carbondale.





Pictured are just a few of the SIU students that benefited this year from the textbook scholarship initiative.

Association Helping Recruit And Retain Students

In 2008 the SIU Alumni Association National Board of Directors designated \$1 million and formed a scholarship committee to help recruit and retain students at SIU Carbondale. Since then, the committee has presented more than \$330,000 in scholarships and awards to more than 400 students.

Howard Spiegel '75, the chairman of the group from its inception until 2015, says the scholarship committee, with the assistance of the investment committee and the executive committee, has been able to deliver on the board's mission to retain and recruit the best and brightest to SIU. "We remain vigilant in our efforts to help our alma mater and the future generations of Salukis," he notes.

The scholarships and awards that were first granted focused on gap funding to assist students with the gap between the amount of financial aid they receive and the actual expense of attending Southern. To help these students, the Association works closely with SIU Financial Aid and other campus departments to identify deserving students. The Association then purchases their textbooks for the semester, and many

students have become emotional over receiving the unexpected assistance in times of financial hardships.

In addition to textbook scholarships, the Committee began assisting with the fundraising efforts of constituent organizations such as local chapters and affinity based groups. The Association matches dollar-for-dollar funds raised by these organizations to award scholarships to deserving students. Thousands of dollars have been matched as a result of this initiative.

Other awards offered through the Association Scholarship Committee range from supporting Extern students as they travel to their internships over Spring Break, assisting Chancellor Scholar recipients, and helping Registered Student Organizations.

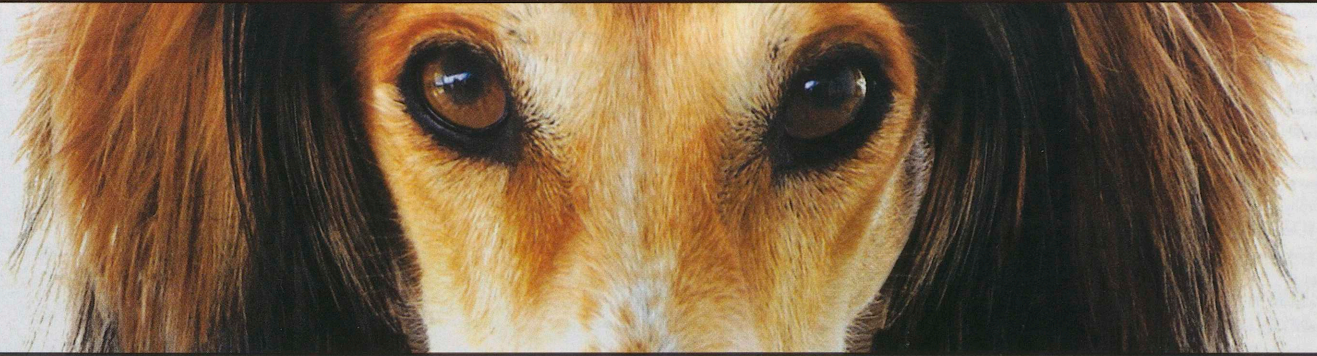
"With the financial challenges many talented students face in obtaining a college degree, we hope receiving this assistance helps keep them on their path of success," SIU Alumni Association Board President **Mike Kasser '78** says. "We also feel that helping fill these funding gaps plays a role in supporting the University's goal of retaining students.

Assisting Saluki Cares

As part of the Scholarship Committee's efforts to help retain students, the Association is excited to match up to \$10,000 to assist the Saluki Cares program. Saluki Cares, an early alert initiative composed of professionals from different areas of campus life, facilitates and coordinates a university-wide program of care and support for students in distress.

The forms of distress can be wide ranging, such as the need to find temporary housing for students who lost their apartment due to a fire, to counseling students following the loss of a family member. If you would like to participate in this matching process, please consider making a secure gift online at siuf.org/making-a-gift/give-online and enter "Saluki Cares Fund" under Other Designations.

EVERY SALUKI HAS A STORY



Steve Wiyatt '70
Effingham, Ill.

I came to SIU in the fall of 1966 expecting to be in a two-person room in Abbott Hall at Thompson Point. Upon arrival, however, I found out I had been placed in overflow accommodations in the basement ... with five other men. Back then I thought that was a terrible way to start my college experience. As it turned out, it was a wonderful learning experience to be in cramped quarters with others with totally different personalities and backgrounds.

I lived in that basement for only one term and was then placed in a regular room. In the middle of my sophomore year, I pledged the Little Egypt Agricultural Cooperative fraternity and moved to Greek Row. In 1970 the fraternity received a charter as a chapter of Alpha Gamma Rho, and when I graduated later that year, I was drafted into the U.S. Army. After my military obligation was fulfilled, I returned to the University and completed a year of graduate studies before accepting a job with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as an agricultural statistician with the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Looking back, I can definitely say my education and experiences at Southern were major factors in my successful 34-year career with the USDA. When I retired in 2008, I was a member of the U.S. Government's Senior Executive Service and held the positions of Director of the Statistics Division and Executive Director of the Agricultural Statistics Board in Washington, D.C.

I currently serve on the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors, the SIU College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Association Board of Governors, and on the College of Agricultural Sciences Leadership Board.

FLOWERS, Mary E., '34
6/05/2015, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

STEVENSON, Dorothy G., '34
5/17/2015, Salem, Ill.

WALKER, Viola A., '35
4/28/2015, Centralia, Ill.

LEE, Genevieve P., '38
5/25/2015, Pflugerville, Texas

COLLISON, Isabel G., ex. '40
4/08/2014, Wauwatosa, Wis.

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

CAVEGLIA, George D., '42
6/17/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.

WEBB, Roger E., ex. '42
7/05/2015, Mount Vernon, Ill.

LEE, Phyllis, '43
10/15/2014, Belleville, Ill.

CHOATE, Jewel R., '47, M.S. Ed. '60
7/15/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.

ISBELL, Neva M., '47
5/06/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.

OBRECHT, Gerald L., '47
11/27/2014, Sullivan, Ill.

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

REIMAN, Wayne D., ex. '49
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STANHOUSE, James W., '49
4/03/2015, Du Quoin, Ill.

CLENDENIN, Wilbur H., '50
6/22/2015, Ava, Ill.

DIETZ, Lavern J., ex. '50
5/19/2015, Christopher, Ill.

HURLEY, Robert E., ex. '50
11/07/2014, Watsonville, Calif.

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

TALLY, Marion W., '50, M.S. Ed. '58
5/29/2015, Altamont, Ill.

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

CASTRALE, Joe, '51, M.S. Ed. '54
6/04/2015, Herrin, Ill.

MAYER, Leon A., '51
7/14/2015, Urbana, Ill.

MCKNIGHT, Charlotte O., ex. '51
3/08/2015, Flora, Ill.

PRESTON, Betty R., ex. '51
7/19/2015, Madison, Ind.

DELAP, James H., '52
7/17/2015, DeLand, Fla.

PALMER, William D., '52
5/19/2015, West Frankfort, Ill.

RIDGEWAY, Elizabeth A., ex. '52
5/08/2015, Henderson, Texas

SMITH, Lonnie D., ex. '52
12/29/2014, Lakeland, Fla.

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

BAKER, Charlotte J., '53
5/31/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.

GALLOWAY, Betty B., '53
2/13/2015, Marseilles, Ill.

HALL, Herral E., ex. '53
5/20/2015, Oakdale, Ill.

BECK, Ralph E., ex. '54
8/02/2014, Richmond, Va.

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

GRAVES, Norma J., ex. '54
6/24/2015, Springfield, Ill.

LANG, James I., '54
7/17/2015, Marion, Ill.

MORGAN, Wendell, '54

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KARRAKER, Shirley K., ex. '55
7/04/2014, Charleston, Ill.

MURPHY, Mildred H., '55
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CAUBLE, Bill J., '56
5/10/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

SIMMONS, Clara F., '56
5/20/2015, Goreville, Ill

TEMPLETON, William R., '56, M.S. Ed. '57
5/04/2015, Marion, Ill.

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

HUMPHREY, Phillip C., '57, M.S. Ed. '59
10/21/2014, Dyersburg, Tenn.

LEWIS, Claude H., '57, M.A. '57
5/25/2015, Ingleside, Texas

PURDUE, John W., '57
7/14/2015, Mount Vernon, Ill.

HARPER, Delbert D., '58
6/10/2015, Maryville, Tenn.

MORGAN, Eardle J., '58, M.S. Ed. '60
6/10/2015, Marion, Ill.

OZMENT, Robert R., '58
6/06/2015, Harrisburg, Ill.

PODESVA, Jerome R., M.S. Ed. '58
5/18/2015, East Alton, Ill.

CROWELL, Lenora E., '59
6/09/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

DRAPALIK, Donald J., '59, M.A. '62
5/22/2015, Statesboro, Ga.

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

WARNER, Donald E., '59
5/15/2015, Ooltewah, Tenn.

WILSON, Thomas M., '59
4/26/2015, Ballwin, Mo.

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

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

MCMILLEN, Warren N., '61
6/26/2015, Maitland, Fla.

