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TOP: Alex McVicker, SIU pre-med student, visits with donor, Mary Rendleman.



RIGHT: Donors and students gather during the 2016 Scholarship Breakfast program.

Some of the best and brightest students attended the third annual SIU Scholarship Academic Breakfast and Program, held Oct. 28, 2016, at the SIU Student Center Ballrooms. More than 375 students came to the morning event dressed in their finest to say thanks to their donors.

SIU staff welcomed the students and the 116 donors who traveled to attend the scholarship breakfast program from locales such as Florida, California, Illinois, North Carolina and Texas. Vice Chancellor Jim Salmo kicked off the program by introducing Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell and Roger Tedrick, president of the SIU Foundation, who both gave a warm welcome to the 500 attendees.

“Each student has a different story to tell – and the donors have an impact on that story. It’s a great connection.”

- Jim Salmo, vice chancellor for development and alumni relations

Donors Marsha and Gary Bertrand, who are longtime supporters of SIU, then addressed the crowd by sharing their story of how they were raised in a modest, small Illinois farming community, and how SIU provided Marsha Bertrand with the foundation necessary to become a successful writer. The couple shared their commitment to supporting young people in similar circumstances through gifts to SIU.

Avona Greene, a third-year SIU health care management major, spoke on behalf of all the student recipients. Her speech eloquently described how the scholarships she received influenced her educational

experience at SIU, and how important it is to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

“This is probably the most widely attended event for our donors,” Salmo said. “They enjoy meeting the student recipients of their scholarships, hearing their stories and establishing a relationship. Each student has a different story to tell – and, as they do, the donors end up becoming part of the student’s story. It’s a great connection.”

Alex McVicker, a senior in the SIU pre-med program, attended the breakfast as a recipient of the Dr. David and Mary G. Rendleman Pre-Med Scholarship. The scholarship’s surviving donor, Mary Rendleman, was not able to attend the breakfast, so McVicker decided to offer her thanks in person. Arriving at Rendleman’s Carbondale home after the program, McVicker brought her benefactor a card and flowers.

“I just wanted to express my thanks to her in person,” McVicker said. “This is the fourth year I have received this scholarship, and I never had the opportunity to meet her face to face. I wanted to let her know how much this opportunity has meant to me.”

Rendleman was similarly touched by McVicker’s visit. “Meeting Alex and hearing about her plans was so refreshing,” Rendleman said. “Alex is a promising young woman who has maintained a perfect 4.0 grade point average. She also has a desire to someday serve as a physician in rural Illinois, which is exactly the type of student Dr. Rendleman envisioned when he created this scholarship. The way she delivered her thanks made me feel wonderful. I won’t ever forget her appreciation.”

The scholarship breakfast was a wonderful opportunity for scholarship recipients to meet the generous donors who have helped them pay for their college education. Recipients were able to see that the names behind the scholarships are people just like themselves who have a love of education and SIU alike.

If you would like to make a gift through your estate or some other gift-planning option, please contact Pat Moline at 618/453-4947 or patm@foundation.siu.edu.



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Caleb Hale '02, Editor



Don't Stop At 120; Keep Telling SIU's Story

If the demand for extra copies was any indicator, then it seems the fall edition of *SIU Alumni* went over well with many alumni and friends of Southern Illinois University.

In case you missed it, the SIU Alumni Association took the occasion of its 120th anniversary (and the annual all-alumni magazine mailing) as an opportunity to give readers "**120 Remarkable Reasons SIU Makes Its Alumni Proud.**" This extended feature was a tour of 120 things – be they points of pride, history or just the odd quirk – that make SIU a place alumni and students celebrate.

If you missed the print copy of the magazine, I'm sorry to tell you we don't have extras, but I'd urge you to visit the Association's website at sialumni.com to download the digital version, which will remain accessible to everyone.

While the article was a fun and quick romp through many points that make SIU special, it was by no means exhaustive. The fact is there are far more than 120 reasons why this university matters to alumni and students – and to the world, too.

So why stop there?

If there's one thing you took from this feature, hopefully it inspired you to share your own SIU story. Our hundreds of thousands of alumni each have several poignant tales related to their time with SIU, whether that was on campus, at one of the Extended Campus locations across the country, and now even online. This university's story is growing every minute, every hour and every day through the lives it touches.

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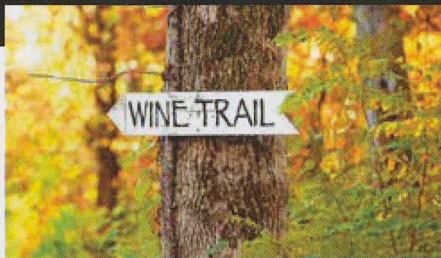
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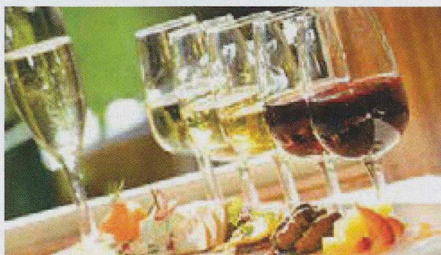
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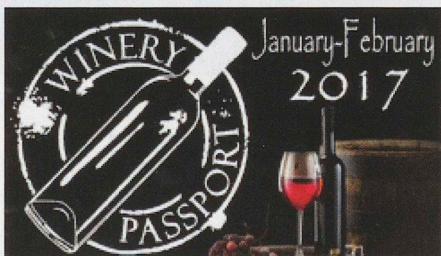
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David Hay
Via Alumni Association Facebook Page

I'm so grateful for every moment I had at #SIUC I met some of my best friends in college. I created lifelong friendships. #SIUC 4life!

Durrell Grove (@lamdgrove)
Via Twitter



The colors of SIUC campus in the fall were always beautiful. Loved going to school there back in 1982.

Billy Mcglone
Via Alumni Association Facebook Page



Take full advantage of everything you are offered. Work hard and soak it all in. You will look back at these years as some of the most productive, growth-oriented, rewarding years of your life. My experience at Southern in the '70s has had a positive affect on my life to this day!

David Hay
Via Alumni Association Facebook Page



Thompson point is a beautiful place to live while at SIU. I lived there two years back in the late 70s. ... SIU is academically the greatest, and the campus is more than beautiful. The entire area of Southern Illinois is gorgeous. If you are a new student at SIU, be sure to check out the surrounding area, get out of C'dale on the weekends and explore the beautiful nature areas. You will be impressed. Good luck to all the new freshmen starting their academic life at SIU. :-)

Bonnie Pritchard
Via SIU Facebook page

"Homecoming week @SIUC! Really excited to come back to C'dale Saturday and take in all the events. @SIUAlumni"

Mr. Michael (@mrmichael21)
Via Twitter

"I am so proud of my younger cousin. She was admitted into @SIUC! Go, Dawgs!" #Salukilove"

Marty Murray Jr. (@martyurrayjr)
Via Twitter



"One of my favorite spots. I miss SIU."

Blake Mangalavite
Via Instagram

CAMPUS MOMENT

The practice field south of the football stadium was the new home for Saluki Row tailgaters this football season. An elevated view of the Homecoming tailgate area shows a couple thousand loyal alumni and Saluki fans gathered before the team took on the Indiana State Sycamores.



No White Flags

Shelly Hoover '88, M.S. Ed. '91, was diagnosed with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) in 2013. Nearly four years later, the SIU alumna has become an advocate for patients suffering from the disease – and a voice that refuses to cave to despair.

BY CALEB HALE



Acceptance is no word for someone with ALS. By the time you “accept” you have ALS, it may have already taken your ability to walk or even stand. About the time you “accept” that, you may lose some or all range of motion in your arms. By the time you “accept” that, your hands may stop working. By the time you’ve come to terms with your complete inability to move, ALS may rob you of the words you could once speak. And by the time you’ve “accepted” that, you may soon find yourself unable to swallow or breathe unassisted.

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis – or Lou Gehrig’s disease – is a disease of the nervous system that progressively weakens, and eventually shuts down, the muscles that allow the body to function. No two cases are alike. Some people experience symptoms starting in the limbs, while others are almost immediately affected in the brain or respiratory system. It can kill in as little as 18 months, or slowly progress over a range of years. In a handful of extreme cases, people can live with ALS for decades, such as theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking, who was diagnosed at 21 but has lived beyond the age of 74.

ALS is a disease that tests human resolve. Patients can easily fall into depression, alcoholism, and even suicide. It can put families into poverty; the average cost of treatment can exceed \$200,000 per year.

For Shelly Hoover ’88, M.S. Ed. ’91, who was given her terminal diagnosis in 2013, she describes ALS as a “disease of constant loss.”

“You are constantly losing the ability to do something you could previously do independently,” she says.

In that way, “acceptance” is a difficult term to apply. The rest of her life isn’t going to happen the way she originally planned, but that doesn’t mean she’s given up.

It’s been more than four years since Hoover first started showing signs of ALS. She can no longer walk and has lost some mobility in her arms. Her husband, Steve – who completed a degree from Southern Illinois University in May – quit work and helps care for her full time.

Hoover is an ALS patient with a slow-progressing case. She will inevitably lose more of her abilities and, for the most part, she’s prepared – with the necessary medical equipment for one, but more importantly with the mental fortitude it will take to live the rest of her life.

FORGIVEN AND FREE

Faith and fear aren’t great roommates of the mind. And since they can’t coexist peacefully, the 51-year-old Hoover has given the boot to fear, relying instead on faith to carry her through the rough patches.

“The process of dying is very scary,” she says. “If I let myself dwell on that, that’s when I get anxious and freak out. I don’t live in fear. If I go visit for a couple of hours, then I make sure I come back.”

On her arm, Hoover has the phrase “Forgiven and Free” tattooed. It serves as an affirmation of her faith as a Christian, and it’s a saying that has given her comfort since her diagnosis.

“Really it means in Christ I am forgiven, so I don’t have shame or guilt or drama I carry around with me,” Hoover says. “Because of that, I’m free to live. So really, what I lack in my physical abilities I’ve gained in emotional abilities.

“If my time here is shorter, I want to be a joy and a blessing to others. The gift in a terminal diagnosis is to live in the moment, because if I let my mind wander I could become really depressed. So it’s about loving life and really shedding all of the stuff that doesn’t matter.”

Hoover was a middle school principal in the Sacramento, California, area when her first symptoms of ALS appeared. Within a year of her diagnosis, she had to give up her career and all the daily concerns that came with it. Not working left a void she needed to fill, and she has done so by becoming an advocate for patients with ALS, as well as an advocate for research into the disease.

Hoover is a member on the board of the Greater Sacramento ALS Association. For the last few years she has attended National Advocacy Day for ALS in Washington, and she regularly keeps in touch with her local congressman, U.S. Rep. Tom McClintock, a Republican serving California’s 4th Congressional District, about funding for ALS patient needs and treatment. This past year she joined the national policy committee for the ALS Association.

As a Navy veteran (she received her bachelor’s degree in vocational education while in service through SIU’s off-campus program in Virginia Beach, Virginia), all of Hoover’s medical expenses are covered by U.S. Veterans Affairs. She is fortunate in this

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manner, and says it compels her even more to spend her time as an advocate and meet with other ALS patients.

Her message when she meets them?

"I do always encourage people to laugh and stay present in the moment," Hoover says. "We do have hope. It shows up in different forms and comes in different packages. And when we part, it's never goodbye. It's always, 'See you later.'"

The harsh reality: Many of the patients will die before she ever sees them again.

A BUCKET OF COLD WATER

In 2014, an odd phenomenon – even by internet standards – began appearing online. People were posting videos of themselves getting buckets of ice water dumped over their heads, challenging friends, family and coworkers to do the same. All of it was aimed at raising awareness of ALS, as well as funding for research into treatments and a cure.

More than 17 million people participated and more than \$115 million was raised, according to the ALS Association, which started the viral campaign.

It turns out the campaign also had a direct impact on Hoover, who at the time was attempting to get into an experimental treatment trial clinic in Boston.

"That trial, pre-Ice Bucket Challenge had funding for 25 patients, and I wasn't one of them," she says. "After the challenge it had funding for 300, so I became the 26th patient."

The challenge led to a public re-education of just how serious ALS is as a disease.

"You could see it on people's faces when you told them you had ALS," Hoover says. "They just understood it better."

Funding for ALS-related research also became more available. Projects that used to be funded at 70 percent of a request were now being funded at 100 percent, Hoover says. And this past August – the two-year anniversary of the Ice Bucket Challenge – scientists announced what could turn into a potential breakthrough in treating ALS: the discovery of a gene that could be a key in helping the medical field better understand the disease.

Having suffered with ALS for so long, Hoover herself is beyond treatment with traditional medications, so she

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participates in various experimental treatments. She's been taking part in a trial study of the drug GDC-0134 in San Francisco. Hoover is among the first human tests for the drug, which she says shows some promise for ALS patients years from now.



Hoover admits she is a willing guinea pig. With a terminal diagnosis, her tolerance for risk is, understandably, pretty high.

"I live in hope," she says. "I'm at peace with dying, but it's not that I'm in a hurry. I live my life thinking and planning for an effective treatment. Even since my diagnosis, there have been advancements in treatment of neurological diseases; they're all kind of the last mysterious places we haven't figured out yet."

"There is a lot of reason for hope. I live in hope, because I don't want to live in despair. They are getting close to unlocking the 'why.' Once you get to the 'why,' then it's really easy to figure out how to treat it."

2014 ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

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Hoover's father is Gary Austin, a retired professor who, for more than 35 years, taught courses related to disability. Austin is a former director of the SIU Rehabilitation Institute; in that post, he spent years advocating to improve the lives of those who were born with a disability or became disabled at some point in their lives.

Austin gets visibly emotional whenever speaking about his daughter. It's sadness about the inevitable that's also mixed with admiration in the way Hoover has chosen to cope with her disease.

"Shelly, like so many others I have known, has met her challenges head-on and inspires me with her spirit, tenacity and continued positive impact," Austin says. "In my personal struggle dealing with my daughter's diagnosis, I try my best to choose the same path she has chosen – one of determination, hope and gratitude for all we still have, and not what we have lost."

WHITE FLAG

Hoover used to be a runner. Like many runners, she often ran to music. The final song of the running playlist on her iPod was the Chris Tomlin tune "White Flag." Each morning, by the time her three-mile run was nearing an end and the song kicked in, exhaustion was at its peak – but so were her body's endorphins. In those moments, she felt strong. She felt alive.

Earlier this year, Hoover heard "White Flag" on the car radio as she and her husband drove across the salt flats of Utah. This on a day that began like so many others since her ALS had progressed – with a two-hour, slow and exasperating struggle to get from bed out to the front door. The song played, and she began to cry.

"I watch people run, up and down stairs or across a parking lot, and it's almost like I watch it in slow motion," Hoover says. "I just notice every little detail about their movement. There's that grief of missing it, being able to do that."

"That's what brought the tears, missing the ability to get up and cross the room for a snack or a glass of water. I can surrender to my fear and the anxiety and the pain that comes with this, but really there is no surrendering in the fight."

Steve Gleason, a former safety for the New Orleans Saints from 2000 to 2008 and a fellow ALS patient, famously said upon his own diagnosis in 2011 that there would be "no white flags" in his battle of the



disease. He, like Hoover, began advocating for patients with ALS and other neuromuscular disorders, establishing the Gleason Initiative Foundation. His story is also the subject of a documentary, "Gleason," which chronicles in heart-wrenchingly direct detail the plight of someone suffering from ALS.

Hoover, too, says there will be no white flags in her battle with ALS. Even if the trials and treatments she is undergoing never do any good for her personal battle, she says she wants doctors and researchers to use her experiences to work toward help for other patients.

