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Demonstrate the Power of Philanthropy: Participate in the SIU Day of Giving



On Wednesday, March 1, 2017, the Southern Illinois University community will celebrate its inaugural SIU Day of Giving – a day for students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends to give back to the university.

SIU Day of Giving celebrates the university's Founders Day, which is a time to mark the achievements of our great institution and look to the future. This year, the SIU Day of Giving is a particularly great opportunity for donors and potential donors to demonstrate the power of philanthropy.

The SIU Foundation is asking every person on campus, in the community, across the state and throughout the world to take one minute on March 1 to stop and reflect on what SIU has done for you – and then give back.

"This is our effort of rallying our campus, our alumni and our community," says Jim Salmo, SIU vice chancellor for development of alumni relations. "We want people to be involved in numerous ways, and giving is one way to show their support of SIU.

"Your donation, whether it is \$10 or \$1,000, will

help support our staff and students campuswide. If you have a particular passion for a specific department or cause on the campus, let us know and we will direct your donation appropriately. Your generosity allows us to help our students become successful future leaders."

Salmo suggests that alumni and friends of SIU put a reminder on their calendars or mobile devices and then spend five minutes or fewer online to change the life of a promising student.

"There is no such thing as a gift too small, and all gifts are deeply appreciated," he adds.

The Foundation is encouraging everyone to share the word through social media networks by using the hashtag #SIUDAY. For more information, visit siuf.org.

We hope you will join in this exciting venture and help make this a Day of Giving to remember for SIU. Making your gift or pledge is fast and easy. Beginning in February 2017, be listening and watching for easy ways to give. If you would like to give now, you may also participate via traditional mail, phone or in person at our Foundation Office. You may reach us at 618/453-4900 or at 1235 Douglas Drive, Mail Code 6805, Carbondale, IL 62901-4308.

Thank you for your support. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of our students.

#SIUDAY

Wednesday, March 1, 2017
SIU's Inaugural Day of Giving

1. Stop and reflect on what SIU has done for you.
2. Donate and help support your university.
3. Share the word through social media networks.
4. Watch the SIU community come together.

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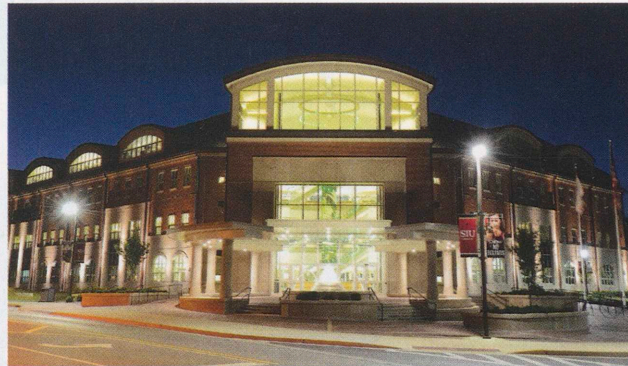
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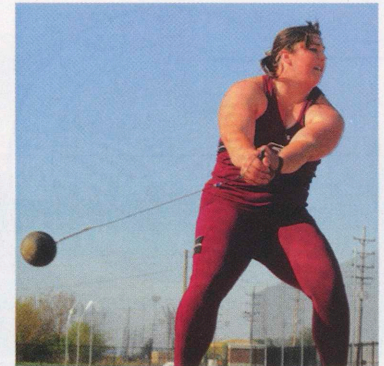
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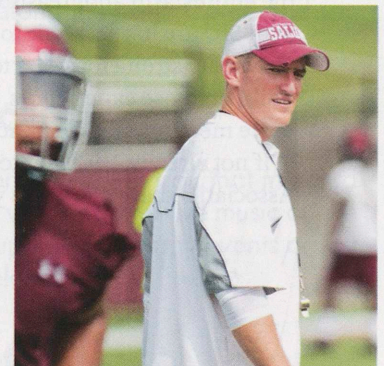
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NEW COACH, NEW ENTHUSIASM FOR SALUKI FOOTBALL

From a former standout player to the team's new coach, Nick Hill '08 is now calling the shots for the Saluki football program and introducing a new vigor into the team and its fans.



Larry Mieldezis
President, SIU Alumni
Association National
Board of Directors

We're Celebrating 120 Years of Tradition, Pride and Opportunity

There's no better time than now to be excited about Southern Illinois University and the SIU Alumni Association. As you flip through the pages of this issue of *SIU Alumni*, I hope you see it's a great time to be proud and energized for what's happening at SIU and for what lies ahead. Our Association is stronger than ever – and I, for one, am so very proud to be an alumnus.

In recognition of the Association's 120th anniversary this year, we've listed 120 reasons why SIU makes its alumni proud. While the list may seem all-encompassing, there are endless ways SIU fills its graduates with pride. While all Salukis share enthusiasm for their alma mater, we also hold unique and special experiences from our time as students.

As I assume the role as your president of the SIU Alumni Association National Board of Directors, I want to ensure the enthusiasm and treasured experiences we've all had with SIU are harnessed into something that makes this university strong for years to come. It is important that we build on those experiences, and make SIU a stronger and more meaningful experience for that next generation.

If not already, I ask you to **become members** of this great Association because, when you do, you directly support

programs that help us celebrate and enhance the tradition, pride and opportunity that are part of the SIU experience.

Reach out to your college or school and find out how you can be a part of its future. **Recruit** future Salukis by participating in admissions events near you or letting the university's admissions team know if there is a potential student. Stay informed about SIU and learn how this place continues to change lives for the better. And finally, I challenge each of you to **connect** with fellow Salukis in the places we live and work, because there is no doubt that a stronger Association means a stronger SIU.

Here's to 120 years celebrating tradition, pride and opportunity at a great institution of higher learning, as well as 120 more years of supporting SIU. Once a Saluki, always a Saluki!

Sincerely,

Larry Mieldezis '86

Life Member

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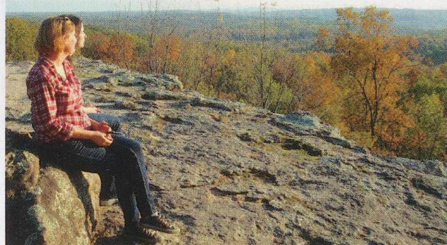
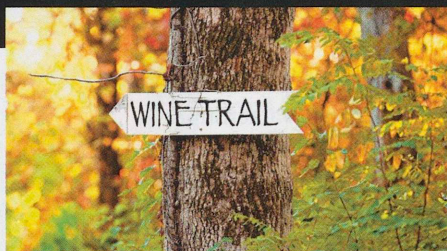
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always a reason to applaud

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.

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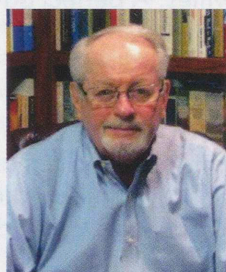
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5 Join Association Board

The SIU Alumni Association has welcomed these individuals to its national board of directors:



Ken Buzbee '61, '78 was an Illinois state senator (1973-85), and is a retired lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve and a former director in the Illinois secretary of state's office. He is one of multiple SIU graduates in his family.



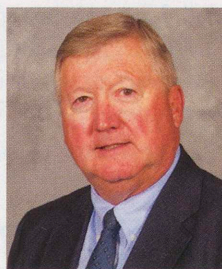
Jeff Goffinet '81, '84 is an associate circuit judge in the Illinois First Judicial Circuit and a former adjunct professor at SIU. He received degrees in journalism and political science, and a juris doctorate, all from SIU.



Elizabeth Walker Smith '81 owns WalkerSmith Consultants LLC, which focuses on leadership solutions with businesses and employers. Smith also is a past president of the Black Alumni Group. She holds a speech communications degree from SIU.



Charles Stewart III '03 is a retired officer of 39 years with the Chicago Fire Department, having served in various leadership roles during his career. He earned his degree in fire service management from SIU.

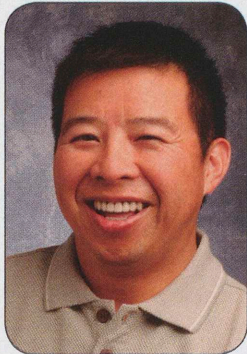


Steve Wiyatt '70 is retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Services, where he spent a 34-year career working in field offices across the country. He graduated from SIU with a degree in agricultural sciences.

FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Four alumni of Southern Illinois University have joined the SIU Foundation Board of Directors. They are serving three-year terms that will conclude on June 30, 2019. The newest members of the Foundation's volunteer board are: **Howard Lo '84 and '86**; **William McGraw '69**; **Michael Peters '99**; and **Connie Price-Smith '85**.

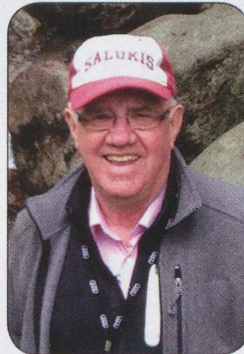
The board governs the SIU Foundation, an independent nonprofit organization that provides alumni and friends a means to invest in the university's future.



LO '84, '86

Howard Lo, who earned a bachelor's and master's in mechanical engineering from SIU, is the founder, CEO and chief engineer of VisitView Corp., a "cloud-based" computer application for managing executive briefing center workflows. The first-generation college graduate is a life member of the SIU Carbondale Alumni Association and

was awarded SIU's Alumni Achievement Award in 2006. Lo serves on the SIU College of Engineering's industrial advisory board and civil engineering professional advisory board. His interests include studying disruptive technologies to increase learning and post-secondary education graduation rates, and also researching augmented reality in advanced manufacturing.



MCGRAW '69

Bill McGraw spent four decades in marketing, advertising and sales management in Chicago after earning his degree from SIU Carbondale's College of Mass Communication and Media Arts. He was a member of the Morris Library Campaign committee and considers the library the "crown jewel" of SIU. McGraw, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association,

established the Joseph and Catherine Mignone McGraw Endowed Fund in 2007 in honor of his parents. The endowment supports the Irish literature and theater collections at the library. McGraw also is a member of the Friends of Morris Library board.



PETERS '99

Pilot and entrepreneur Michael "Mike" Peters, an SIU Carbondale College of Applied Sciences & Arts aviation management graduate, owns several successful web-based businesses, including Aviation Interviews LLC, a website he founded in 2001 to share interview experiences with pilots worldwide. Peters has

established the endowed AviationInterviews.com scholarship for SIU Carbondale aviation students and has been active with the "Hope Flies" scholarship committee, which benefits a scholarship fund honoring a fellow Saluki classmate and pilot who was diagnosed with cancer. He also is a member of the SIU Carbondale Captains Club. In 2011, SIU awarded Peters with its Alumni Achievement Award.



PRICE-SMITH '85

Connie Price-Smith, who earned her bachelor's degree in recreation from SIU Carbondale's College of Education & Human Services, recently served as Team USA women's track and field head coach for the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. The native of St. Charles, Missouri, was inducted into the Saluki Hall of Fame in 1990 for her accomplishments as an athlete

in women's basketball, as well as for her accolades at SIU in track and field. She earned a 2001 Distinguished Alumni Award from the university and served as head coach of the women's track and field team from 2004-2015.

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Remarkable Reasons SIU Makes Its Alumni Proud

With the SIU Alumni Association marking its 120th anniversary this year, we're celebrating more than a century of engaging alumni and students in the tradition, pride and opportunity inherent to the Southern Illinois University experience. And it got us thinking: Just how many reasons are there to be a proud Saluki? Quite a few, it turns out — but, in keeping with the anniversary theme, we're presenting 120 of them in a comprehensive (but in no way exhaustive) list of what makes SIU so special to hundreds of thousands of alumni.

1.

The One-of-a-Kind Saluki

The narrow-form, long-legged sighthound known as the Saluki is a mascot unique among NCAA schools to Southern Illinois University. Amid a sea of eagles, tigers, bears and bulldogs dancing on the sidelines, there is only one Saluki. This canine, which traces its origins back to the “Cradle of Civilization,” has become synonymous with SIU and is an easily recognized hallmark of the university all over the world.





2.

Just Look at this Place

A serene lake, trees as dense as they are diverse, rolling hills – and all of it punctuated by some of the most striking architectural wonders within a hundred-mile radius. Once you see SIU, it sticks with you as one of the most eye-catching campuses you've ever visited.

3.



Tree Campus USA

Did you hear? SIU recently earned this designation from the Arbor Day Foundation for its effective urban forest management. We're one of only about 250 universities in the country to achieve this recognition.

4.

Ask a Tree!

The Department of Forestry developed a smartphone app that allows users to identify and learn about the flora found on campus via QR codes. Talk about learning on the go!



5.

New Discoveries

SIU ranks among the top 5 percent of U.S. higher education research institutions, according to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It was President Delyte Morris that brought SIU from a small teaching college to a full-fledged research university with a mission to foster curiosity and discovery, regardless of race, nationality, gender or social status.

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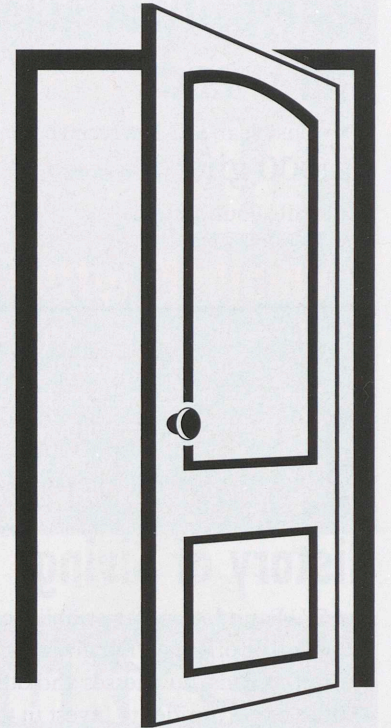
Student Research

There were nearly 200 student-led research projects last year based out of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity. Why should faculty have all the fun?

7.

Alumni Who Open Doors

Salukis look out for one another, especially when it comes to finding the right career after college. Since 1984, alumni have helped nearly 4,000 students through the SIU Alumni Association's extern program. Externs get to spend spring break working in companies or businesses – many owned or staffed by alumni – to get a taste of what's ahead in the professional world. This unique program, which has been nationally recognized, has helped launch the careers of many students.



8.

Generosity of Alumni and Friends

In the last year, SIU has received nearly **42,000 gifts** from donors, according to the SIU Foundation.

9.

History of Giving

The SIU Foundation was established in 1942. The organization gives alumni, friends, businesses and other entities opportunities to invest in the university and foster growth for future generations of students.

10.

Celebrating 75!

The SIU Foundation will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2017.

11.

National Titles

SIU's long sports history boasts many iconic teams. Among the best: the 1983 Saluki football team won the Division I-AA national championship under the guidance of Rey Dempsey; Jack Hartman's 1967 SIU men's basketball squad won the National Invitation Tournament; and Bill Meade's gymnastics teams won an incredible four NCAA titles in a span of nine years in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

12.

Top Dawgs

The accomplishments of countless SIU athletes have helped alumni and friends feel Saluki pride. Former stars such as Walt Frazier '67, **Mike Glenn '77**, Chris Carr '95 and Chico Vaughn '88 (basketball); **Jim Hart '67**, **Carl Mauck '69** and Bart Scott '06 (football); and Steve Finley '87, Jerry Hairston Jr. and Dave Stieb '78 (baseball) enjoyed long professional careers.



13.

Hot Off the Press

The university's own publishing arm, SIU Press, has been printing award-winning books about regional history, the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln, as well as poetry collections, for 60 years. And for aspiring authors, the press has begun to offer a self-publishing service.

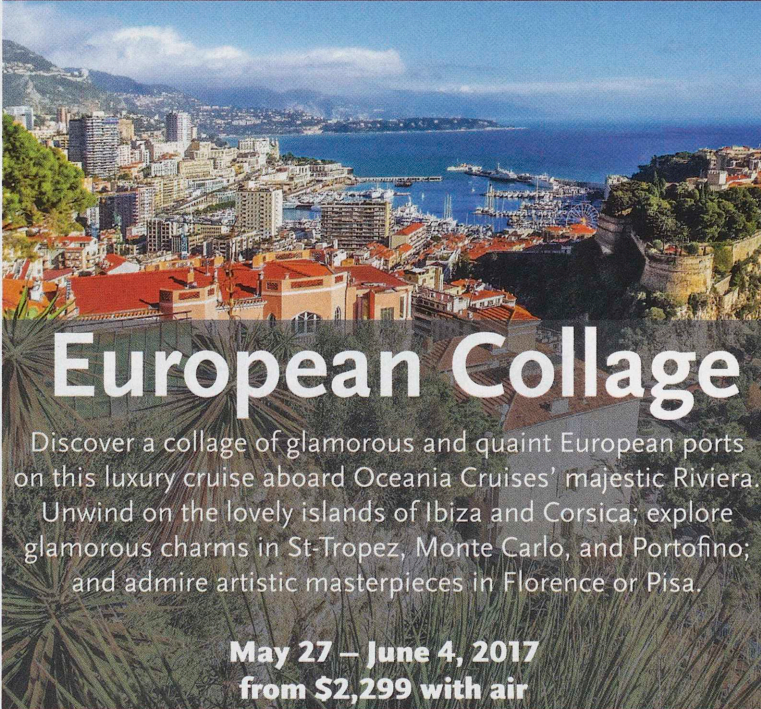


14.

Better Medicine

Researchers are investigating the prevalence of kidney cancer in rural Illinois and studying immune deficiencies in patients. They are testing the effectiveness of flaxseed to slow the growth of ovarian cancer cells. And one researcher has a five-year, \$1.4 million grant to further her work on cell regeneration in mice, which may have applications for hearing loss prevention. Those are just a few examples of the life-changing research happening every day at the SIU School of Medicine.

