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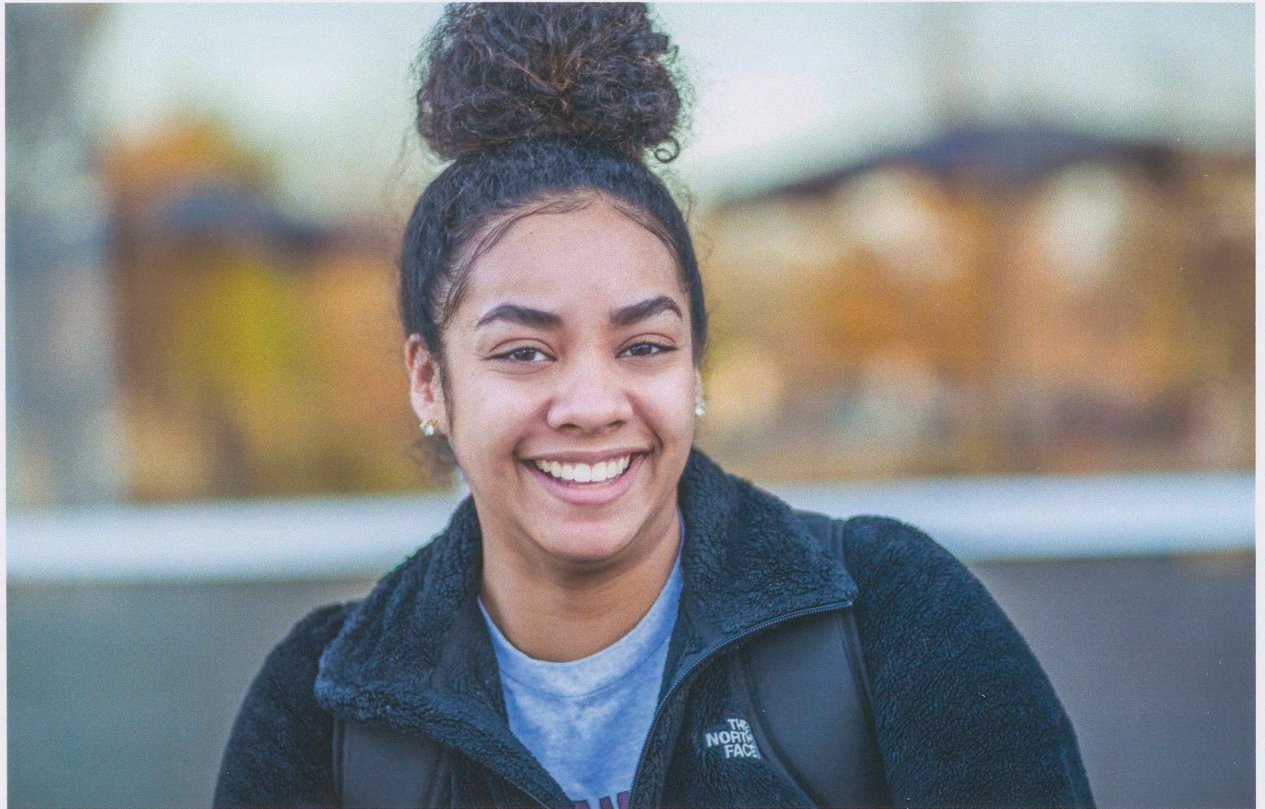


## DEFINING A VISION

NEW CHANCELLOR  
WANTS SIU TO 'DREAM  
LIKE NOBODY IS LOOKING'



# Ambition, passion lead to success



**A**reaj Mubarak has never lacked ambition, and the Jackson County Alumni Scholarship recipient is as motivated as ever.

“When I was notified about being awarded the scholarship, I was ecstatic,” she said. “While benefiting me financially, the scholarship really ignites motivation to be great.”

Mubarak, a freshman, is studying biomedical science and plans to become a physician assistant specializing in emergency medicine.

SIU’s diverse student population and its standing as a top research institution were major factors in her decision to study in Carbondale.

“I didn’t make a mistake coming to SIU,” she said. “I really do belong here.”

Passion and ambition are hallmarks of Mubarak’s young life. As a fourth-grader, she started a handcrafted jewelry and art business and was featured on the TV show “Biz Kids.”

“I made business cards, I promoted my business to my teachers, friends and family, and I sold my products every Saturday at the farmers market,” Mubarak said. Advancing toward her professional goals will help her achieve one of her lifelong objectives.

“To have my career be all about helping people ... fulfills my vision of being able to give back to the community in the greatest way possible,” she said.



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When black alumni reunited at SIU this summer, one alumnus called on them not just to celebrate their own personal histories on campus but to contribute to the institution's future.





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

# How can you help SIU? This issue is your answer.

As I and other members of the SIU Alumni Association team travel to events and meetings with alumni across the country, the number one question we're asked is, "How can I help SIU?"

Where to begin? The truth is there are so many ways alumni can get involved, it's hard to remember everything in one conversation. However, that question, often followed by alumni offering assistance, prompted the Association to dedicate this issue of *SIU Alumni* to giving some answers.

This issue is filled with stories that are not only interesting but about programs and activities in which alumni can participate or volunteer. Whether you want to engage with

students on sustainability, donate items to the Student Center food pantry, or travel with students and faculty for some truly unique hands-on learning experiences, what you'll find in this issue is a taste of how SIU needs and wants its alumni to stay engaged.

There are also opportunities to support SIU if you can't be on campus – such as assisting with student recruitment, offering internship or Externship opportunities, providing professional insights and mentorship to current students, and more.

Of course, it would still take more than a magazine to fully inform alumni of all the ways they can get involved at SIU.

That's why the Association has built a page on its website to serve as a directory of engagement opportunities. Visit [sialumni.com/getengaged](http://sialumni.com/getengaged) for the current list.

### Share your opinions with SIU

SIU would like to gauge the interest of alumni to share their professional career stories since graduation. Please take 10 minutes to complete an online survey at [sialumni.com/getengaged](http://sialumni.com/getengaged). Once campus leaders are aware of the level of interest and the types of activities alumni want to support, SIU may use this information in the development of future programs.

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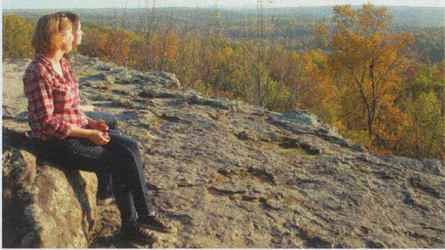


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## sip around the trail

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



## revisit some of your old stomps

During your visit to the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail take a trip down memory lane and visit some of the unforgettable places from your past. Immerse yourself in nostalgia while creating new memorable moments along the trail. Come and see how we've grown.



## always a reason to applaud

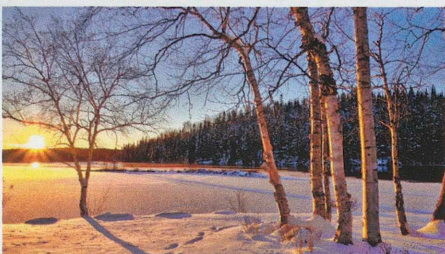
Enjoy some of our local flair with creative fun dinners along the trail that match a variety of local cuisine to our delicious wines. Many wineries offer live music on the weekends or look for festivals celebrating holidays, supporting charity events or just because. We are always looking for a reason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



## wine & food pairing weekends

All 11 wineries of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail have paired up to create three wonderful weekends of savory wine and food pairings. We invite you to join us for a progressive tasting along the trail and enhance your appreciation and enjoyment of our wines paired with delicious samples.

**August 5 & 6, 2017 / November 4 & 5, 2017 / March 3 & 4, 2018**



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## LETTERS

Dear Editor,

In September 1965, I moved into a room on the third floor of Neely Hall, the new girls' dorm on the SIU Carbondale campus. Construction on the building was only just finishing, and the room, when I moved into it, contained only two beds. Two desks and two chairs arrived almost immediately, but we had to wait several more weeks for the chests of drawers to arrive.

Regardless, my roommate and I loved the new building, having lived the previous year in the rather tired Woody Hall. We loved having a bathroom that we had to share only with the room next door (no more padding down to the end of the hall carrying soap, towel, washcloth, toothbrush and toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, and all the other things needed to get ready for the day--or night). The boys dorms were low-rise buildings a short distance away, and we shared an activities building, which held the cafeteria, a snack bar, and a tunnel back to Neely (in case of inclement weather). Woody Hall was in the center of campus, close to nearly everything, while Neely was a bit of a hike, but we didn't mind. It was new, it was fresh, and we thought it was beautiful.

And now I see, from the article in the Summer 2017 issue of SIU Alumni, that Neely and its sister high-rises are going to be demolished. It makes sense--they are some 50 years old, and, like their Woody Hall predecessor, they must be getting a little tired as well. Farewell, Neely Hall. I am sure there are thousands of former students who, like me, remember you fondly.

Nancy Zacha '68  
Vancouver, WA.

## DEAR READERS...

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

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## SALUKIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

### Move-in

I have got to say SIUC has move in down! This move in was so easy compared to moving in my daughter to another university. Thank you to all of the volunteers. They were wonderful! Everything was very organized and went very smoothly. It was the best and easiest move in ever!

**Kristin Cabay-Korte**

Via SIU Facebook

Still one of my all time favorite memories: summer concert series. Every year the town emptied out, the days got long and hot, and the music was sooooo good. Glad to see this is still going.

**Tigernan Douglas Pournelle**

Via SIU Facebook

Remember Sunset Concerts???? The Good Old Days....Starting our Thursday afternoons out @ Spillway....Home shower and off to Campus for a Sunset Concert....Hit The Strip after that....Summers were the Best in Carbondale!!!!

**Jamie Green Phill Sykes**

Via SIU Facebook



With so many natural forests and parks around us, share a memory of a trip to your favorite place to visit.

Sarah Hicks Gottschalk I loved living on Thompson Point and walking to class everyday, and kayaking in the lake!

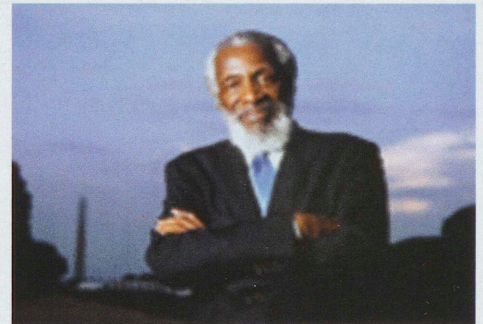
Bethany Hays Giant City and Little Grassy for sure but i LOVED walking the paths through the campus forest between classes... EVERY university campus should have a forest and lake in the middle of it. lol and Cedar Lake too... crap there might be too many to choose!

### Dick Gregory article

A most interesting man....happy to say I met him a few years ago at SIU's Homecoming. RIP

**Roger Nelson**

Via SIU Facebook



I worked at the University Cafeteria with Dick in the 50's. He entertained all the workers all the time, he ran track for SIU. So glad to know him a great Comedian!

**Alice Abolt**

Via SIU Facebook

## Eclipse

**CBS Evening News @CBSEveningNews**  
The Marching Salukis at @SIUC in Carbondale, IL welcomed the eclipse and @CBSEveningNews by rocking our theme song <https://t.co/3ZZeKbMwIA>



What proud moment to see SIU on TV. While sitting at home in Tennessee. Go Salukis!

**Mary Keel**

Via SIU Facebook

Soooooo looking forward to this event at my Alma Mater!!! It's been on my calendar for two years!!

**Don Vinciguerra**

Via SIU Facebook

So proud of @SIUC and @CarbondaleIL in planning for and executing all the many festivities for the #SolarEclipse2017. Great teamwork!

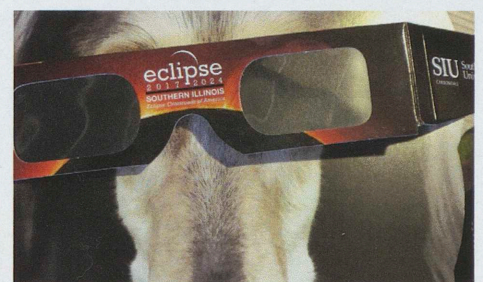
**Joel Sambursky @JoelSambursky**

Via Twitter

End of my day here in #Carbondale. #Eclipse2017 was incredible. Thanks to @weatherchannel, @NASAedu @SIUC for making it happen! #siu

**Bart Comstock @SvrWxChaser**

Via Twitter



Thank you @SIUC for the fun party today! Your students are great! #SolarEclipse17 #weSalukis

**Daisy @Carrmama**

via Twitter

@SIUC Thanks for a well organized and staffed event. We had a blast and found everyone to be super helpful. #eclipse  
**Al Coenen @joeyjojo8855**  
via Twitter



## CAMPUS MOMENT

Students and their families cart belongings into the campus residence halls for the school year. Volunteers throughout the university came out to lend a hand, welcoming new and returning students for the fall semester.





Thousands Gather  
at SIU for

# Eclipse

**M**onday, August 21, was a day unlike any other at Southern Illinois University, as 30,000 people gathered on the Carbondale campus to witness the first total eclipse of the sun over the mainland U.S. since 1979.

While cloud cover caused moments of tension in the minutes before totality, the 14,000 visitors and 80 news outlets from around the world gathered inside Saluki Stadium were treated to a brief glimpse of the cosmic event at 1:21 p.m., as the skies all around fell dark. NASA chose SIU as home base for its worldwide webcast of the event. Adler Planetarium, the Louisiana Space Consortium and Mat Kaplan of the Planetary Society were also on hand for the show.

Travis Wohlrab '11, an IT support specialist with the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland, returned to his alma mater as part of the official NASA team. His role was in outreach, which he did in person with children at area schools in the days leading up to the event and answering questions on social media the day of the eclipse.

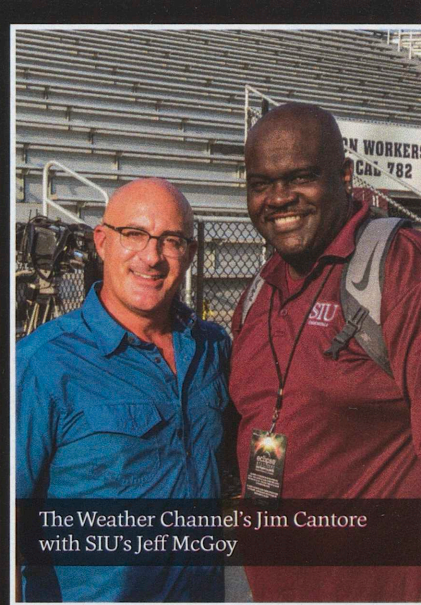
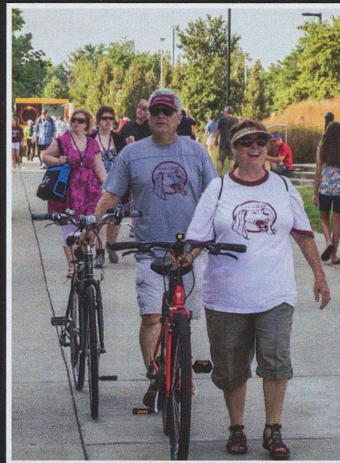
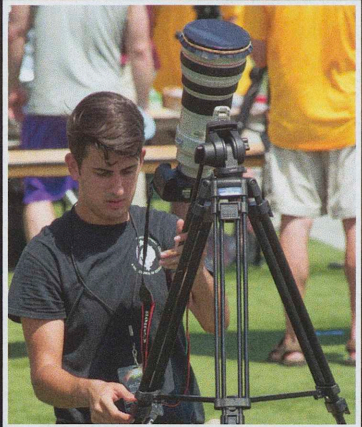
Wohlrab says he would have likely returned anyway, but the chance to come back in an official capacity was extra special.

"Once I found out they would be focusing on SIU above all else along the path of totality, I wanted in," Wohlrab says. "To return as part of the official NASA team, it's beyond an honor."

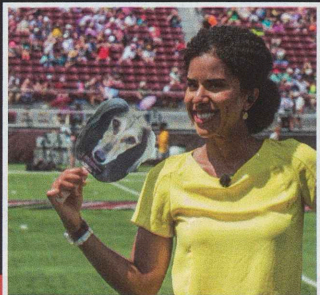
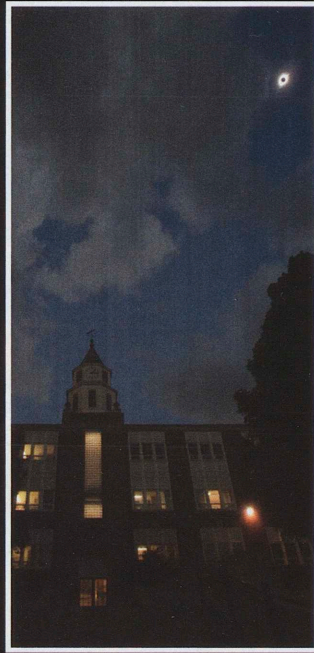
Two years of planning came down to roughly two and a half minutes of excitement the day of the eclipse, but university and community leaders involved all agreed it was worth the effort. It was also practice for the next event, as the Carbondale area has the unique distinction as the Eclipse Crossroads of America, with the next event due at 1:59 p.m. April 8, 2024.







