

3-1-2016

## SIU Alumni

SIU Alumni Association

Follow this and additional works at: [https://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/alumni\\_mag](https://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/alumni_mag)

---

### Recommended Citation

, . "SIU Alumni." (Mar 2016).

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the SIU Alumni Association at OpenSIUC. It has been accepted for inclusion in SIU Alumni Magazine by an authorized administrator of OpenSIUC. For more information, please contact [opensiuc@lib.siu.edu](mailto:opensiuc@lib.siu.edu).

# SIU ALUMNI

SPRING 2016

INSIDE:

**LIGHTING THINGS UP**  
ONE SIU RESEARCHER IS MAKING THE INSIDE OF THE HUMAN BODY BRIGHTER. HIS WORK HOLDS PROMISE FOR MORE POWERFUL IMAGING TECHNOLOGY IN MEDICINE AND BEYOND. PAGE 16

**HIS "SOUL TRAIN" LEGACY**  
TONY CORNELIUS '81 REFLECTS ON GROWING UP WITH HIS ICONIC FATHER AND BEING UNDER THE MICROSCOPE OF HIS EXPECTATIONS. HE NOW PROUDLY KEEPS THE "SOUL TRAIN" LEGACY ALIVE. PAGE 38



## BUILDING A BETTER BREW

SIU is doing the research to meet the ever-growing demands of beer and wine consumers.

# You Can Benefit From Your Gift To Southern Illinois University!

**D**ale Harrell of East Prairie, Missouri, strongly supports public television. He was happy to learn that he could donate to WSIU at Southern Illinois University through a gift from his individual retirement account and that both he and the station would benefit.

Harrell and many others have used this provision as a tax-advantaged way to support their favorite programs at SIU.

## How Does It Work?

An IRA rollover gift is a way for you to support SIU today without impacting your checking or savings account balance. Gifts made from your IRA (up to \$100,000 per year) are not reportable as taxable income. They also qualify for your required minimum distribution (RMD), which can lower your income and taxes.

## What Does This Mean?

Income deposited into an IRA is taxable when the assets are withdrawn. By law, you must begin withdrawing those assets at the age of 70 ½. Making an IRA rollover gift can prevent you from being bumped into higher income tax brackets and diminish the risk of having deductions and personal exemptions reduced. It may also help you avoid incurring the

Affordable Care Act tax or keep you from falling into the alternative minimum tax bracket.

This gift opportunity works only for IRAs. If you own another type of qualified retirement plan, you must first make a tax-free rollover of funds into an IRA. Then you can make the gift from the IRA to support SIU.

## Mutually Beneficial

Previously, the ability to make such gifts was approved by Congress every year or two so prospective donors didn't always know until the very end of the year if their gift would qualify. But now, the IRA rollover is permanent, and donors can plan for future giving with the assurance that they can contribute each year through their IRA.

Harrell says he's a longtime supporter of public broadcasting because "the overall programming is to my liking and I enjoy the nature of their news reporting -- it is less biased and more in-depth."

Although Harrell was previously a donor, the IRA charitable rollover has allowed him to increase his giving.

"I really strongly support this method, and I'm looking forward to giving this way again this year," Harrell says. "I can directly transfer funds from my retirement account to benefit WSIU Public Broadcasting and it won't count as income for me. And I can still meet my annual required distribution."

The process of donating is relatively easy, Harrell says, and the SIU Foundation staff is available to help. The SIU Foundation provides a sample letter and instructions. Just notify your IRA plan administrator that you want to make an IRA rollover gift to SIU through the SIU Foundation and inform us of you plans for areas you'd like to support.

*Call Patricia Moline, CFRE, CFP®, executive director of development for the SIU Foundation, at 618/453-4947 or visit [siufgiving.org](http://siufgiving.org) to learn more about the many benefits of making an IRA charitable rollover gift. She can be reached by email at [patm@foundation.siu.edu](mailto:patm@foundation.siu.edu).*

## You can benefit from an IRA charitable rollover gift to the SIU Foundation if:

- You are age 70 ½ or older.
- You do not need all or part of your IRA income.
- You wish to make a significant gift without using cash or other assets.
- You are paying higher taxes than you prefer and seek a way to reduce your income while positively impacting others.
- You don't itemize deductions. (Since the gift reduces your income and taxes, you benefit from this charitable gift even if you don't itemize.)
- You want to give over and above your normal charitable giving because an IRA rollover gift does not count toward the 50 percent annual charitable gift limitation.



[www.siu.org](http://www.siu.org)

# SIU ALUMNI

**ACTING EDITORS**

Michelle Suarez '85, M.S. Ed. '04  
Caleb Hale '02

**ART DIRECTOR**

Jay Bruce '93

**GRAPHIC DESIGNERS**

Amy Dion '97  
Nate Krummel '00

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Rusty Bailey '90  
Steve Buhman  
Chuck Rydlewski '72

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Tamahra Cook

**CONTRIBUTORS**

Tim Crosby '05  
Kathy Dillard '90  
Andrea Hahn  
Danielle Hahn '17  
Zoe Owens '01  
Pete Rosenbery '82  
Greg Scott '91, M.S. '99  
Tina Shingleton  
Athletic Media Services  
University Communications

**VOLUME 72, NO. 1  
SPRING 2016**

SIU Alumni (ISSN 1526-4238) is published quarterly by the SIU Alumni Association, Colyer Hall, SIU, Carbondale, IL 62901 for members of the SIU Alumni Association.

Association membership dues \$40 annually, include a magazine subscription. Periodicals postage paid at Carbondale, IL, and additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: SIU Alumni, SIU Alumni Association, Colyer Hall, 1235 Douglas Dr., Mail Code 6809, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901

**ON THE COVER**

Matt McCarroll, director of the SIU Fermentation Science Institute stands in the new laboratory built for the facility.

DEPARTMENTS

- 2 FROM THE EXEC. DIRECTOR
- 3 CATCHING UP WITH...
- 4 LETTERS
- 5 SALUKIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- 6 CAMPUS MOMENT
- 14 NEW AND NOTEWORTHY
- 20 SIU HOW TO
- 22 SALUKI SPORTS
- 24 HALL OF FAME
- 26 POLITICS EXPERT
- 28 TRIUMPH OVER TRAGEDY
- 30 NOTABLE INSPIRATION
- 32 REMEMBERING BILL HOLDEN
- 33 TELL US YOUR STORY
- 35 ASSOCIATION NEWS
- 36 BOARD BALLOT
- 40 IN MEMORIAM
- 42 CLASS NOTES
- 46 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI
- 48 STEP BACK IN TIME

FEATURES

**8 SCIENCE IN A BOTTLE**

A new facility and program at Southern Illinois University applies science, technology, business, and even psychology to satisfy America's growing thirst for better beer and wine. Matt McCarroll, a professor of chemistry and director of the SIU Fermentation Science Institute, feels Southern is poised to be at the center of this cultural reawakening.

**16 LIGHTING THINGS UP**

If you want to see what's going on inside the human body, you have two choices: Turn the lights on with stronger imaging machines, or make the stuff you want to see "brighter." A researcher at SIU is squarely in the latter camp with his work in hyperpolarization, which holds great promise for vastly more powerful imaging technology.

**38 HIS "SOUL TRAIN" LEGACY**

Being raised by a celebrity has its inherent challenges. Growing up the son of the iconic host of the long-running "Soul Train" music program, Tony Cornelius knows this all too well. "My father judged in a different light," the 1981 Southern graduate says. "He was extremely focused and no-nonsense, and worked to make sure that I did everything the right way. I was under the microscope, but it was good for me in the end."

BELOW: More than 275 SIU students utilized the services at Grad Bash 2016 earlier this year. The event gave students the opportunity to apply for graduation, order transcripts, and get financial aid questions answered by representatives of various University departments. Many also took advantage of the photo opportunity with Saluki dogs.





Michelle Suarez, Executive Director

By now you may have heard that **Gene Green '75**, longtime editor of this magazine, retired in December. Gene wrote and edited this publication for more than 16 years. In that time, he put to bed 65 editions!

Gene and I first met about 25 years ago. He was a sports information director at SIU Athletics, and I worked in the director's office at the SIU Arena, managing marketing of special events. Back then our interactions were brief but cordial, as the jobs carried us in different directions each day.

About 10 years later, Gene was recruited by the SIU Alumni Association to edit the magazine, and I would soon follow as an assistant director in charge of membership services. That's when we went from polite acquaintances to teammates – and, as it turns out, we worked together well.

I became the Association's executive director in 2008. In my new role, Gene demonstrated what a great help he was to our staff in its support of SIU. Gene was promoted to associate director, and he embraced that role all the way to his retirement.

Gene grew up in nearby Marion, Illinois, and graduated from John A. Logan College, and then earned his journalism degree from SIU. His knowledge of the area and the history of SIU proved invaluable over the years, and we leaned on it often.

Gene said on more than one occasion that he couldn't imagine doing this type of job if he hadn't graduated from SIU. And there is no doubt he is a proud Saluki! His wife, **Pam**, daughter, **Kelcie**, and son, **Brian**, are

also SIU graduates. Because of those family connections and more, each issue and story of the magazine was a personal process for him.

Gene stayed true to that pledge – and, indeed, introduced us to some of the most amazing Salukis on the planet. Through his stories, we met fellow Salukis who achieved greatness in their professions, invented cutting-edge technology, and were making a difference in their communities and around the world. His goal was to make the magazine more about people and less about things.

So what will Gene do in retirement? Well, he loves SIU too much to stray far. You'll still hear him as a color commentator on SIU football broadcasts (something he has done for the past 18 years), and he also plans to keep writing. So who knows? You may even see his byline again in upcoming editions of the *SIU Alumni* magazine!

We know he and Pam will enjoy retirement – and wherever their travels take them, we wish them well. Thank you, Gene, for everything you have done for alumni and the Association!



SIU President Randy Dunn and Gene Green hold a reproduction of the 65 covers of the alumni magazine the former editor produced at the university. The presentation was made at Green's retirement reception late last year. (Photo by Paul Platz)

## SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

618/453-2408 Tel. 618/453-2586 Fax  
www.siualumni.com

### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Michelle Suarez '85, M.S. Ed. '04

### MEMBERS

Steve Brown '71, Washington, Ill.  
Treg Brown '88, Carbondale, Ill.  
Winston Calvert '02, St. Louis, Mo.  
Brad Colwell, SIUC Chancellor  
Greg Cook, SIU Foundation  
Mike Farmer '77, Springfield, Ill.  
Kevin Gettis, student representative  
Jeffrey Goffinet '81, '84, Carterville, Ill.  
Jacob Linder, student representative  
Camelle Logan '89, Chicago, Ill.  
Molly Hudgins '97, St. Louis, Mo.  
Holly Kruep '01, Mt. Vernon, Ill.  
Hazel Loucks '66, Edwardsville, Ill.

Donna Manering '74, '78, '00 BOT alternate  
Allison Niendiek '08, LeClaire, Iowa  
Slade O'Keefe '91, Naperville, Ill.  
Paul Piche '74, Kerrville, Texas  
Joel Sambursky '95, M.B.A. '07, BOT  
Ray Serati '59, Springfield, Ill.  
Wayne Sirls '89, Alto Pass, Ill.  
Laura Soucy '87, Grayslake, Ill.  
Ben Weinberger '01, Chapel Hill, N.C.  
Steven Wiyatt '70, Effingham, Ill.  
Brandon Woudenberg, student representative  
Rick Wysocki '83, '85, Orland Park, Ill.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### PRESIDENT

Michael Kasser '78, Carbondale, Ill.

#### PAST-PRESIDENT

Barry Smith '80, Paducah, Ky.

#### PRESIDENT-ELECT

Larry Mieldezis '86, Flowery Branch, Ga.

#### VICE PRESIDENTS

Scott Moller '85, River Forest, Ill.  
Susanne Taylor '94, Charlotte, N.C.

#### SECRETARY

Dede Ittner '61, Carbondale, Ill.

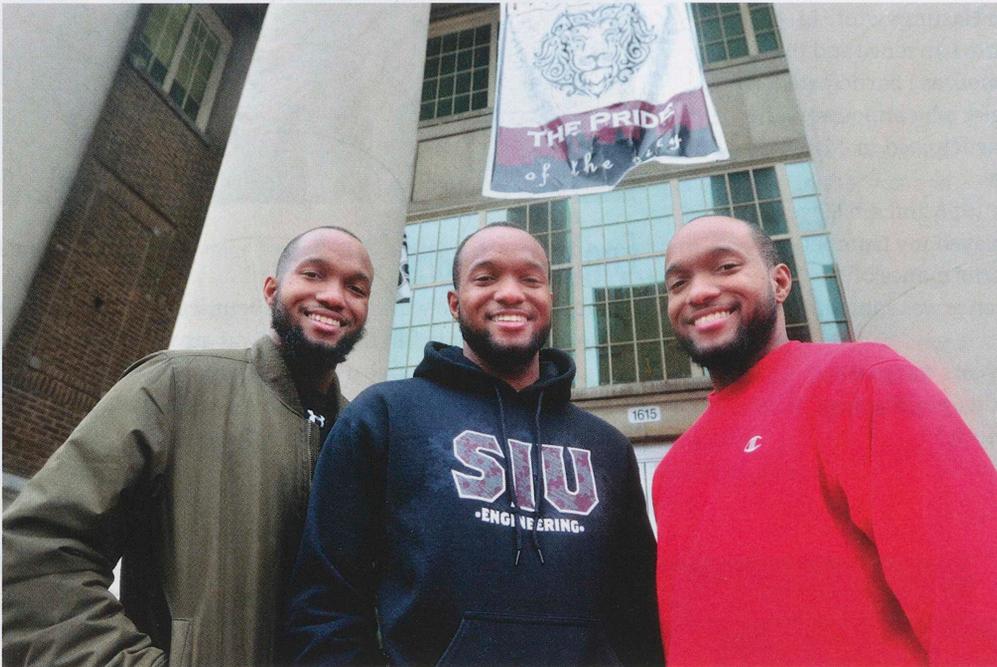
#### TREASURER

Randy Ragan '67, M.S. '68, Springfield, Ill.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT-LARGE

Britten Follett '02, Woodstock, Ill.  
Gary Heflin '89, Chicago, Ill.  
Lowell Keel '66, Tullahoma, Tenn.

## Saluki Triplets Go Their Own Way



From left, Spencer, Sterling and Sedrick Jackson added Southern Illinois University to their résumés after graduation in December and have now gone their separate ways. Photo by Matt Dayhoff.

BY PAM ADAMS

When Sedrick, Spencer and Sterling Jackson graduated from Peoria (Illinois) High School in 2011, they knew exactly where they were going.

The Jackson triplets were headed to Southern Illinois University Carbondale, where Sedrick planned to major in mechanical engineering, Spencer planned a course that would lead to becoming a sports agent, and Sterling planned to study civil engineering.

They graduated from SIU in December and were at the top of their graduating class, just like they were in high school. (Sterling was a co-valedictorian at Peoria High School.) Except for one change, they're following the plans they laid out in high school.

When the triplets returned to Peoria following graduation, it would be one of the last times they were together before going in separate directions.

Sedrick, the stylish one (according to his brothers), is now in Rockford, Illinois, where he is working as an associate electrical engineer at UTC Aerospace Systems. He's the one who made the biggest career-changing decision in college, switching from mechanical to electrical engineering.

Spencer, who all three agree is the quiet one, will return to SIU for law school. That is another step in his plan to become a sports agent after graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in sports administration.

Sterling, the most outgoing of the three, graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a minor in math. He is now in Akron, Ohio, where he works as a transportation engineer for G. Stephens Inc.

"This will be the first time we have to plan to see each other," Sterling says of life after college."

But, they say, SIU prepared them to take the next step.

"College helped set us apart from each other," says Spencer, who was on SIU's track team all four years. "In track, people didn't know me as a triplet; they knew me as Spencer."

People knew his brother Sterling, he says, as a civil engineering major and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. They knew Sedrick as an electrical engineering major and a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Influenced by an older sister who was already an engineer, in addition to parents who had guided them to engineering summer camps and programs since middle school, the triplets always knew where they were going. But it wasn't clear where Peoria High was going during their high school years.

Shortly after they graduated in 2011, the high school underwent substantial changes, courtesy of a \$6 million federal grant designed to turn around failing schools. In spite of the school's failing status, the Jacksons found they were prepared for college – academically and socially – once they got to Carbondale.

All three say they were surprised to discover how ill-prepared some students were, particularly in math.

"High school prepares you for the skills you didn't know you'd need, like social skills and basic math," Sedrick says. "It's crazy how much basic math you need in engineering."

With one set of goals accomplished, they're looking at the next, both short- and long-term goals. And what are the ultimate goals for these Salukis?

Sedrick wants to own his own business one day. Spencer, who's on his way to becoming a sports agent, is looking forward to taking the universal bar exam, which would make him eligible to practice law in several states at once. Sterling, meanwhile, wants to work in government, possibly as a city engineer, or possibly in politics.

– Adams is a reporter for the Peoria Journal-Star, where this article first appeared.

## LETTERS

## Story Took Him Back To Performance

I enjoyed the “Southern Memories” story Tim Hastings wrote in the fall issue of *SIU Alumni* magazine on Marjorie Lawrence and the performance of “Carmen.” I remember it quite well, as I participated as a member of the chorus and as the onstage bugler who announced the entrance of the children’s chorus, which Tim participated in. My bugle call was the cue for the chorus to march onstage.

I graduated from the School of Music in June 1968 and am 69 years old now. I can’t even remember the last time I played my trumpet – maybe sometime in the late 1970s – but that performance of “Carmen” and being associated with Miss Lawrence was something I’ve never forgotten.

To see a feature article on that after all these years was pretty stunning! Thank you for that and the piece on organist Stephen Hamilton – two great stories on the School of Music!

**Mike Muzzy '68**  
Fort Worth, Texas



## Engineering And The Arts

The article in the winter edition about sculptor Uzikee Nelson was not only fun to read but was also quite interesting. It is obvious that he is one of the top sculptors in the Washington, D.C. area, and I found it intriguing that his SIU degree in engineering technology has served him well in the world of art.

It really makes perfect sense, when you think about it, as his large freestanding pieces rely heavily on being displayed with sound engineering principles. He said he wants his work to educate and inspire others about African culture, and I am certain that is happening.

Later in the magazine I noticed the class note on fellow SIU graduate Preston Jackson, who has some amazing sculptures and statues at various places around Illinois. Incredible that Southern was the place these two amazing men trained.

They are two amazing Salukis!

**Rob Simpson EX '68**  
Chicago

## Begin Your Community Adventure at SIU

# For the Community

- Camps
- Entertainment
- Explore Nature
- Get Fit
- Health
- Learn
- Music and Art
- Rental Spaces

[forthecommunity.siu.edu](http://forthecommunity.siu.edu)

**SIU** Southern Illinois University  
CARBONDALE

## DEAR READERS...

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

MAIL:  
SIU Alumni  
Coyler Hall - Mail Code 6809  
Southern Illinois University  
Carbondale, IL 62901

EMAIL: [alumni@siu.edu](mailto:alumni@siu.edu).



SALUKIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook



**Tim Nelson** I stood here the fall of 1997. It was an honor.  
November 11, 2015 at 9:15am  
Via Facebook

**Betty Surman** SIUC has always been there for our Veterans; 1971.  
November 11, 2015 at 10:47am  
Via Facebook

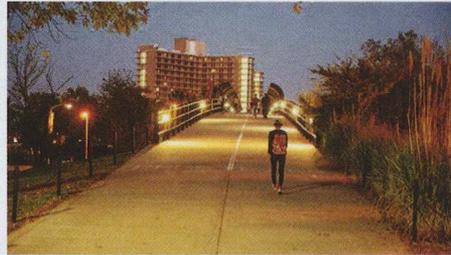
**Dana DeFranco** Feels like yesterday but yet a different life or a movie I watched. But I can remember all the sounds and feelings crossing over that bridge. Awesome share. Thanks!!  
November 22, 2015 at 9:39pm  
Via Facebook

**Pete Saxon** I was in my last semester at SIU in 1969 and I had to figure out what I was going to do about the draft. One day I was walking through the student union building and there was a Navy recruiter standing in front of a big poster of a McDonnell Douglas F4 Phantom II. Since I had learned to fly

at SIU's great flight school, I decided to sign up for Naval Aviation.  
November 11, 2015 at 1:48pm  
Via Facebook

**Marilyn Decker** I had to take this bridge to work. Walking or biking, it was always fun. The campus was so pretty in the '70s and still is.  
January 28 at 2:08pm  
Via Facebook

**Joyce Mikos Manske** Hard to believe I lived in Mae Smith 43 years ago. Still have all my besties from those days. Seems like yesterday! Great pic!  
November 26, 2015 at 7:06pm  
Via Facebook



**Mark Hedstrom** that does bring back memories. It's hard to believe that I roamed that campus 35 years ago... where is the time going? I love Southern Illinois...  
November 23, 2015 at 5:18pm  
Via Facebook



Twitter

**SIU Rec Center**@SIURecCenter 17 Dec 2015  
#TBT to 2003 when #SIU hosted a collegiate archer's competition!

**Archer**@zackd1220 4 Dec 2015  
S/O to the @SIU\_Volleyball team. You guys had an excellent season, and even tho it didn't end how we wanted it to you made us all proud #siu  
Via Twitter

**Colton James**@colto21 Jan 9  
As a season ticket holder from the Darren Brooks era all the way until now, I can't wait to see the SIU Arena sold out again  
#GoDawgs #SIU  
Via Twitter

**Coach Kat**@coachkat44 17 Dec 2015  
My brother just got accepted to #SIU and is going to be a #Saluki Spring 2017! Whoot  
#SalukiFamily  
Via Twitter

**SIU SAC**@SIU\_SAC 20 Nov 2015  
@SIU\_SAC: Thanks to SIUC alumnus Curt Jones for meeting with us last night! #siusac  
#siu #sialumni  
Via Twitter

Instagram



**Niki Davis**  
@rootedinfoods  
"It's a snowy day, but campus is beautiful! #siu #southernillinois"



**Elizabeth Haubert**  
@lizhaubert  
"Happy February, SIU. Lookin' mighty fine today."



**Mario Collado Aviles**  
@mariocolladodaviles  
"Colors of Carbondale #SIU #carbondaillinois"

**Brett.M.Amaro**  
@brett2382  
"The Varsity. #southernillinois , #blackandwhite, #blackandwhitephotography, #colorsplash, #theatre , #streetphotography, #photooftheday, #picoftheday , #photographer, #photog, #siu, #carbondale"



## CAMPUS MOMENT

The International Festival 2016 at SIU culminated a week's worth of activities Feb. 12 with a Cultural Show in the Student Center Ballrooms, showcasing dancing, songs, and other art forms from various countries around the globe. This year's festival theme was "Embracing Diversity and Intercultural Communities."



# SCIENCE IN A BOTTLE

A new facility and program at SIU applies science, technology, business and even psychology to sate America's growing thirst for better beer and wine.

BY CALEB HALE

Consider the typical American beer drinker. For the longest time, everything learned about his or her beverage of choice came with a heavy dose of salesmanship — nebulous terms printed onto bottles strategically placed along grocery store and liquor mart shelves. “Crisp.” “Fresh.” “Smooth.” “Refreshing.” These words never really were meant to inform so much as quickly close the deal with a consumer more or less ignorant of how commercial beer was made. Today, things are changing. Pallets are changing as people reacquaint themselves with a range of fermented drinks. Self-styled connoisseurs of wine and craft beer brewers are becoming legion. Homogeneity, masked by buzzwords and gimmicks, no longer guarantees the profit it once did for Big Beer, and a new research facility at Southern Illinois University is poised to put the campus at the center of this cultural reawakening with the alcoholic beverage.



Matt McCarroll works with students in the fermentation lab.

“There are about 100 distinct styles of beer recognized, and the United States has largely subsisted on just two for a long time.”

“There are about 100 distinct styles of beer recognized, and the United States has largely

subsisted on just two for a long time – those being light and premium lagers,” says Matt McCarroll, a professor of chemistry and director of the SIU Fermentation Science Institute.

The institute formed in 2014 to research applications of fermentation in areas such as wine-making, energy production, food,

pharmaceuticals and agricultural feedstock. McCarroll, a beer enthusiast since the early '90s when he began homebrewing, has been able to parlay his personal passion into yet another focus of the program – but it didn't happen without justification.

Last year was a watershed moment for craft beer. In 2015, the Boulder, Colorado-based Brewers Association listed a record 4,144 craft breweries in the United States. They produced 22.3 million barrels of beer (or one barrel for every 14 people). Breweries haven't been this plentiful since the 1870s.

The Brewers Association defines craft brewers as small, independent operations, generating 6 million or fewer barrels of beer per year, with flavors gained from their own brewing and fermentation processes.



Origins of the current craft beer movement started in the 1980s, McCarroll says, when the hobby of home-brewing became common enough to create a cottage industry of alternative beers. As more people were exposed to new recipes, demand for different flavors grew. Today, there's a market of beer connoisseurs to rival those of wine. These aficionados have adventurous tastes and always are on the hunt for something new.

Small beer is big business these days.

The Fermentation Science Institute is housed in the McLafferty Annex, a facility on the far west side of campus that is being repurposed for a variety of interdisciplinary scientific research endeavors. While the institute has been the focal point of research into various applications of fermentation for a couple of years, its importance is increasing. It's now a component of a new bachelor's degree program in the area of fermentation science and integral to a threefold mission to create impact on the beer and wine industries:

- Educate top-level brewers and wine-makers.
- Be a resource for breweries and wineries in product quality control.
- Help people become more knowledgeable consumers.

“Consumers have already become so sophisticated in their preferences and demands, it's really helping to drive the market,” McCarroll says, noting that people understand there is more variety available but often need more help in understanding what they like.

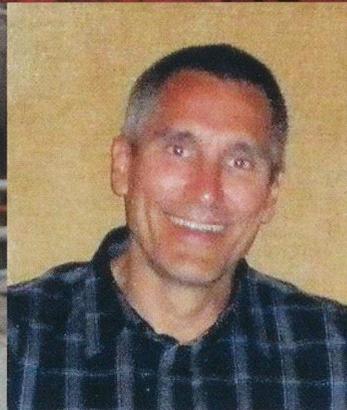
With more niche products from small brewers in greater demand, the onus is on them to respond with quality and consistency in their products.

**Shawn Connelly '02**, craft beer, wine and spirits division manager at Venegoni Distributing in Carbondale, Illinois, has written extensively on craft beer for various publications and says the Fermentation Science Institute is an opportunity for SIU to provide a new kind of resource for regional brewers.

“It's not always an easy translation to brewing five gallons at home to brewing on a larger scale,” Connelly says. “Small independent breweries don't have the resources as startups to invest in the equipment for quality testing like larger breweries, so one of the knocks against smaller breweries is a lack of consistency.”

McCarroll says the institute's laboratory space offers quality control testing for brewers – and also serves as

# Alumnus Donated Industry-Leading Tiles To Brewing Lab



“I yelled out, ‘Go, Dawgs!’

Bob Rudow '85 first spotted Matt McCarroll by his SIU clothing at a convention in southern California.

“I yelled out, ‘Go, Dawgs!’ and got his attention,” says Rudow, a graduate of the college of applied sciences and arts, as he recalled the fortuitous encounter.

Rudow struck up a conversation with the professor, who mentioned the work being done to establish the Fermentation Science Institute, complete with its own state-of-the-art brewing laboratory.

It turned out that Rudow, a sales manager with Argelith Ceramic Tiles Inc., had something to offer that could help McCarroll. The German-born company, around since 1870, specializes in industrial flooring tile. It's known in the brewing industry as a top-of-the-line brand.

“It's a great floor,” Rudow says. “It will last forever. It's amazing.”

Once McCarroll described the rather small dimensions of the lab – now complete in the center of the McLafferty Annex – Rudow said his company was able to donate the tile to help finish the floor.

McCarroll says the lab itself is a real showpiece of the institute, but the Argelith tiles add a level of professionalism to the facility that will make others take notice.

Rudow says business is good for Argelith, as they've been supplying tiles for an ever-growing number of breweries all over the country. He's excited to see SIU offering some expertise to the industry.

“I look forward to seeing some brewers coming out of SIU,” Rudow says.

a learning lab for students while doing it.

“We will be one of only a couple academic laboratories in the country that are certified for this kind of testing,” he says.

Katie Strain '14, laboratory operations coordinator, said the facility already has begun testing.

“The wineries started sending us samples over the summer,” she says. “We'll soon be able to do the same things for breweries and distilleries.”

The lab has the ability to turn around results in about 24 hours, with a breakdown and analysis of the various ingredients that have gone into the drink, Strain says.

McCarroll notes the intent behind the testing is to identify problematic odors or flavors – peculiar oddities with the tannins (the polyphenols found in plant and other organic matter that typically gives beer bitterness and wine dryness) – to help refine recipes.

McCarroll is particularly excited that the lab, in addition to quality control, will eventually be able to serve as a yeast bank.

“It can take a lot of trial and error for brewers to get these cultures just the way they want them,” he says, “and once you have it, you don't want to lose it.”

The institute will have the ability to store yeast samples in tightly controlled refrigeration units, McCarroll said. That translates into products that maintain consistency through multiple batches.

# Changing Tastes, Changing Attitudes

Bradley Taylor first started his wines course in 1997. Back then, fewer than 5 percent of the grapes producing Illinois wine today were in the ground, and it would be another 10 years before the majority of wineries in the state opened.

Nearly 20 years later, the associate professor of plant soil and agricultural systems in the SIU College of Agricultural Sciences and faculty associate of the Fermentation Science Institute has trained the pallets of more than 800 students to discern the nuanced particulars contained in a glass of wine.

Horticulture 333 – “From the Vine to it’s Wine” – teaches a student to appreciate what goes into a particular wine, and to understand the science behind how it can be made better. A frequent topic Taylor discusses is “terroir,” or how a region’s climate, soil and terrain affect the grapes grown – and, ultimately, the wine from those grapes.

As Illinois’ profile in the wine industry grows on the world stage, it also needs a more educated consumer, he says.

“We are emerging as a maker of world-class wines in Illinois, and that is really setting the stage for consumers to take notice of our quality potential,” Taylor said. “I’m trying to help (students) develop a skill set and confidence. You can’t do that with a lecture; you do it through exposure.”

The course (of which one must be age 21 or older to take) involves a lot of tasting. Part of the real challenge in the class, he said, is deconstructing biases about how wine – and food in general – is supposed to taste.

The era of Prohibition in the United States took its toll on the beer and wine industries. While breweries and taverns went under during the years beer was considered sinful, Taylor said the American public lost its sense of what wine actually was.

“After Prohibition, wine was regarded as sour, something foreigners drink,” he says.

To combat this perception, producers of wine began to add heavy amounts of sugar into the mixtures – a tactic that would become quite common in many areas of the modern food industry, and one fraught with serious health ramifications for the public at large.

Backlash against heavily processed and artificially sweetened food has fed into people’s rekindled interest in new types of beer and wine, Taylor says.

“It all really comes down to the de-industrialization of food in this country. People want to know more about what goes into their food.”

Vineyards and wineries dotting the landscape in Illinois, from the southern tip of the state and on up to Chicago, have a role to play in this back-to-basics movement. The Fermentation Science Institute’s role will help the industry move beyond start-ups and into the type of stable production necessary to gain worldwide recognition.

“We have the tool set; we have the passion,” Taylor says. “The next step is increasing quality and recognition.”





Student Lucas Rose pours grain into a container.

# “I was tired of working with my back. I wanted to work with my brain.”

Aaron Kleiden '03 didn't formally study the science behind brewing beer in college, but he, along with two other partners, founded Scratch Brewing Co. in Ava, Illinois, in March 2013. In a short period of time, Scratch has made a name for itself not only for its farmhouse beers, using locally foraged ingredients, but as a destination for beer lovers and their families because of its setting near the Shawnee National Forest.

*Outside Magazine* has named Scratch among the top four breweries for foraged beer, and the brewery has gotten further recognition from *All About Beer Magazine* as one of the most scenic places in the world to drink beer.

Kleiden said SIU's timing in developing a program focused on fermentation science couldn't be better. Similar programs focused on brewing sciences began in places such as the University of California-Davis back in the '50s, with places such as Oregon State University (located in Corvallis, Oregon) and Michigan State University (located in East Lansing, Michigan) following. More recently, Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, and Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado, have developed programs.

“Between the local brewers here, especially with all the wineries and the breweries in St. Louis, I think they would want to use the (Fermentation Science) institute as well for testing and for students,” Kleiden says.

Lucas Rose, 24, of Champaign, Illinois, is a junior at SIU. He plans to be one of the first students to graduate with a bachelor's degree in fermentation science. Rose got into home brewing a few years ago.

“I didn't ever intend on it being a profession.” But when his sister – also a graduate – sent him an article on the Fermentation Science Institute, he decided to jump on an opportunity to mix personal interests with work. “I was tired of working with my back,” he says. “I wanted to work with my brain.”

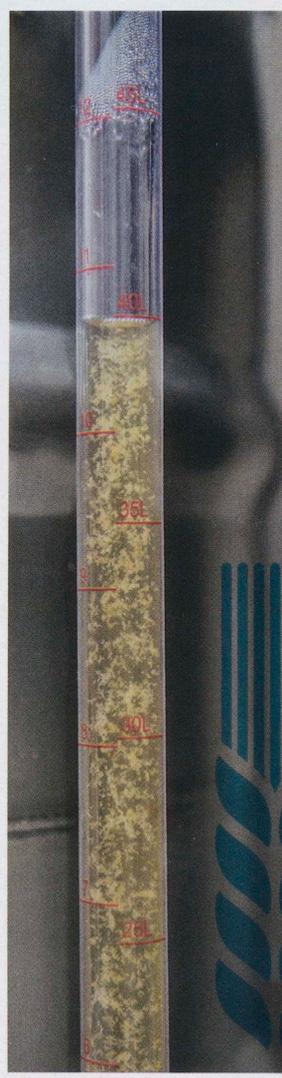
Rose said he doesn't plan to open his own brewery, but with so many brewers looking for trained chemists to run quality control operations, he anticipates finding work will be easy.

Brewing and breweries have been on a path of steady growth, even during the economic turmoil of the late 2000s, McCarroll says.

“During the recession, craft beer was still growing double digits,” he said. “It was one of the only things that actually grew in the recession.”

With the Fermentation Science Institute and new degree on offer, SIU could be on the cusp of another high-demand program for students and the wider community, McCarroll says.

“It really looks like the opportunity to use the position of the university and its mission of outreach to give the fermentation industry another resource for knowledge and experience.”



ON THE SIDE

## Student earns prestigious journalism internship

Tia Rinehart, a junior in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Radio, Television, and Digital Media program, is one of five students in the nation chosen for the spring 2016 session of Scripps Howard Foundation Semester in Washington program.

Rinehart is spending three months this spring just blocks from the White House in Washington, D.C., honing her journalism skills. Rinehart, the daughter of Cara and Tim Rinehart of Louisville, Kentucky, has experience with the "River Region Evening Edition" news program and the Daily

Egyptian newspaper at the university.

"I am extremely honored for the opportunity, because I realize what this can do for my career and how it will help me grow," Rinehart said. "I hope to make a lot of connections, put together a lot of stories and, most importantly, expand my knowledge of journalism."

Rinehart, 20, has worked with "River Region," a student-produced local newscast that airs on WSIU-TV, since the start of her sophomore year. She was also a reporter for the Daily Egyptian during the spring semester of her freshman year.

Students selected for the Scripps Howard session receive a stipend and live in furnished apartments, according to the organization's website. While in Washington, they will work for the Scripps Howard Foundation Wire, which is housed in the same office as the Scripps Howard News Service.

Rinehart will graduate in May 2017 and said her goal is to find a reporting job "right out of school," adding: "I understand how much work that requires in order to make it happen, which is another reason why I am so grateful for this opportunity."



EVENTS



### APRIL 2016

1

SIU BASEBALL FISH FRY  
CARBONDALE CIVIC CENTER  
5-9 P.M.

1 → 3

BIG MUDDY NEW PLAY FESTIVAL C.H. MOE THEATER VARIOUS TIMES  
THEATER.SIU.EDU

13 → 15

LITTLE GRASSY LITERARY FESTIVAL MORRIS LIBRARY GUYON AUDITORIUM VARIOUS TIMES

16

FIFTH ANNUAL SIU DAY WITH THE ROUND ROCK EXPRESS DELL DIAMOND, ROUND ROCK, TEXAS  
6:05 P.M.

29

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI CEREMONY MORRIS LIBRARY GUYON AUDITORIUM  
3:30-6 P.M.

TOP PHOTO: Students take a stroll under the Faner Hall breezeway on a sunny afternoon.

### MAY 2016

14

SPRING COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES SIU ARENA VARIOUS TIMES  
COMMENCEMENT.SIU.EDU

23

32ND ANNUAL SIU DAY AT BUSCH STADIUM ST. LOUIS  
7:15 P.M.

### JUNE 2016

11

FIFTH ANNUAL SIU DAY WITH THE ROUGHRIDERS DR PEPPER BALLPARK, FRISCO, TEXAS  
7:05 P.M.

TO SEE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THESE AND OTHER EVENTS, CHECK OUT [SIUALUMNI.COM](http://SIUALUMNI.COM), [CALENDAR.SIU.EDU](http://CALENDAR.SIU.EDU), AND [SIUSALUKIS.COM](http://SIUSALUKIS.COM)

### PAUL SIMON PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE SPRING EVENTS

**APRIL 6:** CHRISTOPHER A. SMITH, U.S. ASSISTANT SEC. OF ENERGY FOR FOSSIL ENERGY, KEYNOTE ADDRESS FOR SIU ENERGY DAY, STUDENT CENTER AUDITORIUM  
1 P.M.  
FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC

**APRIL 12:** SIU DEBATE TEAM SHOWCASE STUDENT CENTER AUDITORIUM  
7 P.M.  
FREE AND OPEN TO PUBLIC

**APRIL 27:** STEVEN ELLIS, U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, THE GIL AND JEAN KROENING LECTURE SERIES STUDENT CENTER BALLROOM  
11:30 A.M. – 1 P.M.  
RSVP REQUIRED BY APRIL 22 – CAROL GREENLEE, 618/453-4078

ON THE SIDE

## Online MBA program moves up in rankings

Southern Illinois University's Online Masters of Business Administration program has been recognized as a top offering in Illinois, as it continues to improve its national rankings.

For the third consecutive year, the program was ranked among the "Best Online Graduate Business Programs" in the nation by U.S.

News & World Report. SIU moved up to No. 34 on the 2016 list, an improvement of two spots from last year and up substantially from the 2014 rank of No. 51. SIU's program earned the highest ranking

in Illinois. The online education program rankings, established five years ago, consider factors such as student engagement, admissions selectivity, peer reputation, faculty credentials and training, as well as technology and student services.

"We are pleased that our program is ranked among the top 50 programs for the second year in a row," said Jason Greene, interim dean and Henry J. Rehn Professor of Finance. "While these rankings don't tell the whole story, they do give us an indication of how our programs are perceived by others. We are always seeking to improve, so it is nice to see those efforts reflected in a higher ranking."

