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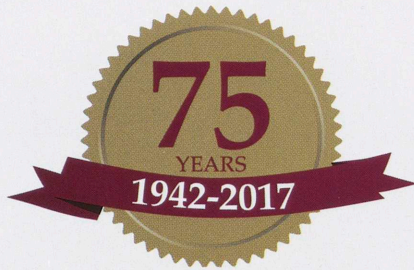
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A close-up portrait of Kimberly Foxx, a Black woman with long, dark, wavy hair, smiling warmly. She is wearing a dark blue blazer over a white top and large gold hoop earrings. The background is slightly blurred, showing an American flag on the left and a blue and gold crest on the right.

From Conversations to Action

Kimberly Foxx '94, J.D. '97, Cook County's new state's attorney, is ready to quell violence and distrust in Chicago using the lessons she learned at SIU.

Southern Illinois University Foundation Celebrates 75th Anniversary



Seventy-five years ago, the Southern Illinois University Foundation was established to encourage and support the philanthropy of all who are committed to Southern Illinois University. The first cash gift of \$10 was made by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hubbs, loyal supporters of the Foundation.

Since that humble beginning, the Foundation has raised more than \$350 million and supported thousands of students through scholarships and other programs.

With this significant milestone anniversary, the SIU Foundation celebrates its many accomplishments made possible through the support of loyal alumni, friends, staff, faculty and community members.

“Our 75th anniversary is an opportunity to thank the many alumni, donors and friends who have helped transform the university throughout the

decades,” says SIU Foundation CEO Jim Salmo. “What can be better than celebrating how we have all helped transform the lives of thousands of young men and women?”

When the Foundation was created in 1942, enrollment stood at 1,519 – the largest among teachers’ colleges in Illinois. Much has changed since then. The past seven-and-a-half decades have chronicled Southern Illinois University’s remarkable transformation from its origins as a teaching college to a nationally ranked public research university and regional economic catalyst.

Throughout the past 75 years, the Foundation has paved the way to many important enhancements on campus, and it has created scholarships that have made education possible for students who would not have been able to attend without them.

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Caleb Hale, interim editor



Simon Institute's 20th anniversary is a milestone in public affairs stewardship

It's hard to believe a man as thoughtful and principled as the late U.S. Sen. Paul Simon walked the halls of Congress little more than 20 years ago. Washington, D.C. is infrequently the domain for such statesmanship today, but fortunately for Southern Illinois University there is a place on campus where Simon's legacy endures: the very public policy institute that carries his name.

SIU's Paul Simon Public Policy Institute turns 20 years old this spring, and to celebrate the anniversary the institute has been hosting discussions on topics for which the late senator advocated. Topics such as school funding reform, addressing child poverty and getting youths interested in politics have been the subjects of events this semester. It will culminate on May 4, when former Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar delivers

a keynote address at 6 p.m. in the SIU Student Center Auditorium, reflecting on Simon's work and the work that continues through the institute. Edgar signed off on the creation of the institute as governor in 1995, and the organization officially was born two years later when Simon retired from the U.S. Senate.

I was one of Simon's students while at SIU. Later, when I became a reporter for a local newspaper, he was an invaluable resource. In all those years of conversation, somewhere along the way we became friends. I was at his house roughly two weeks before he died, writing a feature on the occasion of his 75th birthday. We chatted for a while in his home office about upcoming projects, a page of which already was threaded through the roll of his manual typewriter, a stack of finished

pages off to the side. Until the very end, Simon remained engaged in issues that he believed would improve the lives of those who needed it most.

After he retired, Simon could have set down roots almost anywhere he wanted. He chose southern Illinois and SIU, and ever since the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute has been a focal point for rational and in-depth analysis of public affairs. I'd encourage anyone who can to join the institute for one of its upcoming events, and to congratulate the staff and board of directors on two decades of upholding an immeasurably worthy legacy.

Learn more about upcoming institute events at paulsimoninstitute.siu.edu

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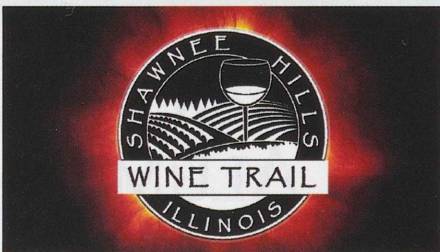
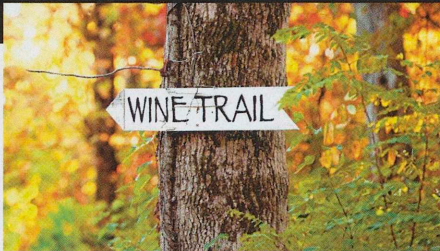
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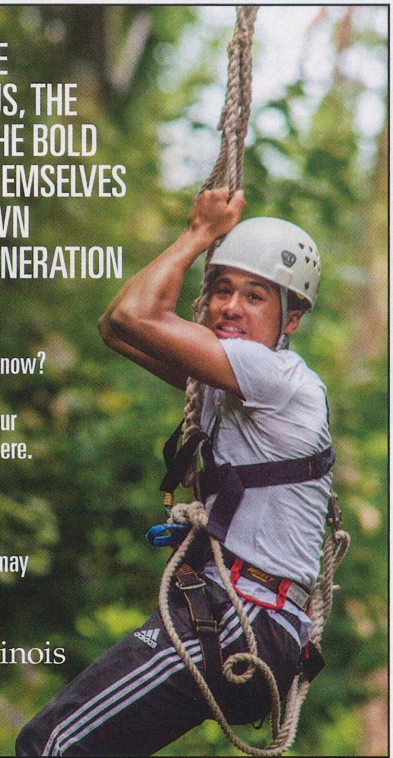
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Still beautiful – I used to sit under those trees in 1987-90.



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Sure miss SIU and the beautiful fall colors every year. :- (So happy to have had the opportunity to study at such an excellent university and beautiful part of Illinois...

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Love it! I miss SIU and my college days there, too. Beautiful in the fall. Graduated in '91.

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Rex Hindman

I went there in 1948, my brother in 1952, and my granddaughter in 2014-2015.

Charles Albert Beaton

My Alma Mater, Class of 1985 Magna Cum Laude. First 4 year College grad and decorated Air Force Veteran in the family.



Crest Whitaker

Fond memories: Met Muhammad Ali and Howard Cosell on the elevator at the old Lowes Hotel where we were staying. Ali was fighting Zora Folley that next week in the old Madison Square Garden where we played.



Mary Lou Hennessy Duda

Buckminster Fuller was brilliant. I was a student in 1967, and we lived in a house next to his home. It was a geodesic dome. He even had a dome on top of his garbage can. He walked to campus like the rest of us. When he gave a lecture, the largest lecture hall was standing room only, and still many could not get in to hear him. What a treasure we had at SIU.



Kiki Partini

Love SIU. Still remember ... 1992 ... bike around campus and Southern Hills.

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JoAnn Bubonic Paulek

I was a Marching Saluki and played in the symphonic band '93-'97. I'm glad I had the opportunity to play for Director Mike Hanes!

CAMPUS MOMENT

Ban Ki-moon of South Korea visited Southern Illinois University Dec. 21, 2016, just 10 days before he was set to retire as secretary-general of the United Nations, a post he'd held since 2007. His speech in Carbondale was his final planned public address. The event, which took place in the SIU Student Center, was attended by 1,500 students, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the community.





FROM CONVERSATIONS TO ACTION

An alumna's years spent at SIU discussing inequality and injustice will now be put to the test in America's most violent city.

Cook County State's Attorney Kimberly Foxx '94, J.D. '97 is the top prosecutor over a jurisdiction that includes Chicago, the third-largest city in the nation and first in violence, with murder rates charting consistently higher than New York and Los Angeles since 1995. It's also a city rife with mistrust between the black community and police — an issue that Foxx, the first African-American woman elected to the office, aggressively addressed in her campaign.

Foxx, who was sworn into her post in December, is now at the helm of an operation she says can be a force for change and good. She's determined to see it through, and credits her time at Southern Illinois University for developing the knowledge, skills and patience necessary to tackle such difficult matters.

BY CALEB HALE

Photo: Kimberly Foxx addresses a crowd from the podium during a ceremony in December in which she was sworn in as Cook County state's attorney.

The first night Kim Foxx '94, J.D. '97 spent at Southern Illinois University's Thompson Point was the first night she heard ... absolutely nothing.

No car horns. No rumblings from the "L" train. No voices in the street. "I grew up in an urban area, where there was the constant hum of something outside," she recalls of the experience. "For a city girl, it was an oasis of peace and quiet."

While the din of city life had become routine to her ears by the time she arrived at SIU in the early '90s, there was a time in Foxx's life where the soundtrack of her nights was more ominous.

Arguments. Fights. And, eventually, gunshots.

A portion of Foxx's youth was spent in Chicago's Cabrini-Green Homes, a relic of mid-20th century urban renewal planning — and, ultimately, the epitome for the problems inherent in the public housing system. She lived there during the '70s and into the early '80s, when the violence in the projects hit its peak. When the gunshots rang out, Foxx, her older brother and her mother took shelter in their bathtub, as she told the *Chicago Tribune* during a 2016 profile.

Foxx made it out of Cabrini-Green long before arriving at SIU, but it wasn't until that first night on campus, as she sat under the night sky, that she discovered the profoundness of silence.

"Everyone should have a respite, a place where they can go and look at the stars," Foxx says. "That peacefulness was the first time I had that in my life. I was determined to have others feel that, to have a night of silence."

An Active Campus Life

Foxx followed several high school classmates to SIU, but she admits it wasn't her first choice for college. She wanted to go to California but couldn't afford the move. Instead, she gave Carbondale a try and enrolled as a political science major. It didn't take long for her to realize that SIU had been the best choice all along.

"I was very active while an undergrad student," Foxx says. "I was part of our Black Affairs Council, starting as a volunteer, and

rose to be the vice president. I was a resident advisor in Allen Hall, which was exciting in that I was a leader and got my room and board paid."

What Foxx appreciated most about SIU was the ability and freedom it gave her to express herself about topics that were important not just on campus, but across the country.

"When I was at SIU, there were a number of pivotal issues on topics that are still relevant today," she says.

In particular, Foxx notes the discussions on the deadly 1992 riots in Los Angeles that stemmed from the acquittal of four white police officers in the beating of black motorist Rodney King. Foxx also happened to enter the School of Law in '94, the same year when former football star O.J. Simpson went on trial for the murders of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ron Goldman. (Simpson was found not guilty by the jury in the case on Oct. 3, 1995.)

Despite being relatively secluded, SIU wasn't immune to the larger impacts of these events. Foxx says there was tension in the dorm rooms and on campus as students argued over the issues.

"Now, out of SIU for what will be 20 years this May, the conversations we're having in the criminal justice space, having in the country, it feels familiar," Foxx says. "These are some of the same issues SIU, in my 20s, gave me space to explore and really shape the convictions I have now as a 44-year-old."

What's different today, she says, is the manner in which the conversations are held, particularly when it comes to social media.

"I don't think that we're really having conversations ... in the social media sphere," Foxx says. "I see a lot of spewing, but not a lot of conversation. Being able to sit with folks and have robust debates is what we did in college. We didn't always agree, but we were looking each other in the eye."

Rise to Prominence

Foxx became the Democratic nominee for Cook County's state's attorney in March 2016 after defeating Anita Alvarez in the primary election. She defeated her Republican opponent, Christopher Pfanckuche, in November's general election.

Her story is compelling: She grew up in an infamous public housing complex, became an attorney and bested Alvarez – her former boss – to become the first African-American woman to hold the top prosecutor's seat in a city where racial tension and violence frequently make national headlines. Her campaign was aided by Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, for whom Foxx served as chief of staff.

Foxx's message really took hold in November 2015, when video of a Chicago police officer shooting and killing a 17-year-old black teen, Laquan McDonald, was released. The incident had happened more than a year prior, and charges against the officer involved were not levied until just before the footage was publicly released. Trust between law enforcement and the city's black community further eroded. Foxx, during her campaign, promised transparency and quicker action in situations of police-involved shootings – and now, as state's attorney, she is hiring ethics and diversity officers to monitor staff integrity.

To address Chicago's persistent and growing gun violence, Foxx advocates for

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Left photo: Foxx greets supporters during her swearing-in ceremony. Right: Foxx stops for a photo with family and friends.



Photo: Foxx is sworn in as Cook County's first female African-American state's attorney.

use of data-driven resources to identify and contain what she says is a small number of offenders perpetrating the majority of shootings. The city logged more than 760 murders in 2016, with more than 4,000 people ending up victims of a shooting.

To rebuild the community's trust with law enforcement, Foxx says she'll be falling back on the kinds of open discussions she conducted during her college days.

"I'm drawing on the same things we were able to do 20 years ago: have conversations with people who have perceptions or misperceptions about the criminal justice system," Foxx says. "When you talk about racial disparity, there is a tendency for folks to immediately become defensive. Police didn't come into this line of work to vilify communities, but you do have to ask the question: 'Is the law being applied fairly?'"

"Cook County is one of the most racially

diverse counties in the country, but what we know – and what the data shows – is whites, blacks and Latinos all use drugs at the same rate. Yet an African-American is seven times more likely to be arrested for the crime. Some of these same low-level drug offenses are also prevalent on college campuses, but there are rarely arrests made in those environments."

People Do Care

Few things have come easy in Foxx's new role as state's attorney, other than her love for the job, she says.

"I don't think anyone on my team comes to work at 9 o'clock knowing what 5 o'clock will look like," she says. "We deal in real-time tragedies, and we deal in real-time trauma."

By helping people often in the worst moments of their lives, Foxx wants her role – and her office – to convey the notion that there are people who care. As a student, Foxx

often took heart in the words of Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, who died the year before she entered law school.

Among Marshall's quotes is this one: "To protest against injustice is the foundation of all our American democracy."

As Foxx sees it, citizens have an obligation to embark on difficult conversations and shun injustice where they find it. Young people in particular shouldn't rest, she says, as historically it's been America's youths that have pushed the bounds of what is possible.

As Cook County state's attorney, Foxx says she sees the role as her biggest chance yet to effect change.

"The fact that I'm in this position – the fact that SIU afforded me the opportunity to explore the ideas I could bring to it – means I have to swing for the fences," Foxx says.

2 Minutes, 38 Seconds

SIU Preps For A Short But Historic Event, As Thousands Will Gather On Campus To View Solar Eclipse

BY ANDREA HAHN



This summer, one of the best places on Earth to see one of the most spectacular sights in the heavens is Southern Illinois University. If you think that's Saluki pride run rampant, take note that NASA agrees.

Southern Illinois will be the site for the longest duration of the Aug. 21 total solar eclipse, when the moon will be aligned directly between the sun and the Earth, casting an all-encompassing shadow. It will last 2 minutes, 38 seconds. Totality begins at 1:21 p.m. Partial phases of the eclipse will begin at 11:52 a.m. and end at 2:47 p.m.

SIU is gearing up to play a major role in this short but significant event, which will be the first total solar eclipse over the mainland United States since 1979. Officials expect 30,000 to 50,000 people to come to Carbondale for viewing. The university's planning, led by a campus-community committee and in partnership with NASA Eclipse 2017 and the Adler Planetarium of Chicago, has been underway for more than a year.

Saluki Stadium is the center for Eclipse Day SIU activities. Admission to the stadium does require a ticket. The eclipse will be visible from all of campus, not just the stadium, but the advantage to joining eclipse viewers there is the programming, which is still under development.

A team of scientists from NASA will produce its "Edge" megacast from the stadium. The broadcast has a potential global reach of as many as 1 billion viewers.



Some of the newsfeed may come from a pair of large weather balloons launched from the stadium prior to eclipse totality. Students from Louisiana State University, and two to three other Louisiana institutions, will accompany T. Gregory Guzik, director of the Louisiana Space Grant Consortium, to SIU for the weather balloon launch, which is an experiment funded through the NASA National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program and the NASA Science Mission Directorate.

The balloons will carry a research and video payload. They should rise well above cloud height to provide video, though historically late August in southern Illinois is often clear and warm. The students will join other researchers on the roof of Neckers Hall to provide ground contact with the balloons.