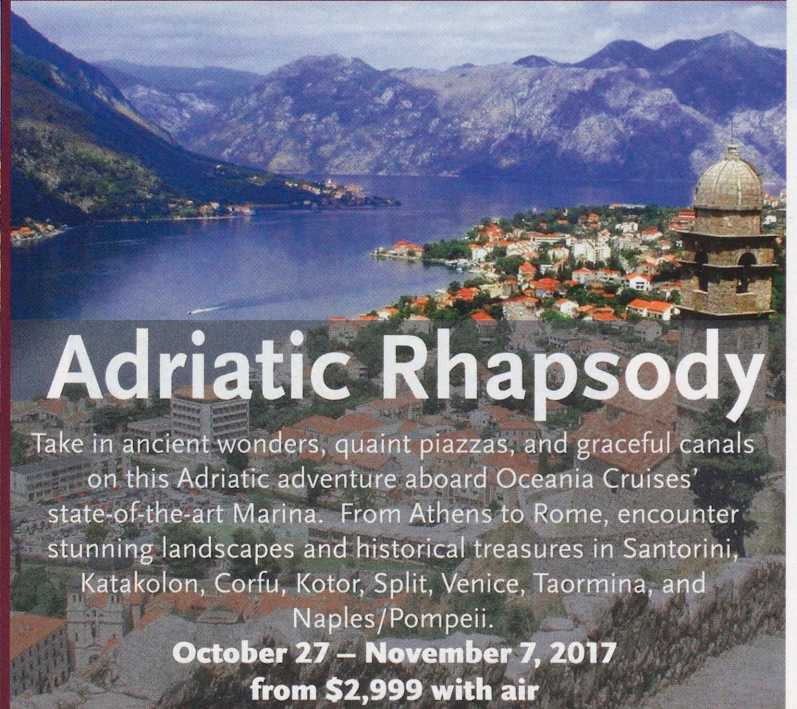
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15.

Give Kids a Smile

The SIU Dental Hygiene Clinic, staffed by students in the dental hygiene program, offers free preventive dental care and sealants to children in the region each year. The clinic recently has branched out to serve adults and veterans as well.

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A Picture Worth a Thousand Words

Each fall, students in the sonography program in the SIU School of Allied Health give free ultrasounds to local pregnant women.

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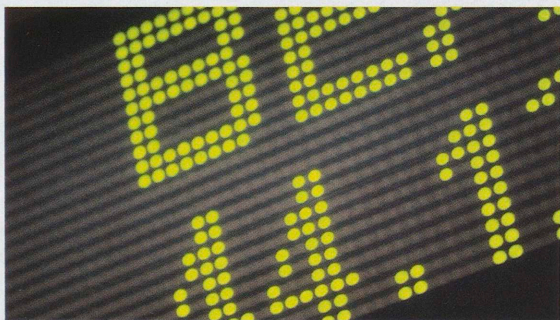
Only Here

SIU offers the only bachelor's degrees in Illinois in the areas of radiological sciences, mortuary science and dental hygiene. The School of Allied Health is also one of only three master's programs in medical dosimetry in the country.

18.

Buy! Sell!

Housed on the upper floor of the SIU College of Business' Rehn Hall, the Burnell D. Kraft Trading Floor is a real-time commodities and financial trade ticker using the latest in Bloomberg technology. Students use this real-world information for real-time simulations and training.



19.

3 Million and Counting

That's how many print volumes are housed in Morris Library. The number of books in possession of SIU's legendary study center passed the 3 million mark earlier this year with an original edition volume of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Overall, the library is home to unique and rare collections of books, manuscripts and political papers.



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For Those Who Serve

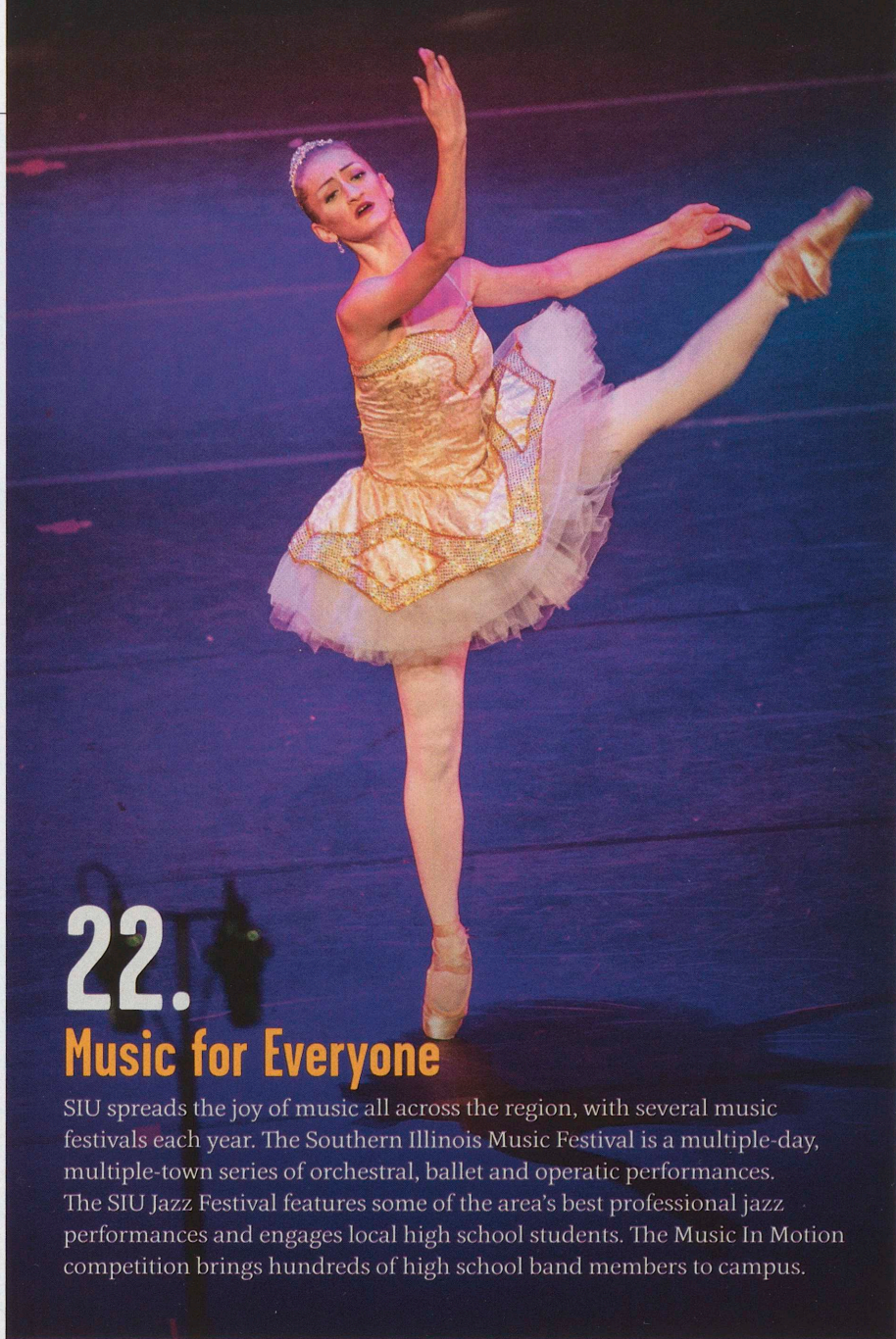
SIU is a proven friend to military veterans and active-duty personnel. For nine years running, *Military Advanced Education & Transition* has listed the university as one of the nation's top military-friendly schools. Thousands of alumni have studied off campus at one of several military bases across the United States.



21.

Dorothy Morris Gardens

Named for the wife of former SIU President Delyte Morris, this botanical respite sits behind University Museum in Faner Hall. It's almost the exact spot where the backyard of the Morris' house once stood. Dorothy Morris often would host student socials in there. The garden space was opened in 1998 to commemorate that past, and to serve as a lush and peaceful retreat.



22.

Music for Everyone

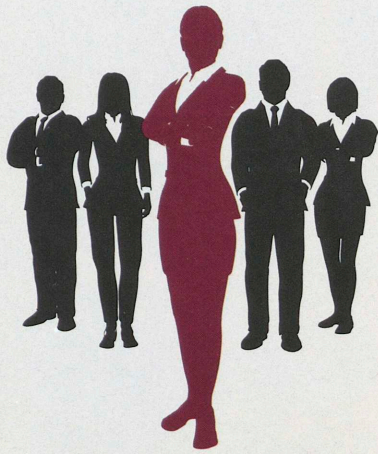
SIU spreads the joy of music all across the region, with several music festivals each year. The Southern Illinois Music Festival is a multiple-day, multiple-town series of orchestral, ballet and operatic performances. The SIU Jazz Festival features some of the area's best professional jazz performances and engages local high school students. The Music In Motion competition brings hundreds of high school band members to campus.

23.

Music at Twilight

The Sunset Concerts have been a venture between the university and Carbondale community for nearly four decades. SIU hosts its concerts on the Old Main Mall and never fails to attract crowds for this summertime tradition.





24.

Entrepreneurial Spirit

Forbes magazine lists SIU as one of its Top 50 entrepreneurial universities – No. 27 – based on the number of students and alumni who are startup or business founders. SIU is the highest-ranking Illinois university on this list.

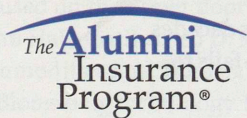
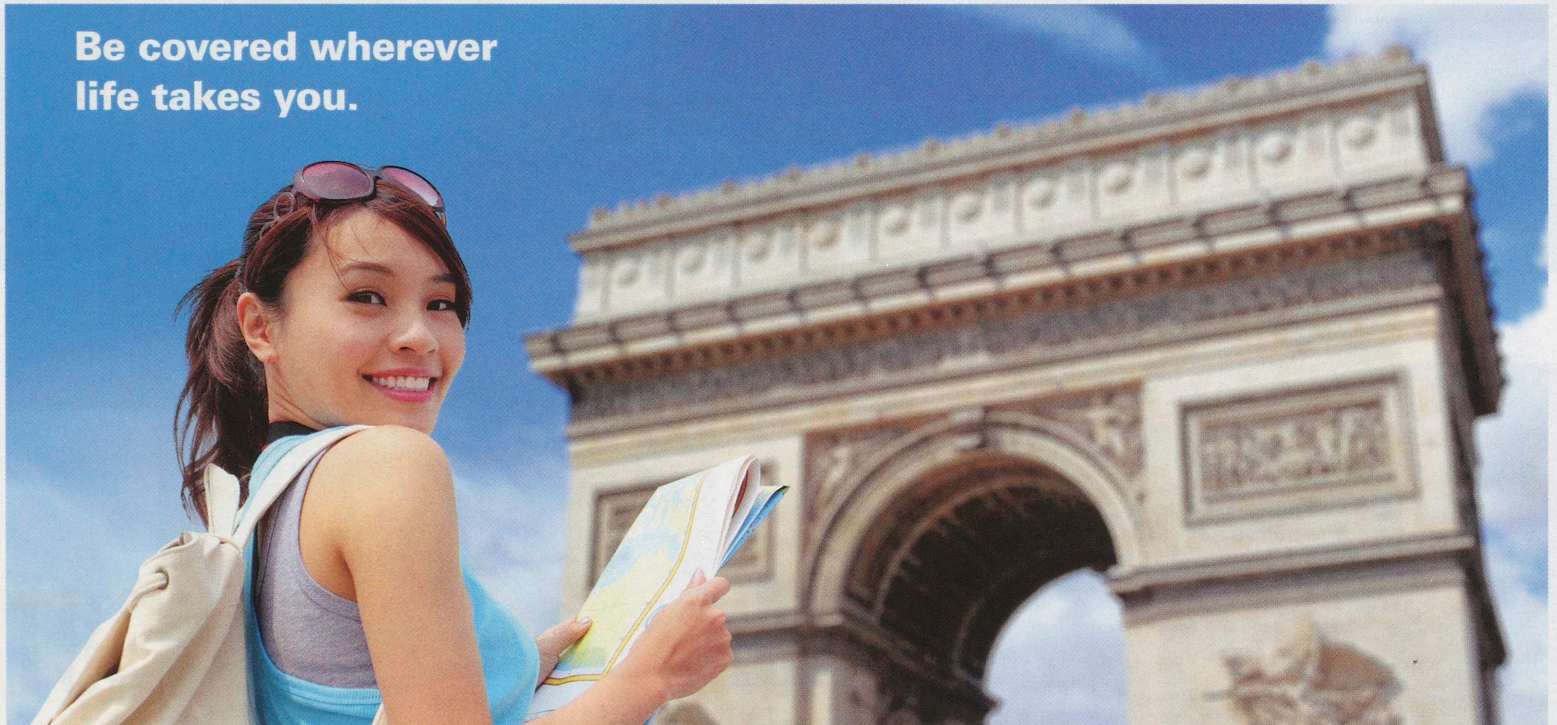


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Patent Pending

SIU is prolific with patents. The university has processed about 325 invention disclosures, filed at least 297 U.S. patent applications and had roughly 63 patents issued. SIU has received more than \$8 million in total licensing-related revenue since 1996.

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life takes you.**



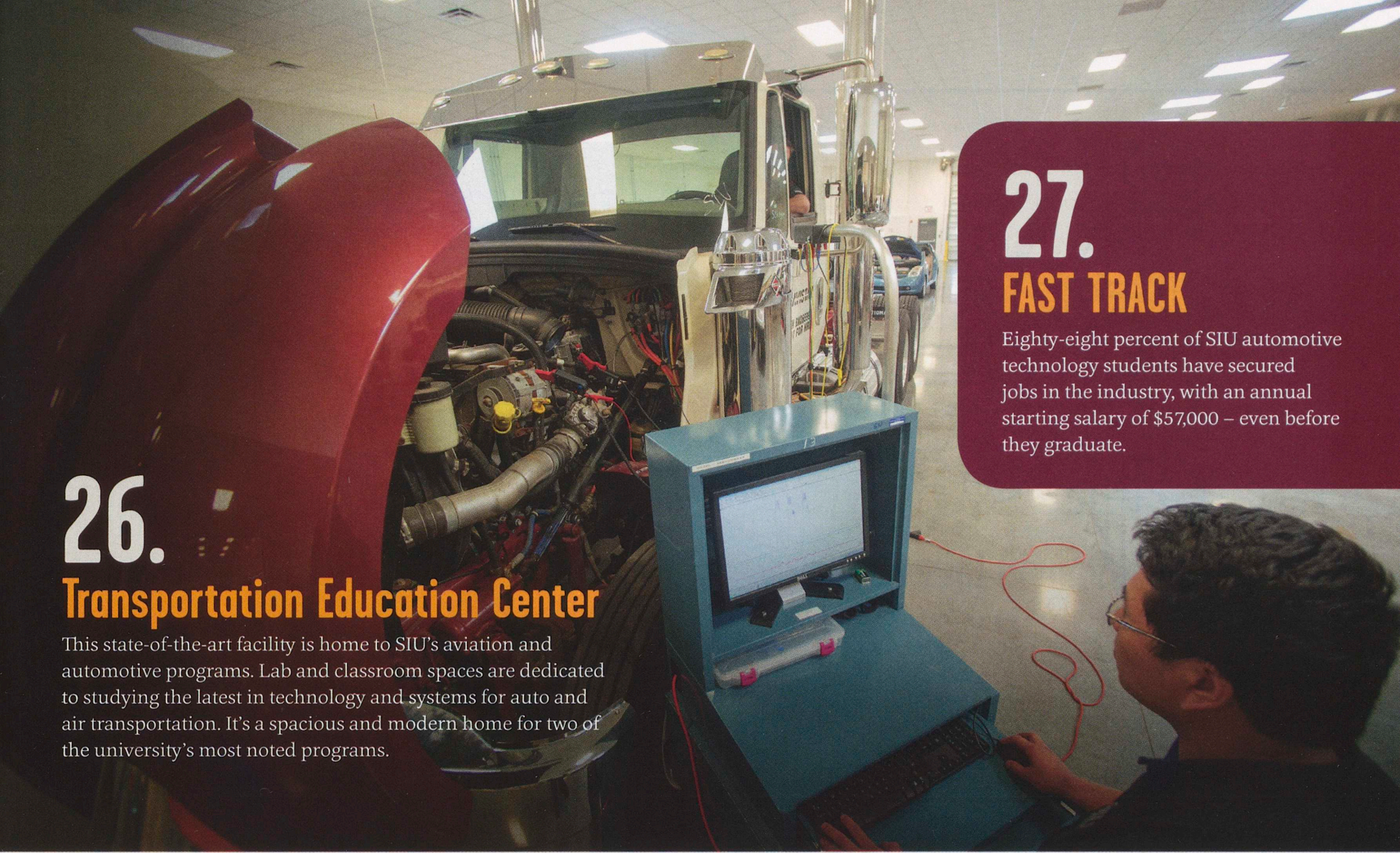
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26.

Transportation Education Center

This state-of-the-art facility is home to SIU's aviation and automotive programs. Lab and classroom spaces are dedicated to studying the latest in technology and systems for auto and air transportation. It's a spacious and modern home for two of the university's most noted programs.

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FAST TRACK

Eighty-eight percent of SIU automotive technology students have secured jobs in the industry, with an annual starting salary of \$57,000 – even before they graduate.



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High Flyers

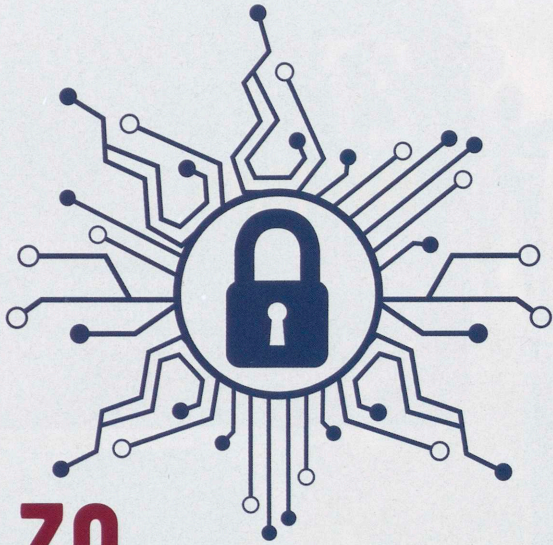
George H. Nimmer and Davin L. Miles, members of the nine-time national champion Flying Salukis, are two of the top collegiate pilots in the United States for 2016, so named by the National Intercollegiate Flying Association.