There are 87 students enrolled in SIU's completely online MBA program. It is taught by many of the same full-time faculty who teach in the on-campus MBA program. The program takes 23 months to complete, and students take courses together in an interactive format.



# LIGHTING THINGS UP

SIU Researcher Focused On Enhancing Imaging Technology

BY TIM CROSBY

If you want to see what's going on inside the human body, you have two choices: Turn the lights on with stronger imaging machines or make the stuff you want to see "brighter."

A researcher at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is squarely in the latter camp with his work in the field of hyperpolarization, which holds great promise for vastly more powerful imaging technology. Such techniques could make it possible for doctors to see not only what's inside the body, such as bones and organs, but also how the physiology is working at the molecular level.

Boyd Goodson, professor of chemistry and biochemistry in the College of Science, has worked for years in the hyperpolarization field. Hyperpolarization refers to the many techniques available that will effectively magnetize nuclei in the body's molecules much more highly than if they are magnetized by just a powerful magnet, such as in a magnetic resonance imaging machine, or MRI.

When hyperpolarization is achieved, it effectively "lights up" the molecules, making them easier to image with currently available imaging technology.

While hyperpolarization techniques exist, scientists and engineers continue working on ways to make them effective in today's imaging machines. Overall, the effort seeks to make modern diagnostic imaging technologies, such as MRI, much more sensitive.

Goodson has led (or been a team member in) scores of efforts funded by prestigious scientific organizations, including the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. His current work is funded by the NIH, NSF and the U.S. Department of Defense.

Working in a lab populated by students and high-tech equipment at the James Neckers

Building, Goodson pauses to proudly point out a decidedly low-tech contraption that one of his students recently put together. It efficiently and cheaply manufactures parahydrogen gas, which they use in hyperpolarization techniques.

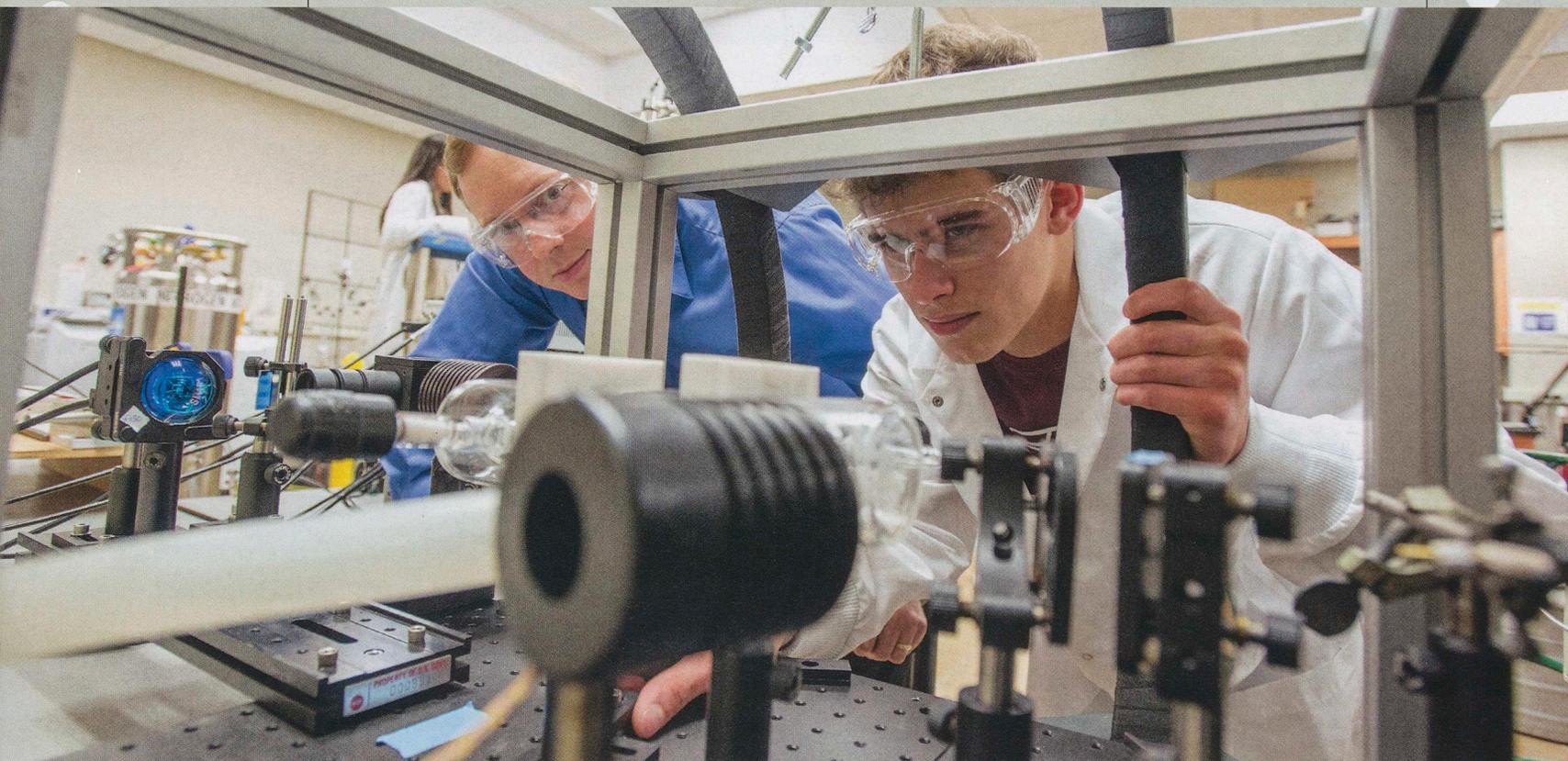
"Much of my work all kind of falls under molecular imaging, a phrase that makes it sound like you're imaging molecules," he says. "But to a doctor in the medical field, it means getting images from otherwise conventional radiology with information on the molecular level.

"For example, the imaging machine would be able to see if a certain protein was at a higher level in a certain tissue. Or it would be able to see if a particular metabolite was broken down one way versus another in this region of the tissue or that. Or how a different compound is breaking down. You can see chemistry happening."

### **Understanding Technologies That Are Now Used**

To understand further where Goodson's work fits into the current state of imaging science, one must become familiar with the standard technologies used now.

For instance, most people are familiar with the MRI. An MRI will show doctors pictures of



anatomy inside the body, such as bones and organs and other structures. Some MRI machines can also perform localized spectroscopy – that is, analysis of the chemicals and molecules present in certain tissues. To do this, the machine uses another technology known as nuclear magnetic resonance, or NMR.

Another technology, and the one that currently comes closest to what Goodson and others are trying to achieve, is the PET scan. Short for “positron emission tomography,” patients undergoing a PET scan ingest or are injected with a modified sugar with a radioactive atom attached to it. The atom emits a positron as it decays. The positron then reacts with an electron in the body – its antiparticle – sending out gamma rays in opposite directions and creating a signal that the machine can read.

“The idea is that you’ll have differential uptake of that compound in cancerous tissue versus non-cancerous tissue because cancer cells are ‘hungrier,’ and the metabolism is different,” Goodson says.

Pairing PET technology with X-ray computed tomography or computerized axial tomography scans – CT or CAT scans – can show the location of such signals relative to the person’s body.

Those technologies, alone or used together, can tell doctors much about a person’s condition. But to achieve what those working in hyperpolarization are after, they’re not good enough.

“It comes down to sensitivity,” Goodson says. “That’s the biggest issue. Detection sensitivity.”

Goodson explains that the body mostly is made up of molecules that contain multiple hydrogen atoms – essentially water and fats. For an MRI, the signals that make images come from the relatively weak magnetism of the atomic nuclei.

“We are all made of atoms, and the nuclei of those atoms all have magnetic properties we can exploit, but they’re weak,” Goodson says. “Hydrogen nuclei are found in high concentrations in the body, which is the reason those machines can make such beautiful images.

“But if you want to image a gas in the lungs or a metabolite, and you want to image how it’s

breaking down chemically from one form to another and how fast it’s doing that, and then compare it to different regions of the body, you’re going to need for four to five orders of magnitude more detection sensitivity than what we currently have. That’s hard to do, and that’s where hyperpolarization comes in.”

## Making Scans Safe

In successful hyperpolarization, for example, an MRI might be able to see organ function or study metabolism, including pathological metabolism.

And unlike PET scan technology, doctors could do it without exposing patients to ionizing radiation, so that scans could safely be repeated more often. Theoretically, health care workers could tune the polarization to look for specific pathologies with higher spatial resolution.

Doctors possibly could use such an approach to more quickly

investigate how a patient is responding to a given treatment. Another advantage: Because the hyperpolarization does not come from the magnet itself, the bulky, expensive and confining large magnets used in MRI would not be necessary. This could lead to imaging that is cheaper, faster and easier for patients.

Goodson and his students are investigating ways to hyperpolarize different nuclei by exploiting their natural “spin” characteristics. The term “spin” derives its name from a magnetic property of the subatomic particles, which in many ways resembles the behavior of a classically spinning object. The tiny particles typically possess this spin property in one of two directions, which scientists sometimes term “spin up” or “spin down.”

Goodson says the spin makes the nuclei of certain atoms, including hydrogen, carbon-13, nitrogen-15 and xenon-129, among others, act like tiny compasses or bar magnets when placed in a magnetic field, with the spins aligning either “up” with the magnet or “down” against it.

Goodson and his students are experimenting with different techniques – using high-powered lasers and chemically based “spin transfer” phenomena involving parahydrogen – to

---

“We are all made of atoms, and the nuclei of those atoms have magnetic properties we can exploit.”

---

hyperpolarize them, which essentially greatly magnifies this characteristic.

“The problem is detecting any one spin is virtually impossible, so you need to detect them in bulk for an added-up response so that there is enough signal,” he says.

Even in a strong magnet, the numbers of “up” and “down” spins are nearly equal, so the bulk magnetic response of the nuclear spins almost perfectly cancel each other out. This means the “normal” signal in an MRI comes from the tiny residual magnetization of what’s left over.

“So what hyperpolarization does is say, ‘I’m going to change that math. I’m going to take a bunch of those nuclear spins and arrange them to point up rather than down, which should give us the sensitivity to give us the contrast we want,’ ” Goodson says. “It’s all about lighting it up.”

PHOTOS: Boyd Goodson, center, works in his laboratory along with Drake Anthony, foreground, a senior in chemistry and mathematics; Max Gemeinhardt, left, a doctoral student in chemistry; and Kaili Ranta, a doctoral student in physics.



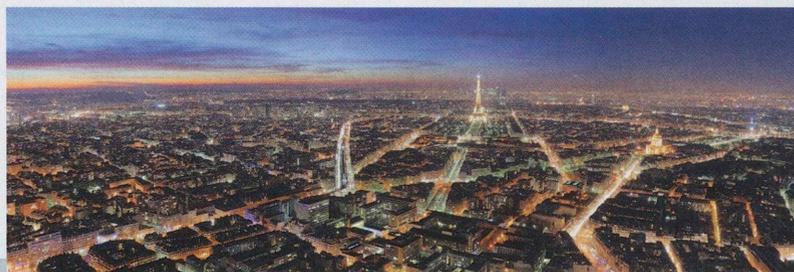
## BOOK YOUR NEXT VACATION WITH SALUKI TRAVELS

### France Magnifique

Date: May 14-15, 2016

Price: From \$2,899 per person with air, land only, double occupancy

Enjoy our France tour and bask in its rich history, art, culture and romance of its celebrated cities and charming towns. Experience UNESCO'S Le Mont St. Michel village and a relaxing dinner cruise past famous landmarks along the River Seine.



### Baltic and Scandinavian Treasure

Date: July 12-13, 2016

Price: Starting from \$4,099 with air

The treasures of the Baltic and Scandinavia are revealed on this magical voyage aboard Oceania Cruises' majestic Marina. Discover medieval towns, onion-domed cathedrals, ornate palaces and stunning harbors as you cruise from Denmark to Germany, Lithuania, Latvia, Finland, Russia, Estonia, and Sweden.

SIU ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION

[sialumni.com/travel](http://sialumni.com/travel)

NEW DIMENSIONS: A CONVERSATION WITH AARON SCOTT

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF DESIGN, SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN IN THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Aaron Scott teaches industrial design and communication design, and he coordinates the Subtractive and Additive Maker (S.A.M.) Lab in the newly remodeled Pulliam Hall Design Wing. The lab includes three 3D printers. Scott notes that 3D printing has been around for nearly 30 years. Now the technology is in the hands of individual people who are using it for purposes fanciful and functional.

WHAT IS 3D PRINTING?

3D printing is an additive rapid prototyping process. To explain, a 2D printer lays down little dots along an XY axis to produce, for example, a page of type. A 3D printer operates on the X, Y and Z axis, with the Z axis giving the height or depth required to create the three-dimensional object.

WHERE DO YOU BEGIN?

Once I have a clear concept, I make a sketch or a basic model of the design. 3D printing requires digital information, so I have to turn that sketch or physical model into a digital format. To do this, I use a computer-aided design (CAD) program. There are many programs available, from professional versions to simplified versions that can help you with your design.

THEN WHAT HAPPENS?

There are different kinds of 3D printers with different printing processes and materials. For example, our stereolithographic printer uses resins and a UV laser. The laser solidifies the resin in layers, combining one layer of material on top of another to create the object. As with other printers, the higher the resolution, the better the quality. We can print details as fine as .025 cm and layers of material as thin as .003 cm in our lab. After the object is finished printing, it requires additional post-processing to clean and remove supports and excess materials. Then you have a prototype that can be painted or used as is.

WHEN IT COMES TO DESIGN, WHAT'S THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WITH 3D PRINTING?

Right now 3D printing is used mostly for small runs and prototypes, but as we start working with other materials, like metals, ceramics and other composites, possibilities soar. If you can imagine it, there's a way to create it. As a tool, 3D printing allows artists and designers to experiment with increasingly complex designs, spatial patterns, multiples, generative modeling and more.

HOW DO YOU USE 3D PRINTING IN DESIGN?

I would have loved to have had technology like this as a young artist to evaluate different versions of a concept before I made it. Once it's in bronze, that's it. Now I use 3D printing for refined prototypes the way I used to use wax, clay and foam models to prove form and function. I require models to validate my design decisions. Getting to this point requires a lot of front-end exploration and research, so it's important to get it right. Rapid prototyping affords me the ability to handle and physically test if a concept will work and look as I envisioned it.

WHAT'S THE COOLEST THING YOU'VE MADE?

I've assisted students with printing functional parts, board game pieces, ergonomic computer mouse shells, and other cool projects. Most of my work is research-related. I've made concept prototypes, including cleaning tools, a pet leash system, ski grip handles and toys. For one of the most fun projects, I used a 3D scanner, CAD software and a 3D printer to make a replica of my daughter's head and then turned it into a Lego piece – that was pretty cool.

# Nick Hill Named Head Football Coach At SIU



Hill speaks at a press conference after being introduced as the new SIU head football coach.

SIU Director of Athletics Tommy Bell made his first major coaching staff decision in December, when he announced that Dale Lennon would not return in 2016 as SIU's head football coach. He soon promoted offensive coordinator Nick Hill to lead the Salukis.

Hill becomes the 21st head football coach in school history, and he joins Abe Martin, Bill O'Brien and Shawn Watson as one of the four head football coaches at SIU to lead his alma mater.

Lennon, who took over the program after Jerry Kill left for Northern Illinois following the 2007 season, compiled a 51-42 record in eight seasons, including a 36-28 mark in Missouri Valley Football Conference games. His first two teams advanced to the playoffs and were 15-1 in league play, but during his final six seasons the Salukis did not make the playoffs and were 21-27 in MVFC games. In 2015, SIU finished 3-8 overall and 2-6 in conference play.

"It was a privilege to coach this team," Lennon says. "I appreciated the support of so many members of the SIU administration, athletic department, faculty and staff, alumni and student body."

After passing on some other coaching opportunities, Lennon announced in February that he has accepted an administrative role as director of public affairs at the University of Mary in Bismarck, North Dakota. The school was the first place Lennon served as a head coach.

By naming Hill the new head football coach, Bell says he feels he is turning to someone who has a bright career ahead in college football.

"Nick Hill is one of the brightest and most creative minds in college football today," Bell says. "He has a commanding presence among our team, a relentless work ethic and a burning desire to rebuild Saluki football."

Hill joined SIU's staff in 2014 as the quarterbacks coach. In his first season, Saluki quarterbacks

broke a school record for single-season touchdown passes with 29. He was promoted to offensive coordinator in 2015 and completely overhauled the team's offense. He installed his own version of the up-tempo spread attack, and the results were remarkable: The Salukis averaged 498 yards per game, the second most in conference history.

Under Hill's guidance, SIU's offense led the conference and ranked in the top 11 nationally in total offense, scoring offense and passing offense. Quarterback Mark Iannotti led the nation in total offense per game and was ninth in national Offensive Player of the Year voting. In the two years since Hill arrived on SIU's staff, the Salukis have improved rushing yards per game by 46, passing yards per game by 67, total yards per game by 113 and points per game by seven.

Hill, a native of nearby Du Quoin, Illinois, was one of the most prolific passers in school history during two seasons as SIU's starting quarterback in 2006 and 2007 under Kill's guidance. He guided Southern to three playoff wins, and the 2007 squad advanced to the national semifinals.

"I know what the blueprint looks like for our program to be successful, going back to my playing days for Coach Kill, and I know we can get there," Hill says. "Coaching my alma mater is a dream come true. I love everything about this region and what it stands for: that blue-collar mentality. This is not my team; this is our team. Our program is

going to invest in the community, and make us proud on and off the field."

Two Saluki Hall of Famers have strong opinions on the new head coach.

"I promise you Nick will work day and night, because he doesn't want to let anyone down," says Kill, who recently retired as head coach at the University of Minnesota. "When I came to SIU, I surrounded myself with great staff. He will do the same thing and has a good model to work from."

Carl Mauck, a 34-year NFL playing and coaching veteran adds: "Nick has the characteristics you look for in an outstanding head coach. He's level-headed but also has a lot of fire and energy. He will recruit harder than anyone, and will present himself well to recruits and their families. I'm proud that he got the job, and I'm excited for him and the program."

SIU opens the 2016 season in September at Florida Atlantic University.

## Women Claim MVC Swimming And Diving Crown

At press time, SIU's swimming and diving team had just won the 2016 MVC Championship for the first time in nine years. It was the most tightly contested championship in conference history, as the Salukis finished just half a point above Missouri State. To see results, please go to [siusalukis.com](http://siusalukis.com).



Larry "Moose" Calufetti (left) shares a smile with his former coach, Itchy Jones.

## Moose Calufetti Dies

Former star Saluki catcher Larry "Moose" Calufetti, founder and chief executive officer of Sunshine Cleaning Systems in Florida, died at age 65 following a lengthy illness. The Harrisburg, Illinois, native was a catcher on SIU's baseball teams from 1970 to 1973, helping the Salukis win 141 games, highlighted by a second-place finish in the 1971 College World Series.

"Moose was a loyal Saluki throughout the years," says SIU baseball coach Ken Henderson. "You could tell how excited he was to see the new stadium become a reality, and he proudly played a role in making it happen."

## Softball Picked 6th in League Poll

The SIU softball team has been selected sixth in the Missouri Valley Conference 2016 preseason softball poll. The Salukis return four of the top five hitters from last year's squad that finished third in the conference at 15-11.

Wichita State was the selection of league coaches to win the league title.

SIU has finished among the top three in the MVC in 13 of 16 seasons under head coach Kerri Blaylock.

"We're trying to try and get better every day and grow toward our conference season," Blaylock says. "The squad has good enough pitching to keep us in every game, and it's fun to watch the hitters start to mature."