In addition to the stadium events, the Eclipse Crossroads Astronomy, Science and Technology Expo will be in the SIU Arena from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 20-21. The expo will highlight organizations and businesses that specialize in solar, astronomy, science and new technology.

The Eclipse Crossroads Art and Craft Fair also is set for Aug. 20-21 outside near the Saluki Stadium. Vendors are limited to those who are selling their own creations, with premium space granted to those demonstrating their art processes. Judging from what local artists already are making, visitors can expect eclipse-related art as well as other art items, both decorative and functional.





eclipse.siu.edu

Regardless of where on campus you choose to view the eclipse, remember to get your hands on a pair of the eclipse-viewing glasses that will be available on site. Besides being a cool souvenir, the glasses will help you view the eclipse safely.

NASA and other researchers and scientists will take advantage of a series of 10 concrete pads near University Farms. The pads provide scientists firm, level resting spots for their telescopes – a key requirement for quality viewing and photography. The project is funded by private donations.

In essence, SIU has become the “Eclipse Crossroads of America.” That’s because the university is in the direct line of another total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. The intersection of the two eclipse paths is just south of Carbondale over Cedar Lake. No other place in the world will offer the opportunity to observe these two eclipses from the same ground-based spot.

Bob Baer, specialist with the Department of Physics and co-chair of the planning committee, is reaching out to registered student organizations in the hopes that several student organizations will get involved with planning formal student involvement in and around Eclipse Day.

Baer hosts public astronomy observations at the Neckers rooftop observatory on a regular basis. He’s been involved with the Eclipse Day planning from the start, and even traveled to Indonesia to observe a total eclipse there in 2016, partly to gain a better understanding of how to capture the event and preserve it as part of SIU’s history.

A FEW OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- Parking will be at University Farms and in campus lots, and fees may apply of between \$20 and \$35 a vehicle. There will be a shuttle between the farms and main campus. It’s possible that main campus roads will be closed to outside traffic during the eclipse.
- With so many visitors coming to Carbondale, accommodations may be at a premium. SIU’s Touch of Nature offers camping sites, cabins and group lodges. For information, visit ton.siu.edu/events/2017-total-eclipse-php. The Student Recreation Center offers indoor camping for one or two people per site and has several rooms available for larger groups. It soon will have information on its website, rec.siu.edu. You also can call 618/453-1277 for more information.
- To keep up with all the new developments, visit the “Eclipse Crossroads of America” website at eclipse.siu.edu. Check out the countdown on the home page.

SIU Honored For Commitment To Nontraditional Students

BY CHRISTI MATHIS

NASPA-Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education is honoring Southern Illinois University Carbondale for its longstanding commitment to nontraditional students.

SIU's Non-Traditional Student Services is the 2016 Annual Outstanding Undergraduate Adult Learner Program, as recognized by NASPA's Adult Learners and Students with Children Knowledge Community.

"This recognition honors all of those who have advocated for and supported SIU's adult learners since the inception of the Non-Traditional Student Services office in 1986," says Deborah Barnett, SIU's assistant dean of students. "The office has a rich history of work that has been built upon and continued by many over the past three decades. I am happy and honored to accept the award on behalf of so many."

Although SIU is a traditional, residential institution of higher learning, more than 30 percent of its students are adult learners. Barnett says nontraditional students typically are those who identify with any of these criteria:

- Financially independent.
- Delayed college enrollment rather than attending directly after high school.
- Returned to higher education after interrupting college education at least once.
- Working full time.
- Attending college part time.
- Have children.
- Are military veterans.
- Are married, widowed or divorced.

The NTSS office provides a variety of services to the adult student population, including guidance, support and resource referrals. The goal is fostering a sense of belonging and a culture of success in this diverse group of students, Barnett says.

The NTSS office communicates with adult learners through social media, a weekly "Monday Morning Minute" video and other venues. Individualized and personal assistance is offered as well, connecting students to the assistance and resources they need regarding everything from financial aid and time management to technology and support. The university and NTSS office strive to help remove barriers that could hinder nontraditional students in their academic pursuits and success, she says.

The initiatives put in place in recent years for nontraditional students include a family study room at Morris Library, which is stocked with toys and games children can play with as their parents study. Nearby, construction is wrapping up on a student-designed lactation space for nursing parents. SIU also offers a family ID card that enables family members of students to access campus programs and resources. In addition, special programs and activities allow nontraditional students to socialize, network, and learn more about resources and programming available to them.

"At the heart of NTSS are the students it serves," Barnett says. "Their courage and resilience as they pursue their educational goals are what drives NTSS to serve them better and advocate for their needs. Above all, NTSS strives for student voices to be heard, for their educational experience to be life-changing and for barriers to be removed."

SIU and its NTSS office will receive a plaque and certificate in conjunction with the award and be recognized at the NASPA-Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education annual conference, set for March 11-15 in San Antonio.

Hannah Sweitzer Wins ID Photo Contest

BY CHRISTI MATHIS



Hannah K. Sweitzer's photo of Southern Illinois University Carbondale's iconic Paul and Virginia statue is the winner of the Student Center's recent SIU ID photo contest.

Sweitzer, of South Wilmington, captured the fountain's water dripping from the whimsical couple's umbrella with stately Shryock Auditorium as a backdrop. The original statue was donated to the university by the Class of 1887 and moved to Stone Center after Old Main burned in 1969. A duplicate, cast in bronze, was placed back in the original location, and it has stood there for nearly a half-century.

The Class of 1965 decided in 2015 it wanted to make a lasting contribution to the university, and members of that class led a fundraising effort to pay for a long-needed restoration of the bronze statue. Consideration originally was given to restoring and reinstalling the original statue, but that wasn't feasible. The 1970s bronze statue was refurbished by a sculptor, and extensive renovation, tuck pointing and repairs of the fountain were undertaken at the same time. A recirculating pump and lighting also were added.

Brad Dillard, director of Plant and Service Operations, says the vast majority of the

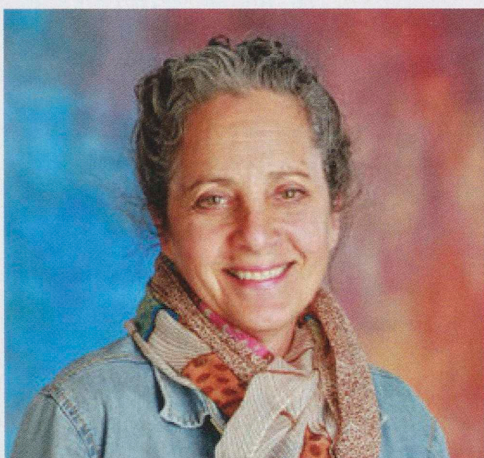
approximately \$57,000 in funding for the twofold project came from the Class of 1965, with support and labor provided by Plant and Service Operations. The project, which was completed on time and on budget, has enhanced the appearance and energy efficiency of the statue and fountain, while preserving both for future generations of Salukis to enjoy.

The project also includes restoration work for the Class of 1887 sculpture. A sculptor is working on that statue, and it will return to Stone Center when the restoration is complete.

Sweitzer, a senior speech communication major, received a \$100 University Bookstore gift certificate for her prize-winning photo. The Paul and Virginia statue photo will appear on all official campus ID cards issued after Jan. 17, 2017.

In all, students submitted nearly 150 scenic campus photos via Instagram or email for the competition.

Marsha Ryan, J.D. '87 Named To SIU Board of Trustees



Marsha G. Ryan, J.D. '87 has been appointed to a seat on the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees. She was named to the board in January by Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Ryan assumes the seat vacated by **Roger Herrin**, who resigned in early 2017. Ryan has been a general surgeon in Carbondale, Illinois, since 1981. She was a faculty member of the SIU School of Medicine until she retired in 2015. She continues to teach courses involving law and medicine at the SIU School of Law.

Ryan has been an active member in the community and at SIU, having served on the boards of the SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation. She served as the chair of SIU's "Opportunity Through Excellence" campaign, which raised more than \$100 million for the university.

Simon Institute Recognizes Students

BY CHRISTI MATHIS

Two students who work with Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Paul Simon Public Policy Institute recently received the Mike Lawrence Scholarship and the institute's Director's Award.

Octavia Franklin, a December 2016 graduate in business management from Chicago, received the Mike Lawrence Scholarship, while Lucas Taylor, a senior in accountancy from Springfield, received the 2016 Director's Award.

Franklin became involved with the institute after being accepted in January 2015 to the Women's Civic Institute, an institute collaboration with the university's Center for Service-Learning and Volunteerism. She then became a student employee at the institute and was active in helping to coordinate institute events.

The award honors Lawrence, who retired as institute director in November 2008. The veteran newsman, press secretary and political analyst joined the institute in 1997 as associate director. He became the institute's director in 2004 following the death of its founder, former U.S. Sen. Paul Simon.

The award's recipients are outstanding students who are involved in institute programs, initiatives and other volunteer opportunities, and who have demonstrated positive leadership qualities. There is a preference that the recipients be of African-American descent.

Taylor has worked as a student employee with the institute since January 2015 and has supported numerous programs. In 2014 he spent the summer as an intern in the Illinois state treasurer's office. The following summer he served as a legislative intern focusing on health policy for then-U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk's office in Washington.

Taylor will graduate from SIU Carbondale in May 2017.

David Yepsen, the institute's former director who retired in October 2016, originated the Director's Award. Yepsen joined the institute in 2009 after a 34-year career as a political writer, editor and columnist for the *Des Moines Register*. In 2016, through the generosity of private donors, Herb and Carolyn Donow, an endowment was established to continue the award and honor Yepsen. The newly renamed David Yepsen Director's Award formalizes one of his first initiatives.

DETAILS

Contributions to the Mike Lawrence Scholarship and David Yepsen Director's Award can be made online at paulsimoninstitute.org, or by sending a check to the institute at 1231 Lincoln Drive, Mail Code 4429, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901.

More information on the scholarship or award is available by contacting Delio Calzolari, associate director, at 618/453-4009 or by email at delio@siu.edu.

Online MBA Program Earns Recognition

BY CHRISTI MATHIS

For the third consecutive year, Southern Illinois University Carbondale's online MBA program (oMBA) has earned a spot among the top 40 "Best Online MBA Programs" according to *U.S. News & World Report*.

In addition, the online MBA program earned the No. 19 spot in the "Best Online MBA Programs for Veterans" rankings list released by *U.S. News & World Report*. This marks SIU's first appearance on this list.

SIU is No. 36 on the recently released "Best Online MBA Program" rankings. Despite the fact that numerous universities are adding online MBA programs each year, SIU consistently has held spots in the mid-30s in 2015 and 2016. The online education program

rankings were established six years ago, and SIU was first ranked in 2014 at No. 51.

To be eligible for consideration for the "Best Online Programs for Veterans" rank, a school must be within the top half of schools in the country in *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Online Programs" rankings. Program affordability, accessibility and reputation, as well as faculty credentials, retention rates and graduate debt loads, are all considered in the ranking process for the "Best Online Programs for Veterans" review.

The program added a new component in 2016. The College of Business, in partnership with the College of Agricultural Sciences, now offers an optional agribusiness economics concentration designed to

benefit professionals who are interested in career advancement in this growing field. All online students complete the core MBA coursework, but those who choose the agribusiness economics concentration replace a few traditional business courses with agriculture business courses in their curriculum sequence. Fewer than a dozen public universities in the country offer an MBA concentration in agribusiness.

A new online MBA cohort begins each summer, and applications are now being accepted for the summer 2017 online MBA session. The program is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, International.

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A CONVERSATION WITH BOB BAER

SPECIALIST WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND CO-CHAIR OF THE ECLIPSE DAY 2017-2024 STEERING COMMITTEE

Several times a year, Bob Baer hosts astronomical events from the rooftop observatory on the Neckers building. He is helping SIU prepare for the massive influx of visitors expected for the Aug. 21 eclipse. The area also is in the path of the 2024 eclipse, making it a unique place to observe the phenomenon. The last time a total solar eclipse crossed the North American continent was in 1979.

WHAT IS IT LIKE WHEN THE SUN DISAPPEARS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY?

It's as if someone takes a dimmer switch and slowly turns down the sun. The only illumination in the sky is the glow of the sun's corona – about as bright as a full moon and resembling a bright halo nebula. It's one of the most beautiful natural phenomenon. If you can take your eyes off it, you will notice a sunset effect that extends 360 degrees around you. That is caused by the light of the sun just outside the shadow of the moon. Halfway through totality it will be as dark as it will get, similar to about 20 minutes after sunset.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH CARBONDALE AND THIS ECLIPSE?

We are well-positioned to see this eclipse. We're close to the point of greatest duration, where it gets darkest for the longest time. We're working hard, and partnering with some of the best outreach professionals, to build quality programming and events for our campus community and visitors. On eclipse day we will be joined by groups from NASA, the Adler Planetarium, the Louisiana Space Consortium and others to put on the large-scale outreach events on campus. It's an experience you will never forget.

WHY ARE WE SAYING SIU IS THE "ECLIPSE CROSSROADS OF AMERICA?"

We are in the path of a total solar eclipse again on April 8, 2024. So we are at the intersection of two eclipse paths.

WHAT ABOUT SAFETY? HOW CAN A PERSON IN THE TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE PATH VIEW THIS PHENOMENON SAFELY?

Those in the eclipse path will see partial phases before and after totality. You need a safe viewing method for the partial phases, such as "eclipse glasses." SIU will distribute eclipse glasses on campus at our eclipse events. Once the sun is completely blocked by the moon, you can safely view the sun's corona without your glasses. More information on safe viewing is available at eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety.


YOU WENT TO INDONESIA IN MARCH 2016 FOR A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE AS PART OF THE CITIZEN CATE (CONTINENTAL AMERICAN TELESCOPIC ECLIPSE) EXPERIMENT. WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?

The project places volunteer observers along the path to create a network of telescopes to collect data on the sun's corona. The data will help scientists understand the evolution of the sun's corona and its magnetic fields. Indonesia was a test of our instruments and procedures. Our team obtained stunning images of totality.

DO PEOPLE REALLY TRAVEL THE WORLD TO SEE TOTAL ECLIPSES YEAR AFTER YEAR?

Absolutely. Even though I prepared for nearly two years, I was still in shock when I experienced how it feels when the sun disappears in the middle of the day. That was my first total eclipse, and my first trip out of North America. Most of the "eclipse chasers" I've met tell me that, from their first eclipse, they were hooked and immediately wanted to make plans to see the next one. We hope they'll see the 2017 eclipse on campus and return in 2024.





Joe Richardson (left) and Jeff Mazingo travel to schools around the United States to warn students about the dangers of opioid drugs.

THE AWAKENING

BY GENE GREEN

Hoping to make something good come from his son's death, Joe Richardson now seeks to save lives one day at a time.

On Aug. 12, 2012, Joe Richardson got the call no parent ever wants to receive. His 20-year-old son, B.J., had been found dead from a heroin overdose.

Although B.J. had struggled with addiction and been through two different rehabilitation treatments, he had been clean for 90 days before sliding into the relapse that killed him. The multitalented athlete and musician was taken from this world much too soon via an opioid epidemic that continues to engulf the United States.

"The emotional swing your family feels is incredible," says Richardson, a St. Louis native who played baseball at SIU in the early 1980s. "You can shift from sadness to emptiness to anger so quickly. When you are going through something like this, every time the phone rings, you wonder: 'Is this the call?' And eventually – and I don't want to sound callous saying this – you just want the situation to be over with."

Richardson felt guilty about even thinking that, but after attending counseling following his son's death and talking

with other parents, he realized it was something almost all the families experienced.

"Even though I was told it was normal, I still felt horrible about not being able to ultimately help B.J.," he says. "I had to find a way to make something useful come from a horrible situation."

After B.J. died, Richardson reached out to the local National Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (NCADA) group in St. Louis. After hearing his story, the council officials there eventually asked him if he would like to speak to others about what he was going through. "I was thrilled to do this, as it was sort of therapy for me, and I was hopeful I could help someone else not be in this situation," Richardson says.

"I began speaking for the NCADA, but was restricted by both the time allowed to present my message and also with what I wanted to share. It was a beginning, but I knew I needed to do more."

