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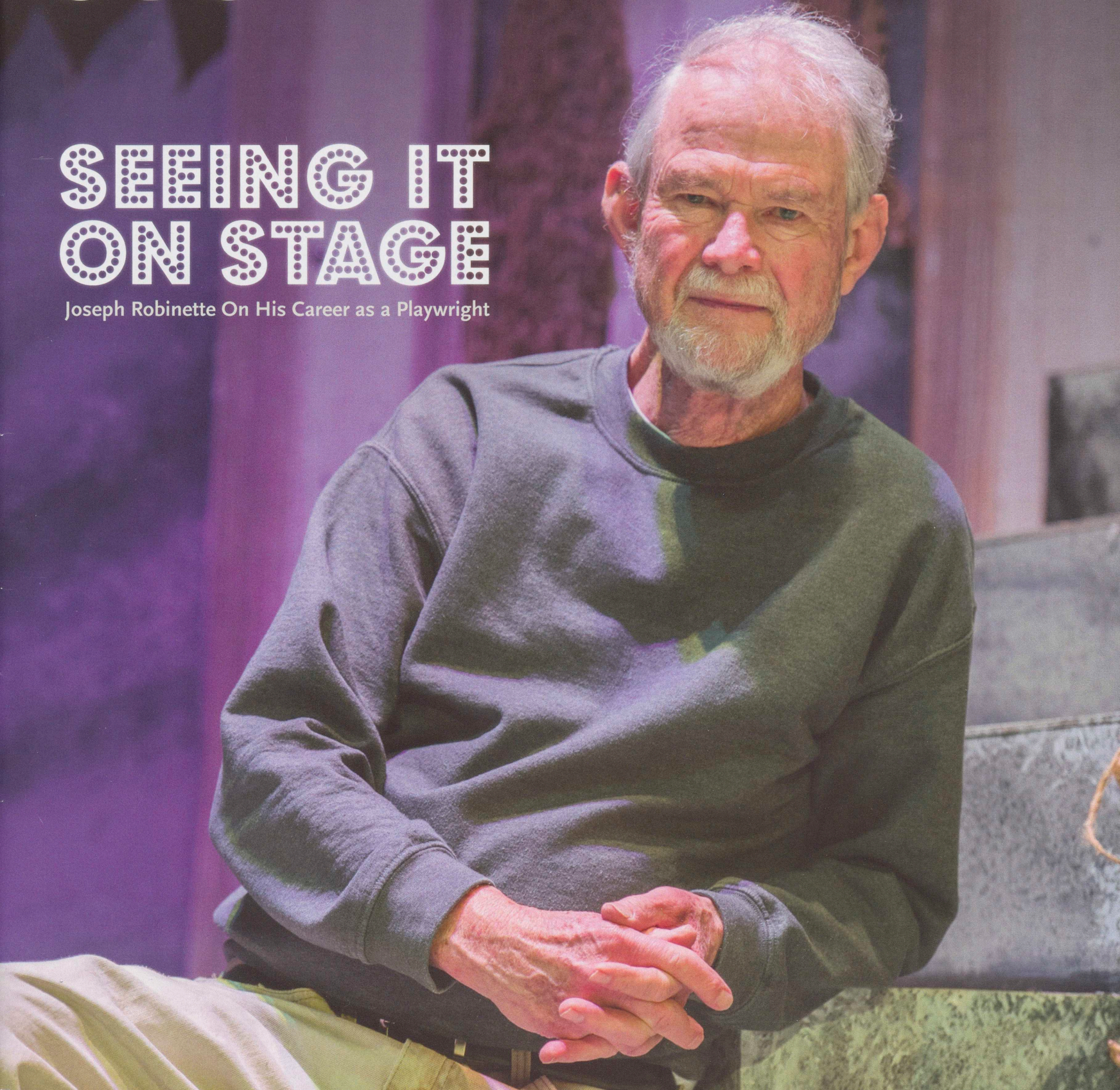
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Excitement reigns during Day of Giving



For the second straight year, the campus community came together to make the SIU Day of Giving a success, raising more than \$440,000 through more than 1,300 individual gifts.

At press time, the official numbers from the March 7 event were not finalized. Visit siuday.siu.edu for complete totals and a full breakdown of the day's giving.

Early results saw many colleges and units with impressive amounts (figures are approximate as of March 8):

- College of Education and Human Services, \$96,000
- School of Medicine, \$65,000
- Touch of Nature, \$52,000
- School of Law, \$33,000
- College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, \$26,000
- College of Liberal Arts, \$21,000
- College of Business, \$18,000
- College of Agricultural Sciences, \$17,000
- Saluki Athletics, \$17,000
- College of Applied Sciences and Arts, \$11,000
- College of Engineering, \$10,000
- SIU Press, \$8,000

- Morris Library, \$6,300
- Marching Salukis, \$2,480
- College of Science, \$1,465

While most of the giving was done online, the spirit of the Day of Giving was evident at booths in the Student Center and Morris Library.

Chancellor Carlo Montemagno thanks all who made the day a success.

"This whole activity is about our incredible SIU community," he said during the Day of Giving event at Morris Library. "One of the elements that is different about SIU is the value that people get by being a Saluki. That value comes from being part of an extended family that you join when you come here and stays with you your entire life."

Search for [#SIUDay](https://www.facebook.com/SIUFoundation) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to see pictures and posts from the big day.

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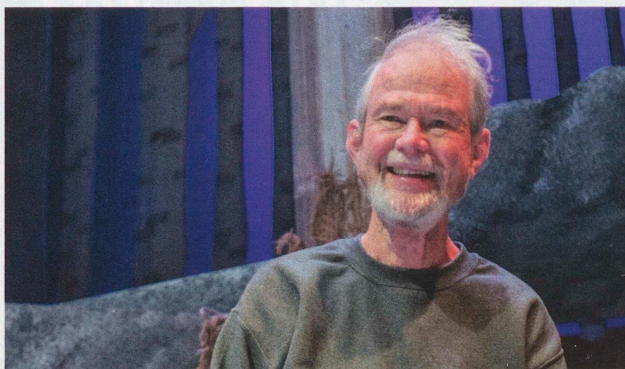
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Joseph Robinette, M.A. '66, Ph. D. '72 on the McLeod Theatre stage at SIU.

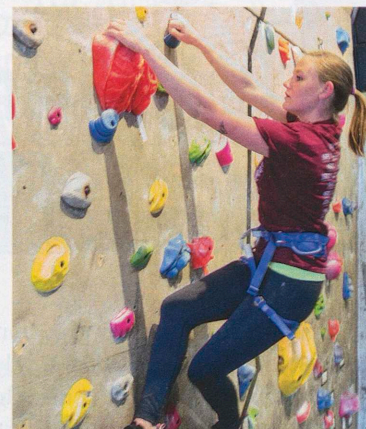
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INTRODUCING THE 2018 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

The SIU Alumni Association will induct three individuals during an April ceremony.

Caleb Hale, editor



The Funny Thing About Distance And The Heart

Distance makes the heart grow fonder, or so the old saying goes. After nearly 15 years of marriage, I can see the truth in the statement, and I suspect my wife certainly relies on our time apart to maintain balance on that fine line between love and exasperation.

Lucky for her I've been on the road many times in the last few years, visiting with alumni in various corners of the country. On my travels – from south Florida to Texas, Nashville, Tennessee to Chicago; even to the relatively close St. Louis – I find alumni feeling great about their own long-distance relationships to their alma mater. It's a perspective I've never actually shared in such pure form, having lived in close proximity to Southern Illinois University since graduating a number of years ago. No doubt I feel good about this university, but working in and around campus, no surprise, makes you privy to the minutia

of information about, well, pretty much anything you want to know. That glut of detail, naturally, comes with good, bad, and ugly. But ask yourself if your workplace is so different?

Traveling and meeting alumni is often a refreshing experience. For them, understandably, there's little time keep up on the particulars. If they live far enough away, hearing anything about SIU is sometimes a treat unto itself. No matter the news, however, I rarely find it discourages them. As far as they're concerned, SIU was the place that made possible their current endeavors, and they've no reason to doubt it will be the same for current and future students.