SIU returns four of its top five hitters from last year's team, including seniors Kelsey Gonzalez, Shaye Harre and Jessa Thomas, who are the captains in 2016. A trio of underclassmen leads SIU's pitching

staff. The trio includes sophomore Savanna Dover, who returns after throwing 65 innings last season and holding opponents to a .259 batting average.

At the end of the regular season, SIU will be the host of the MVC Tournament at Charlotte West Stadium. The Salukis also hosted the conference tournament in 2004, 2008 and 2012.

"We believe Charlotte West Stadium is one of the best facilities in the conference, and we love showcasing it," Blaylock says. "For the players, it's a great opportunity to focus on academics during finals week and softball right afterward. We also get to play for our great community and feel their support."

## Saluki Baseball Returns 25 Lettermen This Season

SIU baseball coach Ken Henderson knows that his 2016 squad will have to earn respect in the Valley, and that's fine with him. The Salukis were picked to finish eighth in the conference preseason poll, but he is confident that an added veteran presence this season will produce success.

Missouri State is the league favorite to win the championship.

SIU finished eighth last season in the league, fielding one of its youngest teams ever, with 26 freshmen and sophomores and just seven upperclassmen. The young team made strides near the end of the year, including defeating Illinois State 7-1 in the MVC Tournament, and the 2016 roster features 25 returning players that saw action last season.

"We knew rebuilding the roster with young players would cause us to go through some growing pains, but I think it will pay off," Henderson says. "I like the added experience



we bring to the game this year, and feel we will be more confident of playing well in a solid schedule."

Southern will play 18 games against teams (Iowa, St. John's, Illinois, Dallas Baptist, Missouri State and Bradley) that qualified for the 2015 NCAA Tournament, including 11 games at Itchy Jones Stadium. SIU opens MVC action April 8 by hosting Indiana State.

SIU returns seven position players who

played at least 40 games last season. As always, however, the performance on the mound will be key to any success in the MVC. SIU returns 11 from last season's pitching staff and has added four new left-handers to the roster.

"The pitching staff is going to be interesting this year," Henderson says. "Obviously we have to pitch better than we did last year, and we have guys that are capable of that. We have some question marks early regarding roles."

The Saluki pitching staff brings back six players that started at least one game last season, which should make for a fierce battle for a spot on the weekend rotation. Of the six pitchers that earned a start, Michael Baird, Alex Lesiak, Bryce Sablotny and Chad Whitmer started a weekend game.

*For more on the schedule and roster, please go to [siusalukis.com](http://siusalukis.com).*



# Saluki Athletics Inducts Five Into Hall Of Fame

Five inductees entered the Saluki Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the SIU Arena on Feb. 12. **Harold Bardo** (administrator), **Diane Daugherty** (women's golf coach), Doug Ingram (swimming and diving coach), Bonnie Norrenberns (volleyball) and James Phillips (football) each took their place among the all-time great athletes and administrators at Southern Illinois University.

PHOTO: From left, new athletic hall of fame inductees Harold Bardo, Diane Daugherty, Bonnie Norrenberns, Doug Ingram and James Phillips.

## Here is a look at each new inductee

### Harold Bardo

Bardo was the faculty representative to the university's athletic program for 15 years and twice served as interim director of intercollegiate athletics. The Carbondale resident holds three SIU degrees and was a standout athlete in basketball and track (1959-61). He directed the School of Medicine's MEDPREP program from 1984 to 1999 and from 2001 until his retirement last year.

"I was born and raised in Sparta just 50 miles from here," Bardo says. "My father was an underground coal miner, and I got a work scholarship to come to Southern – I could not have come here without that. My life has just changed immensely as a result, and that's why I'm so passionate about SIU and it remaining the kind of university that it was when I was here years ago."

### James Phillips

Phillips (1977-80) played defensive line for the Salukis and remains the all-time career leader in sacks (23.5). He was a three-time, first-Team All-Missouri Valley Conference selection and was so dominant that, despite missing six games in 1979 with a knee injury, he was still named to the all-MVC squad. Phillips recorded 221 career tackles, and during his sophomore and junior seasons, SIU was a combined 15-7 and finished second in the MVC in 1979. He is retired and lives in Collierville, Tennessee.

"This is one of the happiest days of my life," Phillips says regarding his place in the hall of fame. "It's so beautiful around here now, and there is nothing like telling a person that I went to SIU. Years ago I would walk through the student center and see the hall of fame plaques on the wall. I remember telling people – half as a joke – that I would be on that wall someday. Now after all of these years, I actually am. It's a true honor, and I love being back in Carbondale."

### Diane Daugherty

Daugherty (1986-2011) was a three-time conference coach of the year who won five league championships (1988, 1990, 1998, 2000, 2007). Her teams also made five second-place finishes at the tournament. She coached three individual champions, 21 Academic All-Americans and won 10 tournament titles. Daugherty was named to the MVC's All-Centennial Team coaches' wing. She currently gives golf lessons at Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale and is president of St. Francis Animal Rescue.

"SIU has been my life," Daugherty of Carbondale says. "I've not coached anywhere else, and when I got here, the program didn't really have a home. Then Hickory Ridge was built, and we did some fundraising for an indoor facility. It all came together and we really had a great program eventually, and I am proud of that."

### Doug Ingram

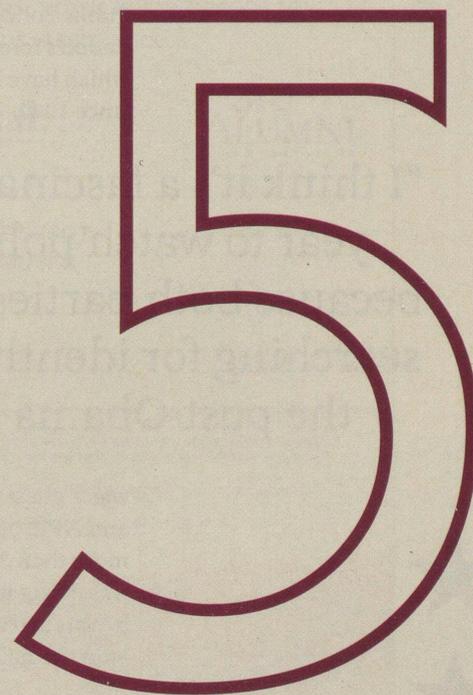
Ingram (1984-92) compiled a 59-23 record in dual meets during his eight-year tenure and led the Salukis to a 16th-place finish at the 1985 NCAA championships, for which he was named University Coach of the Year in Illinois. He coached 87 All-Americans at Southern, and served two four-year terms as chairman of the United States Olympic Swimming Committee (USOC). He lives in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he serves as the senior director for international games for the USOC.

"SIU is such a special place," Ingram says. "What we enjoyed was trying to go up against some of the best programs. Every year we'd swim against Kansas, Iowa, Iowa State, Northwestern, Indiana, and Ohio State. To be able to compete with those level of programs was a big thrill."

### Bonnie Norrenberns

Norrenberns (1979-82) was a powerful hitter who ranks fourth all-time in career service aces (161) at Southern. In 1981, she set a school record for most block assists in a match with 10, a feat she accomplished twice. She also set a single-season mark that still stands, when she posted 86 service aces in 1982. Norrenberns was a key member of the 1981 team that finished 30-17-1, placed third at the IALAW Midwest Regional championship and posted wins during the season over Illinois, Louisville, Kansas, Texas Tech, Indiana and Wisconsin. She lives in Mascoutah, Illinois, where she is a human resources administrator for a family business.

"When I came here, it was a big step for me ... a growth process that really helped me mature and grow up," Norrenberns notes. "From that beginning to think about being a part of this university's hall of fame now is incredible, and a wonderful honor that I appreciate more than you can know."





# POLITICS EXPERT BOOSTS SIU'S PROFILE

YEPSEN'S KNOWLEDGE TAPPED FOR 2016 IOWA CAUCUS ANALYSIS

By Caleb Hale

David Yepsen, executive director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU, broadcasts with David Greene, host of NPR's Morning Edition during the 2016 Iowa Caucus held February 1.

Though retired as the *Des Moines Register's* political editor for some time now, every four years or so Iowa beckons **David Yepsen** back home.

Yepsen, the executive director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIU since 2009, remains the nation's foremost authority on the Iowa caucuses, which have kicked off every presidential election year since 1972. This much-publicized but often esoteric

“I think it’s a fascinating year to watch politics, because both parties are searching for identity in the post-Obama era.”

process has had mixed results in picking winners over the years, yet it frequently elevates underdogs and fizzes the hopes of front-runners, a testament to the fickle nature of primary politics.

Yepsen rang in the New Year in Iowa to study firsthand what would happen in the 2016 caucuses. While there, he

was a guest of news outlets such as MSNBC, CSPAN and NPR, offering analysis and insight gleaned from more than 30 years of reporting on Iowa politics. He was doing research for a possible book, but primarily he was seizing a chance to put the institute – and SIU – on the national stage.



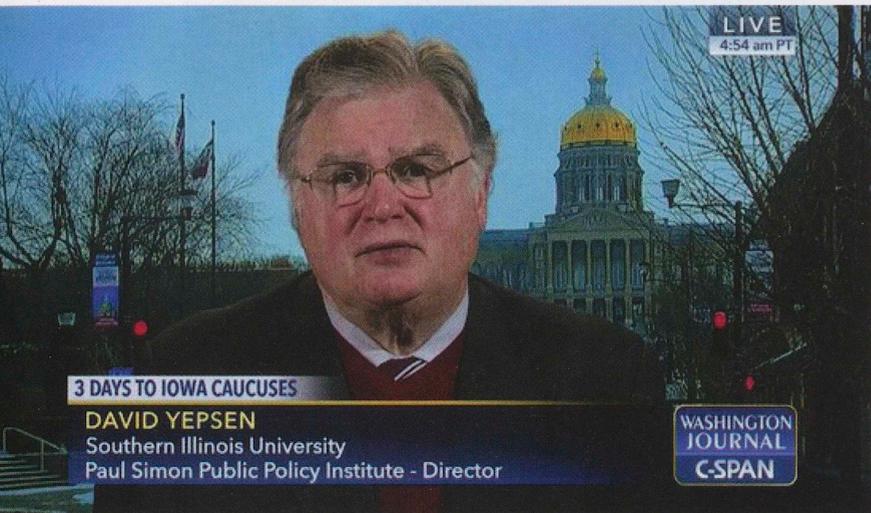
“Part of our mission is studying the political process; we’ve got some expertise we need to show,” Yepsen said. “I wanted to use this as an opportunity to raise the profiles of the institute and of SIU.”

This year’s caucuses saw a win for Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas on the Republican side, with businessman Donald Trump as the runner-up and a third-place finish (but better than expected) for Florida Sen. Marco Rubio. On the Democratic ticket, repeat presidential candidate Hillary Clinton eked out a slim victory over Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

What Yepsen saw in this year’s contest were two political parties in the midst of rebranding themselves.

“I think it’s a fascinating year to watch politics, because both parties are searching for identity in the post-Obama era,” Yepsen said.

The political landscape has changed drastically in the last seven years – and, as it turns out, tracking just how those changes are reflected among the



“I still think a poll is not a predictor, but a picture of an electorate at a given point in time,” he said.

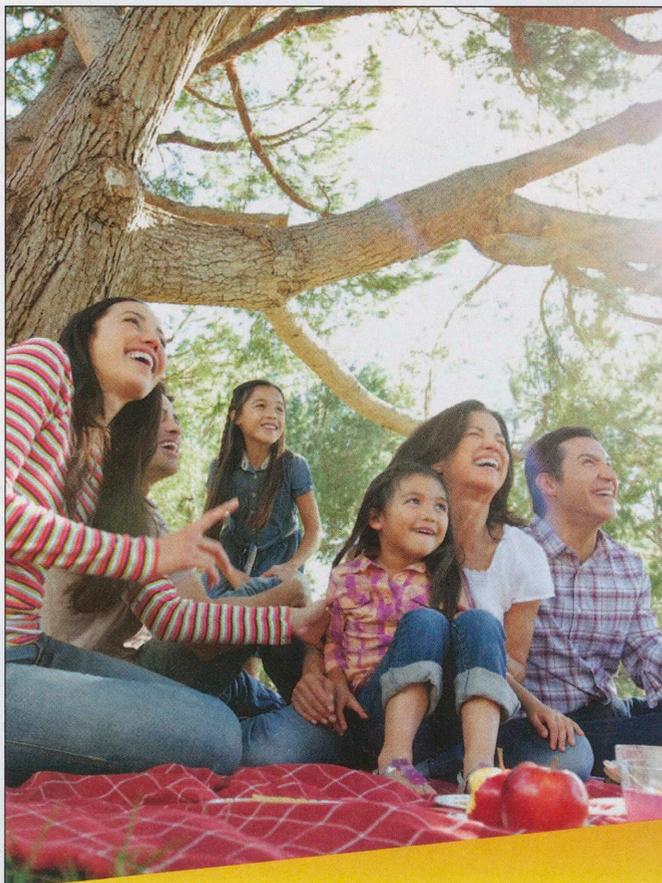
Polling is a trickier process these days, as land-line telephones – traditionally a mainstay in the practice – are becoming fewer, response rates are drying up and, more and more, language barriers are present, Yepsen said.

The nature of the public’s consumption of news and information also is changing rapidly, he said, with social media contributing heavily to rapid and frequent changes in public opinion.

general voting public can be tricky. That’s evident by the fairly inaccurate picture political polls have painted in recent years.

The institute does regular polling, and Yepsen said people often try to pull too much information out of the data.

Yepsen is eager to continue watching how this year’s presidential election will unfold, and he may yet have a few more bits of analysis to offer before all is said and done. Contrary to the old Iowa legend, he does not “turn back into a pumpkin” once the Iowa caucuses are over, he said.



## As a graduate of Southern Illinois University, you could receive exclusive savings on auto and home insurance from Liberty Mutual.<sup>1</sup>

Along with valuable savings, you’ll enjoy access to benefits like 24-Hour Claims Assistance.



For a free quote, call 1-800-461-7607  
or visit [www.libertymutual.com/siu](http://www.libertymutual.com/siu)  
Client #110034

SIU Alumni Association receives financial support for offering this auto and home benefits program.

<sup>1</sup> Discounts and savings are available where state laws and regulations allow, and may vary by state. To the extent permitted by law, applicants are individually underwritten; not all applicants may qualify.  
Auto coverage provided and underwritten by Liberty County Mutual Insurance Company, 2100 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, TX.  
Home coverage provided and underwritten by Liberty Insurance Corporation, 175 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116.  
©2015 Liberty Mutual Insurance

# Triumph Over Tragedy



Imagine departing your native country to pursue a college education in the United States. You're 18 years old and seeking this opportunity at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

This was Amit Singh '96 23 years ago. He did have a trusted recommendation before leaving India for the United States, though.

"My cousin was a graduate student at SIU," Singh says. "So I was familiar with the university, its departments and the Southern Illinois region."

Singh enjoyed his first semester on campus, but his life took a dramatic turn in December 1992.

He was preparing for final exams when the Pyramid Apartments, his residence near campus, caught fire. Five SIU students lost their lives in the fire, and Singh was seriously injured, suffering second- and third-degree burns to nearly 20 percent of his body. He needed skin grafts on his hands and feet, and his vocal cords were paralyzed from smoke inhalation. He was taken to a St. Louis hospital, where he spent four months in a burn unit and also went through rehabilitation.

"My parents were heartbroken," he said. "You wouldn't wish this on any parent,

to watch their child go through such an experience. But the foundation of my life has been that which doesn't kill you makes you stronger. Tough times shape who we are, and that is one of the important lessons I learned at SIU. I share that with my own kids today."

Singh persevered. Now a married father of two children, the 1996 SIU engineering graduate is director of software engineering for Achronix in Santa Clara, California. His traumatic college event didn't deter him.

Although returning to his native India after rehabilitation was an option, he never seriously considered it. Singh returned to campus during the 1993 summer semester and still managed to complete his degree in four years. He recalled enrolling in seven courses and completing 21 credit hours in one semester – and earning straight A's, too.

"Education is important," he said. "I had a special opportunity at SIU and wasn't going to take the easy way out. I have always had goals in life, and SIU set me on the right path."

He subsequently earned a master's degree from the University of California-Santa Barbara in 1998 and added a Ph.D. in 2002.

Singh has enjoyed a successful career as a software engineer on the West Coast for

nearly 15 years. He and his wife of 16 years, Amrita, have two children: Ishan, 9, and Anika, 5. His children often hear lessons their father learned through personal experiences, and the challenges he has overcome. Twenty-three years later, he still is grateful for how the university and Carbondale communities rallied around and supported him and his fellow fire victims upon their return to campus.

This is a primary reason why Singh gives back to the university. He is supporting scholarships for engineering students, paying it forward to SIU. Singh also plans on bringing his family back to Carbondale to visit the campus someday. He said it would be "an opportunity to reflect on what's important in life."

"I tell my kids that they should grasp any opportunity with both hands," he said. "SIU was a holistic experience, during which I conquered challenges and learned a great deal at a young age. I gained independence in a foreign country.

"The lessons I learned were the foundations of my career and overall being. I'm grateful for that experience and proud to be in America."

LEFT PHOTO: Singh wants to bring his family back to SIU soon to see the campus that still means so much to him. ABOVE: The SIU graduate often tells his children about the experiences he had as a college student in Carbondale.



# NOTABLE INSPIRATION

## Lifelong Music Enthusiast Traces Success Back to SIU

A distinguished career in academia has taken **Susan McClary '68** worldwide. Her expertise has been in demand for speaking engagements, with keynote addresses on all continents except Antarctica. She has mentored thousands of aspiring musicians and written 10 books, as well as dozens of articles.

The SIU Alumni Association life member has taught at some of the premier institutions in the country, and she holds a Ph.D. in musicology from Harvard University. But McClary, who is a professor and head of musicology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, traces her success back to University School, which formerly was located in Pulliam Hall on the SIU campus. The school consisted of children whose parents were employed at the university.

"We had extraordinary teachers," she says. "They were amazing. I've written about music that I initially encountered in ensembles at University School. It provided the framework in which I still work."

"University School was as good as any private school in the country," she adds. "It was a highly competitive atmosphere, more so than what I encountered at Harvard."

McClary's father was a microbiologist, and her mother a math teacher at SIU. The family moved to Carbondale when the university hired her father.

Her music interest started early. She was playing piano in fourth grade, and

she has fond memories of serving as an accompanist for choir conductors such as Charles Taylor. In high school, she began to study piano with SIU faculty, who later urged her to attend the university.

McClary was heavily influenced by SIU piano professors Robert Mueller and Stephen Barwick. Another professor, Wesley Morgan, introduced her to 17th-century music. She still remembers a specific Morgan lecture that was the impetus for her interest in musicology.

"I received very good theoretical training at SIU," she says. "It resulted in me mentoring fellow graduate students at Harvard."

She teaches music history, music theory and historical performance at CWRU. Her research ranges through the whole history of Western music, though she focuses on cultural criticism of early and contemporary music. While teaching and coaching understudies, she explains music "theoretically, expressively and culturally," she says.

"That's why I got into this business," she says. "I love shaping the careers of young musicians and introducing them to the history of music. They listen to music we inherited from the past and discuss music that will be a part of our future."

Her husband, professor Robert Walser, specializes in popular music. An opportunity to serve in a role leading to involvement with the historic Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland brought the couple to the city.

"We love Cleveland," she says. "The Cleveland Orchestra and Cleveland Museum of Art are both a short walk from my office. The cultural riches in this city are truly astonishing."

McClary joined CWRU in 2011. She has taught at the University of Minnesota, McGill University, University of California-Berkeley and UCLA. In the process, McClary has won university-wide teaching awards.