Her diagnosis may be terminal, but she's still alive – and, as she puts it, "I've got to get busy living."

"I'm surrounded by love and family," Hoover says. "I don't know, I think I've always been a very optimistic person. I don't want to feel sorry for myself, because I still have so much to be thankful for – and I want to find out what I can do to make a positive impact surrounding me."

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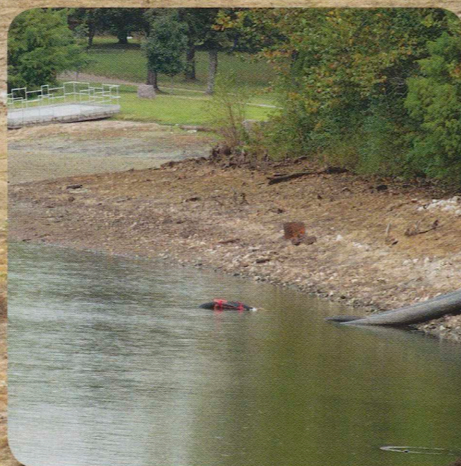
RESTORING CAMPUS LAKE

University Begins Work To Combat Toxic Algae,
Revitalize Beloved Retreat

Work to restore Campus Lake – blighted in recent months with the bloom of an unhealthy blue-green algae – began this past semester, with crews lowering the water level of the 43-acre lake.

Dropping the water level exposed roughly 20 acres of shoreline and allow organic matter feeding the spread of the toxic algae to dry and be removed. Much of the algae growth was concentrated in the shallow water near Thompson Point. Crews emptied that area, pooling the water toward the deeper southeastern portion of the lake, preserving a habitat for the bulk of its fish population. It will take more than a year for the lake to return to normal water levels.

Total project costs were in excess of \$300,000. Funding was provided by University Housing, the SIU Foundation and the Office of the Chancellor. Plans for the funding of long-term rehabilitation and care of Campus Lake are under discussion.



SIU Among Top 25 Best Colleges For Adult Learners

BY CHRISTI MATHIS

Southern Illinois University Carbondale has earned a Top 25 spot on the Washington Monthly's 2016 College Guide's inaugural rankings of the "Best 4-Year Colleges for Adult Learners." SIU is ranked No. 21, the top Illinois university on the list.

The university made the cut from more than 7,600 postsecondary institutions listed in a national database as being active during the 2014-2015 academic year. To be included in the rankings, institutions also had to participate in the College Board's Annual Survey of Colleges, providing adequate data for evaluation.

Institutions then were assessed on the basis of seven criteria, including:

- Ease of transfer/enrollment.
- Flexibility of programs.
- Services available for adult students.
- The percentage of adult students (age 25 and older) at the college.
- Mean earnings of adult students 10 years after entering college.
- Loan repayment rates for adult students five years after entering repayment.
- Tuition and fees for in-district students.

SIU earned the maximum possible scores for ease of transfer, flexibility of programs and services provided for students over the age of 25. According to the Washington Monthly, about 20 percent of SIU's students are over the age of 25, and the mean earnings of adult students 10 years after beginning

college are \$53,033. This group includes students who were over the age of 25 when they started college, or younger independent students who are veterans or have children. According to the publication, the loan repayment rate of SIU adult students five years after leaving college was 78 percent.

Committee Begins Search For Permanent Chancellor

BY TOM WOOLF

An 18-member committee began work this past fall to conduct a nationwide search for the next permanent chancellor of Southern Illinois University.

The Chancellor Search Advisory Committee – led by Laurie Achenbach, dean of the College of Science – represents a broad sample of faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members, selected by SIU System President Randy Dunn.

The SIU Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Brad Colwell as interim chancellor effective Oct. 1, 2015, with the understanding he would serve up to two years, prior to the conclusion of a national search.

Committee members are expected to choose between two and four finalists to visit campus for interviews and open forums during the spring semester.

"My charge to the search advisory committee will be to work as expeditiously as possible," Dunn says. "It is my belief that we need to have a permanent chancellor in place as soon as practicable, given the continuing deterioration of the budget situation at the campus and state levels."

Alumna Appointed To Diversity Leadership Post



Elizabeth Lewin, Ed. D. '70, '71 has been appointed interim associate chancellor for diversity at Southern Illinois University. Her

appointment began Oct. 1.

Lewin, a Carbondale, Illinois, native, holds bachelor's and master's degrees from SIU, as well as an educational specialist degree in education administration from SIU Edwardsville. She earned her doctorate from the University of Sarasota, Florida.

Lewin became the first African-American female superintendent at Carbondale Elementary School District in 1995. She retired in 2005 and then taught in the College of Education and Human Services.

Before working in Carbondale, Lewin was the Edwardsville school district's first African-American school administrator, serving as assistant principal from 1988 to 1993 and then as principal of Edwardsville High School from 1993 to 1995.

She has extensive experience with diversity and inclusivity, having resolved several race-related issues resulting from an annexation of a very rural community into the Edwardsville school district and having created a program in the Carbondale school district called "Carbondale in Harmony."

Lewin's community involvement includes stints on the Southern Illinois Healthcare Community Benefits Cultural Task Force, as well as becoming a charter member of Leadership Carbondale.

SIU Carbondale Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell says Lewin will serve as the interim associate chancellor, as the university plans a national search to fill the position on a permanent basis.

Improvements Will Facilitate Stargazing, Eclipse Viewing

BY TIM CROSBY

Celestial observers now have a spot to view the heavens at Southern Illinois University.

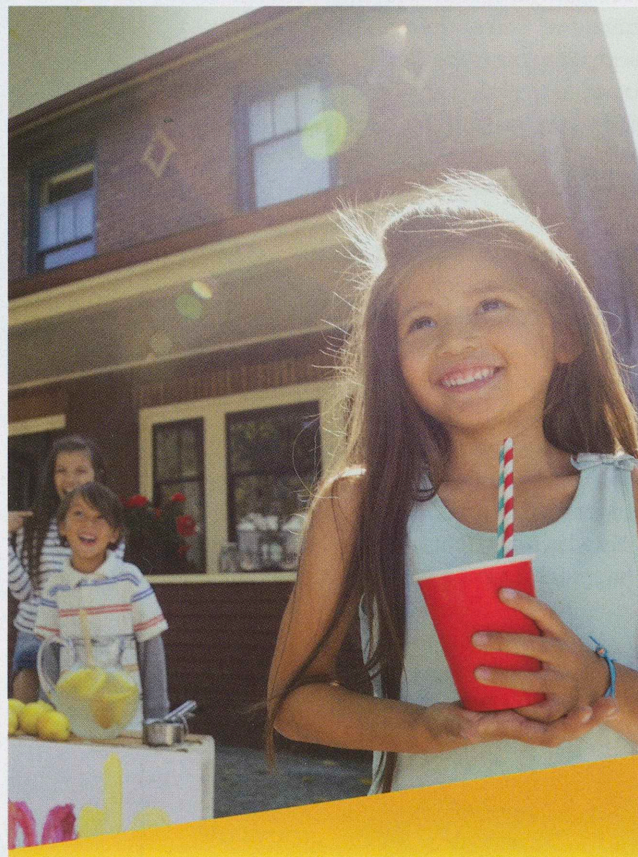
This past fall, the university completed pouring a series of concrete pads at a spot near the University Farms on the west side of campus.

The 10 pads, each measuring 100 square feet, will provide scientists and amateur astronomers with firm, level resting spots for their telescopes – a key component for quality viewing and photography. The project was funded by private donations.

While the constructs offer advantages for casual stargazing, they will play a role in two larger celestial events happening over Carbondale, Illinois, in the near future. Southern Illinois will be the site of the longest

duration of the upcoming total solar eclipse on Aug. 21, 2017. SIU is gearing up to play a major role in the event, which will feature the first total solar eclipse over the mainland United States since 1979. A second eclipse will happen in 2024.

In addition, SIU officials are attempting to create a permanent astronomy observation facility, and architecture students have been called upon to submit designs. The facility will be fully automated, allowing researchers and astronomy enthusiasts to operate some telescopes located at the site remotely from the Neckers Building on campus, where the images and data could be downloaded into computers for study.



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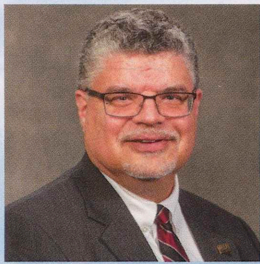
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Message from the Chancellor

Dear fellow Salukis:

Happy holidays! I hope you are enjoying this wonderful time of year with family and friends.

The fall semester just ended at your alma mater, and I had the pleasure of congratulating the December Class of 2016 during commencement ceremonies at the SIU Arena. The excitement and optimism among our new graduates is always contagious.

Just like those new graduates, SIU is excited about what the future holds. Our priority is building enrollment, and I want to encourage you to join us in this effort. We have set these goals for fall 2018:

- Increase new freshman and transfer enrollment by at least 10 percent each.
- Increase graduate enrollment by 10 percent.
- Increase retention of first-time freshmen to 70 percent, up from this year's rate of 64.3 percent.

We already have taken a number of steps in the right direction. Over the past several years, we had significant turnover in the admissions office. We now have a fully deployed admissions staff working to recruit a strong freshman class for next fall. We have expanded the number of students we contact, and we are making contact earlier. We are visiting every high school and community college, as well as targeting high schools in border states. Other efforts also are underway, but I wanted to share these highlights with you.

How can you help? If you or someone you know has a family member or friend considering college, encourage them to apply to SIU. Talk about your positive experiences as a student. You can be an advocate and help tell your university's great story, wherever you may be.

You also can consider engaging with the university through the SIU Alumni Association. If you want to refer a prospective student, and you have their contact information, visit the Association's website, www.siu alumni.com, and click on the button in the bottom-right corner that says "Refer a Future Saluki." Once you submit the referral form, a member of our Undergraduate Admissions team will contact that prospective student.

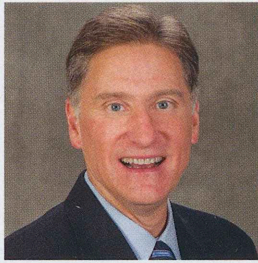
The Association also is recruiting alumni to contact prospective students through postcards, letters, emails or phone calls. In addition, beginning in January, alumni can contact prospective students in their geographic areas, as well as students who are admitted into their degree program or selected career path.

You understand the value of the SIU experience – an experience that you can share with future Salukis. To learn more about how you can help, please contact the following individuals:

- Zoe Owens, director of constituent relations with the Alumni Association, at 618/453-2408 or zoeo@alumni.siu.edu.
- Chester Hood, associate director for diversity, alumni and college relations in Undergraduate Admissions, at 618/453-2509 or chood2@siu.edu.

Thank you for all that you do to support your university. My wife, Mary, joins me in wishing you peace and much happiness in 2017.

Sincerely,
Brad Colwell
Interim Chancellor



Lend your voice to SIU

A Message from President Randy Dunn

When I became SIU System president, one of my first decisions was to continue writing a column I started during my first presidency 10 years ago as a way to share university-related news, highlight important accomplishments, recognize great people and generally keep everyone up to date on the higher education community.

We call my biweekly missive The SIU System Connection, and I'd like to share part of a recent column to help you better understand how your alma mater is working its way through the ongoing budget crisis. Then, afterward, I want to also share what we're doing to ensure SIU is here for generations to come.

From the Sept. 7 edition of the System Connection ...

Like most of the public universities in Illinois, we are probably going to have some long-term decisions to wrestle with this year. Short of a return to budget "normalcy" in our state, we are heading into a period of difficult choices to ensure that ongoing university operating costs match up with the revenue stream it seems we are going to have available to us.

As you know, all three of our campuses have cut their budgets by millions of dollars in response to the state's fiscal crisis. That has been accomplished through various means, including not filling hundreds of positions – while still protecting our academic core, critical student affairs support, and the research and clinical enterprise to the fullest extent possible. But across our campuses and other locations throughout the footprint of SIU, we've still held things together and generally been able to avoid the dismantling of our mission-critical programs and services.

But our reality is that – as we are presently structured – numerous elements of the SIU system won't remain viable without more state money than what we have seen these last 18 months. We can't do for another two years what we've done these last 18 months. The money isn't there. So figure we'll be looking ... at another round of scenario planning to be ready for what may come in a worst-case situation through this next spring. One of those worst cases would be no additional state support for higher education in FY17 beyond the \$106 million in "Stopgap #2" last June...

We're going to have to double down on reducing even further operational and administrative costs throughout the system -- even though the SIU campuses hold the lowest cost ratios within each sector for Illinois (regional/comprehensive, research and universitywide).

So in a nutshell, that's where we are. And that's why we need you.

Over the last 18 months of this unprecedented state budget impasse, I've traveled across Illinois to ensure SIU is represented at the budget negotiating table. I've met with elected officials of both parties who represent every corner of Illinois, as well as with our statewide officials. But my voice isn't enough.

In the coming months, you'll be hearing from me as we more broadly expand our advocacy efforts. My office will be working with our campus alumni associations to create a program where interested alumni can join our SIU advocacy team – so you can be a voice in your part of Illinois and beyond as we continue to tell the SIU story to lawmakers. It's our hope that we can give you a local platform where you can join me to personally advocate on behalf of SIU. I hope you will consider joining us in this work. I look forward to sharing our plans with you soon. In the meantime, though, if you have questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to share those with me.

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff and your fellow alumni, thank you for your support of the entire SIU System.



FOR THE RECORD: A CONVERSATION WITH MATTHEW GORZALSKI
UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST, MORRIS LIBRARY – SPECIAL COLLECTIONS RESEARCH CENTER

Matthew Gorzalski is the university archivist. He spends part of his time in the physical archives, which includes row upon row of carefully boxed and shelved archival material, rare books, maps, letters and more. He's also managing the digitization of the archives, and he can often be found teaching, researching or guiding research projects.

WHAT ARE THE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES?

University Archives is the institutional memory and cultural and historical legacy of SIU Carbondale and the SIU system. It includes records of academic and co-curricular departments, colleges, noteworthy faculty and student organizations. Our collection includes maps, blueprints and architectural drawings, and the Obelisk yearbook.

WHAT IS YOUR JOB AS THE ARCHIVIST FOR THE UNIVERSITY?

I am responsible for acquiring, preserving and providing access to permanent records. I work with Records Management or I reach out directly to departments or faculty to solicit materials. I retain records for historic, legal or administrative value to document the functions and evolution of departments and units: administrative correspondence, annual reports, topical reports, self-studies, audits, photographs, audio-visual material, grant files, policy documents, newspaper clippings, and university or departmental publications.

ONCE YOU HAVE THE RECORDS IN THEIR VARIOUS FORMATS, WHAT HAPPENS?

I organize them into collections, and create finding aids that describe the contents and their significance. Finding aids are the archival equivalent of library catalog records. Processing includes basic preservation tasks. I digitize photographs and audio recordings for our online collections, and I lead electronic records preservation initiatives.

YOU MENTIONED THAT PROVIDING ACCESS TO RECORDS IS PART OF THE JOB. HOW DO YOU DO THAT?

I create exhibits, answer reference questions, help individuals with research, teach visiting classes how to research in Special Collections and supervise student projects.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE COOL THINGS YOU'VE COME ACROSS DURING YOUR WORK?

SIU has an interesting, progressive and, at times, tumultuous history. In general, I enjoy the photos the most. We have a great one from atop Old Main around 1887, looking north up Normal Avenue that shows the houses that were where Woody and Quigley Halls are now. The photos of the student-led Vietnam War protests are interesting, as well as the Old Main fire images. We have a collection of Ben Gelman photos from 1959 of the railroad yard that used to be in north Carbondale. I drive by that site every day and imagine the amount of activity that used to occur there with the roundhouse, turntable and smoky engines.