These days it sometimes seems optimism is devalued as the fool's outlook, that anyone who recognizes the good of something must surely be misinformed. I have little reason to believe, however,

the thousands upon thousands of success stories shared by our alumni are misinformation. If they were to themselves look back on their days at SIU, I'm sure many alumni would remember some of the challenges and heartbreaks they experienced on their way to their ultimate success. No one ever claimed the business of educating and prepping individuals for their futures was a problem-free affair. Few places that claim success have traveled a smooth and undisturbed path. In fact, how legitimate is success without having experienced challenges to overcome?

The funny thing about distance from something and the heart is how it often helps us finally boil things down to our own personal truths on a matter. If the sentiments of many of our alumni account for anything, everyone should feel assured that SIU will continue to convert challenges into success for many years to come.

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SALUKIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Kinkaid Lake Spillway

AA: Today we're looking forward to spring and thinking about swimming at Kinkaid Lake Spillway. Did you visit the falls during your time at #SIUC? Pics or it didn't happen



Hell yeah! You can't say you are a Saluki without a trip to spillway! Man - that was fun! [Jullie Conti Baker via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

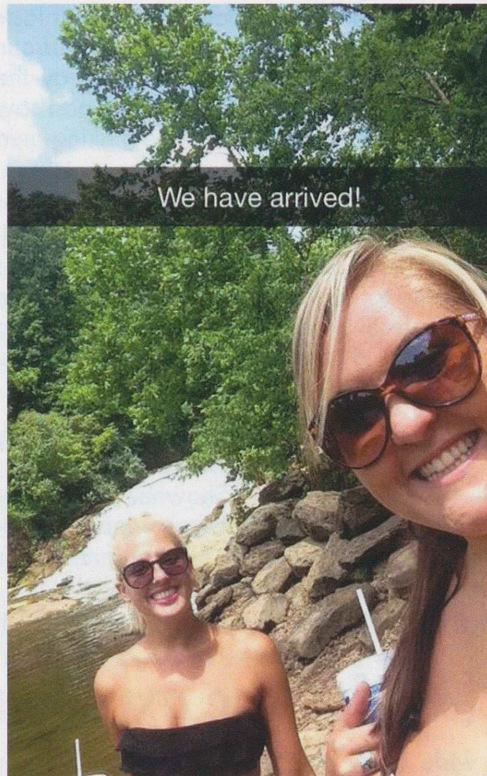


"Mom just got done watching me play rugby for the first time, asked me when I was going to stop playing, poor woman (may she now Rest In Peace). Decided the Spill Way was more conducive then the rugby party. 10/8/88. [Norm Smyth via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"Lugging a full keg to the top was a chore but worth a day out there!!! [Jeffrey Vivacqua via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"Loved the spillway. It was our reward for summer school and work" [Melissa Hahn via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"Totally did visit the spillway back in... can't remember which year... -68-72. But it was so cool!" [Karen Hodapp via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)



"One of my favorite memories." [Nicole G. Lipe via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"Loved the spillway! Glad to see people still go there. 1987" [Andrew Bucke via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"The spill!!! Fun place." [Jackie Krause via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"Brings back memories!" [Jenny Weinstroer via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"Yes favorite SIU Summer pastime!!!" [Destiny Carlyne via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Remember When?

Elvis Played the Arena 1976

"I worked in the Student Center kitchen. We made Elvis's backstage deli trays! We wrote notes and put them on the trays-always wondered if he read them." [Cheryl Nelson Reimer via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"I worked at that show and got to see the 2nd half for free..." [William Dougherty via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"Hot damn tamales I did forget that! I remember Dylan and Zappa (not at the same time, natch) but I don't remember the E man!" [Russ Cowles via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"I was there and so far from the stage that Elvis was bare an inch tall. I still remember the night and I still have my ticket stub." [Shirley Skinner via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"It was a great show!" [Vicky Lekovish via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"I was there. Paid \$7 for tickets!" [Sara Dannehel Mikuta-Henry via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)



"WOW, do I remember that night! Unbelievable that this has surfaced after all these years!" [Cathy C via SIU Alumni Association Twitter](#)

**45th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta
Scheduled for April 28**

"I was a lifeguard at the lake the first year. There was a big crowd and lots of fun!" [Duff Cooper via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"Loved the Cardboard boat races back in the early 80's... but sadly we did not have cell phones to take photos with.... so all I have are memories of a great WET time!" [Billy Mcglone via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Scott Frisch Glad to have it back at campus lake! It is nice to see what has been done with campus lake and the boat docks. We entered the Wareco Wheel in 1986. It was sponsored by Wareco Gas station on the corner of Walnut and Wall street. Great time at SIU... Go Dawgs!" [Scott Firsch via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

We're not sure who these guys were, but they were having a lot of fun sledding down the hill next to the Arena (video from 2009). What was your favorite way to blow off steam while you were on campus?



"Is that a boat???" [Destiny Carlynne via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

" We played snow football after the blizzard of 1978.... students struggled to get back from Christmas break, but classes were canceled (first time in 60 years)." [Melissa Almaguer via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"Yeah, I totally plead the 5th. Let's just say SIU in the mid-90s was pretty awesome lol!" [Sara Bross Novak via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"I remember them! They got good distance on the landing!" [Rhonda Nicole via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

"You don't want to know" [Paul M. Sawtell via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)



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CAMPUS MOMENT

University Museum has reopened to the public, roughly half a year after Illinois' prolonged budget impasse forced the university to shutter the facility. The museum has been a staple of campus since 1874, when it first opened as a natural history museum. Today, the facility cares for about 70,000 artifacts and works of art.





\$75 Million “Forever SIU” Campaign Reaches 75 Percent Of Goal In First Year

A three-year, \$75 million fundraising campaign to support students at Southern Illinois University Carbondale raised more than \$56 million in its first year.

“Forever SIU: The Campaign for Students” launched Jan. 1, 2017. As of Dec. 31, approximately 5,000 donors contributed \$56,317,674, or 75 percent of the \$75 million goal, according to Jim Salmo, chief executive officer of the SIU Foundation.

The campaign’s progress is a sign of confidence in the university, said SIU Chancellor Carlo Montemagno.

“As we meet with our alumni close to home and across the country, I hear stories that reflect great pride in SIU,” Montemagno said. “As we approach our 150th anniversary in 2019, I’m grateful to the many graduates and friends who are investing in our future.”

More than half of the total raised is for student scholarships and fellowships, with the balance supporting academic programs and facilities and technology.

“Every gift, large and small, benefits our students,” Montemagno said.

Salmo said many donors work with foundation staff members to identify options for making gifts. Some make outright donations,

some pledge gifts to be made over several years, and some defer commitments to be made through an estate or other means.

“Many donors are surprised to learn that they have a lot of flexibility in making a gift that supports something near and dear to them at SIU,” Salmo said. “And some are blending their gifts so that they have both immediate and long-term impact. However they choose to give, we are grateful for the positive difference they are making for SIU and its students.”

“The success of ‘Forever SIU’ is only the beginning,” Montemagno added. “There is so much ahead that we can accomplish in partnership with our alumni and friends.”

To learn more about the campaign, visit foreversiu.org.

“Every gift, large and small, benefits our students.”

—SIU Chancellor Carlo Montemagno



Mortuary Science Planning The Next Step

BY JEFF WILSON



At SIU, students studying mortuary science are preparing for a profession that requires compassion for others, as well as expertise in psychology, anatomy, policy and management.

The university's mortuary science program is one of just seven in the country that offers a bachelor's degree, and it's the only one of its kind in Illinois. With about 100

on-campus students and a growing online presence, SIU's mortuary science program is thriving.

Through the Forever SIU fundraising campaign, those in charge of the program hope to take it to the next level and add more value by building an on-site crematorium.

"We would be one of the few schools in the country to offer one," said Anthony Fleege, associate professor of mortuary science.

There would be many benefits, he added.

Students would receive hands-on training and be able to become certified crematory operators, which currently comes at the extra cost of a two-day course at another location. Certification is required to continue in the profession after one year.

An on-site crematorium also would give the university a place to handle the removal of medical cadavers.

Communities and local coroners would benefit, too. More and more often, the cost of cremating the bodies of indigent people is falling on local governments. The university could become the place to send those remains, providing valuable services as well as learning opportunities for students.

While the idea of a crematorium may not sound appealing, no one but those inside would even know it was there.

"There would be no smoke, no ash," Fleege said. "It would be designed to fit in with the current building."