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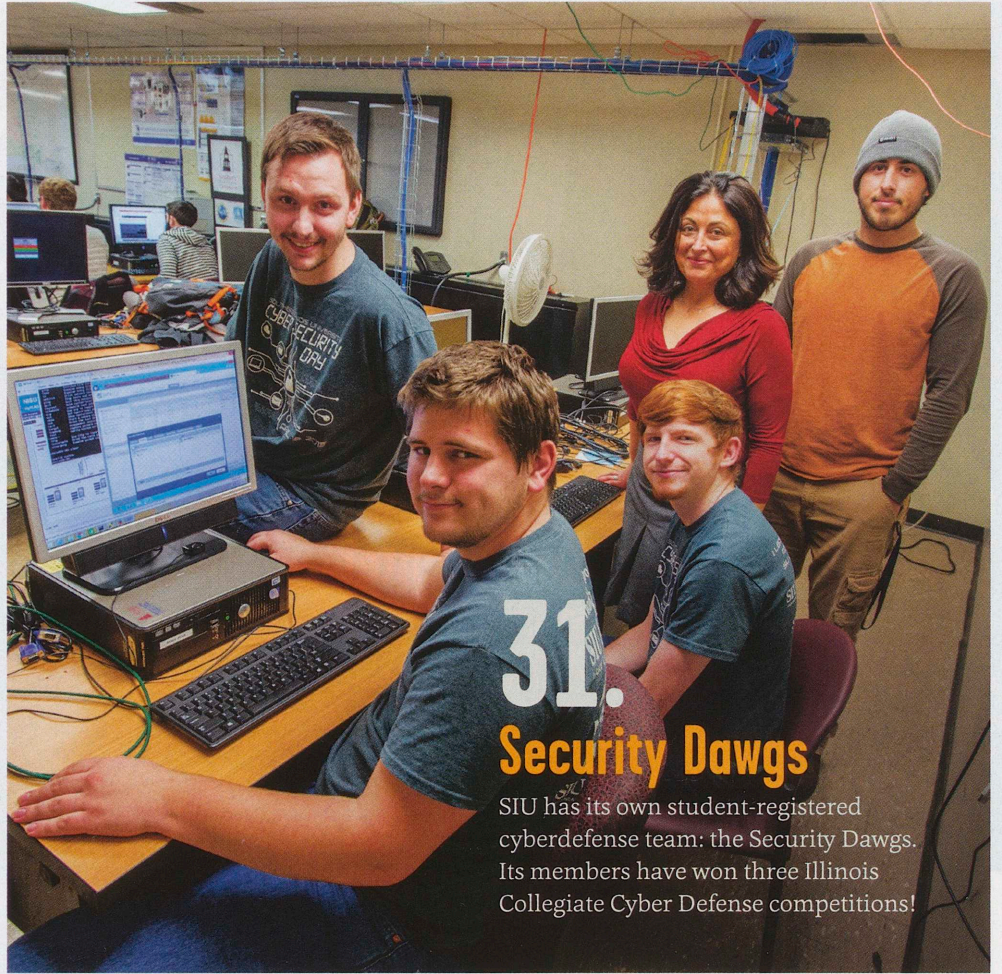
Blue Angels

Lt. Ryan Cunningham '09 is the No. 6 pilot in the Navy Flight Demonstration Team – the Blue Angels. Lt. Cmdr. Declan Hartney '00 served as a maintenance technician for the team.



30. Virtual Safety

Hacking, cyberbullying, stolen data – it's par for the course in our digital world, but the School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies is training students to make cyberlife more secure. The school has even won funding from the National Security Administration (NSA) to study cybersecurity measures in the Southern Illinois region.



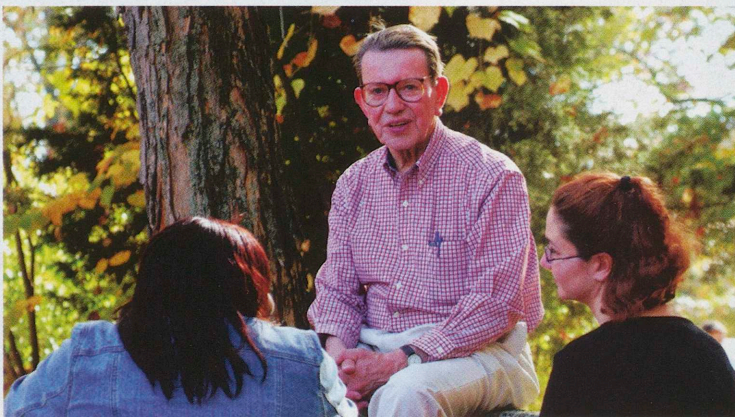
31. Security Dawgs

SIU has its own student-registered cyberdefense team: the Security Dawgs. Its members have won three Illinois Collegiate Cyber Defense competitions!

32.

Sen. Paul Simon's Legacy

After retiring in 1997, U.S. Sen. Paul Simon made SIU home to his Public Policy Institute, which he labeled a “do tank” instead of your typical “think tank.” The institute was meant to address issues in a way that elicits reaction. Named for Simon following his passing in 2003, the institute continues to explore topics such as world water supplies, political redistricting in Illinois and child welfare.



33. Helping Hands

Students learn by doing at SIU, and one of the most important learning experiences for them is volunteering in their community. The Center for Service-Learning and Volunteerism is home base to a number of student-oriented volunteer activities, including one of the few university AmeriCorps partnerships in the country.

34.

Transcending Disability

Dr. William H. Freeburg, founder of the Department of Recreation and Outdoor Education, had a particularly idealistic mission: bring recreational and outdoor opportunities to the disabled. He established the nation's first university-affiliated residential summer camp for people with physical or developmental disabilities – what ultimately came to be known as Camp Little Giant – which is held annually at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center.



35.

Special Olympics

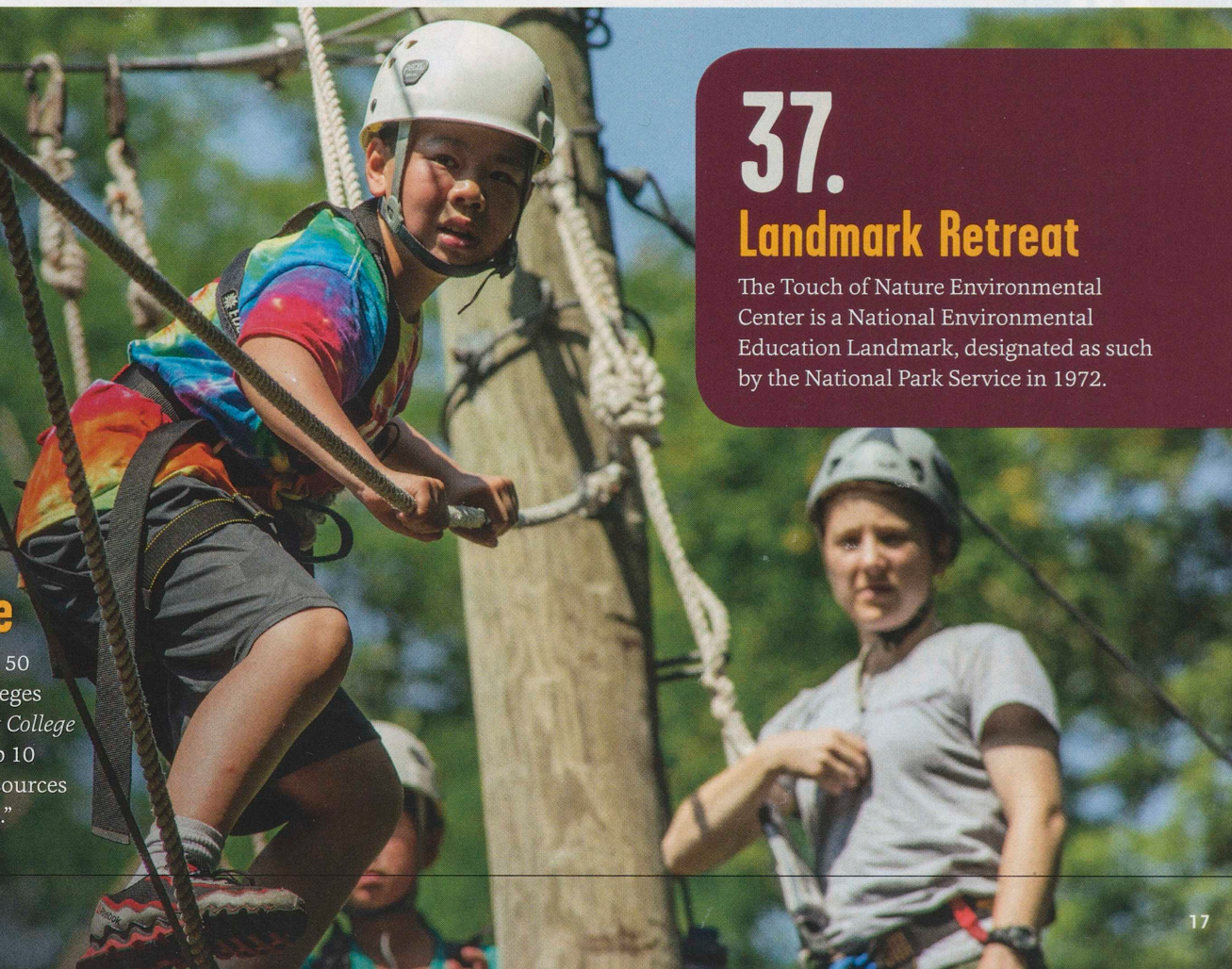
Freeburg also was tapped to assist the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation in establishing the first Special Olympics games in Chicago in 1968. SIU's support of these games continues to this day, as the university's student chapter of the American Marketing Association has raised more than \$150,000 for the event in the last four years.



36.

Leading Service

SIU was listed among the top 50 "Best Disability Friendly Colleges and Universities for 2016" by *College Choice*. It also ranks in the top 10 "Best Online Schools and Resources for Students with Disabilities."

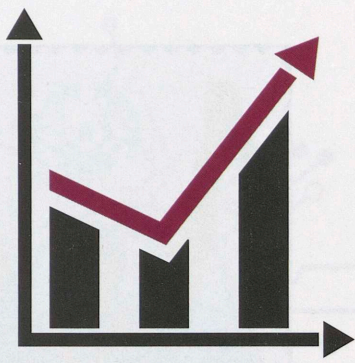


37.

Landmark Retreat

The Touch of Nature Environmental Center is a National Environmental Education Landmark, designated as such by the National Park Service in 1972.

38.



Wise Investing

More than \$1.5 million in SIU Foundation funds are managed by the Saluki Student Investment Fund. The portfolio traditionally outperforms 90 percent of professional fund managers when it comes to growth of assets.

39.

Strong Survivors

The SIU Department of Kinesiology is home to the Strong Survivors program, which helps cancer patients in the community get through their treatments using exercise.



40.



Waste Not, Want Not

SIU has implemented a sustainable food circle. The SIU Sustainable Farm contributes produce to University Housing dining halls, and food waste from these halls is then turned into compost for more growing on the farm, as well as fertile soil for planting on campus. The composting facility can handle about 9,800 pounds of food waste each week.

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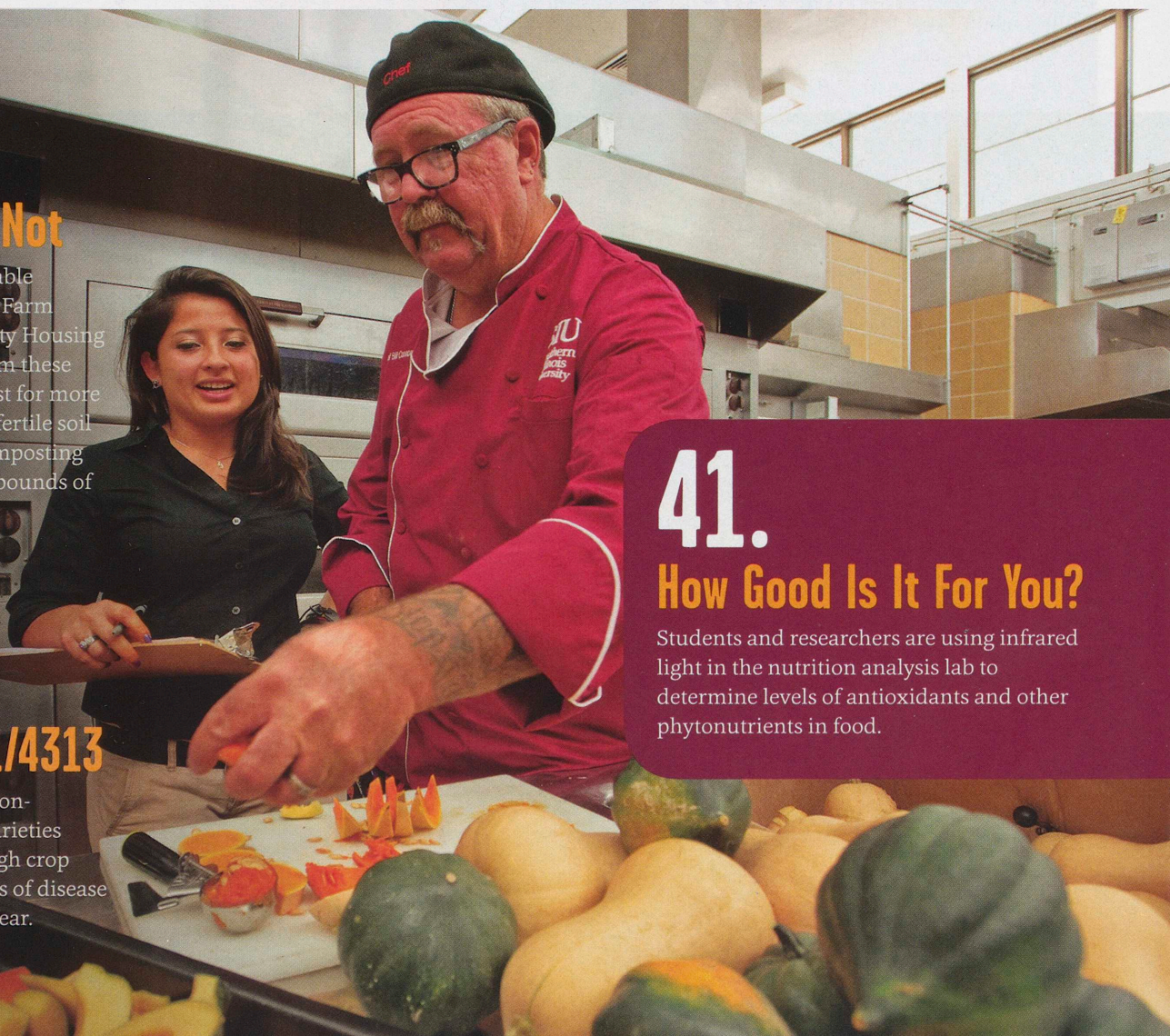
Saluki 4910/4411/4313

These numbers stand for new, non-genetically modified soybean varieties developed at SIU, notable for high crop yields and resistance to the types of disease that cost farmers billions each year.

41.

How Good Is It For You?

Students and researchers are using infrared light in the nutrition analysis lab to determine levels of antioxidants and other phytonutrients in food.



43. Catwalk

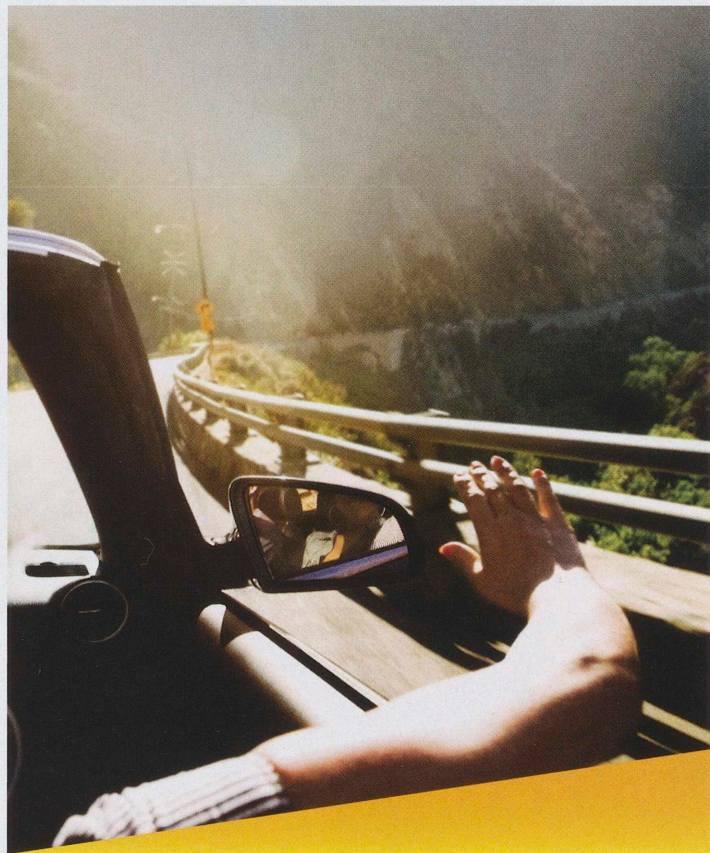
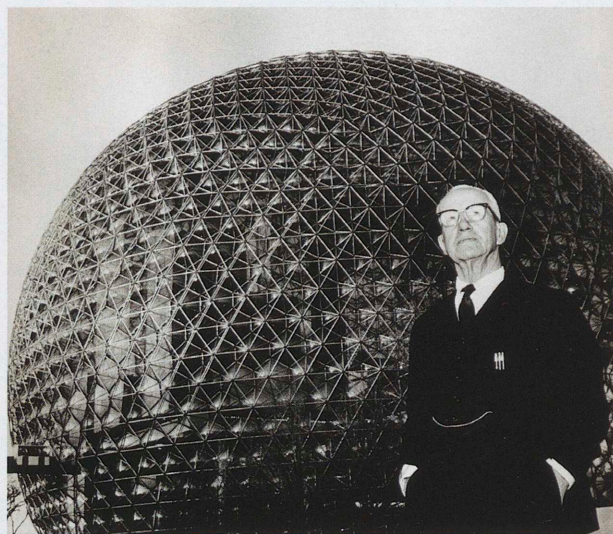
Milan? Paris? London? Not exactly, but the annual Fashion Design and Merchandising Student Showcase and Fashion Show gives student designers the chance to display their collections and learn how a contemporary fashion show comes together.



44.

R. Buckminster Fuller

Considered one of the great minds of the 20th century, architect, system theorist and inventor R. Buckminster “Bucky” Fuller taught at SIU from the late 1950s through 1970 in the School of Art and Design. Fuller’s transformative work involved “applying the principles of science to solving the problems of humanity.” His most famous inventions – the geodesic dome and the Dymaxion car – were projects aimed at environmental sustainability.



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45.