Attending a barbecue months later, Richardson was introduced to Jeff Mozingo, a local musician who owns music stores in St. Louis. Through their shared interest in music, Mozingo had met Richardson's son. A few weeks after that contact, B.J. was dead.

"Jeff approached me to see if I wanted to discuss a way we could team up to reach out to area kids about the horrors of drugs," Richardson recalls. "We tossed around a lot of ideas and came up with a plan."

Three years ago – and almost 18 months after B.J.'s overdose – The Awaken Project was launched.

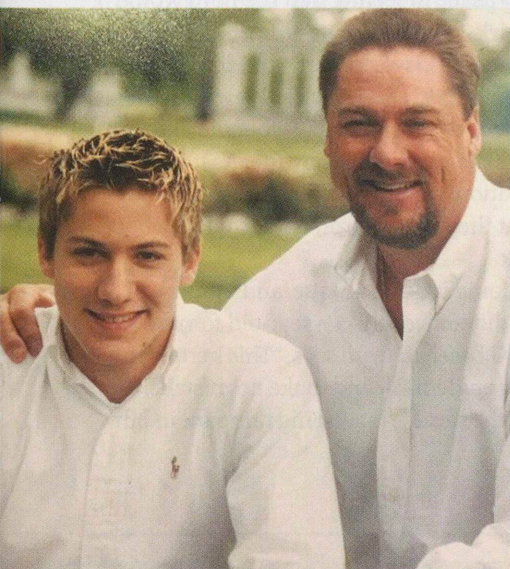
SHARING THE STORY

Both Mozingo and Richardson wanted to go directly into local schools and speak with students, but they knew reaching them and holding their attention would be a challenge. With this in mind, they formed a drug and education program that could connect through music and message.

Mozingo, who struggled with drugs himself earlier in life, would begin the program with several other musicians presenting a high-powered show playing music he felt the students would enjoy. Richardson, invoking a baseball term, would be the team's closer and share his story without any boundaries.

"After contacting several schools, we finally were able to get in front of the students at Ladue High School," Richardson says. "The administrator who agreed to this almost did it as a favor it seemed, and told us that although he loved the idea, he thought there was no way it would work."

Thankfully, the administrator was wrong. Three years, 70 schools and five states later, The Awaken Project is still going strong.



B.J. Richardson, shown here with his father, was a talented athlete and musician before drug use changed his path.



Know The Facts

It's said that curiosity killed the cat, but knowing the facts can eliminate that curiosity and save lives. Almost all who use heroin start by misusing prescription pain medications – and often are led there by curiosity.

Here are the facts:

- Eighty percent of those admitted for treatment for heroin started with prescription pain medications.
- Heroin and prescription pain medications are derived from the same plant: the poppy.
- These highly addictive drugs are in a class called opioids.
- In the past several years, the purity of street heroin has drastically increased, allowing it to be snorted instead of injected.
- The purity of heroin is never known to users. It can be "cut" with more potent drugs or diluted. This uncertainty drastically increases the chances of an overdose.
- Opioids are depressants. This means that heroin slows the breathing and heart rates until both just stop.
- Heroin users can lose everything – including their lives.

To learn more, go to curiosityandheroin.org.

REACHING THE STUDENTS

“Our approach is usually the same,” Richardson says. “We start out by giving them an impressive rock concert to get their attention, and then take them on an emotional roller coaster. The message is that they have choices in life, and ultimately no one makes you do something you don’t want to do.”

“I don’t at first tell them why I am there – but after offering some statistics and observations, I close in on the punch-you-in-the-face moment.”

A video and slideshow presentation then begins. Richardson, who has coached youth sports over the years, tells the group that three of his former Little Leaguers are now gone because of heroin use.

“One of them did it once, and 10 minutes later he was dead,” he says.

As the show continues, images of famous musicians and actors are shown on the screen; all are people who made bad choices and are no longer with us.

“I show the photos and ask the kids if they know who they are,” Richardson says. “People like Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Cory Monteith, and Seymour Phillip Hoffman are shown, and often several students yell out the correct name.

Then I offer one more image. ‘Who is this?’ I ask. No one usually even tries a guess, so I say, ‘That’s my son, and drugs killed him, too.’ That’s when you can hear a pin drop – I have their total attention for the remainder of the program.

“I tell them it can happen to anyone in the room. The problems my son had with drugs didn’t define him, but it did take him away from what was important in his life. B.J. was a talented person involved in multiple sports in high school and played seven instruments, yet you could

slowly see something else taking over. His ambition, hygiene and overall mindset were changing, and his use of alcohol and marijuana was more prominent.”

Richardson says he implores students and parents alike to watch for warning signs, and to not let things spiral out of control before they seek help.

“One thing that kids need to hear is that just because the person is gone, it’s just the beginning for the people who care about them,” he says. “The fallout is incredible if they take this path to their demise. They’ll be dead – but the destruction they leave behind lives on.

“It took my family more than two years before we could even begin to feel even remotely normal again, and even then we felt guilty for letting those feelings return. Almost without fail after the presentation, we have students tell us they had no idea heroin was this deadly, and that there is no way they will ever try it.

“The schools also often give us feedback that our program is all the kids are talking about at the school for the next few days. Maybe the presentation saved one life – maybe it saved more – but that is what makes this work worthwhile.”

GETTING ON WITH LIFE

Richardson lives with his wife, Wendy, in O’Fallon, Missouri. They have two daughters, ages 19 and 15, and he admits part of the healing process after his son’s death was letting his other children have normal lives.

“After my son died, I would barely let my daughters go outside,” he says. “We were so scared that something could go wrong that we didn’t let them out of our sight. It was one of the first things we had to get over.

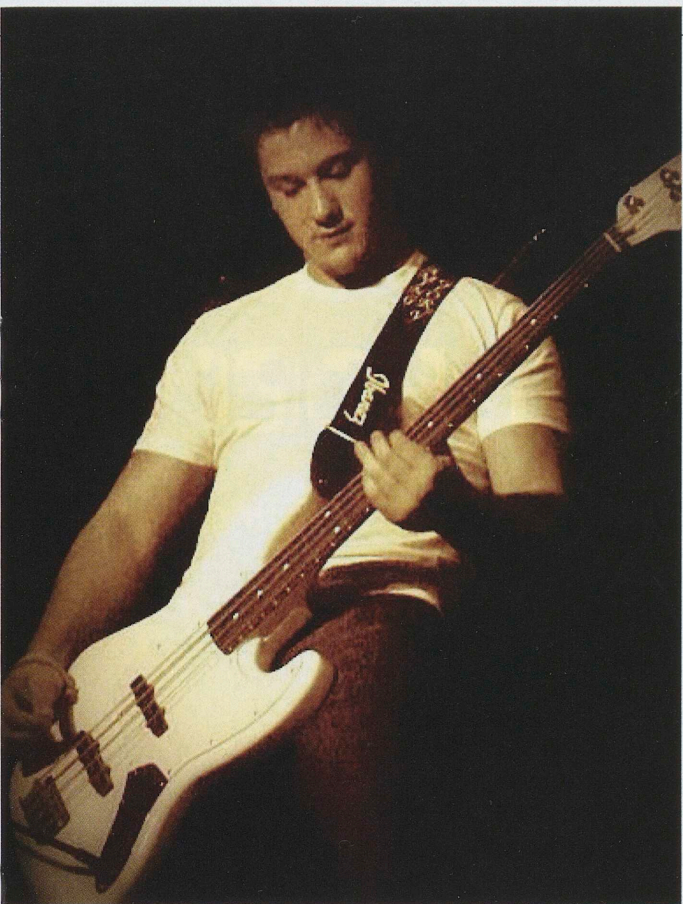
“One of our daughters finally said, ‘Dad, you have to stop this and let go. We’ll be all right; we aren’t going to make those same bad choices.’ Eventually we were able to do that, taking peace in feeling that the Lord would watch over our girls.”

The SIU alumnus, who works in the trucking business in addition to his ongoing duties with The Awaken Project, dreams of a day when he and Mzingo can take the project nationwide. As it is now, they rely on donations, gifts and a few fundraisers to supplement what they receive from some of the schools where they speak.

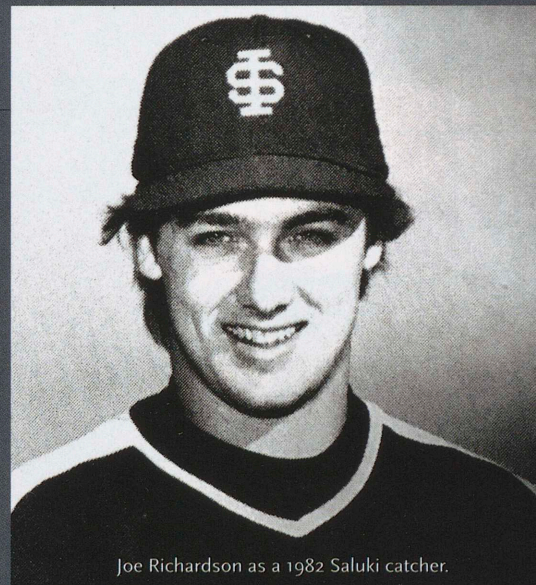
“What we are doing is quite unique, and I think we are making a difference,” the 55-year-old former catcher for the SIU baseball team says. “This heroin and prescription drug epidemic – and make no mistake, they are one and the same – is running rampant in our



After B.J. Richardson died, it was difficult for his parents to even let his younger sisters out of their sight. “Finally one told us that we had to stop and let go,” Joe Richardson says. “They said to trust them ... they weren’t going to make the same bad choices.”



B.J. Richardson played seven instruments, including the guitar. This is one of Joe Richardson's favorite images of his son.



Joe Richardson as a 1982 Saluki catcher.

At SIU, He Was Promised Nothing

As the first member of his family to attend college, Joe Richardson arrived in Carbondale in 1979 as a person eager to take his next step in life.

Richardson, who was recruited by the likes of Missouri, Wichita State, Arkansas, Oklahoma and others, sorted through many choices before deciding that SIU was the best fit for him.

"When I arrived on campus, it was the first time I had ever been away from home for any amount of time, so I had to quickly figure things out," the Pattonville High School product says. "SIU helped give me direction and made me stand on my own two feet."

The talented catcher, who was recruited by Saluki Baseball Hall of Famers Itchy Jones and Mark Newman, chose SIU because he was promised nothing.

"I was at one school, and the coach was telling me, 'You are the guy we want. You will be our starting catcher,'" Richardson says. "Most were similar to that approach, but when I talked to Itchy, he looked me in the eye and said, 'Nothing is being promised, and you'll have to earn it.'"

At first that blunt comment confused the high school senior. "Well, do you think I'm even good enough to play for you?" Richardson asked Jones.

Jones' answer: "If you weren't, I wouldn't even be sitting here talking to you right now. The only thing I promise you is the chance of getting a good education."


That was good enough for Richardson, who saw Jones as a person who cared about him more as a person than a player.

Richardson, who played at SIU from 1980 to 1982, was selected by the Boston Red Sox in the eighth round of the 1982 Major League Baseball draft and enjoyed five years of professional baseball before returning home to St. Louis. During the entire journey, he has remained close with his former college coach.

"Itchy Jones has been a huge influence on my life," Richardson says. "When my son died more than four years ago, he and his wife, Sue, came to the funeral. I'll never forget that they were there. Itchy is a wonderful person who I am proud to call a friend."

nation. Many prescription drugs are basically synthetic heroin, and when the doctor-shopping for prescriptions runs out, that is when most turn to heroin.

"When that occurs, you have no idea what the drug is laced with – or if one dose is your last. There are instances of some street heroin now that is laced with a form of elephant tranquilizer. If it can knock out a 2,000-pound elephant, just think what it can do to a 180-pound kid.

"I'm on a mission. The more schools we can get into, the more people we can help. It's not going to turn around overnight, but we're trying to be a force of making better things happen. I have finally accepted that I can't change the past, but you can be sure that I get up every morning trying to change the future." 



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To hear students react and talk about what they gained from seeing this program, go to [youtube.com/watch?v=J6e1G1wYRIA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6e1G1wYRIA). For more on the organization, or to find out how to support what Richardson and Mazingo are doing, go to awakenproject.org.

'BigDog' Gives SIU A Supercomputing Edge

Raw, Data-Crunching Power Now Open To The University Community

BY CALEB HALE

Chet Langin '74, '03, Ph.D. '11 really wants to see what the "BigDog" can do.

Langin, research coordinator for the Office of Information and Technology, says Southern Illinois University's new supercomputer isn't the biggest ever built, but it is on the cutting edge and capable of delivering computational processing power – and speed – for data in any number of research projects, from DNA sequencing to atomic-level physics all the way down to simple multiplication.

"BigDog" occupies two racks within SIU's central mainframe. Comprising 40 server nodes with at least 64 gigabytes of memory apiece, Intel Haswell two-thread 10-core chips, 800 CPUs, a theoretical 34.7 teraflops of processing power and 48 terabytes of usable storage, the supercomputer also are equipped with NVIDIA Tesla K40m GPUs, which are among the fastest on the market today.

The project was conceived and developed by a former staff member, but Langin has spent much of the last year preparing and promoting "BigDog's" use among faculty and staff researchers on campus. After all, having a supercomputer in your own backyard isn't something every university can claim.

"It is prestigious," Langin says. "The 'BigDog' supercomputer is in compliance with the design of other supercomputers at other major universities across the United States, including the University of Illinois, University of Texas, University of Pittsburgh and the San Diego Computing Center. So once a researcher at SIU learns to use 'BigDog,' he or she can transfer that knowledge directly to one of the other larger supercomputers at other institutions.

"And in the state of Illinois, we are the only other university ... outside of the University of Illinois that can provide something like this."

Linda Hubbs, director of the Office of Information Technology, says the computer cluster is a real benefit to researchers, and she adds that it can serve as a recruitment tool for faculty and students whose research involves big data.

"Even though we don't have, say, a thousand nodes that some other supercomputers have, the GPU we do have is so sophisticated, it runs as fast as it does on these bigger computers," Hubbs says. "And I think that's a real benefit to anyone who needs this kind of power."

Chet Langin, research coordinator for the Office of Information and Technology, goes through a cluster of nodes on the "BigDog" supercomputer, housed within the university central computing main frame.

Members of the team that keep "BigDog" in working order: from left, Chet Langin, Ed Riddle, Robert Wigfall, Warren Snider and Agnes Goh.

Mine Rescue Team Offers Students Hands-On Training

BY TIM CROSBY



A low rumble shakes the shaft, then the lights flicker and die as dust particles quickly fill the air.

You're in the middle of an emergency, deep underground in a coal mine. Maybe it's a collapse, or maybe it's a fire. Or maybe it's a medical emergency, and your stricken co-worker is in an area that is difficult to access. Any way you slice it, you're hoping that help – skilled, proficient help – is on the way.

A team of students in the Department of Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering at Southern Illinois University Carbondale

is learning how to help in such a situation – and gaining knowledge at the same time that will help make the students better mining engineers.

The Rescue Dawgs, SIU's mine rescue team, is part of a registered student organization known as the Saluki Miners. It formed when mining engineering students became interested in learning more about mining safety and rescue, says Justin Bollini, a senior in mining engineering from Alton.

"We decided that a mine rescue team would be the perfect blend of classroom knowledge

and hands-on learning," Bollini says. "Since we are a collegiate team, we cannot be mobilized in the event of an emergency. But once a student graduates and joins a company or state mine rescue team, then that student can be called to actual emergencies.

"Our program trains students to be able to join a company or state team without the need to be trained by the state or company team from scratch, which can take up to two years."

The Rescue Dawgs are believed to be the first college mine rescue team in Illinois. The team began training at events last year, using

the mine simulation and firefighting training center at Rend Lake College.

Since then, the team has spent time slowly acquiring equipment donated from local underground mines. Bollini says the professional miners and mining companies in the area have been strong supporters of the team's efforts.

"Mining is a very tight-knit field, and companies have been very helpful with supplying us with equipment in order to help us train," Bollini says. "Mining companies are very interested in helping produce safety-oriented mining engineers here at SIU."

"Mining can be viewed negatively by the public, and we hope to help show that mining is not only a safe and environmentally conscious field, but that the mining community is also a very good steward to the local economy."

He hopes others will contribute as well. "We are always looking for monetary or equipment donors to help sponsor our team for trainings, contests and equipment," he says.