As an accomplished author, McClary is best known for "Feminine Endings: Music, Gender, and Sexuality," which examine cultural constructions of gender, sexuality and the body in various musical repertoires. It ranges from early 17th-century opera to the songs of Madonna. Her research focuses on the cultural criticism of music, both the European canon and contemporary popular genres.

McClary also is a 1995 MacArthur Fellowship recipient. Fifteen individuals receive "Genius Grants" annually. The honor is comparable to a Nobel Prize, with a focus on humanities and social sciences. McClary joined fellow MacArthur fellows on a trip to Cuba in October.

"I am most proud of my students and their successes," she says. "It is gratifying to assist them in refining their work and progressing in this profession. University School and SIU changed my life. I want to help the next generation."



# The Heart of a Champion

**H**e wasn't a movie star, a musician or a business CEO, yet 1970 SIU graduate Bill Holden will forever rank as one of the most amazing Salukis we have ever met. Holden, better known as "Wild Bill," died Dec. 29 at his home in the mountains of Prescott, Arizona. He was 67 years old.

Holden, a native of Elgin, Illinois, grew up a die-hard Chicago Cubs fan. As his obituary noted, although his heart was always at Wrigley Field, his life was dedicated to teaching – much of it working with young Native Americans in the southwestern United States. As Gene Green's cover story in the 2005 September edition of *Southern Alumni* explained, Holden witnessed firsthand the massive destruction caused by juvenile diabetes on the reservations.

"It was horrible and destructive to watch these kids be affected in this way," he said.

But what could he do?

A year earlier, Holden had been thrilled when his son, Josh, sent him a DVD of the 2004 documentary film titled "This Old Cub." The film chronicled former Cubs great Ron Santo's long battle with juvenile diabetes. The first day, he watched the documentary seven straight times – until he saw it was 4 a.m. He was so moved that he decided he had to do something to help find a cure for the disease that cost Santo both of his legs.

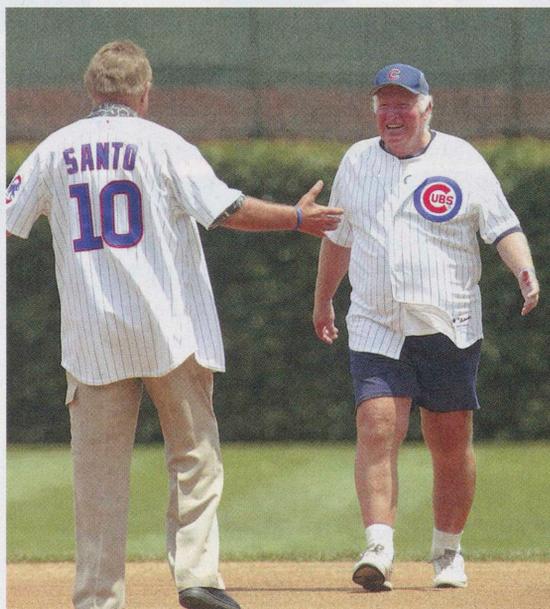
With nothing but a dream and an iron will, Holden decided to take time off from teaching and walk from Arizona to Chicago to raise awareness – and money – for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

"When I started on this walk, some people thought I was crazy," he said. "Hell, they might have been right! Bad knees, not in

shape and not much of a plan. (But) I still knew once I started that I would make it."

And just in case anyone still wondered if the ol' Saluki was just a bit nuts, he announced that his goal was to raise \$250,000 on the walk!

He left Prescott Valley Jan. 10, and what happened during the next few months became a legendary quest. It started as a grassroots effort, with the SIU graduate



dependent on the kindness of strangers – and more than a few fellow alumni.

Holden called former SIU Alumni Association Executive Director Ed Buerger to tell him what he planned to do. Buerger then called former SIU Associate Vice Chancellor Roger Neuhaus, who earned his master's at Southern and was working at Verde Valley Medical Center in Arizona at the time.

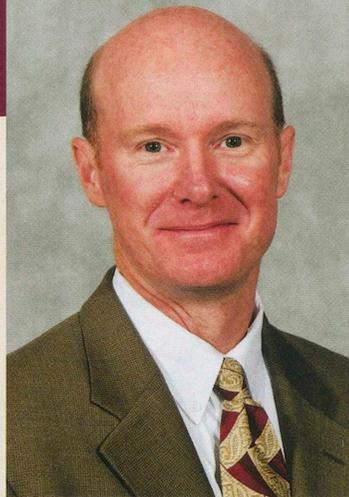
*Continued on page 41*

“

When I left St. Louis and got ready to walk across the bridge to Illinois, I felt something magical was going to happen.

”

PHOTO: A beaming Bill Holden walks the last few steps of a 2,100-mile journey into the arms of Cubs broadcaster Ron Santo.



## Tell Us Your Story

I graduated in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, knowing that SIU gave me the foundation to begin and succeed in my career. Through the strong values and work ethic that it helped instill, I found a career path I continue to follow. An engineering design class my senior year taught me that there was more to engineering than crunching numbers.

I live in the Chicago area and am vice president of engineering and construction for a mining/real estate development/materials recycling company. I have been with the same company since graduation, holding several positions while moving up within the organization.

I have always enjoyed the challenge of a new project, from start to final completion. There is great satisfaction in looking at a completed project. It is similar to climbing a mountain, something I have had the thrill of doing three

times: Mount Rainier (14,409 feet in elevation) once, and Mount Whitney (14,505 feet in elevation) twice. Once you get to the top, you can see that all the hard work paid off.

As a member of the SIU Alumni Association's Board of Directors, I make it back to campus several times a year for various meetings and sporting events. I am also proud to be a part of the College of Engineering Alumni Advisory Board and to provide the M. Slade O'Keefe Scholarship Fund to further help our students. All of these things have helped me reconnect with the university.

Go, Dawgs!

*Slade O'Keefe '91*  
Life Member  
Naperville, Illinois

Visit [siualumni.com/tellus](http://siualumni.com/tellus) and share your stories with alumni.



SIU ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION

## Want to reach more than 235,000 SIU alumni?

Increase your brand and product visibility via sponsorship, exhibiting, advertising, and networking to SIU alumni and Association members. We have **various opportunities** to fit all budgets, manpower, and timing requirements.

The Association **provides the ideal platform** on which to promote your brand, launch new products, meet new clients, and align yourself with the Association brand.

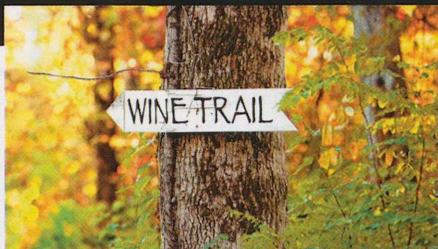
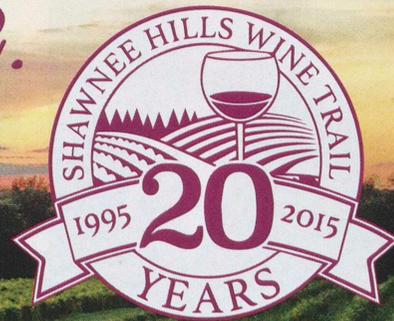
Use the Association and its position with Southern's alumni as a partner to give your company significant promotion and presence.

For additional information, please contact:

---

**Kathy Dillard**  
Director of Corporate Relations  
SIU Alumni Association  
Phone: 618/453-2408  
Email: [kathyd@alumni.siu.edu](mailto:kathyd@alumni.siu.edu)

# Come for the Wine. Stay for the Experience.



## sip around the trail

Experience an authentic wine culture as you travel from winery to winery through some of the most beautiful country in the Midwest. We offer twelve unique, friendly wineries dotting a well-marked 40-mile wine trail. Each boasts its own individual style and showcases a diverse array of award-winning wines. A perfect adventure for the wine enthusiast in us all.



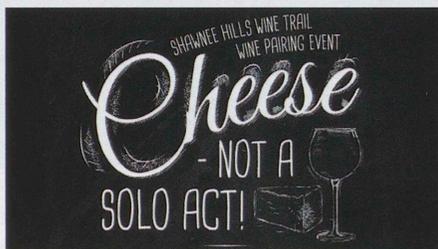
## blending art with wine

The natural beauty, friendly people and amazing atmosphere of the Shawnee Hills beckons artists of all kinds to put down roots and dedicate themselves to sharing the splendor of their surroundings. One trip on the SHWT and you will get a true taste for how wine and art blend beautifully together in this unique part of southern Illinois.



## always a reason to applaud

Enjoy some of our local flair with creative fun dinners along the trail that match a variety of local cuisine to our delicious wines. Many wineries offer live music on the weekends or look for festivals celebrating holidays, supporting charity events or just because. We are always looking for a reason to celebrate.



## wine & food pairing weekends

All 12 wineries of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail have paired up to create three wonderful weekends of savory wine and food pairings. We invite you to join us for a progressive tasting along the trail and enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of our wines paired with delicious samples.

**August 6 & 7, 2016 / November 5 & 6, 2016**

Sign-up for E-News/Events/Promotions: [www.shawneewinetrail.com](http://www.shawneewinetrail.com)



**One FREE Wine Trail Glass during your next visit to the SHWT**

While supplies last. Must present coupon. One coupon per person, per visit.

Digitally duplicated copies of coupons (copy machines, scans, etc.) will not be accepted. Offer expires July 30, 2016.



## Students Receive Textbook Awards

Thirty-eight Southern Illinois University students received textbooks and supplies, valued at more than \$20,000, from the SIU Alumni Association during a Jan. 19 ceremony on campus.

Since 2008, the Association's National Board of Directors has earmarked investment earnings to support the financial needs of SIU students. The board's scholarship committee, with the assistance of SIU's Financial Aid Office, identified

textbooks and supplies as vital components to filling gaps in funding for students.

"Several years ago, the board wanted to contribute money specifically to help students with their educational expenses," says **Dr. Hazel Loucks '66**, a member of the National Board of Directors and guest speaker at the ceremony. "As you well know, students face many challenges during their college years, not the least of

which is the question of how to pay for it all."

The awards are provided to students who demonstrate a financial need and have a GPA of at least 3.0.

Interim SIU Chancellor **Brad Colwell** also spoke during this year's award ceremony, and deans and representatives from each college on campus were present to congratulate the students from their respective schools.

## St. Louis Area Chapter Trivia Night Raises Scholarship Funds

The St. Louis Area Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association raised more than \$2,000 for its chapter scholarship fund during its 11th Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction in January.

This year's event took place in the Shrewsbury City Center. Twelve teams competed for various prizes and bid on several items donated for the silent auction portion of the event.

The winning team was put together by **Jeff Suidzinski '81**. His "SIUdzinski Team"



also included Jean Suidzinski, Dean and Terri Sullivan, Steve and Lisa Todd, and Steve and Beth Piper.

The chapter's trivia event has raised thousands of dollars in scholarships over the last

decade. The scholarships are reserved for St. Louis area students who attend SIU, and each year the Association matches a portion of the money raised to the scholarship fund.

## Tickets On Sale For Busch Stadium, Wrigley Field Events

Dates for the Association's annual SIU Days at Busch Stadium and Wrigley Field have been set, and tickets are on sale for both events.

The **32nd Annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium** will be Monday, May 23. The game starts at 7:15 p.m., with a pregame gathering at 5 p.m. at BB's Jazz, Blues and Soups, located at 700 S. Broadway in St. Louis. Tickets are \$30 for the game and \$15 for the pregame. Registration is open until May 9.

The **39th Annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field** is set for Friday, Aug. 12. Game time is 1:05 p.m., with an 11 a.m. pregame event at The Cubby Bear, across the street from the ballfield. Tickets are \$62 for the game and \$15 for the pregame. Registration is open until July 29

Visit [sialumni.com/events](http://sialumni.com/events) for more information about these and other alumni events.

### CONNECT WITH US

Learn more about SIU Alumni chapters, clubs and groups at [sialumni.com/connect](http://sialumni.com/connect), or call the Association office at 618/453-2408.

For more info contact Zoe Owens, Director of Constituent Relations at [zoeo@alumni.siu.edu](mailto:zoeo@alumni.siu.edu)

# SIU Alumni Association 2016 National Board of Director's Ballot

Voting is now open for members to elect candidates to the SIU Alumni Association's National Board of Directors. Twelve individuals have been selected as candidates this election. Only the votes of dues-paying members are valid in the final count. Ballots must reach the Association main office no later than Noon CST Monday, April 11.

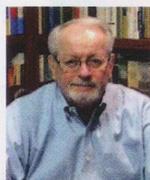
On the ballot slip, please place an X in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you are voting. If you are the sole member of your household, who is an Association member, use the box marked A. If there is a second eligible voting member in your household, he or she should vote using the box marked B. **Or you may vote online at [www.siualumni.com](http://www.siualumni.com).**



**Steve Brown '71** has been recognized throughout the years for his award-winning political writing, as well as his work in public relations. Before directing his public relations firm and representing figures such as Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan, he worked as an acclaimed investigative reporter for the Daily Herald newspapers in suburban Chicago. Brown, a St. Louis native, is active with the Springfield and Peoria, Illinois, chapters of the SIU Alumni Association. He and his wife, Marilyn, reside in Washington, Illinois, and have two sons.



**Gary Heflin '89**, the business development manager for GHE Enterprises, has been involved with his alma mater since graduating. Heflin, who coordinated the SIU Black Affairs Council while a student at SIU, has been one of the leaders in the SIU Black Alumni Group (BAG) and served as the organization's treasurer from 2009 to 2011. He has professional experience in sales and managerial duties with companies such as Coca-Cola USA, Quaker Oats, Barton Beers, Gallo Wine and Sara Lee. He resides in Chicago.



**Ken Buzbee '61, '78** is a former Illinois state senator, serving from 1973 to 1985. During that time he was on a number of committees and was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the White House Advisory Council on Coal. Upon leaving the Illinois Senate, he became a contract negotiator and government relations consultant. Buzbee ended his career in public service in 2006 as the director of the Department of Business Services in the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, a position he'd held since 1999. The Carbondale resident also is a retired lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve, a dedicated Saluki basketball and football fan, and is part of a family of multiple SIU graduates, including his wife, Betty, two children and granddaughter, who currently is a junior.



**Michael Kasser '78**, a certified public accountant and chief financial officer of Southern Illinois Healthcare in Carbondale, is the current president of the SIU Alumni Association. He previously served as treasurer. Kasser, who graduated from SIU with a degree in accounting, has been a volunteer in his personal and professional life: He has served as a school board member and treasurer in Carbondale, and as president of the Southern Illinois Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). He is certified as a Fellow of HFMA. Jill, Kasser's wife, also is a graduate of SIU. They have two daughters, the eldest of whom is a graduate of SIU. He resides in Carbondale.



**Jeff Goffinet '81, '84**, a native of Benton, Illinois, received his undergraduate degrees in journalism and political science, and his juris doctor degree cum laude from SIU. Following practicing in his hometown, he joined the Carbondale trial firm of Brandon, Schmidt and Goffinet, focusing his practice on the defense of civil litigation, and advising businesses and nonprofit entities. In October 2015 Goffinet accepted an appointment as an associate circuit judge in the Illinois First Judicial Circuit. From 1990 to 2004 he was an adjunct professor at SIU, teaching courses on trial and pretrial practice. He also speaks on risk management issues for church groups across the country. His free time is spent with his wife, Diane, who also holds a law degree from SIU, and their sons. They reside in Carterville, Illinois.



**Larry Mieldezis '86**, a native of Marion, Illinois, virtually came back to SIU via New York, Seattle and Atlanta, where he is now chief customer officer for the Atlanta-based Liaison Technologies Inc., a technology company that specializes in global integration and data management services, delivered via its cloud-based platform that can be tailored to solve today's complex data integration problems. In 2011, as an alternative to offshore outsourcing, Liaison established a center of excellence for its managed service offerings in Carbondale at the Dunn-Richmond Center, and that office led to a new facility being used east of Carbondale, employing nearly 60 people. Mieldezis and his wife, Amy, both SIU graduates, live in Flowery Branch, Georgia, and have six children.



**Elizabeth (Liz) Walker Smith '81** is the owner and consultant for WalkerSmith Consultants LLC. She specializes in transformational leadership solutions, which is the bridge between training and results. Before WalkerSmith Consultants, she enjoyed a career with Xerox Corp., where she specialized in sales, learning and development and program management. The Rockford, Illinois, native graduated from SIU with a degree in speech communications. She focuses on community service in the areas of educational and economic development, physical and mental health, and political and international awareness and involvement. She is a past president of the Black Alumni Group. As BAG president, she was able to lead efforts to raise funds and formally establish a scholarship committee to distribute scholarships and book awards to SIU students. She is married and has three daughters, and resides in Oak Park, Illinois.



**Ben Weinberger '01** is senior vice president and chief product officer of Sling TV, where he's helping to redefine the next generation of television. Before joining Sling TV, Weinberger was the co-founder and CEO of Digitalsmiths, the technology leader in the field of video search and recommendations. (Digitalsmiths was acquired by TiVo for \$135 million in 2014.) After the acquisition, Weinberger expanded Digitalsmiths' efforts to include Latin America and Europe. He serves on the board of directors or advisory boards of Librestream, Wazee Digital and the Council for Entrepreneurial Development, a Durham, North Carolina, nonprofit. Weinberger graduated with honors from the Department of Radio and Television at SIU in 2001. He resides in the Denver area.



**Charles Stewart III '03** is a retired officer of 39 years with the Chicago Fire Department. He was most recently appointed first deputy fire commissioner in 2010, having supervised all departmental operations, including manpower, planning, internal affairs and safety. His career service ranks include firefighter/paramedic, fire lieutenant, fire captain, battalion chief, deputy chief and district chief. Stewart earned his bachelor's degree in fire service management from SIU. He also holds a degree with a public administration concentration from Chicago State University, and a master's in human services administration from Spertus College of Judaica. During his spare time, Stewart is an avid sports fan, rooting for the Chicago White Sox, and likes to travel and spend time with his family.



**Steve Wiyatt '70** is retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service. During his 34-year career, Wiyatt worked in field offices in Illinois, Indiana, Arizona and North Dakota. In 1994 he was the associate deputy administrator for field operations in Washington, D.C., helping to lead a transition team transferring U.S. Census data from the Department of Commerce to the USDA. He became part of the Senior Executive Service in 2000 and was named director of the Census and Survey Division. In 2001 he was named director of the Statistics Division and in 2005 was also named executive director of the Agricultural Statistics Board. Wiyatt lives with his wife, Jean, near Effingham, Illinois.



**Susanne Taylor '94** resides in Charlotte, North Carolina, and works for Bank of America. The West Frankfort, Illinois, native has been with Bank of America for 15 years and serves as an enterprise compliance program executive responsible for compliance strategy and remediation of regulatory actions related to the Flood Disaster Protection Act, which affects seven major lines of business. She is heavily involved in women's LEAD and mentoring programs. Her husband, George, is the small-business digital and strategic alliance executive at Bank of America.



**Rick Wysocki '83, '85** has served as president of Language Services LLC for the past 20 years. Wysocki was a graduate assistant at the SIU Student Recreation Center and a member of Eta Sigma Gamma national health honorary. He regularly attends many SIU events throughout the year and is involved with the SIU Chicagoland Golf Outing, serves on several Association board committees, and also was on the baseball alumni committee to renovate Abe Martin Field. Wysocki, a native of the Jersey shore, was a four-year letterman on the SIU baseball team from 1980 to 1983, and his wife, Karen, was a Saluki Shaker. He and his wife reside in Orland Park, Illinois, with their two daughters.