The Weather Channel's Jim Cantore with SIU's Jeff McGoy



Adriana Diaz, CBS News







# Around the World and Back Home

After traveling the world eclipse chasing, August event brought alumnus home

BY CALEB HALE

As far as solar eclipse chasing goes, August's event was fairly convenient for Kevin Morefield '85, an astrophotography enthusiast.

A native of the southern Illinois region who now resides in California, Morefield regularly travels home to visit with family and check in on his alma mater. Given that Southern Illinois University was the hotspot for eclipse-related activity this go-round, he certainly wasn't going to miss it.

The August 21 event was Morefield's fourth total solar eclipse. The last one he viewed was in 2015 in Svalbard, a Norwegian archipelago in the Arctic Ocean situated halfway between the northernmost point of the European continent and the North Pole. It took more than 27 hours to get to the viewing site. The eclipse totality lasted about 27 seconds.

"And at the end of it, everyone said it had been completely worth the trip," Morefield says. "These things can be a very emotional experience for a lot of people. It's an experience where you see things happening that aren't supposed to happen. It's very beautiful and fun."

Morefield has been regularly viewing eclipses since 2002, when he took his father, a member of a local astronomy club, to see one. He has since pulled more family members along for other events, but it wasn't until 2015 when he got serious about photographing them, as well as the stars in general.

"I bought a telephoto lens for the 2015 eclipse, and when I was testing it out I thought, 'My goodness, this thing is pretty strong.' I pointed it up at the moon and saw craters. I was amazed that I could take a picture of more than I could see with my naked eye."

That started a fascination with astrophotography in general. Today, Morefield is a regular at the Sierra Remote Observatories, a site set up for people to gaze at and document the stars. He uses a specialized camera and telescope to peer into and photograph deep space.

Ironically, Morefield's new hobby is finally putting to use the skills he learned at SIU. He studied photojournalism as a student but never did it professionally. Instead, he became a marketing executive in the mortgage industry. He retired a few years ago and began filling his free time with a return to photography.

"I had had this idea when I was in school that I wanted to work for either *Sports Illustrated* or *National Geographic*, but I soon realized there are probably only about 20 people who get to do that at any one time," he says. "The other options just weren't that palatable to me."

However, Morefield's dream of landing a magazine cover was realized earlier this year. One of his shots from the Svalbard eclipse was selected for the front of a *Sky & Telescope* magazine special issue in advance of the August eclipse.

With the 2017 eclipse behind him, Morefield says he's now looking ahead to events in 2019 and 2020, both of which will be observable in South America. Of course, he also plans to be present for the 2024 eclipse over Carbondale, Illinois.

"That's one of the great things about eclipse chasing," he says. "It's a great way to see the world."

## FOLLOW HIM

Catch some of Morefield's favorite shots on his Instagram page: @morefield





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# DEFINING A VISION

NEW CHANCELLOR WANTS SIU TO 'DREAM LIKE NOBODY IS LOOKING'

Carlo Montemagno's career path might seem familiar to many graduates of the university he now leads. Like generations of SIU alumni, he was the first in his family to go to college and has since achieved success through determination and hard work.

Today, he is recognized internationally for his expertise in nanotechnology and biomedical engineering, focusing his work on solving problems in the areas of health, energy and the environment. He was named a Bill & Melinda Gates Grand Challenge Winner for his development of an oral vaccine delivery system that increased vaccine stability, and he has received or is awaiting approval of more than 40 patents.

On August 15, 2017, he added one more accomplishment to his already impressive list: becoming chancellor of SIU Carbondale. System President Randy Dunn recommended his appointment, which was approved by the university's Board of Trustees on July 13.

"It was clear through the search process that the campus community desired a transformative change agent for its next chancellor," Dunn says. "Dr. Montemagno will fulfill that role well."



Montemagno brings to his new job an appreciation for the university's roots and optimism for its future.

"Public universities were created as the American gateway of upward mobility, and SIU proudly fulfills this promise," he says. "As we plan to celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2019, we must look forward and polish the jewel that is SIU so that it shines even brighter."

Polishing the jewel means better defining SIU in order to attract students and building consensus around a vision for what SIU should look like by 2025.

"Once we know who we are and where we're going, we can pivot our resources to make sure we get there," he says. "We will define our vision, and then we will apply our resources strategically in order to bring it to reality."

Montemagno wants to be sure that the university's stakeholders – alumni, students, faculty, staff, donors, community members and others – have the opportunity to provide their own ideas for SIU's direction. In his second week in office he launched a survey seeking input about the university's future.

"I asked people to look forward without being weighed down by past challenges. There's a saying, 'dance like nobody's watching'" he says. "I want people to dream like nobody is looking. The survey is the first step among many to gather inspiration and ideas as we shape our vision."

Of course, he brings his own perspective to this important conversation.

"My personal feeling, without the benefit of hearing from others yet, is that we have the opportunity to provide a world class and

personalized educational experience that has comprehensive opportunities. That's a distinction for SIU," he says. "You're not going to be isolated as you would be at an institution with 30,000 students. You'll come to a place where students know their professors, where professors know their students."

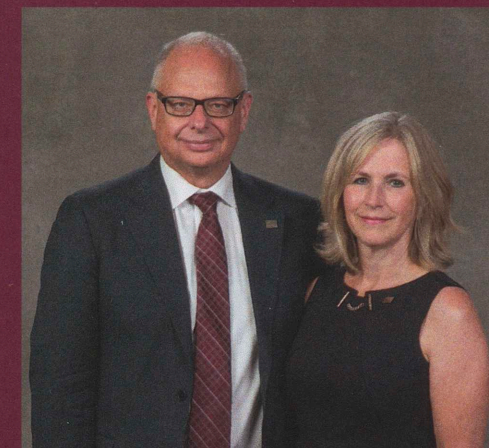
"The model for the university of the 21st century has changed," Montemagno adds. "Universities don't look inward, they look outward. We must look at how we can develop and support opportunities not only for our students, but for the people who work with us -- including our communities. SIU is tied to the region socially, economically and through the services it provides."

Montemagno says he is not intimidated by the university's past financial and enrollment challenges, having guided organizations through tough times in the past.

"I have been accused of being an eternal optimist," he says. "Money and resources do not define your mission. They don't define your success. They define the path you have to take to achieve it."

Instead, he says, he was attracted to SIU because of its people.

"When I came for the interview and talked to the students, faculty and staff, I saw people who were totally committed to the institution, who were invested in its future," he says. "We have alumni, friends, trustees and community members who care deeply about SIU. That means that we have a framework for success. I'm excited to have the opportunity to lead this transition as we work together to advance SIU."



## About Carlo Montemagno

### Family

- Married to Pamela Montemagno for more than 40 years
- Two children, five grandchildren

### Career

- U.S. Naval officer and technical assistant director, Naval Petroleum Reserves in California, under the U.S. Department of Energy
- Group leader, environmental research division, Argonne National Laboratories, University of Chicago
- Director, biomedical engineering graduate program, Cornell University
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- Chancellor, SIU Carbondale

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# Green Action

## SIU Office Fosters A Culture Of Sustainability, Seeks Alumni Involvement

BY CALEB HALE



Even if a student never takes a class on environmental sustainability, it is Geory Kurtzhals hope they will still be exposed to the practice by observing life on campus.

Kurtzhals, coordinator and head of the SIU Sustainability Office, says the idea behind the movement on campus means more than just implementing sustainability efforts into daily operations. It's about building a culture

that permeates each individual's behavior for them to carry out into the world.

"My vision is to create a campus space where, when people come to visit, they see sustainability solutions happening right there in front of them," Kurtzhals says.

Since arriving on campus in 2015, she has been leading a charge to inject sustainability practices into the everyday routines. And

it's much more than just lip service. SIU has allocated more than \$2 million -- supplied by a student fee -- for nearly 170 green projects, efforts that have not only helped save the university time, money, and resources, but have gotten the campus community thinking more about how they can engage in more sustainable practices.

Now, Kurtzhals is looking for opportunities for alumni to assist.

"Sustainability is a growing area of interest and concern," she says. "We know we have lots of opportunity on campus, but we see our alumni as valuable resources to help us understand what's happening in a variety of industries and what the demand for sustainability is out there."

Understanding that will help students tailor their experiences for the professional world. In addition, Kurtzhals hopes engaging alumni will help spread the message of how sustainability practices is impacting life at SIU.

### GET ENGAGED

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*There are many opportunities for alumni to get involved in SIU's green movement.*

*Find out more at [sustainability.siu.edu](http://sustainability.siu.edu) or call the office at (618) 453.2846 to learn how you can participate.*

SIU recycled **504.10 tons** of materials in 2016. If these were all aluminum cans lined end-to-end, they would span from **SIU to Seattle, Washington!**

In 2016, Salukis diverted **634.28 tons** of material from the solid waste landfill.

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# Salukis Feeding Salukis

## Inaugural Year Of Food Pantry On Campus Demonstrates Need Among Students

BY CALEB HALE



In the spring of 2016, staff members of the Student Center at Southern Illinois University were tasked with establishing a food pantry open to students and their families. The pantry opened the first day of the fall semester, and in the year since it has received more than 15,000 items and helped more than 1,400 individuals.

By all accounts the project has been a success, but as Kent Epplin, associate director at the Student Center, says, it's also been an eye-opening experience to how many students on campus struggle with hunger.

"I remember the first day we opened we debated on whether we would have anyone show up, because it was so new," Epplin says. "We had six show up that day and probably about 20 to 25 people a week soon after. Now, about 40 to 50 people a week is where we're at."

Food insecurity is no small problem on college campuses. In a 2016 survey conducted by the College and University

Food Bank Alliance, 48 percent of respondents said they'd experienced the problem within the last 30 days. In addition the survey found more than half of all first-generation college students – a demographic SIU has historically served – experienced hunger issues.

"Food pantries on college campuses are becoming more common," Epplin says. SIU was able to reach out to several other institutions in the process of setting up its pantry, and in turn, SIU's advice has been

sought by yet more universities seeking to do the same.

Located in the basement of the Student Center, the Saluki Food Pantry is a central yet discreet room housing a variety of non-perishable food items and select hygiene products. The typical student who demonstrates a need is given access to the pantry once a month and allowed to choose a limited number of items from several categories. Students with children or those who support families may be eligible for an increased allotment of items.

The pantry is open two days a week, is managed by a graduate assistant and staffed by either student or community volunteers.

Epplin says part of the pantry's mission is also to identify other needs students may have and inform them of resources that may help.

Food stock is kept up by monetary and food item donations, in addition to some

items the Student Center receives from its food suppliers. The staff has been impressed by the response of various university departments, which regularly collect and drop off supplies for the pantry.

"We've been very lucky, because we've been able to sustain this thing on a close budget," Epplin says. "Donations tend to come in at the right time."



### GET ENGAGED

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

Alumni are encouraged to get involved in the Saluki Food Pantry in one of three ways:

- 1) Become a volunteer staff member, helping students fill out the form to receive items and inventorying donations.
- 2) Host your own food drive either through your employer, a local organization, or by soliciting donations outside of your local grocery store.
- 3) Donate money to the pantry through its crowd-funded Saluki Funder page, find it online at [salukifunder.org](http://salukifunder.org).

Email the pantry at [foodpantry@siu.edu](mailto:foodpantry@siu.edu) or call the Student Center's main office at (618) 536.3351 to get connected.



# SIU Joins Accelerated Architecture Licensing Initiative

BY PETE ROSENBERY



The time it takes an SIU student to become a licensed architect may be shortened, thanks to the university's participation in a nationwide initiative by the National Council of Architectural Registration board.

The university's School of Architecture graduate program was recently accepted into NCARB's Integrated Path to

Architectural Licensure (IPAL) initiative. SIU is one of 26 programs from 21 colleges and universities involved and the first in Illinois to participate. The university will also be the first in the nation to offer the IPAL initiative online. John Dobbins, interim director of the School of Architecture, expects the program to start in fall 2018.

The state must still approve allowing SIU's Masters of Architecture students who enroll in the IPAL program to take the licensing examination before they finish their professional degree, and the university is adding classes that specifically focus on topics included in the licensing exams, Dobbins says.

The IPAL initiative began in 2015. According to the NCARB, the program reduces the time students need to meet licensing requirements, which includes work experience. In 2013, for example, the average was 14 years, but recently released data has the average now at 12.5 years. Dobbins agrees, saying that condensing the time needed to complete the program in Illinois – where the requirement is 3,740 work experience hours – could reduce the time for a degree to possibly seven years.

The university's existing Master of Architecture program is a hybrid program, with classes offered online and on the weekends in St. Louis or on the Carbondale campus. Most courses, including the new IPAL offerings, will be completely online.

The potential savings in time required to obtain an architecture license and lower comparative tuition rates should help attract more students to the program, Dobbins says.

## Senior Wins Musical Theater Award



Kristin Doty, a senior from Herrin, Illinois majoring in musical theater is the fall 2017 recipient of the Stuart Fischhoff Excellence in Musical Theater Award. The honor is presented each semester to an outstanding undergraduate student in the musical theater program and includes a \$1,000 cash reward.

Doty has been acting since fifth grade, performing in various school and community productions, including those of the McLeod Summer Theater-Carbondale Community Arts All-Southern High School Theater Project. Her

exposure to faculty and others at SIU led her to campus for her post-secondary education.

"I am overwhelmed by the love and support I've received from my theater family," Doty says. "It means so much when someone believes in you, and this award has given me encouragement, confidence and determination to take with me into my senior year."

The Stuart Fischhoff Excellence in Musical Theater Award was established in 2013 by the award-winning screenwriter, film consultant, and professor who moved to the area in 2005. Fischhoff passed away in 2014.

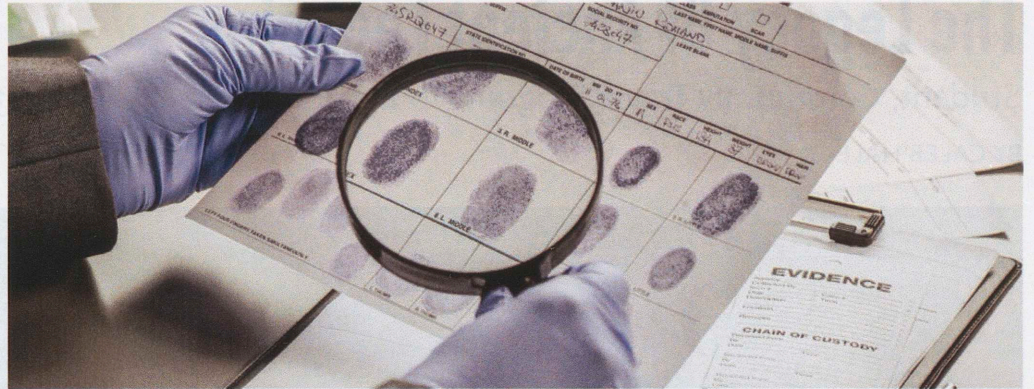
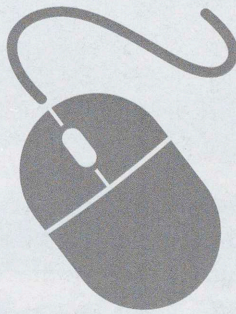


# New Criminology, Criminal Justice Online Bachelor's Degree Offered

BY ANDREA HAHN

SIU is now offering a bachelor's degree from the department of criminology and criminal justice to students online.

The program, which launched this fall, helps those

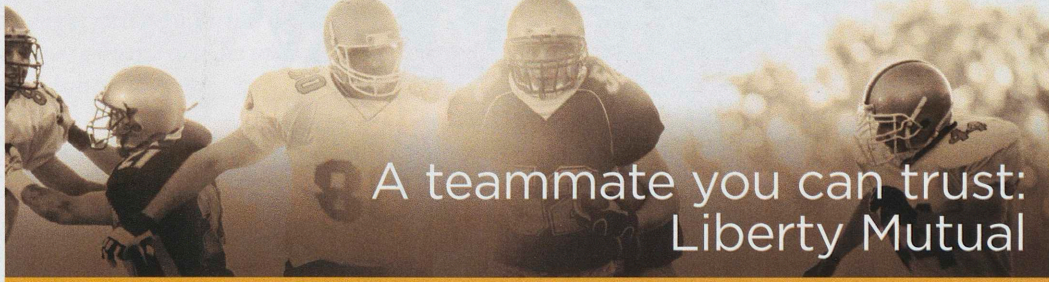


seeking careers in policing, corrections, probation, parole, juvenile service, security, investigations and research, as well as the foundation necessary to pursue an advanced degree.

Students will be able to complete all requirements for the major and university core curriculum requirements. The online curriculum is the same as the on-campus

program, and the same faculty members who teach on campus teach online. A directed-advisement approach helps online students select appropriate coursework every semester.

For more information, contact Michael Harbin, undergraduate coordinator of recruitment and retention, at [mharbin@siu.edu](mailto:mharbin@siu.edu) or 618/453-6434.



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# The Legacy Of Ancient Legacies

Student, Community Travel Program To Egypt And Greece Marks 35 Years

BY CALEB HALE



The feet of many Salukis have tread the ancient grounds of Egypt and Greece for more than three decades – more than 1,200 feet in fact.