Being part of the team also means that, once students such as Bollini graduate, they will have experience showing they are safe, dependable applicants because of the health, safety and mine rescue experience they received at SIU.

"Mining engineering students take safety very seriously, and we all strive to learn as much as possible about safety practices, both in school and during internships," Bollini says. "We believed that a mine rescue team would be a great hands-on way to

learn about safety practices and emergency management focused on the mining field."

The 12 members of the team receive training in many areas that are critical to mine safety, Bollini says.

"For instance: Learning to take gas readings, which test air quality levels underground, is a top team priority," he says. "Since gases settle to different heights due to differences in specific gravities, students often relate what they learned in chemistry to gases encountered in mines and their properties."

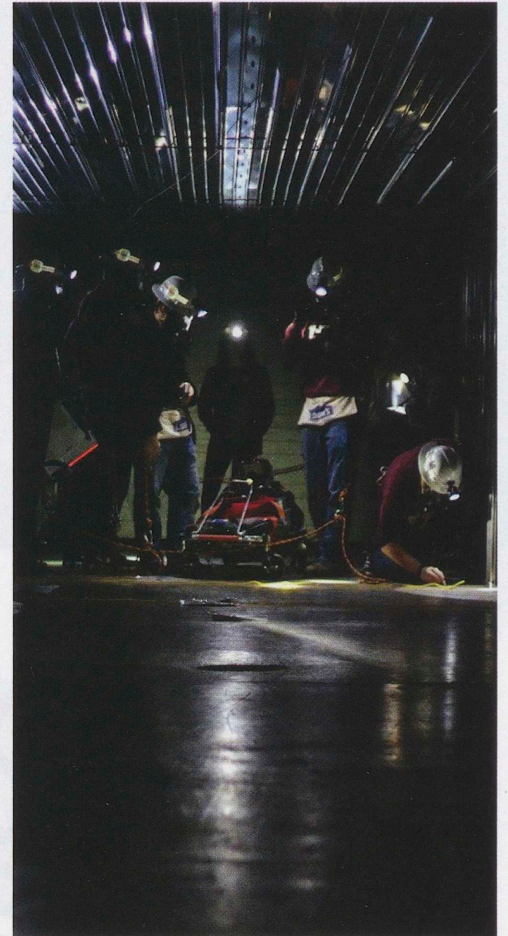
The team also works on finding different ways to re-establish ventilation in a mine, should it be lost due to an accident. Mine ventilation is a major subject in mining engineering, but being on the rescue team gives students an opportunity for practical application.

"This is of paramount importance in underground mine rescue scenarios," Bollini says.

Students also are well-versed in mine environmental health and safety rules and regulations at the state and federal levels. Such knowledge comes directly to bear in mine emergencies, Bollini says, adding: "The list is endless on ways we tie in our classroom knowledge to the skills we learn and practice with the team."

Bollini says team members strive to share their knowledge and skills with the public at every opportunity to demonstrate the care and professionalism within the mining industry.

"Mining can be viewed negatively by the public, and we hope to help show that mining is not only a safe and environmentally conscious field, but that



the mining community is also a very good steward to the local economy," he says. "It supplies thousands of well-paying jobs to the Illinois economy."

This spring, seven members of the team will compete against mine rescue teams from other colleges and universities at the Eastern Collegiate Mine Rescue Contest at West Virginia University, located in Morgantown, West Virginia.

More information and updates about the SIU Mine Rescue Team is available on Facebook. Search [@SIUminerescue](#) for updates.

HERE IS A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS YEAR'S INDUCTEES:

Six Inducted Into Saluki Hall Of Fame

SIU honored its 2017 Saluki Hall of Famers in late January, when the distinguished, six-person class was formally inducted during a ceremony at the SIU Arena. The newest members of the group are **Gwen Berry** (track and field); **Hubie Dunn** (gymnastics); **Jason Frasor** (baseball); **Alexis Moreland** (football); **Bianca Stuart** (track and field); and **Ray Tabacchi** (baseball).

BY GENE GREEN

Gwen Berry (2008-2011) was an all-American at SIU in the hammer throw, weight throw and shot put. Her best finish at the NCAA Championships was fourth place in the hammer throw in 2010. She was a four-time MVC champion and the 2011 USTFCCA Midwest Region Field Athlete of the Year.

"I really was shocked to be inducted into the Hall of Fame," Berry says. "When I was recruited to SIU in 2006 as a high jumper, my life forever changed. I never really saw myself doing well in the throwing events, but my coaches saw something in me that I didn't even see myself. The first time I picked up the hammer, I never looked back. I thank all of those at SIU who shaped me into who I am."

The three-time MVC scholar-athlete honoree resides and trains in Oxford, Mississippi.

She reached the finals of the hammer throw at the 2016 Olympics as a member of the U.S. National Team, placing 14th overall.

Hubie Dunn (1939-1943) captained the 1943 gymnastics team that beat Minnesota and Indiana and was cited as the "top team in the Midwest." He finished seventh in the nation on the parallel bars in 1942, won six individual championships his senior year and was recognized as one of the top college gymnasts in the nation.

Dunn served as a junior officer on the U.S.S. Shubrick that played a key role in the D-Day invasion of northern France. He went on to coach gymnastics for 24 years at Washington State and Northern Illinois, posting a combined 132-69-4 record with 48 individual champions. He is enshrined in five other Hall of Fames for his accomplishments in gymnastics. Dunn passed away last February at the age of 94.

"He was proud and fond of SIU," says nephew John Dunn, a former chancellor at SIU and current president at Western Michigan, who spoke for the Dunn family. "Hubie was raised in Pinckneyville, and how he morphed into gymnastics in a community that knew only one thing – basketball – is a phenomenal story."

Jason Frasor (1996-1999) is one of the all-time pitching greats at SIU. He recently completed a 12-year career in Major League Baseball that culminated with a World Series ring with the Kansas City Royals in 2015. In total, the right-handed reliever appeared in 679 games, including nine seasons with the Toronto Blue Jays.

"I've had a great run, and this is just this icing on the cake," Frasor says. "This is kind of my Cooperstown. When I came to SIU, I didn't even know what position I was going to play. I had pitched and played shortstop in high school, but I started to grow, mature and get stronger on the mound. Dan Callahan was a player's coach, and the type of person I respected. He helped me grow as a person and learn a lot about life."

Frasor's name is featured throughout the Saluki baseball record book. He is second in career strikeouts (278), fifth in career starts (41) and eighth in career innings pitched (272.1). He was also a two-time "Itchy" Jones team MVP (1997, 1999), and a highlight of the induction evening was meeting Jones for the first time. Frasor and his family reside in Tampa, Florida.

Bianca Stuart (2006-2009) was a seven-time MVC long jump champion (four indoor, three outdoor), and is the only four-time conference champion in the long jump in league history. She was a two-time all-American, placing seventh at the 2008 outdoors and fourth at the 2009 indoors. She still holds the school and MVC records in the indoor and outdoor long jump, and was a key figure in two MVC team titles for the women in 2009 (indoor and outdoor).

"I'm overwhelmed with emotions," Stuart says. "This is an exciting experience, and I never thought I would be inducted into the Hall of Fame. It was unexpected, but also a great honor and a privilege. Coming to SIU allowed me to build my skills and helped prepare me for the higher elite competition."

Stuart represented the Bahamas at the Olympic games in 2012 (placing 17th) and 2016 (placing 16th). She claimed a silver medal in the long jump at the 2015 Pan American games and won two Central American and Caribbean (CAC) championships.

Alexis Moreland (2001-2004) played safety and was a key figure during the resurgence of Saluki football in the early



New Hall of Fame inductees, from left: Alexis Moreland, Bianca Stuart, Gwen Berry, Ray Tabacchi, Jason Frasor, and Hubie Dunn's daughters Pat Maveus and Cathie Johannsen, and nephew John Dunn.

2000s. He was a three-time all-American who ranks second in school history in career pass breakups (25) and sixth in career tackles (358), and is tied for 13th in career interceptions (8). His 235 career interception return yards are the second-most in program history, and his 204 return yards in 2004 is a single-season record.

"When I got the phone call that I was going in the Hall of Fame, I was more than excited; I was kind of relieved," Moreland notes. "I feel like I've come full circle, as when I got here in 2001 Coach Jerry Kill had to sell us on the dream. Like many others in those days, he wouldn't even show me the stadium during my recruiting visit. The facilities were down, but he convinced us that we could build what we see here today in the culture at SIU. I'm real glad I was a part of making the program strong once again."

The Salukis were 20-4 during Moreland's junior and senior campaigns, winning a pair of conference titles and making two playoff appearances. He was a finalist in 2003 for the Buck Buchanan Award, which goes to the nation's best defensive back in the FCS division. Moreland, a member of SIU's All-Century team, resides in Tallahassee, Florida, and is CEO and founder of Evizion Media Group.

Ray Tabacchi (1953-1956) was a rare three-sport athlete who earned six letters in baseball, basketball and football. Baseball was his best sport; he was first-team All-IIAC as a senior, hitting .314 overall, and .396 in conference games. SIU finished no lower than third place all four years Tabacchi played, and he was named team MVP his junior and senior years.

"When I think back about the guys I played with, the teams I played against and seeing how far the school has come since I played, it's emotional," Tabacchi says. "It's exciting when I think back to McAndrew Stadium and the men's gymnasium, then look at the current facilities at SIU. I think, 'How can you not be an all-American playing in something like this?'"

After graduation, Tabacchi signed with the Kansas City A's and advanced as high as double-A baseball in five minor-league seasons. He resides in Nashville, Illinois.

SIU Baseball Picked 2nd In Valley

Coming off a season where the team fashioned the biggest turnaround in NCAA competition, the Saluki baseball program is ranked second in the preseason MVC coaches poll. SIU earned three of the eight possible first-place votes and have the program's highest spot in the poll since 2006. Dallas Baptist is the favorite.

Michael Baird, Logan Blackfan and Chad Whitmer all were named to the 14-man preseason all-MVC team. Baird and Whitmer earned both starting pitcher spots, and Blackfan was tabbed at first base. Baird led the MVC with a 1.76 ERA last year, the best of any returning starter in the nation. Blackfan led the league with 23 doubles, and Whitmer went 7-4 with a 2.77 ERA, fifth-best in the Valley.

Connor Kopach, Greg Lambert and Ryan Netemeyer all return in 2017 after earning spots on the All-MVC team last year, in addition to Baird, Blackfan and Whitmer. Lambert led the team in hitting last year at .312 and Kopach was third at .287. Netemeyer had 12 saves last year, which ranks second in SIU single-season history.

The Salukis had the nation's biggest turnaround in 2016, winning 31 games. This year SIU returns all 45 weekend starts from pitchers and 88 percent of its starts from position players.

Head coach Ken Henderson, pitching coach P.J. Finigan and hitting coach Ryan Strain all are returning for a seventh season together as a staff.

The program's challenging 56-game schedule includes 27 games at Itchy Jones Stadium and action against three teams that played in the NCAA regionals last year.

"We are excited about this schedule," Henderson says. "The nonconference portion – especially playing four of the first five weekends on the road – will be challenging, but should be good preparation for the always-tough MVC slate. SIU opens Missouri Valley Conference play at home against Evansville (March 31-April 2).



Michael Baird led the Valley in ERA last season and returns as one of the league's top starting pitchers.

"I am also excited for our fans. They will get to see some really good home series, including playing four of the last five weekends of the year at Itchy Jones Stadium. Our fan support has always been incredible, and that will be important for our success in the MVC."

Midweek home games against Austin Peay and Southeast Missouri break up back-to-back road series at Wichita State (April 7-9) and Indiana State (April 14-16). The Salukis return home April 18 for a stretch of 14 out of 15 games at home. SIU hosts Tennessee Tech (April 21-23) before three straight MVC home series against Dallas Baptist (April 28-30), Missouri State (May 5-7) and Illinois State (May 12-14).

SIU closes the regular season with a road series at Bradley (May 16-18). The MVC Tournament will take place May 23-27 in Springfield, Missouri, and NCAA regionals start the following week.

2017 MVC Preseason Poll

1. Dallas Baptist – 59 (5)
2. Southern Illinois – 53 (3)
3. Missouri State – 51
- t4. Indiana State – 36
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6. Bradley – 25
7. Evansville – 20
8. Illinois State – 8

2017 MVC Preseason All-MVC

- 1B – Logan Blackfan, Southern Illinois
- 2B – Trey Hair, Evansville
- 3B – Jake Burger, Missouri State
- SS – Camden Duzenack, Dallas Baptist
- UT – Luke Ritter, Wichita State
- OF – Spencer Gaa, Bradley
- OF – Jameson Hannah, Dallas Baptist
- OF – Austin Listi, Dallas Baptist
- SP – Michael Baird, Southern Illinois
- SP – Chad Whitmer, Southern Illinois
- RP – Seth Elledge, Dallas Baptist
- RP – Bryan Young, Missouri State

Athletics To Drop Tennis, Trim Men's Swimming Scholarships

SIU announced in January that its athletics department is set to implement additional cost-cutting measures that include the elimination of two sports (men's and women's tennis) and the reduction of scholarships in men's swimming and diving.

These measures take effect July 1. When all of the cutbacks are fully realized, the athletics department expects to save about \$660,000 annually in scholarship costs, salaries, team budgets, travel and facility rental fees.

The cuts will reduce the athletics department's total scholarship outlay by 16.4, eliminating 4.5 scholarships in men's tennis, 8.0 in women's tennis, and 3.9 scholarships in men's swimming and diving. The department will continue to honor the financial aid of all student-athletes affected by the decision until they graduate. These student-athletes are also permitted by NCAA rules to transfer to another institution without penalty at the end of this school year.

"This was an incredibly difficult decision because of the impact it will have on the lives of our student-athletes and staff," says Tommy Bell, director of athletics for SIU. "These student-athletes have been great ambassadors for our university, excelling both in competition and in the classroom."

The men's tennis program at SIU began in 1924 under head coach William McAndrew. The program has won 789 matches all-time and 18 conference championships, most recently in 2016. The women's tennis program began in 1975 under head coach Judy Auld. Women's tennis has won 569 matches all-time, including two conference championships.

"We have spent the past 18 months cutting costs and streamlining the way we do business in athletics in the hopes we could avoid eliminating sports," Bell says. "In light of the severe budget environment, we simply ran out of options. As budgets are cut across campus, athletics must do its part."

Softball Salukis Picked 3rd In MVC Poll

The SIU softball team has been picked to finish third in the Missouri Valley Conference, receiving 82 points in the 2017 preseason poll. Only 10 points separate the Salukis and the two teams in the top two spots, as last year's conference champion Wichita State is second with 88 points, and last year's runner-up, Drake, is the favorite to win the title with 92 points.

After the top three spots, there is a 14-point gap. Northern Iowa was selected to finish fourth, followed by Illinois State, Evansville and Missouri State. Rounding out the bottom three are Bradley, Indiana State and Loyola.

The preseason all-MVC team includes SIU standouts Shaye Harre at first base and pitcher Brianna Jones, and SIU's two

selections are tied for the second-most of any team in the Valley represented on the preseason list. Both Harre and Jones earned first-team honors a season ago.

During SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock's 17-year career, SIU has finished each season with a winning record in the MVC. In that span the Salukis have finished in the top three 13 times. The team won 33 games last year and had a 15-10 record in conference play. Six positional players return, as does SIU's entire pitching staff.

"We have great veteran leadership in the senior and junior classes," Blaylock says.

"This team is probably the most focused group I've had since 2007."

The Salukis hope a challenging early schedule will get them prepared for the MVC season, which begins March 18 against Bradley at Charlotte West Stadium.

"We try to get the team ready for conference play, as you want to get them road-tested," Blaylock notes. "We also want to make sure our pitchers have had the time to get comfortable. We try to schedule to give ourselves a shot at RPI points and be in

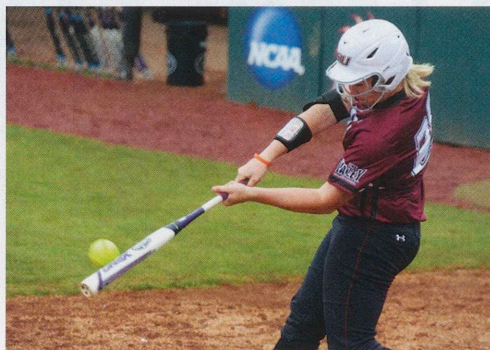
the position to earn an at-large bid. I've tried to balance the schedule out between some SEC- and Big Ten-type opponents, along with some really good mid-major programs."