## Board of Directors Mail-in Ballot

A  B  Steve Brown

A  B  Ken Buzbee

A  B  Jeff Goffinet

A  B  Gary Heflin

A  B  Michael Kasser

A  B  Larry Mieldezis

A  B  Elizabeth (Liz) Walker Smith

A  B  Charles Stewart III

A  B  Susanne Taylor

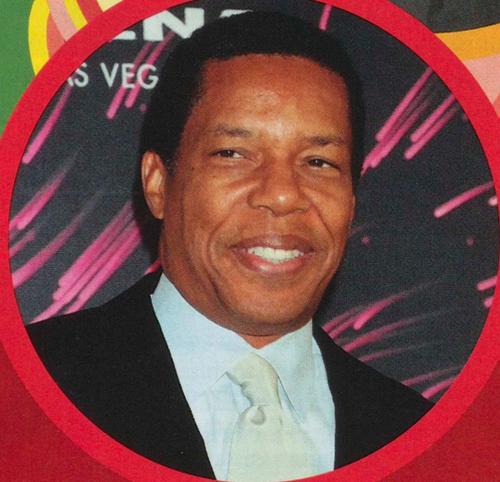
A  B  Ben Weinberger

A  B  Steve Wiyatt

A  B  Rick Wysocki

**Please mark and mail ballot to:**

**SIU Alumni Association**  
Attn: Board of Director's Election  
Southern Illinois University  
Colyer Hall - Mail Code 6809  
1235 Douglas Dr.  
Carbondale, IL 62901



Being reared as the child of a celebrity has its inherent challenges. Imagine growing up the son of the legendary creator of a musical variety television program that aired for 37 years in syndication.

Tony Cornelius '81 knows this all too well.

When legendary television icon Don Cornelius hired him as a production assistant for "Soul Train" in 1995, the SIU cinema and photography graduate experienced his father's leadership style firsthand. The elder Cornelius felt that all employees should work their way up through the ranks – even his son.

"My father believed that was the best way to learn about the business," he says. "I was judged in a different light. It was like a constant survey. My father was extremely focused and no-nonsense, and worked to make sure that I did everything the right way.

"I was under the microscope, but it was good for me in the end. The entire experience was unimaginable."

Cornelius eventually ascended to the executive level at "Soul Train." He served in various capacities, including production, marketing and distribution, until the program concluded its almost four-decade run in 2006. His 25-year career in television production includes pertinent roles with a variety of programs,

# Soul Train

## SIU Graduate's Family Legacy

BY GREG SCOTT

ABOVE: Legendary television icon Don Cornelius (black-and-white photo) made "Soul Train" a major player on the music scene during the time his son Tony was attending SIU. OPPOSITE PAGE: Under the direction of Don Cornelius, "Soul Train" aired in syndication for 35 years.

such as “Jeopardy” and “A Different World.” He serves as president and CEO of his own production company, and he attributes a great deal of credit to his father, who ended his life by suicide in February 2012.

“I witnessed my father perfecting his craft and working hard on the finer points ... factors that most others wouldn’t pay attention to,” Cornelius says. “He hired people who knew what they were doing and respected his leadership. It was amazing to watch him perform in this arena.”

While growing up in Chicago, Cornelius says he wanted nothing to do with the family business. As his father commenced the creative process for “Soul Train” at WCIU-TV in Chicago, Cornelius was dreaming of becoming a professional basketball player. “Soul Train” subsequently moved to Los Angeles, where it became a popular syndicated program, and Cornelius’ father became a nationwide sensation in the process.

As Cornelius matured, his interest switched from sports to pursuing a career in television production.

“After a while, I matured and said, ‘Why not?’ I accepted who my father was and decided to move on. People often called me ‘Don’ when I was younger, and it bothered me, but that is no longer the case. It is actually now a motivating force.”

This newfound interest brought Cornelius to southern Illinois.

“I heard about SIU’s fabulous communications program through friends and teachers, so coming to Carbondale made sense for me,” he says. “And I have never regretted the decision.”

Memories from those days still are important to him.

“I enjoyed hanging out with friends and doing my own thing in Carbondale,” he says. “I remember attending the Kappa Carnival, going to the community center and participating in intramurals at the Recreation Center. It was just a matter of taking advantage of the experience and everything SIU had to offer its students.”

He says the cinema and photography training lived up to his expectations, and

that his academic experience established a solid foundation for his career endeavors.

“I received a great introduction into film, lighting, camera work and other aspects of the production process,” he says.

After graduating from SIU, Cornelius was hired as a cameraman and videotape operator at WCIU-TV in Chicago, where his father had created “Soul Train” 10 years earlier. He subsequently served at WBBM-TV as a videographer before moving to Los Angeles. Cornelius enrolled at the prestigious American Film Institute and



earned a graduate degree in 1989.

Tony keeps the “Soul Train” family legacy alive by hosting an annual “Soul Train Cruise” for devoted fans of R&B music. Guests enjoy a journey along the Caribbean while listening to music performed by legendary artists. Billed as “The Hippest Trip at Sea,” the cruise allows family and friends soak in the love, peace and soul inspired by the iconic show. It is also somewhat of a reunion for the artists who contributed to the ascension of “Soul Train.”

“My initial role was serving as a consultant for the cruise, but a number of people wanted to meet and talk to me, so I was asked to return and host,” Cornelius says.

The cruise has an even more essential purpose: It is used to drive awareness for a cause that Cornelius champions in his father’s memory. He is president of the Don Cornelius Foundation Inc. (DCF), a nonprofit organization formed by the family. DCF was established to identify and support programs that provide awareness, prevention and support for individuals contemplating suicide, as well as assisting those who are in need of healing.

The Don Cornelius Family of Wines also raises funds for the foundation. Cornelius says many celebrities and friends of his family have hosted wine tastings and socials to raise additional awareness for the foundation, which has a motto of “Life is Precious, Beautiful and Worth Living.” Further information can be found at: [thedoncorneliusfoundation.org](http://thedoncorneliusfoundation.org).

“When my father passed away, I had an interesting conversation with Stevie Wonder,” Cornelius says. “He asked me, ‘What are you going to do about it?’ I opened my mind up to do something and began speaking about an issue that is a veil of shame for some people, but I became a face for it through our foundation.

Everything we do is to educate those who want more information or require support.”

Even though his father passed away more than four years ago, Cornelius continues to feel his significant influence. He is grateful for the lessons learned, and he also is a proud father himself. His daughter, Christina, began attending Harvard in the fall and is competing on the university’s volleyball team.

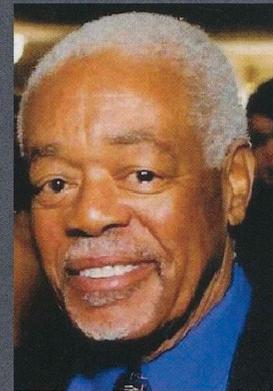
“After my father transitioned, more wisdom came to me,” the SIU grad admits. “It is unbelievable how things he taught me have come forth in my life.”

KRAMPER, Alberta M., ex. '40  
11/18/2015, Danville, Ill.  
ROSSO, William H., ex. '42  
1/25/2016, Effingham, Ill.  
KENNER, Mary J., '44, M.A. '50  
11/27/2015, Dallas, Texas  
STRICKLIN, John A., ex. '44  
11/17/2015, Carmi, Ill.  
TOLLEY, Wilma L., ex. '45  
12/19/2015, Mcleansboro, Ill.  
HAYS, Phyllis J., '46  
12/29/2015, West Frankfort, Ill.  
HELLENY, Taffie, ex. '46  
1/1/2016, Herrin, Ill.  
MANN, Robert E., '46  
12/04/2015, Mesa, Ariz.  
MILLER, Lebern N., '46 M.S. Ed. '49  
1/04/2015, Southampton, N.J.  
WATKINS, Marian F., '46  
1/09/2016, Anna, Ill.  
PANGONIS, Mary E., '47  
10/23/2015, Granada Hills, Calif.  
DAVIS, Galen L., '49, M.S. Ed. '54  
10/27/2015, Du Quoin, Ill.  
GALLOWAY, Helen G., '49, M.S. Ed. '66  
11/16/2015, Collinsville, Ill.  
HOFFMAN, Charles L., '49, M.S. Ed. '62  
1/24/2016, O'Fallon, Ill.  
MARLOW, Charlene K., ex. '50  
11/06/2015, Du Quoin, Ill.  
RENDELMAN, David F., ex. '51  
12/25/2015, Carbondale, Ill.  
INGRAM, Donald R., ex. '52  
12/07/2015, Edwardsville, Ill.  
MORRIS, Emma E., '52  
1/12/2016, Benton, Ill.  
HABERMANN, Clarence E., '53  
1/21/2016, Traverse City, Mich.  
SKINNER, Jean W., '53, M.S. Ed. '76  
10/25/2015, Indianapolis  
MOORE, Rhoda E., '54  
11/20/2015, Monticello, Ill.  
GRUNER, Charles R., '55, M.S. '56  
10/28/2015, Athens, Ga.  
HOLLEMAN, Ellis, ex. '55  
12/27/2015, Jerseyville, Ill.  
NOFSINGER, Ralph L., '55  
11/23/2015, Downingtown, Pa.  
WOOD, Roberta S., '55  
9/02/2015, Cadiz, Ky.  
CLARKE, Robert W., '56, M.A. '57  
1/21/2016, Seattle  
CLEMENS, Ada Ann D., ex. '56  
1/17/2016, Maryville, Ill.  
JOHNSON, Joe E., '56  
1/3/2016, Universal City, Texas  
RENFRO, Marilyn J., '56  
12/24/2015, Quitman, Ga.  
TURNER, Bobbie J., '56  
12/22/2015, Harrisburg, Ill.  
VALTER, Roger A., '56  
12/15/2015, Ridgway, Ill.  
BEASLEY, Franklin D., '57  
12/01/2015, Odin, Ill.  
BIZZEL, Jack E., '57, M.A. '58, Ph. D. '66  
10/23/2015, Morehead, Ky.  
COLLINS, Warren D., '57, M.A. '58  
11/22/2015, Granite City, Ill.  
CROMER, Evelyn D., '57  
6/26/2015, Evanston, Ill.  
GRIMMETT, Archie D., '57  
2/05/2015, Manassas, Va.  
HASAN, Syed, M.S. Ed. '57, Ph. D. '65  
1/25/2016, Frostburg, Md.  
HILL, Kenneth F., '57  
10/19/2015, Olive Branch, Ill.  
RILEY, Garland G., M.S. Ed. '57, Ph. D. '67  
10/25/2015, De Kalb, Ill.  
BECKER, Randel D., '58

12/01/2015, Yukon, Okla.  
MCMAHAN, Louis E., ex. '58  
10/30/2015, Tempe, Ariz.  
PIERCE, Roeyna M., '58  
1/05/2016, Thompsonville, Ill.  
TAYLOR, Alice K., '58  
11/30/2015, Ozark, Ill.  
WAELTZ, Allan L., '58  
11/14/2015, Steeleville, Ill.  
BENNETT, Cleon V., M.S. '59  
7/02/2015, Eugene, Ore.  
LANTRIP, Gordon L., '59  
1/03/2016, Marion, Ill.  
SPENCER, Kenneth E., '59  
1/10/2016, Granite City, Ill.  
UPCHURCH, Joe D., '59  
1/11/2016, Carbondale, Ill.  
WILSON, Doris H., '59, M.S. '60  
10/26/2015, Tarboro, Ill.  
COTTON, Howard W., '60, M.S. '67  
12/17/2015, Ava, Ill.  
FORBES, Marlene R., '60  
4/29/2015, Granite City, Ill.  
PEABODY, Rodney R., M.S. '60  
11/01/2015, Plainfield, Ind.  
PURDY, David W., '60  
11/29/2015, Du Quoin, Ill.  
VENABLE, C. W. '60, M.S. Ed. '64, M.A. '69, Ph. D. '76  
1/29/2016, Carterville, Ill.  
WILLIAMS, Sandra S., ex. '60  
11/30/2015, Fairfield, Ill.  
ZUNICH, Eileen M., '60, M.S. Ed. '64, Ph. D. '70  
11/23/2015, Miramar Beach, Fla.  
KOBELITZ, Paul J., '61, M.S. Ed. '65  
1/02/2016, Columbia, Ill.  
LEWIS, John W., M.S. Ed. '61  
11/22/2015, Saint Paul, Minn.  
CLAUSS, Robert G., '62  
12/25/2015, Middleton, Wis.  
EDMONDS, Geneita E., '62  
10/27/2015, Cobden, Ill.  
GRODEON, Glenda J., '62  
1/16/2016, Highland, Ill.  
STOKEY, Donald S., '62, M.A. '64  
12/07/2015, Goodlettsville, Tenn.  
VANNATTA, David K., M.S. '62  
11/20/2015, Carmel, Ind.  
BEYERS, David L., '63  
12/25/2015, Creal Springs, Ill.  
BROWN, Muerial M., '63  
10/27/2015, Jonesboro, Ill.  
GAYENDA, Alan P., '63  
11/14/2015, Chicago Heights, Ill.  
HANGSLEBEN, Paul D., '63  
11/27/2015, O'Fallon, Ill.  
BRADEN, Mary C., '64  
11/22/2015, Alton, Ill.  
HINDS, James R., M.A. '64  
11/24/2015, Las Vegas, Nev.  
KNIGHT, Russell A., '64  
1/07/2016, Maryville, Ill.  
MUNCY, Barbara H., '64  
1/01/2016, Champaign, Ill.  
PECHOUS, Roy C., '64  
10/16/2015, Henderson, Nev.  
BORGMILLER, Carl E., '65, M.S. '66  
12/08/2015, Westminster, Colo.  
FONK, Janet R., '65  
11/21/2015, West Palm Beach, Fla.  
GUTENKAUF, Dorothy M., M.S. Ed. '65  
12/15/2015, Plainfield, N.J.  
HINTON, Betty J., Ph. D. '65  
9/12/2015, Thomson, Ga.  
MCCAULEY, Richard D., M.S. '65  
1/16/2016, Beloit, Wis.  
O'LOUGHLIN, Vivian B., '65, M.S. Ed. '68  
10/28/2015, Johnston City, Ill.  
ANDERSON, Evelyn G., '66  
10/10/2015, Dayton, Ohio

BROOKS, Marianne R., '66  
11/26/2015, Joliet, Ill.  
ENNIS, Ronald G., '66  
12/09/2015, Martinsville, Ind.  
HOLMES, John S., '66, M.S. '72  
12/13/2015, Ava, Ill.  
HOOVER, Herbert A., Ph. D. '66  
6/28/2015, Tampa, Fla.  
SEARCY, Edgar B. '66  
11/20/2015, Indianapolis  
BALIS, Richard W., '67  
11/23/2015, Chicago  
COLE, William A., '67  
11/21/2015, Minocqua, Wis.  
COLLINS, Nina L., '67, M.S. '68  
11/17/2015, Morton, Ill.  
DLUHY, Milan J., M.A. '67  
11/04/2015, Southport, N.C.  
NEWCOM, Robert D., '67, M.S. '73  
12/14/2015, Herrin, Ill.  
OLSON, James R., '67  
10/13/2015, Crown Point, Ind.  
PATTERSON, Stephen F., '67  
5/11/2015, Gilbert, Ariz.  
SCHUETZ, Earline W., '67  
6/11/2015, Sullivan, Ill.  
SHASHACK, Willard F., '67  
4/20/2015, Glen Carbon, Ill.  
SLORAHN, Roger C., '67  
11/19/2015, Pensacola, Fla.  
THOMPSON, James R., '67  
12/17/2015, Haines City, Fla.  
BRIMM, Rebecca R., '68  
1/23/2016, Anna, Ill.  
DIAL, Mildred R., '68  
11/10/2015, Perryville, Mo.  
DOUGLAS, Larry A., '68  
12/17/2015, Belknap, Ill.  
GRAMMER, Michael W., '68  
1/10/2016, Apollo Beach, Fla.  
ROBINSON, George F., '68  
11/17/2015, Brighton, Mich.  
THOMPSON, Michele K., '68  
12/27/2015, Kingsland, Texas  
VANICK, William A., '68  
11/22/2015, Canyon Country, Calif.  
BAUM, Willy D., M.A. '69  
10/27/2015, Shawano, Wis.  
CARLTON, Gwendolyn E., M.M. Ed. '69  
2/11/2015, Mcleansboro, Ill.  
FINI, Raymond R., M.B.A. '69  
11/30/2015, Carmel, Ind.  
HEIDEMANN, Donna S., '69  
10/31/2015, Elkhart, Ill.  
KRAUSZ, Norbert E., '69  
12/27/2015, Saint Louis  
SCHOLES, John R., '69  
1/16/2016, Springfield, Ill.  
ASP, Alan D., '70  
1/24/2016, Marion, Ill.  
BASCOM, Noel B., '70  
11/20/2015, Springfield, Mo.  
DIEMER, Alvin G., '70  
1/16/2015, Saunemin, Ill.  
GARRETT, Billie D., '70  
9/19/2015, Dawson, Ill.  
MAJERCZAK, James J., '70, M.S. Ed. '75  
5/21/2015, Maywood, Ill.  
VALLO, Francesca A., '70, M.S. Ed. '72  
1/13/2016, Sparta, Ill.  
WARE, Robert O., '70  
10/21/2015, Albuquerque, N.M.  
WITTE, Charles J., '70, '71  
9/16/2015, Fond Du Lac, Wis.  
BJORKMAN, James W., '71  
12/08/2015, Newport, Ky.  
FLUCHEL, Robert W., M.A. '71  
12/04/2015, Kansas City, Mo.  
HENDRICKS, Thomas R., '71, M.S. '74

## John Holmes, Former Association Board Member



John Holmes '66, M.S. '72, who was the first president of the SIU Alumni Association's Black Alumni Group (BAG) when the organization was chartered in 1988, died

at his home in Carbondale in December at the age of 77.

Holmes was a member of the Association's national board of directors in 2000-2001, and recently was the scholarship committee chairman for the BAG. He also served the Carbondale community as a member of the city's human relations committee.

1/10/2016, Carmel, Ind.  
KELLER, Fred R., '71  
12/12/2015, Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
BROWNS, Michael V., M.S. '72  
1/21/2016, Bryan, Ohio  
HAVENS, John E., '72  
1/02/2016, Milwaukee  
HOLDEN, William C., '72  
12/29/2015, Prescott, Ariz.  
JACOBS, Steve A., '72  
10/19/2015, Moline, Ill.  
LARSON, Ruth D., '72  
10/23/2015, Washington, N.C.  
MORGAN, Gloria J., ex. '72  
10/01/2015, Naperville, Ill.  
RAY, Robert M., '72  
11/19/2015, Springfield, Ill.  
TREMBLEY, Wilfred T., '72, M.S. Ed. '74  
12/05/2015, Matlacha, Fla.  
YEARGIN, Shirley F., '72, M.S. Ed. '75  
12/24/2015, Mount Vernon, Ill.  
CHAPPELL, Ladon W., '73  
11/24/2015, Du Quoin, Ill.  
CHISMAR, Edward T., '73, M.S. Ed. '76  
11/05/2015, Cedar Crest, N.M.  
CHOI, Syn D., ex. '73  
1/28/2016, Chicago, Ill.  
MARZULLO, Sam J., '73  
9/21/2015, San Juan Capistrano, Calif.  
PITTMAN, Karen L., '73  
11/10/2015, Durango, Colo.  
DAWSON, Leroy P., '74  
11/08/2015, Lebanon, Ill.  
DOYLE, Shirley L., '74, M.S. Ed. '74  
11/11/2015, Carbondale, Ill.  
HERNANDEZ, Linda G., '74  
12/02/2015, Galatia, Ill.  
MOORE, Ronald M., '74

1/17/2016, Rockford, Ill.  
**PRESTON**, Boyd W., '74  
 11/29/2015, Newport, Ky.  
**HURD**, Marcia J., '75  
 12/08/2015, Harrisburg, Ill.  
**JENSEN**, Leonard W., '75  
 7/19/2015, Herrin, Ill.  
**KAISER**, Gail M., '75  
 1/01/2016, Topeka, Kan.  
**HAND**, John L., '76, M.S. Ed. '76  
 12/14/2015, Edwardsville, Ill.  
**POLLAK**, Harvey, '76  
 3/17/2015, Skokie, Ill.  
**CATT**, Barbara L., '77  
 1/27/2016, Evansville, Ind.  
**DIAL**, Janelle L., '77  
 10/30/2015, Valmeyer, Ill.  
**HAYES**, Lawrence, '77  
 12/17/2015, Benton, Ky.  
**LEATHERS**, David A., '77  
 11/03/2015, Mount Vernon, Ill.  
**PLOTH**, George F., '77  
 12/08/2015, Summerville, S.C.  
**SPOONER**, Frank R., '77  
 12/26/2015, Baton Rouge, La.  
**GREER**, Donald L., M.S. Ed. '78  
 5/21/2015, Omaha, Neb.  
**HEIDINGER**, George H., '78, M.S. '80  
 1/26/2016, Sparta, Ill.  
**TAYLOR**, Janette L., '78, M.S. '82  
 11/23/2015, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.  
**BRITT**, Charles G., ex. '79  
 11/27/2015, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
**HORCHEM**, Stephen D., ex. '79  
 12/14/2015, Fort Wayne, Ind.  
**JOHNSON**, Judy, M.S. Ed. '79  
 12/25/2015, Nashville, Ill.  
**BARTHOLOMEW**, David L., J.D. '80  
 12/04/2015, Arthur, Ill.  
**BRUMFIELD**, Dale L., '80  
 8/11/2015, Chicago  
**CONNELL**, Barbara R., '80  
 11/08/2015, Mounds, Ill.