For 35 years and across 56 trips, Robert Hahn, a professor of philosophy at Southern Illinois University, has led groups of students, faculty members, alumni, and community members on tours of the ruins along the Nile River in Egypt and the ancient cities of Greece.

The program is known as Ancient Legacies, but these aren't your average tours. As Hahn says, the experience is about integrating teaching, research, and service. Despite his discipline of philosophy, Hahn has always used more than books and desk research to study the craft.

"It might sound like a strange thing, but most philosophers never go to Greece, the birthplace of this whole study," Hahn says. "Philosophy's business has always been

treated as trans-historical. My work in going to these places is to try to show that something has been there."

The program seeks to put participants in the ancients' state of mind. Hence, they don't simply learn about the first Olympics in Greece, they run an Olympic-style race in the ruins of the stadiums. They build sun dials on the beach. They experience the process of mummification (up to a certain point, of course).



Hahn says he's proud of the fact students who have participated in the programs have come away impacted by what they experience, some so much they go on to study the classics and philosophy themselves.

Over the last three decades many alumni have also traveled with the group, but there's always room for more.

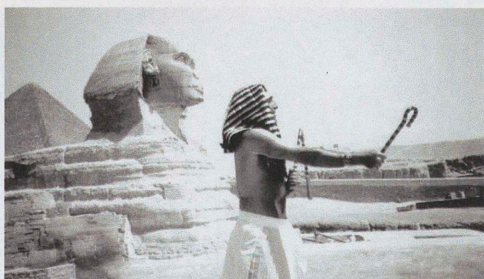
"I do know we've had a lot of alumni participate over the years, but sometimes we also hear alumni say they never even knew about this program," Hahn says. "So, we clearly still have some problems about letting people, who clearly enjoyed their time at SIU, to join us for an intellectual adventure."

### GET ENGAGED

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*Ancient Legacies typically travels to Egypt and Greece in May and June, respectively, of each year.*

*Take part in one of next year's trips! Learn more about the experience and get updates for 2018 at [ancientlegacies.org](http://ancientlegacies.org).*





# Making Extraordinary Progress

Forever SIU Campaign Racing Toward Fundraising Goal

BY REBECCA RENSCHAW

One of SIU's most ambitious fundraising efforts is well underway. This three-year, \$75 million fundraising campaign will provide scholarships and other support for the students of SIU.

"Forever SIU: The Campaign for Students" was launched Jan. 1 by the SIU Foundation, which raises private funds to support the university. It will end in December 2019, the year of the university's 150th anniversary.

As of June 30, 2017, the Foundation already has raised \$37,571,461 toward the goal, according to campaign co-chair Camelle Logan, a 1989 SIU alumna.

"These funds will have an immediate impact changing the lives of our students," Logan said during a May 6 event marking the public launch of the campaign. "We see the goal as being very achievable, given the generosity of SIU's current and future donors."

This campaign will propel the Forever SIU initiatives, which include:

- Increased scholarships.
- Expanded opportunities in the classroom.
- Enhanced facilities and resources.
- Deeper community engagement.

More information about the campaign, and the opportunities to give to it, can be found at [foreversiu.org](http://foreversiu.org).

*Through Forever SIU, people across our extended community now have an opportunity to come together to accomplish something none could achieve alone. We are securing new philanthropic investment that will have a lasting impact on our university and the students it serves. We are extending a tradition of opportunity and are advancing a mission of value. We ask you to join us.*





# Family Helping Family

BY REBECCA RENSHAW

When alumni and supporters think of SIU's College of Agricultural Sciences, the word "family" often springs to mind.

"The College of Ag really is just an excellent college with so much to offer its students," Karen Midden, associate dean and professor, said. "We are very much like a family. University Farms provides hands-on experience for the students. It's a backbone of the animal science teaching program, (and) it's critical for agronomy and horticulture as well. The leading research at the farms provides experiential learning and prepares students for jobs in industry and academia, or to pursue graduate degrees."

Seburn Pense, professor of agricultural education, agreed.

"Students come here, and they see the campus and the facilities. They see that this college is like a family."

In fact, University Farms is a 2,000-acre farm system that is as much a part of SIU Carbondale as Faner Hall and Shyrock Auditorium. University Farms includes a research greenhouse and a service center in addition to the swine and beef centers. It also is a working farm where crops and cattle are raised.

But University Farms is more than all that. It's also a classroom, a laboratory and a social scene for students who learn and work at SIU. Students conduct feed-efficiency research projects and learn animal husbandry at the beef and swine centers, and they conduct soil fertility

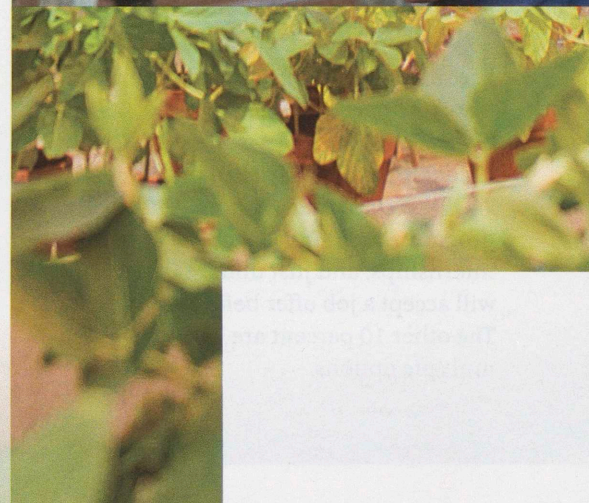
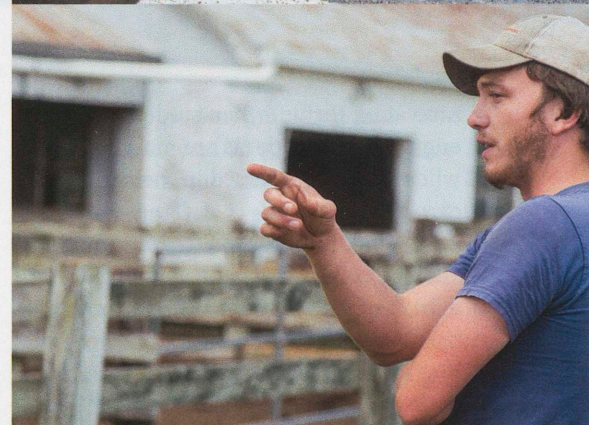
and plant growth research projects in the research greenhouse. Some of these projects are faculty-mentored student studies, while others are faculty research with student assistants, but everything at the farms contributes to the hands-on learning community the College of Agricultural Sciences created.

There's an old saying about family farmers, though: They live poor and die rich. That simply means every available dollar in a farmer's hands goes right back into the farm in the form of herbicides, pesticides, seed, animal feed, fencing and expensive equipment that requires constant maintenance.

The same is true of University Farms, which faces many of the overwhelming expenses of a family farm. It takes money to run a family farm, just as it takes money to maintain a vibrant, thriving College of Agriculture at SIU. The success of University Farms relies on a variety of funding sources, including the generous donations of alumni and other supporters of its programs.

Providing monetary donations to support these areas of the farms or donating actual items is the best way to ensure University Farms continues its success. After all, that's what family members do.

To learn more about the College of Agricultural Sciences' University Farms program, visit [coas.siu.edu/research/university-farms](http://coas.siu.edu/research/university-farms). To learn more about the needs of the College of Agricultural Sciences, visit [foreversiu.org/ag](http://foreversiu.org/ag).







## Automotive Technology Meeting Growing Demand

BY JEFF WILSON

Innovation thrives when students are engaged, and students are most engaged when they're immersed in their passion to learn.

To that end, students in SIU's automotive technology program are engaged in gaining valuable experience that will enhance their contributions to the industry.

"We're known for the quality of the students we produce," program chair Mike Behrmann says.

With one of just 12 automotive technology baccalaureate degree programs in the country – and the only one at a major research institution – SIU helps graduates become uniquely prepared for their profession.

Of the more than 280 students in SIU's program, about 90 percent serve paid internships, and just under 90 percent will accept a job offer before graduation. The other 10 percent are likely weighing multiple options.

"We cannot produce enough graduates for the industry," Behrmann says.

This incredible real-world preparation comes at a substantial investment from both the program and its students. For example, the toolboxes that line the corridors of the automotive technology workspaces inside the Transportation Education Center cost each student between \$1,500 and \$2,000, including the tools inside them.

Students put these tools to work right away on vehicles, engines, parts, service and safety equipment, and more.

Similarly, training successful graduates requires access to university-supplied vehicles, including hybrid, electric and diesel vehicles. Students need to spend time working with a plethora of components in each vehicle, including – but not limited to – battery packs, engines, transmissions and drivetrains, as well as electrical systems.

Students also spend time working with

testing equipment, such as diagnostic software and emissions-testing tools.

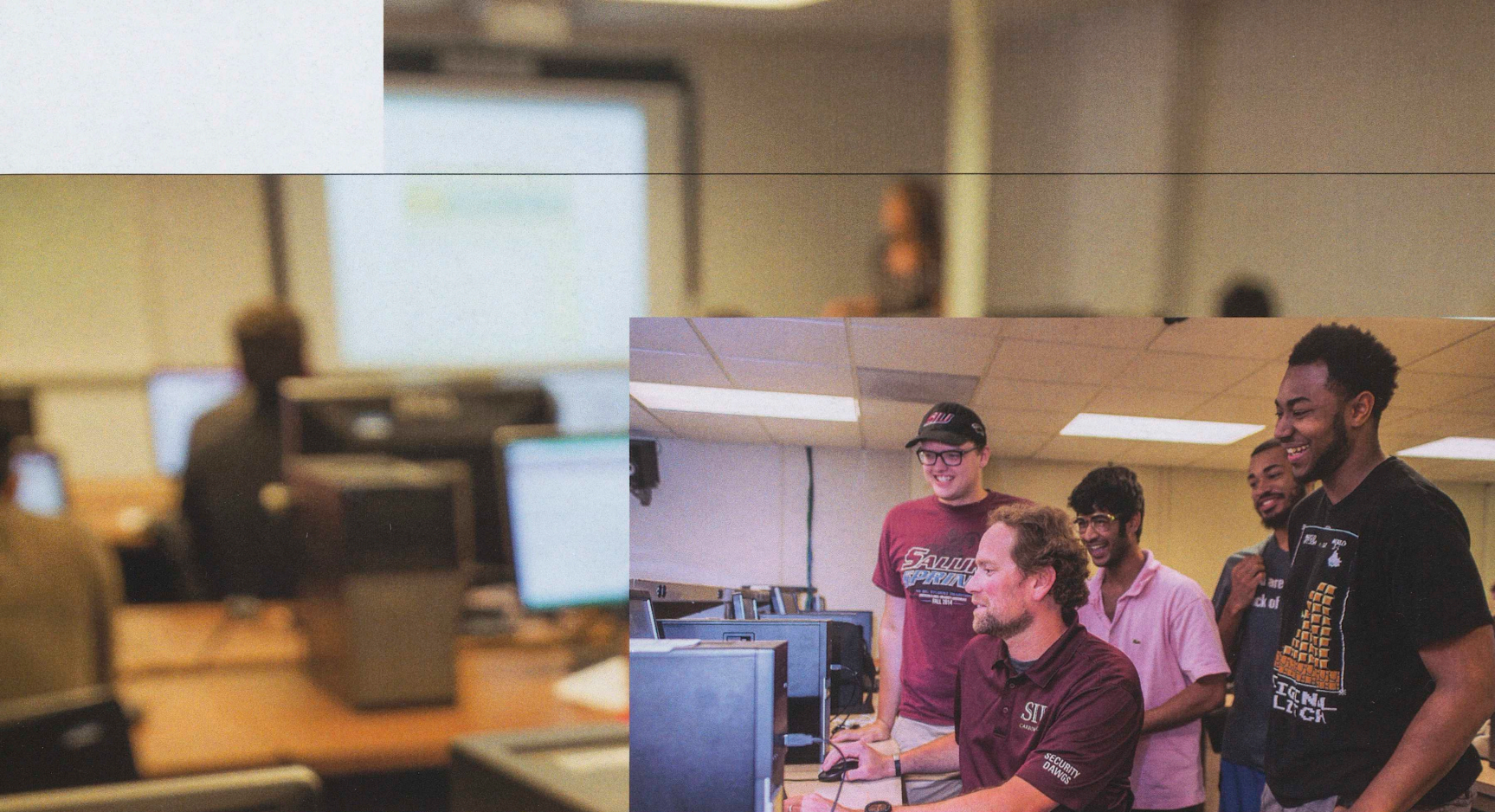
Service equipment also is necessary to the learning mission. The equipment includes shop presses, engine hoists, heavy-duty workbenches, impact wrenches and sockets, exhaust ventilation fans and more.

The program's continued success will rely on investments in, or donations of, the tools and equipment that will give students hands-on experience.

"Our industry is facing changing consumer needs," Behrmann says. "There is a major demand for a properly trained workforce, and we are prepared to help meet it."

To learn more about the automotive technology program, visit [automotive.siu.edu](http://automotive.siu.edu). To learn more about the needs of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, visit [foreversiu.org/asa](http://foreversiu.org/asa).





## Cybersecurity Program Booming

BY REBECCA RENSHAW

A growing number of attacks on computer networks worldwide has increased demand for university graduates with expertise in cyberdefense and cybersecurity, areas that barely existed just a decade ago.

This call comes as no surprise, as cyber criminals now show increasing new levels of ambition and sophistication – from multimillion-dollar bank heists to overt attempts at disrupting large networks that support production efforts for critical utilities.

SIU has responded to this demand by offering a specialization in cybersecurity through its School of Information Systems and Applied Technologies, and students typically have jobs lined up before they graduate because of high demand.

A point of pride for the program is the Security Dawgs cyberdefense team, a student organization that gives students hands-on experience through participation

in cyberdefense and cybersecurity competitions. The team consistently earns first- or second-place honors in the state's annual college cyberdefense competitions.

Despite these strengths, the program is in need of financial support to help educate tomorrow's cybersecurity experts and industry leaders, according to Tom Imboden, associate professor of information systems technologies.

"Investments in equipment and opportunities will keep SIU students in the forefront of the industry," he said. "For example, we received a grant a few years ago to acquire a remote-access solution that allows SIU to host virtual machines with curriculum content. This gives our students all of the software needed to provide an environment where students can complete lab exercises for the information technology courses they are enrolled in."

Upkeep to the servers is essential, but costly. "Our servers are now five years old and

need to be upgraded," Imboden said. "New servers cost around \$6,000 each, and they come with an annual fee of \$3,000."

The Security Dawgs also need support getting to, and participating in, competitions.

"Typically, the team has only three weeks' notice informing them they are invited to compete in the state or regional competitions," Imboden said. "Ensuring that we have transportation and lodging for 10 students is a challenge. These competitions help put SIU, the program and our students on the map."

To learn more about the information technologies program, visit [isat.siu.edu](http://isat.siu.edu). To learn more about the needs of the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, visit [foreversiu.org/asa](http://foreversiu.org/asa).





## Library Improvements Would Benefit Recruitment, Retention

BY JEFF WILSON

**M**orris Library is a bastion of SIU's campus. For students, its value is obvious, but it's much more than just a library. In fact, the word "library" doesn't mean what it once did.

The library is much more than just books – although there are more than three million of those. Students are looking for high-end technology, spaces to gather and study and opportunities to enrich their experience.

After undergoing major construction about a decade ago, the building accommodates more students and has more things to offer. Still, it lacks some of the upgrades and details students are seeking.

"They redid the building, and they did a fantastic job," Karen Wolf, Morris Library events coordinator, said. "But there are many other important things the library needs to better accommodate students."

A robust library is a selling point for potential students. While many see all the great things Morris Library has to offer, it's also clear some areas need to be upgraded, refurbished or repaired.

There is a major need for new computers. After 10 years, computers are decommissioned for security purposes. Last year, the library lost 20 computers and will

lose at least 40 this year.

Computers are missing in areas on the first, third and fifth floors. All of the empty spots are outfitted with power and Ethernet. Furthermore, the library hopes to offer the full complement of Adobe creative programs on at least four computers on the first floor.

"This software would give students from many colleges, with many majors the ability to work with this important creative software in a centralized location on campus," Wolf said.

There is also hope to add touchscreen monitors at the library's entrances. These monitors would share information about library and campus events.

"The library is one of the most frequently visited buildings on campus," Wolf said. "These touchscreen monitors would be helpful for people looking for the location of an event or more information on where to look for information that they may need."

There are also specific areas in need of upgrades. Room 174, which needs to be reconfigured with front-facing tables to accommodate its many users, is one such area.

"Students and instructors would both benefit from this project, as this is the largest

computer lab we have in the building that is open for instructor use throughout the semester," Wolf said.

The library also offers two living room-style study spaces, Rooms 550A and 580A.

"Students use these study room extensively throughout the semester and especially during finals week to study," Wolf said. "These particular rooms offer a great place for group work and study sessions."