Finishing in the top three in the poll is nice, but Blaylock knows it means nothing.

"Our conference is a dogfight every weekend,"

she says. "No matter who we play, it is a different style of opponents throughout the conference that you're going to face, and we have a pitching staff, key returners and a great freshman class that put us in a position to really compete. Our goal every year is to win the whole thing. I think if you think any other way, you aren't doing what you're supposed to."

Illinois State will host the Missouri Valley Conference Championship beginning May 11. The MVC Championship game is set for May 13.



Preseason all-MVC selection Shaye Harre connects for the Salukis.

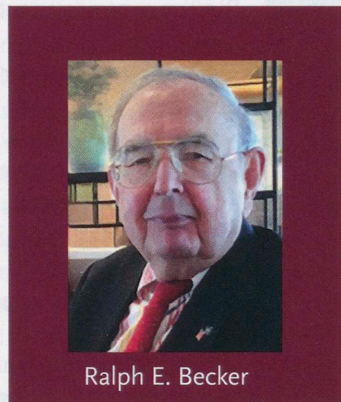
Post-Season Conference Action

At press time, the SIU basketball, track and field, and swimming and diving teams were set to compete in various conference championship events. To see results of these events, as well as full schedules for Saluki spring sports, go to siusalukis.com.

ALUMNUS' GIFT BEGINS REVITALIZATION OF CAMPUS LAKE



BY PETE ROSENBERY



Ralph E. Becker

Ralph E. Becker '55 has donated \$1 million to renovate and expand the boathouse and pavilion at Southern Illinois University's Campus Lake. The project, approved by the board of trustees in December, includes a classroom, new and additional site lighting, and the creation of a patio space for outdoor performances, lectures, dinners and community events.

The Ralph E. Becker Pavilion will include an 850-square-foot classroom named in honor of Becker's mentor and friend, the late Frank Stanton, who was president of CBS from 1946 to 1971, and the network's vice chairman from 1971 until his retirement in 1973.

The boathouse and dock buildings were built in 1958 and 1959, and many of the

existing materials – including the structure and plumbing systems – are 54 to 55 years old. The renovation and addition will bring the facilities up to date with building codes and standards. The work is expected to be completed by spring 2018.

"Campus Lake and its surroundings are a point of pride for generations of SIU students, faculty, staff and community members, and Mr. Becker's support of this project will revitalize this beloved and significant landmark," SIU Interim Chancellor Brad Colwell says. "We are deeply grateful for Mr. Becker's extension of his longtime support of his alma mater."

Becker, a graduate in speech communications, is considered by many to be among the pioneers of the university's radio-television program. In a broadcasting career that spanned more than six decades, Becker relied on hard work and his business acumen to own numerous television stations

and be a media investor.

The Carbondale native maintains a strong affinity for SIU, the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, and the community as a whole.

"I would not have been successful had I not attended SIU, and it is a place where I call home," says Becker, whose broadcasting career started as an intern with KMOX radio in St. Louis in 1949, while he was still in high school. "It served as the foundation for what I was able to accomplish in life."

He continued with numerous broadcasting jobs while at SIU from 1951 to 1955, including writing a radio-television column for the Daily Egyptian. After graduating, Becker taught as a lecturer for a year before going into the Air Force to fulfill his ROTC commitment.

Becker returned to SIU in 1959 to continue his graduate studies and manage what now is known as WSIU-FM radio. After college, Becker later expanded his expertise



Above images are of concepts of the new plans.

into producing and directing radio and television programs in markets as diverse as Peoria, Illinois, and Washington, D.C. He also worked on numerous advertising and marketing campaigns; and served as president and CEO for a group of television stations. He later was involved with media investing, where his group found poor-performing TV stations and implemented changes to improve their operations.

Becker lives in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and he has been a generous supporter of SIU Carbondale. Becker's philosophy can be summed up this way: Once a goal is set, work hard and set additional goals. He views the donation as a "form of a challenge" to others, as well as a desire to "leave a legacy of hard work and opportunity."

"I want to challenge everyone to give back to others, and to what is important to them," Becker said. "It is extremely important to


challenge others to do bigger and better than what I am able to accomplish. That is the only way progress will be made. Throughout my life I challenged my employees and my children to do better."

Becker received the SIU Alumni Association's Alumni Achievement Award for the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, and was the radio and television department's "alumnus of the year" in 1985. He endowed one of the college's largest scholarships, the Ralph E. Becker Scholarship, which is given annually to a radio-television student whose primary focus is in management and marketing research. Becker was the then-College of Communications and Fine Arts' commencement speaker in 1987, and in 1995 he received a medallion and clock from the college. In 1997 Becker donated the Obelisk sculpture, which is the centerpiece of the college's courtyard.

"If we aren't generous, a lot of good things would never occur and a lot of creativity would not happen," he said. "There are things that can still be invented and risks that can still be taken. I just want to make sure SIU goes onward and upward."

Stanton, Becker's mentor and friend, worked with CBS founder William S. Paley. He was significantly involved in freedom-of-the-press issues, ranging from the 1954 McCarthy hearings to the network's coverage of the Vietnam War, and a 1971 investigative report on the Pentagon. Stanton's other activities included serving as chair of the American Red Cross for six years. Stanton, who died in 2006, earned five Peabody Awards and was elected to the Television Academy Hall of Fame in 1986.

– University Communications and Marketing contributed information for this article.



Introducing the 2017 SIU Distinguished Alumni

The SIU Alumni Association will honor four individuals during the annual SIU Distinguished Alumni Ceremony April 28. Each year the Association honors alumni with awards in the areas of career achievement, humanitarian efforts, cultural impact and young alumni achievement. This year's ceremony is set for 3:30 p.m. in the John C. Guyon Auditorium of Morris Library. A reception will immediately follow in the Hall of Presidents and Chancellors.



John Hubert Dunn

B.S., Education and Human
Services '43

Career Achievement

Posthumously

**Nominations for the
2018 SIU Distinguished
Alumni Awards accepted
at [sialumni.com/
distinguishedalumni](http://sialumni.com/distinguishedalumni).
Deadline for
nominations is Aug. 4.**

John Hubert Dunn is recognized as the father of gymnastics in the Pacific Northwest, and he began his involvement with the sport at SIU as a team captain and six-time championship winner. Born in Pickneyville, Illinois, Dunn earned his bachelor's degree in education from SIU in 1943 before entering the Navy as a communications officer and antisubmarine warfare officer aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Shubrick. He participated in the Invasion of Normandy. After the war, he accepted a teaching position at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, where he established a varsity gymnastics team and directed about 150 clinics and exhibitions in the region, which culminated in him setting up the Pacific Northwest College Gymnastics Meet, as well as the Washington State High School Gymnastics Meet.

In 1962 Dunn accepted a teaching and coaching position at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois. There he taught courses in kinesiology, physiology and biomechanics, and produced winning records in gymnastics in eight out of 10 seasons. Dunn retired in 1986 and established an endowed scholarship for biomechanics students at NIU. Dunn held positions in several national offices for collegiate athletics and received numerous awards, including inductions into six halls of fame, for his work in gymnastics. He passed away in February 2016.



Gilbert Kroening

B.S., Agricultural Sciences '59
M.S., Agricultural Sciences '60
Humanitarian Effort

Gilbert Kroening is a professor emeritus of SIU, having served in various capacities – including as dean of the School of Agriculture for 12 years – from 1969 until his retirement in 1999. His final appointment was as professor and chair of animal science, food and nutrition. Kroening, a native of Altamont, Illinois, was the youngest of four children and the first in his family to go to college. After completing both his bachelor’s degree ('59) and master’s degree ('60) in animal industries at SIU, he went on to earn a Ph.D. in animal nutrition from Cornell University in 1965.

During his tenure, Kroening led SIU in efforts to alleviate famine and world hunger, with successful projects for the United Nations in Brazil, USAID in Zambia and Peshawar in the Northwest Frontier Province of Pakistan. After stepping down as dean in 1986, Kroening became director of the Office of International Agriculture, where he supported faculty in additional aid projects across the world. He also was active in the Association of International Agriculture and Rural Development, and served on the Joint Committee on Agriculture Research and Development for the Board of International Food and Agriculture Development. Kroening and his wife, Jean (Engel) Kroening '60, sponsor a lecture series with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. All three of their children attended SIU, and the couple are life members of the SIU Alumni Association.



Harrison Scott Key

Ph.D., Mass Communications
& Media Arts '03
Cultural Impact

Harrison Scott Key is the author of “The World’s Largest Man: A Memoir,” named by *Kirkus Reviews* as one of the best nonfiction books of the year and winner of the 2016 Thurber Prize in American Humor. The Mississippi native earned his doctoral degree in speech communication at SIU in 2003, concentrating in playwriting and performance studies. Key also earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from Belhaven University in Jackson, Mississippi, a master’s degree in theater from Texas A&M University-Commerce and a master of fine arts in writing from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia.

Key has taught English, communications and creative writing at Tulane University, Mississippi State University, Chamberlain-Hunt Academy and the Savannah College of Art and Design, where he currently teaches nonfiction, memoir and humor writing. His writing has been featured in such publications as *The New York Times*, *Southern Living*, *Reader’s Digest* and *Oxford American*.



Jeff Rose

B.S., Business '02
Young Alumni Achievement

Jeff Rose is a certified financial planner and CEO of Alliance Wealth Management. He is a nine-year veteran of the Army National Guard, which included a 17-month deployment to Iraq to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. He earned a bachelor’s degree in finance in 2002. Since then, Rose has written the best-selling book “Soldier of Finance” and founded the award-winning personal finance blog GoodFinancialCents.com.

CNBC has nominated Rose to be part of the Digital Financial Advisor Council, and *Financial Advisor Magazine* pegged him as one of the “Top 10 Young Advisors to Watch.” In addition, he contributes articles to *Forbes*, *CNBC*, *Business Insider* and *HuffingtonPost.com*. Rose is a life member of the SIU Alumni Association.

Noteworthy Group Celebrates 25th Anniversary

BY GENE GREEN

The Noteworthy Group Inc. and Beautiful Displays recently celebrated 25 years in business by hosting a ribbon cutting and open house at its new – and larger – production facility located in the Carbondale Bicentennial Industrial Park.

The alumni-owned business, established in 1991, is one of the oldest and most experienced web-focused producers in the country for grand-format graphics and exhibits for events, trade shows, environments, retail and promotions. As part of its business expansion, the company has installed several new pieces of equipment and added key team members to prepare for expected growth.

Company president **Todd Freeman '89** says the company's customers and the city of Carbondale have helped the employees create a strong business in an area they love. The company's growth over the years has placed

it in three different facilities, each larger than the previous space. While the early years of Noteworthy showed just four people on the payroll, more than 20 employees are now working at its current location.

"We could have only imagined making it to this milestone back in the 1990s, and are grateful for our wonderful clients and friends who have helped us get to this point," says Freeman, who also served as the art director for *SIU Alumni* magazine for many years.

He says online sales have allowed the company to grow – and stay – in Carbondale.

"In 2000 our business was 80 percent local and 20 percent national via the internet," Freeman says. "Now 15 years or so later, about 97 percent of our business is national through our online sales and marketing efforts."

Freeman says Noteworthy has developed a new brand logo and updated its website to reflect a new graphic look as it continues to

serve a vast array of clients worldwide. From small businesses to Fortune 500 giants, the company remains a leading Web resource for quality trade show display, exhibit hardware and graphic products.

Co-founder **Brenda Henderson '97** says the recent celebration at the new building was exciting – and bittersweet, too.

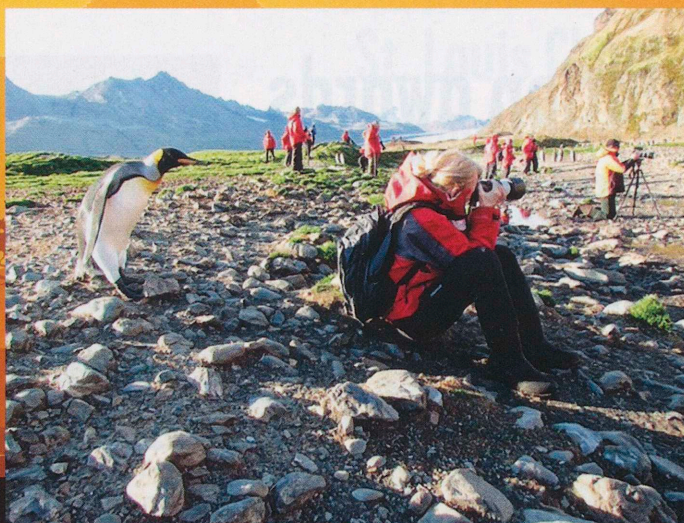
"We still feel deep sadness over losing our third co-founder, Kevin Graham '89, MBA '98, who passed away," she says. "As three partners, nothing ever kept us down long. While this is our toughest challenge yet, we're proud of the great work our team has done in making this move and expansion go as smoothly as possible."

Freeman and Henderson are life members of the SIU Alumni Association and live south of Carbondale with their children, Harrison, 13, and Eleanor, 7.



Top photo: Todd Freeman and Brenda Henderson at their new facility. Bottom photo: Carbondale Mayor Mike Henry speaks to the group before the ribbon cutting takes place.

World Travelers Give Back to Their Roots



Nine hundred dollars. That was all she needed to remain in school.

But Darlene Albert Knott just didn't have it. That was back in 1969, when she was a sophomore at SIU.

Knott grew up in the small town of Mulberry Grove, Illinois, in a farming family of five children. While the family always had food on the table, her parents didn't have the extra money to continue her education in Carbondale after her sophomore year. And for her father, debt was something to be avoided.

"My father never borrowed money for my education," she said. "He was just co-signing on a loan on my behalf. It was my responsibility to pay it back. He just did not like debt and thought I had already borrowed too much for the first two years. ... So I had to withdraw from school. It broke my heart."

It was a setback – though, thankfully, not

a permanent one – for an intelligent young woman who made good grades in high school and impressed her high school math teacher so much that she encouraged her to apply to SIU.

She did – and, with a loan of \$1,800, she arrived in Carbondale in 1967.

"My parents basically just dropped me off in front of Bowyer Hall in Thompson Point, and there I was," she said. "I knew no one – and, coming from a tiny, rural area, I thought Carbondale was this huge city. I met all types of people from other cultures and countries, and it was magical.

"While most kids complain about the size or condition of their dorm rooms, I thought mine was wonderful because it had an indoor bathroom."

Mark Knott, a Saluki patrol student at the time, recalls how he met his future wife.

"I was walking my rounds, and I kept running into this gorgeous girl in Lentz Hall," he said. "She turned me down several times, but finally she agreed to go out with me. I was smitten."

The Knotts agree that their professors at SIU made a tremendous impact on their lives.

"They were so passionate about what they were doing, and they took a genuine interest in the students," Darlene Knott said. "I think that's why SIU remains so near and dear to

our hearts; it's because of the influence of our professors.

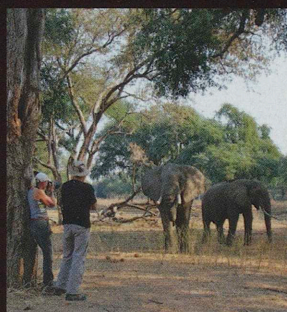
"That, and the fact that we fell in love there."

The couple married in 1970, and Mark Knott soon was drafted into the Vietnam War. By carefully saving their money, the Knotts returned to SIU and earned their degrees in 1975. They experienced successful careers in accounting and in securities brokerage firms until both retired to pursue a shared passion for travel. They have visited all seven continents, and their favorite destination is Africa, which they have visited 10 times.