**FAIRCHILD**, Pamela J., '80  
 11/08/2015, Mattoon, Ill.  
**STIDSEN**, Donald S., M.A. '80  
 10/28/2015, Andover, Mass.  
**HAMM**, Douglas M., '81  
 11/08/2015, Bloomington, Ill.  
**MORTON**, Margaret M., M.S. '81  
 12/19/2015, Eugene, Ore.  
**WASHINGTON**, Arthur, '81  
 12/07/2015, Beaufort, S.C.  
**WHITLOCK**, Kelly A., '81  
 12/09/2015, Murphysboro, Ill.  
**WODA**, Steven R., '81  
 11/29/2015, Morriston, Fla.  
**WOOD**, Lenn R., '81  
 10/28/2015, Princeton, Ill.  
**ANSORGE**, Albert, '82  
 12/23/2015, Ballwin, Mo.  
**DUNSTON**, Fredrick A., '82  
 11/11/2015, Lanham, Md.  
**LEE-SMELTZER**, Kuang-Hwei, M.S. Ed. '82  
 11/28/2015, Pearland, Texas  
**SPRENGEL**, Richard L., '82  
 1/27/2016, Fayetteville, Tenn.  
**WHITE**, Leonard J., '82  
 10/25/2015, Dyerburg, Tenn.  
**BALKE**, Brian A., '83, '84  
 7/25/2015, Alton, Ill.  
**HAILE**, Sarah V., M.S. Ed. '83  
 11/29/2015, Keenes, Ill.  
**PIASSE**, Michael L., '83  
 12/27/2015, Saint Charles, Mo.  
**BLACKMOND**, Jesse C., '84  
 10/19/2015, Evergreen Park, Ill.  
**BOWMAN**, Marie T., '84  
 11/28/2015, Freeport, Ill.  
**HARRIS**, Bette J., '84  
 1/22/2016, Alton, Ill.  
**PETRICK**, Theresa, '84  
 11/28/2015, Freeport, Ill.  
**SEAMAN**, Jo Ellen, M.S. '84  
 10/30/2015, Arthur, Ill.  
**JACKSON**, Michael D., '85, M.S. '87

5/30/2015, Stanford, Ky.  
**REASE**, Clarence A., '85  
 12/26/2015, Jacksonville, Fla.  
**DELANEY**, LeRoy H., '86, '86  
 10/29/2015, Bonnie, Ill.  
**ICE**, Edie, '86, M.S. Ed. '94  
 1/29/2016, Anna, Ill.  
**STATZER**, Jody D., '87  
 11/01/2015, Decatur, Ill.  
**GARCIA**, Eduardo, '88  
 6/11/2015, Belleville, Ill.  
**ROSSON**, James F., ex. '88  
 12/7/2015, Knoxville, Tenn.  
**LUTHE**, George W., '89  
 10/21/2015, Bloomington, Ill.  
**MILETT**, Charles L., '89  
 10/14/2015, Inverness, Ill.  
**SIEGFRIED**, Craig H., '89  
 1/19/2016, Anna, Ill.  
**FEUQUAY**, Nora J., '90  
 12/21/2015, Waterloo, Ill.  
**IRWIN**, Donald C., '90  
 1/11/2016, Marion, Ill.  
**HARRISON**, Jennifer A., '93, M.S. '95  
 1/08/2016, Springfield, Ill.  
**HARRIS**, Wesley A., '94  
 10/29/2015, Pottsville, Ark.  
**BURTON**, Ryan I., '95, '06  
 4/20/2015, Peoria Heights, Ill.  
**MAYS**, Kathryn P., '95, M.S. Ed. '98  
 11/01/2015, Chicago  
**BONNER**, Lawrence C., '96  
 6/12/2015, Providence, R.I.  
**PITTMAN**, Bruce E., '97  
 8/30/2015, Flora, Ill.  
**WILLIAMS**, Kirk L., '98  
 1/04/2016, Burlington, Vt.  
**ALLEN**, Nancy S., '01, M.S. '03  
 1/13/2016, Centralia, Ill.  
**DUKE**, Yvonne A., '04  
 10/24/2015, Saint Stephen, S.C.  
**LAMB**, Catherine R., M.D. '04  
 12/16/2015, Peoria, Ill.

**BOYER**, Gary D., '08  
 10/26/2015, Oakwood, Ill.  
**MORNINGSTAR**, Dawn, '08  
 1/10/2016, Carbondale, Ill.  
**MOMPREMIER**, Emerson C., ex. '10  
 10/17/2015, Miramar, Fla.

## FACULTY/STAFF

**CMUNT**, Michael J., '02  
 Civil Service, Worker, Building Service  
 Student Center  
 11/04/2015, Knoxville, Tenn.  
**FRYAR**, Denise A., '92  
 Civil Service, Extra Help Professional  
 Curriculum and Instruction  
 1/07/2016, Benton, Ill.  
**GWALTNEY**, Pamela S., '07, M.S. Ed. '09  
 Associate Director, OMSA and Administration  
 University Honors Program  
 12/25/2015, Hurst, Ill.  
**KOCH**, David V., M.A. '63  
 Associate Professor  
 Library Affairs  
 12/31/2015, Carbondale, Ill.  
**LYON**, Richard A.  
 Civil Service, Extra Help Technical/Paraprofessional  
 Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering  
 1/03/2016, Colp, Ill.  
**MCASEY**, Mary E.  
 Research Associate Professor  
 Obstetrics and Gynecology-SMS  
 11/03/2015, Springfield, Ill.  
**WELCH**, Christy R.  
 Civil Service, Extra Help Service/Maintenance  
 Headstart Agency  
 11/02/2015, Marion, Ill.  
**WOHLTMANN**, Christopher D.  
 Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery  
 Surgery- SMS  
 10/27/2015, Springfield, Ill.

*Continued from page 32*

Medical Center in Arizona at the time.

Neuhaus convinced his new employers to donate \$5,000 to juvenile diabetes research, and to provide a cell phone for Holden to use on his travels. The SIU Alumni Association Life Member took things one step further, taking a week off from work to walk with Holden in New Mexico.

Another SIU connection soon presented itself, when details of the journey spread to 670 AM (The Score) in Chicago. Radio host Mike Murphy heard about his former roommate's walk and did something that gave the epic stroll a boost: He had Santo give Holden a call.

"I was crying on the phone when I talked to Santo," Holden said. "I couldn't get over that he was thanking me."

The Santo family soon helped spread word of the adventure to a larger audience, but a \$250,000 donation still seemed like a dream.

Trudging through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri, Holden arrived

in Illinois May 1 on knees filled with cartilage the consistency of oatmeal. He somehow was ahead of schedule – but, having raised just \$85,000, was well short of his goal.

"When I left St. Louis and got ready to walk across the bridge to Illinois, I felt something magical was going to happen," he recalled. "And I was sure right about that."

As he arrived at the border of his home state, Holden was approached on the highway by ESPN reporter Wayne Drehs, who had read about the walk. A subsequent story on ESPN.com garnered national publicity, and Holden's home-stretch effort suddenly had great traction. The ESPN coverage, coupled with Santo's continuous updates during Cubs telecasts, turned the walk into a national story.

Donations started to pour into the coffers through thisoldcub.com – and as Holden neared Chicago, the Windy City embraced his mission and substantial funds rolled in. On July 1 he walked the last few miles to Wrigley

Field, hugged Santo on the pitcher's mound and turned over a check for \$250,000 to JDRE.

"He was one of a kind," says his good friend Carl Mauck, one of many SIU graduates in Chicago that day. "I still talked to Bill a couple of times each week, and I always knew that he absolutely loved his alma mater."

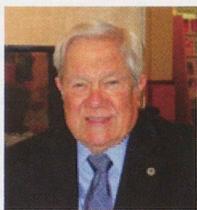
Looking back on it, it's amazing that Holden raised \$250,000 – and perhaps more remarkable is that he was able to make the walk free of any blisters while wearing just a single pair of Reebok shoes!

That is, perhaps, unless you knew him well. "Many people missed the big picture," said his old friend Greg Reisig '71, a fellow SIU graduate who served as a quasi-press agent during Holden's walk. "They saw a man who was not an elite athlete, but what they didn't see was a determined Saluki who always follows through on what he tells you he would do.

"Bill did this walk with his heart, not his legs."

## 1950s

The Illinois School Library Media Association presented **DONALD ADCOCK '56, M.S.ED. '64**

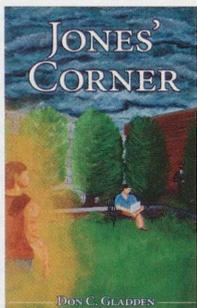


with the 2015 Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA) Lifetime Membership

Award. The award is designed to honor and recognize individuals for distinguished and exceptional service to the association and the library community. Earlier this year, the Illinois Library Association named Adcock an Illinois Library Luminary. This honor for Illinois librarians recognizes outstanding voices in the library community. Adcock, a tireless advocate for school libraries and librarians for more than 50 years, spent 25 years as director of library services in Glen Ellyn District No. 41.

## 1960s

Now retired from a 25-year career in management in Christian broadcasting, **DON GLADDEN '67** has published his first



suspense thriller. "Jones' Corner" is a look at a supernatural conflict centered in a town named Brownsville,

though many readers will recognize a familiarity with Murphysboro. The story is fast-moving, poignant at times and suitable for readers from teens on up. Gladden retired in 2013 from Tri-State Christian Television after serving many years as general

manager for a network that includes 11 stations in the United States.

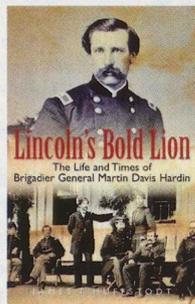
## 1970s

**ROBERT DYER '71** has been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Illinois Baptist State



Association. He has been a member of the board for five years, having served as chair of the administrative committee. Dyer recently retired from the Illinois Farm Bureau after 36 years of service, most recently as regional manager. He and his wife, Brenda, live in Kankakee.

**JAMES HUFFSTODT '71** is the author of "Lincoln's Bold Lion: the Life and Times of Brigadier



General Martin Davis Hardin," released in October by Casemate Publishers of New York and London. This is the first published

biography of the four-time wounded Union soldier, who was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, and was a friend of the Lincoln family and protégé of President Lincoln. Huffstodt resides in Tallahassee, Florida, with his wife, Judy.

**DAVID BUTLER '72**, a veteran editor who has held management positions at newspapers across the country during a journalism career that began in 1972, has been named *The Providence Journal's* executive editor and senior vice



president of news and audience development. Butler, most recently executive vice president and editor-in-chief

of Digital First Media (a group of 75 daily newspapers that includes the *San Jose Mercury News*), took command of news operations in November.

In his book "Part of Our Lives," published by Oxford University Press, **WAYNE WIEGAND PH.D. '74** delves into the heart



of why Americans love their libraries. The book traces the history of the

public library, featuring records and testimonies from as early as 1850. Rather than analyzing the words of library founders and managers, Wiegand relates the voices of everyday patrons who cherish libraries. Drawing on newspaper articles, memoirs and biographies, "Part of Our Lives" paints a clear and engaging picture of Americans who value libraries as civic institutions, as well as social spaces for promoting and maintaining community.

**JOE SEBESTYEN '78** has been appointed as a regional director of operations with Hotel Equities



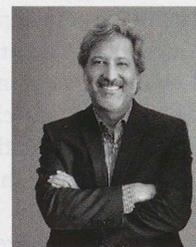
Group LLC, based in Atlanta. In his new role, Sebestyen will have oversight over

a portfolio of the firm's hotels

in Oklahoma and Texas. He will report directly to Hotel Equities' vice president of regional operations. Sebestyen is a 30-year veteran of hotel management, having served in regional director roles for Marriott International and Compass Group. He graduated from SIU with a degree in hotel and restaurant management.

Mark Precious Metals Inc., a full-service precious metals trading company and an official distributor for all the major sovereign mints, has appointed **CARY DICKSON '79** as chief financial officer. Dickson has more than 20 years of experience in the financial industry. He has held various finance positions at Mattel Brands, a worldwide leader in the design, manufacture and marketing of toys and family products, including vice president of finance and chief financial officer of Mattel Foundation.

The board of directors of the Kansas City Area Development Council have announced that

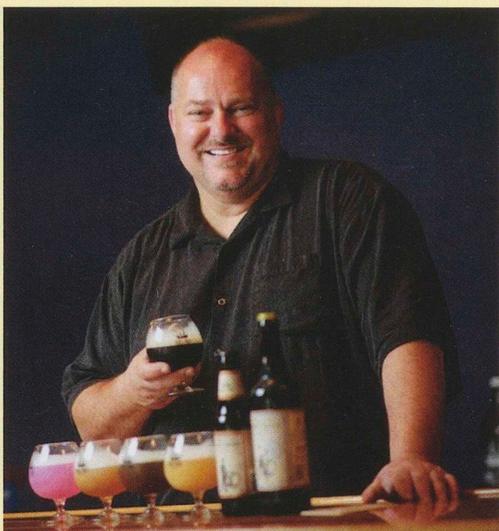


**MARTIN MINI '79** has been named chief marketing officer. Mini joined KCADC in

1995, rebuilding the KCADC marketing and communications department from its previous life as the PrimeTime News Bureau. He leads a full-service marketing, design, communication, publicity and events team for KCADC, which supports the activities of the organization and its industry growth initiatives.

## Not Your Father's Root Beer

As the brewmaster of Small Town Brewery, which produces Not Your Father's Root Beer, **TIM KOVAC '88** has become the focus of national attention. During the time Not Your Father's Root Beer has been available across the United States, Small Town Brewery has become the nation's sixth-best-selling craft beer brand in stores, according to IRI, a Chicago-based market research firm.



Kovac, a 48-year-old divorced father of three, grew up in the northwestern suburbs of Chicago, and he studied graphic design and photo production at SIU, where he first became aware of the joys of making alcohol. He first combined grape juice and yeast in a balloon to create wine before moving on to home brewing on a hot plate in an off-campus apartment.

At Middleton's on Main, along the cozy downtown strip in the northwestern Chicago suburb of Wauconda, Illinois, it didn't take long in 2012 for Not Your Father's Root Beer to become the biggest seller among Middleton's 16 draft lines, outpacing local craft beers and the national brands. As word of the root beer spread, business grew. People would show up and simply ask, "Do you have the root beer?"

Kovac said that, after 18 months of trial and error, he concocted a recipe for a 24 percent alcohol root beer, which he eventually got down to 19.5 percent alcohol. Six months later, he came up with a version that is the 10.7 percent alcohol root beer that turned crowds giddy with glee at Middleton's on Main and other bars.

## 1980s

**RONDA ZUCCO '81**, director of business development and operations at Apollo Behavioral



Health Hospital in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, has been named a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), the nation's

leading professional society for health care leaders. Fellow status represents achievement of the highest standard of professional development. Just 9,100 health care executives hold this distinction.

Klein Hall CPAs has announced that **JOHN MILLER '83** has joined the firm as a partner. Miller brings more than three decades of public accounting experience to the firm, having provided tax,

accounting, audit and business advisory services to clients in a wide range of industries.



Miller's previous experience includes working with clients in the consulting, technology, wholesalers, health care, professional services firms and manufacturing fields.

Veteran suburban Chicago administrator **MICHAEL CASSADY '87, MPA '89** is taking over as village manager



in Mount Prospect, Illinois. Cassady, who has been village manager in Bensenville, Illinois,

since 2009 and served in the same position in Palatine, Illinois, from 1998 to 2004, has 25 years of experience in the public and private sectors, Mount Prospect officials said. "We were extremely impressed with Cassady's professional demeanor and extensive experience in economic development and strategic planning, as well as his leadership and management style, which we believe are an excellent fit for the Mount Prospect community and organization," Mayor Arlene Juracek said.

Crossroads Bank in Effingham, Illinois, has named **MICHAEL DEFEND '88** its president and CEO. Defend, who currently



serves as the executive senior vice president and chief loan officer, joined

Crossroads Bank in 2014 as its chief loan officer. He has 27 years in banking experience, including with Washington Savings Bank and Midland States Bank, both in Effingham.

Alaska Airlines Capt. **DARRIN DORN '89** has been recognized by the Airline Pilots Association's



Aviation Security Award for his many accomplishments in enhancing pilot safety

and security. He began his aviation career in the Army, where he served as an Army Ranger and an Army Special Forces noncommissioned officer. Dorn has been flying for Alaska Airlines since 2001. He and his wife, **ANGELA '91**, reside in Alpharetta, Georgia.

## 1990s

Nexstar Broadcasting Group has appointed **CURT MOLANDER '93** as vice president and general manager of



ABC affiliate WEHT in Evansville, Indiana. In his new role, he also will oversee Nexstar's relationship with the market's CW affiliate WTVW through an outsourcing agreement with Mission Broadcasting. Molander's broadcasting career spans more than two decades, with expertise in station management, local and national sales, new business development and strategic planning across multiple media platforms. Before joining Nexstar, he served as general manager of WJHG and

WECP in Panama City, Florida, and spent five years at WMTV in Madison, Wisconsin, as national and general sales manager.

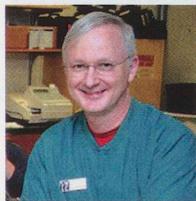
**MARA RUTTEN '96** has forsaken a career in federal law enforcement to join the Maryknoll



Sisters of St. Dominic. Growing up in the Catholic Church, Rutten had always

pondered entering a religious community but never made the commitment. She owned a house and a car, and found her work as an analyst generally satisfying. "I had been volunteering at a homeless shelter, and had to quit because of the schedule," she said. "While I was at the top of my professional game, I would rather be at the shelter. I was sorry I had to give that up, and it nudged me that it was time." She received her mission assignment, and after Christmas she left for Cambodia – the place where she spent six weeks in 2012 during the sisters' application process. For this, she has happily given up the trappings of traditional life.