Pulliam Clock Tower

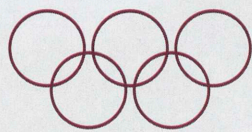
Any alumnus who spent time on campus will tell you the chimes of the clock tower atop Pulliam Hall were always a comforting sound. In 1996, on its 100th anniversary, the SIU Alumni Association championed the effort to light the clock tower and restore the chimes. The effort, led by Robert Reid '63, garnered donations from 500 donors worldwide.

46.



Setting the Standard

When it comes to talented female athletes at SIU, it's hard to argue that former collegiate standout **Connie Price-Smith '85** shouldn't be at the top of the list. Price-Smith, a four-time Olympian, was the women's head track and field coach for Team USA at the 2016 Olympic Games. Now coaching in Mississippi, the SIU Alumni Association life member coached Saluki women to four MVC titles and directed the men to a pair of league crowns during her 14 years at her alma mater. Price-Smith won six conference coach of the year awards.



47.

Olympic Salukis

SIU has been represented at the Olympics in several sports, but no program has sent as many Salukis to the games as track and field. With Gwen Berry '11, DeAnna Price '16 and Bianca Stuart '10 competing at this year's games, there now have been 29 Saluki track and field athletes perform at this elite level. (See more on **Berry, Price and Stuart in Rio on page 40.**)

48.

Octo-Pad

Researchers at SIU have taught an octopus to use an iPad. (No, really.) It's part of work done by the College of Education and Human Services teaching non-human subjects such as our tech-savvy cephalopod. This research gives educators valuable comparative insight into the behaviors and tendencies of humans in a learning environment.



49.

Gil Gunderson

Don't know Gil Gunderson? We don't know why; he's a perfectly cromulent alumnus. Granted, Gunderson might not represent the most successful of alumni (though he is the only animated one we know of). This recurring, down-on-his-luck character on the iconic TV series "The Simpsons" has let his Saluki pride slip on a couple of occasions, with even an all-out, joyful outburst of the "Saluki Strut" ... whatever that is.

50.

Helping Gambling Addiction

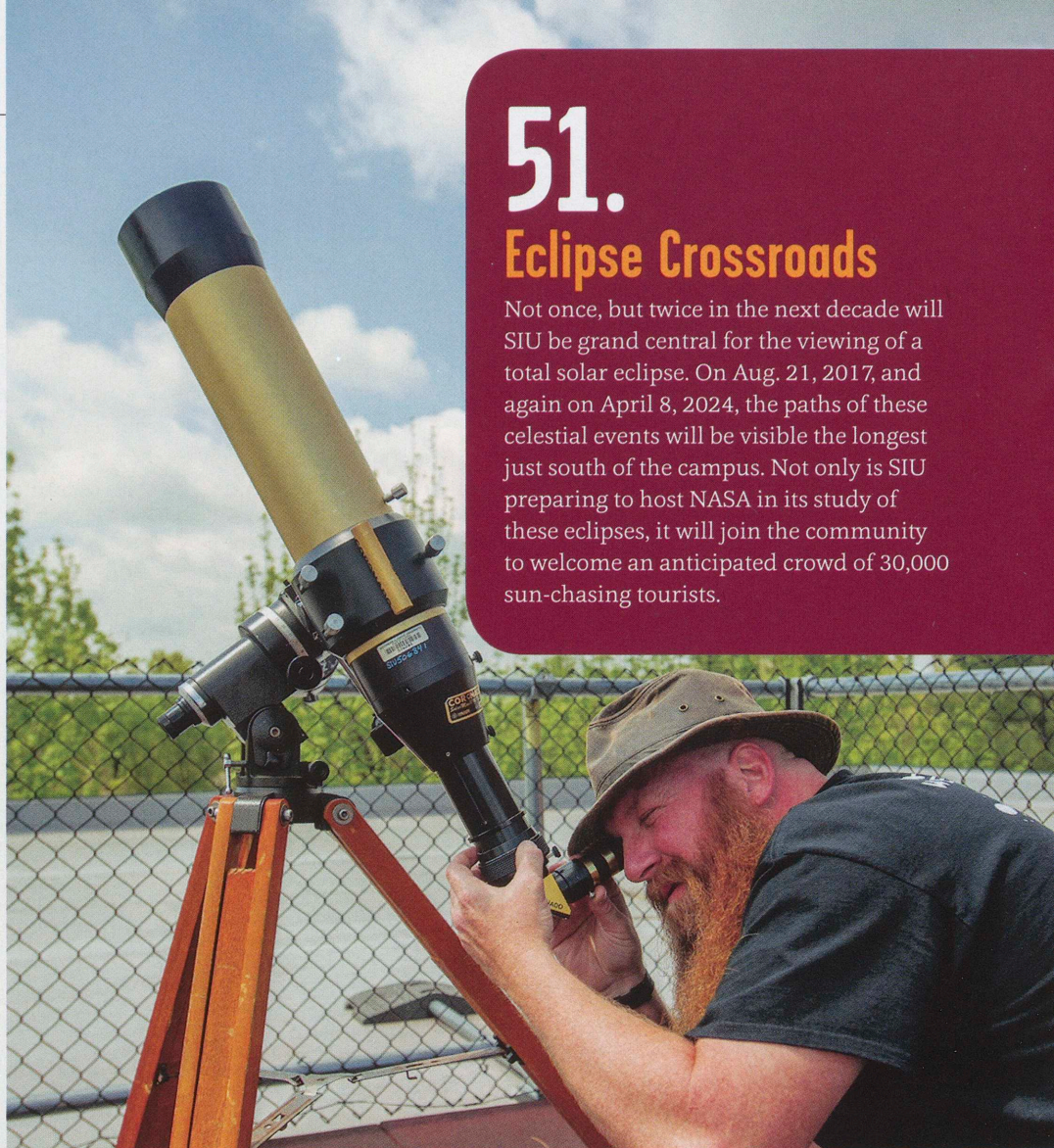
The SIU Rehabilitation Institute is home to leading research on the subject of gambling addiction. Professor Mark Dixon's work in this area has gained national visibility on several occasions.



52.

Miracle of Birth

At SIU, animal science majors get to experience the miracle of birth. (Actually, it's a required course!) Foal Watch and Pig Watch are both overnight vigils in which students learn to care for mother horses and pigs, as well as their offspring.



51.

Eclipse Crossroads

Not once, but twice in the next decade will SIU be grand central for the viewing of a total solar eclipse. On Aug. 21, 2017, and again on April 8, 2024, the paths of these celestial events will be visible the longest just south of the campus. Not only is SIU preparing to host NASA in its study of these eclipses, it will join the community to welcome an anticipated crowd of 30,000 sun-chasing tourists.



53.

Giddyap!

SIU is home to the only bachelor's degree program in equine science in Illinois. The program includes specialties reproduction and nutrition.

54.

Bull Market

SIU hosts an annual performance-tested bull sale, where local cattle breeders have their animals evaluated for feed efficiency. The more a bull eats, the less feed goes to waste – and the cattle rancher saves more money. Each March, buyers come to campus to view, and buy from, the university's selected stock.



56.

In-Flight Service

Twice a year, Chicago-area students interested in aviation have the option to fly in to campus via American Airlines and United Airlines. SIU has long-standing partnerships with both airlines to taxi in students from the Windy City to check out the university's Aviation Career Day.



57.

The Catbird

This Gulfstream III C20A jet, which was retired from the Navy, has become a valuable teaching aid for students in SIU's advanced mechanics and avionics courses.

55.

2,000-Acre Lab

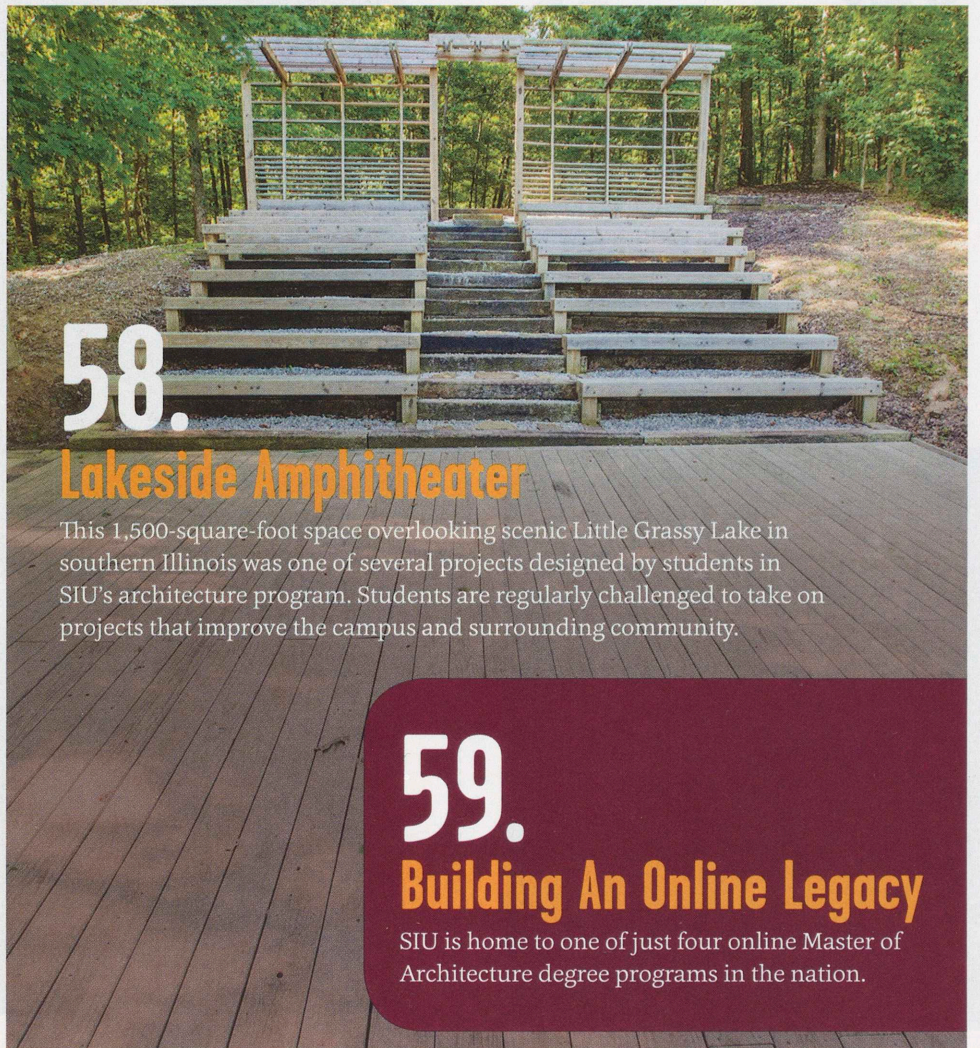
That's essentially what the University Farms at SIU represent. The acreage is filled with various agricultural experiments, from high-yield and disease-resistant crops, to animal care, to study on techniques to avoid harmful runoff.



58.

Lakeside Amphitheater

This 1,500-square-foot space overlooking scenic Little Grassy Lake in southern Illinois was one of several projects designed by students in SIU's architecture program. Students are regularly challenged to take on projects that improve the campus and surrounding community.



59.

Building An Online Legacy

SIU is home to one of just four online Master of Architecture degree programs in the nation.

60.

\$4 Million



That's how much the Illinois Small Business Development Center housed at SIU secured in financing for 34 businesses, either starting up or expanding, in 2015. In total, the university helped these businesses hire or retain more than 300 employees.

61.

Online Business Offerings

U.S. News & World Report lists SIU's online master of business administration program among the "Best Online Graduate Business Programs." In addition to an MBA, students also can earn bachelor's degrees in accounting and business administration entirely online.

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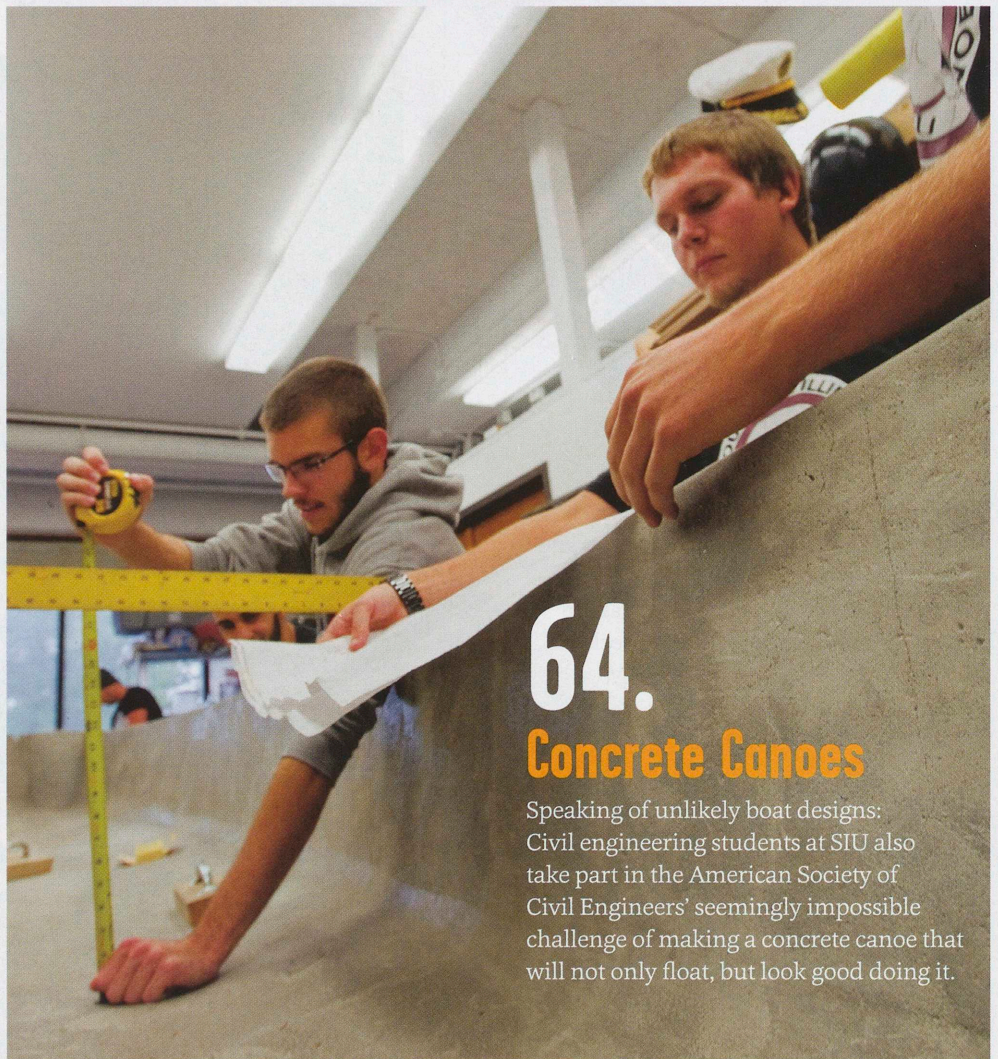
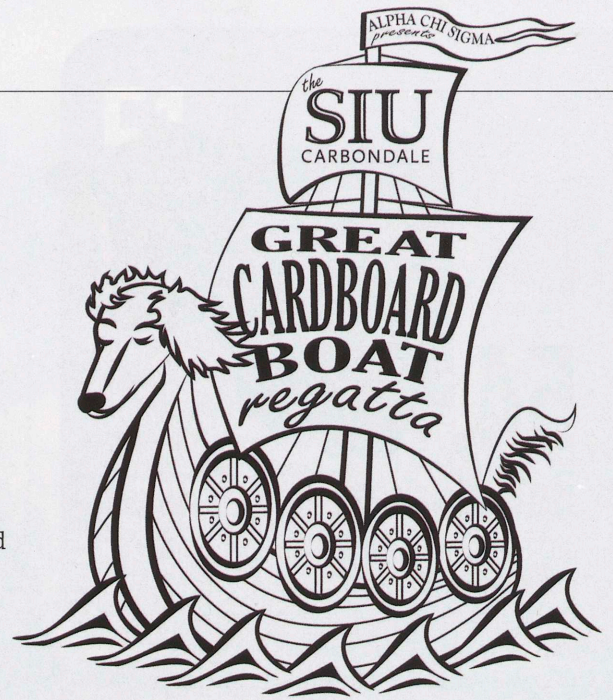
Number Crunching!

The Statistical Counseling Unit helps faculty and students in the College of Education and Human Services with statistical analysis in designing experiments, studies and surveys. The unit includes a computer lab with more than a dozen statistical and measurement software programs.

63.

Does Cardboard Even Float?

No, it really doesn't – at least not once you try to put yourself in it. For more than 40 years, though, students and community members have been invited to see how well their cardboard vessel creations will perform in the annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta. This is a favorite (albeit soggy) tradition for the campus community.



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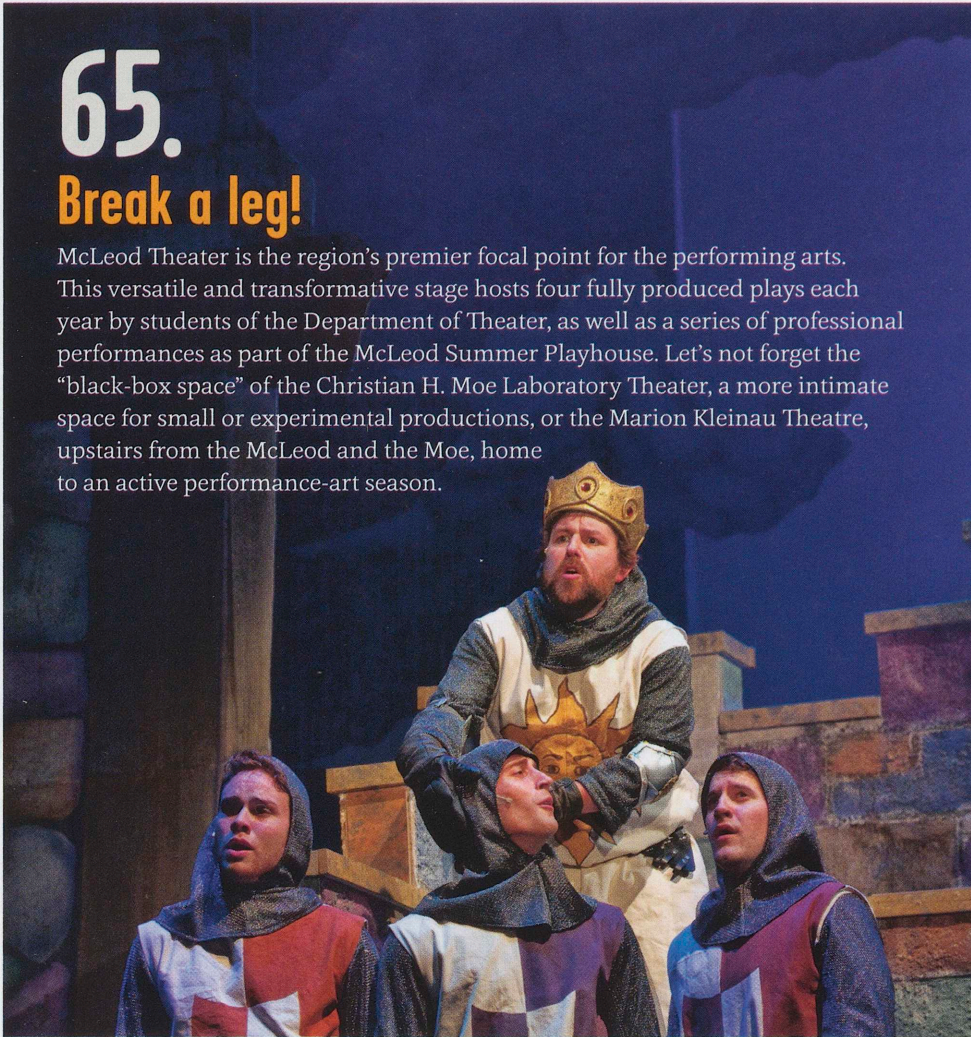
Concrete Canoes

Speaking of unlikely boat designs: Civil engineering students at SIU also take part in the American Society of Civil Engineers' seemingly impossible challenge of making a concrete canoe that will not only float, but look good doing it.