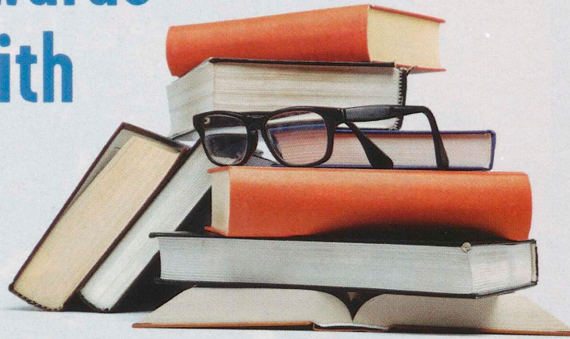
"Our college educations transformed our lives, and we believe that education is the key to success and opportunity," Darlene

Knott said. "I look back at my life growing up in a rural community, and kids just weren't encouraged to go onto college. Mark and I want to change that, so we created a scholarship for students in the Mulberry Grove area to receive an SIU scholarship for four years of room and board.

"We know that education was the opportunity to get out of a limited environment and go on to do something better. We just want to lend a helping hand so that no student should have to drop out of college and miss an opportunity to find success."



Association awards 35 students with textbooks



The SIU Alumni Association awarded 35 Southern Illinois University students with textbooks and supplies for the spring semester at its annual textbook award ceremony. This year's event took place Jan. 17 at the SIU Student Center.

Since 2008, the Association has helped students who demonstrate a financial need and have a GPA of at least 3.0 with the purchase or rental of textbooks and supplies necessary for their spring semester. Awards are made possible with funds set aside by the Association's national board of directors for the purpose of student recruitment and retention on campus by offering assistance with expenses beyond tuition and fees.

Students are selected by Association staff members, with the assistance of the Office

of Financial Aid and representatives from the colleges.

This year's funding included a contribution by the Class of 1966, which made a donation to the program as a class gift. Members of the Class of '66 gathered for their 50-year reunion last semester during Homecoming Weekend.

"The SIU Alumni Association is proud to once again present these textbook awards," says Michelle Suarez, executive director of the Association. "Thanks to our members, who support programs and activities through their membership dues, these students, like many before them, have a huge expense lifted off them as they continue their education at SIU."



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UPCOMING ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Visit sualumni.com/events for more information, and to register.

April 1 – Greater Michigan Chapter Annual Dinner

April 28 – 2017 SIU Distinguished Alumni Ceremony

May 12 – SIU Day at Busch Stadium

May 17 – Callahan's Saluki Baseball Bash, Springfield, Illinois

June 4 – SIU Day at Wrigley Field

June 28-29 – SIU Day with the Washington Nationals

July 12 – SIU/SIUE Fourth Annual Springfield Alumni Reception

July 13-16 – Black Alumni Group Reunion

July 14-15 – Education Day/SIU Day at Brookfield Zoo

July 27 – SIU Day at Guaranteed Rate Field

SAVE THE DATE:

**Class of '67 Reunion
October 13-14, 2017**

Association welcomes new controller

Alumna Patrice DeBlois has joined the staff of the SIU Alumni Association as controller and assistant treasurer to its national board of directors.

DeBlois, a certified public accountant, is a two-degree graduate of Southern Illinois University, having earned a bachelor's degree in accounting in 2009, as well as a master's of accountancy in 2011. Prior to joining the staff of the Association, she held positions as a cost accountant at Intertape Polymer Group in its Carbondale, Illinois, facility, and as a staff accountant in the Harrisburg, Illinois, office of Kemper CPA Group.

"I'm very excited to have joined the Association team," DeBlois says. "I believe my past experiences in both private and public accounting will help contribute to the goals and successes of the organization."

Michelle Suarez, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, says she also expects DeBlois' experience to serve the Association and university well.



"This position is critical to guiding the Association staff and board in managing the organization's financial assets," Suarez says. "Furthermore, it means the Association has another valued team member to help in the services, programs and events that connect alumni to the campus and students."

The SIU Alumni Association is the largest and oldest university-related organization on campus, having formed in 1896. The Association is housed under the Division of Development and Alumni Relations along with its sister organization, the SIU Foundation.

Chicagoland Chapter hosts alumni at Loyola



The Chicagoland Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted alumni before and during the Saluki men's basketball team's 67-61 win against the Loyola Ramblers Feb. 4 at Loyola University.

The chapter has turned this gathering of SIU alumni into a recent tradition, with several dozen loyal Saluki fans participating



each year. The Chicago area is home to more than 40,000 alumni. For more information about upcoming Chicagoland Chapter events or to volunteer for activities, email chicagosalukis@alumni.siu.edu. You can also follow the chapter on Facebook @ SIUCChicagoland.

St. Louis Chapter hosts annual trivia night, silent auction



The St. Louis Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted its annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction January 20 at the Shrewsbury Center in Shrewsbury, Missouri. This event has been running for more than a decade and has raised thousands of dollars in scholarships for the local chapter. These dollars go to students from the region who attend SIU.

There are more than 12,000 alumni who call the St. Louis area home. If you would like more information about getting involved in upcoming chapter events and activities, please email stlsalukis@alumni.siu.edu.



SIU Alumni Association 2017 National Board of Director's Ballot

Voting now is open for members to elect or re-elect candidates to the SIU Alumni Association's National Board of Directors. Four individuals have been selected as candidates for this election. Only the votes of dues-paying members are valid in the final count. Ballots must reach the Association's main office no later than noon April 14.

On the ballot slip, please place an "X" in the square opposite the name of the candidate for whom you are voting. If you are the sole member of your household who is an Association member, use the box marked "A." If there is a second eligible voting member in your household, he or she should vote using the box marked "B." You can also vote online at www.siualumni.com.



Forrest Fairall '81

Forrest Fairall is a veteran executive in the food business, having started with the Carnation Co. He was a food broker with Roy A. Asmussen and Associates in Chicago for six years. In 1992, Fairall moved to Durst Brokerage, where he was

promoted into sales management and eventually became a partner in the firm. Fairall is now the company's vice president of the east-central zone. He helps represent some of the top brands in the food service industry, including Perdue Chicken, Wells Blue Bunny Ice Cream, Trident Seafood, Schwan's Foods, Cargill and AdvancePierre Foods.



Scott Moller '85 (re-election)

Scott Moller is a founder of Marketing Werks Inc., a Chicago-based experiential marketing firm focused on consumer/brand relationships. During his tenure, the company listed clients such as Verizon, PlayStation, Walgreens, Hershey's,

LEGO, Bridgestone and United Health Care. Moller sold the firm in 2014 and now works with the Moller Family Foundation, a nonprofit organization committed to supporting programs that preserve and protect the environment. The foundation also promotes healthy living and the advancement of science that benefits society.



Nicholas Harkovich '76

Nicholas Harkovich is a retired educator, having spent 24 years teaching in the northern suburbs of Chicago. After leaving the field, he home-schooled his two sons through high school and did volunteer work for Rainbow

Hospice, as well as alumni events in the Chicagoland area. He has participated in fundraising efforts for the SIU Chicagoland Golf Fundraiser and has contributed to Saluki Way.



Darzel Price '80

Darzel Price is a senior quality assurance technician for Merisant Inc. in Manteno, Illinois, which manufactures and markets tabletop sweeteners and other products. He previously worked in various capacities for the Wrigley

Manufacturing Company LLC in Chicago from 1983 to 2009. Price also volunteers his time as a youth motivational speaker, engaging with youths and young adults in the inner city and suburbs about long-term goals, and about staying away from negative influences such as drugs and gangs.

Board of Directors Mail-in Ballot

A B Nicholas Harkovich

A B Scott Moller

A B Forrest Fairall

A B Darzel Price

Please mark and mail ballot to:

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

You can also vote online at www.siualumni.com.

Daily Egyptian 100 Year Anniversary Book

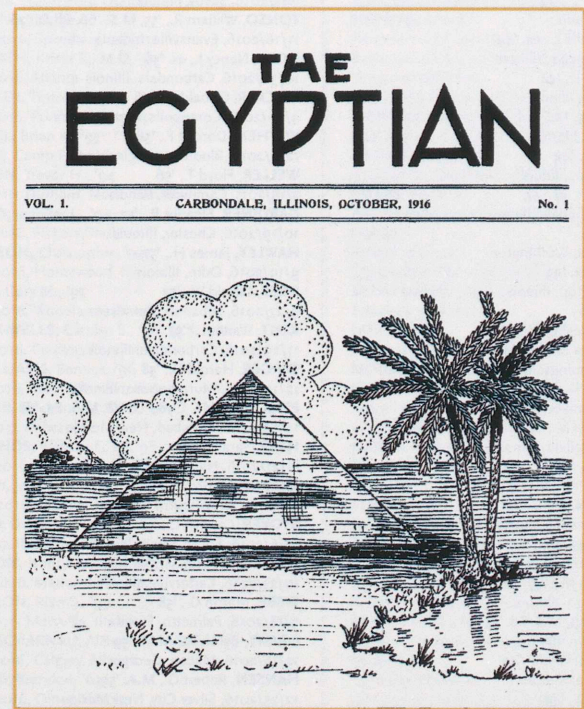
"In an age of "alternative facts," we need journalists trained to tell the difference. The DE has been doing just that for 100 years."
– **Kathy Best, Pulitzer Prize Winner, Editor of The Missoulain, SIU and DE alumnae.**

"A 100th anniversary is a milestone for any institution, and it's particularly worth celebrating for a newspaper that has served as a trusted community resource and training ground for generations of journalists. "The Daily Egyptian: The First Century" is a worthy tribute to the blood, sweat and tears countless students shed throughout the years to bring SIUC the news, whether that be over a typewriter, printing press or computer. It's a book that belongs on the shelf of every former Daily Egyptian staffer, as well as any member of the SIUC community who ever picked up a paper or clicked through the website."

– **Monique Garcia, Statehouse Reporter, Chicago Tribune SIUC class of 2006, DE reporter and editor 2004-2006**

"As a proud, former DE reporter ('76-'77), I can't express enough how impressed I am with the book, "The Daily Egyptian: The First Century." This book details the history and evolution of the DE throughout its first 100 years and, also, provides a parallel history of the university – all from the pages of this great student newspaper. I would highly recommend it to all SIUC J-school graduates and to all SIUC alumni as something worthy of a place on their bookshelf. Thanks for all the memories!" – **Dennis DeRossett, Springfield IL President & CEO, Illinois Press Association and COO, National Newspaper Association**

The Daily Egyptian: The First Century



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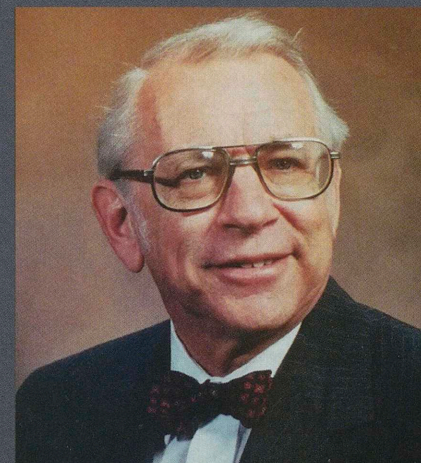
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 COX, Alberta, '40
 11/22/2016, Baldwin, Illinois
 MAULDING, Everett M., '40
 5/22/2016, Bella Vista, Arkansas
 GARRISON, Betty M., ex. '42
 11/3/2016, Flora, Illinois
 HALTERMAN, Gerald L. ex. '43
 11/18/2016, Sudbury, Massachusetts
 CHILDERS, Mary L., '44
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 CRAWSHAW, Cecile L., ex. '44
 1/20/2017, Carbondale, Illinois
 FOEHNER, Mary L., '44
 12/5/2016, Shiloh, Illinois
 HALL, Jean K., '44, M.S. Ed. '61
 6/17/2016, Ocala, Florida
 HILL, Georgia, ex. '44
 11/6/2016, Benton, Illinois
 KELLEY, Robert D., ex. '44
 12/16/2016, Carbondale, Illinois
 SMITH, H.T., '44
 2/23/2016, Everett, Washington
 ALLEN, Evan Y., ex. '45
 1/9/2017, Stonington, Illinois
 TEEL, Dwight, '46
 10/11/2016, Waukesha, Wisconsin
 DILLMAN, Martha M., '47, M.S. Ed. '53
 10/21/2016, Bloomington, Illinois
 HERBST, Thelma K., '47
 12/31/2016, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 RUSHING, Vaudra M., '47
 11/12/2016, Springfield, Illinois
 COTTER, Mary S., '48
 12/9/2016, West Frankfort, Illinois
 THROGMORTON, Joe E., '48
 1/20/2017, Carbondale, Illinois
 BLEYER, Bill C., '49, M.S. Ed. '58
 12/26/2016, Cartersville, Illinois
 BYARS, Josephine M., '49
 12/18/2016, Marion, Illinois
 GAY, Robert K., '49, M.S. Ed. '53
 11/27/2016, Marion, Illinois
 JONGEDYK, Cornelius R., '49
 11/7/2016, Wichita, Kansas
 TUCKER, James D., '49
 10/28/2016, Urbana, Illinois
 ERB, Hazel R., '50
 9/30/2016, New Athens, Illinois
 HAGOPIAN, Andrew, ex. '50
 12/6/2016, Granite City, Illinois
 HARTZOG, Mattie W., '50
 12/19/2016, Edmond, Oklahoma
 HOUSEWRIGHT, James, ex. '50
 1/10/2017, Murphysboro, Illinois
 NEIGHBORS, Gloria S., '50
 4/6/2016, Trenton, Illinois
 VEACH, Helen M., '50
 1/5/2017, Tyler, Texas
 HUNTER, Sue B., ex. '51
 12/16/2016, Carbondale, Illinois
 MCCANN, Shirley A., ex. '51
 1/19/2017, Benton, Illinois
 BRIDGES, Walter R., '52, M.A. '58
 1/10/2017, Sahuarita, Arizona
 DOZIER, Lloyd M., ex. '52
 11/21/2016, Walla Walla, Washington
 EASTMAN, Evan V., '52
 12/4/2016, Saint Charles, Missouri
 ECHERD, George E., ex. '52
 12/1/2016, Dallas
 GUNDERSON, Annetta J., ex. '52
 10/21/2016, Ironwood, Michigan
 MAYO, Mildred J., ex. '52
 11/2/2016, Shawnee, Kansas
 MCLAFFERTY, Teresa V., '52
 4/5/2016, Saint Charles, Missouri
 NARUSIS, Bernard V., '52
 12/29/2016, Oakwood Hills, Illinois
 DAUGHERTY, Lorene L., ex. '53