DID YOU GROW UP WANTING TO BE AN ARCHIVIST, OR HOW DID YOU FIND THIS CAREER?

I had a great history teacher in 10th grade. I majored in history, but I didn't want to teach. I wanted a career in museums. I had an internship in my county historical society's special collections library. I thought I'd be doing museum work, but I did archival work instead. I decided to pursue that as a career. I earned my master's degree in library science from the University of Pittsburgh. Within the varied world of archives, I knew I wanted to be a university archivist, as my interests and skills best match institutional archives, and I believe in the importance of public education.



Law Professor, Students Help Asylum Seekers and Refugees

BY CALEB HALE

Cindy Buys, professor of international law at Southern Illinois University's School of Law, has done extensive pro bono work defending the rights of non-U.S. citizens during her nearly three-decade career. And since joining the faculty in 2001, Buys always has at least a couple of SIU law students in tow, researching, writing and gaining an appreciation for the type of legal legwork that truly saves lives.

Each year, Buys and her students take on a handful of cases involving those seeking political asylum. Many of her cases in the last decade have involved international students of SIU who feel unsafe returning to their home countries upon graduating. Buys' caseload has included asylum seekers from Russia, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan and Central America.

"On every case I've done here at SIU, I've had one or two students help me," Buys says. "They've done a lot of the research. It takes extensive research on the background of each country to do the cases, things like reports on conditions from which the person is fleeing. They need to keep up on the latest turmoil overseas that corroborate their stories and then help in writing the legal brief."

All of the work done is pro bono – not for pay – a requirement that all SIU law students must meet before earning their degree.

"Three years ago we adopted this pro bono requirement, which asks students to perform 35 hours of pro bono work over their three years," Buys says. "Many of our students already exceed that – no money, no credit, it's truly pro bono work."

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students help me.**

It's often an expectation in the legal profession that those who study law apply them in ways that give back to society, Buys says, adding that exposing her students to individuals who come from other parts of the world where punishment over

relatively simple speech and actions is harsh – and even deadly – helps them gain some valuable perspective as they prepare to become young lawyers.

"Using privileged positions to help those less fortunate is something I hope gets instilled into the students' attitudes and that they continue to engage in this type of work throughout the rest of their career," Buys says.

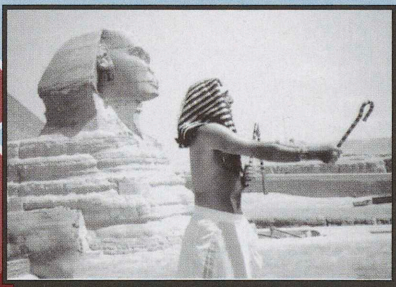
Earlier this year, the Illinois State Bar Association honored Buys with the Human Rights Section Gertz Award for her work in human rights with asylum seekers, as well as immigrants to the United States. In addition to having students work with her on asylum seekers, Buys has students involved in research on behalf of a nonprofit organization helping refugees in the Mediterranean, as well as surveys regarding human labor and sex trafficking in Illinois.

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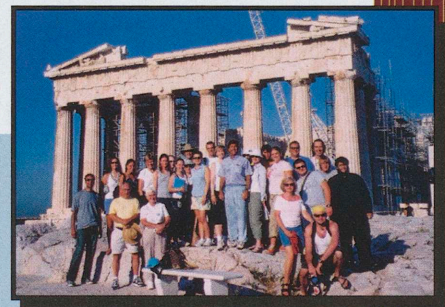
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Researcher's Policing Study Takes New Significance In The Wake Of Ferguson

BY ANDREA HAHN



When Tammy Rinehart Kochel, M.A. '94 launched her research project on community policing in St. Louis County, Missouri, she had no idea the topic and the area would become part of a national story. However, since her work was centered near Ferguson, Missouri, she found a new dimension to the project after the shooting death of Michael Brown by police made national headlines.

Kochel, associate professor of criminology and criminal justice at Southern Illinois University, used an initial \$395,000 National Institute of Justice grant in 2011 to assess how “hot spot” policing affected community perceptions of police activity. Hot spots are areas where criminal activity is statistically proven to be high. Kochel's research examined different methods of “hot spot” policing to determine not only the effect of such efforts on crime, but also how they affected the opinions of those who live in the immediate area.

Crime, as expected, went down – but to find out how it affected citizens, Kochel and more than 100 students began a series of surveys.

“I wanted to know how increased police presence would affect the public's perception of the fairness and legitimacy of the police,” Kochel says. “Did opinions change over time, and did they change because of the treatment (the policing activity during the research time)?”

The research team conducted a series of person-to-person surveys, asking opinions about police legitimacy, procedural justice, frequency of perceived police misconduct, perceptions of crime and safety, and willingness to cooperate with police. Data collectors conducted 2,851 surveys. Students conducted the surveys – mostly in person, but some by the phone.

The respondents were mostly black (72 percent), with whites constituting the second-largest group (20 percent); most were women (60 percent); most (59 percent) had some college education; and more than 50 percent were over age 40.



Kochel notes that perceptions of police competence and satisfaction with police did improve during the research period, but patrols didn't seem to have much to do with it at first. However, seeing police officers more often initially made people feel less secure about what the police were doing.

Perceptions weren't necessarily related to particular actions by the police officers. The negative perceptions, in fact, decreased over time. When residents first noted the increased activity, they were concerned, but as the increased police presence became more "normal," their level of concern went down, Kochel says. Residents also expressed an increased willingness to cooperate with police. Kochel says in high-crime areas, where cooperation with police is not commonplace, it's a particularly important outcome.

POST-FERGUSON FOLLOW-UP RESEARCH

Kochel's data collection was complete before Aug. 9, 2014, the day Michael Brown was shot. Ferguson wasn't part of her original research area; however, since she'd already collected data pertaining to public opinion about police, the incident prompted her to recruit students for two additional surveys. SIU funded part of the follow-up research, which was notably more difficult in the wake of the incident.

Kenwanna Randolph, a junior criminology and criminal justice major from Chicago, was frustrated that people were reluctant to participate in the research.

"I found out that many people are really reluctant to participate when they find out something involves the police, even if you tell them that this information could possibly benefit their community," she says.

Shortly after the shooting, many respondents reported increased distrust of police. There was an 8 percent change in how black respondents felt about police legitimacy, and a 26 percent drop in their faith

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in procedural justice. Non-black respondents, though, scarcely changed their opinions at all.

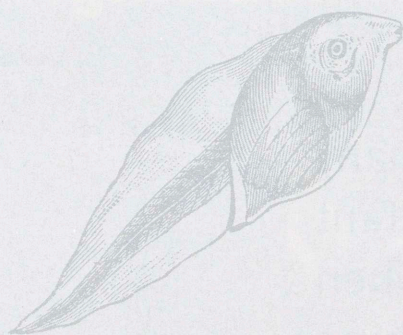
"The issue was clearly racial," Kochel says. "There is a noticeable difference in how this affected people."

Kochel also found that, after the shooting in Ferguson, some residents felt there was a need to work with police to improve police and community relations. Respondents supported hiring more black police officers, issuing body cameras to police officers, and for the police to use social media to communicate with the community. While increasing the frequency of patrols was not a universally popular concept, decreasing patrols was certainly not a popular strategy.

"There was a feeling that national attention to an incident like this is needed to effect change," Kochel says. "Overall, though, non-black respondents were not as affected by the shooting, and while black respondents were, there seems to be a sense that a recovery of trust is possible between police and the 'hot spot' communities."

Spotting The 'Super Spreaders'

BY TIM CROSBY



There are those who spread disease, and then there are “super spreaders,” say researchers at SIU’s Center for Ecology.

Robin Warne, assistant professor of zoology, examined how devastating infectious disease is passed among an amphibian population, hoping for insight into how similar pandemics are created among animals and humans. Findings were published recently in *Biology Letters*.

Working with ranavirus, which is contributing to a global decline in amphibian species, Warne and assistants infected 160 wood frog tadpoles and unleashed them into water tanks with clean specimens. Each tank utilized ultraviolet light to mitigate free-floating viruses, meaning the disease would only be transmitted from tadpole to tadpole.

Virus transmission largely came down to how aggressive the infected tadpoles were in feeding. Those with more aggressive manners, often swimming frantically near the surface of the water near other peers, were identified as “super spreaders” compared to the more lethargic tadpoles.

Warne says the research project was inspired by a senior research thesis conducted by Tom Egdorf, who earned his degree in zoology at SIU in 2013. A faculty seed grant to Warne from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research supported Egdorf’s work.

3 Agriculture Faculty Members Win Grants

Three College of Agricultural Sciences faculty members are the recipients of more than \$158,000 in Illinois Department of Agriculture grants through the federally funded Specialty Crop Block Grant program.

Alan Walters, professor of plant, soil and agricultural systems, is one of the foremost experts on the specialty crop horseradish, which is a major crop in the Metro East area of Illinois. He will use a \$59,777 grant to develop new horseradish varieties and to evaluate others for internal root discoloration resistance. This is a two-year project that should result in at least four new varieties released to growers in Illinois.

Ruplal Choudhary, associate professor of plant, soil and agricultural systems, will use a \$54,642 grant to continue work on nano-encapsulation of natural antimicrobial substances to create edible coating materials for food freshness. Choudhary has worked with curcumin, an active part of turmeric, as a coating for food production and storage surfaces. This grant allows him to continue

studying the suitability of limonene as a coating for locally harvested, fresh berries for enhancing shelf life and food safety.

Bradley Taylor, associate professor of plant, soil and agricultural sciences, is an expert in viticulture and fruits. He will use a \$44,219 grant to develop fine pruning techniques for use in Illinois vineyards. He hopes his techniques will reduce the risk of crops lost to spring freezes and make for more efficient canopy management, which he anticipates will increase fruit yield and quality.

The Department of Agriculture defines specialty crops as fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture and nursery crops, including floriculture. Illinois is the largest producer of pumpkins and horseradish in the nation, and it ranks among the top 10 states in acreage of cantaloupes, green peas, lima beans and sweet corn. In addition, the grape and wine industry is growing, with nearly 2,000 acres of farmland and 421 farms dedicated to grape growing.

Expo Highlights SIU Research

BY CALEB HALE



Southern Illinois University hosted more than 200 people at Chicago’s 1871 technology and entrepreneurship center in October for an event that connected investors and professionals with university researchers and alumni.

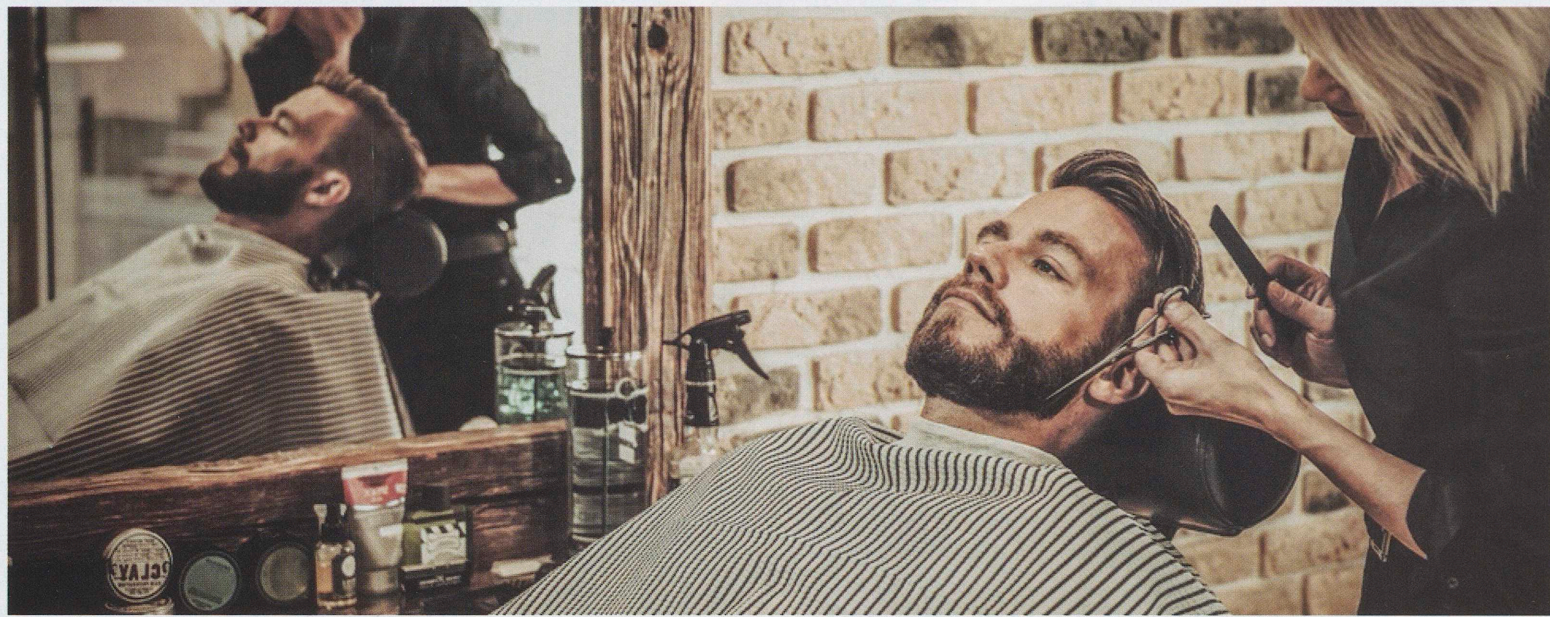
It was the first year SIU had taken its Technology & Innovation Expo on the road, and Michelle Chitambar of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, which organized the event, says the reception was overwhelmingly positive. Roughly a dozen of the presenters connected with potential partners and investors.

Highlights of the event included:

- A brief address from U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin.
- A video message from Gov. Bruce Rauner.
- SIU medical school spinoff company Rational Vaccines (RVx) going commercial with a successful herpes vaccine.
- 40 Below Joe, a new company and product started by alumnus and Dippin’ Dots creator **Curt Jones ’81, ’86**.

Book Explores Rise Of 'Grooming Environments' For Men

BY ANDREA HAHN



The barbershop is in decline. From 1992 to 2012, barbershops have fallen off by 23 percent. During that same time period, a new descriptive word has appeared: metrosexual.

Coincidence? Not at all, says Kristen Barber, assistant professor of sociology at Southern Illinois University.

Barber's new book, "Styling Masculinity: Gender, Class, and Inequality in the Men's Grooming Industry," examines the rise of the professional men's "grooming environment," the men who use them and the (mostly) women who work at them to determine how this shift away from barbershop to upscale salon reflects changing attitudes about masculinity, physical appearance and class distinctions.

For her study, Barber focused on two upscale men's salons in southern California. In the process of observing and compiling data, she realized that one of the most crucial factors for her research was the salon employee. While her study incorporated interviews with the clientele, many of her interviews were with the stylists, manicurists

and other employees – most of whom are women.

"There are plenty of studies about women's beauty experiences, and how those experiences may be oppressive or liberating, but I found there were almost no systematic studies of men's grooming habits," Barber says. "Yet \$6.3 billion were spent on men's grooming supplies in 2014. Men's grooming needs have changed over the past 10 years. What is different now, and why is it different?"

Her study reveals that men's grooming habits are symptomatic of larger concepts in society: perceived distinctions between age groups, ethnic groups, and working-class and white-collar; shifting perceptions of masculinity; and the persistent role of women as experts in (and validators of) male grooming habits.