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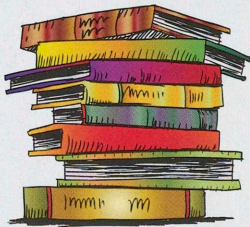
Break a leg!

McLeod Theater is the region's premier focal point for the performing arts. This versatile and transformative stage hosts four fully produced plays each year by students of the Department of Theater, as well as a series of professional performances as part of the McLeod Summer Playhouse. Let's not forget the "black-box space" of the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater, a more intimate space for small or experimental productions, or the Marion Kleinau Theatre, upstairs from the McLeod and the Moe, home to an active performance-art season.



66.

Got Lit?



Creative writing students host two literary festivals a year, bringing up-and-coming writers to campus for readings, book signings and more. Graduate students host the Little Grassy Literary Festival and undergraduate students run the Devil's Kitchen Literary Festival. An added attraction for Devil's Kitchen is the unveiling of the Reading Award winners, which are student-selected from authors of books published in the preceding year. The undergrads also publish Grassroots, a journal featuring writing and art.

67.

Making the Grade

SIU student-athletes continue to excel in the classroom, as more than 200 Salukis earned academic honors from the MVC during the past academic year. When you attend an SIU football game this fall, take pride in knowing that 43 SIU players recently claimed academic honors from the conference. In fact, three Dawgs (Chris Adams, Billy Reed and Mark Iannotti) earned the President's Council Excellence Award, the highest academic honor given by the league.

68.

University Museum

A piece of the World Trade Center, a buffalo hide painted by the Lakota Sioux tribe and a handful of Andy Warhol screen prints are among the treasures found on display inside the University Museum in Faner Hall. More than 4,000 pieces of art and artifacts are part of the museum's permanent collection, and the facility hosts thousands of visiting displays each year, including the works of SIU's very own alumni.

69.

The Cannon

One of the more interesting pieces in the museum once was a favorite target for pranksters on campus. The full-size cannon that used to occupy a spot on the university's Old Main Quad was often an impromptu paint canvas for some of the more artistically inclined residents of campus. The cannon had been a gift from the U.S. Department of War, bestowed upon what was then Southern Illinois Normal College in 1878. After multiple cleanup projects, university officials decided to move the cannon indoors.



70.

Paul & Virginia

This statue, which has stood on the Old Main Mall and in front of the Stone Center, was donated by the class of 1887. The fountain depicts the titular characters from Bernardin de St. Pierre's novel about two children who grew up friends but ended up lovers destined for tragedy.



71.

Restorative Powers

The Paul & Virginia statue is receiving an upgrade, thanks to the class of 1965, which donated more than \$20,000 over the past year toward the effort (see more on page 39).



HOST AN EXTERN IN 2017

Give back to your alma mater and help SIU students get familiar with the careers they're pursuing. Become an Extern host. Since 1984 the SIU Alumni Association's Extern Program has been providing junior and senior students the opportunity to work in their chosen career field over spring break, helping them land internships and first jobs after college.

Learn more about this proud tradition and apply as a host at sialumni.com/extern.

72. Safety First

SIU is home to one of four Illinois Department of Transportation Cycle Rider Safety Training programs. The university's center services 52 counties, making it the largest site where residents can learn everything from basic to advanced motorcycle skills, as well as trike driving.



73. Energy Scholarship

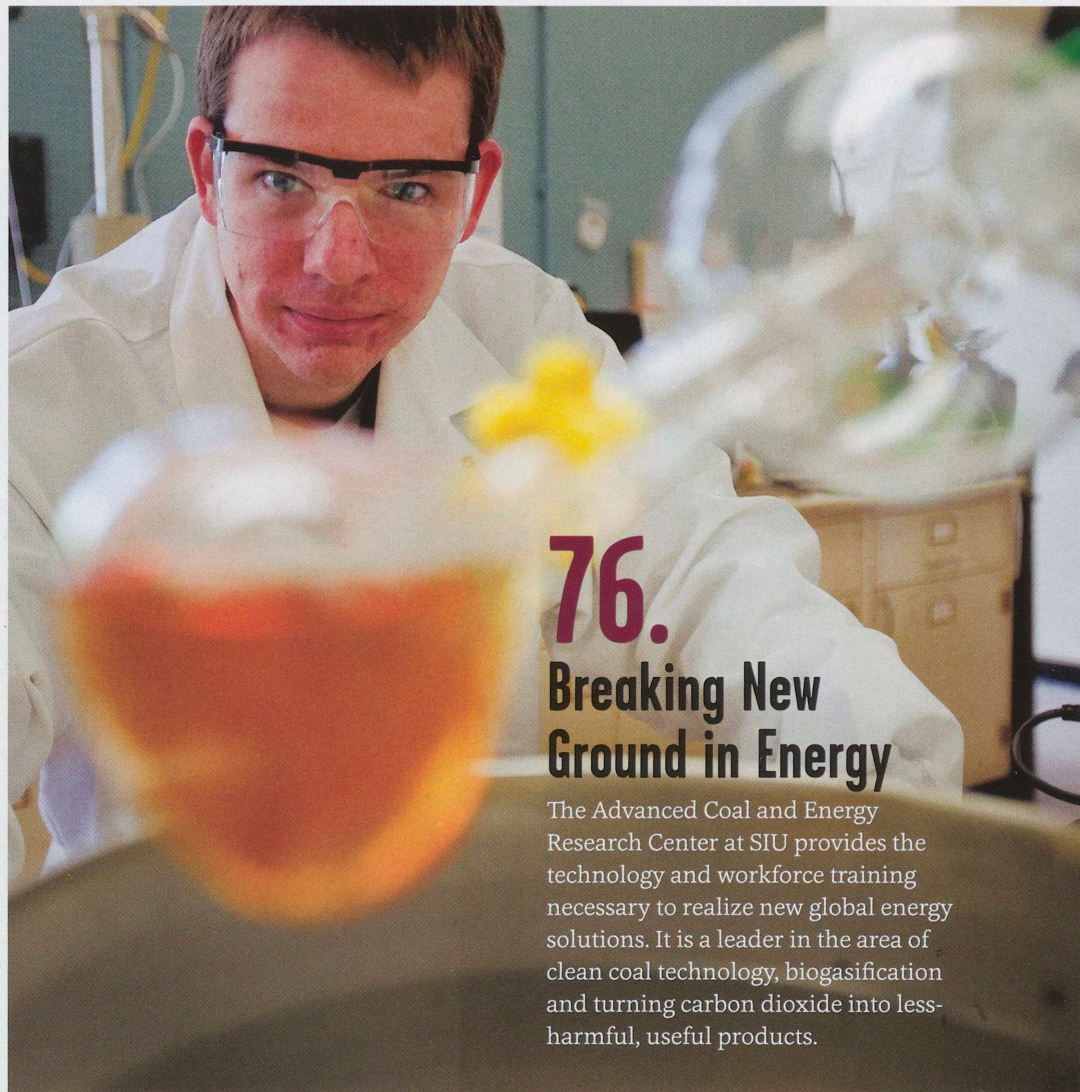
The National Science Foundation invested \$1 million in SIU this year to fund the Southern Illinois Energy Scholarship. The funding will be used to help students in the study of advanced energy solutions, such as smart grids, renewable energy, thermal systems and more.

74. Rural Schools

Honoring both SIU's beginnings as a teaching college and its modern mission of community outreach, the Rural Schools Initiative is a coordinated, universitywide effort to provide educational opportunity at schools in 29 counties of southern Illinois, where district financial resources often are stretched and students are underserved.

75. Clinical Center

Since 1958, the Clinical Center has been a training and research service unit of the university, open to students and the general public. The center provides various services, including neuropsychological evaluations and assessment for attention deficit disorder (ADD), speech counseling services and family counseling.



76. Breaking New Ground in Energy

The Advanced Coal and Energy Research Center at SIU provides the technology and workforce training necessary to realize new global energy solutions. It is a leader in the area of clean coal technology, biogasification and turning carbon dioxide into less-harmful, useful products.

77.

Embedded Technology

The National Science Foundation provides funding for one consortium of electronics research, and the home base for this effort is SIU. In collaboration with the Fulton School of Engineering at Arizona State University and private industries, SIU is testing the reliability and speed of microprocessors that run embedded systems found in all kinds of things. These systems are small enough to attach to a butterfly, but also complex enough to run a rocket ship.

78.

Real CSI Work

The Complex for Forensic Anthropology at SIU is one of just seven centers of its kind in the world. The center studies the rates and patterns of human decomposition. It's better if we don't go too far into the details, but just know the work done at the center helps advance anthropological and law enforcement crime scene practices.



80.

Big Muddy Film Festival



For 38 years, the Big Muddy Film Festival has highlighted the work of independent filmmakers from all over the world. The competition encompasses a variety of categories and consistently accepts nearly 100 film submissions each year. Film screenings are shown on and off campus, extending the festivities to community members throughout southern Illinois.

81.

ARC

When graduate students of SIU's applied psychology program wanted to raise money to attend conferences, they created their own research and consulting service. Applied Research Consultants offers data analysis and evaluation, survey design and research for businesses on everything from training programs and customer service to performance appraisals. Since forming, ARC has amassed a clientele that includes local community departments as well as Microsoft Corp.

82.

Shryock Auditorium

A jewel of SIU's beautiful "Old Campus," Shryock is a neoclassical building constructed in 1917 and named for SIU's fifth president, Henry Shryock. As a stage for symphonies, ballets and other productions, the auditorium also sports hand-cast shell and scroll decorative framing around the stage and a 9-ton pipe organ on the balcony, sporting 3,000 pipes.



79.

Debate Expertise

SIU has become a go-to resource for debate analysis via Todd Graham, director of the SIU Debate Team. CNN regularly taps Graham for analysis following primary and general presidential elections. The debate team itself is a champion outfit, having won national titles six out of the past nine years.

83.

Better Brews

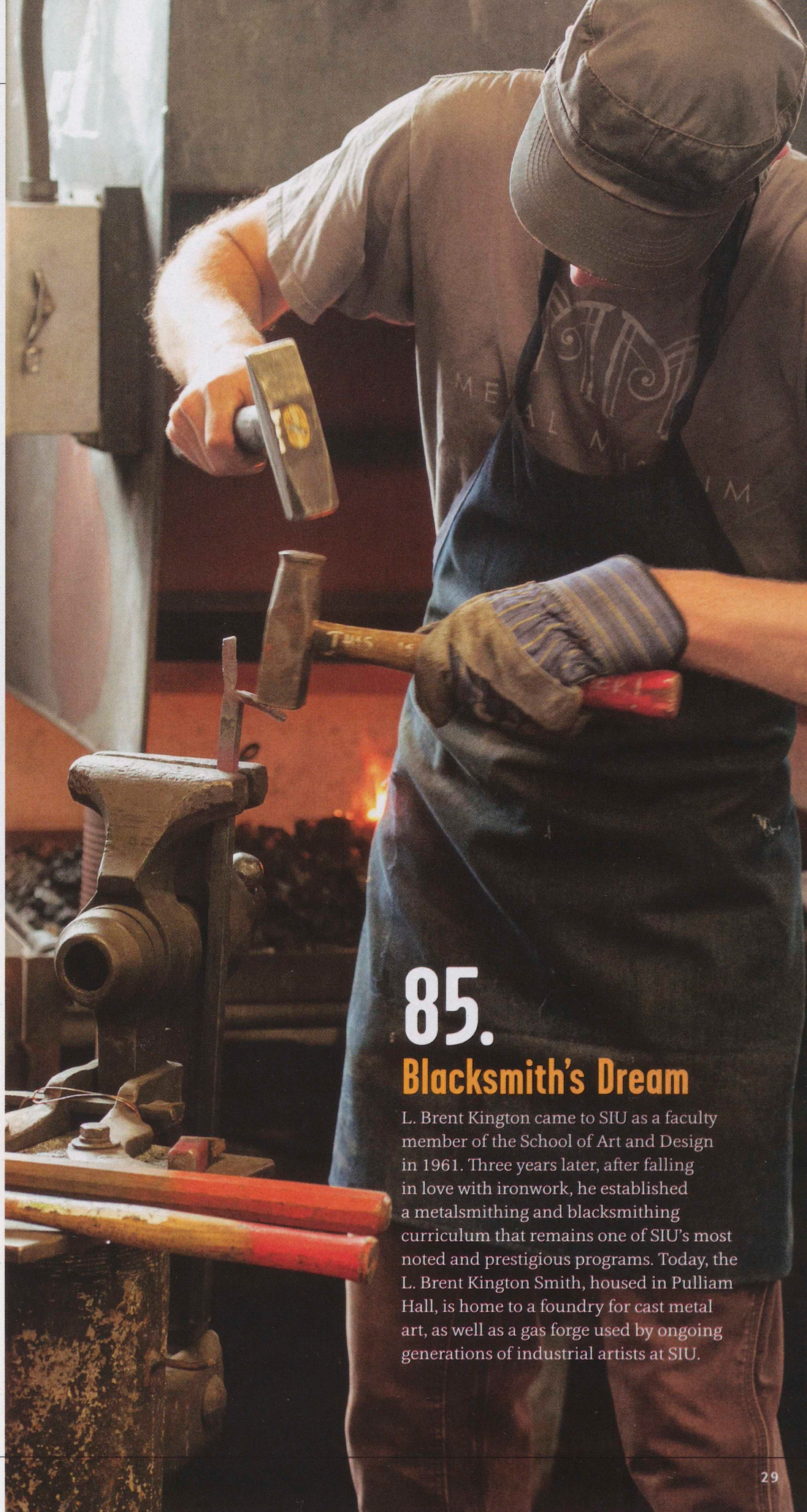


One of the university's newest bachelor's degree programs is in fermentation science. This interdisciplinary program is the only one in Illinois and among a select few in the United States. The program includes studies in wine and beer production, quality control for alcoholic beverages, and fermented elements in feedstocks and pharmaceuticals. SIU's Fermentation Science Institute also is a regional source for beer brewers and winemakers to have their products tested for quality and consistency.

84.

Wine Industry Partner

SIU has been a major partner in the advancement of the Illinois wine industry since the early 1980s. Not only do university researchers and faculty consult with vineyards statewide, but SIU has its own course dedicated to teaching students and consumers about the intricacies of tasting and judging wines from all over the world.



85.

Blacksmith's Dream

L. Brent Kington came to SIU as a faculty member of the School of Art and Design in 1961. Three years later, after falling in love with ironwork, he established a metalsmithing and blacksmithing curriculum that remains one of SIU's most noted and prestigious programs. Today, the L. Brent Kington Smith, housed in Pulliam Hall, is home to a foundry for cast metal art, as well as a gas forge used by ongoing generations of industrial artists at SIU.

86.

Pro Bono

The SIU School of Law was the first law school in Illinois to create a pro bono requirement for students. To get a law degree at SIU, students must complete 35 hours of attorney-supervised and -approved law-related work – uncompensated and for no academic credit – on behalf of regional residents in need of legal help. Legal clinics also have students working with faculty to help clients in civil, domestic violence and juvenile justice cases.



87.

Do It Yourself

The SIU School of Law was the first in the nation to create and house a self-help legal center.

89.

Field Experience

SIU students are getting out into the world to apply lessons learned in the classroom. Whether that's comparing organic and original coffee fields in Costa Rica, uncovering artifacts at the Kincaid Mounds in deep southern Illinois, learning about international business practices in Paris or studying rising magma chambers beneath Mammoth and Mono lakes in California, field experiences are trips of a lifetime for students to get up close and personal with their majors.

90.

RSOs

If you've got a particular interest or hobby, chances are there is a registered student organization at SIU to accommodate your pursuits. From the traditional Greek organizations to dance clubs to improv comedy, there are 300 RSO groups available to students.

88.

Best in Class

The law school also has been recognized by *National Jurist* magazine as a "Best School for Practical Training" and as a "Best Value Law School."



91.