All the planning is done, and building could begin once the funds are raised, Fleege said. The \$250,000 sought by the college would cover building costs, equipment and long-term maintenance.

For more information about the Forever SIU campaign, visit www.foreversiu.org.

Donor Honors Family With Endowment

BY JEFF WILSON
AND REBECCA RENSHAW

When Jason Kane's parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2017, he decided it was the perfect time to honor their legacy.

With a \$25,000 endowment, he created the Scott and Lynn Kane Family Scholarship. It benefits students in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.

Scott Kane graduated from SIU in 1967 with a degree in radio and television. He went on to serve on the Communications Alumni Board and be honored as the college's Alumnus of the Year.

"My father made a difference at SIU," Jason said.



During his time at SIU, Scott was a part of an expanding radio/TV department. His experience left him with fond memories of the university.

"The education was hands-on, and the students had great relationships with the instructors," he said. "There was amazing success coming out of SIU. It had reach around the world.

The endowment will cement Scott and Lynn's legacy at SIU, Jason said.

"It will allow students to know who my father was," he said. "It's tangible and meaningful. It impacts future generations. It's a way to honor their legacy that goes into perpetuity."

Jason's mother, Lynn, is not an SIU alumna, but Jason said her impact was just as important.

"She stood by my dad the entire time," Jason (pictured, far right, with his parents and other family members) said. "He was able to do the things he did because of her."

"If people have dreams and goals, how do they reach them without an education?" Lynn said.

To learn more about the Forever SIU campaign, visit www.foreversiu.org.

Estate Gift Will Help Others Rise

BY REBECCA RENSHAW AND JEFF WILSON

Dan and Toccoa McClary worked to ensure that their daughter, Susan McClary, had every opportunity to succeed. She didn't let them down.

Susan, a renowned musicologist and 1968 SIU graduate, is furthering her parents' mission by making a \$400,000 estate gift through the SIU Foundation. The Don and Toccoa McClary Scholarship will benefit female Native American or African American students who enter programs focused on science, technology, engineering or math (commonly known as STEM).

Her parents were SIU professors who taught microbiology and math. Her father, who was Cherokee, grew up in Oklahoma during the Great Depression. He served in World War II; through the GI Bill, he was able to attend college and earn his doctorate.

"My parents were deeply committed to education, because the education they received allowed them to get out of the Dust Bowl," Susan said. "They made an enormous jump in life by the virtue of education."

That drive was instilled in their daughter, and Susan took their ambition to another level. After earning a bachelor's degree in music from SIU, she received her master's and doctoral degrees in musicology from Harvard University.

"My parents insisted on excellence in education. It was clear I had to make the best grades and always be focused on moving forward," Susan said. "My father wept when he learned I was going to Harvard."

She went on to hold a number of positions in higher education, spending time at the University of Minnesota, McGill University, the University of Oslo and UCLA. Currently, she is a professor in the Department of Music at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

"I work with a program that brings kids from the inner city to campus," Susan said. "My parents would want kids who are disadvantaged to have the same opportunities I did."



Her many accomplishments include being awarded a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Fellowship from 1995 to 2000. In the spring of 2017, she received an honorary Doctor of Music Arts degree from SIU, the place her parents loved so dearly.

"It's a beautiful area. My parents loved going to Giant City and Little Grassy," she said. "The landscape is just gorgeous."

Dan and Toccoa McClary stayed in Carbondale until their deaths in 1984 and 2005, respectively.

"It was quite obvious that I wanted to reinvest in higher education," Susan said. "SIU is a really good place for kids who are the first generation to get their degrees. It's where the money will have the greatest impact."

For more information about the Forever SIU campaign, visit www.foreversiu.org.

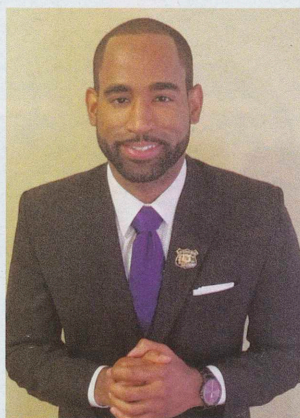
SIU Graduate Thankful For Unique Opportunities

BY REBECCA RENSHAW

If Shaka Mitchell could sum up his experience with the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute in one word, it would be "exposure."

A presidential scholarship recipient, Mitchell served as an ambassador with the Simon Institute. The experience allowed him to meet influential figures from the worlds of business and politics.

"The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute opened doors of opportunity for me. It gave me an avenue to meet a lot of influential people in business and politics. It also introduced me to the world of networking," said Mitchell, a 2011 SIU graduate. "Had I not had that exposure, I would certainly not be where I am today."



"One of the highlights for me was meeting businessman Chris Gardner. The movie 'The Pursuit of Happyness' was based on a book about his life."

As a junior, Mitchell took a martial arts class and quickly learned he had a natural talent for it. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in finance, he enrolled at Yong-In University in South Korea and earned a master's degree in taekwondo.

"I was the only American to ever attend Yong-In University. I did not know any of the language, and I knew no one there. But, that didn't stop me from fulfilling my dream," Mitchell said.

Today, Mitchell lives in Chicago and is making plans to combine his business knowledge with his passion for martial arts to open a fitness gym. He credits the Simon Institute for helping him expand his horizons.

"I would encourage SIU alumni and donors to support the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute," he said.

To learn more, visit www.foreversiu.org.

FOUR DECADES OF IMPACT

Student Recreation Center Marks 40 Years of Service

BY CALEB HALE

The Student Recreation Center, a hub of student and community activity at Southern Illinois University, celebrated its 40th anniversary earlier this spring.

Staff at the facility organized a party to mark the occasion in January, unveiling a new feature – a history wall highlighting the various ways the center and its programs have impacted the university in the last four decades. Previous center employees and patrons also returned for the event.

The Rec Center was officially dedicated on Nov. 5, 1977. Since then, director Troy Vaughn

says the center has been used more than 24 million times by thousands of students and community members, paid about \$15 million in student wages, and served as a space for more than 7,000 events and meetings.

“While the numbers show the impact of the facility...the interesting fact I see is the relationships that have been developed,” Vaughn says. “The SRC has morphed into many things over the years but the one staple it has brought for students is an opportunity to engage in a safe and healthy environment outside of the classroom.”

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What's up at the Rec?

A complete list of upcoming activities and membership rates are available by visiting rec.siu.edu. Memberships include a variety of free ongoing classes. Members also receive discounts on additional paid classes.

“Much of the credit for the initial funding goes to thousands of students from 1964 to 1975. They paid into the student fee needed to construct the facility, but most of them graduated without ever being able to use it.”

TROY VAUGHN

The center is open to all students, who are considered members through the support their fees provide each semester. Memberships are available to anyone in the community, and discounted rates are available to alumni of SIU.

“Much of the credit for the initial funding (of the Rec Center) goes to thousands of

students from 1964 to 1975,” Vaughn says. “They paid into the student fee needed to construct the facility, but most of them graduated without ever being able to use it. I get several questions a year from alumni who return and tell me that. But, most marvel at the final creation and are very proud to have been part of it.”

Vaughn says he's also proud the Rec Center and its staff have been part of promoting the importance and benefits of recreational activities to minority students. In the 1990s, under then-director, the late J. Michael Dunn '84, the staff created Emerging Minority Leaders – today known as Emerging Recreational Sports Leaders, to raise awareness about opportunities through participation in intramural sports. The ERSL has now become an annual workshop sponsored by the National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association focused on diversity in collegiate recreations.

24 MILLION

Number of times the Rec Center has been used since opening

15 MILLION

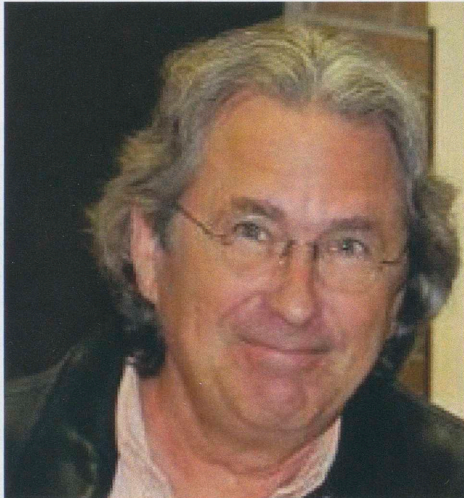
Amount in wages paid to student employees since opening

7,000

Number of events/meetings hosted since opening

Alums Return as Big Muddy Film Festival Jurors

BY PETE ROSENBERY



Tom Ludwig '81

Two award-winning filmmakers and graduates of the cinema and photography program at Southern Illinois University were back on the Carbondale campus in February as jurors for the 40th annual Big Muddy Film Festival.