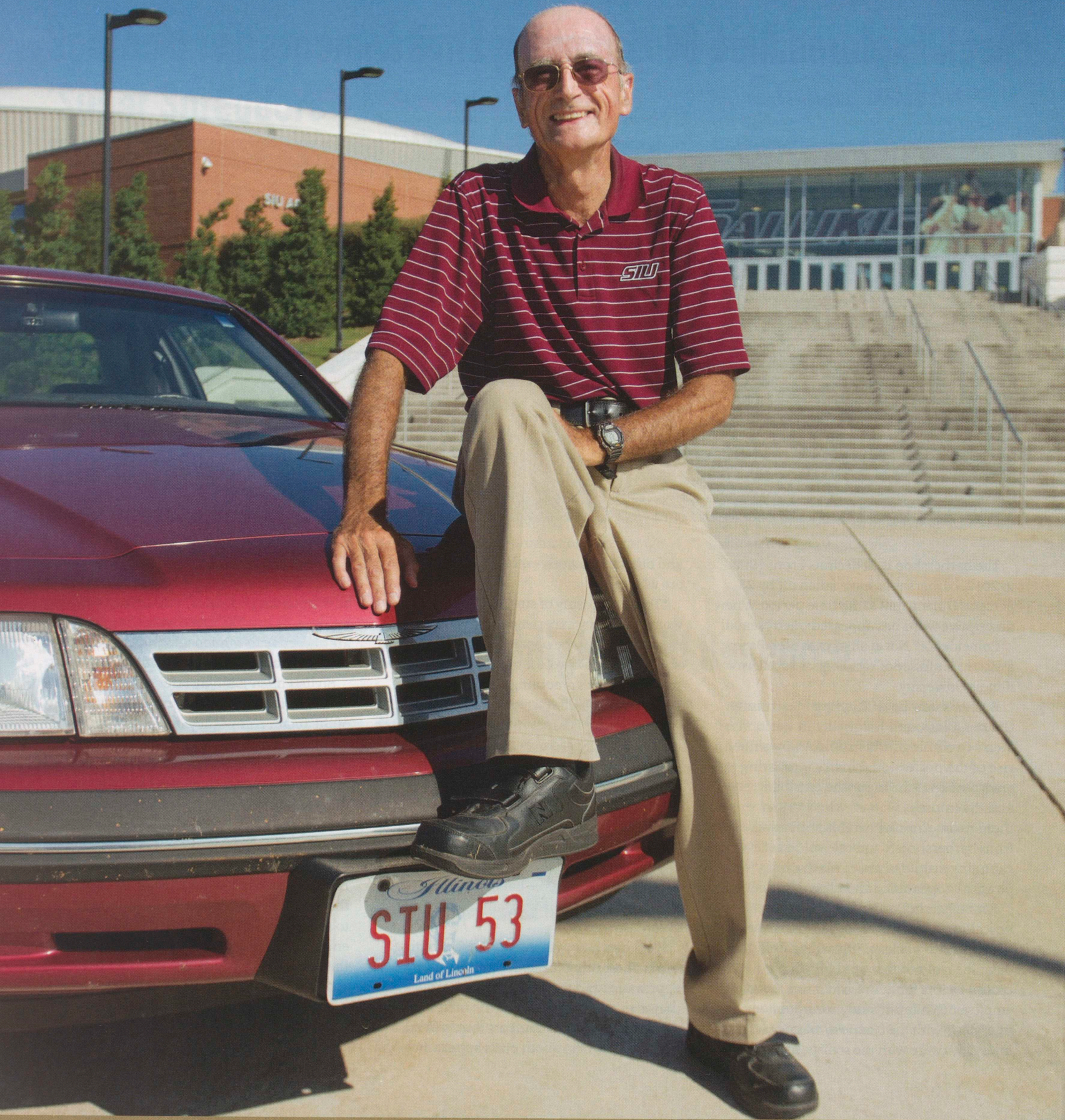
It's the stylists who make the whole thing work. Their role is to advise about image, appearance and grooming products, but they also are there to assure the men who patronize the establishments that, indeed, it is manly to care about one's appearance

– and even to do such things as get a manicure. They sell the men on extras, such as manicures, pedicures, waxing and other services, by establishing that the results are attractive to women and indicative of professional, white-collar standing.

Stylists often jokingly refer to themselves as "the other woman" in a man's life because of the relationships they build. And just as the salons are designed with an upscale, masculine look, with leather and chrome and flat-screen TVs tuned to sports broadcasts, the stylists often have a particular look. They are meant to come across as modern women, Barber says: hip and sexy, and maybe edgy.

"The women are part of the experience," Barber says. "It helps the men to establish that they are straight, which is important to some of them. They are there to pamper, emotionally and physically, and to build up the men's egos so that they feel good about spending \$50 on a haircut."

"Styling Masculinity" is available from Rutgers University Press.



Tilden Parks - Superfan!

BY REBECCA RENSHAW

“ One of my favorite memories was when the SIU football team won the Division 1-AA championship in 1983. That season, students took down the goalposts at McAndrew Stadium and carried them down Illinois Avenue. ”

Sports statisticians are fascinated by streaks. For example, Joe DiMaggio's 56-game hitting streak with the New York Yankees is often touted as the one baseball record that will never be broken. So far, so good on that one.

Before Joltin' Joe, however, there was another baseball record that the record-keepers swore would never be broken. That was the amazing accomplishment of Lou Gehrig (another Yankee), who played in 2,130 consecutive games between 1925 and 1939.

But Cal Ripken Jr. of the Baltimore Orioles proved them wrong. He competed in 2,632 consecutive games over a 16-year span to eclipse the mark set by baseball's "Iron Horse."

At SIU, Tilden "Tim" Parks '76 has a little streak of his own going on.

In fact, Parks just might own the record for the longest streak in sports ever – by a fan, at least. Parks officially started keeping track of his Saluki sports attendance in 1978, and he's proud to share that, to date, his unblemished attendance streak stands at 207 home football games and 519 men's home basketball games. That's no misses for 38 years. When this streak began, Jimmy Carter was president of our country – and gasoline sold for less than 85 cents a gallon.

"Believe me, there were a few times I didn't think I was going to make it, with a couple of ice and snow storms we had throughout the years," he said. "But I've always had a passion for sports, and for SIU."

Over the last five decades, Parks has seen such greats as Joe Meriweather, Mike Glenn, Ashraf Amaya and Darren Brooks grace the basketball court at SIU Arena. In the SIU football stadium, he has witnessed such Saluki football legends as Brandon Jacobs, an NFL running back for the New York Giants and San Francisco 49ers; Deji Karim,

a running back who played for four NFL teams; Carl Mauck, a former NFL player and NFL coach; Bart Scott, an NFL linebacker; Sam Silas, a former NFL lineman; and Terry Lee Taylor, another former NFL player.

"I remember my dad bringing me to my first SIU basketball game back when I was in eighth grade," he said. "From then on, I was hooked – on basketball, football and on SIU."

Parks graduated from John A. Logan College in 1973, then transferred to SIU and graduated with a degree in journalism in 1976.

"The country was going through an interesting time during the 1970s, what with the Vietnam War and Kent State," he said. "It was a great time to feel as if I was making a difference."

It was Parks' parents, especially his father, who encouraged him to go to school. As a first-generation student, Parks saw how hard his father worked. The senior Parks quit school in seventh grade at age 12 to go to work as a timber cutter. He also bought his first animal, a hog, for \$15 when he was 12 years old. Park's uncle was a cattle trader, which intrigued him, and he eventually became one of the most successful cattle brokers in Illinois. Like his father, Parks is extremely generous, philanthropic and quick to help people in need.

Parks recently established several memorial scholarships in honor of his parents. These scholarships are dedicated to helping student workers at Morris Library, the School of Journalism and Animal Science – and, of course, the Saluki Athletic Scholarship Fund.

So the next time you're at a Saluki football or men's basketball game, cup your hands and yell as loud as you can, "Are you here, Tim Parks?"

We know what the answer will be.

Association Events Drew Crowds in Late 2016



SIU Day at The Muny

A dozen or so St. Louis-area Salukis gathered in July for a different type of event: a performance of the Catherine Johnson jukebox musical “Mamma Mia!” at The Muny, the nation’s largest and oldest outdoor musical theater. The event was hosted by the St. Louis Area Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association. The greater St. Louis metro area is home to more than 12,000 alumni.

White Sox, Cubs events in Chicago

The Association’s Chicagoland Chapter played host to two baseball-related events in late summer: SIU Day at U.S. Cellular Field (now known as Guaranteed Rate Field) and the annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field, a tradition since the late 1970s.



Salukis head to South Florida

Roughly 100 alumni from the South Florida area joined the Association at Florida Atlantic University on Labor Day weekend for the opening football game of the season. The Association hosted a pregame tailgate in front of FAU Stadium in Boca Raton, Florida, and participated in another alumni gathering at a local establishment hosted by Michael Magill '89.



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The SIU Alumni Association will host alumni and friends at its hospitality suite inside the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark during the 2017 Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, March 2-5, 2017.

Room reservations are now available. You can reserve yours by visiting siualumni.com/events.



Class of '66 Reunion

About three dozen graduates from the Class of 1966 returned to campus over Homecoming for their 50-year reunion and induction banquet into the Half-Century Club. These alumni experienced a tour of campus, a reception before the banquet and a performance by the Marching Salukis, and had specially reserved tables at the Homecoming tailgate.



Alumni Band Group Reunion

The Alumni Band Group hosted its annual reunion Homecoming weekend in the Student Center, gathering roughly 100 alumni band members for food, memories and a chance to play with current members during halftime of the Homecoming football game. This fall marked the 27th year for the reunion.



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Jan. 17

Textbook Awards Ceremony

Jan. 20

12th Annual St. Louis Trivia Night

Jan. 28

Alumni Appreciation Night at the SIU Arena (SIU vs. Missouri State)

Feb. 18

SIU Day with the Dallas Stars

Mar. 2-5

Missouri Valley Conference Tournament

Mar. 10

SIU Day with the Chicago Bulls

Mar. 28

Extern Recognition Ceremony

April 10

Distinguished Alumni Ceremony

SIU's Boydston, Beggs to Enter MVC Hall of Fame

BY GENE GREEN

Former Southern Illinois University Athletics Director Donald Boydston and former SIU Chancellor Don Beggs will be among six inductees entering the Missouri Valley Conference Hall of Fame at the league's annual ceremony next March. The event will kick off events at the men's basketball tournament in St. Louis.

The 20th MVC Hall of Fame class also will feature longtime administrator Mary Jo Wynn (Missouri State); women's basketball Olympian Charlotte Lewis (Illinois State); former Major League Baseball manager and college star Eric Wedge (Wichita State); and Marcus Pollard, who helped the resurgence of Bradley basketball in the early 1990s and later played in the National Football League as a tight end after not playing football in college.

Here is more on the two SIU honorees:

Don Boydston enters the conference's Hall of Fame as a posthumous honoree in The Valley's "Lifetime Achievement" category. It honors former players, coaches, administrators or alumni who competed at, worked for or attended a current league school.

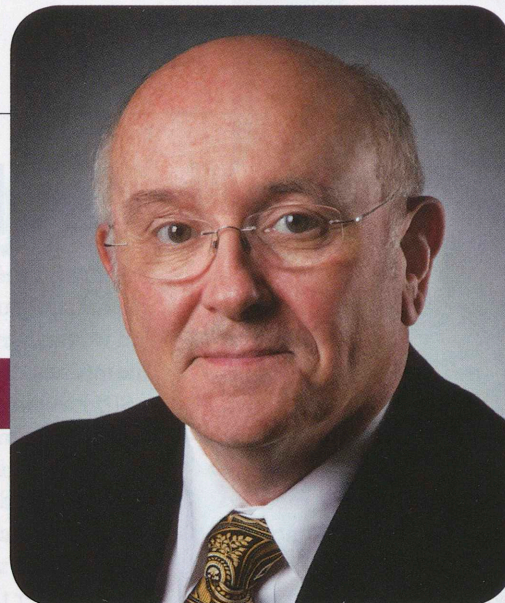
Boydston was instrumental in creating winning athletic teams at SIU during the 1960s. After becoming SIU's athletics director in 1957, he began a rejuvenation project that began to pay immediate dividends. His statement that "there are no minor sports at Southern" brought pride to programs such as swimming, gymnastics, tennis, wrestling and golf.

"Don cared about all sports and distributed scholarships in a manner allowing everyone opportunity for success," says **Harold Bardo '62, Ph.D. '72**, a close friend who was an athlete at SIU during Boydston's years as athletics director. "He accomplished a lot at SIU and was the main person guiding us all through a great time in Saluki athletics."

Bardo's comments ring true, as the 10-sport program at SIU compiled a composite 1,531-594-17 record under Boydston through the 1971 season. He mentored many of the great SIU coaches, such as Dick LeFevre (men's tennis); Jack Hartman (men's basketball); **Richard**



Don Boydston



Don Beggs

“Itchy” Jones (baseball); and Lew Hartzog (men’s track). Hartzog already is a member of the MVC Hall of Fame.

Boydston spearheaded the two-year project of building the SIU Arena, which was completed in the spring of 1964. During his 15-year stay at SIU, he oversaw four NCAA university division gymnastics titles and seven NCAA men’s basketball tournament appearances (1959 and 1962-1966). The Saluki men’s basketball squad also appeared in the 1967 and 1969 National Invitation Tournaments, winning the 1967 event with eventual NBA Hall of Famer Walt Frazier leading the way.

Men’s swimming posted NCAA top 25 finishes from 1960 to 1972, while the men’s tennis team had seven top 20 NCAA showings from 1963 to 1972, including two national college division championships in 1963 and 1964. The golf teams also won or shared NCAA college division crowns, while the baseball, track, wrestling and cross country teams all placed in the top 10 of NCAA university division championship competition during Boydston’s tenure.

Boydston, a graduate of Oklahoma State, was a standout high jumper for the Aggies. After earning his master’s degree there in 1946, he moved to Columbia University to serve as an instructor while earning his doctorate. In 1949 he moved to the University of Mississippi as an associate

professor and remained there until 1955, when he came to SIU as chair of the health education department.

“This induction would have been quite special for him and his family,” Bardo says. “I feel it serves as the culmination of tremendous hard work and dedication. Don accomplished a great deal and was a real professional who led by example.”

Boydston’s name adorns the spectacular 50,000-square-foot facility on campus that houses the Saluki football and basketball teams. It was dedicated in 2010 with his late wife, Jo Ann, in attendance. He died in 2005 at the age of 84.

Don Beggs ’63, M.S. ’64, who served as chancellor at SIU and president at Wichita State, enters the Hall of Fame as the 2017 Paul Morrison Award recipient. The Morrison Award honors individuals who have made significant contributions to their respective league-member institutions. The two-degree SIU graduate served the two league schools for a combined 45 years.

From 1966 to 1998, Beggs was in a number of capacities at SIU, beginning as assistant professor of educational measurement and statistics. He was named associate dean of the Graduate School in 1970, professor of educational measurement and statistics in 1972, and assistant dean of the College of Education in 1973. He became the acting dean for University Programs and acting

assistant vice president for Academic Affairs and Research in 1975, and also was named associate dean for the College of Education in 1975.

In 1981, Beggs was appointed dean of the College of Education, and was named chancellor at SIU in 1996. He became Wichita State University’s 12th president in 1999 after serving two years as chancellor at SIU, and he served in that capacity until he retired in 2012.