The Wilds

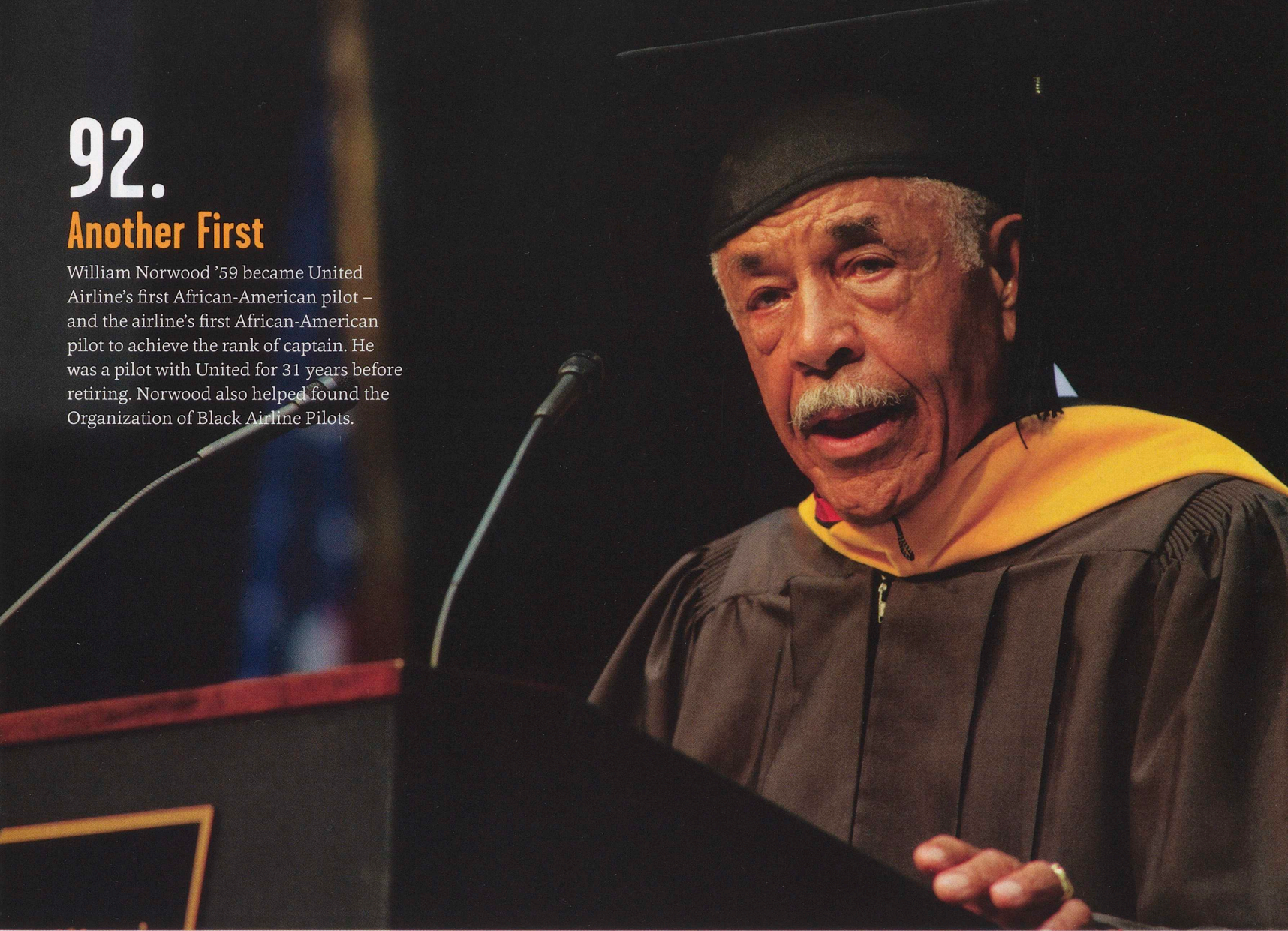


The Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory at SIU is training upcoming generations of wildlife managers, researchers and conservationists. Students and faculty of the lab are studying such things as the return of the river otter to Illinois and monitoring Texas horned lizards, among other ventures.

92.

Another First

William Norwood '59 became United Airline's first African-American pilot – and the airline's first African-American pilot to achieve the rank of captain. He was a pilot with United for 31 years before retiring. Norwood also helped found the Organization of Black Airline Pilots.



93.

Other Notable Alumni

SIU has a number of famous alumni to its credit, including Jim Belushi '78; Dennis Franz '68 of "NYPD Blue" fame; Bob Odenkirk '84 (Saul Goodman of "Breaking Bad" and "Better Call Saul"); Marcia Bullard '74, former CEO/editor/president of *USA Weekend*; and Dick Gregory '56, a comedian and civil rights activist.



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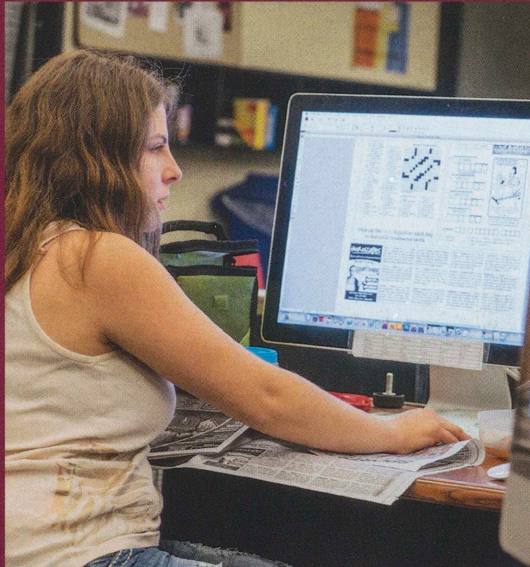
Saluki in Space

Joan Higginbotham '87 stands out on SIU's venerable list of alumni as the first Saluki in space! Higginbotham, a native of Chicago, was aboard NASA's Space Shuttle Discovery in December 2006. The mission included a rendezvous with the International Space Station. In addition to being the first – and, so far, only – SIU graduate to travel off of our planet, Higginbotham also was just the third African-American woman in space.

95.

Daily Egyptian

SIU's award-winning, student-led newspaper is celebrating 100 years in 2016. *The Daily Egyptian* (DE for short) has been the hands-on learning experience for thousands of print and multimedia journalists, covering proceedings, events and topics pertinent to campus life.



96.

"River Region Evening Edition"

For 47 years this student-produced television newscast, live from the WSIU-TV studios, has covered local news and trained students to be in front of (and behind) the camera. The program has won many state and national honors, including "Best Newscast," "Best Sportscast" and "Best Weathercast."



97.

"alt.news 26:46"

This student-run, alternative-news television magazine has earned 31 regional Emmys and seven College Television Awards by covering topics "too obscure for the 5 p.m. news." Its style and format have garnered praise near and far while giving students the chance to address unique topics in a creative format.



98.

Pulitzer Partner

The SIU School of Journalism has an ongoing partnership with the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, training upcoming journalists to report on global issues via fellowships. A recent example of its work has been reporting on children's homes for abandoned youths in El Salvador.

99.

WSIU

These public television and radio stations are jewels for SIU and for a community of viewers and listeners, who get access to National Public Radio and Public Broadcasting programming. The university has been connecting viewers and listeners for more than 50 years.

100.

Nationally Syndicated

"Celtic Connections," hosted by Bryan Kelso Crow and broadcast out of WSIU Radio, is a nationally syndicated radio program offering traditional and contemporary Celtic music.

101.

STEM Outreach

SIU is always looking for curious young minds in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. It hosts a number of events for hundreds of high school and grade-school students each year, inviting them to campus for activities that explore these subjects. Many return to enroll as students.

102.

Moonbuggy!

SIU has been a longtime competitor in NASA's Human Exploration Rover Challenge. This year, two university teams placed in the top 10, continuing a tradition of success. The competition entails hundreds of universities building human-powered, wheeled buggies for testing over obstacle courses.



103.

Fisheries and Aquaculture Labs

Rows of fish tanks, miles of new piping and an 8,000-gallon aquarium are all part of a new aquaculture laboratory under construction at SIU. The facility will hold hundreds of tanks for faculty and students to research fish - both marine and freshwater - for studies in ecology, aquaculture and conservation.

104.

Rehab Institute

SIU is home to one of the largest, most comprehensive university-based programs for rehabilitation in the country. Services offered include vocational, psychological and transitional services.

105. Alumni Wherever You Go

You can find a fellow Saluki just about anywhere. Don't believe us? Just try wearing an SIU hat in an airport! In fact, the SIU Alumni Association has dozens of chapters and alumni clubs across the country. Our largest and most successful groups are in Chicago and St. Louis, where each chapter has been hosting popular and well-attended Cubs-versus-Cardinals events for more than three decades.



107. Biggest. Gift. Ever.

The Truitt Wittman Academic and Training Center, connected to the SIU Arena, stands because of the largest single cash gift ever bestowed upon the university by a single donor. Pete Wittman '71 donated \$4.5 million in 2004 for the construction of the facility, which offers study and training space to student athletes at SIU, and for the creation of an athletics scholarship endowment. In addition to Wittman's name, the center also carries the name of his best friend in college, Kenny A. Truitt '71.

106. And Always Recruiting

Alumni are enthusiastic about SIU, and the university is tapping that pride to help in new student recruiting efforts. Alumni already are helping out at some events. You can, too, by visiting admissions.siu.edu.

108. Game On!

SIU provides one of the best undergraduate opportunities for game design, according to the *Princeton Review*. Through a joint effort between the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts and the School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies, students can get experience in game design and game art, as well as 2-D and 3-D animation.

109. Our Own Crowdfunding

Did you know about SalukiFunder? It's a new crowdfunding platform for SIU student groups, researchers and others seeking support for small but important projects. So far, projects supporting aviation and agricultural programs have received funding. Make your own contribution at salukifunder.siu.edu.

110. Marching Salukis

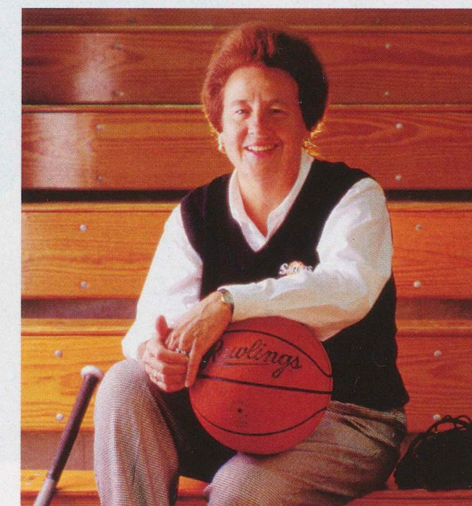
What's a football game or Homecoming parade without the Marching Salukis? Offering up a tradition of unexpected antics and great music, SIU's marching band has become the frontline of loud and proud Saluki spirit wherever its members go. Alumni of the Marching Salukis have been an official group within the SIU Alumni Association since 1989, hosting reunions each year.

111. Symphony Orchestra

The Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra has been a cultural staple of the campus community since 1903. Composed of faculty, students, community members and local professional musicians, the orchestra offers dozens of performances each year on and off campus.

112. A Trailblazer

Charlotte West, a pioneer in women's athletics, served the Saluki athletics program for 41 years and helped transform women's athletics. She coached five sports between 1957 and 1975 and was the first women's basketball coach in program history. West served as the SIU women's athletic director from 1974 to 1985 before becoming associate athletics director when the men's and women's athletic departments combined. SIU named its new softball stadium after West in 2003, and the NCAA named a room in its new national office building in Indianapolis in her honor in 2012.





113.

Family and Community Medicine

Imagine that you have asthma and live in dilapidated, low-rent housing. Now imagine that when you go to a medical clinic for your asthma, you also learn about healthier housing alternatives. The Department of Family and Community Medicine at the SIU School of Medicine received a five-year, \$2 million grant to launch a new training program that will help health professionals coordinate resources with other health and human services agencies to better address all of their patients' underlying health needs.

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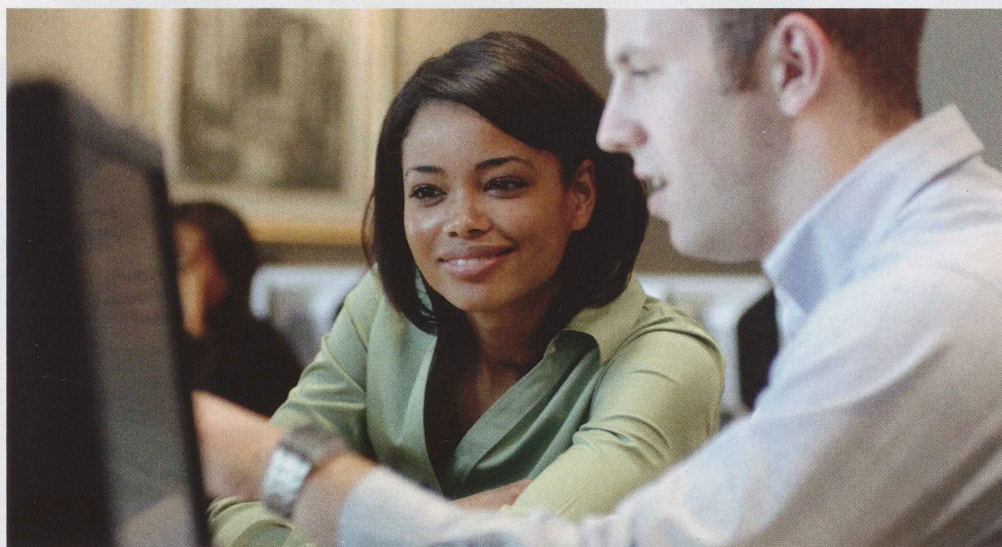
McNair Scholars

The McNair Scholars program supports students from underrepresented populations and first-generation students who want to pursue graduate work. The program offers opportunity through hands-on learning experiencing, networking and mentoring with professionals.

116.

Teaching and Learning

More than 55 percent of SIU graduate students pay for their education through teaching, research, and other assistantships and fellowships.



114.

Worldly Education

SIU typically enrolls more than 1,500 students from more than 100 countries around the world. Its doors have been open to international students since 1947. The Center for International Education serves as a resource and hub to help these students get acclimated to pursuing their education in the United States, along with other helpful advice.





117.

Skeletons in Our Closet

The Zooarchaeology Laboratory at SIU's Center for Archaeological Investigation contains more than 900 skeletons from 200 different species of Midwestern wildlife.

118.

Saving a Town's Future

SIU faculty, researchers and students have undertaken a project to move an entire town! The village of Olive Branch in deep southern Illinois historically has been plagued by repeat and devastating flooding, most recently in 2012. SIU, working with local officials, continues to help citizens and local officials through the federal government's steps to move the town to higher (and drier) ground.

119.

Understanding Oppression

Each February, SIU helps community members understand what it feels like to experience oppression and racism through an education program known as the "Tunnel of Oppression." Hosted by University Housing and the Black Togetherness Organization, the event has drawn visitors from hundreds of miles away in recent years.

120.

Great Places to Play

SIU athletes perform in some of the top facilities in the country. Newer facilities such as softball's Charlotte West Stadium (built in 2003), football's Saluki Stadium (2010), the renovated SIU Arena (2010), Lew Hartzog Track and Field Complex (2013) and baseball's Itchy Jones Stadium (2014) provide great experiences for all. An addition to the SIU Arena is the Boydston Center (2010), housing the Saluki football and basketball teams. It was named for Don Boydston, whose 15 years as athletics director from 1957 to 1972 produced one of the nation's most well-rounded athletics programs.





The Class of '65

Gives Back

BY REBECCA RENSHAW

Certain landmarks on campus serve as vivid testaments to SIU's history and traditions. The great Delyte Morris statue at Shryock Auditorium, and the statue of the Saluki that stands guard in front of the football stadium and SIU Arena, evoke nostalgia and enhance the landscape in which students live and learn.

“We’re trying to revive the idea of a 50-year anniversary class gift that would be everlasting.”

Yet one SIU iconic landmark rises above all others: The Paul and Virginia statue.

The statue of two small children was donated by the Class of 1887 and originally was located in the front of the entrance to Old Main, on the east side of the building. It was moved to the Stone Center following the burning of Old Main in 1969. A duplicate was cast in bronze and placed in the original fountain location between Shryock and Davies Gym, where the statue has stood since the 1970s. The original is still at the garden of the Stone Center.

In 2015, Class of 1965 representatives Michael Hanes, Phillip Pfeffer and Patti Elmore proposed restoring the statues as a class gift to the university. The SIU Foundation helped them solicit contributions from their fellow class members to fund the project.

More than \$20,000 has been donated so far.

“We’re trying to revive the idea of a 50-year anniversary class gift that would be everlasting,” Hanes says. “The idea of restoring the Paul and Virginia statue that generations of us connect with really appealed to us.”

With this project, they are hoping to restore both statues. The condition of the statues and the surrounding area have been of great concern for years. Issues include cracks in the bottom of the pools, as well as the crumbling stone walls that surround the fountains. SIU Physical Plant employees became involved in the project because they, like Hanes, Pfeffer and Elmore, recognized that repairs need to take place soon.

In recent months, the employees have been working hard to restore the statues, repair the stone walls and the fountain basin, install lighting systems and add a water recirculation system. Their goal is to have everything completed by Homecoming 2016.

Hanes said the members of the Class of 1965 are hopeful that, with the restoration, a time-honored tradition will again take root.

“Any time students were heading to class for tests on campus, they would throw a penny in the fountain for luck,” he says. “It’s a nostalgic memory to see the fountain. It has a great deal of whimsy, and it makes our hearts glad to know that generations will continue to see the bronze pair bestowing good luck upon us as they stand quietly in the center of campus.”

Saluki Pride at the Olympics

BY GENE GREEN

Within a mosaic of the best athletes in the world, Southern Illinois University's DeAnna Price shined brightly at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

The 2016 SIU graduate was the lone Saluki to make it to the finals of a given event, finishing eighth in the world in the hammer throw. Price threw 70.95 meters (232 feet, 9 inches) on her third attempt in the finals, while United States teammate Amber Campbell finished sixth with a mark of 72.74 meters (238 feet, 7 inches).

The duo became the first U.S. women to finish in the top eight in the event, with Campbell's effort the best ever by an American woman and Price's tied for third-best. Poland's Anita Wlodarczyk took home the gold in record-setting fashion, throwing 82.29 meters (269 feet, 11 inches).

Although their effort did not produce medals, it did produce celebration. The *Chicago Tribune* describes the scene:

Upon finishing their final tosses in the hammer throw, Southern Illinois University's

DeAnna Price and American teammate Amber Campbell linked arms and giddily skipped around the infield.

Campbell and Price, who finished sixth and eighth respectively, will not leave here with medals. But they'll walk away with their names entered in record books under the best performance by United States since the women's hammer throw became an Olympic event in 2000.

Though two Americans reached the finals at the Sydney Games 16 years ago, they finished seventh and eighth. By finishing slightly better in Rio, Price and Campbell say they hope they set a new American standard.

"So why not take a victory lap?" asked Price, who won two NCAA titles at SIU.

Price's performance marks the seventh time in SIU track and field history that a Saluki finished in the top eight at the Olympics. She is the first to do so since fellow Saluki and Team USA women's track and field head coach **Connie Price-Smith '85** finished fifth in the shot put at the 1996 Olympics

in Atlanta.