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

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

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

NELSON, Carroll F., '62, M.S. Ed. '64
5/25/2015, Carbondale, Ill.

OSBURN, Frederick W., '62
7/08/2015, Jacksonville, Ill.

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

BRENNAN, John M., '63
7/11/2015, Girard, Ill.

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

MILLS, Janet S., '63
5/25/2015, Sioux Falls, S.D.

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

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

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

CROUSE, Gerald L., '64
5/11/2015, Altamont, Ill.

DEVITO, Joan J., '64
6/30/2015, Lisle, Ill.

PETERSON, Emil G., '64, M.A. '66
7/03/2015, Harrisburg, Ill.

RUSHING, Gene G., ex. '64
7/17/2015, Paducah, Ky.

STEWART, Erma A., '64
7/26/2014, Dyersburg, Tenn.

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

HANSER, Paul, '65
5/15/2015, Houston, Texas

HORGEN, Suzanne J., '65
4/23/2015, Mount Prospect, Ill.

KARGAS, Nicholas A., M.S. '65
5/29/2015, Aurora, Colo.

LEE, Harold A., '65
1/01/2015, Hillsboro, Ill.

PODLASEK, Sandra E., '65
4/28/2015, Sanibel, Fla.

BROWN, James D., '66
5/06/2015, Rockport, Maine

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

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

REYNOLDS, Jean E., '66, M.S. Ed. '70, Ph.D. '78
4/07/2015, Cartersville, Ill.

RIDGWAY, Wilkie D., '66
11/03/2014, Golconda, Ill.

SMITH, Jeannine R., '66, M.S. Ed. '71
6/12/2015, Benton, Ill.

ULECK, Ronald B., '66, M.S. '71
6/26/2014, Gaithersburg, Md.

MILLER, Donald R., '67
4/21/2015, Moline, Ill.

WILSON, Alan P., '67 M.S. '68
6/05/2015, Salem, Ill.

BALL, Donald D., '68
5/11/2015, Onalaska, Wis.

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

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

HILL, Nancy L., '68
6/09/2015, Mokena, Ill.

SMITH, Jeffery A., '68
6/17/2015, Plano, Ill.

WUNDERLICH, Mildred E., M.S. Ed. '68
5/16/2015, Taylorville, Ill.

CASH, Joseph R., '69, M.S. Ed. '70, Ph.D. '96
7/02/2015, Cartersville, Ill.

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

CRESTO, Ronald F., '69
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FABIAN, David L., '69
12/26/2014, Las Vegas, Nev.

FOSTER, Dale R., '69
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VINES, Doyle R., '69
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BATAC, Anne-Marie J., M.A. '70
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BECKER, Craig R., '70
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BOMA, John M., '70
7/16/2015, Crescent City, Ill.

DEBOLT, William R., '70
1/13/2014, Sarasota, Fla.

ELKINS, Judy A., '70
6/10/2015, San Bernardino, Calif.

GROM, Virginia L., '70, M.S. '71
6/12/2015, Saint Charles, Ill.

O'MALLEY, Martha R., '70
6/05/2015, Belleville, Ill.

WOLF, Michael F., '70
7/04/2015, Valley Glen, Calif.

CONNOR, John A., '71

Former Association Board Member Brian Schaffner

Brian Schaffner, a long-time SIU Alumni Association board member, passed away in April at the age of 54. The 1984 Mass Communications and Media Arts graduate served on the Board's Student Relations Committee from 1992-2005, and on the Communications Committee from 1998-2005.

Schaffner, who earned a master's degree at SIU in 2013, was a visiting assistant instructor in the Cinema and Photography Department at the University. Prior to that, he owned B&L Photography in Carbondale.

The multi-talented Saluki indulged in an interest in flying, and more than a decade ago he began to build a Rans Courier airplane from a kit. It was project he proudly completed in 2007.

Schaffner is survived by his wife, Nancy, in Carbondale.

DUNN, Ruth N., '71, M.S. Ed. '75
6/10/2015, Harrisburg, Ill.

FOX, James M., '71
4/22/2015, Fort Mill, S.C.

GOODSON, Janelle Y., '71
6/12/2015, Sherwood, Ark.

LIMPERIS, Robert J., '71
7/06/2015, Portland, Ore.

PASZKIEWICZ, Lawrence R., '71
7/26/2015, Pinckneyville, Ill.

STACK, Dennis E., '71
6/14/2015, Mahomet, Ill.

ALCORN, Sharon R., '72, M.S. '73
4/10/2015, Lakeland, Fla.

CARTWRIGHT, Max D., '72, J.D. '76
6/22/2015, Moline, Ill.

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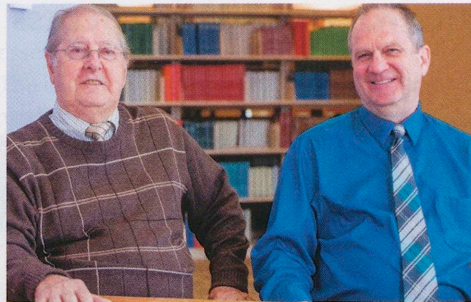
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‘A Pencil Behind The Ear Is Better Than A Shovel In The Hand’

Renald Morani '57 recently returned to Southern Illinois to visit his sister and revisit the campus that helped launch his long and distinguished career in accounting and auditing. He retired in 1993 after an illustrious 36-year career in the federal government.

Serving as Acting Inspector General to the Department of Veterans Affairs, he later was nominated to that position by President Reagan with confirmation by the U.S. Senate. Within the federal government, an inspector general holds the equivalent rank of a multi-star general in the military.

Morani grew up in Herrin, Ill., the son of Italian immigrants who had come from the community of Inveruno, near Milan, in Lombardy. His parents spoke only Italian upon their arrival in the United States, but



Renald Morani and nephew Paul Restivo, Southern's director of the Center for Environmental Health & Safety.

they eventually learned to speak English. Morani spoke both Italian and English growing up in Herrin.

He was the first in his family to attend and graduate from college, and well remembers his father's regard for the value of education. The words of his coal miner father, "A pencil behind the ear is

better than a shovel in the hand," have resonated with Morani his entire life.

When visiting campus and touring the new and remodeled campus buildings, he says he was "born too early." He well remembers an accounting instructor, Susie Ogden, who was "most respected, most feared," and credits her with advancing his accounting abilities. Morani also enjoyed being a classmate of **Dick Gregory EX '56 Hon. Ph.D. '87**, who always shared his humorous asides with those close enough to hear his comments.

Morani regards his education at Herrin High School as instrumental in his success, acknowledging inspiration and mentoring from SIU alumni Myrtle Carey '27 and Anthony Venegoni '38. In reflecting upon the success of his career path, he says, "It's all related to education, hard work, and diligence."

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The Diva Was Into Details

BRUSH WITH SIU'S MARJORIE LAWRENCE POINTED WAY TO SUCCESS

BY TIM HASTINGS



Marjorie Lawrence with members of the "Carmen" boys' chorus in 1967. Before arriving at SIU, her life story was told in the 1955 film, *Interrupted Melody*. Eleanor Parker was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress for her performance.

It was winter 1967 and I was a seventh grade student starving to be on stage. Every night after supper since the first grade, I'd go in our living room to sing and dance for my imaginary audience. My repertoire was limited to the three Broadway recordings my parents owned. These were the musicals "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," and "West Side Story."

My dream of performing on a real stage came true just after Christmas. Within a day or two of returning to Southern Illinois University's now shuttered University School, the chorus teacher asked if any boys wanted to be in an opera. He explained that the SIU School of Music needed a boys' chorus for their production of "Carmen" to be held in Shryock Auditorium in February.

"Would I like to be in an opera?" I asked myself. "Of course!!!" The teacher might as well have asked who wanted a trip to Disneyland by way of Jupiter, Venus, and Mars! I signed up immediately!!

I had been in Shryock Auditorium the previous summer to see a musical, but it was quite a different experience to be in the ornate theater as a performer. When I took off my winter coat at the first rehearsal and walked across the well-worn wooden stage, I felt at home.

I was fascinated to see what appeared to be an audience member at the rehearsal. She was a pretty woman, perhaps in her early- to mid-sixties. She sat in a wheelchair in the left aisle near the back of the main floor and wrung her hands constantly every time the music played.

I'm not sure when I learned this woman's name or identity. The unique audience member was SIU School of Music Professor Marjorie Lawrence. I eventually learned that she had been to opera what Babe Ruth was to baseball. After polio ended her singing career, she made the heroic transition of joining the SIU music faculty.

Miss Lawrence was the artistic director of "Carmen." She was the first to arrive at every rehearsal and the last to leave. She wrung her hands, I observed, because she would get so caught up in the action on stage.

Miss Lawrence made it her personal responsibility to record the names of every member of the boys' chorus for publication in the opera program. She had us gather around her wheelchair at the back of the auditorium and we took turns pronouncing our names. Like a stenographer, she wrote our names on a tablet. She exuded warmth and friendliness but made no idle conversation.