“Southern means so much to our family,” Beggs says. “We are graduates of SIU, enjoyed more than three decades working there, and still have many wonderful memories of our alma mater.”

Beggs says he is honored to be going into the MVC Hall of Fame – especially since he will go in with an old friend.

“When Don Boydston was dean of the College of Education, I reported to him,” Beggs recalls. “We had a long working relationship on the academic side, and he and his wife, Jo Ann, were wonderful people we considered our good friends. I’m glad he is part of this class.”

Beggs enters the MVC Hall of Fame as the only person in the league in the last 30 years to serve as chief executive officer at two different conference schools. He and his wife, **Shirley ’64, M.S. Ed. ’68**, have two children and four grandchildren, and the couple resides in Bloomington, Illinois.

Women 7th, Men 8th At MVC Cross-Country Championships

The Saluki cross-country teams capped off the Missouri Valley Conference season in Cedar Falls, Iowa, with the women's team earning a seventh-place finish and the men placing eighth in the championship meet.

Josh Maier capped a strong sophomore campaign by finishing 13th at the conference meet with a time of 25 minutes, 17.4 seconds, earning all-conference honorable mention honors. Junior Jonathon Vara was the next highest placing for the men's side, crossing the finish line 32nd overall with a time of 26:24.8.

The women's team placed four runners in the top 50, with junior Natalia Hajduk leading the way, finishing 31st with a time of 18:43.4. Freshman Olivia Murphy crossed the finish line 3 seconds later, coming in at 32nd at 18:46.2.

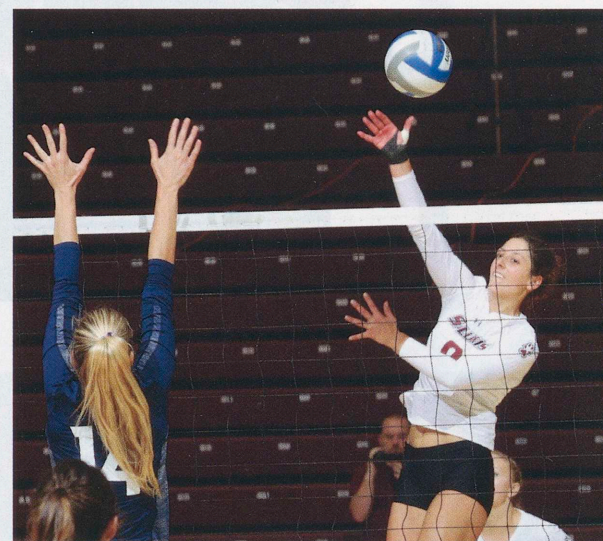
Stellar Season For Volleyball Team

At press time, the SIU volleyball team was finishing up another strong season and was starting play in the 2016 MVC Championships.

SIU has played with four starters and the libero from last year's team that posted the most wins in a single season since 2002 and made the program's first-ever NCAA tournament appearance.

The Salukis are winding up their fifth season under the direction of head coach Justin Ingram, who has led the team to five straight seasons of 10-plus wins in conference play – the longest such streak in program history. SIU also has won 20-plus games in four of Ingram's five seasons at the helm.

Go to siusalukis.com for MVC tournament results.



All-MVC performer Andrea Estrada.

Kill Returns – Still 'Chasing Dreams'

Former SIU head football coach Jerry Kill returned to SIU in September to sign copies of his new autobiography, "Chasing Dreams: Living My Life One Yard At A Time." Proceeds from the event benefited the Coach Kill Cancer Fund in Southern Illinois.

The SIU Hall of Famer, who retired from coaching last year to focus on his battle with epilepsy, is now an assistant athletics director at Kansas State University. Years ago, with the help of Southern Illinois Healthcare, he and his wife, Rebecca, formed the Coach Kill Cancer Fund to assist Southern Illinois patients and their families with medical costs and other associated expenses.

The fund has distributed more than \$500,000 to 1,200 cancer patients and families throughout the region.

When he started the fund, Kill explained that, during his own cancer treatment, he saw many others from Southern Illinois going

through similar struggles. He was bothered that while many had the same challenges, often they did not have the same resources that he was "fortunate to be blessed with."

Kill, 55, also saw need when he was in Minnesota. He started the Chasing Dreams Epilepsy Fund there in 2014 while battling a disease that ultimately forced him to retire from coaching in October 2015. Sales from "Chasing Dreams" benefit this worthy cause.

When Kill returned to Carbondale for the book signing, the trek produced an added bonus. He arrived in time to watch SIU's 30-22 win over Southeast Missouri State. It was his former quarterback Nick Hill's first win as a college head coach.

"Not often does a coach get to see one of his players win their first game at a place where they coached," Kill says. "It was a great thrill to see Nick and the guys win it, especially since SIU means so much to me



and my family."

Kill, who still maintains a home in Southern Illinois at the Lake of Egypt, was accompanied to the book signing by co-author Jim Bruton, a former Golden Gopher football player and author of several publications.

"Chasing Dreams" is available at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. To find out more about the Coach Kill Cancer Fund, go to coachkillfund.org.

– Gene Green

SIU Women Picked 4th In League

After posting a 20-win season for the first time in nine years and going to its first postseason appearance since 2007, the SIU women's basketball team has been picked to finish fourth in the Missouri Valley Conference's annual preseason poll.

Fourth-year head coach Cindy Stein returns eight letter winners from a 20-13 squad that fashioned a 12-6 mark in the conference. The Dawgs return leading scorer and preseason All-MVC selection Rishonda Napier, a first-team selection a year ago when she finished in the top-10 in the league in scoring (15.5) and assists (3.5).

"I think this team has a chance to be something special," Stein says. "We have some good pieces in place. However, we will need some of our freshmen and sophomores to step up and be consistent performers."

Stein says Napier, Carlie Corrigan and Kylie Giebelhausen will be the team's captains.

"We feel really good about that, as all are outstanding leaders," she says. "They are vocal, work hard and lead by example."

SIU was one of four teams to earn 300-plus points in this year's poll, with Drake and its MVC preseason player of the year, guard Lizzy Wendell, earning top billing. Northern Iowa garnered four first-place votes and 317 points, while Missouri State was right behind the Panthers with a pair of first-place votes and 313 points.

The Salukis tallied 306 points, marking the first time in 18 years that SIU has been picked in the top half of the annual poll in back-to-back seasons.

The Salukis open the season at home versus Loyola Dec. 30. The MVC Women's Tournament runs March 9-12 and will be played in the Quad Cities for the second straight year. For early-season results, the full SIU schedule, stats and additional player information, go to siusalukis.com.



Rishonda Napier is an MVC preseason first-teamer after pacing the Salukis in scoring and assists last season.

Football Salukis Grab 'Signature Win' In Season Finale

Programs being rebuilt often search for a signature win to help validate that the team is headed in the right direction. The Football Salukis might just have found that victory in the 2016 finale, erasing a 17-point deficit en route to a 44-34 win over No. 23 Western Illinois University on Senior Day.

Playing as many as 17 freshmen late in the season against teams in arguably the toughest FCS conference in the country (MVC opponent North Dakota State is going for its sixth straight national championship this year, and four conference foes earned playoff berths), the Dawgs won two of their last three games to finish 4-7 overall and 2-6 in MVC play in Nick Hill's first season as head coach.

Despite some injuries and inexperience, Southern was in almost every game, as six of the seven losses were by only one possession.

"Beating a nationally ranked team is a remarkable way to end the season," Hill says,



"The game left a great taste in the players' mouths as we continue to rebuild this program. It also sent 18 seniors out the right way and will serve as a momentum builder for SIU football."

After trailing 31-14 in the second half, the Salukis ended the game on a 30-3 scoring run to sink the Leathernecks' playoff hopes

and potentially set a solid foundation for lasting success under Hill.

In the win, redshirt sophomore quarterback Sam Straub set a school record with 450 passing yards, breaking the old record of 436 set by Hill in 2007. Straub found seniors Israel Lamprakes for 203 yards (second-most in school history) and Billy Reed for 138 more, making it the fourth time ever that SIU had two 100-yard receivers in a game.

Talk of a signature win aside, the Du Quoin native knows substantial hard work is ahead.

"We have a lot to accomplish in the off season," Hill notes. "Although we won four games, we have to remember that there's a reason we lost some of those close games. We'll be older with more experience next year, but that fact doesn't automatically equal wins. We have to earn it."

– Gene Green

Conference Season Begins Dec. 29

Dawgs Picked 5th In MVC Men's Hoop Poll



SIU senior forward Sean O'Brien returns as the team leader.

After facing one of the most challenging schedules in SIU men's basketball history, the Salukis enter the Missouri Valley Conference portion of the season as the fifth pick in the preseason poll of media members and coaches.

The 13-game nonconference slate features a school-record eight home games, as well as earlier road action at three Power Five conference opponents (Arkansas, Louisville and Minnesota). The last time SIU played three Power Five opponents in the regular season was 2007-2008 (Indiana, Mississippi State and the University of Southern California).

The Salukis return eight players – including four seniors – from last year's team that finished 22-10 overall and tied for fourth place in the MVC. Headlining the list of returnees is Sean O'Brien (12.1 points per game, 6 rebounds per game), who is a preseason second-team all-conference selection. The 6-foot-7 senior forward is joined by returning guards Leo Vincent and Tyler Smithpeters to give added experience on the perimeter.

One thing head coach Barry Hinson says he wished hadn't happened was another injury to point guard Mike Rodriguez. Hinson announced at Media Day that the senior might begin the regular season on the bench with a stress fracture in his knee. Rodriguez missed six weeks of workouts with the injury, then aggravated it again in late October but was able to return in time for theseason opener.

Regarding his top returning player, Hinson says an off-season change in O'Brien's strength and conditioning program has him in the best shape of his career – and has mitigated nagging knee issues, too.

"It's the healthiest Sean's ever been," Hinson notes. "He's a multitaled young

man, and our fans have yet to see him in a healthy body. I don't make bold predictions, but I'll be shocked if he's not on the first team (All-MVC) at the end of the year."

For the fourth straight year, Wichita State is tabbed the favorite to win the MVC title. Two starters and nine lettermen are back from a Shockers squad that led the nation in scoring defense and won a pair of NCAA Tournament games last spring. Wichita State received 37 first-place votes and 413 points to outdistance Illinois State, which earned 356 points to finish second.

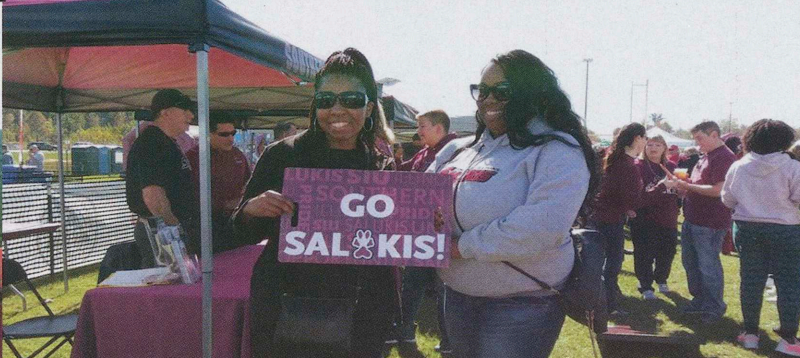
"I've been a part of this league for 14 years, and there's always somebody that no one was counting on or expecting to do great," Hinson says. "I think it will be a great race with more parity than we've seen in the past."

SIU opens MVC action Dec. 29 at Bradley, then ushers in league play at home Jan. 1 with a 4 p.m. tipoff against Drake. The State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, also known as Arch Madness, will take place March 2-5 at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis.

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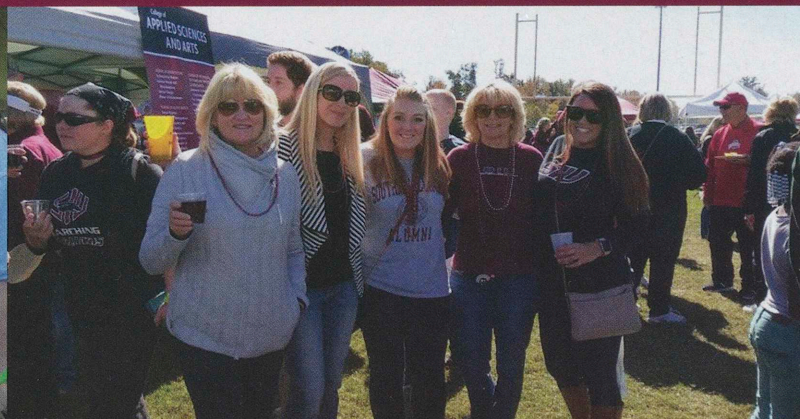
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A RISING SOUTHERN STAR

BY GENE GREEN

SIU Graduate Emerging As One The Top Young Actresses In The Opera World.

Emily Fons, M.M. '08, describes herself as a driven person who clearly understands the type of environment she thrives in. That internal perception guided the classical vocalist to Southern Illinois University more than a decade ago.

Now hailed by publications such as *Opera News* Magazine as one of the rising opera stars in the country, she also has been lauded as one the best singing actresses of her generation.

Before coming to Carbondale, Fons earned her undergraduate degree at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, a private liberal arts institution widely known for its international musical heritage.

"I received great voice training at Luther College, but knew I wanted to perform onstage and realized that was the type of experience I still needed the most," Fons says. "Being the motivated person I am, most faculty at Luther figured I would want to find a nationally known setting for such training."

But the Milwaukee native had other plans.



The Southern graduate as Zerlina in "Don Giovanni" at the San Diego Opera.

THE ROAD TO SIU

Although she respected the reputation of several high-profile performing arts conservatories, Fons felt strongly that such settings would not be a good fit for her. When trying to decide where to go to graduate school, she discussed the situation with Luther College music professor Jessica Paul.

Paul had worked with Margaret Simmons, who was now at SIU as a vocal coach and coordinator of the School of Music's vocal area.

"She had recommended Margaret as a respected colleague who I would enjoy working with," Fons says. "With that endorsement, I decided to come to Carbondale for a visit."