1/16/2017, Herrin, Illinois
 DIAL, L.E., '53
 10/3/2016, Roscoe, Illinois
 DOOLEN, Sherman E., '53
 12/20/2016, Salem, Illinois
 WATTERS, Mary J., '53
 11/8/2016, Chico, California
 BULL, William E., '54
 12/27/2016, Knoxville, Tennessee
 RODENBERG, Norman, '54
 10/13/2016, Springfield, Illinois
 JONES, Doris L., '55
 11/1/2016, Savoy, Illinois
 TONSO, William R., '55, M.S. '66, Ph.D. '76
 11/16/2016, Evansville, Indiana
 HOEY, Nancy J., ex. '56
 10/30/2016, Carbondale, Illinois
 IDECKER, Donald A., '56
 4/26/2016, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania
 WATHEN, Donald F., '56
 12/2/2016, Bloomington, Indiana
 WELLER, Floyd T., '56
 3/18/2015, Carlinville, Illinois
 GARDINER, Eleanor R., '57
 10/19/2016, Chester, Illinois
 HAWLEY, James H., '57
 9/19/2016, Odin, Illinois
 HESS, Gerald W., '57
 9/27/2016, Lebanon, Tennessee
 KENT, Walter L., '57
 11/29/2016, Carbondale, Illinois
 BERGER, Harold D., '58
 12/19/2016, Murphysboro, Illinois
 ENGLEBRIGHT, Clyde L., '58, M.S. Ed. '61
 10/19/2016, Carlsbad, New Mexico
 HAKE, Sara L., '58
 11/21/2016, Nashville, Illinois
 MOORE, Marilyn R., '58
 10/21/2016, Ashburn, Virginia
 STOVER, Carolyn C., '58
 12/6/2016, South Beloit, Illinois
 WATSON, Shirley M., '58
 10/23/2016, Cartersville, Illinois
 WEBB, Martin G., '58
 9/18/2016, Palmetto, Florida
 GRANT, Byron W., M.M. '59
 12/16/2016, Macon, Georgia
 HANSEN, Robert G., M.A. '59
 12/25/2016, Silver City, New Mexico
 HILL, James R., '59
 12/18/2016, Toledo, Ohio
 OLDHAM, Wayne E., '59
 10/9/2016, Humble, Texas
 ARMISTEAD, Martha H., '60
 10/25/2016, Houston
 BENSLEY, Loren B., M.S. Ed. '60
 11/21/2016, Northport, Michigan
 PETTETT, Cynthia J., '60
 10/30/2016, Hardin, Kentucky
 PROPES, Bessie A., '60
 1/2/2017, McKinney, Texas
 SAXENMEYER, A.W., '60
 9/26/2016, Tyler, Texas
 THOMPSON, Neill A., '60
 11/5/2016, Lumberton, North Carolina
 GRANDONE, John M., '61
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 GRIMM, Janet C., '61
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 LEVITT, Michael B., '61
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 MONTGOMERY, Sharron L., '61
 12/29/2016, Dundee, Illinois
 SCHRAM, Estel H., '61
 9/15/2016, Pekin, Illinois
 ALEXANDER, Thomas A., '62
 11/21/2016, Harrisburg, Illinois
 BERTHOUX, Duane P., '62
 10/10/2015, Fairfield, California
 BRADY, Linda C., '62, M.S. '71
 8/27/2016, Phoenix
 CERANIC, Ella J., '62
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JENKINS, George D., '62
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 KORBA, James F., '62
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 STOECKLIN, Shirley M., '62
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 CHMELIK, James F., '63, M.A. '64
 7/28/2016, Austin, Texas
 MILLER, Frank D., '63, M.S. '72
 11/27/2016, Waterloo, Illinois
 OEXEMAN, Robert J., '63, M.A. '65
 12/11/2016, Willowbrook, Illinois
 PLONKEY, Kenneth D., M.A. '63, Ph.D. '68
 10/11/2016, Colorado Springs, Colorado
 RUNNER, Millicent L., '63, M.S.Ed. '75
 8/8/2016, Washington
 SCHNEIDER, Paul H., '63
 11/5/2016, Cumming, Georgia
 HINKEY, Thomas R., '64
 12/5/2016, Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania
 MAYOL, Robert F., '64
 11/6/2016, Burns, Tennessee
 SANDERS, Virginia E., '64
 12/5/2016, Pochontas, Illinois
 SPRAGUE, Stephen A., '64
 9/26/2016, Decatur, Alabama
 VARNER, Loretta W., '64
 9/1/2016, Murphysboro, Illinois
 YEMM, Dale R., '64
 10/13/2016, Fort Meyers, Florida
 BATES, Paul R., '65
 9/26/2016, Mount Carmel, Illinois
 ELLIOTT, Albert R., '65, M.S. Ed. '66
 12/18/2016, Statesboro, Georgia
 HELLER, Jack R., '65, MACC '74
 9/26/2016, Belleville, Illinois
 PALMER, Margaret S., '65
 9/23/2016, Kewanee, Illinois
 SUCICH, Louis A., '65
 9/11/2016, Wesley Chapel, Florida
 THORSON, Richard L., '65
 8/30/2016, Flagstaff, Arizona
 CARNAL, James E., '66
 11/19/2016, Huron, Ohio
 CLARK, Lawrence T., '66
 10/20/2016, Warsaw, Indiana
 GOLDBACKER, Gary W., '66
 10/24/2016, Belleville, Illinois
 MARCOTTE, Richard A., '66
 8/6/2016, Park Forest, Illinois
 MOORE, Ray P., Ph.D. '66
 12/14/2016, Fredericktown, Missouri
 RANN, Judy, '66, M.S. Ed. '73
 10/24/2016, Harrisburg, Illinois
 SCHIFFERDECKER, Ronald C., '66
 10/30/2016, Chester, Illinois
 SHELTON, John B., M.A. '66
 11/8/2016, Anna, Illinois
 WHITE, Stanley, M.S. Ed. '66
 12/10/2016, Tilden, Illinois
 WOOLSEY, Jeanne L., '66
 9/4/2016, McClusky, North Dakota
 BOOR, Myron V., M.A. '67, Ph.D. '70
 12/29/2016, Saint Joseph, Missouri
 CASTRO, Alfonso B., '67
 9/1/2016, Lincolnshire, Illinois
 FAWLEY, Malcom J., '67, M.S. '74
 10/10/2016, Des Moines, Iowa
 HAZZARD, Earl D., '67
 12/30/2016, Winnebago, Illinois
 LAUTH, Larry C., '67
 9/23/2016, Belleville, Illinois
 PIERCY, Virginia A., '67
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 PORTER, Ross A., '67
 11/23/2016, Cornelius, North Carolina
 RICHTER, Robert G., '67
 11/2/2016, Scottsdale, Arizona
 BALTZ, Linda R., '68
 1/2/2017, Joliet, Illinois
 BROWN, Betty J., '68
 12/25/2016, Midway, Arizona
 FEENY, Paul J., M.A. '68

Founder Of SIU's Mortuary Science Program Dies



Donald Hertz, 88, a founder of the mortuary science program at Southern Illinois University, died Dec. 10, 2016.

Hertz was born March 2, 1928, in Kankakee, Illinois, where he began his teaching career after graduating from Illinois State University in 1950. He taught in the brand-new East Junior School and began the high school's tennis team. He served in the Air Force from 1952 to 1954, mainly at Tinker Field in Oklahoma City. He worked at his father's funeral home in Kankakee after receiving his funeral director and embalming licenses from Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago. His previous schooling was a bachelor's degree, majoring in biology at Illinois State Normal University and a master's degree in public health from the University of Oklahoma.

Hertz became one of two faculty members who started the mortuary science program at SIU. He later became an associate professor and department chairman until his retirement in 1988. He was an active member in the Illinois Funeral Directors Association.

Hertz is survived by his wife, Vivienne Virgene Lucas, as well as four children and their spouses, 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1/6/2017, Milton, Massachusetts
GIRVIN, Hayes B., M.S. Ed. '68
1/2/2017, Myerstown, Pennsylvania
LIMPUS, Alice M., '68
12/7/2016, Murphysboro, Illinois
PAUL, Patricia M., '68
5/20/2016, Bourbonnais, Illinois
PYLE, Gerald W., '68, M.S. Ed. '69
1/2/2017, Haines City, Florida
ROOZE, Gene E., Ph.D. '68
12/10/2016, Levelland, Texas
WHEATLEY, Stanley R., '68, M.S. Ed. '76
1/9/2017, Du Quoin, Illinois
BARTMESS, James R., '69
11/10/2016, Sarasota, Florida
CARROLL, John F., M.A. '69
9/16/2016, West Palm Beach, Florida
GENTRY, Walter H., '69
12/30/16, Mt. Vernon, Illinois
MAURATH, Shirley W., M.S. Ed. '69
11/30/2016, Columbus, Ohio
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PERKINS, James R., '69
12/13/2016, Breese, Illinois
QUADE, Ann L., '69
12/31/2016, Rock Island, Illinois
THOMAS, Karen C., '69
1/9/2017, Jacksonville, Illinois
ALEXANDER, Thomas C., '70, M.S. Ed. '75
1/12/2017, Carrier Mills, Illinois
COVENTRY, Carol L., '70, M.S. Ed. '75
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HUGHES, Donald L., M.S. Ed. '70
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MUCHMORE, Charles B., Ph.D. '70
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WOUND, Fu-Yii, M.S. '70
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KIMBROUGH, Cleveland, '71
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MAGLONE, George E., '71
11/28/16, Springfield, Illinois
MCBRIDE, John D., Ph.D. '71
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SHEEHAN, Vicki L., '71
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12/6/2015, Carbondale, Illinois
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9/15/2016, Naperville, Illinois
OZMENT, Hubert R., '72
6/20/2016, Makanda, Illinois
CIESLAK, Dennis D., '73
11/29/16, Arlington Heights, Illinois
DEAN, Raymond C., '73
12/7/2016, Elk Grove Village, Illinois
POWELL, Joyce M., '73
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ROBARDS, David E., '73
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SMITH, Kay A., '73
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SWITZER, David B., '73
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BEAN, Martin E., '74
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YOUNG, John R., '74
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FORYS, John T., '76
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HYNES, Sandra M., '76, M.S. Ed. '77
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WISEMAN, Mindy, '76
10/20/2016, Madison, Wisconsin
FAULKNER, Carolyn J., '77
12/12/2016, Vienna, Illinois
MEYER, Mel G., '77
11/1/2016, St. Louis
NEFF, John W., M.S. '77
11/2/2016, Silver Springs, Maryland
POLK, Dennis L., '77
5/29/2016, Springfield, Illinois
TANNER, Jack S., '77
12/31/2016, Bonnie, Illinois
TREADWELL, Henry S., '77
11/27/2016, Newport News, Virginia
KREINBERG, Tony R., '78
11/5/2016, St. Louis
WOLF, Robert M., J.D. '78
11/30/2016, Harrisburg, Illinois
UNDERWOOD, Howard L., '79
11/19/2016, Derby, Kansas
WAGNER, Eugene E., '79
12/17/2016, St. Louis
WARNER, David A., '79, '81
11/18/2016, Fort Collins, Colorado
GARNER, Randall K., '80
12/8/2016, Hoopston, Illinois
SANIGA, Richard D., Ph.D. '80
12/7/2016, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
HANNON, Timothy F., '81
1/21/2017, Farmer City, Illinois
LIGHT, Edward A., J.D. '81
10/9/2016, Rockford, Illinois
PYE, Laurence, '81
3/3/2016, Suisun City, California
GILBERT, James W., '82
1/16/2017, St. Louis
BEKKEN, Dean D., '83
10/19/2016, Wilmette, Illinois
BIRDZELL, Jeffrey N., '83
12/25/2016, Urbana, Illinois
LAFORCE, Lewis A., '83
6/4/2016, Crossville, Tennessee
QUEALY, Sherrie J., '83
12/25/2016, Lansing, Illinois
ANDERSON, Donald T., Ph.D. '84
1/16/2017, Springfield, Illinois
COLE, Jane E., '84
1/9/2017, Grand Tower, Illinois
PAVELICK, Jack F., '84
9/11/2016, Oakland, California
HASTINGS, Ronald L., '85
11/1/2016, Cartersville, Illinois
RONVIK, Dane, '85
9/1/2016, Chicago
SANDERS, Jessie H., Ph.D. '85
11/21/2016, Canoga Park, California
KOERKENMEIER, Robert G., '86
12/13/2016, Adieville, Illinois
RICE, Danalyn, '86
11/24/2016, Marion, Illinois
ANDERSON, Alice F., '87
10/10/2016, Saint Marys, Ohio
HENSLEY, Christopher H., '87
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SAPATO, James, '87
11/19/2016, Palos Heights, Illinois
RICKETTS, Wilbert, ex. '87
11/29/2016, Fishers, Indiana
ITURRIAN, Leon J., '88
8/15/2016, Swansea, Illinois
FEINHOLD, John W., '90, M.S. '93
1/15/2017, Johnston City, Illinois
OLIVER, George H., '90

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DIVERS, Lawrence A., '91
12/22/2016, Chicago, Illinois
JACOBS, Eric J., '91
1/9/2017, Kansas City, Missouri
RYBAK, Christopher J., M.S. Ed. '91, Ph.D. '93
11/5/2016, Peoria, Illinois
DAY, Kenneth W., '92
7/19/2016, Jacksonville, Alabama
LUHTALA, Mark A., '92
11/23/2016, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida
NEWSTROM, Dale E., '92
2/4/2016, North Port, Florida
REED, Necola, '92
12/12/2016, Speedway, Indiana
BIERNATH, Krista R., M.D. '93
9/24/2016, Atlanta
KOEHLER, Timothy A., '93
9/28/2016, Portland, Oregon
SPIEGEL, Brian K., '93
9/26/16, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania
ASHTON, Trevor H., '94
11/1/2016, Durham, North Carolina
GRILLO, Jennifer L., '94
11/12/2016, Fishers, Indiana
HANZELIN, Christopher, '94
11/10/2016, Homewood, Illinois
KABAT, Gary M., '95
10/11/2016, Woodlawn, Illinois
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8/16/2016, Mount Vernon, Illinois
SKIPPER, Selestine B., Ph.D. '96
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EDMONDS, William F., ex. '98
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11/2/2016, Maryville, Illinois
HEAL-SCHARNAU, Alison M., M.S. Ed. '99
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11/20/2016, Olney, Illinois
ROBERTS, Donald E., '02
11/2/2016, Jacksonville, Florida
ERVIN, Jerry M., '03
11/2/2016, Fairview Heights, Illinois
WETENDORF, Gavin M., '03
12/10/2016, Des Plaines, Illinois
GOODWIN, William G., '04
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9/30/2016, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
LEWIS, Phillip A., '06
10/26/2016, Matteson, Illinois
SKORCZ, Eric T., '10
11/21/2016, Ellis Grove, Illinois
STEIN, Mitchell A., '15
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School of Medicine

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Maintenance, University Housing
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Maintenance, Physical Plant Service
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11/7/2016, Murphysboro, Illinois
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9/7/2016, Seattle

1960s

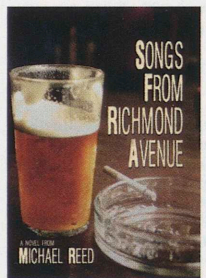
CAROLYN WARMSUN '68

recently was honored when one of her paintings, "Hushed," was designated as the first-place overall winner in the "All Women" show of Light Space & Time's Online Art Gallery. WarmSun's entry was about 890 from 32 countries and 41 states. Her journey into art started late in life, as she spent a previous career in the field of mental health and organization development consulting. WarmSun studied psychology while at SIU.



1970s

MICHAEL REED '79 has published his first novel, "Songs From Richmond Avenue." The



book, which the author describes as urban literature/humor, is being published by Black Rose Writing, a company based in Castroville, Texas. Reed earned his journalism degree from SIU and has worked for various news publications.

1980s

R. MARK GRANT '80 has been named Illinois state director of the National Federation of Independent Business. Brant, who was appointed to



his post in December, previously served as assistant director. NFIB is the nation's leading small-business association, with offices in every state and in Washington. In his new role, Grant will lead the association's lobbying and advocacy efforts in Springfield, Illinois, on behalf of the organization's 11,000 members in the state. He has been the co-author on past legislation that reduced regulations on small businesses, and he has served on various advisory boards pertaining to state regulations and economic development.

MICHAEL GLAUB '81

has been appointed to the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission by Gov. Bruce Rauner. Glaub will serve as an arbitrator for the commission. He had been an attorney with Hennessy & Roach, a Midwest-based firm. Glaub has nearly 30 years' worth of experience in the field of workers' compensation law.



DAVID KANE '81 recently was honored with Sangamon County's annual "Friend of the County"

award. Kane, a sportswriter for *The State Journal-Register* since 1983, has covered almost every Sangamon County high school boys' basketball game since 1992, as well as numerous other local sports events. He won the Illinois Press Association's writing contest in 2007, in addition to honors from The Associated



Press Media Editors' Editorial Excellence Contest in 2015 and the Copley Ring of Truth award for best sports story in 1995. Kane was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2010, and in 2015 he was named Media Person of the Year by the Illinois Baseball Coaches Association.

G. DAVID DELANEY '83 has been appointed to the board of directors for Itafos, a producer of



phosphate-based fertilizers and related products. Delaney is a strategic advisor for Paine & Partners, a private equity firm focusing on large and growing food and agribusiness sectors. His appointment to the Itafos board became effective Feb. 6. As part of the board, Delaney will provide governance best practice, strategic guidance and overall counsel to the Itafos management team. Delaney, a graduate of SIU's College of Agricultural Sciences, also serves as a member of the SIU Foundation board.