I was flattered the show's director would personally ask my name. On the other hand, I wasn't intimidated in her presence, because I had no concept of her stature in the opera world. Approximately two weeks before the performance, Miss Lawrence asked the entire cast to gather around her at the back of the auditorium for a brief announcement. "Please go to the villages and hamlets," she

said, "and invite everyone to the opera." She had a slight British accent and spoke with impeccable diction and the roundest tones.

As we were assembling for this announcement, I overheard Miss Lawrence acknowledge a comment that the lead tenor made about a recital he had heard. That was the sole time I observed Miss Lawrence say anything informal. She wasn't unfriendly or aloof, just utterly focused on the production.

While preparing this article, I discovered a photo of Miss Lawrence taken with members of the "Carmen" boys' chorus from 1967. I'm not in the photo, but I believe it was taken at a cast party held at the SIU Student Center following the last performance. Typical of

all her appearances at performances, she is dressed like a queen.

The last time I saw her she was taking a curtain call after "Altgeld," an opera she premiered at SIU in 1969. After the singers had taken their bows and the red curtain closed, the spotlight glowed at stage left. Soon, Miss Lawrence appeared being pushed by her husband, a tall white-haired gentleman in a tuxedo. They proceeded, to the accompaniment of great applause, to center stage, where the spotlights nearly burned holes in them.

Miss Lawrence wore a silk dress with a floral design that could easily have come from the wardrobe of Queen Elizabeth II, a

diamond necklace with matching earrings, her platinum hair styled perfectly, and she carried a bouquet of a dozen long-stemmed red roses. She beamed at the audience for half a minute or so, may have given a slight wave of her hand, and with the applause still thundering, was wheeled off stage.

I never became a professional opera performer, or even a Broadway performer, but from Miss Lawrence I learned three keys to success in any career: be the first to arrive at every appointment; focus on one task; and, when appropriate, dress like royalty!

Tim Hastings earned his bachelor of science in journalism at SIU in 1976. He is a freelance writer based in West Frankfort, Ill.

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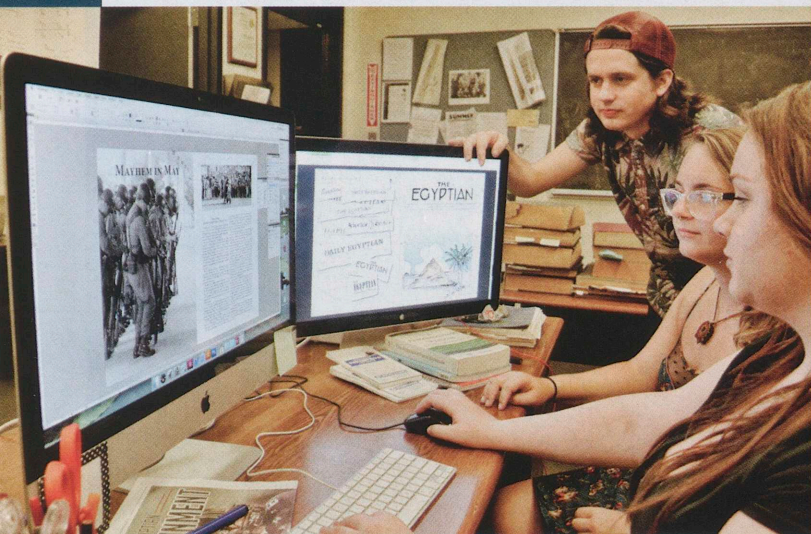
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Daily Egyptian To Celebrate 100th Anniversary



Branda Michell, "The First Century" design chief (right), looks over book layout with summer semester editor-in-chief Marissa Novel, and publication contributor Chase Mayers. Photo by Jessica Edmond.

For nearly a century, the *Daily Egyptian* has covered wars, riots, natural disasters, and the everyday lives of the students, professors, and people in and around Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

In 1916, the Southern Illinois Normal University launched its first edition of the *Egyptian*, a monthly student-led newspaper. Claude Vick was the first editor, and the new publication continued until 1918, when it was suspended because of World War I.

The paper resumed publication as a weekly in 1921 after a three-year hiatus, and it has been published continuously since that time. In 1950, it began publishing twice per week, switching to daily publication in 1963 when it became the *Daily Egyptian*, or the *DE*.

A book entitled "*The First Century*," commemorating the *Daily Egyptian's* first 100 years, will be released in 2016. It is written, edited, and designed

by SIU journalism students, faculty, and *DE* alumni, many of whom are now working as professional journalists from coast-to-coast.

Highlights include stories of the Saluki men's basketball performance in the 1967 National Invitation Tournament, the May 1970 riots on campus, then-Senator Barack Obama's visit to Carbondale in 2004, coverage of the deadly Harrisburg tornado in 2012, and last year's #savethede Twitter campaign when *DE* alumni helped reestablish the paper's financial stability.

The book includes interviews with student editors from as far back as 1950, and Gus Bode, the newspaper's mascot since 1956, makes an appearance as well.

The publication will sell for \$24.95, plus \$3 shipping. Advanced copies will be available for \$19.95. For more information, contact the SIU School of Journalism at 618/536-3361.

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Meet Your 2015 Elected Association Board Members...

Four alumni were elected to positions on the SIU Alumni Association national board of director this spring. They are: **Allison Niendiek '08**, College of Business; **Holly Kruep '01**, College of Liberal Arts; **Mike Farmer '77**, College of Liberal Arts; and **Wayne Sirles '89**, College of Agricultural Sciences. The Members At Large began their terms on July 1.



Niendiek is future product manager with John Deere Harvester Worldwide Product Development. She takes on the company's global marketing lead for future combine programs, works with Europe and South America Strategic Marketing, and develops solutions with engineering to meet customer's crop harvest needs.

Originally from Teutopolis, Ill., she currently resides in LeClaire, Iowa. She received a degree in marketing, with a minor in history, from Southern. As a student, Niendiek was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi, the American Marketing Association, College of Business Student Council, and was a Saluki Ambassador. She was also a student employee at the SIU Alumni Association.

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



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

Kruep grew up in Mt. Vernon, Ill., and resides there today with her husband, **Chris Campo '00**, and a daughter, Regan.



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

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



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

Sirles has been actively involved in his industry through positions held with Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois State Horticulture Society, Illinois Specialty Crops Association, among others. He currently serves on the Agriculture Advisory

Boards for both U.S. Senator Mark Kirk and U.S. Congressman Mike Bost. He speaks at state and Midwest conferences and supports continued research by the SIU College of Agriculture on his farm.

He lives on the farm with his wife **Michelle '89** and two daughters Hilary and Audrey. They are the sixth generation of Rendlemans to work the farm.

The Association also welcomes new student representatives Kevin Gettis (undergraduate student president), Jacob Linder (Student Alumni Council president), and Brandon Woudenberg (graduate and professional student council president) to the board. **Dr. Jeffrey Parks** is now the representative for the SIU School of Medicine, and **Greg Cook** is the representative for the SIU Foundation.



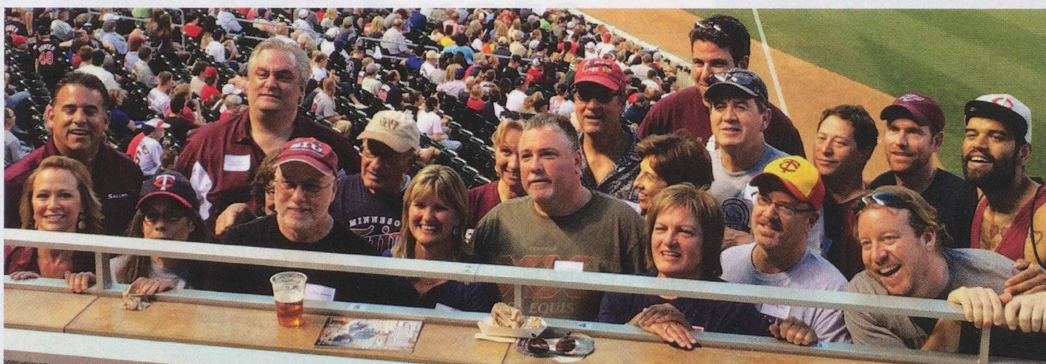
Zoe Owens Joins Alumni Team

Zoe Owens '01 is now the SIU Alumni Association's Director of Constituent Relations, and will coordinate activities with alumni chapters, clubs, and groups. Before joining the Association, she worked at the College of Applied Sciences and Arts (CASA) and with SIU Undergraduate Admissions. Most recently she was charged with recruitment and retention efforts at CASA.

Owens, an East St. Louis native, was also employed at SIU Edwardsville (in the registrar's office as an admissions specialist) from August 2005-2009, gaining experience in working with volunteers, recruitment, and event planning activities.

"We are pleased that Zoe is now a part of our staff," says Association Executive Director Michelle Suarez. "She is well-suited for this important role on our team, and has impressed us with how she approaches her duties. Zoe's previous experience on campus has allowed her to accomplish many things in a short amount of time.

"I know our alumni are going to really enjoy meeting her at various events around the country."