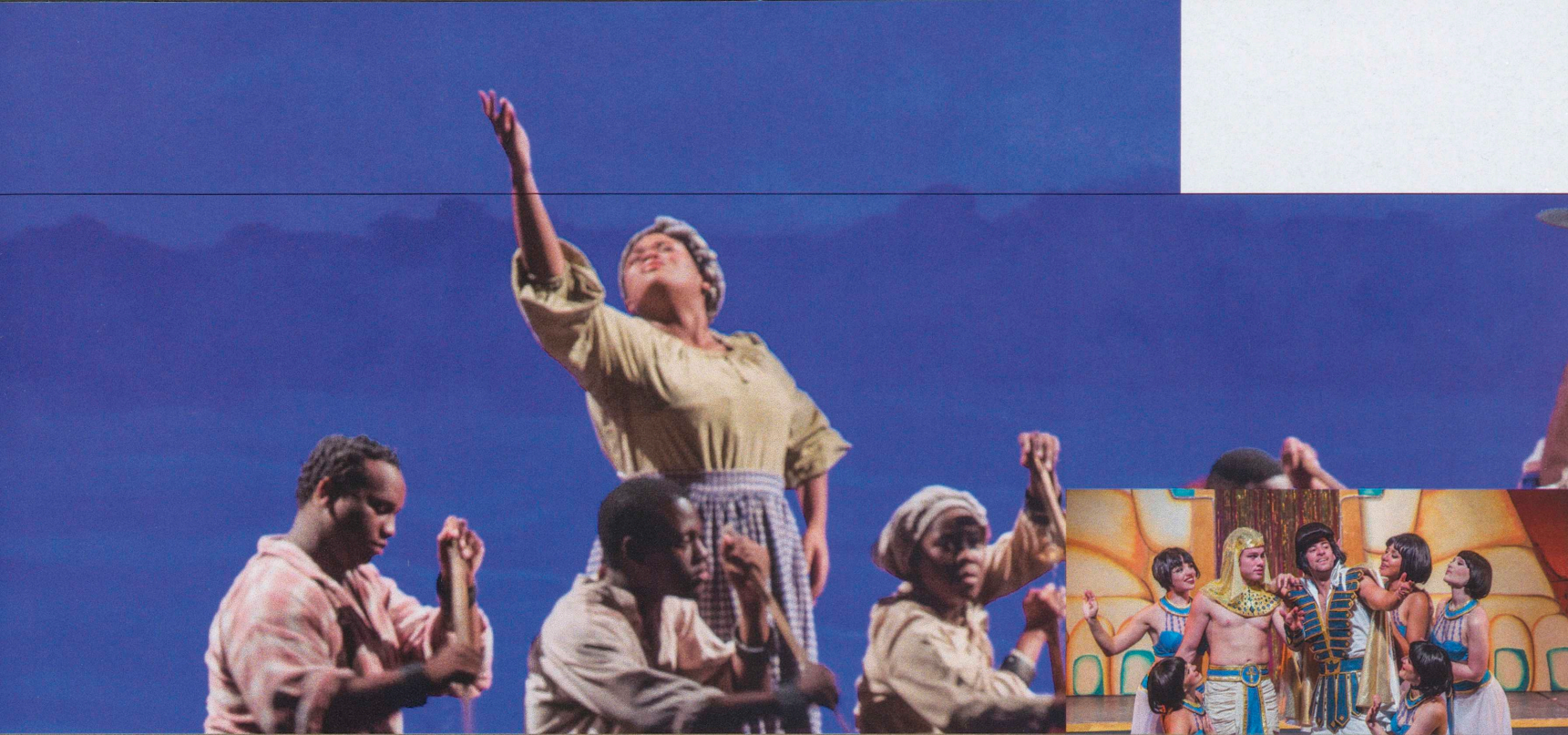
Unfortunately, the furniture is worn and tearing from so much use, and the walls need to be painted.

The list of needs goes on:

- Replacing about 40 red chairs that are in disrepair;
- Improving displays in the Hall of President and Chancellors;
- Upgrading the Lerner Music Studio, including a larger conference table;
- Replacing a broken monitor used for collaborative projects on the seventh floor.

For more information about the Forever SIU campaign, visit [foreversiu.org](http://foreversiu.org). For more information about Morris Library's goals, visit [foreversiu.org/lib](http://foreversiu.org/lib).





## Theater Injects Life, Art Into Community

BY JEFF WILSON

As a venue for multiple shows each summer, the McLeod Summer Playhouse brings thousands of visitors to SIU. This longstanding pillar of SIU recently wrapped up its 2017 season, bringing to a close another successful performance for a program that helps fulfill the university's goal of providing the best for SIU students and the community at large.

"It's a window into what we do at the university," said J. Thomas Kidd, associate professor of theater/directing and chair of the Department of Theater at SIU.

According to Kidd, the McLeod Summer Playhouse is the only professional theater in Southern Illinois.

"It helps bring artistic life and increases the quality of life in the community," he said.

Students also benefit greatly from the presence of a high-end theater production, and those enrolled in particular courses are offered credit for working with the playhouse. They often earn internships, which can lead to jobs within the production.

Being part of the playhouse offers important experience for graduates who

plan to work in theater, film, advertising and more.

"This is a gateway degree into the entertainment industry," Kidd said. "For many, (the McLeod Summer Playhouse) is their first professional experience."

While the program does have an annual budget allotment, the funds don't fully cover the costs of updating and maintaining the theater.

Kidd said the theater is in need of major upgrades, including new seats and a new sound system. Much of the backstage infrastructure has been brought up to date, but it's the front of the house that requires improvement now.

"It's in need of upgrades to bring it up to standards," he said. "It needs to reflect where we are going."

To support an endowment that fund and sustain the performing arts for students and the region, including the McLeod Summer Playhouse, visit [foreversiu.org/cola](http://foreversiu.org/cola).





FRAMING IT UP: A CONVERSATION WITH ANTONIO MARTINEZ

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CINEMA AND PHOTOGRAPHY, COLLEGE OF MASS COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA ARTS

Antonio Martinez teaches foundational courses in photography, and he believes in using these early courses to challenge his students not only to gain confidence with the equipment and techniques, but also to “practice with intensity.” His assignments are meant to “train the idea muscle” to help students learn their photographic voice, to tell the stories they want to tell and evoke feelings that go beyond a pretty picture.

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT DOCUMENTING ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME-EXPERIENCES?

I recommend the “1 Second Everyday” app. We document our life journeys so we don’t forget, and to share with others. This app catalogues and compiles a series of one-second videos like a visual diary. Using the app shortens your behind-the-camera time, allowing you to stay connected with the scenes and people you meet on your journey. When I can’t get the best photograph of a fleeting moment, I’ll use the 1Sec Everyday app as a good substitute.

WHAT ARE SOME THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN A PERSON SETS OUT TO CAPTURE A SPECIAL MOMENT?

It’s easy to forget you are converting a 3-D time-based experience into a static 2-D representation. Be aware of the compositional elements within the frame -- try to use directional lines to draw attention to or frame your subject. Avoid cluttered backgrounds. Anticipate the moment. And choose the appropriate Autofocus mode. Nothing’s more frustrating than a blurry decisive moment.

A FAMILY HAS A NEW BABY/ PET/ HOUSE AND THEY WANT TO DOCUMENT LIFE STAGES OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS. WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND?

First, ask yourself: what is the story I want to tell? Realize this project has potential to serve as a family tradition, and as a time capsule that will reflect your values. For example, “first day of school” photos reveal much about the attitude towards education. Consider incorporating family heirlooms into the photograph. Make prints versus keeping the images tucked away in the computer hard drive. You can’t appreciate what you can’t see.

WHAT IS A COMMON MISTAKE WHEN IT COMES TO PORTRAITS?

It’s easy to get caught up in the moment of making a portrait, but it’s important to take notice of shadows’ placement. To avoid unflattering shadows, move the main lighting source, reposition the camera’s location, or have your subject try a different pose.

WHAT IS “WHITE BALANCE” AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

It is important to match the color temperature of the lighting source with your camera’s white balance setting. Incorrect white balance settings produce drastic color casts. For accurate color fidelity and proper flesh tones, use a white balance card, such as the WhiBal G7 or Xrite Color Checker card, during a test shot. Then you can use the white balance eye-dropper tool in apps like Lightroom Mobile. You can sync the settings of an accurately white-balanced image to other photos made under the same lighting conditions.

WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR CELLPHONE PHOTOGRAPHERS?

I invested in the DxO One, an external camera attachment that connects to my iPhones. It has a larger 21 MP sensor than smartphone cameras, features a remote wireless mode, records RAW images and video, uses a 64GB micro-SD card, and has an aperture range from f1.8 to f11. If you want to monetize your smartphone photography, consider apps like FOAP or Snapwire. I’m a believer in the popular advice: the best camera is the one that’s with you.





# The Story of Us

Professor and former chancellor John Jackson is leading a collaborative effort to create the definitive modern history of SIU for its 150th anniversary.

BY CALEB HALE

If the early part of Southern Illinois University's story is about one man's vision to build up a small, rural teacher's college into an international research university, the latter part is a tale about the consequences of such a grand experiment but also one of remarkable endurance in the face of many challenges.

The Delyte Morris Era of SIU (named for the president who led it from 1948-70) is well documented in previous histories and books -- the post-Morris period, which encompasses the modern history of the university, less so. For the 150th anniversary of SIU in 2019, visiting professor of political science John Jackson is compiling a yet-to-be-titled book to be published by SIU Press chronicling the last 50 years of the university.

"I think it's a story of both growth and challenge, of difficulty, accomplishments

and headaches, trying to adapt to the fast-changing higher education system in the nation and the state," Jackson says. "It's an era totally different from what Morris saw, both nationally and here in Illinois, in terms of money and support for higher education."

SIU's modern story is one in which it soared to an enrollment of nearly 25,000 before retrenching to the lower student counts that frustrate it today. It's a story where political upheavals and culture wars put the campus at odds with the community in which it resided. It details how competing forces in higher education gradually siphoned away critical lifelines. Most of all, it shows what happens when great ambitions collide with the realities of modern public university funding, which has been on a steady decline throughout the university's last half century.

"All of that is going to be fairly different from what you usually get in these commemorative books," Jackson says. "There's a lot to boast about, but there's also a lot to be concerned about. I'm going to try to tell the balanced story. I think, even for people who have been here, it's going to be pretty eye-opening regarding the challenges and what has happened."

Jackson isn't going at this alone. While he is writing the opening and closing chapters of the book, as well as editing, he's tapped other members of the university community -- many with professional and/or personal connections to the subjects -- to write the majority of the chapters. It was important to him that intimate connection be present.

Jackson himself has been what he calls a participant observer of this modern history. He arrived on campus in August of 1969, when the ashes of the Old Main Building fire were still fresh. His first year was marked by much of the social unrest on campus in the spring of 1970. His later years involved serving in various administrative roles, including a stint as chancellor from 1999 until 2001.

When it's published in January of 2019, the book will have covered SIU's story up to the present. As for its future, Jackson says that question is best left to the incoming chancellor and other leaders.

"That's really the challenge to the new administration," he says. "They and the university community have to define a vision for the future."

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# Study Looks at Financial Drivers Behind Copycat Manufacturing and Design

BY CHRISTI MATHIS

It's a familiar tale in the marketplace. Designers and manufacturers spend cash and time developing a new and original product, but not long into its lifecycle, they're suddenly competing with cheaper, copycat versions of the same item from fly-by-night companies.

SIU's Gregory DeYong and his colleague Hubert Pun, an assistant professor of management science at the Ivey Business School at Western University in London, Ontario, have been researching the problem as well as strategies companies can use to battle look-alike products. DeYong is an assistant professor of operations management at the Southern Illinois University College of Business.

Focusing primarily on the fashion and electronics industries, the pair researched product introduction, competition and subsequent market reactions. Using the game theory approach, which considers how people and organizations interact, they mathematically defined the goals and profit structures of the original and copycat manufacturers and assessed the big picture in terms of competition and profitability.

DeYong says there are two ways copycat competition comes into play. Some companies simply cheat and produce what appears to be an identical product, right down to the label. While the quality is typically not nearly as good, the pricing is much lower and the appearance is similar. The only real recourse against such outright deceptive marketing is through legal avenues.

It's actually the "look-alike" products flooding the market that really cause nightmares for manufacturers, he says. Once upon a time, a major fashion designer could create a new product line, debut it on the runway, and a few months later release it to anxious customers quick to pull out their wallets. Now, it's not uncommon for a copycat product to hit the retail market



within days of a show or product launch.

Today's advanced technology allows for the quicker manufacturing of more accurate copycat products. These products resemble the originals, stitch for stitch and function for function, with the exception of the brand label. Using an online business for sales and distribution also reduces costs, according to DeYong. There is still the option of a court battle to fend off the look-alike competitors, but manufacturers seldom go that route.

Some brand-loyal customers will wait for the "real" thing, DeYong notes. They would never consider buying a Forever 21 or Zara look-alike garment. Meanwhile, budget-conscious shoppers can't afford or simply won't pay \$695 for a Burberry raincoat or \$2,400 for a Givenchy dress. They'll bide their time until they can acquire a cheaper, copycat version.

It's the consumers who fit in neither of those categories who are really up for grabs. And it's for these customers that manufacturers must determine if they will adapt and to what degree. DeYong and Pun found that manufacturers of original items have three options.

"They can deter the copycat with the threat of lower prices, basically showing the copycats that they can start and win a price war so the copycat doesn't even enter the market," DeYong says. "Or, the manufacturer can actually lower prices so the copycat finds the market less attractive. The third alternative is that they can just decide they want to skip the pricing issue altogether and simply be content with the high end of the market and let the copycat capture the value-conscious consumers, just co-exist."

Each of the alternatives has risks and trade-offs.

"As a manufacturer, you need to determine what classification you fall into," DeYong says. "If you're not going to take legal action for copyright infringement, then you need to see what course of action works best for your company."

There are ways original manufacturers can enhance their opportunities for success, he adds. By taking extra safety precautions to assure designs are kept secure until they hit the stores, and perhaps limiting or being careful with advertising a new product, especially in advance, companies can keep their design monopoly longer, thereby increasing the likelihood people will purchase originals.

"By keeping products under wraps and getting them to the market faster, companies can assure their products are fresh and exclusive for a longer time period, increasing their attractiveness to consumers and securing a larger portion of the market before copycats jump on board and piggyback their sales on the original products and the advertising for them," DeYong says.

"Competing with Copycats When Customers are Strategic," an article detailing the research by DeYong and Pun, was published in the April 2017 "Manufacturing and Service Operations Management" journal.



# Nano Eraser Developed at SIU Could Fix Microchip Errors

BY TIM CROSBY

Watching his young daughter's painstaking efforts to master the ability to write letters got Punit Kohli thinking in the way that only scientists tend to think.

As Kohli, a professor of chemistry and biochemistry at Southern Illinois University, watched his daughter struggle to learn how to write, she often would have to erase what she did and try again. That's when he realized there was a huge need for the ability to erase mistakes in lithography at the nanoscale, too.

So Kohli took up the challenge in his lab, working with Pradeep R. Rajasekaran '13, a doctoral student at the time, on the idea. After years of hard work and a series of National Science Foundation grants, Rajasekaran, now a post-doctorate researcher at the Institute of Systems Research at the University of Maryland, have perfected the idea he began working on at SIU.

The journal *Science Advances*, issued by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, published his work in early June. Scientists from GSI Helmholtz Centre for Heavy Ion Research in Germany also contributed.

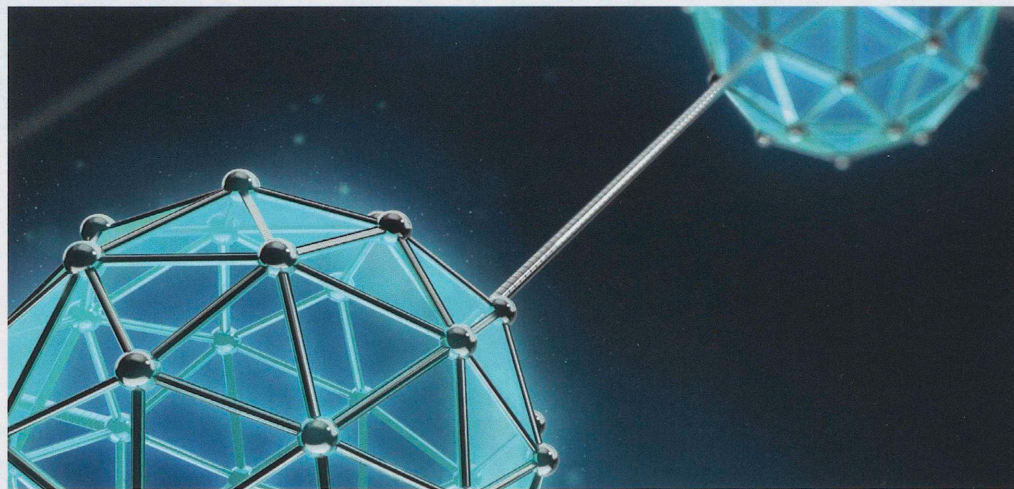
Just as in handwriting, one needs an instrument to make a mark. Usually, it is pointed, like a pencil. In the tiny world of nanoscale, erasers need to take on that conical shape, as well.