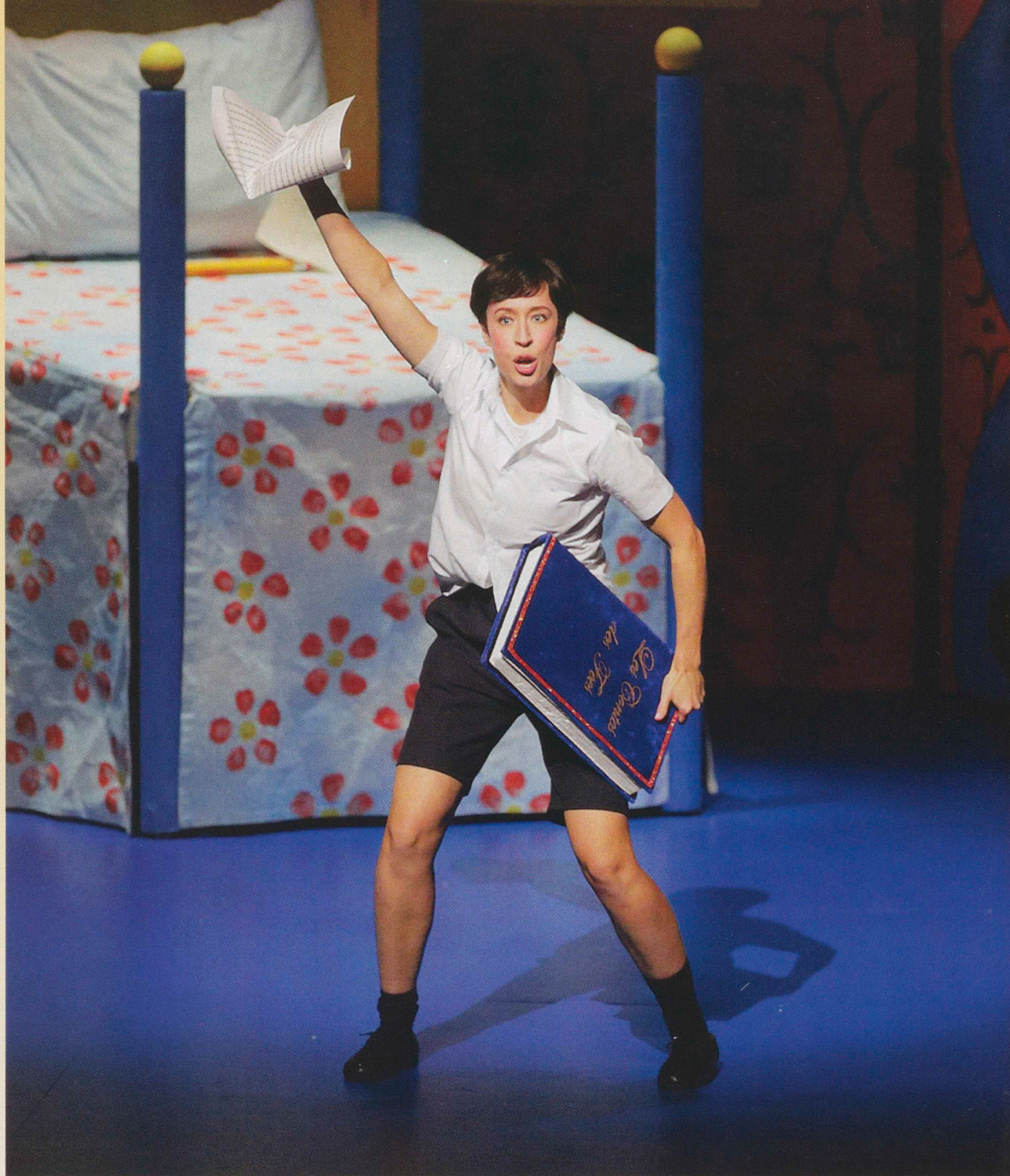
When she arrived at SIU to audition as a soprano in 2006, Fons met Simmons and her fellow department staff members Jeanine Wagner and Timothy Fink. Trusting her instincts, Fons soon knew that SIU was going to be the positive environment she needed for her talent to flourish.

Simmons quickly sensed this new student was going to be someone special.

"We all recognized Emily's talent, fantastic mind and enviable work ethic from the first day she arrived at



Last year *Opera News* Magazine named Fons one of the rising stars of the opera world.



Fons as L'Enfant in "L'Enfant et les Sortilèges" at the Ongaku-Juku Festival.

SIU," Simmons notes. "She became a joy to work with on every level, and it's been gratifying to watch her continue to grow and hold her own with other major artists in a demanding and competitive profession."

Wagner, now director emeritus of the School of Music, agrees.

"Emily was a dream student with focus and drive mixed with obvious talent," she recalls. "Those

qualities both challenged and inspired me as a teacher. She brought out the best of anyone who worked with her, because she is just a genuinely nice person."

So the stage appeared set for Fons to begin tackling challenging soprano roles at SIU – until an eventual suggestion would turn her musical focus in a slightly different direction.

“I embraced the mezzo-soprano roles immediately,” the SIU graduate says. “When I look back on it, I think I always had a sneaking suspicion that I would be happier in those roles.”

RANGE AND VERSATILITY

Fink, a professor of opera and musical theater at SIU, remembers those early days listening to Fons sing.

“I thought at the time that she would be perfect for mezzo-soprano roles,” Fink says.

Mezzo-sopranos usually have a heavier, darker tone than sopranos. These female performers often play “pants roles” (a woman who plays boys and adolescent males, as well as feminine characters), making it a part where fewer performers can succeed.

“Emily was physically perfect for the pants roles (such as Cherubino in “The Marriage of Figaro”), and her voice had enough color and warmth to make her a natural,” Fink recalls. “The only thing was, I had no idea if she would be comfortable with that.”

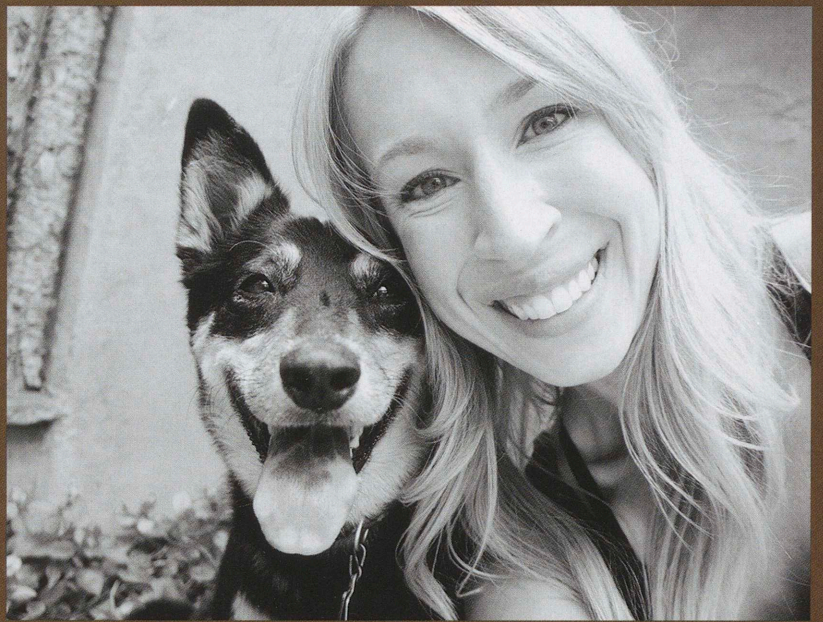
Fons continued to study as a soprano during her first year at SIU, until Fink decided to cast her in a mezzo role for “Hansel and Gretel.”

“And I only did it then because I didn’t have another mezzo to turn to,” he now says, laughing. “In fact, I wanted to make it up to her the next year with a major soprano part.”

There would be nothing to make up; instead, he had helped Fons find her true niche.

“I embraced the mezzo-soprano roles immediately,” the SIU graduate says. “When I look back on it, I think I always had a sneaking suspicion that I would be happier in those roles. When you are first starting out, it’s hard to know the right place for you, so you can’t place your given ability in a box and not be open to new things.”

With SIU providing Fons the opportunity to also explore the theater department (her graduate elective courses came from theater), she obtained a double



A LITTLE PIECE OF HOME

When interviewed this summer, Emily Fons was finishing a role as Angelina in “La Cenerentola” at Opéra De Lille in Lille, France. She admits that dealing with such travel commitments can be a daunting process.

“It can be both exciting and a grind, and you have to somehow find a midpoint emotionally on how to handle it,” she says. “I’m not sure I have that figured out yet. This kind of career can take its toll on personal relationships, and I hope to get a better grasp on that in the coming years.”

While international travel can sometimes be lonely, Fons’ trips in the United States now include a companion she can’t imagine being without.

“In 2009, when I was in Santa Fe, I rescued an Australian Kelpie,” the SIU graduate says. “Lupita is now my baby and goes with me everywhere when I perform in the country.”

Fons initially was just fostering the dog – but one day, while she was warming up her vocal cords, Lupita ran into the room and started singing along.

“I knew then she was my dog,” she says, laughing. “Lu sings with me, runs with me and keeps me on track. My love of animals is on the same level as my love of music, so if I wasn’t in this business, I would be doing something to help animals.”

Since Fons doesn’t take Lupita overseas, her parents in Milwaukee step in and enjoy watching the dog while she is away. That process is now even easier with a recent move back to her hometown.

“It’s the first time in 12 years that I’ve made Milwaukee my home base,” she says. “I decided it’s important that, when I have a week or two off, I’m able to be close to my family.”

And when she has to leave her home for a performance, the dog she rescued will be with her as a bit of a savior herself.

“I can’t really explain how important Lu is to me,” Fons says. “She really came along when we needed one another. Just having that little piece of home with me when I go on the road makes all the difference.”



Fons performs as Hansel in a "Hansel and Gretel" production at SIU in 2006.

major in opera and musical theater and added the stage training she longed for.

"Opera and theater are quite different, yet complimentary in approach," she says. "Both demand a technical understanding of yourself and your body, and my days at SIU gave me the experience and confidence I needed."

MAKING THE TRANSITION

Following her graduation from SIU, Fons says a big break occurred with her acceptance into the Apprentice Singer Program at New Mexico's Santa Fe Opera. The program is for young singers who are in transition from academic to professional life, and it was once again a perfect place for her to thrive.

"The Santa Fe Opera has a huge and impressive legacy of training American singers, and I can't say enough about what they did for me," Fons says. "It gave me an idea of what the business was going to be like."

Soon after this apprenticeship, professional roles began to appear. To say her career has stayed at a feverish pace ever since would be an understatement, as Fons performs across the globe at various high-profile venues.

Her characterizations have ranged from a sharp-elbowed, drily witty Rosina at Opera Theatre of St. Louis, to an endearingly gawky Cherubino in Santa Fe, and a bespectacled, man-hungry Peep-Bo in "The Mikado" at Lyric Opera of Chicago.

In 2015 the 33-year-old Fons created one of her favorite roles, gaining rave reviews as the strong-willed, resourceful Ruby in Santa Fe Opera's world premiere of Jennifer Higdon's "Cold Mountain."

"I felt an affinity to Ruby immediately, she says. "She is self-sufficient, proactive, tireless, direct and confident, but not standoffish or harsh. I get to let a lot of myself out when I'm up there embodying her physically and vocally."

Fons offered *Opera News* this response when asked what she thought about her own acting ability: "I don't think anything can replace the skills gained by just getting up there and doing it. Every audition, every chance to step out onstage, will teach you something about yourself. You just have to be honest and vulnerable enough to accept those lessons, take things in stride and always strive for improvement.

"One of the great things about the young artist programs at the country's top opera houses is the chance young singers get to watch so many people onstage. You really begin to see what works and what doesn't."

A CHANCE TO GIVE BACK

Although Fons travels the world performing, she hopes to eventually get back to SIU and share what she has learned.

"I don't claim to be the world's leading expert on anything, but in the last 10 years I have had many experiences that could be valuable to students who just want to know what it's like to start doing this kind of thing for a living. I think I could offer encouragement and advice that might make a difference."

Wagner knows that the former Saluki has learned several life lessons that can inspire students to stay the course and continue to chase their dreams.

"It's been amazing to watch the performance world discover Emily Fons in the relatively short time she has been singing," Wagner says. "It's a competitive business, and certainly not for the faint of heart. That being said, Emily has it all: a beautiful instrument, terrific intelligence, innate musicianship, wonderful stage savvy and the necessary business sense to be successful.

"SIU should be extremely proud to have its name associated with her."



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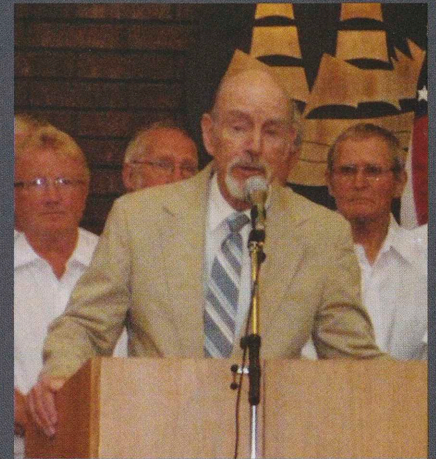
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BULL, Margaret W., '55
8/11/2016, Knoxville, Tenn.
JONES, William S., '55, M.S.Ed. '61
8/02/2016, Brighton, Ill.
ROTH, Esther J., '55
7/05/2016, Swansea, Ill.
BOYEIT, Reba T., '56
8/11/2016, Fort Smith, Ark.
BROWN, Otto J., '56
10/17/2015, Cabot, Ark.
CARAVALIA, J.C., '56
9/07/2016, Carbondale, Ill.
JOHNSON, Alex J., '56, M.S.Ed. '62
10/19/2015, Elba, Ala.
STONE, Charles W., '56
9/11/2016, Melvin, Ill.
BUBNAS, Phyllis J., '57, M.S.Ed. '60
9/28/2016, Carbondale, Ill.

DILLINGER BOOKER, Shirley A., ex. '57
9/08/2016, Carbondale, Ill.
KOPSKY, Harvey., '57
6/21/2016, Collinsville, Ill.
CAUBLE, Ben L., '58, M.S.Ed. '61, Ph.D. '64, M.A. '94
10/13/2016, Munford, Tenn.
DOERNER, Cyril E., '58
7/19/2016, Norris City, Ill.
JOHNSON, Robert L., '58, M.A. '63
8/25/2016, Granite City, Ill.
ADELL, Wallis A., '59
9/23/2016, Sterling, Ill.
SHEPARD, Bobby G., ex. '59
8/13/2016, Cobden, Ill.
GRUSSING, Yvonne J., ex. '60
1/05/2016, Sidney, Ill.
HOWERTON, Ruth K., M.S. '60
9/21/2016, Buncombe, Ill.
MCCRARY, Martha L., ex. '60
8/19/2016, Centralia, Ill.
PETTIT, Robert T., '60
6/27/2016, Joliet, Ill.
YOUNG, Emerson D., '60
8/31/2016, Mattoon, Ill.
COADY, John L., '63
8/08/2016, Taylorville, Ill.
COLDWELL, Sheila C., '63
8/21/2016, Evansville, Ind.
COOK, Beverly, '63, M.S.Ed. '68
9/19/2016, Carbondale, Ill.
FLESBURG, Dale., '63
7/22/2016, Pontiac, Ill.
KOHLE, Mildred D., '63
10/13/2016, Anna, Ill.
MCDONOUGH, Mavis C., '63
9/05/2016, Marion, Ill.
HENDEE, Richard D., '64, M.S. '70
9/08/2016, Springfield, Ill.
ALBERT, Floyd E., '65
4/28/2016, Richmond, Texas
BITNER, Judith A., '65
8/01/2016, Murphysboro, Ill.
FIORINA, Jerald P., '65
8/25/2016, Herrin, Ill.
LOYD, Samuel A., M.M.Ed. '65, Ph.D. '69
7/11/2016, Chicago, Ill.
KU, George C., '61, '65, M.S. '68
7/14/2016, Farmington, Conn.
WAGNER, Arlene A., '65, M.S. '66
7/23/2016, Midlothian, Ill.
ZELNICK, Gale E., M.S. '65
8/13/2016, Mount Dora, Fla.