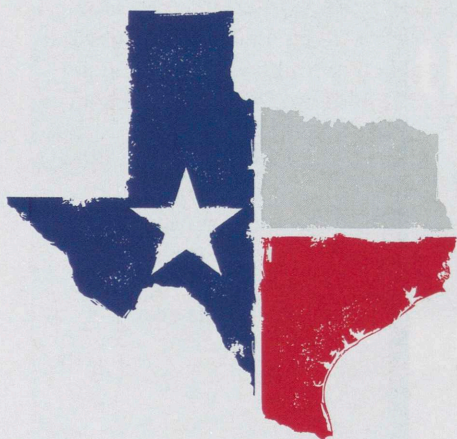
SIU Day At Target Field

The Minnesota Alumni Club hosted a gathering at a game between the Minnesota Twins and Kansas City Royals, and put together an optional pre-game gathering at a local Irish pub. Approximately 50 Salukis attended the game and enjoyed the action. Club Representative Max Orenstein assisted with this fourth annual event.



SIU Day At Round Rock

More than 30 alumni and friends from the Austin/San Antonio Chapter gathered for the 4th Annual SIU Day with The Round Rock Express. Chapter member Tara Cate assisted in hosting the event. The group included former alumni board member Bill Szlag, as well as current board member Paul Piche. The evening included food, drinks, lots of Saluki memories, and a great 12th-inning homerun victory by the Express against the Memphis Redbirds.



Dawgs At Busch Stadium

The 31st annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium was a quick sellout this summer, as more than 300 Salukis came to St. Louis to watch the Cardinals host the Cubs. Prior to the game, the Association hosted a pregame event at Joe Buck's Restaurant near the stadium, as a large crowd enjoyed a buffet meal and a short program. St. Louis Chapter leader Leslie Patterson helped host the event, and introduced one of the chapter's scholarship recipients to the crowd. Patterson (below left) is shown with Gabby O'Brien, who began her studies at SIU this fall. The other recipient, Madison Pope, was unable to attend the pregame festivities.





SIU Day At Miami

More than 20 alumni and friends enjoyed the 3rd annual SIU Day with the Miami Marlins. The group also gathered at a tailgate prior to the action between the Marlins and the Los Angeles Dodgers. South Florida Club leaders Art Duffy and Will Stransky helped manage the event.



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



Salukis At Kane County

For the third straight year, Chicago-area Salukis gathered in the western suburbs of Chicago to enjoy SIU Day with the Kane County Cougars. The group enjoyed a suite behind home plate with a buffet meal, as well as seats in front to enjoy the game. Chapter leaders Vanessa Matheny and Bridget James hosted the event and gave alumni information on some upcoming opportunities to connect with SIU alumni in the Chicago area.



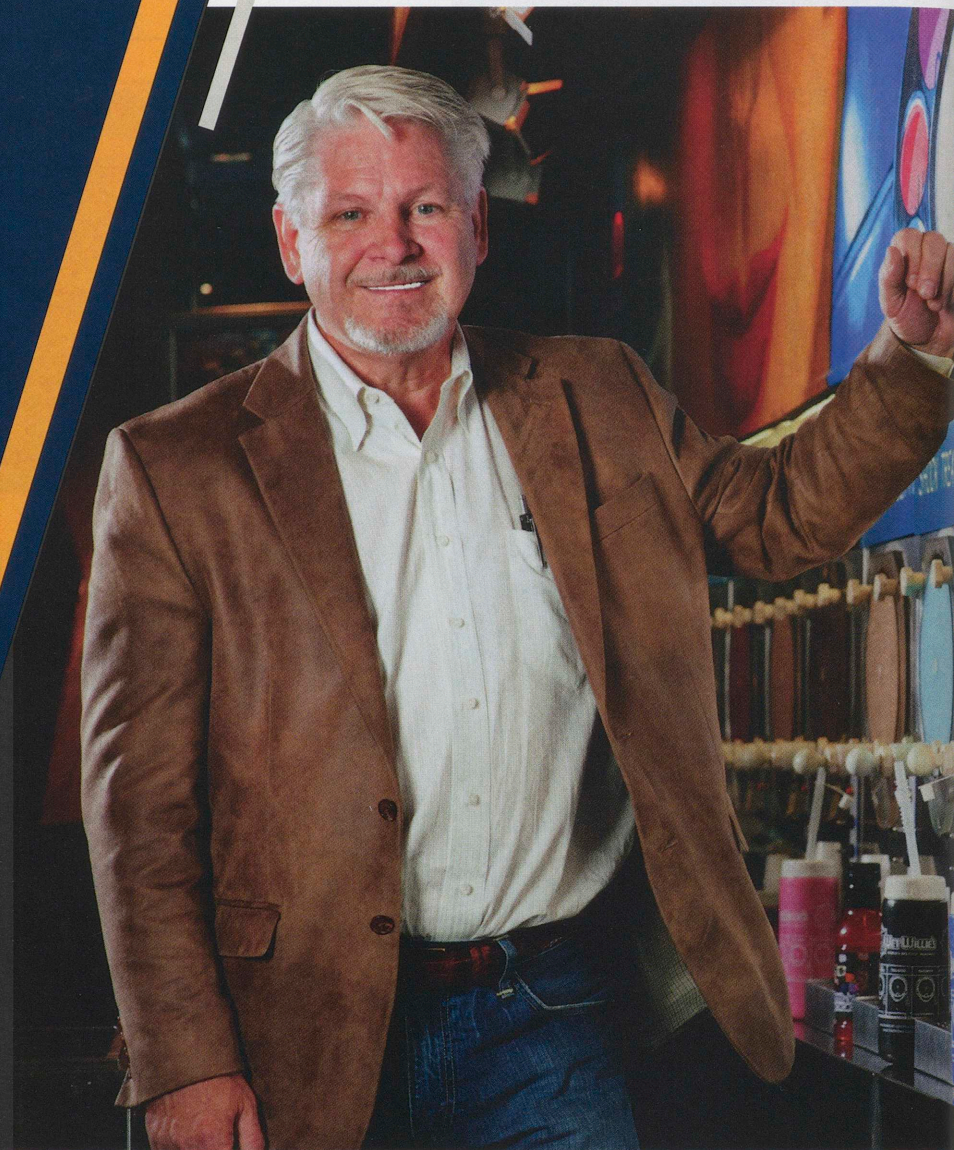
Huge Alumni Contingent Enjoys Cubs-White Sox Action

The 38th annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field was a big success, as more than 530 Salukis gathered on the north side of Chicago to watch the Cubs host the White Sox. Prior to the action, most attended a pregame event across the street at The Cubby Bear, hosted by SIU alumnus George Loukas. SIU Chicagoland Chapter volunteers Kelly Kresin, Justin Harris, Vanessa Matheny, Bridget James, Chris Stemler, and Nick Harkovich registered guests and helped the large crowd enjoy the pregame fun. SIU President Randy Dunn, and his wife, Ronda, attended and chatted with alumni, as did Association President Mike Kasser. In the top photo, from left are George Loukas, Mike Kasser, Ronda Dunn, Randy Dunn, and Michelle Suarez. The other photos show volunteers Nick Harkovich and Bridget James at the registration table, and the large group enjoying the afternoon.

Psychologist Becomes Wet Willie's Proprietor

BY GREG SCOTT

Top photo: Dickinson at his company's original location on River Street in Savannah Ga. Opposite page: From left, Dickinson, wife, Joe Ann, and daughter, Emily, at a business award gala two years ago.



Ten years into his career as a practicing neuropsychologist in Savannah, Ga., **Bill Dickinson '74, M.A. '76, Ph.D. '80** says the medical field was changing. And he became concerned about his future.

"The water was getting chilly. The government and insurance companies were reining in expenses, so it got tough to make a living," he says. "Therefore, I started investigating other opportunities."

After some "false starts," the SIU Alumni Association life member met the brother of a friend who was leaving his role as a Midwest sales representative for

Toyota. He was interested in opening a restaurant and bar and asked Dickinson to invest in the opportunity.

Dickinson agreed to do so ... and his life has never been the same.

"We opened our first bar in Savannah and it was successful. So we opened another establishment in Miami Beach," he says. "My partner wasn't interested in expanding any further, so I eventually bought him out."

His new venture started on March 17, 1990, and Dickinson became increasingly involved in the operations

and management aspect of his business. Twenty-five years later, as CEO and founder of “Wet Willie’s,” he is reflecting on a business that continues to prosper.

A popular chain of bars known for their frozen daiquiris, tasty ‘munchies’ and upbeat atmosphere, Wet Willie’s has 12 locations in the southeast United States, and one in Atlantic City, N.J. The number will soon rise to 15 as new locations are opening in St. Louis, MO as well as a second site in Atlantic City. Many locations are on or near a beach. “It is a fun and profitable business. I’ve taken some life lessons and applied them here,” Dickinson says.

Dickinson, who has been practicing psychology since 1976, keeps an active practice. He continues to conduct evaluations and provide therapy, but only on a pro bono (no cost) basis. “Dealing with insurance and payments – now, that’s too much work!” he says. “I counsel patients on one condition: they have to take my advice, which includes doing homework.”