The writing part has been understood for some time, at least since the early 2000s. In some sense, it often worked like one of the oldest writing instrument used by humans: a quill. Hard, pointed nanostructures are dipped into whatever "ink" was needed and then moved across a substrate as directed.

But the hurdle Rajasekaran and Kohli had overcome was making a conically

shaped structure that did the opposite of the writing instrument: erasing. Current materials and technology at the time did not lend themselves well to this function. So the secret, it turned out, was all in the material used to create tiny, conically shaped erasers: Something soft, porous and sponge-like instead of hard and solid.

One of the three NSF grants funding the research provided \$490,000 for an electron microscope, which allowed the researchers to actually see with their own eyes the nature and textures of the materials they were creating and testing. Rajasekaran recalled a moment when everything changed as he examined newly created erasers made from agarose, a cousin of cellulose.



The porous material making up the erasers can hold any type of liquid material and can clean or erase a nanoscale surface the way people typically use wet sponges to clean a surface in their kitchens. The liquid also acts as a lubricant, allowing the sponge to slide along that surface free of friction while also soaking up byproducts and debris left over from the cleaning process. And, just as a painter utilizes a sponge paint roller to transfer paint to walls, conical nano-sponges in this process can also deposit any material on any surface.

Another key was the ability of the researchers to maneuver the materials with a piezo-electric motor while monitor the movement live through a microscope, Rajasekaran says.

"It just made me think of the limitless places it could be used, from the semiconductor industry to biotechnology," he says. "As a scientist, I was very happy that I was able to make some real and significant contribution to the scientific community."

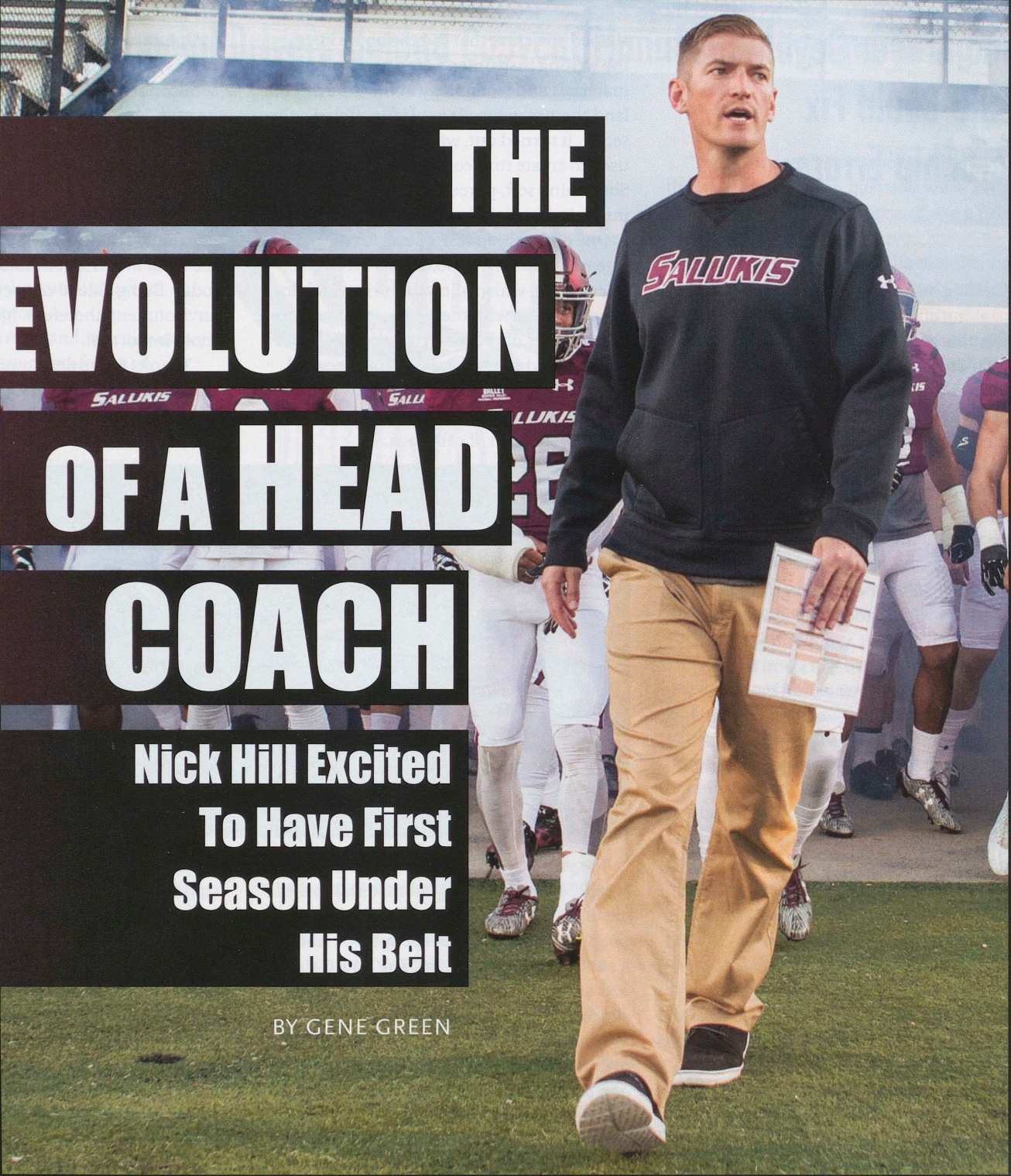
Miniaturization has revolutionized the world, Rajasekaran says, which means efficiently making small structures is among the most important missions scientists have today. Being able to correct errors in this environment, therefore, has become even more important.

"Thanks to the developments in the semiconductor industry, computers that occupied an entire room can now be confined to the tip of our fingers. But even as

of today, photo lithography is the industry standard when it comes to making those silicon processors used in computers," he says. "There is no easy way to correct for errors that occur during the multiple steps of fabrication, as there is no method to selectively and precisely erase and correct errors at the nanoscale. The defective products are simply discarded that amounts to multi-million dollar losses annually to those industries."

Rajasekaran says he hopes the process will revolutionize the semiconductor industry, leading to the development of high-tech devices and gadgets previously thought impossible because of the limitations of fabrication.





# THE EVOLUTION OF A HEAD COACH

**Nick Hill Excited  
To Have First  
Season Under  
His Belt**

BY GENE GREEN



When SIU Director of Athletics Tommy Bell announced on December 23, 2015, that Nick Hill had been promoted to head coach, the 30-year-old former quarterback became only the fourth alumnus to lead Southern's football program. He joined only Abe Martin, Bill O'Brien and Shawn Watson in that role, and in the process became one of the youngest head coaches in college football.

With his rookie season now behind him – culminated by a 17-point comeback win in the finale over No. 23 Western Illinois – Hill is optimistic about the 2017 Valley campaign. SIU returns 15 starters (seven on offense, six on defense, and two on special teams) to lead the way in arguably the toughest conference in the FCS.

That initial year can be a blur, admits Saluki Hall of Famer Jerry Kill, who coached Southern from 2001-07.

"My first season at SIU was intense," says Kill, now offensive coordinator at Rutgers University. "It always seemed like we were dealing with a different tough situation each

**"As alumni, it means a lot. The game is an important part of a big weekend, and many people probably will be seeing us play only in that game this season. It's our job to go out and put a great product on the field."**

day while fighting to put a new culture in place. Things come at you quicker than you are expecting, so it's hard to enjoy it the way you would like. Looking back all these years



Hill has stressed a family atmosphere on and off the football field for SIU's program.

later, I can assure you that I enjoyed my second season a lot more than the first."

Hill understands Kill's assessment, and admits he learned a great deal last season. With that in mind, the DuQuoin native sat down with *SIU Alumni* to discuss the upcoming conference season and reflect on his evolution as a collegiate head coach.

**SIU Alumni:** "What is the biggest lesson you learned during your rookie year as head coach?"

**Nick Hill:** "That there is no price for experience; it seemed like I was always taking notes on things last year. I realized I needed to quickly get a handle on time management if I was to accomplish what needed to be done. It was soon obvious to me that I had to plan almost every minute of the day, and I do a much better job of that now."

**SA:** "Is part of that being able to delegate more responsibilities?"

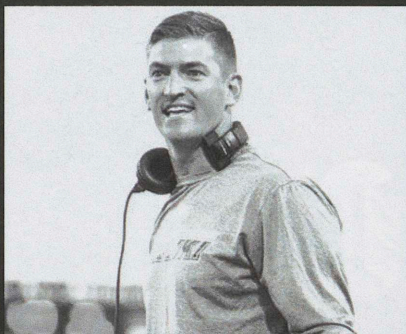
**NH:** "Without a doubt. Part of that is we have the same staff in place, the same coordinators, and I know the strengths of each coach better than when we all started together. We are using the same terminology, so our players feel comfortable regardless who they deal with. Last season was a real learning experience for everyone."

**SA:** "You were picked eighth in the MVFC preseason poll. I sense you'll use it as a motivating tool."

**NH:** "Put it this way – I'm encouraged, excited, and quite confident about the league season. The voters looked at our 4-7 record last year – and I understand that – but they didn't acknowledge that we were competitive in every game but one and have most of our players back from a squad that beat a



## The Hill Timeline ...



**2003** – Graduates from DuQuoin High School, starring in basketball and football. Goes to Western Kentucky University on a basketball scholarship.

**2004** – Transfers to SIU to play football.

**2005-07** – After becoming the starting quarterback in 2006, Hill becomes one of the most prolific passers in school history. He goes 21-6 as a starter and sets single-season school records for passing yards and total offense in 2007.

**2008-13** – After graduating, Hill plays six seasons of professional football. He is in the Arena Football League for several seasons. The quarterback also signs free agent contracts with the Chicago Bears (2008) and Green Bay Packers (2012).

**2013** – Begins his coaching career at Carbondale Community High School. In his only season with the Terriers, he guides the program to an IHSA play-off berth.

**2014-15** – Joins SIU's staff as an assistant and is promoted to offensive coordinator his second season.

**2016** – Named head coach following the resignation of Dale Lennon. The Salukis finish 4-7, winning two of its last three. The 44-34 finale comes against nationally ranked Western Illinois.

nationally-ranked team (Western Illinois) in the final, and was tied 14-14 in the fourth quarter with a team (Youngstown State) that played for the national championship.”

**SA:** “I’m guessing that the toughest decision you had to make as a first-year head coach was replacing a fifth-year quarterback with a sophomore late in the season. Josh Straughan had done nothing to lose his starting position, but you had to know what Sam Straub could do in real game action, didn’t you?”

**NH:** “You are right, and it was a tough decision that had to be made. And it’s important to note that doing that was not a statement that we were not going to be competitive the rest of the way. We won two of the three games Sam started. The key thing was we found out that Sam could be real good against top Valley teams, and that has made us much better this season knowing that. This is a confident group that feels they can win every conference game – and that is saying something when you factor in the talent in the league. I really do think we are close to being a really good football team.”

**SA:** “Regarding being a good team, the October 14 game will be Homecoming as the Salukis host Illinois State at 2 p.m. How important is this game to you and your players?”

**NH:** “As alumni, it means a lot. The game is an important part of a big weekend, and many people probably will be seeing us play only in that game this season. It’s our job to go out and put a great product on the field. One of our disappointments last year was not playing well against Indiana State on homecoming, and we need to step it up this year. Another thing about that day is it’s when many former Saluki greats are back in town to see how their program is doing. Winning that day can be vital to a successful season.”

**SA:** “And making Saluki Football successful is all about recruiting. I know you are a head

coach who embraces that part of the job.”

**NH:** “If you don’t enjoy recruiting, you are in the wrong profession. Players win games. You can have great coaches and a tremendous scheme in place, but you better find guys on the field who can make it all come together. I like people, and that comes across in the recruiting process when I am sitting in someone’s living room with their parents.”

**SA:** “What is the key to being a talented recruiter?”

**NH:** “It’s all about time and effort – something that stands in the way of some being good at that aspect of the game. With social media, there is no down time or set hours for communication – you might be

“I tell our coaches that they have to make their actual family feel like a part of our football family. I want to see spouses coming here for lunch and have times when kids can be here running all over the place.”

dealing with a recruit at all hours of the day and night. Some people can’t handle that, but you have to outwork your opponent and stay connected to make it all work. Finding coaches you have a relationship with is also invaluable. You need people you can trust to be a part of the evaluation process.”

**SA:** “The challenge of recruiting is no doubt made easier if your spouse understands the commitment.”

**NH:** “It’s a big factor. Make no mistake



## Pat Poore Returns To Southern's Sidelines

A familiar face is pacing the football sidelines this season, as former assistant Pat Poore has returned to the Saluki coaching staff. At SIU from 2001-07 under Jerry Kill, he helped the Salukis to 55 wins and five postseason appearances in seven years before leaving with Kill to coach at Northern Illinois and Minnesota.

Poore, who is working with Southern's tight ends and special teams, brings his 32 years of coaching experience back to Southern. He says it was an easy decision for he and his family to return to Carbondale.

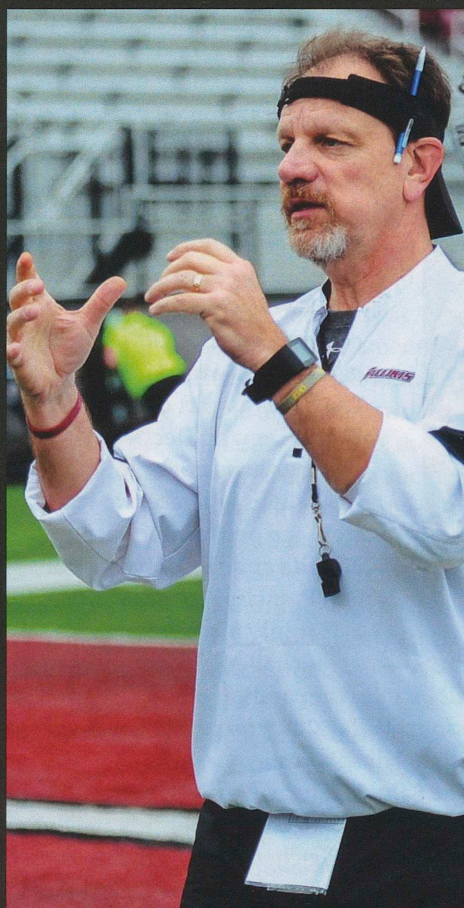
"I've always liked it here, and feel it's a special place," Poore says. "My kids are southern Illinois kids, so two springs ago we bought a house at Lake of Egypt as a retirement home. We love the area and the people here."

While Poore is new to the current Saluki landscape, he is quite familiar with several fellow coaches. He mentored Saluki quarterback greats Joel Sambursky and current head coach Nick Hill, and defensive backs coach Marty Rodgers was a member of the SIU secondary. Running backs coach Nate Griffin worked with Poore at Northern Illinois and Minnesota, and offensive line coach Trevor Olsen was at Minnesota. Poore and defensive coordinator Kraig Paulson coached against each other on several occasions at the FCS and FBS levels.

But it was his history with his former pupil that was the most important factor in forging another stint at SIU. "Coach Hill had that 'it factor' as a player and he also has it as a coach," Poore explains. "He has the innate ability to have a plan, put it together, and see it through."

"It is also evident that Nick has great people skills in terms of player, staff and community relationships. There are many types of head coaches, but there aren't many that can put the whole package together. I think he's got that."

Poore understands Hill's vision for the program and wants to be a part of the turnaround that the second-year head coach is trying to engineer in arguably the toughest



Pat Poore brings more than 30 years of coaching experience – and his ever present visor – back to the SIU sidelines this season.

conference in the FCS. He likens the current situation to his early years with the Saluki program.

In Poore's first two seasons at SIU, the Salukis won a total of five games. In 2003 – year three of the Kill era – Southern won 10 games, a Missouri Valley Conference championship, and an NCAA Playoff berth. "I told Nick I wouldn't have taken the job if I didn't feel like the program was headed in that direction," Poore says.

– my wife, Alicia, is a major part of the team. She was a college athlete at SIU (volleyball), so she probably has a better grasp on that than some wives might. And with a 20-month-old (Skylar) at home, her plate is quite full. I appreciate all the support they give me."

**SA:** "With that in mind, you preach a family approach with your team, and I know you feel that's important within your coaching staff as well."

**NH:** "I tell our coaches that they have to make their actual family feel like a part of our football family. I want to see spouses coming here for lunch and have times when kids can be here running all over the place. To that point, every Sunday when we are working to prepare for our next game, we stop that evening for Family Dinner Night. The coaches bring their families to campus for dinner, the kids play and interact with everyone, and we all enjoy relaxing with one another. All computers are turned off and cellphones are not in use."

**SA:** "Something as simple as you've just described doesn't often happen within a college football program. Do you feel it helps everyone on your staff keep things in perspective?"

**NH:** "It does and it's something we all need to better understand. Keeping a balance in your professional and personal life is a real key to doing a job like this – it's much bigger than sports. I would quit and do something else for a living if I ever sensed coaching was keeping me from being a good husband and father."

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**Salukis host Illinois State  
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# Non-League Schedule Announced For Men's Basketball



Armon Fletcher is the leading returning scorer for the Salukis.

Saluki men's basketball coach Barry Hinson has unveiled the 2017-18 non-conference schedule, showcasing a 13-game slate that features seven home games plus a return trip to basketball powerhouse Louisville.