BROUGHAM, William P., '66
8/19/2016, Montrose, Colo.
HOLLMANN, Leonard H., '66, M.M. '68
1/15/2016, O'Fallon, Mo.
PERRY, Alex S., M.S. '66
8/10/2016, Nesbit, Miss.
ULRICH, Mary G., M.S.Ed. '66
7/27/2016, Green Valley, Ariz.
WISE, James T., '66
9/29/2016, Gulfport, Miss.
DAVIS, Hardin A., '67, M.S.Ed. '73
8/02/2016, Carbondale, Ill.
HELTON, Norma J., '67
8/01/2016, Valier, Ill.
KENNEDY, Jerry M., '67
8/19/2016, Loveland, Ohio
BENWAY, Howard F., '68, M.S.Ed. '70
8/23/2016, Raymore, Mo.
HOWELL, Catherine J., '62, '68, M.S.Ed. '76
10/05/2016, Marion, Ill.
KESSEL, David B., '68
9/18/2016, Lakewood, Ill.
OLSEN, Roger L., Ph.D. '68
1/18/2016, Mesa, Ariz.
OPALENICK, Nicholas G., M.S.Ed. '68
3/09/2016, Piedmont, Calif.
STONE, Maria R., '68, M.S.Ed. '72
8/15/2016, Prophetstown, Ill.
ROBINSON, William T., '69, M.S.Ed. '76
9/26/2016, Jonesboro, Ill.
STENDEL, Jack L., '69
8/17/2016, Minocqua, Wis.
SUMMERS, Robert B., '69
8/21/2016, Carbondale, Ill.
ASKELAND, Richard A., M.A. '70
9/05/2016, Syracuse, N.Y.
OSTROWSEY, William S., M.F.A. '70
8/06/2016, Winsted, Conn.
YOUNG, Janice P., M.M. '70
8/06/2016, Blue Springs, Mo.
HANUSEK, John M., M.S. '71
8/01/2016, Clermont, Fla.
METZ, Gerald L., '71
9/27/2016, Buffalo Grove, Ill.
STEINAUER, Mary H., M.A. '71, Ph.D. '82
8/20/2016, Huntertown, Ind.
DRAKE, Harold L., Ph.D. '72
7/22/2016, Lancaster, Pa.
HOPE, William T., M.S. '72
8/17/2016, Steubenville, Ohio
MARTIN, Larry J., '72
8/22/2016, Olney, Ill.
ARNOLD, Michael G., '73, M.B.A. '74
2/24/2016, Englishtown, N.J.
DAMIAN, Michael G., '73, M.S. '79
9/09/2016, Carbondale, Ill.
HUDGENS, Wade., '73, M.S.Ed. '79,
Ph.D. '91
9/21/2016, Marion, Ill.
JONES, Bruce E., '73
7/31/2016, Vancouver, Wash.
O'BRIEN, Robert W., '73
8/11/2016, Pace, Fla.
TAYLOR, Patricia J., '73, M.S.Ed. '81
9/01/2016, Marion, Ohio
VICICH, Robert J., '73
8/12/2016, Marseilles, Ill.
SHEEHAN, Thomas D., '74
8/16/2016, Grapevine, Texas
HOWD, Stephen, '75
8/09/2016, Metamora, Ill.
KURIAN, Ponnamma K., M.S. '75
11/05/2015, Plymouth, Minn.
BAKER, Barry G., ex. '76
8/30/2016, Bay City, Mich.
HADDOCK, Richard D., '76
3/11/2016, Terrell, Texas
HAMILTON, Charles L., '76
8/18/2016, Supply, N.C.
OLD, Joe D., M.A. '76
7/22/2016, El Paso, Texas
HEDIGER, Charlotte L., ex. '78
7/22/2016, Effingham, Ill.
IMMKE, Keith H., J.D. '78
8/08/2016, Springfield, Ill.
SIMINGTON, Kenneth R., M.A. '78
8/30/2016, Nashville, Tenn.

Former Professor, Noted Authority On Swedish-Americans



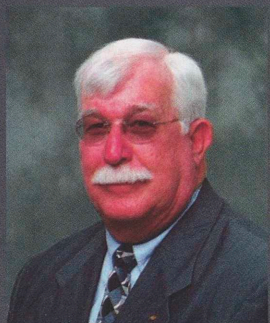
Arnold Barton, Ph.D., professor emeritus at Southern Illinois University and one of the world's foremost authorities on the history of Swedish-Americans, died Sept. 28 in Sweden. He was 86.

Barton came to SIU in 1970 and served as a member of the faculty until his retirement in 1996. He earned his doctorate from Princeton in 1962 and received an honorary doctorate from Uppsala University in Sweden in 1989. His research included 18th century Europe, Scandinavia, France and American immigration. He also was the editor of Swedish-American Historical Quarterly from 1974 to 1990.

Barton wrote and edited several volumes of books during his career. In 1988 he was named "Swedish-American of the Year" by the Royal Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Vasa Order of America, and in 2000 was made a Knight Commander of the Royal Swedish Order of the Polar Star by King Carl XVI Gustaf.

WHATLEY, Jon E., '78
1/02/2016, Fort Collins, Colo.
ALLEN, James E., '79
8/19/2016, Louisa, Ky.
MILLER, Howard S., '80
6/23/2016, Niles, Ill.
NELSON, Thomas A., M.A. '80, Ph.D. '84
8/30/2016, Saint Paul, Minn.
BAILEY, Lillian M., '81
8/22/2016, Marion, Ill.
CROTEAU, James M., M.A. '81, Ph.D. '86
9/18/2016, Kalamazoo, Mich.
HOGAN, William J., '81
4/24/2016, Lake in the Hills, Ill.
MALOY, James E., '81
9/30/2016, Dover, Del.
KUESTER, Elizabeth D., M.D. '82
12/8/2015, Rockville, Ind.
PHELPS, Christopher J., '82
3/16/2016, Warrenville, Ill.

Former Association President Don Magee



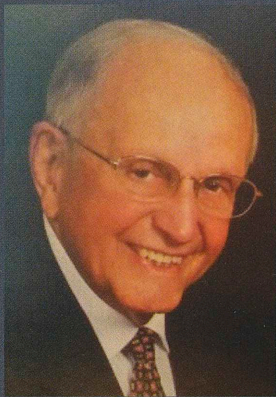
Former SIU Alumni Association Board President **Don Magee** died Nov. 16 at the age of 75. The Springfield, Illinois, resident served on the Association's national board from 1995-2005, and was president from 2001-2003.

Magee, affectionately known to most at SIU as "Big Dawg," was also a member of the Prairie Capital Chapter, where he volunteered for more than 25 years as a university representative at the Illinois State Fair.

As a student in the early 1960s, Magee joined the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, where one of his activities included caring for the university-owned Saluki dogs. Years later, he and his wife, Karen, would begin raising Salukis themselves.

Magee is survived by his wife, daughter, and three grandchildren.

Former Foundation Director, Association Board Member



John "J.C." Garavalia '56, a former university administrator and board member of the SIU Alumni Association, died Sept. 7 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. He was 85.

Garavalia, a graduate of the College of Business, was a longtime administrator at Southern Illinois University, from 1968 until 1991, including a stint, beginning in 1982, as the acting executive director of the SIU Foundation. After retirement, Garavalia continued to be active with SIU, serving on the SIU Alumni Association's national board of directors.

Garavalia, who was a life member of the Association, is survived by his wife, Carol, also a

life member. In addition, Garavalia was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church in Herrin, an Air Force veteran having served in the Korean War, and a member of the Rotary International Club of Carbondale.

Other survivors include his son, Brian, and his wife, Linda, of Claremont, California; stepsons David and Kevin Boucher of Murphysboro, Illinois, along with their wives, Julie and Loraine, respectively. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Carolyn Garavalia, and son, Marc Garavalia, for whom a memorial scholarship at SIU was established.

SMITH, Joan A., '82
9/26/2016, Carbondale, Ill.
BLOCK, Timothy J., '83
11/26/2015, Coram, N.Y.
CAMPBELL, Scott D., '83
8/19/2016, Roscoe, Ill.
DAHMAN, Steven N., '83
3/04/2016, Joliet, Ill.
WILLIAMS, Roger D., '83
7/27/2016, Friendship, Wis.
ALSTAT, William W., '84
8/19/2016, Vergennes, Ill.
LARSEN, Kurt G., '85, M.A. '06
10/14/2016, Burr Ridge, Ill.
RUBIN, Chad A., '85, M.D. '89
7/03/2016, Columbia, S.C.
CANFIELD, Richard H., '87
8/12/2016, Homosassa, Fla.
KINNEY, Loretta H., M.S.Ed. '87
7/03/2016, Fairfield, Ill.
MOSER, Timothy E., '87
8/25/2016, Arnold, Mo.
REEVES, Christopher, '88
1/04/2016, Warren, Mich.
CARMAN, Julie A., '89
10/05/2016, Makanda, Ill.
JOHNSON, Steven L., '90
9/23/2016, Anna, Ill.
PERRY, Bryon V., ex. '90
10/01/2015, Greenacres, Wash.
FERGUSON-PARKS, Judith A., M.S.Ed. '91
10/01/2016, Anna, Ill.
FORD, Thomas J., '91
3/20/2016, Chicago, Ill.
CHAPPELEAR, Mark L., '93
7/30/2016, Roswell, Ga.
MONK, Melissa J., '93
9/29/2016, Sumner, Ill.
MUETH, Melanie R., '94, M.D. '99

6/24/2016, Edwardsville, Ill.
CAMPBELL, Anjanette S., M.S. '02
9/22/2016, Peoria, Ill.
TIBBS, Richard J., '05
8/14/2016, West Frankfort, Ill.
FRANKLIN, David C., '06
6/03/2016, Walnut, Calif.
MARCUM, Daniel C., '13
8/21/2016, Brighton, Ill.

FACULTY/STAFF

AHERIN, Laura E.
Civil Service, Licensed Practical Nurse II
School of Medicine
1/11/2016, Farmersville, Ill.
CATHER, James R.
Civil Service, Extra Help, Paraprofessional
Education and Curriculum
8/29/2016, Carbondale, Ill.
FERRY, Karen L.
Civil Service, Surgery Clinic
School of Medicine
9/19/2016, Pleasant Plains, Ill.
LEFFERTS, Richard H.
Emeritus - Civil Service, Analyst
School of Medicine
8/12/2016, Sherman, Ill.
SCATTERGOOD, Stephen J.
Civil Service, Extra Help Standardized Patient
School of Medicine
4/04/2016, Springfield, Ill.
SCHROEDER, William A.
Emeritus - Professor
School of Law
8/28/2016, Carbondale, Ill.

Alumnus Passes Away At 101



Capt. Edward Maxwell Morgan '36 died peacefully at the age of 101 in the company of family Sept. 17 in Tacoma, Washington.

Born in 1914 in Carbondale, Illinois, Morgan

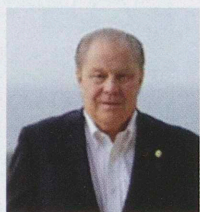
was a career naval officer and aviator, proudly serving his country around the world for 30 years in the air, on land and at sea. He graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1936 with a bachelor's degree in education, and from the University of Minnesota with a master's degree in history. He earned his Navy wings in 1937 and piloted or instructed in more than 40 different types of airplanes throughout his career.

Morgan's many duty assignments included WWII anti-submarine patrols in Central America and Guam, and on the USS Ranger in the North Atlantic. He also served in Washington, Hawaii, Norfolk, Virginia, and Bermuda, among other places. He taught at the Naval Academy and the University of Minnesota, was commanding officer in Trinidad, a member of U.S. Elements, Central Treaty in Ankara, Turkey, and retired in Naples, Italy, in 1966.

He is survived by his granddaughters Hilary Hall (Tod) and Heather Paetsch (Erich); four great-grandchildren: Maxwell, Elaine, Sebastian and Elliott; his 107-year-old half-sister, Gladys Erickson Smith; sister-in-law Virginia Nisker; son-in-law Andy Driscoll (Lana); and multiple generations of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; daughter, Karen Driscoll; half-brother T. Erwin Kelly; and nine additional half-siblings.

1960s

PHIL PFEFFER '65, '66 was named CEO-in-residence for the Lipscomb University College of Business in Nashville, Tennessee, for the fall 2016 semester. Pfeffer, who is president and chief executive officer for Treemont Capital Inc. and former chairman and CEO of Ingram Distribution Group Inc., worked with students enrolled in Lipscomb's Master of Management degree program as both an adjunct professor of management and in co-curricular activities. He was also set to participate in a December business trip with graduate students to Thailand. Pfeffer has been honored by Lipscomb with the inaugural "Entrepreneur of the Year" award, a recognition given by the private Christian university's Center for Entrepreneurship.



Business in Nashville, Tennessee, for the fall 2016 semester. Pfeffer, who is president and

1970s

DARNETTA CLINKSCALE '70 has been appointed by St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay to serve on a special administrative board governing area public schools. Clinkscale, patient care director at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, had served as president of the board of education for St. Louis Public Schools from 2003 to 2006. She also has served on various civic and community boards, including the Black Leadership Roundtable, St. Louis Botanical Gardens Board, St. Louis Science Center and St.



governing area public schools. Clinkscale, patient care director at Barnes-Jewish Hospital, had served

Louis History Museum. Her role with the special administrative board will entail support and oversight of local schools as they work to continue improving upon the academic performance of its students.

KARLA BROADUS '72 has been named director of the African-American Studies program at the University of Texas in San Antonio.



As director, Broadus will oversee the program's students, faculty and

courses, as well as coordinate events that bring awareness to the program and field of African-American Studies. Before her appointment, she was a senior lecturer in UTSA's Department of Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching. Broadus has worked at the university since 1998. Before then, she spent time as a classroom teacher and assistant principal, as an academic advisor at Southern Illinois University and as a recruiter for the University of Texas at Austin. Broadus also has co-organized the annual UTSA Storytelling Festival for more than a decade.

PAUL PICHE '74 has written a new book, "Aloha Shirts, Umbrella Drinks & Island Breezes Or PB&J and TV Reruns," a guide to helping



people retire in the type of lifestyle they want. Piche, currently a member of the

SIU Alumni Association National Board of Directors, is a 40-year veteran of the financial services industry

and has counseled hundreds of clients in foundational planning for retirement. He owns Safe Money Assets, a retirement and income planning agency, based in Kerrville, Texas. Piche says his book offers more than statistics and numbers, and it asks people to consider what kind of goals they want to set for retirement, what kind of money they will need to sustain those goals, as well as encourages them to stop procrastination and neglect in making a plan.

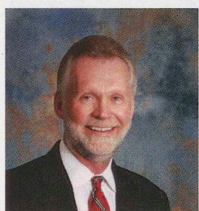
RENEE ROMANO '77, M.S. ED. '79 has announced she will be retiring as vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of Illinois in May 2017. Romano was



appointed to the position in 2006. Before joining the staff at U of I, she

worked in student affairs at the University of Northern Iowa, the University of New Hampshire and Hollins University in Roanoke, Virginia. Romano says she worked to emphasize diversity and inclusion during her tenure as vice chancellor. Among her accomplishments were remodels of student housing complexes, as well as naming residences halls after U of I's first African-American and Native American graduates.

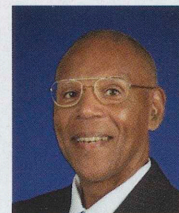
KURT MISCHKE '78 was re-elected president of California Public Television and chair of the Pacific Mountain Network Executive Committee earlier this



year. Mische is president and CEO of KNPB Public Television in Reno/Tahoe, Nevada. He

has been with KNPB since 2009. The Pacific Mountain Network (PMN) represents 31 public television stations across the Mountain West and Pacific Region of the United States.

GEN. LARRY SPENCER '79, who recently retired from the Air Force, has joined the board of Whirlpool Corp. Spencer retired as a four-star general in 2015 after a 44-year military career. He also serves as president of the Air Force Association. In his role on the Whirlpool board, Spencer will have a hand in overseeing the business of the appliance maker.



1980s

G. DAVID DELANEY '83 has joined Paine & Partners as a strategic advisor to identify and act on investment opportunities in the areas of food and agribusiness.

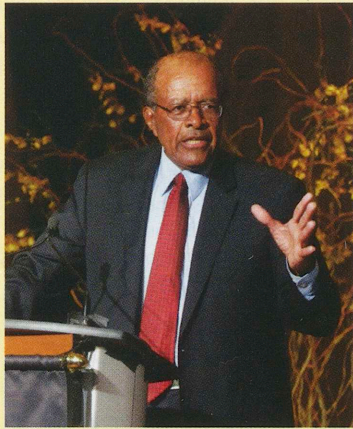


Delaney has worked for more than 30 years in agribusiness and chemical industries.