The games concluded a remarkable season for Price, who won her second NCAA hammer throw title and later captured bronze at the U.S. Olympic Trials to get to Rio. Her throw of 73.09 meters (239 feet, 9 inches) at the U.S. Olympic Trials was the farthest all-conditions throw in collegiate history.

Although being in the Olympics was an experience of a lifetime, Price hopes it is not the last time she represents her country.

"Hopefully this is not my last Olympic Games," says the Moscow Mills, Missouri, native. "I'm hoping to inspire younger girls that it's OK to be bigger and beautiful at the same time. You can have the best of both worlds, and be strong, beautiful and have a contagious personality. If you don't, what's life without fun, excitement and joy?"

"That's my Olympic experience – loving this game and loving who I am at the same time."

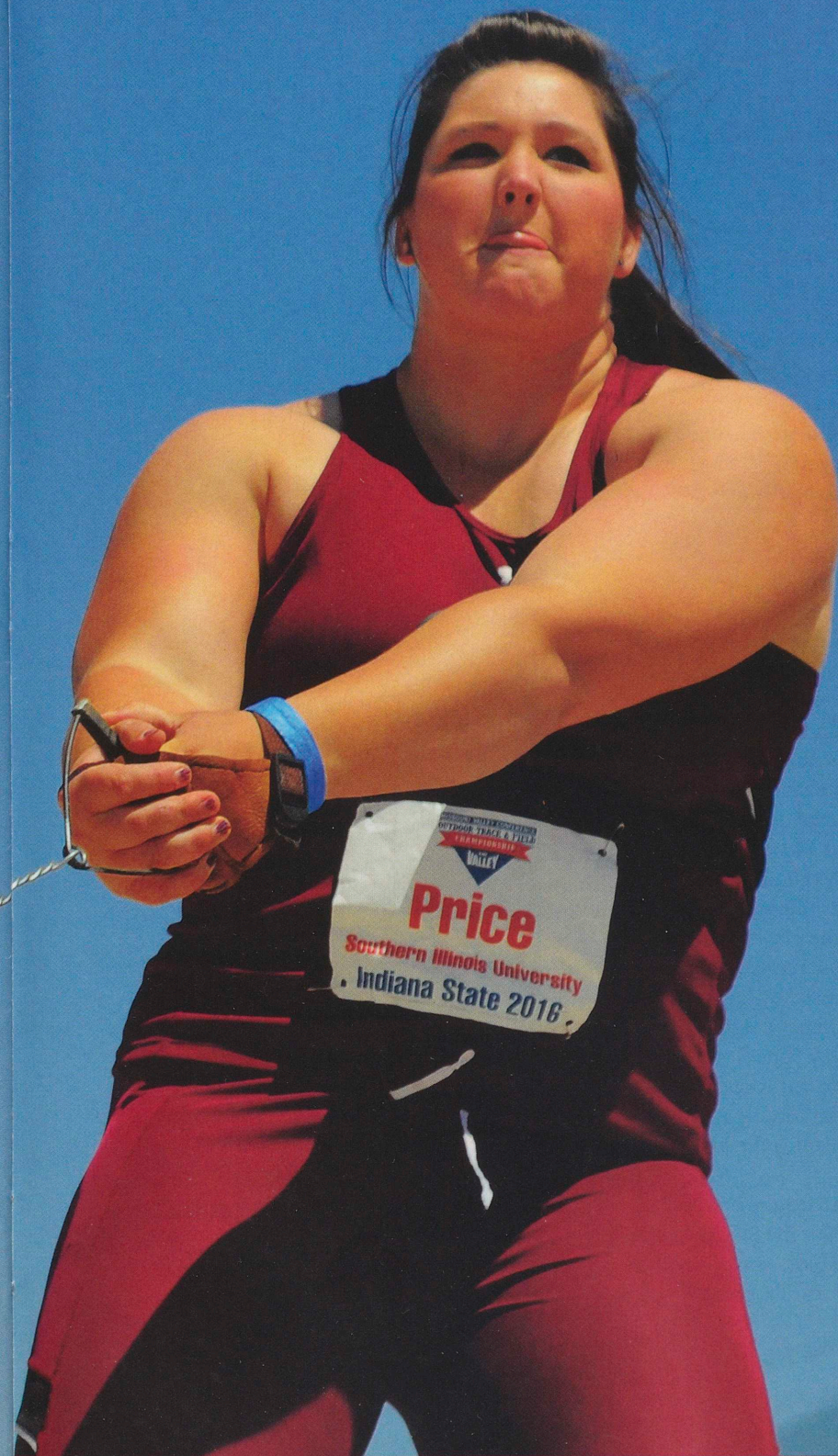


Photo: DeAnna Price became the first Saluki to finish in the top eight at the Olympics since Connie Price-Smith finished fifth in the shot put at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

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Other Salukis at the Games



Gwen Berry '11 did not advance in the hammer throw finals, finishing 14th overall with a mark of 69.9 meters (229 feet, 4 inches). The three-time All-American had qualified for the games after edging out Price for second place at the U.S. Olympic Trials. "I came to the Olympics with high expectations, but I'm certainly proud that I qualified for the games," Berry says. "It was an incredible experience to be a part of it all."

Bianca Stuart '09 finished 16th in the long jump. Competing for the Bahamas, she jumped 6.45 meters on her first attempt, 5.4 meters on her second and 6.39 meters on her third. Stuart, the national record holder in the long jump with a personal-best leap of 6.81 meters, was a two-time all-American at SIU and finished 18th in the long jump at the 2012 Olympics. She won the MVC indoor women's long jump title all four years at SIU and took the outdoor crown three times.

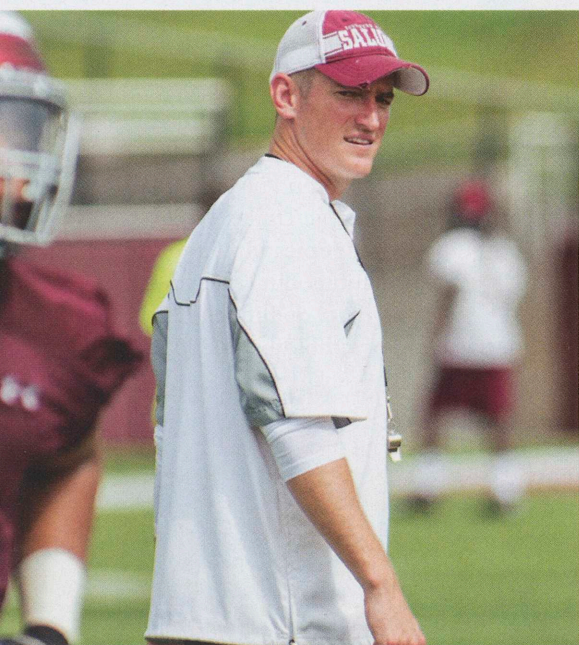


Connie Price-Smith '85, women's track and field head coach for Team USA, is also a four-time Olympian as an athlete. She was coaching in her third straight Olympics, serving as an assistant coach at the 2008 and 2012 games. During 14 seasons as head

coach at SIU, she led the Saluki women to four conference titles and finished a program-best ninth in the nation at the 2010 NCAA outdoor championships and 2015 NCAA indoor championships. She also directed the men to a pair of league titles.

New Coach, New Enthusiasm for Saluki football

BY GENE GREEN



When alumni return to SIU in October for the homecoming football game, a new look awaits. A new coaching staff, new enthusiasm – even a new helmet – ushers in the Nick Hill era at Saluki Stadium.

Hill, the former SIU standout quarterback and assistant, was named head coach on Dec. 23, replacing Dale Lennon. The DuQuoin, Illinois native joined the Saluki staff in 2014 and served as offensive coordinator last season.

Now he gets to call all the shots.

“I like our attitude; I like our team,” Hill says. “We have talented pieces to build around, but have to play hard all the time. Part of winning is getting that feeling of winning. It takes a class, a group, and sometimes year to make your program take off. We have to find the group that’s going to do that.”

In the Missouri Valley Football Conference (arguably the toughest league in the NCAA’s Football Championship Subdivision), the Salukis were picked eighth in the preseason poll. Considering that the conference features five-time national champion North Dakota State and five teams that were ranked in the top 25 when the season began, SIU’s selection was not surprising to Hill.

“We have many things to prove, and I understand that,” he notes. “I want our team to be hungry and get better as the season progresses. This is a young football team, but one with the talent to open some eyes as they mature.”

Hill has plenty of people who feel he can rebuild the program, including former teammate and NFL running back Deji Karim.

“Nick is a great leader because of the type of person he is,” Karim says. “He’s smart, and his core beliefs and values inspire everyone around him to improve. He has great relationships with current and former players, and I truly believe he will get SIU back on the right track.”

SIU, which returns 14 starters and 48 lettermen from a 3-8 squad, will be wearing new maroon helmets this season. A logo will be on one side and the player’s number on the other, providing a marked difference from black helmets used by Lennon’s teams.

“Maroon is the primary color of the institution, so in a way I guess you could say we are getting back to our roots,” explains SIU Athletics Director Tommy Bell. “I think the fans are going to enjoy the look it brings to the team.”

SIU opens the 2016 league season Oct. 1 at Northern Iowa. For the Saluki football schedule and player bios, as well as other intercollegiate team results, go to siusalukis.com.

Homecoming Game Oct. 22

Before the Salukis stunned 16th-ranked Youngstown State 38-31 last October, they had surprisingly dropped three of their last four homecoming games. SIU was 4-4 in these contests under former head coach Dale Lennon, who admittedly had big shoes to fill trying to match SIU Hall of Famer Jerry Kill’s perfect 7-0 record.

This year the Salukis host Indiana State University Oct. 22 at 2 p.m., as the homecoming game returns to daytime action after two years under the lights. Southern holds a 27-26 lead in the all-time series, and although SIU has won 10 of the last 13 games against their conference rivals, Indiana State has claimed wins at Saluki Stadium in both 2012 and 2014.

Alumni and friends will have plenty to do before the game begins at Saluki Stadium, as the homecoming parade begins at 10 a.m. in downtown Carbondale, followed by tailgating at a new location for Saluki Row, south of the stadium, under the SIU Tent, beginning at 11 a.m.

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event list for Homecoming
Week and Weekend at SIU.



Paying it Forward

BY REBECCA RENSHAW

We all know of power couples who have the influence to do big things in our world – and who make it a point to help those less fortunate.

SIU Carbondale takes pride and honor being associated with its own power couple, Paul and Jeanne Simon. Together they forged a new landscape for the university, the state and the country.

When Paul Simon, an Illinois Democrat, left the United States Senate in 1997, Jeanne Simon joined him on SIU's faculty as an adjunct professor of library affairs. They helped found and shape the agenda of the SIU Public Policy Institute.

In 1993, Jeanne Simon had been named chair of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, a post to which President Bill Clinton reappointed her in 1997. In that position she promoted literacy programs and financing for libraries.

"She was a pioneering figure in her own right and was considered a true trailblazer," says David Yepsen, director of what is now the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. "She

was one of the few women law students at Northwestern University, and one of the first female representatives in the General Assembly."

Jeanne Simon died in 2000; her husband continued their legacy until his death in 2003.

After Jeanne Simon's death, Carolyn Wagner Snyder, the former dean of SIU Library Affairs, sought a way to honor her longtime friend. Snyder helped establish the Jeanne Hurley Simon Memorial Scholarship, and in the last few months she and Delio Calzolari, associate director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, have worked tirelessly to raise commitments to endow the scholarship. Their small-but-dedicated team has raised more than \$60,000 so far.

The scholarship will honor Jeanne Simon's legacy by providing financial assistance, mentorship and other opportunities to Illinois students interested in public service careers.

Yepsen says that "in a very real way, this scholarship is an effort to keep Jeanne Simon's mission alive by 'paying it forward' for other young women who want to pursue public service as Jeanne did."

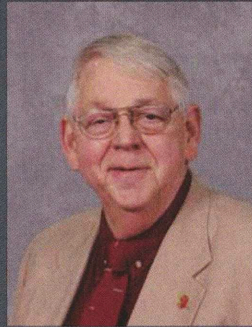
The first student to benefit from the scholarship is Shantel Franklin, a first-generation college student from Chicago.

"Since my freshman year, I have witnessed the Paul Simon Institute go above and beyond to provide opportunities for students," says Franklin, a political science major. "I am grateful to have been selected to be the inaugural recipient of this award honoring the remarkable life of Mrs. Jeanne Hurley Simon. I will benefit tremendously from the financial assistance of this scholarship."

PARSON, Dorothy B., '34
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GENTRY, Vera E., '35
5/14/2016, Toms River, N.J.
WILSON, Laurene, ex. '38
5/29/2016, Springfield, Illinois
WILKIN, Kathleen K., ex. '39
4/16/2016, Wichita, Kansas
MCNULTY, Martha, '42
6/09/2016, Norwood, N.Y.
BIAMA, Coral B., ex. '45
6/10/2016, Coulterville, Illinois
GATES, Jerry, ex. '45
5/31/2016, Tamaroa, Illinois
HANCOCK, Martha G., ex. '46
11/25/2016, Evansville, Indiana
SCHNEIDER, Virgil W., ex. '46
2/14/2016, New Athens, Illinois
EISENHAUER, Perry D., '48, M.S. Ed. '57
5/02/2016, Benton, Illinois
BAUER, Mary H., ex. '49
5/24/2016, Houston
BLUNT, Ethel M., ex. '49
5/21/2016, Cobden, Illinois
GUEBERT, Richard L., ex. '49
7/09/2016, Red Bud, Illinois
MILLER, Raleigh, ex. '49
5/24/2016, Irving, Texas
DUDENBOSTEL, Levern L., '50
6/13/2016, Amber, Pennsylvania
HOOVER, Frieda L., ex. '50
5/08/2016, Mansfield, Texas
KINMAN GAERIG, Ruth G., ex. '50
7/18/2016, Dearborn, Michigan
MCCURDY, James E., ex. '50
6/23/2016, Pinckneyville, Illinois
MILOSEVICH, Pete R., '50
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PINGOLT, Arthur A., '50
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REED, Patsy A., ex. '50
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CHILDRESS, James B., '51
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KEHDER, Richard E., ex. '51
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DEMATTEI, Mary J., '52
7/17/2016, Marion, Illinois
SCHIED, Marilee C., '52, M.S. Ed. '55
5/25/2016, Falls Church, Virginia
STOTLAR, Theodore K., ex. '52
7/31/2016, Benton, Illinois
PAYNE, Darwin R., '53, M.F.A. '55, '96
7/30/2016, Carbondale, Illinois
REMES, Virginia M., ex. '53
7/11/2016, Fort Smith, Arkansas
GEORGIEFF, Venita, '54
7/12/2016, Zeigler, Illinois
PIERCE, Carolyn S., '54
4/15/2016, Johnsburg, Illinois
BRILEY, Kathryn W., '55, M.S. Ed. '57, Ph.D. '71
7/02/2016, Benton, Illinois
GARNER, Harold E., '55, M.S. Ed. '60
5/10/2016, St. Augustine, Florida
REED, Marilyn E., ex. '55
6/03/2016, Belleville, Illinois
SMITH, Carolyn F., ex. '55
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THOMPSON, Lynda L., ex. '55
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ANDERSON, John O., ex. '56
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DUNCAN, Frederick H., '56
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DUNNING, Charles M., '56, M.S. Ed. '58
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SANDERS, Eugene T., '56
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ASHLEY, Edgar C., ex. '57
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HILL, Melvin L., '57
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TUTT, Billy D., '58
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6/12/2016, Bloomington, Illinois
FRY, Allen D., '59
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MILLER, Jocelyn J., '60
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SHUKITES, Charles W., ex. '60
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SWANSON, Mary C., M.S. '60
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BONFIGLIO, Gerald T., '61
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HAWKINS, Reuben T., '61, M.S. Ed. '69
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KAMM, Bernice M., '61
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WILKERSON, Dennis L., '61, M.A. '62
6/01/2016, Apache Junction, Arizona
YANDELL, Donald R., '61, M.S. Ed. '67
5/25/2016, Tunnel Hill, Illinois
DREAS, John S., '62
7/22/2016, Caseyville, Illinois
HAMPLEMAN, Claude A., M.S. Ed. '62
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MOORE, Thermon E., '62
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WILLIS, Warren K., '62, M.S. '64
7/12/2016, Marion, Illinois
HASSINGER, Kathryn M., ex. '63
6/27/2016, Norman, Oklahoma
MOORE, Francis C., '63, M.A. '65
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NELLIS, Faye L., '63
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POWELL, Ilda N., '63, M.S. Ed. '66
6/09/2016, Marion, Illinois
STACHURA, John F., M.S. '63
5/17/2016, North Myrtle Beach, S.C.
BUCKNER, John R., '64
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COOPER, David L., '64, M.S. '67
5/01/2016, New Burnside, Illinois
VANDERHORST, James R., '64, M.A. '67
7/01/2016, Lynden, Washington
WACHTEL, John E., '64
5/12/2015, Elgin, Illinois
BELLAYER, H. L., '65, M.S. Ed. '71
5/10/2016, Carbondale, Illinois
GOODSON, Robert L., ex. '65
6/14/2016, Highland, Illinois

Longtime Board Member Keel Passes Away



Retired Air Force Col. Lowell C. Keel '66, a life member and longtime director on the SIU Alumni Association's national board, died Aug. 5 in Tullahoma, Tennessee. He was 74.

Keel had been on the board of directors since 2002, beginning as an alumni representative of the College of Engineering and later serving on the executive committee and as a member at-large. He graduated from Southern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in applied science in 1966 and went on to earn a master's degree in aeronautical engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. His wife, Mary, a 1964 SIU graduate, is also a life member of the Association.

Keel spent 25 years in the Air Force, retiring in 1990. After that, he continued to work in aeronautical engineering with Micro Craft Inc., Calspan, AEDC and ATK GASL. His projects included aircraft such as the F 111A, A-10 and the X43-A, which set a world record for speed in 2004. Keel also was involved in the early development of remote-piloted vehicles used in conflicts in the Middle East.

Awards Keel received during his career included the Department of Defense Superior Service Medal, the 2007 AIAA Hap Arnold Award for Excellence in Aeronautical Program Management, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal and the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, as well as three NASA group achievement awards.