Alumni Tom Ludwig '81 and Ben Kalina '03, served as two of the three jurors judging this year's selection of 72 films, along with filmmaker Akosua Adoma Owusu. The event is one of the oldest film festivals affiliated with a university in the nation, featuring both competition and



Ben Kalina '03

non-competition films in four categories: animation, documentary, experimental and narrative.

Ludwig, an award-winning filmmaker and arts educator, earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in film production from SIU. His career includes work as an editor, screenwriter and director of photography on feature films and commercials in Detroit, Chicago and Los Angeles, and as a fine arts film/video production and film studies teacher for the Kalamazoo Regional Education Service Agency's

Education for the Arts program and Western Michigan University.

Kalina is the chief operating officer and supervising producer for Titmouse, Inc., a full-service animation production company, where he oversees production and development across the company's three studios in Los Angeles, New York City and Vancouver. Prior to working at Titmouse, Kalina worked in production at Warner Bros. Animation and VFX, helping to develop a digital pipeline and transitioning the studio from traditional paper animation to digital. In 2016, while serving as producer, Kalina shared a Daytime Emmy in the "Outstanding Children's Animated Program" category for Amazon's series "Niko and the Sword of Light."

Kalina credits his current successes to the time and abundance of resources he was given at SIU to develop his craft. "Having the freedom to experiment in film production and find my own ways to work outside of the classroom helped me develop an entrepreneurial approach to production, which led me to my career as producer and eventual studio executive for independent studios," Kalina says.

Contributions by Caleb Hale

OnlineColleges.com Ranks SIU No. 1

Top Rank For Financial Aid Opportunities

BY CHRISTI MATHIS

Southern Illinois University is No. 1 on Online Colleges' "10 Online Colleges with the Best Financial Aid Opportunities in 2017."

The website, a comprehensive resource about online colleges and degree programs, recently released the rankings, placing SIU at the highest spot from among 969 colleges and universities evaluated. Editors evaluated and scored multiple variables related to

student finance to obtain the rankings. The rankings take into account both the online programs offered and the financial aid opportunities available to students.

Student loans play into the rankings, however grants and scholarships -- particularly those offered by the institution -- are especially valued in the formula used to determine the ranks. The data analyzed also included the net cost, alternative tuition plans offered, the percentage of

students receiving financial aid and the average aid offered.

SIU's profile on the site highlights the university's diverse and extensive bachelor's and master's degree online programs, the high ranks for percentage of the student body receiving financial aid, and the average amount of grant and scholarship aid awarded to students. Also noted is the university's commitment to diversity and making education accessible to everyone through financial aid opportunities.

The university's profile is available for viewing by visiting onlinecolleges.com/Illinois.

University Appoints Three To Key Positions

Southern Illinois University recently appointed **Lori Stettler, MS Ed. '89** vice chancellor for student affairs in addition to two interim appointments -- Todd Bryson '08 as associate vice chancellor for diversity and Julianne Wallace as associate dean and director of the Graduate School.

Stettler's appointment comes after what Chancellor Carlo Montemagno described as a "long and successful tenure" in the position as an interim, in which she had been serving since 2015. Prior to that appointment she had been assistant vice chancellor for auxiliary services. She has worked at SIU since 2006.

Stettler now oversees offices, including University Housing, the Student Center, Recreational Sports and Services, Student Health Services, Wellness and Health Promotion, Counseling and Psychological Services, Rainbow's End Child Development Center, Touch of Nature Environmental Center, Mass Transit, Campus Dining, Dean of Students, Veterans Services, Non-Traditional Student Services, Saluki Cares, Students Rights and Responsibilities, Student Legal Services and the Multi-Cultural Student Resource Centers. With the elimination of University College, she is also responsible for Project Achieve, Student Learning and Support Services, Upward Bound, First Scholars, Disability Support Services, Career Services, New Student Programs, Volunteerism and Student Learning and Student Support Services.

Bryson, of Carbondale, is an alumnus of SIU and has served in a number of roles at the university, including positions largely focusing on diversity and student success, during the past decade. He has been fulfilling a dual role at the university in recent years, serving as assistant director of diversity for University Housing since 2013 and as the director of the Student Multicultural Resource Center since 2016. Currently the co-chair of the Chancellor's Diversity Council,

Bryson has served on the council since 2016 and is also a member of the SIU President's Diversity Advisory Council. He will continue to oversee the Multicultural Resource Center while he serves as interim associate chancellor for diversity.

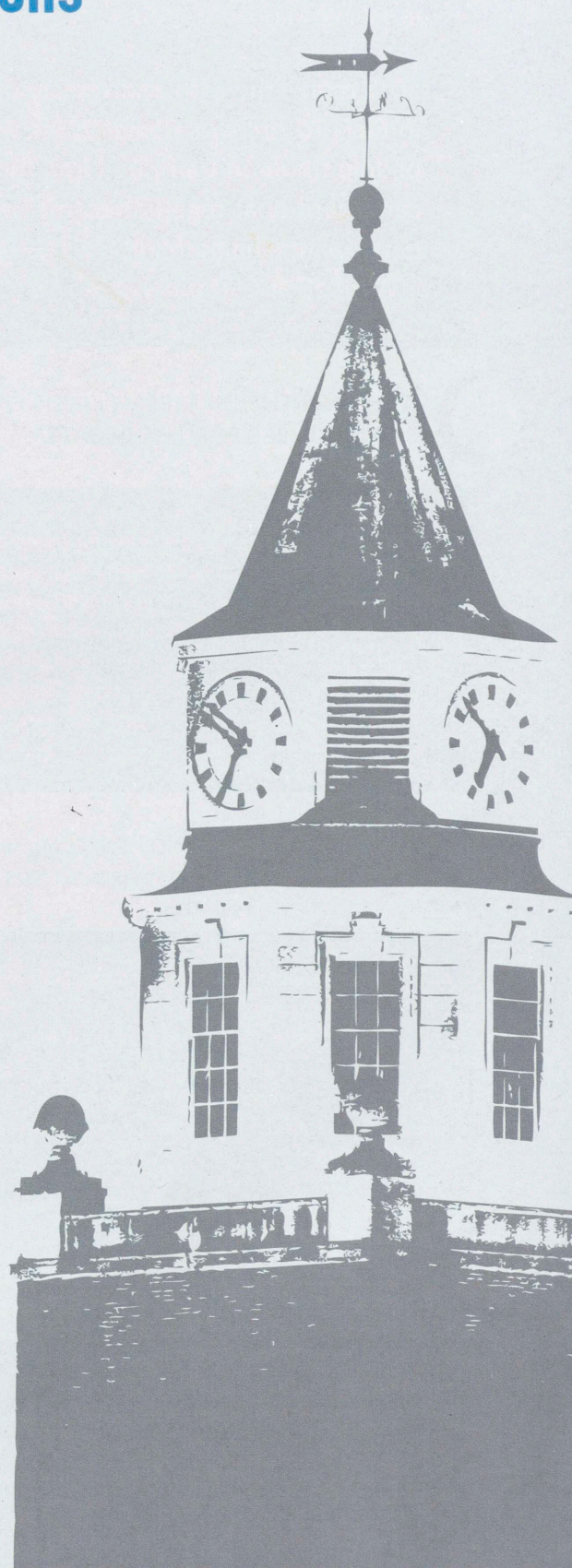
Bryson succeeds Elizabeth Lewin who was called out of retirement to serve as interim associate chancellor for diversity beginning in September 2016. The search for a permanent associate chancellor for diversity will commence at a future date.

Wallace, who was previously associate professor and chair of the Department of Kinesiology, and interim chair of the Department of Public Health and Recreations at SIU, will oversee all of the Graduate School's day-to-day operations, including admissions, fellowships, assistantships and support for student success.

She joined the faculty of SIU as an assistant professor in August 2004. Since then, she has taken on a variety of academic and administrative roles, providing leadership on several strategic initiatives. In 2007, Wallace was named the founding program director for Exercise Science, a program that has consistently enrolled more than 200 students during the last few years. She was promoted to associate professor in 2010.