Paine & Partners is a global private equity investment firm focusing on food and agribusiness. Before his current appointment, Delaney held senior leadership positions with PotashCorp, the world's largest fertilizer company by capacity, most recently as its executive vice president and chief operating officer. In addition to his work, Delaney also serves on the SIU Foundation Board.

MARY JO GORMAN, M.D. '84 has received the Missouri

Cal State LA Names Building After SIU Alumnus



California State Los Angeles recently honored its president emeritus, **JAMES ROSSER '62, PH.D. '69**, by naming a building in his honor. Wing B of the university's Wallis Annenberg Integrated Sciences Complex will become the James M. Rosser Hall. The complex opened during Rosser's tenure and features state-of-the-art science laboratories and equipment.

Rosser led Cal State LA for 34 years, longer than any other president in the university's history. He was named its sixth president in 1979 and retired in 2013. He was the first African-American to lead Cal State LA and the second black person appointed to serve as president in the California State University system, which is the largest public university system in the United States. With Rosser at the helm, Cal State LA added more than a million square feet of building space.

Prior to accepting the presidency at Cal State LA, Rosser served as deputy chancellor of the State of New Jersey Department of Higher Education. Before that, he had been an associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, and a faculty member in pharmacology and toxicology, at the University of Kansas in Lawrence.

Rosser earned academic degrees in health education and microbiology from Southern Illinois University, where he also served as a faculty member, assistant to the chancellor and founding director of the Black American Studies Program. In 2003, SIU conferred upon him an honorary doctorate of humane letters, citing his pioneering efforts to advance opportunities for African-Americans in science and health care.

Women's Council Award of Distinction. Gorman was honored by Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon and



the state's department of economic development for her role as a nationally recognized entrepreneur, innovator and leader in hospital medicine. Gorman has founded four successful companies since 1991

and been a pioneering leader in the area of critical care medicine. She serves as lead managing partner of the Prosper Women Entrepreneurs Startup Accelerator in St. Louis, which is one of the nation's first programs specifically designed to help women-led businesses succeed.

JENNIFER DERBY '85, an instructor of Early Childhood Education at Edgcombe Community College in North

Carolina, has been awarded the 2016-2017 Keihin Endowed Faculty Chair. This endowment was created in 2007 through a \$100,000 gift from Keihin Carolina System Technology to reward teaching excellence. It is the highest distinction the college bestows upon faculty. Derby has been with the college since 2004 and played a pivotal role in the early childhood program's 2015 accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.



TODD PALMER '86 has been selected for inclusion into The Best Lawyers in America© 2017. Palmer was among 81 attorneys from Michael Best & Friedrich LLP



selected for the list, which has been published by Best Lawyers since 1983. It is the oldest and most respected peer-review publication in the legal profession. Attorneys are selected based on in-depth, peer-review surveys.

RICK BEDDOW '88 was hired earlier this year as the new chief operations officer for Special Olympics Florida. His appointment was announced

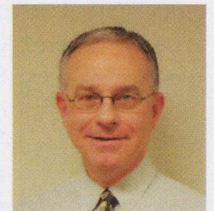


in August. Beddow has been active with Special Olympics for years, having served on the state board of directors and helping to establish the first Polar Plunge in Central Florida. Beddow

was an executive with SeaWorld Parks and Entertainment, having most recently served as vice president of operations at SeaWorld Orlando. Previous work stints also include positions with Ford Aerospace and in the Navy.

1990s

MICHAEL GREY '91, PH.D. '09 recently was awarded with the honorary category of Fellow by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. Fellow status of ASRT is reserved for members who make "outstanding contributions" to the profession and the organization. Grey is a faculty member in SIU's School of Allied Health.



THOMAS GIBSON, AAS '93, '98 has joined Computer Aid Inc. as the division manager over Northcentral Commercial Business. His role will include responsibilities for sales organization and regional marketing programs, as well as



maintaining client relationships and partnerships. Gibson has worked in the technology industry for more than 20 years with several companies. Before joining Computer Aid, he was vice president at Xerox and part of the leadership team that helped the company launch the Xerox Cloud Practice. Computer Aid is an IT service firm for various Fortune 1000 companies, as well as government agencies.

MICHAEL KEATING '94 has been named vice president of sales for Contrast Security, a software security



company based in Palo Alto, California. In his role, Keating will be responsible for sales and channel operations. He previously worked at Symantec, where he was in charge of sales for the American Northwest region.

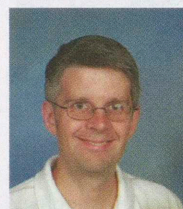
ANTHONY SEPICH '94, '98 recently joined Compass Minerals as senior vice president, salt.



Sepich is responsible for developing and executing strategies to increase earnings and achieve operational efficiency within the Overland Park, Kansas-based company's salt business. Before joining Compass, Sepich was with Archer Daniels Midland, his most recent role having been president of ADM Corn Europe, where he helped establish the company's first starch footprint in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

SHERI HAYNES '96, a debt specialist with the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board's Bureau of Fiscal Operations, recently was honored with the RRB "Award for Excellence." This is the most prestigious award the agency grants to employees, and it was given in recognition of Haynes' exceptional contributions to the organization. The Railroad Retirement Board, an independent federal agency headquartered in Chicago, administers nearly \$12.3 billion a year in benefits under the Federal Railroad Retirement and Railroad Unemployment Insurance Acts.

RICHARD LONG '96 recently joined STEP Inc. (Solutions That Empower People) as its director



of Lessons in Fundamental and Essential Skills Academy. In his role, Long will direct the academy's day-to-day operations, which assist students with special needs. Before joining STEP, Long was a case manager with public schools in Virginia. He also has been an instructor with other outdoor recreation programs in the region.

ROBERT ALEC MESSINA, J.D. '98 has been named director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. His appointment became effective July 1. Messina had been the policy advisor for environment and energy in Gov. Bruce Rauner's office, where he served as liaison between the office and six state agencies, including the Illinois EPA.

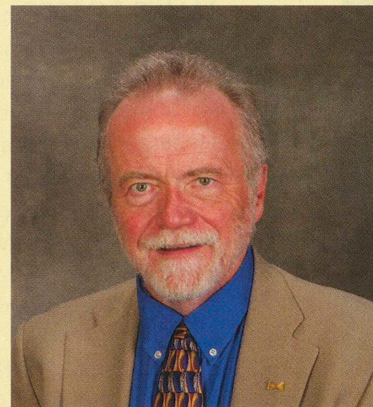


2000s

THOMAS HIXSON, PH.D. '00 has been appointed chair of the department of communication at Utah State University. His appointment became effective in late July. In this role, Hixson is overseeing the college's department of journalism and communication. He had been a professor at the University of Wisconsin Whitewater, where he founded the school's advertising program. Hixson received his doctorate in journalism from SIU.



Tichenor Named Interim Director Of Simon Institute



JAK TICHENOR '79, '89, whose broadcast journalism career spanned nearly 34 years, has been named interim director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University. His appointment became effective Nov. 1.

Tichenor was a senior producer with WSIU-TV for 24 years, becoming the executive producer and host of "Illinois Lawmakers,"

a statewide public television series focused on the Illinois General Assembly. Starting in 1995, he was producer/writer for the Lincoln Academy of Illinois statewide public television series. In addition to his time at WSIU-TV, Tichenor served for nine years as the news and public affairs director for WSIU Radio. Tichenor retired from WSIU in May 2015. He has suspended his retirement status while he serves as interim director of the Simon Institute, which is named for the late U.S. senator who established it in 1997.

"Paul Simon was a hero of mine – a mentor and a friend," Tichenor says. "I covered his political career from his time in the House and Senate, his presidential bid, and the foundation of the institute that bears his name. ... I've never seen anyone work as hard as he did on the issues he cared about."

Tichenor replaces veteran Des Moines Register political editor and reporter **David Yepsen**, who served as the institute's executive director from 2009 until his retirement in October. The university will conduct a national search for Yepsen's permanent replacement.

GRENITA LATHAN, PH.D. '00 has been named the chief academic officer of the Houston Independent School District. Lathan, who was appointed to the post in September, will supervise instruction across the district's 280 schools. She has worked in education for 25 years and served as superintendent of Peoria Public Schools District 150 in Illinois.



administrative posts in California and North Carolina.

TRACI PULVER-MACZ '04 recently was honored by the Centralia Business and



Professional Women's Club as "Boss of the Year." Macz, who owns and operates

Irvin Macz and Macz Day funeral homes with her husband, Tom, was honored in October. The

annual award goes to business leaders who exhibit exemplary traits with their employees and within the communities they serve. Macz holds two degrees from SIU, in speech communication and in mortuary science. Macz also serves on the Mortuary Science Advisory Board at SIU.

FRANCOIS VAUTHIER '05 has assumed the role of chief financial officer for French telco



operator SFR Group. Vauthier has been with SFR Group's parent company, Altice Group, in Western Europe since 2011. He has held several management positions within Altice and its subsidiaries, and has worked in France, Portugal, Israel and the Dominican Republic in similar ventures.

TRAVIS JUMPER '06, M.S. ED. '12 has been named Lewis and Clark Community College's 2016 Emerson Electric Excellence in Teaching Award recipient. Jumper is



the coordinator of the welding technology program at the college, where he has worked since 2012. For much of his tenure, Jumper has been the only welding instructor, teaching more than 200 students during that time. Jumper also was honored in 2015 as the Howard E. Adkins Memorial Instructor of the Year for the St. Louis section of the American Welding Society (AWS). He is an AWS-certified welding educator and an AWS-certified welding inspector.

MICHELLE MYERS '08 has been chosen to participate in Opera America's 2016 Leadership



Intensive program. Myers is the manager of constituent relations at Opera Theatre of St. Louis. Opera America is the national service organization for opera and is a champion for the art of American opera. Myers was among 14 participants from North America and Europe. Her role with the group will include work with opera executives and roundtable discussions on professional development programs. Myers has been an actor, stage manager and administrator during her career.

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Alumni Earn State Bar Association Appointments, Recognition



JOSHUA HUMBRECHT, J.D. '09 and **JAMES RUPPERT, J.D. '13**, both of Hassakis & Hassakis P.C. in Mount Vernon, Illinois, recently were given appointments to the Illinois State Bar Association. Humbrecht and Ruppert have been appointed to sit on the association's Tort Law Section Council for the 2016-2017

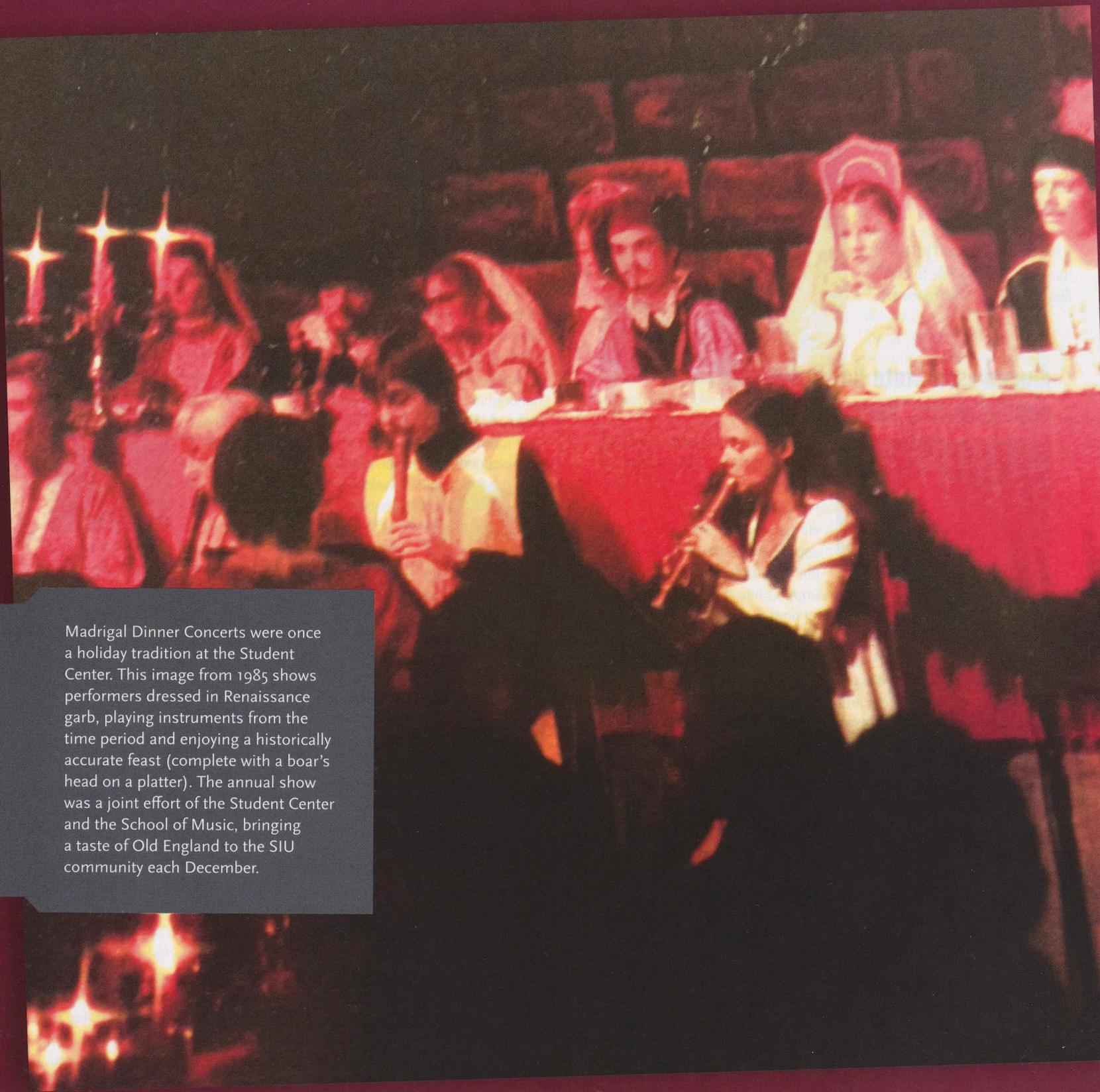
term. The council is a working committee of plaintiff and defendant attorneys and judges for discussion and proposals of legislation and rules to assure fairness and access in civil litigation involving personal injury and damages.



Ruppert, an associate attorney with Hassakis & Hassakis, also was appointed to fill the 2nd judicial circuit assembly seat of the Illinois State Bar Association Board of Governors. He will serve as one of the two representatives of the 1st, 2nd and 4th judicial circuits in Illinois.


Humbrecht, a partner with the law firm, also was recently recognized by Super Lawyers, an online rating service of attorneys, as a "Rising Star" for the second year in a row. The designation is bestowed on no more than 2.5 percent of Illinois lawyers. In addition, Humbrecht has been recognized as an "Emerging Lawyer" by Leading Lawyers, an online rating service of the Law Bulletin Publishing Co. Humbrecht has also been given the DISTINGUISHED BV rating from Martindale-Hubbell, which is based on an attorney's professionalism and ethical standards.

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Madrigal Dinner Concerts were once a holiday tradition at the Student Center. This image from 1985 shows performers dressed in Renaissance garb, playing instruments from the time period and enjoying a historically accurate feast (complete with a boar's head on a platter). The annual show was a joint effort of the Student Center and the School of Music, bringing a taste of Old England to the SIU community each December.

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