The SIU graduate says the most important benefit of his success is having the resources to help others. “It is difficult to give back when you’re in private practice and fighting with insurance companies,” he says. “Now I’m in a position to support various charities, and I feel good about that.”

Dickinson donates funds to the 200 Club (an organization that provides support to the families of fallen police officers), Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the American Diabetes Association, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, and others. He also founded the Patrick Ansley Williams Scholarship Fund, an academic/financial need-based award to support students majoring in one of the hospitality degree programs at Savannah Technical College. The scholarship is named in honor of a dear friend’s son who lost his life to cancer. Dickinson’s friend also owns

restaurants in the Savannah area.

His mother-in-law lost her life to leukemia, and he has watched loved ones, including his wife and mother, successfully beat breast cancer. Since he has been personally impacted, he is pleased that each organization focuses donated funds on treatment and research.

In addition to these charities, Dickinson and his wife of 33 years, Joe Ann Brandt (also a clinical psychologist), are very supportive of the Savannah Music Festival. The SMF is the largest musical arts event in Georgia and one of the most distinctive cross-genre music festivals in the world. SMF not only offers world-class musical productions but music educational programs, taught by noted musicians, and open to high-school students across the US. Dickinson views this training as fundamental to cognitive, intellectual and emotional development.

“I love music. It is good for the heart, mind, and soul,” he says. “So passing that legacy on to the younger generation is important, and the festival’s mission hooked me.”

But it took a while for Dickinson to become sold on education, as his high school academic performance didn’t generate confidence from college student recruiters. Academics weren’t a priority for this New York native who spent most of his youth in New Jersey.

The 1964 high school graduate subsequently toiled in various jobs. In 1967, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, which served as a turning point.

“I was an impulsive and angry young man who lacked direction. Therefore, accepting authority was difficult for me,” he says. “That doesn’t work well in the military, since it didn’t matter if you were right or wrong – your sergeant was in charge.”

His military stint changed things. Dickinson acquired self-discipline skills and learned the value of education. He also discovered that his service could earn him a college degree through the GI Bill that provided benefits for veterans.

Dickinson discovered SIU through a friend while he was stationed in Savannah, Ga. His parents couldn’t afford to finance college educations for their six children, and although Dickinson had support from the GI Bill, he knew he also needed to work.

At SIU, he received a student work job as a research assistant in the Life Sciences Building, and acquired an interest in psychology in the process. While teaching psychology courses and conducting research, Dickinson attained a bachelor’s, masters and doctorate in the field.

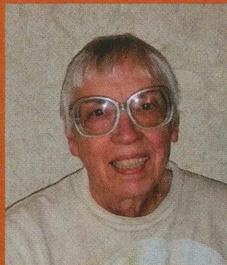
Dickinson is proud that his two daughters are poised to follow in his footsteps. His oldest, Ashley, is a physician currently in the Neurology Residency program at Mayo Clinic. A life-long rabid Atlanta Braves fan, Ashley is married to Alejandro Peña, Jr., whose father formerly pitched for the team. Dickinson’s youngest daughter, Emily, is a Tulane University business school graduate serving as vice president of Wet Willie’s.

“Emily is doing a great job. She is my “exit” strategy,” he says. “Wet Willie’s will be in great hands when I decide to hang up my spurs.”

If you are interested in establishing or funding opportunities for SIU students, contact Gary Bogue at 405/334-2865, or garyb@foundation.siu.edu.



Scholarship Honors Family Legacy



A woman who enjoyed a career in communication and education is aiming to assist young people following the same path. She is also honoring loved ones in the process.

Martha Rhine, a former editorial assistant for the American Chemical Society who concluded her career as a substitute teacher, gifted SIU Carbondale \$100,000 to establish the Rhine Latowsky Harrison Endowed Scholarship. The award will honor an education or mass communications major from a rural Illinois town, who demonstrates financial need. The scholarship account is being administered in Carbondale, but recipients can either be enrolled at the SIU Carbondale or SIU Edwardsville campus.

Rhine says the scholarship is funded through an inheritance she received from her mother's first cousins.

"Rural Illinois students reflect the backgrounds of my elder cousins," Rhine says. "Additionally, I wanted to help students who are pursuing similar career paths as they did."

Her mother's cousin, Oscar, was a radio officer in the Merchant Marines from 1924 through World War II. He subsequently served the Illinois State Police and retired in 1968 as a chief radio operator in Springfield. His wife, Nadean, received her teaching credentials at SIU Carbondale, when it was referred to as "Southern Illinois Normal University."

"I'm not sure if Nadean taught or not – in those days, a married woman couldn't get a teaching job," Rhine says. "Oscar's role encompasses mass communication. I wanted to make sure the scholarship criteria paid homage to both elder cousins."

The criteria also represents Rhine's career path. She holds a master's in education from SIU Edwardsville. Therefore, she wanted students from that campus to be eligible for the scholarship, too.

Rhine received her bachelor's in chemistry and physics from the University of Illinois. She proceeded to serve as an editorial assistant at American Chemical Society, American Petroleum Institute in New York City, and as a librarian at Shell Agricultural Chemicals in Princeton, N.J. in 1967.

She discovered that male co-workers were getting promotions early in their careers, which wasn't the case for her. So the Farmersville, Ill., resident began pursuing a master's degree at Drexel University. When she returned home that summer, Rhine joined fellow family members in caring for her grandfather, who had been injured in a farming accident.

"I took courses at SIUE that I could transfer to Drexel for the 1968 spring quarter. However, I never returned there," she says. "The employment agencies told me that they couldn't match my previous salary at Shell, so I figured if I had to take a pay cut, I may as well teach."

While completing a graduate research project at SIUE, Rhine began teaching part-time in the St. Louis area. She was hired into her first full-time job at Roosevelt High School, before serving in word processor analyst roles at First National Bank and McDonnell Douglas Automation Company, respectively.

Rhine moved to southern Illinois in 1983, where she joined the Olin Corporation in Carterville, completing feasibility studies, contracts, and managing the library. She was a substitute teacher in the area, and subsequently did the same in the Farmersville, Ill., region before retiring in 1992.

"My mother and father were first-generation college students. Education has always been important in my family," she says. "College is essential to your future."

A Friendly Reminder ...

For the second consecutive year, this fall issue of *SIU Alumni* magazine is being sent to all alumni of record. For many years this occurred with the December issue, but fall distribution allows us to deliver a copy of this magazine to more than 230,000 homes before our Homecoming Weekend Celebration each year.

Also, the Honor Roll of Donors, which the SIU Foundation previously printed in the issue sent to all alumni, is now delivered to select alumni and friends as a separate publication. It will also be available to everyone online.

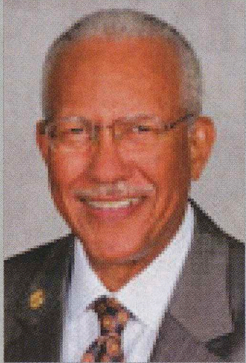
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Three Alumni Join SIU Foundation Board

Three alumni of Southern Illinois University have joined the SIU Foundation Board of Directors. They are serving three-year terms that will conclude on June 30, 2018. The newest members of the Foundation's volunteer board are: **Harold Bardo '62, Ph. D. '72**; **Randy Daniels '73**; and **Adaïre Putnam '81**.

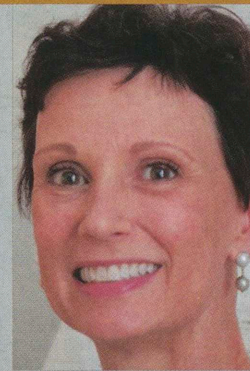
The board governs the SIU Foundation, an independent nonprofit organization that provides alumni and friends a means to invest in the University's future. Established in 1942, the Foundation solicits and administers gifts from private sources in support of SIU Carbondale's academic mission. Private funding is generated through annual giving, planned giving, major giving, corporate and foundation relations and campaigns.



BARDO
'72



DANIELS
'73



PUTNAM
'81

Bardo, who competed in basketball and track as a student-athlete at SIU, has been affiliated with the university for more than 50 years. The Sparta native initially joined the faculty as an Educational Psychology instructor in 1968. Bardo proceeded to serve two stints as director of the university's Medical/Dental Education Preparatory Program (MEDPREP), the second concluding with his retirement in 2014. Most recently, Bardo was the university's interim athletics director – the second time he held that position. He was SIU's NCAA faculty representative for 15 years.

A life member of the SIU Alumni Association, he was honored for his decades of service through the establishment of the Harold Bardo Medical Student Scholarship Endowment. Bardo also worked with university and community leaders to raise money for scholarships during the Project Hope and Opportunity campaign. He received the Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award in 2014.

Daniels, a Chicago native, has enjoyed a prestigious career in New York politics, journalism, and public relations. Since April 2007, he has served as vice chairman of Gilford Securities, Inc., one of Wall Street's few remaining private investment banking firms, which focuses on the Middle East and Asia, in addition to the U.S. Daniels is the former New York State Secretary of State, a post he was appointed to by then-Gov. George E. Pataki in April 2001. He resigned that position in 2006 to run for governor of New York.