"I think it's a good schedule for us," Hinson says. "It's a great balance, as there is a Power Five team, NCAA berth teams, and teams that are going to be much improved from where they were last year."

The home schedule opens on Nov. 18 against Division II Illinois-Springfield and continues with SIU Edwardsville (Nov. 29), San Jose State (Dec. 2), Southeast Missouri (Dec. 9), Jackson State (Dec. 13), Lamar (Dec. 17) and North Carolina A&T (Dec. 19). SIU will play one exhibition game on Nov. 4 when it hosts Rockhurst College.

The four-game road slate starts on Nov. 10 at Winthrop, a team that won 26 games last year and advanced to the NCAA Tournament as the Big South champion. On Nov. 21, the Salukis return to Louisville

to play a potential top 15 Cardinals team. Louisville beat Southern 74-51 last year in the first meeting between the programs in 40 years. The remaining two road games are at Murray State (Nov. 25) and Saint Louis University (Dec. 6) — two teams that the Salukis beat at home last season.

SIU will wrap up its non-conference schedule with two games at Orleans Arena in Las Vegas as part of a Multi-Team Event on Dec. 22-23. The pairings have not been set, but the Salukis will face two teams from the pool of Duquesne, Nevada and the University of San Francisco.

"I think this schedule is a great challenge for our guys and

I will be solid preparation going into the Missouri Valley Conference portion of the season," Hinson says.

The Salukis return eight lettermen from last season's 17-16 team, including starting guard Armon Fletcher (11.1 ppg), center Thik Bol (9.1 ppg) and guard Sean Lloyd (7.6 ppg). Also expected to give the team a boost is the return of fifth-year senior Tyler Smithpeters, who missed all but one game last season with injuries. The other returnees are guard Aaron Cook, forward Jonathan Wiley, forward Austin Weiher and center Rudy Stradnieks.

The squad should also see immediate assistance from transfer guard Marcus Bartley, redshirt freshman guard Brendon Gooch, junior college transfer center Kavion Phippen, and junior college transfer guard Eric McGill.

Mike Rodriguez (12.9 ppg), all-conference forward Sean O'Brien (11.8 ppg) and sixth man Leo Vincent (8.0 ppg) graduated from the program.

## Salukis Third In All-Sports Trophy

For the third-consecutive year, SIU finished in the top three of the Missouri Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy standings, placing third behind Wichita State and Northern Iowa. The Salukis, who earned runner-up finishes in the standings in each of the past two seasons, did not win a regular-season team title (SIU did earn the MVC softball tournament title), but had strong finishes across the board.

Wichita State, which is no longer in the Valley, claimed the crown for a league-best 23rd time. The Shockers earned seven team titles for an aggregate score of 8.493. Seven different institutions won at least one league title this past season.

In 2016-17, the MVC utilized a new point system to determine the league's all-sport champion. The All-Sports Trophy is based on a school's average finish in each of the sponsored championships by the conference. Teams are awarded 10 points for first, nine for second, eight for third, etc., and the number of sports in which a particular school competes divides the total accumulated points.

Finishes in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball are based on regular-season competition. All other sports are determined by finish at the championship tournament or championship meet.

### MVC 2016-17 TOP-5 FINISHERS

Pts.	Team (Championships)
8.493	Wichita State (7)
7.050	Northern Iowa (2)
<b>6.675</b>	<b>Southern Illinois</b>
6.532	Illinois State (3)
5.903	Missouri State (4)



# Trip To Puerto Rico Highlights Women's Pre-MVC Hoop Schedule



The Salukis will look to Kylie Giebelhausen for senior leadership.

SIU Women's Basketball Coach Cindy Stein's non-conference schedule for the 2017-18 season will be highlighted by a two-game trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico. Five home dates, eight away contests, and two neutral sites make up this year's slate.

The Salukis open the season with a pair of exhibition contests at the SIU Arena. Southern takes on Kentucky Wesleyan on Oct. 28 before hosting Lindenwood University (Nov. 3) for its final preseason tune-up. SIU opens the 2017-18 regular season on Nov. 10 when it hosts UT Martin. From there, the Salukis have three-straight road contests, beginning at the University of Alabama-Birmingham on Nov. 13, at Memphis on Nov. 19, at Southeast Missouri on Nov. 22.

SIU returns home Nov. 27 to host SIU-Edwardsville. Morehead State (Nov. 30) will then be the first of three opponents the Salukis will face that played postseason basketball a year ago, as the Eagles advanced to the Women's National Invitational Tournament (WNIT) for the first-time in program history last season. Southern then travels to Marshall University on Dec. 2 before returning home to host NAIA opponent

Martin Methodist College (Tenn.) on Dec. 7. Rounding out the home portion of the non-conference schedule is NCAA Tournament squad Western Kentucky (Dec. 10).

SIU will close out its non-conference slate in San Juan, Puerto Rico on Dec. 19-20. Southern will take on the University at Albany, a NCAA Tournament team last season, and Kennesaw State during the two-day international trip, the program's fourth such outing and first since 2008.

The Salukis return several key players from last season's 16-15 team. They will be led by senior Kylie Giebelhausen, who earned first-team all-conference honors after she finished ranked in the top-10 of the MVC in seven statistical categories, including scoring (7th), assists (10th), three-point field goal percentage (3rd), three-pointers made (1st), blocked shots (7th), defensive rebounds (10th) and minutes played (2nd).

SIU posted a winning record for the third-straight season and made its second-straight postseason appearance in the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI), which marked SIU's eighth all-time postseason appearance. For more on the SIU roster, full schedule, and ticket information, go to [siusalukis.com](http://siusalukis.com).

## New Coach Leading SIU Volleyball

With nine letter winners, including its three best attackers from a squad that won 20-plus matches for the fourth time in the past five seasons, new SIU volleyball head coach Kari Thompson is anxious to see what

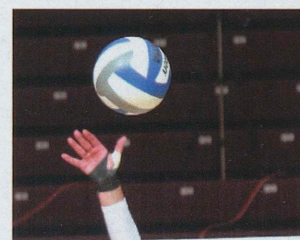
her first season with the Salukis bring to the court.

Thompson, who recently completed her 11th season at North Dakota State, served as the program's assistant coach from 2006-10, before becoming head coaching in 2010. She had a 102-98 career record, including a 66-38 mark in the Summit League.

Her Saluki squad will face a challenging schedule, playing nine matches against Top-100 Rating Percentage Index (RPI) teams from a year ago, including five that advanced to the NCAA Tournament. The Salukis open an 18-match Missouri Valley Conference slate September 22 at Bradley before traveling Illinois State the next day.

Southern's home conference opener starts September 25 against Valparaiso, which will be the first of four-straight home matches for the Salukis. SIU will then host Evansville September 29, followed by Indiana State the next day. The Salukis will close out the home stand by welcoming defending Valley Champion Missouri State to Davies Gym on October 7. The Salukis wrap up conference play at Valparaiso on November 18 before action at the MVC Tournament hosted by Illinois State on November 23-25.

For more on the Volleyball Salukis, including ticket information, go to [siusalukis.com](http://siusalukis.com). Paw Passes for the upcoming 2017-18 season are now on sale, and with



this, fans can attend regular season events in volleyball, women's basketball and softball for one low price.

Andrea Estrada in action for the Salukis.







# Celebration and Contribution

*Alumnus calls on black alumni to be involved with SIU's future*

BY CALEB HALE

**It's not enough for alumni to celebrate Southern Illinois University; they must be involved in its future success.**

That was the message from **Ralph Moore '71** to the black alumni community during this summer's Black Alumni Group Reunion on campus. While the statement is applicable to any graduate, Moore says given the university's progressive history as an institution educating minorities, it's imperative black alumni find ways to make their stories known to future generations.

"It's one of the little-known facts, but SIU, between 1965 and 1995, graduated more black students than any other institution in the country that wasn't a historically black college or university," Moore says. "Those of us who have benefitted from this legacy, it shouldn't feel like an obligation to be involved, it should feel like we're sharing the benefits, almost like family."

Moore is the president and founder of RGMA based in Chicago, one of the nation's top business diversity and minority business development consulting firms. He was recently tapped by the university for consultation on findings by the SIU Diversity Council in gauging the campus climate and student perception on matters related to minority relations.

The challenges in this area aren't unique to SIU, and Moore says beyond a handful of incidents and individuals there's little reason to believe the campus is a hostile place for minorities.

"We need to be careful not to isolate the reaction to being negative. We must highlight the need for action," Moore says. "Those perceptions are real. If you perceive you're not being engaged or respected or wanted, you can't change that perception by saying, 'Let's make it better.' You have to take some action."

"I believe it was Benjamin Franklin who said, 'Well done is better than well said.'"

Moore encourages black alumni to reach out to the deans of their respective colleges, find out what's going on, and work to set up mechanisms to foster success among minority students.

**Camelle Logan '89**, entrepreneur and member on the SIU Alumni Association National Board of Directors, says she continues to work with the College of Applied Sciences and Arts to provide students with a range of opportunities to enhance their education. Last year, for instance, she set up three project management case studies for students to work on in class. It was the kind of experience usually reserved for internships; bringing it to the classroom was a unique opportunity to reach more students and strengthen her commitment to the college.

"Really I'm providing all students the opportunity but understanding that, yes, I happen to be an African-American woman, part of the Black Alumni Group, and this is how I'm choosing to make an impact," Logan says.

Logan has also established an endowment for student scholarships within CASA. While she realizes not everyone can go to that extent, the Black Alumni Group can be a mechanism to facilitate involvement from larger numbers of people.

"One of the things I feel very strongly about is there's a Week of Welcome for students every year on campus, and BAG members should really be integrated into the fabric of that week," Logan says.

"We should be highly involved in getting students moved in, helping them navigate to classes...really a step-by-step involvement as that week continues. New students should see the presence of BAG members at the beginning of the education journey."

"If you're an organization and you aren't active when new students are coming in, that's a huge missed opportunity," Logan says.

Black Alumni Group leaders say they are examining what kind of support they can offer to help promote the university to new generations of students.

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# Self-Publishing Service For Alumni Now Open

A new self-publishing program allows authors to work with publishing professionals, utilize their skills as needed, and take advantage of the range of distribution options available to a professional publisher.

Saluki Publishing was established by former SIU Press director Barb Martin in response to requests from local authors and alumni seeking help with self-publishing their books. Martin discovered that numerous people were interested in the service, and she decided to pursue it.

Three books have been made available through Saluki Publishing. The first was

a personal memoir written by a former SIU staff member. Copies of the book were produced and delivered to the author's home so he could distribute them to family and friends. Next, a former SIU student, Reggie Brown, published his memoir *A View from the Inside*, about his time at SIU in the 1960s, when he was active in establishing the Carbondale chapter of the Black Panthers. That book is currently available on the SIU Press website and where books are sold. The third book, *The Daily Egyptian: The First Century*, was completely produced by staff of the Daily Egyptian. Copies of it were delivered to SIU Press's warehouse, and they

are available for sale on the SIU Press website and from other booksellers.

Saluki Publishing is taking limited projects initially, while SIU Press staff determine how many they are capable of handling simultaneously. The service is only available to SIU alumni, faculty, staff, and students; members of the SIU Alumni Association; and authors of books about the region.

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# Partnership Expanding Alumni, Student Networking

BY CALEB HALE

Alumni are often a critical link for students to the professional world in two ways – experience and access.

The SIU Alumni Association, since 1984, has harnessed this dynamic with the Extern Program. In that time roughly 4,000 students have been paired with professionals, many who are alumni, for intensive dives into a career experience during the week of spring break. Connections made during the unique job shadowing experience have often been the catalyst for a student in finding early career success. Now, through a partnership with SIU Career Services and the Colleges, the Association is expanding upon the program.

Utilizing a new online platform as a hub for the Extern experience, the program will eventually grow into a full-fledge mentoring

service, allowing alumni and students to communicate regularly for professional development.

“So many students have found success after having the extern experience,” says Michelle Suarez, executive director of the Association. “This partnership combines the goodwill and engagement of alumni via the Association, the guidance and support of faculty and staff in the Colleges, and the professional resources available to students via Career Services. Together, we’re rolling this into a modern and convenient service that lets students and alumni to connect.”

While the Extern experience will be the first activity in which users can engage, the platform will gradually develop into a resource for more general professional consultation between alumni and students.

Jaime Conley-Holt, career development coordinator for Career Services, says this is an exciting partnership with the Association to help facilitate professional and door-opening relationships between students and alumni.

“We find that students who have an opportunity for these networking opportunities gain real world experience that will help to build their resumes and provide a foundation for their career,” she says.

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Alumni are invited to begin registering to engage with students on the Saluki Career Experience. More information is available at <http://careerservices.siu.edu/alumni/>.





# Association Hosts Summer Events

The SIU Alumni Association hosted or assisted with a number of alumni and university events this past summer:



1. SIU Day at Wrigley Field in Chicago in early June, a tradition for more than 40 years gathering alumni to see the Cubs vs. the St. Louis Cardinals, with a pregame gathering at the Cubby Bear Lounge.



2. The South Florida Club of the SIU Alumni Association hosted a group of local alumni in late June at Marlins Park to watch the Miami Marlins vs. the Chicago Cubs.



3. The Association and SIU Foundation brought university leaders and alumni together for a series of events in late June in the Washington, D.C. area.



4. The SIU and SIUE alumni associations held their combined alumni reception in the Inn at 835 Historic Bed and Breakfast in Springfield on July 12.



5. Black alumni from around the country returned to campus in July for the biannual Black Alumni Group Reunion.



6. Chicagoland Salukis and their families enjoyed an SIU themed day at the Brookfield Zoo, complete with tours and presentations led by College of Science faculty.



7. The Association returned to Chicago in late July to host local alumni for its annual White Sox/Cubs event at Guaranteed Rate Field.

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KARRAKER, Martha L., '39  
4/12/2017, Bear, Del.  
EASON, Leo A., '41  
9/1/2016, Saint Louis, Mo.  
GUSTAFSON, Evelyn L., '43  
10/15/2016, Cleburne, Texas  
SCHMIDT, Ruth K., '44  
12/15/2016, Columbia, Ill.  
STANKWYTCH, E.J., '44  
4/11/2017, Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
MANN, Jacinta, '46  
2/12/2017, Greensburg, Pa.  
SAILER, Helen, '46  
6/11/2017, Carmi, Ill.  
BARNARD, Harold L., ex. '48  
3/9/2017, Geff, Ill.  
GUERDEN, Shirley J., ex. '48  
6/22/2017, South Bend, Ind.  
MALINSKY, William N., '48  
7/3/2017, Jefferson, Wis.  
ALMS, Edgar H., '49  
1/17/2016, Hannibal, Mo.  
OUTTEN, Donald T., '49  
5/25/2017, Sparta, Ill.  
ANDERSON, Meredith D., ex. '50  
4/27/2017, Litchfield, Ill.  
BYARS, Glenn R., '50, M.S.Ed. '58  
5/9/2017, Christopher, Ill.  
ETHERTON, Robert C., '50, M.S.Ed. '56  
7/8/2017, Murray, Ky.  
GATES, Annalee B., '50  
5/27/2017, Tamaroa, Ill.  
HARRELL, Robert S., '50  
2/2/2017, Salinas, Calif.  
MATHIS, Jeanne C., '50  
5/21/2017, Monticello, Ill.  
POLETTI, Virginia O., ex. '50  
11/24/2016, Fairview Heights, Ill.  
WEAVER, Mildred L., '50  
3/4/2017, Decatur, Ill.  
CHAMNESS, Pauline R., '51  
5/14/2017, Fairbanks, Alaska  
PULEO, Helen C., ex. '51  
2/12/2016, West Islip, N.Y.  
RENDELMAN, Andrew R., '51, M.S.Ed. '55  
5/30/2017, Crawfordsville, Ind.  
WILCOX, Rex V., ex. '51  
6/19/2016, Wenatchee, Wash.  
COLLARD, William, ex. '52  
2/13/2017, Carmi, Ill.  
COUTURIAUX, Gerald J., ex. '52  
2/17/2017, Evansville, Ind.  
HANKS, Neil, '52  
3/26/2017, Leesburg, Fla.  
HURT, Robert W., '52, M.S.Ed. '55  
4/10/2017, Paducah, Ky.  
DAVIS, Shirley W., '53  
5/30/2017, Carbondale, Ill.  
BONDS, Evelyn H., ex. '54  
5/17/2017, Atlanta, Ga.  
CORN, Mildred F., '54  
6/18/2017, Marion, Ill.