Wallace earned her doctorate in exercise physiology in 2004 from Iowa State University, where she was awarded the Iowa State University College of Education Future Faculty Fellowship. Her research and teaching interests include exercise physiology, cardiovascular control, aging and the influence of physical activity in controlling blood pressure.

- *Contributions from Christi Mathis, Pete Rosenbery, and Tim Crosby*



AHOY, MATEY! A CONVERSATION WITH MARY KINSEL

DIRECTOR OF THE MASS SPECTROMETRY FACILITY, ADJUNCT FACULTY IN CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY, AND ADVISOR OF THE BETA PSI CHAPTER OF ALPHA CHI SIGMA, THE FRATERNITY HOSTING THE GREAT CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA.

2018 marks the 45th anniversary of the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, an SIU original. The regatta was born in Richard Archer's design class when he assigned a project to build boats from corrugated cardboard and paddle them on Campus Lake. In true Saluki fashion, the creative challenge became a celebration, and the cardboard boat regatta became one of SIU's best-loved traditions. The regatta has drawn more than 4,000 participants, half-a-million visitors, and inspired some 2,000 regattas after the SIU model. This year's regatta is April 28 at Campus Lake.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT KINDS OF CARDBOARD BOAT ELIGIBLE FOR THE REGATTA?

There are four classes. Class I is for boats powered by oar or paddle, Class II is for boats with mechanical propulsion. By that I mean paddle wheel or propeller – not an engine! It's all human-powered. Class III is a youth race for those aged 13 and younger. And Class IV is the Instant-Boat race, where participants make the boat that day. The course is 200 yards -- 75 yards out, 50 yards across to the next buoy, and then back to the finish line.

I'VE HEARD THERE ARE SOME SPECIAL TROPHIES. BESIDES SATISFACTION, WHAT DO THE WINNERS RECEIVE?

The first three finishers in each category win a trophy. We have renamed the design award for "best use of cardboard" the Briggs and Busch award, to honor emeritus art and design faculty members Larry "Skip" Briggs and Larry Busch, who coordinated the event for many years. The Titanic Award is for the most spectacular sinking on course.

YOU ARE THE ADVISOR FOR THE ALPHA CHI SIGMA FRATERNITY THAT IS COORDINATING THE EVENT. BUT AREN'T YOU ALSO A REGATTA-VETERAN YOURSELF?

Yes! Once families start to participate, it's hard to stop! When our children were little, we made a boat almost like a catamaran and painted it like a hotdog. They wore red and yellow and were catsup and mustard. We've also helped them make boats to represent a piece of pie and a bottle of root beer – a root beer float.

WILL YOU SHARE SOME OF YOUR SECRETS OF SUCCESS?

Allow yourself enough time – we start three weekends ahead. Building the boat the night before is probably not the best idea. The glue takes time to dry – drying is important! For paint, use an exterior water-based latex paint. Oil paints take much longer to dry. It's very important to waterproof your seals. Most people use duct tape for that. Your design should be fun, but also consider water displacement, and there must be enough of the boat in the water for stability. An upright boat is going to bobble and may tip over.

WHAT ABOUT THE INSTANT BOATS?

Many people overestimate the strength of the cardboard and are surprised at how quickly it can fall apart. It might help to come with a design in mind -- you can find examples on YouTube. There isn't time for glue to dry, so you have to fold your boat, almost like origami. The on-site kit includes duct tape for your seams and plastic for water proofing.

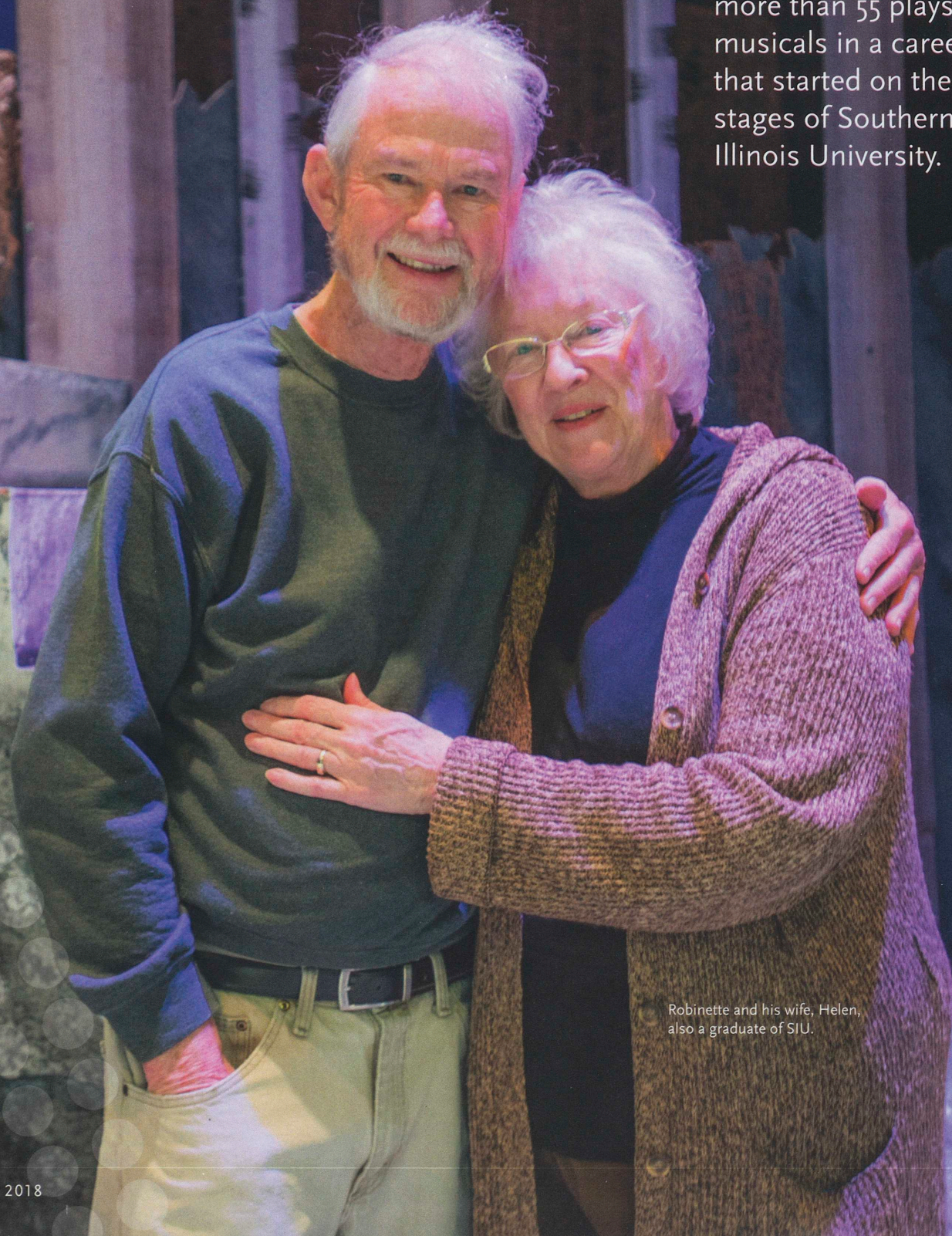
ANYTHING ELSE?

Most important of all – have fun!



SEEING IT

Alumnus Joseph Robinette has written more than 55 plays and musicals in a career that started on the stages of Southern Illinois University.



Robinette and his wife, Helen, also a graduate of SIU.