From 1999 to 2001, Daniels was senior vice president of Canyon Johnson Urban Fund, L.L.P., a real estate equity fund based in Beverly Hills, Calif. He established the Randy A. Daniels Scholarship for Excellence in Communication Fund in 2006 to finance scholarships in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts (MCMA). It is split evenly between students in financial need and others who have attained academic excellence. He serves on the MCMA Dean's National Industry Council.

Putnam has enjoyed a highly successful career in public relations and communications for Kellogg Company in Battle Creek, Mich. She was responsible for the \$12 billion company's global corporate reputation, including issues and crisis management. Prior to her time with Kellogg, Putnam was partner and director of global PR agency Ketchum, where she headed its Midwest region.

Today, Putnam is president of Putnam Communications, helping companies, brands and organizations build and protect their reputations. A life member of the SIU Alumni Association, her University service includes stints as president of the College of Business Administration's External Advisory and Marketing Advisory boards, as well as serving as a member of the CoBA Campaign Steering Committee. The Chicago native earned a bachelor's in communications from SIU and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame. She was named an SIU Inspiring Woman of Achievement in 2007.

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Keyser with his wife Constance (far right), son Shane, and daughter-in-law Erin.

Tom speaks to young lawyers and law students about career killers. In 2009, he and a friend, Tim Langanke, produced the mini-documentary, "Tom's Story," detailing his addiction problems and his road back to sobriety. It is shown in continuing education circles and to anyone else it can inspire. He practices family law and criminal law, and uses his personal experiences in both to

counsel clients. It's not recommended as a marketing tool, but some clients have sought him out because he's been there, too.

Tom Keyser carries a lot of darkness on his back, more than you know from this article – and he carries it with dignity. He can't save the world, but that won't stop him from trying to do whatever he can.

He's in the living years, and when you've been in the dying years, there's still a lot left to do.

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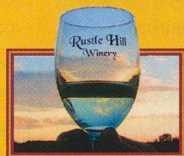


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1960'S

BILL HUDSON '64, a retired high school music instructor, was elected mayor of Mount Carmel, Ill. "I hope to fulfill my campaign goals, work for the city, and help rebuild and improve," he says. He was sworn in for his second term as mayor by his son, resident Circuit Court Judge **WILLIAM HUDSON J.D. '04**.



A West Frankfort native now living in Tampa, Fla., **BERNARD "SKIP" WITUNSKI '68** is the



new president of the Navy League of the United States. He was elected to the position after a voting during the Navy League's Board of Directors meeting in November.

1970'S

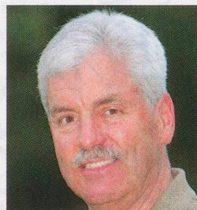
After more than 35 years at University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB), Chief Financial Officer **PATRICIA RACZYNSKI '73 M.S. '76** has retired. Her career



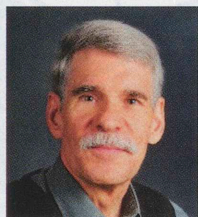
began in 1979 as a testing coordinator for the UAB Student Development Center and financial aid counselor.

Longtime Glencoe (Ill.) Director of Parks and Maintenance **RICK BOLD '74** has retired after nearly 37 years on the job. During his

leadership, he led teams that renovated nearly every park and playground in Glencoe. "Glencoe is a really nice community. The people are really nice, and I developed a lot of great friendships," says Bold.



BRENT OPELL M.A. '74, a professor of biological sciences at Virginia Tech, has received that university's 2015 William E. Wine Award, given for teaching excellence. Since joining the Virginia Tech faculty in 1978, Opell has taught more than 8,000 students.



ROBERTA GOLD CHERRICK '75 recently received the 2014 Outstanding Caregiver Award for outstanding performance and lasting contributions to older adults of Illinois. She is part of the Home Health Services Dept. at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. She works to identify strengths of the patient to plan for the future, which is essential for independent living.



The Air Force Association (AFA) Board of Directors have announced **GENERAL LARRY SPENCER '79**, retiring United States Air Force Vice Chief of Staff,



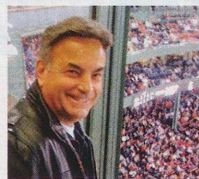
as AFA's new president. Spencer, who announced his retirement, will direct the association's professional staff in all functional areas and be responsible for the management and operations of the association.

HEIDI FRON '75 has joined *The Mountain News* in southern California. She traveled the world for five years as a newspaper editor with Royal Viking Line and assistant



photographer for Fred Olsen Lines. She also edited two trade magazines and worked in marketing before entering Western State University College of Law in Fullerton, Calif.

RICK RIZZS '75 was recently the focus of an article in the *Issaquah Press* (Washington) in which his start as a Major League Baseball broadcaster was



discussed. As a 12 year-old child, the Seattle Mariners' radio play-by-play voice wrote a letter to longtime Chicago Cubs broadcaster Jack Brickhouse asking for advice regarding how to become an MLB broadcaster. The simple advice he received was, "Work hard, believe in yourself, and eat your vegetables."

BARBARA HAGLER '76, M.S. '77, an SIU faculty member, is the 2015 National Business Education Association Outstanding Collegiate Teacher of the Year. A special committee selected

the SIU Alumni Association life member as the award recipient for her contributions to the field of business education, including research and service. The associate professor and director of undergraduate programs in the Department of Workforce Education and Development calls the award "a great honor to be recognized and become a part of such an esteemed group of recipients. I enjoy teaching and particularly like the interactions with students and the opportunity to see them succeed and do well in their careers."

After its disappearance in early June, Grey Dawg, one of two Southern mascots, was still nowhere to be found, and University officials had received



no leads on the costume's whereabouts. But thanks to **DONNA NAGEL '78**, a new suit was dispatched from Fiberworks, the Arizona-based company that manufactures the Grey Dawg suit and dozens of other mascot costumes for sports teams nationwide. Nagel heard about Grey Dawg's disappearance and decided to replace the costume, valued at about \$4,500, at no cost to Southern. One of three students who portrays the mascot discovered the costume missing while preparing to suit up for a student orientation open house. A reward has been offered in exchange for information leading to the mascot's return.

"Life is adventure," says **JOHN KUNTZ '79**, a Kankakee native who has built a successful business in Washington State

Murphy And Chesney Making Music



Two of country music's biggest hit-makers are joining forces to create an album. Kenny Chesney has been tapped by **DAVID LEE MURPHY '83** to co-produce his new record, *No Zip Code*.

"We got together to make a record of songs

we liked the sound of ... things we'd want to listen to ourselves, the kind of music we like," Murphy explains. "Kenny's got great ears, and I kept sending him demos. One day, he said, 'I think we should go make a record.'"

The Herrin, Ill., native recently joined Chesney on stage for the opening night of Chesney's 2015 The Big Revival Tour in Nashville. Murphy is co-producing *No Zip Code* with Chesney and longtime producer Buddy Cannon. A label and release date have not been announced, but updates will be posted on Murphy's website, davidleemurphy.net/.



from creating kayaking adventures and other outdoor

activities. In June he was honored as a leading force in the creation of the Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trail – a kayak, canoe, and paddleboard playground in the Puget Sound peninsula between Seattle and Tacoma. It is the 17th national water trail recognized by the National Park Service since it created the program.

DAVE MURRAY '79 of Elgin is an international jumbo jet pilot who builds and flies model jets in his spare time. He is a pilot for United Airlines

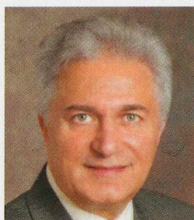
with 33 years of commercial flying experience. For him, mastering model planes serves as a completely different challenge. "It takes much more

concentration to fly a model airplane over something like a 747," Murray says. "You see it and hear it, but you don't get the airspeed or altitude – not like with a full-size airplane."

Chicago mayor Rahm Emanuel has turned to old friend and City Hall veteran **FORREST CLAYPOOL '78** to be his new chief of staff. Claypool, the Chicago Transit Authority president, will be serving his third stint as a mayoral chief of staff, following two turns as the top staffer for Mayor Richard Daley. Claypool has been the head of the CTA since Emanuel took office.



1980's
MOHSEN BADIEY '81 M.S. '83 became acting dean of the College of Earth, Ocean, and



Environment (CEOE) at the University of Delaware in July. Badiey, who joined the Delaware

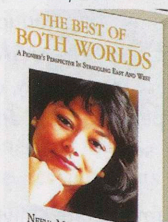
faculty in 1990, is an expert in ocean acoustics, or the study of sound transmission in the ocean, as well as acoustical oceanography, which is the use of sound waves to study the properties of the ocean.

NEEVA PRADHAN '81

has published *The Best of Both Worlds: A Pioneer's Perspective on Straddling East and West*. This book details the challenges

of holding on to one's roots while

adapting to life in a new country and the attempts to bridge the gap between two starkly different cultures. Pradhan relays the story of her upbringing in Nepal, the challenges she encountered upon arriving in the United States as a student, and the crucial questions she confronted as she raised a family in her adopted homeland.