IRISH, Rita P., '65, M.S. Ed. '72
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JONES, Paul D., M.A. '65
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PROCK, John W., '65
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RAGSDALE, Calvin E., '65
6/15/2016, Green River, Wyoming
RENAUD, Milton L., M.S. '65
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SMITH, Dwight A., '65
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DORRIS, Mary E., '66
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HALBROOK, Carol S., '66
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HALL, Sharon G., '66, M.S. Ed. '83
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LIU, Shu-Hsien, Ph.D. '66
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MCNAIR, Leon M., '66
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WATKINS, Clifford E., M.M. '66, Ph.D. '75
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BERDZAR, Peter F., '67
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DIEMER, Sonny G., '67
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MCCORMICK, William C., '67
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QUAYLE, James A., '67
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WERTH, Laurel E., '67
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HARPER, Donald E., '68
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HARRIS, Marvin E., '68
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KOZUCH, Richard F., '68
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MAGRUDER, James E., M.A. '68, Ph.D. '73
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PORBECK, John O., M.M. '68
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WIESE, Arthur E., M.S. '68
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ADAMS, Leland L., '69
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ATTEBERRY, Steven R., '69
11/04/2016, Granite City, Illinois
CHURCH, Russell T., M.A. '69
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PLUNKETT, Paul H., '69
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CARPENTER, Roy L., '66, M.A. '70
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PAPPELIS, Kathryn '70
5/20/2016, Boca Raton, Florida
SENKA, Frank M., '70
7/22/2016, Christopher, Illinois
STRANGE, Larry E., '70, '74
3/30/2016, Louisville, Illinois
WILLIAMS, Emma L., '70, M.S. Ed. '83
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MAYFIELD, W. T., '71
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SEWELL, Robert G., '71
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BUTLER, John G., '72

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DELAY, Deborah K., '72
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GEISZLER, Kristy L., '72
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SCHOCH, J. Tedd, '72
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TRIMMER, Thomas T., '72
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HORSLEY, Charles E., '74
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PALEK, Charles H., '74
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SLOAN, Blanche C., Ph.D. '74
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BAILEY, Christine P., '75
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DRUMM, Peter F., '75
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FOLLIOT, Maurice A., '75
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GOESMANN, Dennis D., '75
 5/25/2016, Carlinville, Illinois
MCCLINTOCK, David M., '75
 5/11/2016, Nashville, Illinois
MONTGOMERY, Paula J., '75
 6/11/2016, Rockford, Illinois
PERYAM, Kenneth F., '75
 4/16/2016, East Peoria, Illinois
ROWE, Kevin D., '75
 5/05/2016, Lake St. Louis, Missouri
VANHORN, Michael K., '75
 6/12/2016, Carterville, Illinois
KASIK, Paul S., '76
 8/08/2015, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
MERRILL, Carol A., '76
 6/07/2016, Springfield, Illinois
OLD, Joe E., M.A. '76
 7/22/2016, El Paso, Texas
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 7/12/2016, Goose Creek, S.C.
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 4/18/2016, Pensacola, Florida
DALY, Thomas P., '84, M.S. Ed. '86
 7/01/2016, Olathe, Kansas
RUBIN, Chad A., '85, M.D. '89
 7/03/2016, Columbia, S.C.
GREEN, Bailey F., '87
 6/02/2016, Tacoma, Washington
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BAGGETT, John F., '94
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MUETH, Melanie R., '94, M.D. '99
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BLACKETTER, James E., '96
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CROSBY, Aaron J., '96
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ROLFE, Everett L., '96
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SPANGLER, Kristina '96
 6/27/2016, Bremerton, Washington
FULGHAM, Carolyn F., '99
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FETTEROLF, Rodney B., J.D. '00
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FICHTEL, Derek F., '00
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COOGAN, Timothy M., '02
 6/06/2016, Carterville, Illinois
HUFF, Pamela S., M.S. Ed. '02
 7/06/2016, Flora, Illinois
PARTON, Julie A., '02
 7/20/2016, Carrier Mills, Illinois
KRANAWETTER, Betty J., '03
 7/21/2016, Ava, Illinois
SMITH, Matthew M., '04
 4/24/2016, Des Plaines, Illinois
HARPER, Mark J., '05
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SIMPKINS, Jill H., J.D. '05
 7/03/2016, Collinsville, Illinois
SLOAN, Jonathan A., '05
 7/30/2016, West Frankfort, Illinois
GRAY, James H., '08, M.S. Ed. '11
 7/26/2016, Waukegan, Illinois

Former SIU Swimming Coach Essick Dies



Ray Essick, the first USA Swimming executive director and head coach at SIU from 1966 to 1973, passed away this summer. Last year he was named one of the 30 most influential people within the sport of swimming. He was 82 when he died at his home in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Essick's coaching career spanned 22 years, including stints at Lake Forest Swim Club, New Trier High School, SIU and Harvard University.

He led the Salukis to seven appearances at the

NCAA national championships, finishing in the top 20 each time, with 21 of his swimmers named as All-Americans.

At SIU, Essick was named NCAA Coach of the Year in 1972. He then moved his talents to Harvard University, where he lost one meet during his tenure. The former SIU coach was inducted into the American Swim Coaches Association Hall of Fame last year.

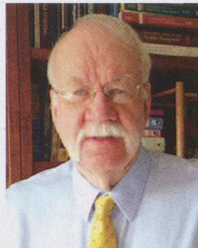
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 Faculty, Lecturer
 Physics
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DALZELL, Maryanne H., '83
 Civil Service, Senior Library Specialist
 Library Affairs
 6/30/16, St. Augustine, Florida
FAINGOLD, Carol A.
 Civil Service, Office Administrator
 Medical Humanities – SMS
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GEYERMAN, Christopher B.
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KNAPP, Don E.
 Administrative/Professional Staff, Physician
 Student Health Center
 6/12/2016, Benton, Illinois
KNEWITZ, Robert H., '60, M.S. Ed. '64, S.P. '65
 Faculty, Instructor
 Office of Teacher Education
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 Civil Service, Office AdministratorDepartment of
 Public Safety
 6/30/2016, Murphysboro, Illinois
SHAW, Glenn A.
 Graduate Assistant, Research Assistant
 Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
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1950s

JAMES FRANKLIN SHARP '56

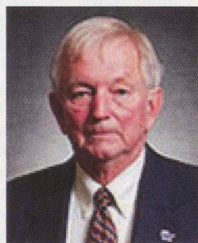
is establishing the annual Sharp Outstanding Teach Award in Finance at SIU. Sharp, a student from 1954 to 1956 in the pre-engineering program, is the founder of SHARP



SEMINARS In NY, a major provider of training to Wall Street analysts and portfolio managers. He has written 36 books ranging on subjects from statistics, accounting, bond analysis, and options and futures analysis.

1960s

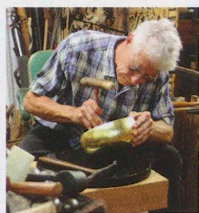
MICHAEL PRATTE '65 has been elected vice president of the Missouri School Boards Association.



Pratte is a teacher, coach and administrator of 36 years, as well as a local board member of

the Gasconade County R-1 School District in Hermann, Missouri. He holds a place in the Missouri Amateur Baseball and Greater St. Louis Amateur Baseball halls of fame. Pratte earned five varsity letters at SIU in baseball and basketball. He was captain of the '64 baseball team, which won the university's first NCAA baseball regional.

GARY NOFFKE '69 has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of North American Goldsmiths. The award, the highest honor given by the association, was bestowed on Noffke at the group's annual



conference. He is a blacksmith, coppersmith, silversmith, goldsmith and toolmaker, and is known for his originality and achievements in technically difficult creations. Noffke pioneered research into hot forging and the introduction of new alloys in his work. He is retired from teaching at the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia.

1970s

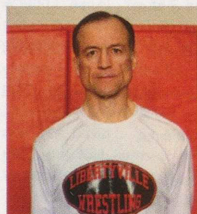
KATHY BEST '79 has been named editor of the *Missoulian* and the *Ravalli Republic* in

Montana. Best is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and previous editor and vice president

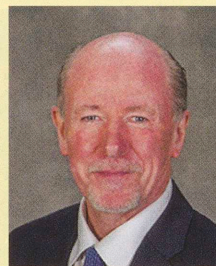


for news at the *Seattle Times* in Washington. Best's career also spans positions at newspapers in Illinois, Maryland and Missouri. She is also a member of the Journalism Advisory Board with the SIU College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.

DALE EGGERT '79 recently was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame – Illinois Chapter.



Eggert was a member of the Saluki wrestling team from 1974 to 1978. He has been a wrestling coach with Libertyville High School for 39 years, as well as a retired health education teacher of 33 years.



Clark Named Business Dean

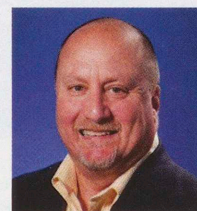
TERRY CLARK, PH.D. '80 is the new dean of the SIU College of Business. He was appointed to the post in July by the university's board of trustees. Clark has been a member of the faculty in the college's marketing school since 1999. He also served as chair of his department for

roughly a decade. Before returning to SIU, Clark held positions at the University of Notre Dame and Emory University.

Clark says he is working toward helping the college accomplish goals, despite the rough state of public universities.

Clark has earned several teaching awards during his tenure, including the College of Business Outstanding Teacher of the Year in 2009 and 2014, as well as spots on the Teaching Honor Roll in 2004 and 2008. He has done research in corporate governance, marketing strategy and international marketing.

DEAN ELKINS '79 recently was given the Engelberger Robotics Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Robotics Industries Association.



Elkins received the award in June during a ceremony in Munich, which was held in conjunction with the 47th International Symposium on Robotics and AUTOMATICA, the International Trade Fair for Automation and Mechatronics. Elkins earned the award for his robotics industry leadership. He is a senior general manager for Yaskawa Electric America, Motoman Robotics Division. His work includes longtime volunteer service work with the Association for Advancing Automation.

1980s

SHERYL CHISENHALL '85 is the new managing editor of *The Charlotte Observer* in North Carolina. She began her new assignment in June. Chisenhall was editor and senior vice president/news of *The Wichita*



Eagle in Kansas. She had worked for the Kansas paper since 2000. In addition,

Chisenhall is a trustee of the William Allen White Foundation, which supports the journalism school at the University of Kansas, as well as a member of the advisory board of the Elliott School of Communication at Wichita State University.

JONATHAN LEVINE '84 has been named to *Billboard* magazine's "2016 Nashville Power Players List."



Levine co-heads the Nashville, Tennessee, division of Paradigm Talent Agency. He is credited with

helping acts such as alt-country singer Sturgill Simpson become commercially successful. *Billboard* is a leading music industry publication that tracks performers, songs and the music business.

KELLI MCCORMACK BROWN, PH.D. '87 has been named interim president of Valdosta State University in Georgia. Her appointment took effect June 1. Brown had been the provost and vice president for academic affairs at Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, Georgia. She also has held various administrative and teaching positions at other universities in Illinois and Florida. Brown will serve as interim president of VSU as the university conducts the search for a permanent replacement.



1990s

DIANE COMPARDO '91, '92 has been named to *Barron's* list of "Top Women Financial Advisors



in the U.S." Compardo, who works with Moneta Group in Missouri, was the only woman from her home state to earn the recognition. *Barron's* annually ranks 100 female advisors across the nation, based on the volume of assets overseen, team performance and revenue generated. Compardo, who has been with Moneta since 1997, leads her own advisory group, the Compardo Team, which oversees \$810 million in assets. In 2014, Compardo was named to the *Financial Times'* list of top 100 women advisors in the United States.

2000s

STACEY HOGUE '01 recently was appointed chief financial officer and vice president for finance at Pulaski Technical College in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Her appointment took effect July 1. Hogue was the vice president of finance at Pulaski Tech for more than two years. Prior to that, she held various financial positions at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

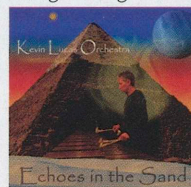


KARIE HOLLERBACH, PH.D. '04 was selected to participate in the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's Institute for Diverse Leadership in Journalism and Communication. She is one of eight AEJMC members chosen nationwide to participate in the conference, which takes place in August. Hollerbach is professor and chair of the department of mass media at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

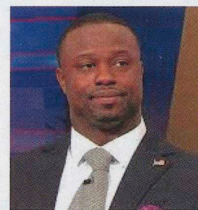


ELIZABETH KURMAN '00 has been promoted to director of global events for Under Armour, which is based out of Baltimore. Under Armour is one of the leading international brands in athletic wear and gear. Kurman has held positions with two National Football League teams: the Baltimore Ravens and the Cleveland Browns.

KEVIN LUCAS '02, '04 recently won the 2016 American Songwriting Award in the Adult Alternative category. Winners were announced in June. Lucas won with his song titled "New World Orchestra," which is featured on the album "Echoes in the Sand" by the Kevin Lucas Orchestra.



BART SCOTT '06 has launched a financial literacy program for pro football players. Scott is a former Saluki football player and NFL linebacker with the New York Jets and Baltimore Ravens. He retired as an NFL player in 2012 and is entering his third season as co-host of "The NFL Today" on CBS. Scott will be partnering with Morgan Stanley to help prepare current pro football players for retirement and to avoid financial pitfalls.



SAMUEL WHEELER, PH.D. '08 has been named state historian by the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. Wheeler, an expert on the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln, has worked at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum as a research historian since 2013. In his new role, he will direct research and collections at the library, as well as efforts to educate the public about Illinois' history and heritage. Wheeler is the state's



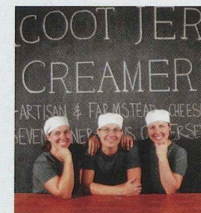
10th historian. He was a lecturer at Southern Illinois University.

2010s

SHIMIN LIU, PH.D. '12 has been named the inaugural Joseph Kreutzberger Early Career Professor in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences at Penn State University. The position is an endowed professorship intended to encourage and support young faculty in energy and mineral engineering. The professorship will provide Liu and his research group support to continue study into coal mine gas control, coal bed methane reservoirs, shale gas development and carbon storage.



ELIZABETH MARCOOT '12 is celebrating the sixth anniversary of Marcoot Jersey Creamery.

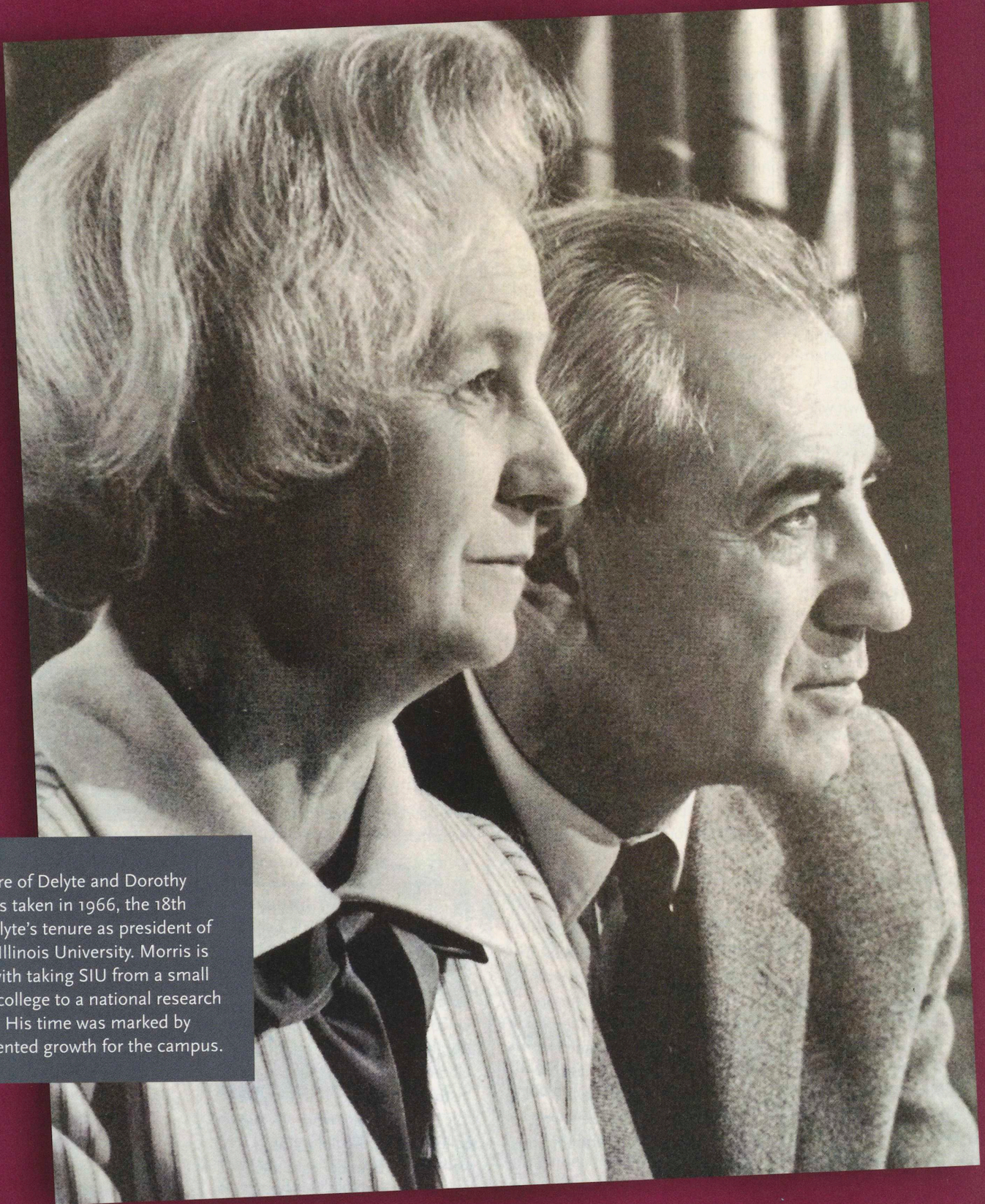


Located in Greenville, Illinois, Marcoot and her sister, Amy, took over the creamery from their father and have turned it into one of the most popular agritourism destinations in the region. The creamery produces 16 types of cheese but also bottles milk from about 70 cows the sisters keep on the farm.


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50 YEARS AGO...



This picture of Delyte and Dorothy Morris was taken in 1966, the 18th year of Delyte's tenure as president of Southern Illinois University. Morris is credited with taking SIU from a small teacher's college to a national research university. His time was marked by unprecedented growth for the campus.



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