KAY WULF '86 (AAS '85

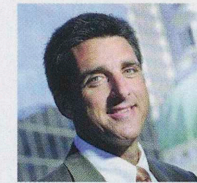
CASA) has been hired as workplace studio leader for SmithGroupJJR in Chicago, one the nation's largest architecture, engineering, interior design and planning firms. Wulf had worked at FitzGerald Associates Architects in Chicago, where she launched the firm's interior design practice. In her new role at SmithGroupJJR, Wulf will be responsible for expanding



the Chicago office's project portfolio for workplace interiors, asset repositioning and corporate headquarters. Among her other responsibilities will be support of local clients and identifying strategic relationships with new companies in the region.

RODNEY KINZINGER '87

recently joined the leadership team at Edward Jones. He had been a managing partner of Deloitte's St. Louis office, where he had work nearly 30 years. Kinzinger started with Deloitte in St. Louis in 1987, becoming a partner in 1997. He became Missouri practice leader for enterprise risk services before moving to the company's New York office in 2002 to work in corporate governance, as well as mergers and acquisitions. Kinzinger returned to Deloitte's St. Louis office in 2008.

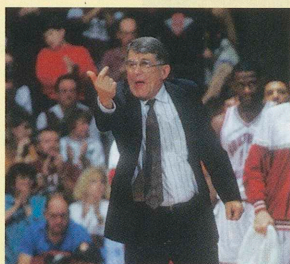


GAIL RICHARD '87 took office Jan. 1 as the 2017 president of the American Speech-Language-Hearing



Association. Richard will work to advance the objectives of the ASHA, which boasts about 186,000 members and affiliates who are audiologists, speech-language pathologists, speech, language, and hearing scientists, audiology and speech-language pathology support personnel and students. Richard has been at Eastern Illinois University, teaching courses in communication disorders and sciences, for 35 years. Her current role on the campus is director of EIU's Autism Center.

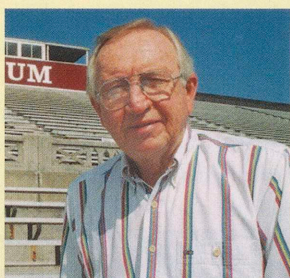
SIU Trio Enters St. Louis Sports Hall Of Fame



Three SIU Athletics icons were inducted into the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame on Feb. 2, part of a 13-member class of accomplished athletes, coaches and sports figures. Former men's basketball coach **RICH HERRIN MS Ed. '60**, Sports Information Director Emeritus **FRED HUFF EX '62**, and former

SIU football player and NFL coach **CARL MAUCK '69** were enshrined. All three also are in the Saluki Hall of Fame.

Herrin won three consecutive MVC Tournament championships (1993, 1994 and 1995) and compiled a 225-174 record at SIU,



winning at least 20 games six times in 13 seasons. His teams made three NCAA Tournament and four NIT appearances. Herrin, who also was inducted into the prestigious MVC Hall of Fame in 2010, is still doing the job he loves, serving as head coach of the Morthland College men's basketball team.

Huff spent 35 years in Saluki athletics and publicized some of the school's most historic sports moments, including the 1967 Walt Frazier-led NIT championship men's basketball team and the 1983 national championship football season. His passion for Saluki athletics culminated in a book he wrote titled "Saluki Sports History ... 100 Years



of Facts and Highlights," with proceeds going to the SIU athletics department. Huff, now retired, also worked for many years in several capacities at the Du Quoin State Fair and wrote a book on the history of that enterprise.

Mauck was a standout linebacker at SIU who once recorded 30 tackles in a game. He was drafted by the Baltimore Colts and became an NFL

"iron man," with a career that spanned 13 seasons, including a stretch of 156 straight games. He coached 34 seasons in the NFL, and when he retired he returned to SIU to serve as an assistant coach for the Jerry Kill-led Saluki football teams.

Honorees were interviewed by an area sportscaster or reporter, a practice that has become a St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame trademark. Giving the event even more of a SIU feel, two of those interviewers were SIU graduates **RON JACOBBER '61** (retired from KMOX Radio) and **TODD ESCHMAN '91** (sports editor of the *Belleville News-Democrat*).

1990s

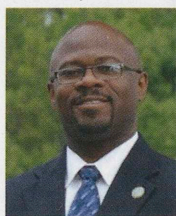
DANA SCHWIEGER '90, MBA '94, PH.D '01 was honored late last year with the



Provost's Research, Instruction and Development for Excellence (PRIDE)

Award at Southeast Missouri State University in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Schwieger is a professor of management information systems in the Department of Accounting. The recipient of this annual award is recognized for exemplary representation of the teacher/scholar model. Nominations are solicited from each of the university's colleges and schools. Schwieger also has been honored with the Outstanding MBA Teaching Award, SoTL Award and the Harrison College of Business Copper Dome Research Award, as well as being named Missouri State Phi Beta Lambda Advisor of the Year.

ANTHONY CAISON '91, MBA '94 has been accepted into Leadership North Carolina's



2016-2017 class. Caison, who is vice president of Workforce Continuing Education at Wake Tech

in Raleigh, North Carolina, is among a select group of regional civic and community leaders who will participate in sessions focused on critical issues facing the state. This year's class is composed of top leaders from government, business, nonprofit and education sectors. Caison

has worked in education for more than 20 years, joining Wake Tech in 1997. In his current role, he supervises nine divisions providing opportunities and programs to local communities.

CRAIG DOWNING '92, '94, PH.D. '99 has been appointed a distinguished fellow of the



American Society of Engineering Management. Downing, who is head of the Department of

Engineering Management at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, was honored for his demonstrated professional accomplishments, as well as service and contributions to the organization. Fellow status is the highest level of ASEM membership. No more than five individuals are elected annually by current fellows. Downing's areas of expertise include industrial-academic relationships, quality management system development and productions/operations management.

KRISTIN BARANSKI '93 recently was hired as superintendent of the Santee School District in



California. Her appointment became effective in February. Baranski was the director

of curriculum and assessment for the school district. Before going to Santee, Baranski served as vice principal of Chet F. Harritt, Rio Seco and Hill Creek schools. She served as principal at Chet F. Harritt from 2000 until 2003.

Alumnus Named New Dean Of Library Affairs



JOHN POLLITZ '75 has returned to his alma mater as the new dean of Library Affairs. His first day on the job was March 6.

Pollitz received his bachelor's degree in history/education at SIU. He also holds a master of library science degree from the University of Iowa and earned a master's degree in history from the University of Denver where he was a doctoral candidate, completing all but his dissertation.

Pollitz has held a number of higher education library administration positions. Most recently, he has served as the director of libraries for the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire since 2007. During his tenure there, he led a 30-member staff while overseeing a \$3.8 million budget. He was also promoted to the rank of full professor, established

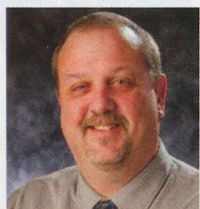
a student employee scholarship and a diversity internship, led a variety of initiatives and fulfilled a term as president of the Wisconsin Library Association.

Previously, Pollitz was the associate university librarian for public services and innovative technology at Oregon State University, O'Keefe Library Director at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, and assistant director of library automated services at Augustana College in Illinois. He has also taught university classes and served in a variety of professional service positions and activities in the last two decades.

"I am very excited to be coming 'home,'" Pollitz says. "SIU means so much to me and I am very happy to be able to give something back. Southern Illinois University changed my life in so many ways. I arrived on campus with the goal of becoming an artistic photographer and left with a commitment to a life of scholarship and helping others learn. There were bumps in my road but my career as a librarian has been built on helping students pursue their intellectual curiosity."

Pollitz's connection to the university is strong for other reasons as well. He met his wife, Aracely (Manrique) Pollitz at SIU -- in Morris Library, in fact, when she was a student worker there -- and they've been married for 40 years. They have two adult daughters and a granddaughter living in Chicago.

MICHAEL TUTOR '93 has been promoted to executive director of heart and cancer services at



Baptist Health Paducah in Kentucky. Tutor has been with Baptist Health since 1988, starting

as a radiation therapist. He became radiology coordinator in 1993. He most recently served as director of diagnostic imaging and oncology. Tutor earned his bachelor's degree in health care management from SIU.

KENNETH (CHRIS) HOLFORD '94 recently was appointed dean of the College of



Engineering and Sciences at Purdue University Northwest. Holford had been serving

as interim dean of the college. In addition, he has worked as a professor of biology, dean of the College of Science and chair of the Department of Biology and Chemistry at Purdue North Central. Holford earned his master's degree in zoology from SIU.

GREGORY WORTHEN '95 has been named chief executive officer of Richfield-Bloomington Credit Union, based in Houston.



Worthen has been in the banking and credit union industry for more than 20

years. He was the chief operating officer and senior vice president of First MidAmerica Credit Union in Bethalto, Illinois. In his new role, Worthen will be responsible for overseeing assets and strategies of the \$270 million credit union. His appointment became effective in January.

JASON HENRY '98, PH.D. '10 recently was named Illinois' Superintendent of the Year. Henry, superintendent of Sesser-Valier

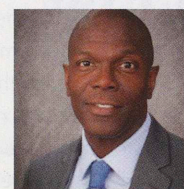


School District, was honored late last year by the Illinois Association of School

Administrators during its Joint Annual School Conference in Chicago. Nominees for the award are judged on leadership for learning, communication, professionalism and community involvement. Henry, who has been superintendent of Sesser-Valier for the last 12 years, has been an educator for 22 years.

2000s

ANTHONY BOWRIN '00 has been named dean of the College of Business and Management at



Saginaw Valley State University in University Center, Michigan. Bowrin had

been serving as interim dean of the college since June. He came to SVSU as a faculty member in accounting in 2009. He was promoted to associate dean of the College of Business and Management in 2013. He also chaired the college's graduate committee and was responsible for activities related to the MBA program.

COLLIN HITT '02 has been appointed to a two-year term on the Illinois State Board of



Education. Hitt is an assistant professor at the SIU School of Medicine. In his role on the state board, Hitt will

be overseeing dozens of programs and the distribution of public funds

Alumnus Featured On History Channel Series



MARCUS CAPONE '00, a former Saluki quarterback and ex-Navy SEAL, has been featured as an instructor on a new History Channel series, "The Selection: Special Operations Experiment." The show, which debuted in December, is a reality series which places 30 individuals with no military background through

the rigors of training reserved for elite forces.

Filming for the series took place over the course of three weeks in Santa Clarita, California, Capone's native state. Exercises trainees experienced included tear-gas tests, simulated interrogation, and psychological warfare. Clips from the series are currently viewable on the History Channel's website history.com.

Capone is currently a security consultant with TRG – Trusted Risk Advisors for Leaders, Families, and Businesses based near the Dallas-Fort Worth area of Texas. He spent 13 years in the military after graduating SIU with a degree in commercial recreation, ultimately joining the counterterrorism force formerly known as SEAL Team Six. He was deployed on seven occasions with the team.

While at SIU, Capone was a quarterback for the football team under Coach Jan Quarless.

to Illinois school districts, as well as enforcing state and federal regulations. He previously served on a state charter school task force. In 2009, Hitt was part of a pilot program designed to give private school choice to students in inner-city Chicago.

VICTOR MARTIN '02, '05 recently was appointed vice president for university



advancement at Cal State Bakersfield. He had served in an interim role since

February 2016. Previous roles at the CSUB Foundation include associate

vice president for development and director of development. Martin has played key roles in efforts that have raised more than \$300 million. His new role includes responsibilities of advancement for the foundation, as well as alumni engagement, and in community and governmental relations.

JAMEY DUNN '08 recently was appointed deputy director of communications for Illinois



Comptroller Susana Mendoza. In her new role, Dunn will be part of the

comptroller's communications

and outreach team. Mendoza was elected to office in November. Dunn was the interim editor of Illinois Issues, where she had been an intern and staff member beginning in 2009. The Mattoon, Illinois, native earned her bachelor's degree in communications at SIU and later received a master's in public affairs reporting from University of Illinois Springfield.

JENNIFER HAMMER J.D. '08 has been appointed director of the Illinois Department of

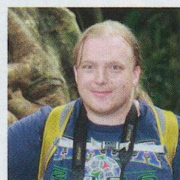


Insurance. Hammer, who was deputy chief of staff for policy for Gov. Bruce

Rauner, has extensive knowledge and experience in health care law and policy. Before joining Rauner's administration, Hammer was executive director of the Healthcare Council, and vice president and legal counsel for government affairs with the Illinois Chamber of Commerce. She also worked as an attorney for Giffin, Winning, Cohen & Bodewes P.C., specializing in insurance defense law, health care law and business law, as well as advising clients on legislation such as the Affordable Care Act.

2010s

WILLIAM BENJAMIN '12 recently participated in Miami University's Earth Expeditions



global field course in Thailand. Earth Expeditions is a program devoted

to community-based learning in ecological communities,

student achievement and global understanding. In the summer of 2016, Benjamin studied emerging models in conservation and education, as well as spiritual connections to nature in Thailand.

DAVID BLAIR '13 recently was sworn in as a member of President Donald Trump's administration.



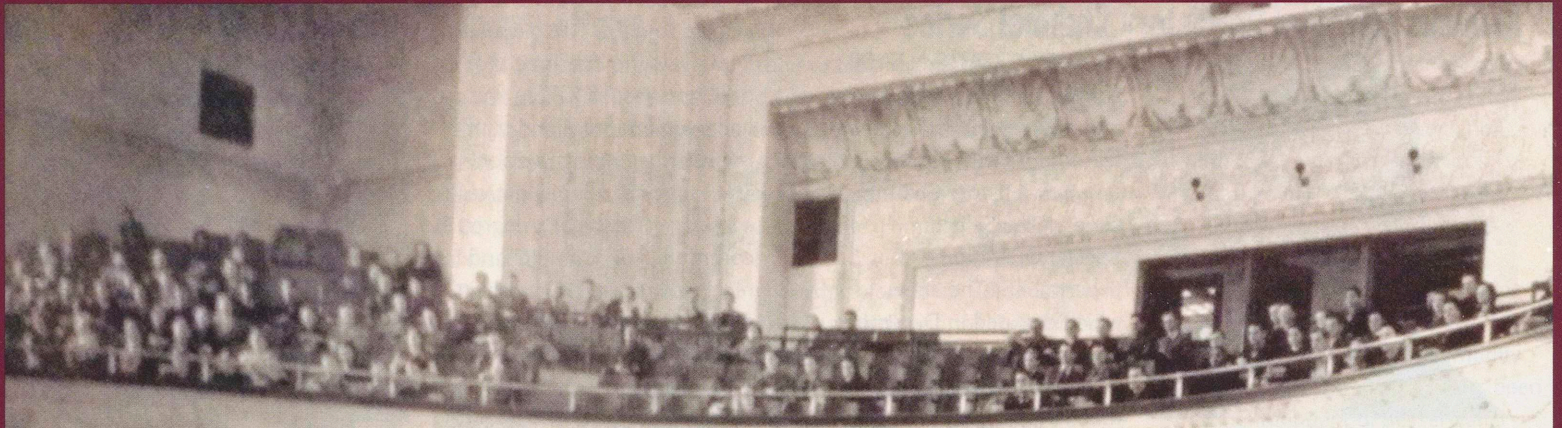
Blair was named a confidential assistant in the office of the U.S. Secretary

of Agriculture. The Eldorado, Illinois, native previously served in various roles for the Leadership Institute in Arlington, Virginia, an organization dedicated to training conservative activists, leaders and students. Blair also served as national director of Youth For Trump in New York during the 2016 presidential campaign.

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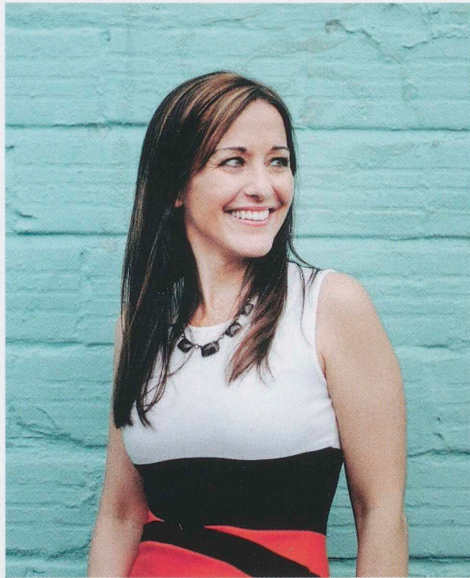
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