JULIA LARSON '83 has been elevated to national sales manager for KRCW in Portland, Ore. She



was most recently an account executive, but now will now oversee the national sales efforts for the station. Larson has an extensive history in broadcast media, sales and advertising. Prior to joining KRCW in 2010, she spent 20 years as an account executive at Portland's Fox affiliate.

Longtime Benton (Ill.) Superintendent **KELLY STEWART '83, M.S. '91,**



PH.D. '06 has announced her retirement. For 14 years, she has been leading Benton High School

District 103. "I was extremely lucky to become the superintendent of Benton High School, and I've loved every minute of it," says Stewart. She got her start at a Vienna grade school, eventually working in Harrisburg and Carterville before taking her current position. In 2014, she was named Illinois Superintendent of the Year.

Peter & Paul Community Services has named **BILL SALZMAN '84**, director of corporate



communications at Nestlé Purina PetCare Company, as board president. Peter & Paul Community

Services is an ecumenical human service agency in St. Louis, managing three transitional housing programs, an emergency shelter, and a meals program.

STEVEN VERHULST PH.D.

'87 has been named the 2015 Outstanding Scholar at SIU School of Medicine. He is a professor and director of statistics and research informatics



in the Center for Clinical Research. The Outstanding Scholar Award, presented annually to recognize excellence in research, was awarded

April 22 at the School of Medicine's Employee Recognition luncheon.

The Highland Community College Board of Trustees unanimously approved a two-year contract for



TIM HOOD '88, M.S. '91, who assumed the presidency in July. Hood says "we really

want to expand our commitment to serving more people in more ways, noting that colleges and universities face new challenges in a changing educational landscape.

Toshiba America Energy Systems Corporation (TAES) has appointed **ROBERT TEMPLE '88** general counsel and corporate secretary. He will manage the corporation's legal team from the company's Charlotte, N.C., headquarters. He is currently a licensed member of the bar in Illinois, Texas and Washington, D.C.

1990's

ALICE HEIKENS PH.D. '91 has received the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award from Franklin



College in Franklin, Ind. The award is given to a faculty member who exhibits

excellence in mastery of subject and effective communication, has respect for all students, and believes that all students can learn and provides helpful feedback to other students in a number of ways.

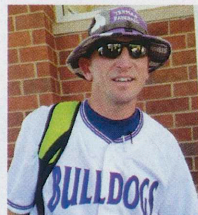
GARY KELLY M.S. '91, PH.D. '06, superintendent of



the DuQuoin Community Unit School District 300, has been elected to a three-year

term on the executive committee of AASA, the National School Superintendents Association. "AASA serves as a national voice for public school leadership throughout this country, which is why I am honored to work for this great organization," says Kelly. "Serving on this committee, I will work tirelessly to make positive contributions that will not only help AASA, but also, more importantly, our nation's superintendents and the students we serve."

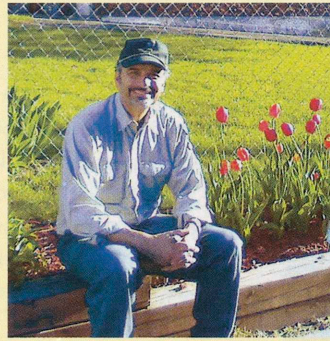
Truman State University Baseball Coach **DAN DAVIS '95, M.S. '00** was honored by the American



Baseball Coaches Association as the NCAA Division II Midwest Region Coach

of the Year. Davis guided the Bulldogs to a school-record 35 victories and a trip to the NCAA Division II College World Series this past spring. It was a historic season for the Bulldogs, who swept through their first-ever NCAA regional in St. Charles, Mo., to qualify for the national championship. The eight regional champions out of the 48-team tournament met in Cary, N.C. for the finals. Although Truman was eliminated at nationals, Davis says it was the team's goal to at least get there. "I'm sure we surprised some people, but the players and coaches knew we had the talent to

I'll Have Another Cup Of Coffee



DAVID BECCUE '83, of Rockford, Ill., was one of 10 people in the United States to win in the Starbucks Coffee Company's national contest "It's a Wonderful Card Ultimate Giveaway." He entered the contest by entering a receipt code online from a Florida Starbucks that he and his wife, **VALERI DECASTRIS '79, M.S. '83**,

visited while on vacation in December.

During the Christmas holidays, Starbucks offered customers a chance to win "Starbucks for Life" – one free beverage or food item from participating stores for 30 years, worth an estimated \$54,000. Beccue was cautious when first notified by email of the prize and called Starbucks headquarters in Seattle for verification. Now convinced of his good fortune, he says, "It's real and this is truly amazing." The 14 grand prize winners received a hammered 10K Starbucks gold card engraved with his or her name.

Beccue is the assistant site superintendent at Rock Cut State Park. He and his wife have restored her grandparents' home in south Rockford and established the Ethnic Village Neighborhood Association there. They have been active participants in the transformation of Rockford through various organizations and volunteer activities since 1995.

get there," he says. "It was an incredible season." Davis, who pitched at SIU in 1994 and 1995, led the Salukis in strikeouts and innings pitched each season.

SHASTA BRAY '96, an educator at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, has been selected as one

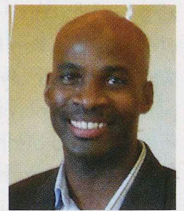


of the 2015 Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher

Fellows. Bray traveled on a 10-day expedition aboard the National Geographic Endeavour to the Galapagos. These expeditions provide educators with new and exciting knowledge to integrate into lesson plans.

GeoGraph LLC was recently recognized as a business

success story. Owned by **EARL MCDOWELL JR. '97**, the company is one of only two minority-owned businesses within its market niche in Illinois.



That niche is developing customized geographic profiles via a geographic information system (GIS). "Geography is fun," says McDowell. "It's a wonderful time to be in the field. GIS modeling brings surveying, engineering and other disciplines together to map, track, and analyze specific information a client is seeking."

HAROLD DOWNS '98 was named Telecommunicator of the Year for the Naperville (Ill.) Police Department. According to his LinkedIn page, he has previously worked for the Southern Illinoisan

and Wisconsin Airlines before joining the City of Naperville.

After more than 17 years supporting leading global companies throughout Europe, PARK will be launching its U.S. office to service North America-based clients. PARK USA will be directed and managed by **JAY PETERS '98**. PARK is a world-leading design management and design-leadership management consultancy firm with offices in the Netherlands and Germany.



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2000's

MELISSA BUCKLEY '03 was named the Department of Defense Civilian Journalist of the Year in the



2014 Thomas Jefferson Awards Competition. Buckley is an Anna, Ill., native.

"I don't see myself as an award-winning journalist," she says. "I'm just a 'news-nerd' from southern Illinois who has a passion for telling others about people and events that I find interesting."

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced the appointment of **SANDRA HORSMAN '03**



as new director of the Veterans Affairs Black Hills Health Care System, with its two

locations in Hot Springs, S.D., and Ft. Meade, S.D. The Black

Hills Health Care System provides inpatient and outpatient services to about 20,000 veterans at these South Dakota hospitals.

OncoMed Pharmaceuticals Inc., a clinical-stage company, announced the appointment of **RICK WINNINGHAM '03** to the company's board of directors. He brings more than 25 years pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry experience to his role. Winningham is currently chairman and chief executive officer of Theravance Biopharma.



the company's board of directors. He brings more than 25 years

KYLE DONOVAN '04 was recently named the Officer of the Year by the Rantoul (Ill.) Exchange Club. As a canine officer, he works with a Belgian Malinois named



Nautic. Donovan says he's known since his junior high days he wanted to go into law enforcement. "I guess helping out the community was appealing," he says. "You never know when you're going to get that call that someone needs you." He lives in Champaign with his wife, Lindsay, and their children, Claire and Landon.

GERARDO RODRIGUEZ EX '05 recently became executive director of the Chicago Area Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce. In a recent interview, he spoke about the confluence of events that brought him to the position and a



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new challenge in a life and career spent ensuring that diversity and the dreams of small-business owners had a prominent and successful place in Illinois. "It was the normal struggle for any Latino family on the South Side of Chicago," he says. "It was tough, but that's the story of everyday life. It was adversity in my face, and I just had to overcome it."

Ross & Baruzzini Inc. is expanding its Columbia, Ill. office with the addition of **PAUL BRAUNDMEIER '06** as senior project manager and mechanical engineer. He will provide project management and mechanical engineering for a growing list of new assignments throughout the state of Illinois. He is an experienced project manager and LEED accredited professional in building design and construction.



SCOTT IRELAN PH.D. '06 has joined Western Michigan University as associate dean of the College of Fine Arts. The northwest Ohio native currently serves as associate professor and chairperson of the Department of Theatre and Dance at Youngstown State University.