EDWARDS, Densil D., '54  
5/1/2017, Norris City, Ill.  
KINISON BATTS, Rachel J., '54  
6/17/2017, Vero Beach, Fla.  
WILLIAMS, Berl E., ex. '54  
5/4/2017, Owingsville, Ky.  
EDDINGS, Evelyn F., '55  
7/4/2017, Wilmore, Ky.  
HAYS, Nancee A., '55  
6/8/2017, Cantrall, Ill.  
CLARIDA, William R., '56,  
M.M.Ed. '57, Ph.D. '70  
5/14/2017, Mount Dora, Fla.  
COWSERT, William L., '56  
4/29/2017, East Dubuque, Ill.  
CUNNINGHAM, Floyd E., '56  
7/19/2017, Marion, Ill.  
JOHNSON, William B., '56  
6/2/2017, Fort Atkinson, Wis.  
GENTRY, Donald E., '57  
4/15/2017, Sparta, Ill.  
LONG, Jerry H., '57  
7/26/2016, Saint Louis, Mo.  
MCKINZIE, Betty B., ex. '57  
4/5/2017, Woodlawn, Ill.  
PRATHER, Larry J., '57  
6/7/2017, Carbondale, Ill.  
TREECE, Carolyn A., '57  
7/8/2017, Anna, Ill.  
VAN WINKLE, Mary A., '57  
3/20/2017, Downers Grove, Ill.  
FRANKLIN, Donald E., '58  
5/20/2017, Saint Louis, Mo.  
KREBS, Alan, '58, M.S.Ed. '60  
5/26/2017, Ocala, Fla.  
LAUGHLIN, Judith C., '58  
5/13/2017, Indian Trail, N.C.  
LINGLE, Patsy C., '58  
5/20/2017, Moores Hill, Ind.  
MCMANAMEE, Louis J., '58  
6/30/2017, Austin, Texas  
WRIGHT, Helen K., '58, M.S. '61  
5/21/2017, Marion, Ill.  
LAW, Shirley A., '59  
5/19/2017, Mahomet, Ill.  
SCHOEN, Walter T., M.S.Ed. '59  
7/1/2017, Pinehurst, N.J.  
BECK, Robert L., '60  
5/15/2017, Metropolis, Ill.  
HUNSDORFER, Anton H., '60  
6/24/2017, Highland, Ill.  
KEIM, Roland R., '60, M.S.Ed. '61  
5/19/2017, Ozark, Ill.  
MONTIGNY, Clarence J., '60  
5/8/2017, Sturbridge, Mass.  
SIMONS, Joseph W., '60  
4/26/2017, Marco Island, Fla.  
BUNDY, Charles L., '61  
5/22/2017, Centralia, Ill.  
CULP, William H., M.S.Ed. '61  
6/29/2017, Indiana, Pa.

HARVEY, Theodore F., '61, M.S.Ed. '63  
12/23/2016, Grafton, Ill.  
TAYLOR, Richard L., '61  
7/18/2017, Rantoul, Ill.  
BAKER, Nancy E., '62, M.S.Ed. '82  
6/24/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.  
BUTTS, W.A., M.A. '62, Ph.D. '68  
6/8/2017, Itta Bena, Miss.  
COUSLEY, Mary L., '62  
2/24/2017, Alton, Ill.  
GUTZLER, Carole A., '62  
7/21/2017, Lerna, Ill.  
HAYS, Charles M., '62  
6/12/2017, Harrisburg, Ill.  
MAY, Robert E., '62  
5/15/2017, West Frankfort, Ill.  
MONTIGNY, Marie L., ex. '62  
4/21/2017, Sturbridge, Mass.  
BARTELS, William H., '63  
7/7/2017, Flora, Ill.  
BERBERICH, Joseph H., '63, M.S. '65  
3/4/2017, Mount Carmel, Ill.  
CARLSON, Gregory, '63  
2/13/2017, Faribault, Minn.  
HEDIGER, Elvin D., '63  
6/17/2017, Lemont, Ill.  
POLLOCK, Vern D., '63, M.S. '68  
7/7/2017, Eldorado, Ill.  
SETARAM, Chetram S., '63  
6/23/2017, Ocoee, Fla.  
STOCKARD, Robert T., '63, M.S. '67  
4/16/2017, Indianapolis, Ind.  
VAUGHN, Noel J., M.A. '63  
6/10/2017, Dayton, Ohio.  
BICKHAUS, Richard C., '64  
6/20/2017, Bloomington, Ill.  
JANAK, Carol M., '64  
6/10/2017, Geneva, Ind.  
STRACHAN, James L., '64, M.S. '67  
11/6/2016, New Port Richey, Fla.  
WRIGHT, Morton S., '64, M.S.Ed. '66  
6/17/2017, Makanda, Ill.  
CLENDENIN, Allen C., '65  
7/11/2017, Rockwood, Ill.  
EHELBERGER, Herbert E., '65, M.S. '66  
4/11/2017, Shelburne, Vt.  
GABRYS, Wayne W., '65  
6/9/2017, Riverside, Ill.  
MILLER, Ora P., M.S. '65  
5/28/2017, West Palm, Beach, Fla.  
RITTER, Eunice K., '65  
5/3/2017, Pinckneyville, Ill.  
SARGENT, Leslie V., '65  
4/19/2017, Stillwater, Okla.  
SWINBURNE, John R., M.S.Ed. '65  
6/7/2017, Carbondale, Ill.  
FOUTCH, Harley W., '66, M.S. '68  
5/9/2017, Murfreesboro, Tenn.  
GROSVENOR, Patricia A., ex. '66  
5/5/2017, Tallahassee, Fla.  
HUGHES, Larry G., '66  
6/24/2017, Marion, Ill.

MARVEL, Joseph B., M.S.Ed. '66  
4/16/2017, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
PORTER, Leslie A., '66, M.S.Ed. '72  
6/28/2017, Marion, Ill.  
HUGHES, Marion P., M.S. '67  
5/12/2017, Harrisburg, Ill.  
SHAY, Mary M., '67  
6/26/2017, Walnut, Calif.  
WHITECOTTON, Jerry D., '67  
4/25/2017, Saint Cloud, Fla.  
ALEXANDER, David A., '68  
6/27/2017, Pittsfield, Mass.  
AREITIO, Richard A., M.S. '68  
5/2/2017, Boise, Idaho  
BENTLEY, Stuart D., '68  
4/21/2017, Springfield, Ill.  
MAREK, Martin L., '68  
6/29/2017, Tremont, Ill.  
MCGILL, John R., '68  
4/20/2017, French Lick, Ind.  
MOELLER, Everett W., '68  
6/27/2017, Peotone, Ill.  
YOUNGQUIST, David C., M.S.Ed. '68  
2/8/2017, Annadale, Minn.  
ATHEARN, Daniel M., '69  
7/7/2017, Canton, Ill.  
BEVEL, Dale N., '69  
4/22/2017, Centralia, Ill.  
BRITT, Thomas R., '69, M.M. '71  
2/9/2017, Dallas, Texas  
GONYER, Randall C., '69  
6/6/2017, Bend, Ore.  
KARRAKER, James L., '69  
6/15/2017, Anna, Ill.  
KILTY, Alan L., '69  
5/4/2017, Peoria, Ill.  
KRANTZ, Arthur H., '69  
7/2/2017, North Aurora, Ill.  
VLASAK, Linda L., '69  
12/16/2016, Glendale Heights, Ill.  
WARREN, Charles L., '69, M.S.Ed. '74  
12/25/2016, Hoover, Ala.  
ARCHER, Richard E., '70  
6/26/2017, DeSoto, Ill.  
CLINE, Susan S., '70  
6/8/2017, Columbia, Md.  
DOUGHERTY, James E., '70  
5/15/2017, Loves Park, Ill.  
HOLDEN, Linda M., '70  
5/30/2017, Bishop Hill, Ill.  
LEE, Brian K., '70  
6/13/2017, Woodstock, Ill.  
MCGINTY, William J., '70  
5/12/2017, Marseilles, Ill.  
OTTLEY, Alford H., '70, M.S.Ed. '71  
5/7/2017, Martinsburg, W.Va.  
ROEDL, Charles J., '70  
4/3/2017, Teutopolis, Ill.  
WILKS, Darla D., '70  
12/22/2016, Mount Vernon, Ill.  
BARRINGTON, Roberta J., '71  
6/4/2017, Normal, Ill.

BENNER, John R., '71  
5/13/2017, West Frankfort, Ill.  
BROWN, Leo J., '71, M.S.Ed. '72  
5/28/2017, Carbondale, Ill.  
CASE, Ronald L., '71  
6/29/2017, Goreville, Ill.  
DRAKE, Gary P., '71  
4/17/2017, Carbondale, Ill.  
FLORO, Ward V., '71  
5/14/2017, Buckner, Ill.  
KOEHLER, Floyd G., '71  
6/10/2017, Vienna, Ill.  
OLSON, Paul R., '71  
6/30/2017, Clayton, N.C.  
RONEY, Shirley S., '71, M.A. '78  
7/14/2017, Mount Vernon, Ill.  
SONDUCK, Allan C., '71  
6/15/2017, Eugene, Ore.  
YEACH, Jurhee K., '71  
5/18/2017, Carbondale, Ill.  
CONE, Christine M., '72  
6/13/2017, Columbia, Mo.  
GOODWIN, Jeffrey L., '72  
4/27/2017, Mahomet, Ill.  
INGRAM, Daniel M., '72  
6/9/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.  
KELLER, Alice J., '72  
2/12/2016, Makanda, Ill.  
MAUCERI, Paul K., M.A. '72  
3/7/2017, Daytona Beach, Fla.  
BLANCHARD, Rodney J., '73  
5/12/2017, Golconda, Ill.  
KARRAKER, James L., '73  
5/11/2017, Harrisburg, Ill.  
KOEHLER, Gary W., '73  
6/13/2017, Bartlett, Tenn.  
SHAPIRO, Wesley M., '73  
6/19/2017, Sun Lakes, Ariz.  
WHALEN, Deborah A., '73  
6/9/2017, Tamarac, Fla.  
WILSON, Steven G., '73  
4/19/2017, Westminster, Colo.  
ADAM, Andrew M., '74  
6/10/2017, Palos Heights, Ill.  
ANDERSON, Jeffrey J., ex. '74  
4/25/2017, Carbondale, Ill.  
GIERENS, Ralph E., '74  
5/10/2017, Winfield, Ill.  
MASTALERZ, Lucine H., '74  
5/20/2016, Chicago, Ill.  
RICHEY, Georgianna J., '74, M.S.Ed. '99  
5/23/2017, Marion, Ill.  
ROTELLO, Vito P., '74  
6/19/2017, Rockford, Ill.  
BOWYER, William D., '75  
5/22/2017, Wake Forest, N.C.  
FLEMING, Laura B., '75, M.S.Ed. '80  
4/3/2017, Harrisburg, Ill.  
RIETVELD, William, '75  
5/19/2017, Yorkville, Ill.  
STEVENS, Cheryl J., '75  
6/2/2017, Chicago, Ill.



**WHITE, Rebecca L., '75**  
4/13/2017, North Fort Myers, Fla.

**BINCH, Cheryl J., '76**  
7/7/2017, Champaign, Ill.

**BYHRING, Reed O., '76**  
2/15/2017, Geneva, Ill.

**PECHACEK, Ronald E., '76**  
6/12/2017, Chester, Ill.

**VOGEL, Lyle, '76**  
5/29/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**BACHELLER, Franklin, M.A. '77**  
4/21/2017, Logan, Utah

**BAYER, Mona L., '77**  
7/12/2017, Equality, Ill.

**BORDERS, Pauline P., M.A. '77**  
3/9/2016, Portland, Ind.

**LYMANGOOD, Charles G., '77**  
5/22/2017, Hamel, Minn.

**WILEY, Mary K., '77**  
7/8/2017, Centralia, Ill.

**BENNETT, Floyd L., '78, M.S. '79**  
6/20/2017, Mc Clure, Ill.

**DOWLING, Vincent, '78**  
4/18/2017, Tacoma, Wash.

**OLIPHANT, Janice C., '78**  
4/28/2017, Columbia, Mo.

**STEEN, Ronald D., '78**  
6/1/2017, Belleville, Ill.

**WHARTON, Lyndon B., Ph.D. '78**  
6/24/2017, Melbourne, Fla.

**HALBERG, Max E., '79**  
11/21/2016, Princeton, Ill.

**HOLM, Mark, '79**  
5/30/2017, Albuquerque, N.M.

**JAMES, Randall S., '79**  
7/1/2017, Rock Island, Ill.

**GACKI, Nancy H., '80**  
6/10/2017, Chicago, Ill.

**ROETHE, Larry R., '80**  
6/18/2017, Mulkeytown, Ill.

**TSCHANTZ, Steven J., '80**  
12/2016, Chicago, Ill.

**CIMA-BURTON, Barbara J., '81**  
6/6/2017, Paducah, Ky.

**FORMANEK, Raymond, '81**  
6/26/2016, Universal City, Texas

**IRONS, J. Mike, M.D. '81**  
7/7/2017, Indianapolis, Ind.

**PIETRAS, Beth, '81**  
5/14/2017, Oceanside, Calif.

**SNYDER, Sandra J., '81**  
5/8/2017, O'Fallon, Mo.

**ARNOLD, Gene C., '82**  
10/14/2016, Dayton, Ohio

**BAEZ, Susan L., '82**  
4/19/2017, Palatine, Ill.

**SMITH, Laurie K., '82**  
6/15/2017, Plano, Ill.

**FRITZ, Lynn A., '83**  
4/22/2017, Kankakee, Ill.

**AMERMAN, Terry D., '84**  
5/1/2017, Plainfield, Ind.

**BIGGS, Karen J., '84**  
5/24/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.

**BOYD, Jennifer M., '84**  
5/17/2017, Dublin, Ohio

**EMPTAGE, Michael R., M.S. '84**  
5/5/2017, Loveland, Colo.

**FLICK, Harry A., Ph.D. '84**  
6/5/2017, Starkville, Miss.

**GLENN, John W., '84**  
4/15/2017, Seabeck, Wash.

**POTTER, Denise L., '85**  
5/22/2017, Yadkinville, N.C.

**DUTY, Beula E., '86**  
6/29/2017, Fort Worth, Texas

**KINNEY, David B., '87**  
5/17/2017, Fairfield, Ill.

**MCDANIEL, Jeffrey S., '88, M.S. '99**  
5/20/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.

**BAHAN, John J., '89**  
5/10/2017, Smithton, Ill.

**BURTON, Todd L., '90**  
7/10/2017, Apache Junction, Ariz.

**HICKS, Clarence A., '90**  
5/6/2017, Avondale, Ariz.

**KAI, D.A., M.S. '90, M.S. '93**  
1/31/2016, West Des Moines, Iowa

**WHITE, Dennis W., Ph.D. '90**  
4/22/2017, Jonesboro, Ark.

**DAVIS, Clarence, '91**  
5/12/2017, Spanaway, Wash.

**HUBBARD, Joseph W., '91**  
6/5/2017, San Bernardino, Calif.

**WALDEN, Donna A., '91, M.S. '94**  
5/8/2017, Du Quoin, Ill.

**GILLEYLEN, Gregory L., '92**  
2/9/2017, Aurora, Ill.

**COOLEY, Kevin T., '93**  
6/18/2017, Mount Juliet, Tenn.

**ROFFMANN, John A., '93**  
6/26/2017, Mount Vernon, Ill.

**STROBEL, Lynn O., '93**  
6/26/2017, Marion, Ill.

**MABREY, Donald E., '94**  
6/6/2017, Warren, Mich.

**SMITH, Michael, '94**  
11/23/2016, Newport News, Va.

**HASEKER, Deborah L., M.S.W. '95**  
6/6/2017, Johnston City, Ill.

**WASHINGTON, Orvetta J., '98**  
6/8/2017, Springfield, Ill.

**KELLEY, Nellie J., '99**  
5/27/2017, Benton, Ill.

**BERTETTO-BAUMAN, Lara P., '00**  
4/23/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**WESTON, Allison R., '00**  
6/3/2017, Plainfield, Ill.

**ROBERTSON, Andrew D., '02**  
5/29/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**SCHLITT, Brian P., '04**  
4/12/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**YEARBY, William L., '07**  
5/11/2017, Powder Springs, Ga.

**LANE, Michael S., M.S. '07**  
4/20/2017, Delton, Mich.

**CALHOUN, Marquise L., '08**  
6/27/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**MOORE, Tameka M., '08**  
6/27/2017, Chicago, Ill.

**EDWARDS, Katrina L., M.S.Ed. '08**  
4/20/2017, Racine, Wis.

**FLYNN, Jodi L., '08**  
5/30/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**ROLLINSON, Bradley S., '09**  
6/29/2017, Salem, Ill.

**MCDONNOUGH, James A., '10**  
7/13/2017, Sesser, Ill.

**JOUETT, Sharon A., '12**  
7/10/2016, Waukegan, Ill.

**SOGAR, Kenneth, ex. '16**  
11/22/2016, Hillside, Ill.

#### FACULTY/STAFF

**BRANDT, Janis R., M.S.Ed. '80,**  
**Ph.D. '89** Emerita – Admin/Prof Staff  
Academic Advisor  
7/14/2017, Marion, Ill.

**BROUGHTON, Deborah L.**  
Civil Service, Nurse II  
Internal Medicine Clinic  
3/26/2017, Springfield, Ill.

**CALDWELL, Catherine L., M.A. '93**  
Emerita – Faculty  
Senior Lecturer  
Center for English as a Second Language  
6/29/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**DEES, Robert L., '99**  
Emeritus, Faculty/Staff  
5/20/2017, Carbondale, Ill.

**GENTRY, Larry D.**  
Civil Service, Technician  
Printing and Duplicating Service  
6/13/2017, Carterville, Ill.

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Maintenance  
3/3/2017, Crystal Lake, Ill.