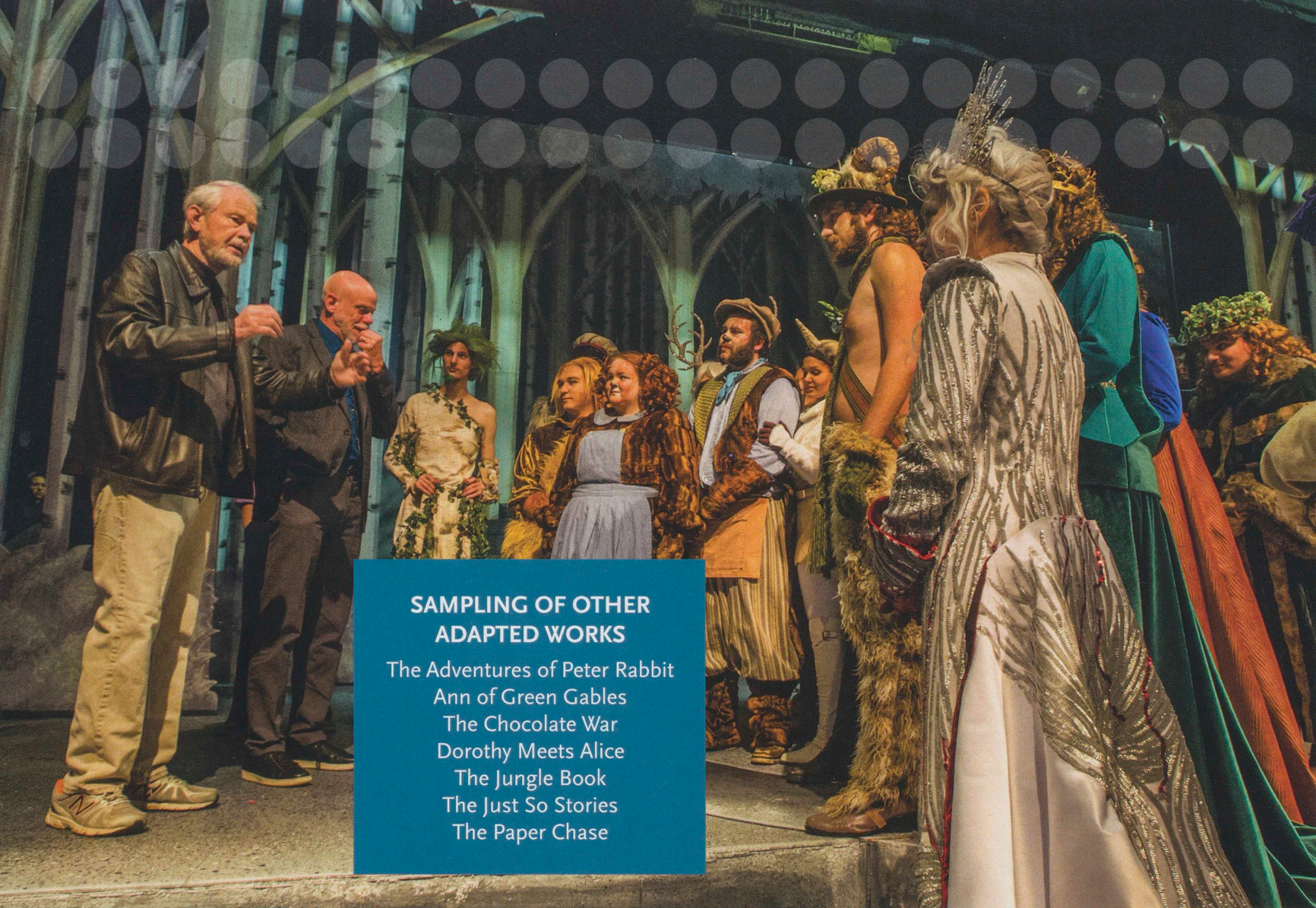
ON STAGE

BY CALEB HALE



Writing for the stage doesn't get easier the longer you do it. As Joseph Robinette, M.A. '66, Ph.D. '72 puts it, he's just learned to work through the process a little bit faster.

Say, for instance, you wanted to write something about a knight, who defeats 101 enemy soldiers, before beheading a 50-foot dragon only to discover both the soldiers and dragon were extra-terrestrial beings with a mothership that's now descended to begin blasting away the landscape with its laser cannon. Scattered story structure and suspension of disbelief aside, the scene probably isn't too much for the mind to visualize, but Robinette's career has been one of forging imagination tempered by the practicality of acting things out on stage effectively, believably, and (sometimes most important) on budget.



SAMPLING OF OTHER ADAPTED WORKS

The Adventures of Peter Rabbit
 Ann of Green Gables
 The Chocolate War
 Dorothy Meets Alice
 The Jungle Book
 The Just So Stories
 The Paper Chase

ABOVE: Joseph Robinette works with the cast for the McLeod Theatre performance of “The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe.” The SIU Department of Theater staged a revival of the production, which Robinette adapted for the stage in 1989.

In the fall, Robinette returned to SIU for the first time in more than 30 years to conduct a master class and assist in the Department of Theater’s revival performance of “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe,” a stage adaptation of the high fantasy C.S. Lewis novel Robinette authored in 1989. Pulling a lengthy novel with such fantastical elements and tailoring them to the stage is a process he’s learned to reconcile over the years.

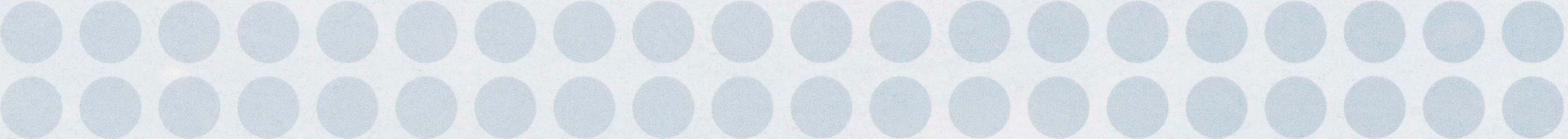
“I basically do a triage,” Robinette says. “I read the book three or four times, taking notes. I go back over it and decide this, this, and this must stay. The second part is I want to use as much of the rest of the story as possible to keep it familiar for the audience. Then, it’s about what you’re taking out, because you’re essentially taking a book that would take 15 to 20 hours to read and reducing it into an hour and a half performance.

“I want to make it as easy to stage as possible, but on the other hand I want it to be a formidable thing that will entertain the audience,” he says. “After I do a scene

I ask myself, if I were directing this, would I have a problem? If so, maybe I add a little dialogue here; take something away there.”

That compassion for the director’s plight is something he learned while at SIU. Working with notable theater department names like Christian H. Moe, founder of the playwriting program on campus, and Marion Kleinau, Robinette assisted on several stage performances, including directing a production of “Hansel and Gretel” on what was then The Calipre Stage.

It was a nice stepping stone to writing and publishing, of which his break came in the early 1980s when Robinette was asked to adapt for stage the E.B. White classic children’s novel, “Charlotte’s Web.” After leaving SIU in the early 1970s, Robinette and his wife, Helen, also a graduate of SIU, relocated to New Jersey. Since then, he has authored or co-authored more than 55 published plays and musicals, which have been performed across the United States and in 21 countries. Most of his work has been done for the Dramatic Publishing Company based in Woodstock, Illinois.



Robinette and J. Thomas Kidd, chair of the theater department, discuss matters prior to a performance on the McLeod stage.

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JOSEPH ROBINETTE

In 2013 Robinette earned a Tony Award nomination for his work on “A Christmas Story: The Musical.” He has also been honored as a nominee for the Drama Desk Award and has received the American Alliance for Theatre and Education’s Distinguished Play Award, as well as the Children’s Theatre Foundation of America medallion.

While commissioned adaptations have made up the majority of his career, Robinette keeps motivated and creatively stimulated with one or two personal projects at any given time.

“I do enjoy starting fresh with a new play idea. Having these personal projects to go back to, even if

you have to leave it for six months at a time to do other work, that’s what keeps me motivated,” Robinette says.

Helen says the creative process and focus of her husband is remarkable. Even when his playwriting was done on a TV tray, with a football game and kids running around the house. “His process is quite formidable,” she says. “When he’s writing, the world around him just isn’t there.”

Helen, Robinette says, is also his best editor. “Fortunately, she’s gentle about it,” he says.

Theater, it seems, will always have a place in the entertainment landscape, or so Robinette’s royalty statements would suggest. Stage performances thrive in many communities throughout the country and world, he says. Most of the time, groups are looking for shows they can produce without breaking the bank, and adaptations of familiar stories – a niche Robinette has been able to master throughout his playwriting career – are popular choices.

Robinette has seen dozens of plays and musicals in his mind before they’re even performed. From his experience at SIU, he’s learned to see how his writing could play out as a performance.

“If I’m seeing it on stage as I write it, I know it’s got good potential to be something special,” he says.