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The law firm of Mirabella, Kincaid, Frederick & Mirabella, LLC, has announced that associate attorney



LINDSAY STELLA '06 has been installed as secretary of the

Justinian Society of Lawyers for 2015-2016. This society of lawyers is dedicated to continuing to improve legal education for its members and promote their general welfare through the enhancement of the practice of law.

JOEL OLUFOWOTE M.A. '08, PH.D. '13 participated in a federally funded grant initiative of



the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs in June.

Olufowote assisted in many aspects of the institute, including teaching, seminar discussions, and meetings with publicly elected Illinois officials. The institute began at Southern and concluded with several days of meetings and related study in Washington, D.C.

A St. Louis native and a Cardinals' fan, **ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ '08** photographed the Chicago



Blackhawks' march to the Stanley Cup as well as select Cubs and White Sox games, and this fall, he will

be on the Bears' photography team for the third straight season. In addition to sports, he chronicled President Barack Obama's visit to Chicago in May and works with news and breaking news. He also runs his own blog, "No Filter," on the *Chicago Tribune* website.

RANDY NELSON '09, M.S. '15 has been named treasurer of East Alton, Ill. "I've been a fireman for close to 32 years. When I continued my education, my plan was to do the fireman thing until

Melissa McCarthy's Clothing Line Displays A Playfulness Of Fashion



After years of development, the first clothing collection from actress **MELISSA MCCARTHY** EX '90 debuted in August. Melissa McCarthy Seven7 includes about 80 pieces, in sizes 4 to 28, available through retailers such as Nordstrom, Bloomingdale's, Macy's, and at MelissaMcCarthy.com.

"There is just this weird thing about how we perceive women in this country," says McCarthy, who studied textiles at SIU. "I would love to be a part of breaking that down." The star of hit movies such as *Bridesmaids*, *Spy*, and the television series *Mike and Molly*, she notes her plus-size apparel line will be unlike any other. "Only wear solids? Don't wear bright colors? That's not real. Somebody made up these rules, and I disagree."

McCarthy, who is married to fellow actor and Carbondale native Ben Falcone, actually met her husband not at SIU, but when both were in the same class at the Groundlings Theater Company in Los Angeles. Each student was asked to tell the group a little bit about themselves. "I said I went to Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, a town that probably nobody here has heard of," McCarthy recalled in a recent *Good Housekeeping* magazine article. "Ben said, 'Thank you very much. I'm from Carbondale.'"

Falcone, who graduated from Carbondale Community High School and attended the University of Illinois, is the son of **STEPHEN M.A. '69** and **PEG FALCONE M.A. '69, M.S.W. '97** of Carbondale. His wife's clothing line is something she has been interested in since growing up in Plainfield, Ill.

"I still have my scrapbooks, and I've kept all my designs and sketches," she says. "I loved the playfulness of fashion, and think maybe that's why I became an actress. You put on one outfit and feel one way, and another one will make you feel another way. Clothes are a wonderful tool."

I was done and then do something else," Nelson says. "I've always planned on doing something else. When this opportunity came about, I thought it was a great opportunity. I love the town."



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At Penn State Shenango, this year's Leonard R. Riforgiato Memorial Teaching Award was



presented to **TAMRYA D'ARTENAY PH.D. '11**, instructor in biology.

This award is bestowed on a full-time faculty member who has been chosen through a series of steps, including nominations and recommendations from students and the nominee's peers.

NATHAN PROBST '11 of Mattoon, Ill., has been hired as a vice president and a loan officer by



Farm Credit Illinois' Paris regional office. That office serves families and rural landowners in

Clark, Coles, and Edgar counties. Probst was raised on a grain and dairy farm in rural Newton and graduated from Newton High School. He went on to earn a degree in agri-business economics from Southern. Prior to joining Farm

Credit Illinois, he worked as a dairy nutritionist with Effingham Equity. Probst and his wife, Morgan, reside in Mattoon.

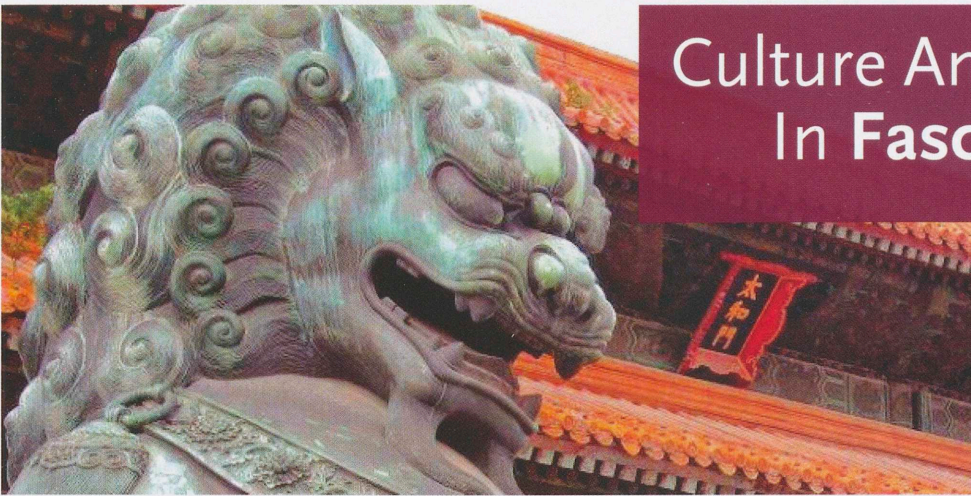
DAVID LYNCH '14 is a recipient of the North-American Interfraternity Conference Undergraduate Award of Distinction.



Lynch, a Rockford native, won recognition as "the fraternity man who has found in his experience an outlet for developing as both a leader and a better man" and who strives to "embody the values of his fraternity," according to officials of the organization. Lynch is a member of the Zeta Sigma chapter of Kappa Alpha Order at Southern. He is one of just nine to earn the award, which recognizes recipients for their leadership, embodiment of fraternity values and contributions.

DRAKE ANTHONY '15 is in the news again for his inventive spirit. His latest creation is a huge 40W laser shotgun, capable of bursting balloons, igniting wood and incinerating ping pong balls. It also looks incredibly cool, and it's incredibly dangerous. "The output of this laser is complete insanity, and is made up of 8 parallel 5W laser beams totaling to 40W. The parallel beams are manipulated with lenses, sort of like how a choke modifies the spread of a shotgun blast." Anthony says, "This is definitely the craziest thing I have ever built, but I hope to beat this invention with something even crazier before too long."

Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.



Culture And History Abound In Fascinating Beijing

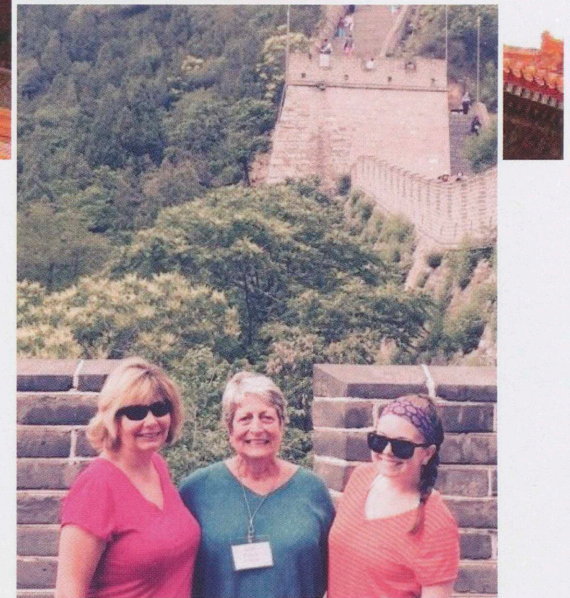
Filled with beauty and intrigue the ancient city of Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China, remains both the political and cultural heart of the country.

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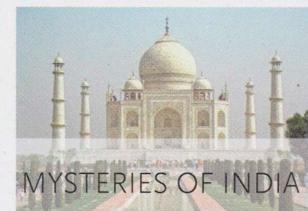
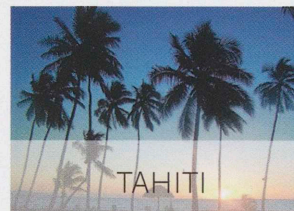
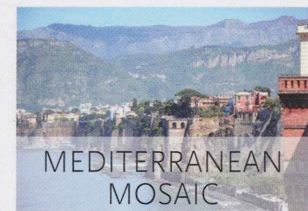
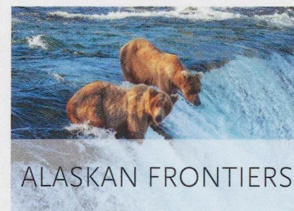
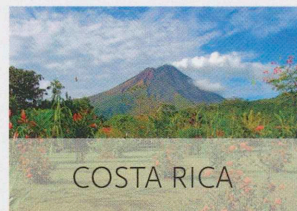
"The Great Wall was awesome. The Terracotta museum is truly the eighth wonder of the world, and it is still a work in progress!"

– Pam Yarbrough



Johnston City resident Pam Yarbrough (center), her daughter, Rhona Dorion and granddaughter Allison Dorion, experience the picturesque Juyonguan section of the Great Wall.

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