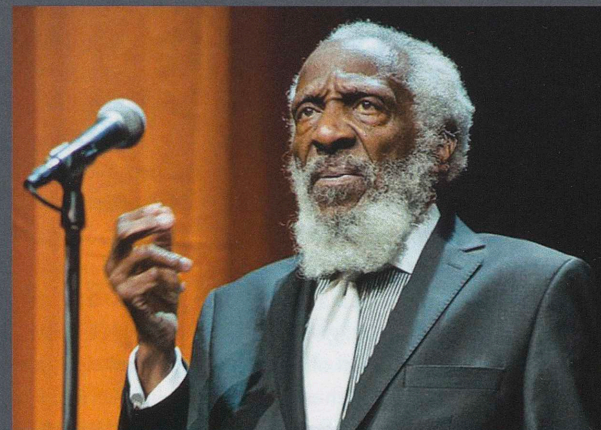
**HALFORD, William P.**  
Associate Professor  
Medical Microbiology  
6/22/2017, Springfield, Ill.

**LANSDEN, Sue**  
Civil Service, Nurse  
Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic  
2/15/2017, Decatur, Ill.

**VAZ, Barbara K.**  
Civil Service, Cook  
University Housing  
6/27/2017, Du Quoin, Ill.

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Civil Service, Program Services Specialist  
Psychiatry Clinic  
5/3/2017, Springfield, Ill.

## Humorist, Civil Rights activist Dick Gregory passes away



Richard "Dick" Claxton Gregory EX '56, H. Ph.D. '87, a man who parlayed satire and humor into staunch Civil Rights activism, died Aug. 19 at the age of 84.

Gregory, a life member of the SIU Alumni Association, attended the university during the 1950s and was later awarded an honorary doctorate degree. The St. Louis native came to SIU on a track scholarship, one of roughly 100 he was offered by other institutions. Gregory became nationally recognized as one of the fastest runners in mile and half-mile events in the country. He captained both the cross country and track teams and in 1953 became the first black student-athlete named outstanding athlete of the year.

The seed of Gregory's activism was planted at SIU, where he was credited with making significant strides toward racial integration in the community. After leaving campus, he flourished as an author, activist, philosopher, comedian, actor, recording artist, nutritionist, and anti-drug crusader.

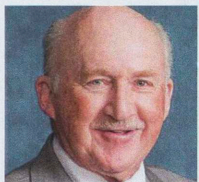
Gregory became heavily involved in the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, developing relationships with figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, President John F. Kennedy, and Robert Kennedy.

In 2009, the Association honored Gregory with a Distinguished Alumni Award.



1950s

**GLENN HUDGENS '57** has been awarded Physician of the Year by the Monterey County Medical

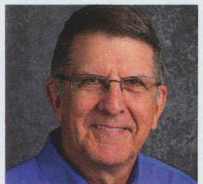


Society in California. Hudgens, who has practiced medicine for

more than 50 years, was honored during a ceremony earlier this year. This is the second time he has received such an award, the first being in 2000, given by Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula. In honoring Hudgens this year, the society described him as a compassionate doctor who is well-liked by patients and colleagues alike.

1960s

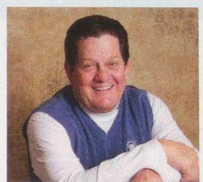
**STEVEN RUSSELL '67** retired earlier this year as the elementary principal and science



teacher at the Cedar Valley Christian School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Russell

served as a principal since 2011. He had worked at the school district for 35 years and had been an educator for 50 years. In addition, he coached boys and girls basketball for 25 years.

**MICHAEL STAFFORD '67, MBA '69** has released a new novel that incorporates some of



the history of Southern Illinois University. "Between the Walls of

Time," which was published in

June, explores the genetics and evolution of politics and religion as they relate to modern society. The storyline follows a fictional professor of SIU, who sets about to establish a third major American political party. Stafford's book also takes inspiration from historical university events, such as the burning of Old Main. The novel is now available at

[johnmichaelstafford.com](http://johnmichaelstafford.com).

1970s

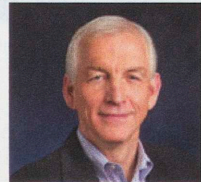
**KENNETH KONSIS '75** was recently inducted into the Westville High School Hall of Fame. He was



honored for his career in forestry and conservation, which spans more than 40 years across

parks, forest preserves and nature centers of Vermillion County, Illinois. Konsis began work with the Vermillion County Conservation District in 1974, serving as its director for the last 24 years. He has also been involved in other organizations, such as serving six terms as president of the Illinois Association of Conservation Districts, as well as past presidents of the Forest Glen Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society, and the Lake Vermillion Water Quality Coalition.

**E. LEE WYATT, JR. '75** has announced his retirement as senior vice president and chief

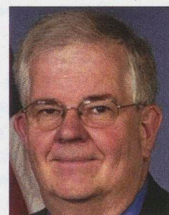


financial officer of Fortune Brands Home & Security, Inc.

His retirement becomes effective

Dec. 31. Wyatt joined the company in 2011. The company credits Wyatt for building sound financial policies and procedures, implementing a strong capital structure, and communicating a compelling message to investors about the company's growth potential. Prior to his time at Fortune Brands, Wyatt was CFO for Hanesbrands, vice president of Sara Lee and CFO for Sara Lee Branded Apparel. In addition, he has previously been executive vice president, CFO and treasurer of Sonic Automotive, Inc., as well as vice president of administration and CFO of Sealy Corporation.

**RON FRY '78** has retired as the public affairs director at the Air Force Material Command at



Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Greene County, Ohio. Fry began working at the base in 1987,

after a stint as a newspaper reporter in small Illinois newspapers. He led the public affairs office for the last decade. Fry's time on the base was marked with significant events, including several presidential and vice presidential visits, the Sept. 11, 2011 terrorist attacks, as well as the 1995 peace talks that brokered a deal to end the war in the Balkans region of Eastern Europe.

**JOE SEBESTYEN '78** has been named regional vice president of operations for Marcus Hotels & Resorts.

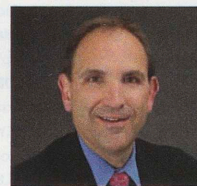


Sebestyen joined the company earlier this year with

more than 20 years of experience

in hotels, conference centers planning, development, and operation. He will oversee several company properties across the U.S., including AC Hotel Chicago Downtown, Westin Atlanta Perimeter North in Atlanta, Georgia, and Platinum Hotel & Spa in Las Vegas. Sebestyen previously worked with Hotel Equities based in Atlanta and was responsible for 20 properties across the Midwest. Other previous work includes regional director with the Compass Group, as well as Marriott International, where he earned Marriott General Manager of the Year in 1999.

**THOMAS DICKERSON '82, '83** has been named the new president of Radiology Business



Management Association's Board of Directors. Dickerson, Ed. D, FACHE,

is the chief executive officer for Clinical Radiologists S.C. in Springfield, Illinois. He has been a member of RBMA for nearly 20 years and has held previous leadership positions on various task forces and committee for the association. In addition, Dickerson has served with several non-profit organizations and the nearby Quincy Public School District board. In his new role as board president for RBMA, Dickerson will be reshaping the organization in response to changes in technology, business trends and health care.

1980s

**MICHAEL BROWN, '81, PH.D. '85** has been named provost and executive vice president for academic affairs for



## Peggy Bradford First Woman, African-American President For SCC

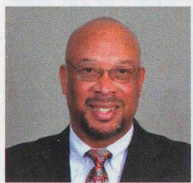


**PEGGY BRADFORD, '79, MS '85** was appointed earlier this year as the new president of Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Illinois. Bradford is the college's eighth president. She is the first female and first African-American president for the campus. Bradford also attended Shawnee prior to her studies at SIU. She earned her doctorate of education in higher education administration from

Northern Illinois University and a juris doctorate in corporate and business planning law from the University of Iowa College of Law.

"Dr. Bradford brings a fresh perspective to our college community and district," SCC board chairman Steve Heisner says. "We are very excited about her vision to provide strong leadership, while engaging the college and its constituency in a joint effort to stimulate an environment that prepares our students for success..."

Bradford was previously provost and vice president of academic affairs at State University of New York Westchester Community College in Valhalla, New York.



the University of California system. His appointment became effective in

September. Brown will serve as the UC system's chief academic officer. He has previously been a professor and administrator at UC Santa Barbara; in addition he is a former chair of the UC Academic Senate. Brown has been working at the university since 1993.

**LINDA DILEO '84** is the recipient of the 2017 Walter G. and Juanita F. Niehus Award for District 202 schools in Plainfield, Illinois. DiLeo is principal of Central Elementary. The award, established in



1986 in honor of a former superintendent and his wife, who was a teacher, the Niehus Award

honors staff who show extraordinary commitment to students, parents, and district employees.

**JOHN ZOCHERT, AAS '86, '87** has been named the general manager of product for NGK Spark



Plugs (U.S.A.), Inc. In his new role Zochert will oversee product and program

development. He previously worked with Wells Vehicle

Electronics as the director of product management and marketing. Prior to that, Zochert was a product manager at Delphi.

**JEFFREY KUGLITSCH '88** was recently appointed to a seat on the Rock County, Wisconsin Circuit



Court by Gov. Scott Walker. Kuglitsch was previously corporation counsel for

Rock County, a position in which he had served since 2007. Prior to then, he held similar positions in neighboring counties. Kuglitsch is filling the seat vacated by Judge Michael Fitzpatrick, who moved to the Wisconsin Court of Appeals earlier this year.

**DEBRA LOUIS '88** has been named dean of the Glenn R. Jones College of Business at Trident



University International in Cypress California. Louis has been with

Trident since 2003, starting as a professor of organization and management, then moving into other roles, including program director for the business college's master's program as well as associate dean. Louis was previous a faculty member at the State University of New York at Buffalo and the Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. She has earned several teaching awards and was named one of the most popular professors at SUNY Buffalo by Business Week.

**SUSAN SPELLMAN, PH.D. '89** retired earlier this year as the head of a volunteer tutoring



program for schools in the Anna and Jonesboro communities in southern

Illinois. Spellman, since 2003, has trained and directed a volunteer program that tutors at-risk youth in first through eighth grades. The program helped roughly 150 students and trained about 50 volunteers in that time. Spellman, a retired associate professor of education at Southeast Missouri State University, was honored by her community and church members in May.

## 1990s

**GREG MONTALVO '92** has been named assistant dean of educator preparation for the



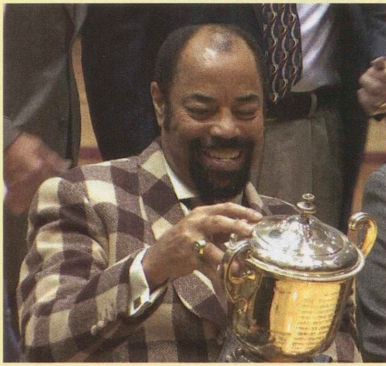
College of Education and Human Services at Western Illinois University.

His appointment began July 1. Montalvo previously served as interim chair of educational studies. He came to WIU in 1998 as an assistant professor, later obtaining tenure as a full professor. Montalvo is the author of several articles and has lead frequent presentations at conferences internationally. He has helped implement multiple school and program evaluations and served as assessment coordinator for educator preparation programs.

**TIFFANY DAVIS '94** was sworn in as a circuit judge in the 22nd Judicial Circuit of Illinois in September. She will serve out the remainder of the term of Judge



## Frazier Named To Small College Hoops Hall Of Fame



Walt Frazier holds the 1967 NIT Trophy last season when Saluki Athletics hosted a reception and dinner honoring the 50-year anniversary of SIU's NIT Championship.

Southern Illinois University legend **WALT FRAZIER, EX '67** has been elected to the 12-member Small College Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2017. Frazier, who led SIU to the 1967 NIT Championship, is a member SIU Hall of Fame, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and the NCAA Elite Eight 50th Anniversary Team.

Frazier was a seven-time NBA All-Star, helping the New York Knicks win two NBA

titles. He was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1987 and named one of the NBA's 50 greatest players in 1996. Now a popular member of the New York Knicks broadcasting crew, the two-time all-American was the first Saluki to have his jersey retired.

The Small College Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will take place November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in Evansville, Indiana.



Charles Weech, who recently retired. Davis was previously an attorney in the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office.

**TAMMI CONN '97** has been named president of the Illinois Association for Career and



Technical Education. Conn was previously Valley View's Director of Career and Technical Education, a position she'd held since

2012. She has also worked in various capacities at Kaneland High School in Maple Park, Illinois for 13 years. In her new role, Conn will lead an organization with members from eight affiliate sites with educators in fields including agriculture, business and health occupations.

### 2000s

**JODI GOLDEN '01, '05** was recently appointed executive director of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs. In her new role, Golden will oversee an office tasked with providing resources and technical assistance to aid communities in economic development. She was previously



executive directors at both the Illinois Capital Development Board and Indiana

Education Savings Authority. Golden has also been a trustee of the Indiana Public Retirement System and deputy finance director of the Republican Party, as well as positions as policy analyst and legislative assistant in the Illinois House and Senate.

**JEFF COX '02** has been named vice president of the Automotive Maintenance Repair Association.



In this role, Cox will be tasked with developing strategies for new

member recruitment and current member development. Prior to this appointment, Cox served in various leadership roles within marketing and education at Bridgestone.

**GABRIEL GROSBOLL '02** has been named the state's attorney for Menard County, Illinois.



Grosboll is replacing fellow alumnus **KEVIN TIPPEY '02**, who was appointed

as an associate judge earlier this year. Grosboll will serve until 2018, and then a special election will be held. He was previously an assistant state's attorney in Sangamon County, as well as an administrative law judge for the Illinois Department of Public Health. **TIPPEY** had been Menard County state's attorney since 2014.

He was appointed as a judge in the 8th Judicial Circuit, replacing Judge Thomas Brannan, who has retired. Both Grosboll and Tippey are alumni of the SIU School of Law and were roommates.

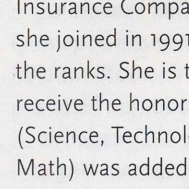
**MOLLY PARKER '03** was awarded earlier this year with a first place prize for investigating



reporting by the Illinois Associated Press Media Editors. Parker was awarded

for her work in *The Southern Illinoisan* for her reporting on a public housing crisis affecting citizens in the deep southern Illinois community of Cairo, Illinois. The reports revealed mismanagement and corruption among previous employees of the local public housing authority and have led to nationwide attention on the matter.

**ASHLEY PETTIT '05** has been named a "Woman of Distinction" by the YWCA of McLean County, Illinois for her work in STEM. Pettit is the vice president of systems at State Farm



Insurance Companies, a company she joined in 1991 and moved up the ranks. She is the first person to receive the honors, as the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) was added by the local YWCA just this year to better recognize women working in the fields.





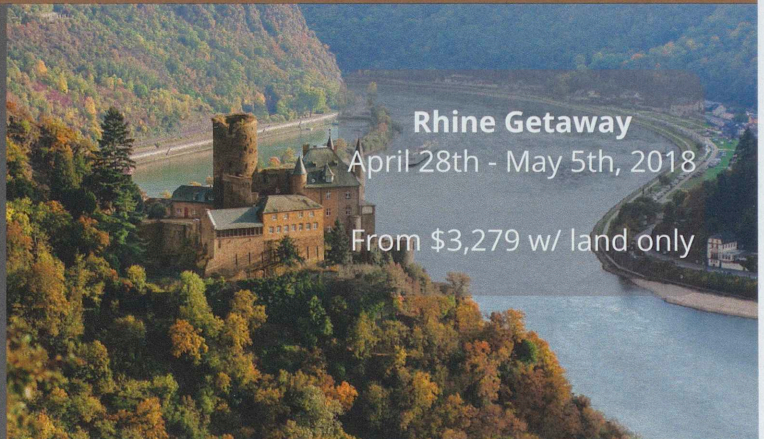
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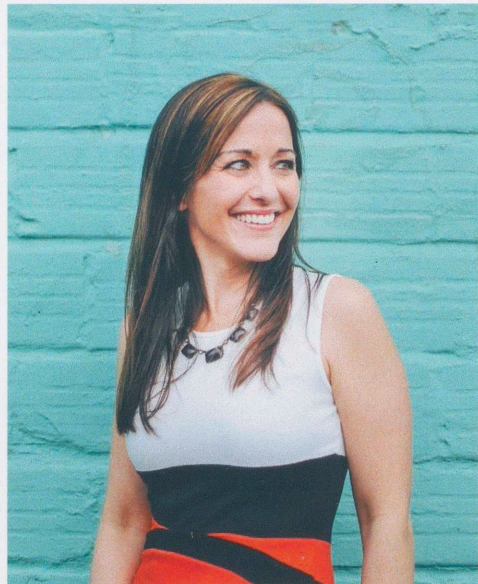
# MORE THAN 30 YEARS AGO...



Construction on the 1,200-seat auditorium that would later be named for SIU's fifth president, Henry William Shryock, was underway. The building was designed by James B. Dibelka of Chicago, who was the state architect at the time. Construction began in 1916 after the campus was awarded \$135,000 from the state the previous year. For many years the auditorium served as the gathering place for weekly student convocation services.



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