Paper Sheds
New Light On

Big Spenders

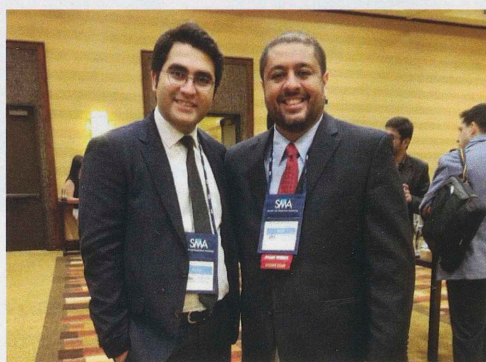
SIU Doctoral Students Win
National Award for Conspicuous
Consumption Research

BY CHRISTI MATHIS

"Their research propositions shed light on mechanisms underlying luxury consumption as a function of materialism and psychological power."

A fully-loaded luxury car. An 88-inch 4K TV. The iPhone X. People sometimes buy expensive stuff just to impress others, a phenomenon known as conspicuous consumption. And while it may look like a simple case of showing off, two marketing doctoral students at Southern Illinois University have discovered there's more involved in those purchasing decisions than meets the eye.

Ramin Bagherzadeh, a native of Iran, and Jose Saavedra Torres, from Venezuela, authored a research paper entitled, "Need for more: Conspicuous consumption, social settings and materialism." The paper recently earned them national recognition as The Pearson Education Michael Solomon Best



Paper in Consumer Behavior Track. Their research involved studying perceptions people have of themselves and their status in relation to their purchasing habits. People who feel somewhat powerless in their lives, they learned, are more likely to believe that buying expensive items increases their power and status, leading them to even more conspicuous consumption.

"We also proposed that social context would moderate this relationship," Saavedra says.

Early research showed consumers who feel less powerful are more prone to

conspicuous consumption in a public setting rather than a private one. The expensive purchases lead them to feel more powerful, but they also feed on the perceptions of others and are more likely to buy pricey goods if others are watching. Conversely, conspicuous consumption drives are lower for consumers who already perceive themselves as higher on the power grid, and their drives seem to be unaffected by the social context or who is watching.

Bagherzadeh and Saavedra propose the degree of materialism people embrace affects their buying habits, particularly in some groups.

"People who perceive themselves as having more power are likely to have a higher preference for conspicuous consumption if they are more materialistic, whereas consumers who feel less powerful seem to have a higher preference for conspicuous consumption, regardless of their materialistic condition," Bagherzadeh says.

The research paper began as a class project. Bagherzadeh initiated the work during the fall 2016 Consumer Behavior Seminar taught by Jaehoon Lee, assistant professor of marketing. Saavedra joined him for further study and expansion of the first paper.

Saavedra says their work is still in the early stages and based largely on small-scale research, which they intend to expand upon by collecting more data. They will then submit their findings to prestigious journals for publication, Bagherzadeh says.

Lee says early findings in the research paper are very relevant and worthy of consideration by people who are engaged in marketing products and services.



"Their research propositions shed light on mechanisms underlying luxury consumption as a function of materialism and psychological power," he says. "That is, marketing practitioners should take into account different consumer motives driving luxury consumption."

The research paper by Saavedra and Bagherzadeh won national recognition as The Pearson Education Michael Solomon Best Paper in Consumer Behavior Track. The annual prize goes to the best peer-reviewed competitive consumer behavior research paper. The two received their award at the recent 2017 Society for Marketing Advances (SMA) annual conference in Louisville, Ky.

Bagherzadeh and Saavedra plan to continue their research and their doctoral studies at SIU. Saavedra's research interests include marketing strategy, branding, sales and business to business marketing. He anticipates completing his degree in May 2019. Bagherzadeh's research focuses largely on marketing strategy, online consumer behavior and social media and he plans to graduate in 2020. They will both seek positions in academia, joining the faculty at a research-oriented university somewhere, they say.

Seriously Scientific About Coffee

BY TIM CROSBY



Coffee – the smell alone can do wonders for the mind, body and soul.

In fact, the aroma of coffee is important enough for scientific study, and a senior who is earning a degree in chemistry at SIU is steeping himself in a project to find out how to best preserve that wonderful smell and thereby produce a better cup of Joe.

Jackson Wood, of Apex, N.C., came to SIU specifically for the research opportunities afforded to undergraduates. Now he's working with Mary Kinsel, an associate scientist in SIU's Office of Sponsored Projects Administration and adjunct professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, on the project, which also involves SIU alumnus **Curt Jones '81**, founder of Dippin' Dots Ice Cream.

Jones, who's ice cream treat gets its special bead-like shape from flash freezing, has a new product called 40 Below Joe, a coffee preserved fresh by cryogenically freezing it instead of using traditional freeze-drying methods. He began experimenting with beads of frozen coffee several years ago to create the product, which can be served hot or cold.

Freeze-drying a product removes moisture, which can alter it. But freezing it cryogenically preserves the moisture, while the liquid nitrogen environment – which is low in oxygen – in theory prevents oxidation from altering the taste, as well.

But quantifying just how much better the product is – well, that's where Wood and Kinsel come in.

The research involves comparing the aroma compounds in frozen coffee, analyzing the differences between frozen coffee and flash liquid nitrogen-frozen coffee. Wood also compared the difference between coffee stored at -20C and -40C over a period of six months to see how temperature affects quality.

The duo use scientific instrumentation, such as gas chromatography – mass spectrometry, to actually quantify the differences, taking the subjective concept of a pleasant aroma into the more objective world of chemistry.

Coffee, Wood points out, is one of the most popular commodities in the world and, therefore, of major economic and cultural interest.

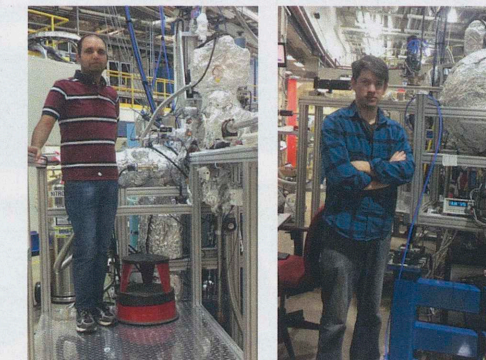
“We are hoping to expand the research to discover the chemical compounds that cause coffee to taste bad, too,” he says. “All this has furthered my understanding of chemistry significantly.”



SIU Students Spend 72 Hours In The Path Of Einstein

BY TIM CROSBY

When the United States entered the nuclear power age, Argonne National Laboratory is where much of the work happened. Since its inception in the 1940s, the lab and its satellite locations have remained at the forefront of physics research.



Two graduate students, one earning a master's degree in physics and one earning a doctorate in applied physics, recently spent a weekend there following in the footsteps of one of the giants of science – Albert Einstein himself – during a marathon session using some of the most advanced research equipment in the world.

Graduate student Stephen Hofer and Anil Aryal spent 72 straight hours mapping out the electronic features of a topological insulator. To do so, they used an array of instruments known as the Angle-resolved Photoemission Spectroscopy, or ARPES.

ARPES is the more advanced form of the Photoelectric Effect, the discovery of which led to Einstein's 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics. The discovery dealt with the laws governing how electrons move through solids.

Hofer and Aryal's work on topological insulators is related to a variety of applications, including futuristic quantum computing, which promise enormous advances over the fastest super computers of today.

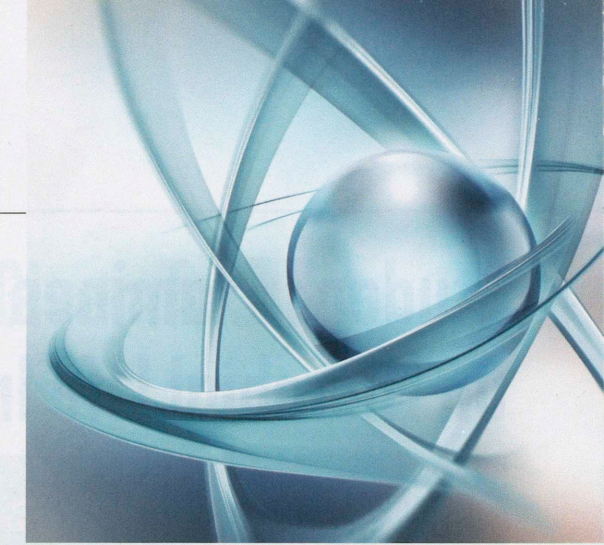
The grad students work with Dipanjan Mazumdar, assistant professor of physics, who says the trip to Argonne provided the students access to state-of-the-art facilities that cannot be achieved in any university setting.