**HOWARD GUNNING '99, M.S.ED. '03, KAREN HAND '89 AND ALISON OWENS '89** were honored among 102 St.



Louis-area educators in receiving an Emerson Excellence in Teaching award. Now

in their 26th year, the awards pay tribute to area educators – from kindergarten teachers to college professors – for their achievements and dedication to



the field of education. Each honoree received a Tiffany & Co. crystal apple as part of their honors for their vital roles in shaping students' lives.

Hyundai Construction Equipment Americas has announced the appointment of **EDWARD HARSEIM '99** as its Midwest district sales manager. Harseim



joins Hyundai with 15 years of sales and support experience in the heavy equipment industry. In his new position, Harseim will support Hyundai dealers throughout a 14-state territory ranging from North Dakota to Tennessee.

## 2000s

The "Nobody Told Me" exhibition from **TOBY FLORES MFA '03** came to an end last fall on



the Fort Hays State University campus in Kansas. "At times, my work can be humorous and lighthearted, but this body of work comes from a different place and reflects my passion for iron, steel and the tools that shape them," said Flores, who is a Fort Hays State University associate professor of art and design and a sculpture artist. "Toby's sense of humor is depicted in his

## All Natural All The Way



**JEAN SCHOLTES '93** founded her Webster Groves, Missouri-based KIND soap company with three tenets: Be kind to your skin, kind to the earth and kind to others. "Our products are all-natural, with no toxins," Scholtes said. "We use biodegradable packaging and build in a charitable aspect of giving back."

Scholtes' background in advertising and marketing provided a strong foundation for launching her own company. She specialized in product development, brand identity and package design, and she spent 10 years as a creative director for the Sara Lee Corp.

While still working in advertising, the SIU graduate spent her free time experimenting with creating soaps, scrubs and lip balms in her basement, while also learning how to use essential oils effectively and safely through online courses. She eventually earned an aromatherapy certification through the American College of Healthcare Sciences in Portland, Oregon.

"I started making my own products because I either couldn't find, or didn't trust, products to be as natural as I wanted for my sensitive skin – and my son's eczema," Scholtes said.

abstract sculptures," said Danielle Robinson, an MFA ceramics graduate. "His visual influences are evident, and the evolution of his art is rapturously exhibited in his show."

**ERIN YASEEN '05** is passionate about health. As a registered dietitian and functional



nutritionist, she recently launched her business in Snoqualmie offering a

functional, individualized and comprehensive approach to nutrition. As a "foodie" and a real-food advocate, Yaseen helps people craft nutrition plans specific to them. She uses bioelectrical impedance analysis in her practice to measure fat, muscle, water absorption and retention, nutrient absorption and cellular health. Yaseen, who was diagnosed with the autoimmune disease lupus at a young age, sought and found her own medicine in nutrition, which led to her career in nutrition.

**JENNIFER SNYDER '09** has begun her practice at Memorial Physician Services-Koke Mill as a



pediatrician. Snyder completed her residency at Akron Children's Hospital in

Ohio and is board certified in pediatrics. She also is a 2003 graduate of the University of Illinois in Champaign/Urbana, where she majored in cell and structural biology. Before moving to Springfield, Illinois, Snyder practiced in Akron for two years.

She and her husband live in Springfield and have two children.

## 2010s

### CHRISTOPHER GARRISON

'11, a 20-year veteran of the Lake Forest Fire Department, will be the



first full-time chief of the Sun Prairie (Wisconsin) Fire Department. Garrison has

more than 27 years of career and volunteer fire service experience – including deputy fire chief of

operations and deputy chief of administration with the Lake Forest Fire Department – in a city of 19,352 residents. He is a fire service instructor at Gateway Technical Institute, holds the national certification of chief fire officer (CFO) and has a bachelor's in fire science from SIU. He's also worked as a technical rescue instructor, building inspector and paramedic.

Integration Innovation Inc. (i3) recently announced the hiring of **JEFF STILL '12** as its director



of special operations programs. Still comes to i3 from Remington Arms Co.,

where he served as director with management and P&L responsibility for three Remington businesses. Still served more than 22 years in the Navy with great distinction as a decorated member of the Navy Special Warfare Development Group. "Still is world-class in every way," said Mike Wicks, i3's chief executive officer. "His successes as a Seal operator and businessman are truly noteworthy. He is an American hero and has a wonderful family, and we couldn't be more pleased to have him join our team."

Former Saluki starting pitcher **CODY FORSYTHE '13** was among 27 players named to USA



Baseball's 2015 U.S. Premier12 Baseball Team roster.

The team competed in the World Baseball Softball Confederation Premier12 Tournament in Tokyo and in Taipei, Taiwan, in November. Forsythe pitched for Southern

from 2010 to 2013. He is one of five members of the Philadelphia Phillies' organization on the Premier12 roster. The Phillies drafted him in the 25th round of the 2013 Major League Baseball draft. He posted a 3-2 record with a 3.65 earned-run average in 34 appearances for the Clearwater Threshers, Philadelphia's Advanced-A minor-league affiliate. Forsythe is the Saluki record holder for career starts (49) and innings pitched (346.2).

The law office Winters, Brewster, Crosby & Schafer LLC in Marion, Illinois, has welcomed two SIU



alumni to its staff. **ELISHA DEEN J.D. '15** will practice

in civil trial litigation, medical malpractice, personal injury, product liability, retaliatory discharge and workers' compensation law. **KOLBY SMITHPETERS '10, J.D. '15**



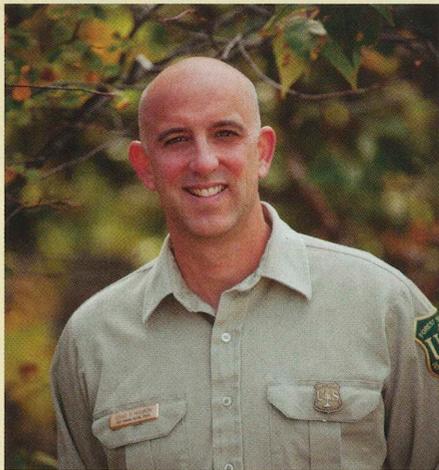
will practice in similar areas, as well as in insurance disputes. The law office has

been in business for more than 75 years, specializing in workers' compensation, personal injury, medical malpractice, business litigation and employment law.

*"If you would like a Class Note to be considered for publication, please contact the SIU Alumni Association at 618-453-2408 or by email at [alumni@siu.edu](mailto:alumni@siu.edu), and use the subject line: "Class Note."*

*Alumni listed in maroon are SIU Alumni Association members.*

## Watching Over Natural Forests



The Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah has welcomed a Saluki as its new deputy forest supervisor. In his new position, **CHAD HUDSON '95** will be responsible for assisting in the management of 2.2 million acres of National Forest System lands along the Wasatch Front.

The forest is known for outstanding recreation opportunities and a wide variety of multiple-use activities.

Hudson, a 15-year veteran of the U.S. Forest Service, has served in various positions within the agency. He also served as the deputy district ranger of the Lake George and Seminole Ranger districts on the national forests in Florida. He is an advocate of engaging the public to help the agency solve increasingly complex forestry issues.

"Throughout my career, I have been fortunate to have worked with collaborative groups containing diverse stakeholders to identify projects that everyone can support," Hudson said. His recent collaborative success associated with the Bottom Canyon Project in northern Idaho was highlighted in a recent interview in *Evergreen Magazine*.

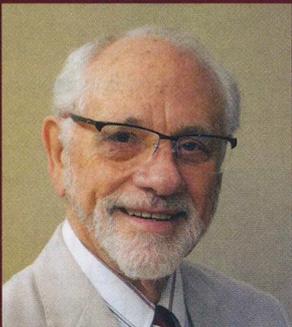
"I am honored to work in such a beautiful location and look forward to the challenges associated with the position," Hudson said. "My wife and I could not be more excited about the community and the recreational opportunities in the area."

# INTRODUCING THE 2016 SIU DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The SIU Alumni Association will honor four individuals during the annual SIU Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony April 29. Each year the Association awards alumni in the areas of Career Achievement, Humanitarian Efforts, Cultural Impact, and Young Alumni Achievement. The ceremony is set for 3:30 p.m. in the John C. Guyon Auditorium of Morris Library. A reception will immediately follow in the Hall of Presidents and Chancellors. Please RSVP by April 8 at [alumni@siu.edu](mailto:alumni@siu.edu) or by calling 618/453-2408.

## ROBERT (BOB) STEELE

B.S., Education and Human Services '62  
M.S., Education and Human Services '63  
**Career Achievement**



Bob Steele's career spans 58 years as a swim coach, and his experience and accolades have made him a giant in the sport. Steele, a conference-winning and national amateur championship-winning swim captain at SIU from 1958 to 1961, began his coaching career with a Carbondale, Illinois, youth group. He spent more than a decade as the head swim coach for SIU, posting a 230-66 lifetime record. During his tenure at SIU, he also coached the National Junior Swim Team, and national teams in Holland and France.

Steele coached 25 high school and 145 NCAA All-Americans, with 21 world ranked in 41 events. He has trained swimmers all over the world for the Olympics, world championships and other international competitions. His expertise in coaching the sport continues to be tapped for clinics and camps in 21 countries. This year, Steele will be inducted into the American Swimming Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

## MARSHA G. RYAN

Juris Doctor, '87  
**Humanitarian Efforts**



Marsha Ryan has been a general surgeon in Carbondale, Illinois, since 1981. She was a faculty member of the SIU School of Medicine in its clinical surgery department until she retired from the full-time practice of surgery in 2015. She continues to teach upper-level students in disciplines involving law and medicine at the School of Law, where she also received her Juris Doctorate. Interwoven through Ryan's career has also been the desire to give back to her community and to SIU.

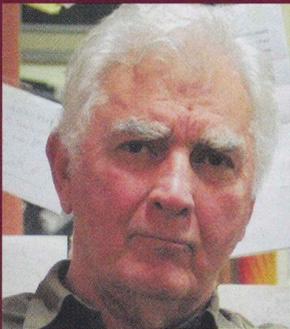
Her many philanthropic activities include serving on the SIU Foundation Board of

Directors during the university's "Opportunity Through Excellence" campaign, raising \$100 million as campaign chair. She also has been a member of several boards and committees, including the SIU Alumni Association's national board of directors. Outside of the university, Ryan has championed fundraising campaigns for the Southern Illinois Healthcare Cancer Center, in addition to supporting the community arts and local Chamber of Commerce.

Nominations for the 2017 SIU Distinguished Alumni Awards  
accepted at [sualumni.com/distinguishedalumni](http://sualumni.com/distinguishedalumni).  
Deadline for nominations is Aug. 5.

### PRIMO ANGELI

B.A., Liberal Arts '57 M.S., Liberal Arts '59  
Cultural Impact



Primo Angeli's father advised him against a career in art. He didn't listen and came to SIU as a fine arts major. Mentored under luminaries such as Harold Cohen and R. Buckminster Fuller, Angeli gained an intense appreciation – and a command of – printing, typography, and communication in art. After graduating, he moved to San Francisco, launched a career, and built an international reputation in the field of graphic design for marketing and communications.

Angeli has worked with companies such as Banana Republic, Ben & Jerry's, Coca-Cola, AT&T and General Foods, along with many other clients. He developed posters for milestone events, such as the 50th anniversaries of the United Nations and Golden Gate Bridge, as well as the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. In 2012, another one of his works was among the finalists in the design competition to represent the United States in the London Olympic Games.

### VIKTOR GRUEV

B.S., Engineering '97  
Young Alumni Achievement



Viktor Gruev, a native of Ohrid in the Republic of Macedonia, came to the United States in the 1990s. He entered SIU and obtained a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, with a minor in computer science. Gruev continued his studies at Johns Hopkins University and the University Pennsylvania. Today, his primary area of research is in imaging technologies, algorithms and their applications to biomedical problems.

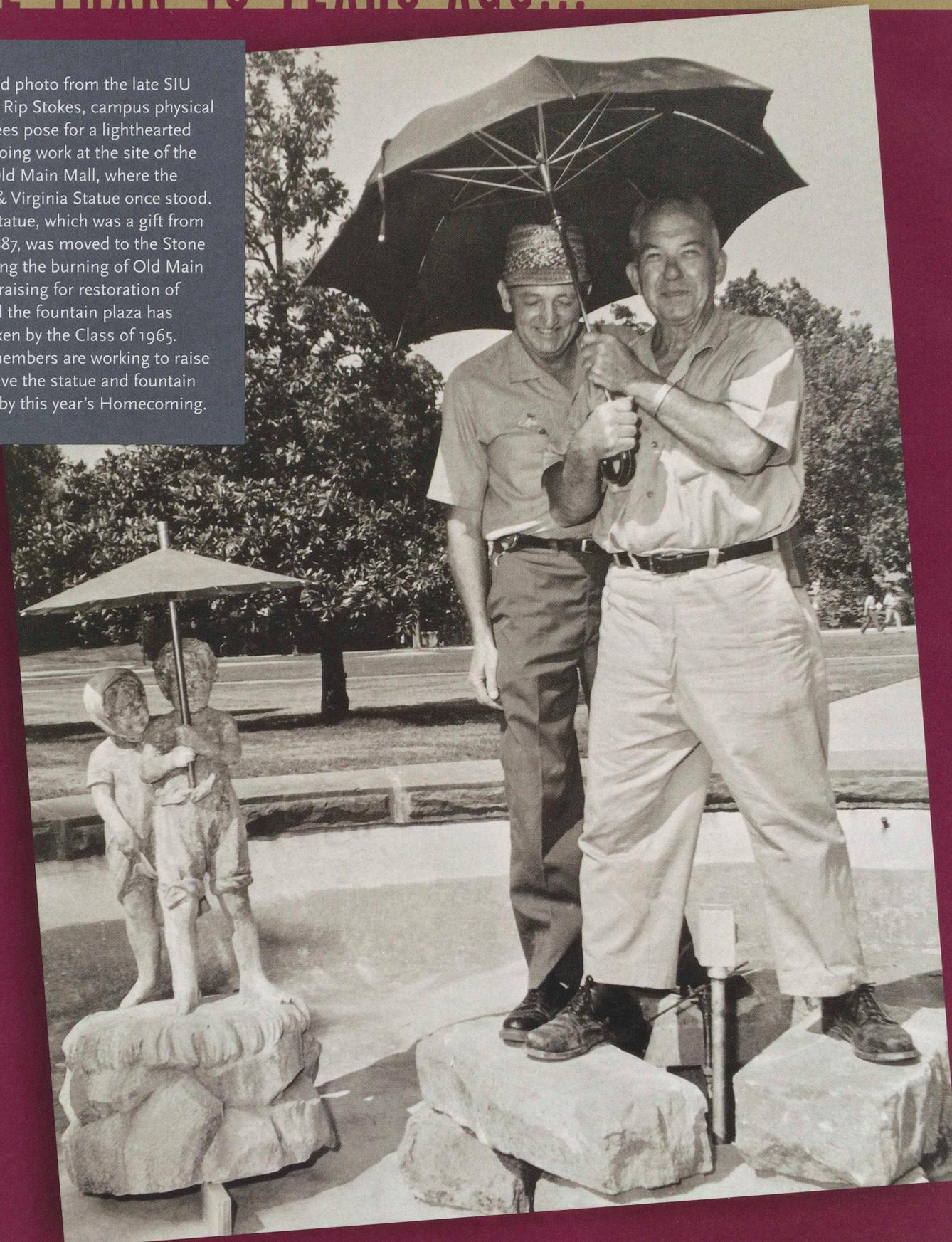
Gruev has secured more than a dozen grants for his research, including studies in polarization imaging in endoscopy,

re-engineering nature's visual sensors, florescent goggle image-guided surgery, polarization sensors used in marine deployment and MRI acquisition of reactive ion etching with nanofabrication. He holds five patents (with three more pending) related to optical sensors. He is a recipient of the 2016 Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Donald G. Fink Award for his work on the paper titled "Bioinspired Polarization Imaging Sensors: From Circuits and Optics to Signal Processing Algorithms and Biomedical Applications."

Read the full bios of each recipient at [sualumni.com](http://sualumni.com)

# MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO...

In this undated photo from the late SIU photographer Rip Stokes, campus physical plant employees pose for a lighthearted photo while doing work at the site of the fountain on Old Main Mall, where the original Paul & Virginia Statue once stood. The original statue, which was a gift from the class of 1887, was moved to the Stone Center following the burning of Old Main in 1969. Fundraising for restoration of the statue and the fountain plaza has been undertaken by the Class of 1965. Those class members are working to raise \$50,000 to have the statue and fountain area restored by this year's Homecoming.



**DISCOUNT NETWORK**

More than 200,000 exclusive offers are available on brands and at retailers nationwide.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Access hundreds of webinars designed to help you in your career, whether it's getting your foot in the door or taking that next step.

**ARE YOU MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP?**

SIU Alumni Association members have great benefits available to them.

Learn more at  
[sialumni.com/memberadvantages](http://sialumni.com/memberadvantages)

**SCHOLARLY RESEARCH**

Still hitting the books? Search thousands of scholarly and research journal articles online.

**SAVE ON SALUKI GEAR**

Members have frequent opportunities to add to their SIU wardrobe for less.



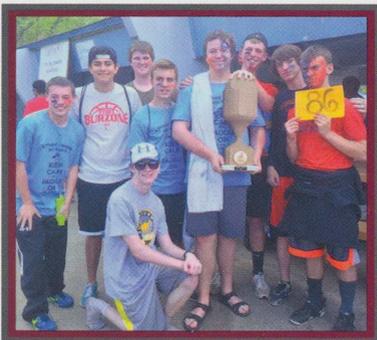
This issue of *SIU Alumni* is compliments of the  
**SIU Alumni Association.**  
 Members receive this great publication year round!

Become a member today at [www.siu alumni.com/join](http://www.siu alumni.com/join)  
 or by calling (618) 453.2408.

## Share your stories and pictures by using these hashtags:

### #mysiutraddition

**#mysiutraddition**—Great Cardboard Boat Reggatta every spring. 2016 will be our 43rd year!



— Mary Kinsel  
 Via Facebook

### #mysiupride



**#mysiupride**—My Saluki Pride travels far and wide.

— Sue Foster  
 Via Facebook

### #mysiuopportunity

**#mysiuopportunity**—In 1990, while a graduate student in SIU Chemistry Dept. (Neckers Bldg.), I applied to Argonne National Laboratory for a summer internship. Two students would be selected from each state. I had just received my BS degree (SIU, 1989) a year earlier. I was thrilled when I was informed that I had been chosen and that I would be conducting research at Argonne in the Chemistry Division. Visiting professors were using most of the on-site housing, so we were given dorm rooms on the campus of Elmhurst College. As it turned out, Michael Jordan was spending 3 weeks a year there (in the off season) conducting basketball camps for kids 8–18. I was also a major photo enthusiast—in fact, my research advisor at SIU (Dr. Wyn Lewis-Bevan) had just helped me pick out my first semi-pro 35mm SLR. I would eventually meet MJ and began shooting candids of him with the children on the basketball court. I would return over the course of the next 12 years, capturing unique photos of MJ as a teacher and mentor to these kids. After MJ retired, I landed the same “job” with a new up-and-coming phenom... LeBron James. To this day, I utilize my two chemistry degrees from SIU while also enjoying a “side-profession” in photography. Thanks SIU!

Sincerely,  
**W. “Zack” Stork,**  
 Class of ‘89 and ‘92.  
 Via Facebook

**#mysiutraddition**—We like to come down for a Saluki basketball game—so much fun and nothing like hearing the Saluki Fight song in person—and to eat at Italian Village—always awesome!

— Karen Hodapp  
 Via Facebook



I show **#mysiupride** by showing current Salukis some SIU history.  
**#SalukiPride**

— Matt Purdy  
 Via Facebook