“The reason is the availability of synchrotron radiation in national labs like Argonne that provides broadband electromagnetic waves, from infrared to X-rays,” Mazumdar says. “Using synchrotron radiation, Stephen and Anil were able to probe and understand how specific foreign atoms behave inside a topological insulator.”

Hofer says SIU is located in what might be considered a geographic sweet spot for studying physics, with three national laboratories located within a five-hour drive of campus. It also helps with collaborations with other universities nearby.

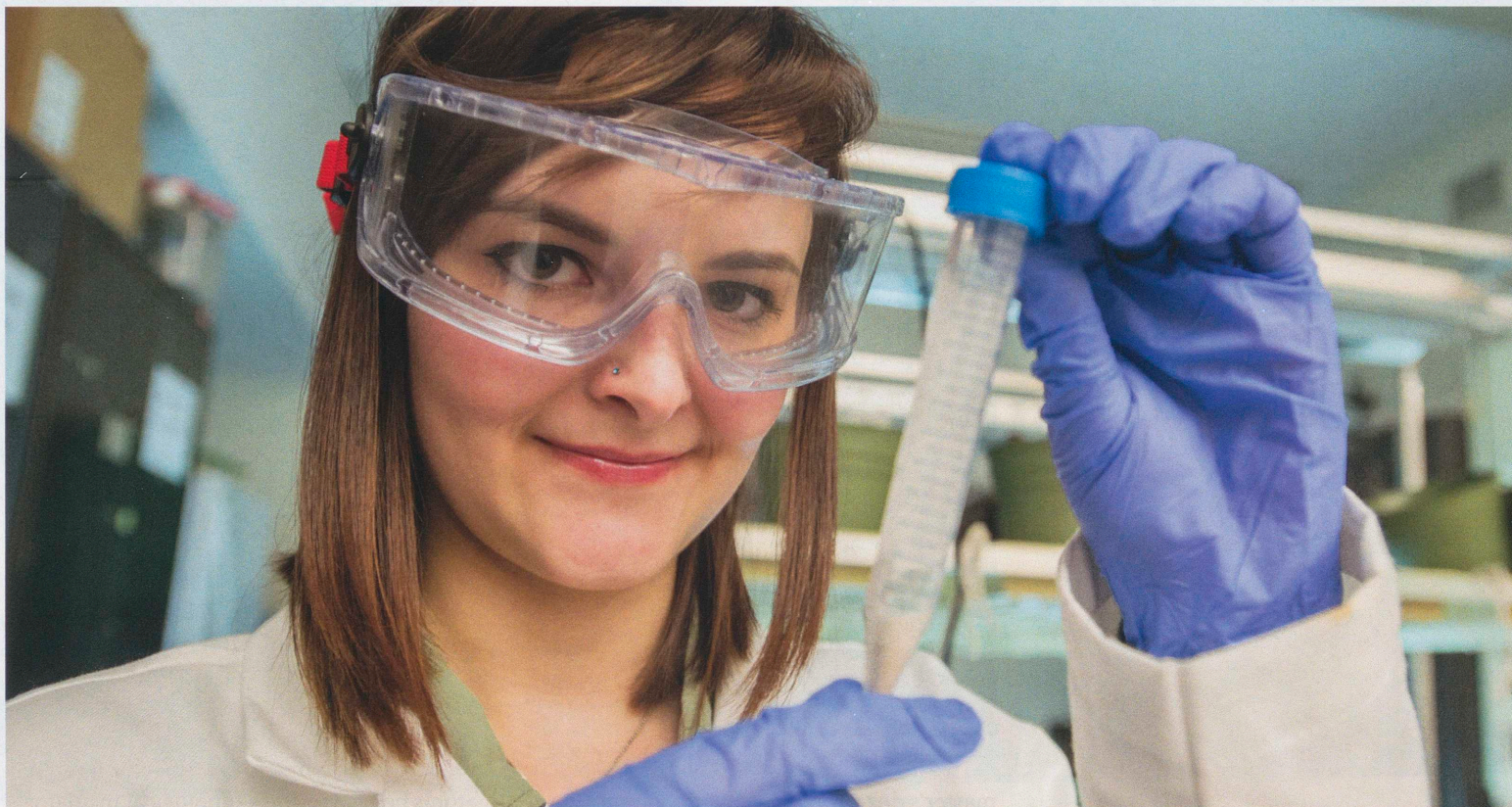
“It allows students to utilize resources far beyond the scope of any one campus,” Hofer says.

“That gives us many opportunities to perform advanced experiments.”



Student Examines Nanoparticle Impact On Microbial Life In Local Water

BY TIM CROSBY



Marissa Campobasso, a senior in civil and environmental engineering at SIU, in the lab on campus.

Nano materials hold great promise in fields such as engineering and medicine. But the impact on the environment of the super-small materials, which already are quietly common in our daily lives, is largely unknown.

An undergraduate student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale is trying to find out what those impacts might be.

Marissa Campobasso, a senior who is earning a degree in civil and environmental engineering, is working with Assistant Professor Jia Liu to find out how two types of nanoparticles might impact the microbial community in local waters. That

microscopic-level of life might serve as the proverbial “canary in the coal mine,” should the nano materials cause adverse effects.

Last year Campobasso visited Crab Orchard Creek in a location where the Carbondale Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant effluent mixes it. She filled 12 flasks with equal amounts of water from the waterway, adding silver nanoparticles to three of them, zinc oxide nanoparticles to another three and both types to three others. The final three served as a control group, with no particles added to them.

She then loaded the flasks onto mechanical shakers, which agitated them to

simulate the movement of the creek water. She repeated a series tests for three days every 24 hours to see how the nanoparticles affected the microbes in the lake, with the answers coming soon.

“I am expecting the microbial communities to decline, however, it would be a good sign if they didn’t,” she said. “If my results look promising, I will share them with the Illinois EPA and submit it to a journal for publication.”

Campobasso was recently offered a summer internship at Argonne National Laboratory, one of the top national research labs in the country.

River Monster: 115-Pound Black Carp Given To SIU

BY TIM CROSBY

Southern Illinois University Carbondale researchers, earlier this year, received what is believed to be the largest specimen of the invasive fish species known as black carp ever brought in for scientific analysis.

The fish, a 115-pound female caught by commercial fishers on the Mississippi River near Cape Girardeau, Missouri could help unlock important secrets about its range, health and reproductive potential in that river and its larger tributaries, says Gregory Whitledge, associate professor of zoology.

Researchers, including graduate student Hudman Evans, who is writing his master's thesis in zoology on the invasive black carp issue, have removed key organs and tissue samples that will tell the scientists much about the individual and its population.

"This specimen will contribute diet analysis data to my project and also shed light on how black carp diets change as they get older and grow to bigger sizes," he says.

Black carp initially were brought to the United States from their native China as a potential means of controlling parasite-carrying snails that were damaging aquaculture fish in the southern states. At some point, however, some of them escaped – possibly during flooding events – and made their way to the Mississippi River.

The first wild black carp were caught in the river during the early 2000's. But during the last five years, commercial fishers increasingly have reported catching them in nets along with the game fish they are seeking. It's a worrying trend Whitledge says and one that SIU is on the vanguard of investigating.

"We have several projects going with the black carp, as well as Asian carp, another invasive species," Whitledge says. "We hope this fish will tell us more about how black carp might impact native species, how big the potential population is, their range and how fast they are expanding."

Whitledge says the enormous specimen is certainly the largest ever brought in for scientific research, and quite possibly the largest ever caught in the United States. "This is the largest individual so far, so one thing we're trying to understand is how old they get and how that might impact the size of the potential population."



Hudman Evans, a graduate student of zoology at SIU, holds up the 115-pound black carp recently given to the university by fishermen, who caught the beastly fish in the waters of the Mississippi River near Cape Girardeau, Missouri.





Coming Home

2018

Jerry Kill Returning to SIU as
Special Assistant to Chancellor
BY GENE GREEN

For many years, former Saluki football coach Jerry Kill has said that that when his coaching days were done, southern Illinois is where he and his family would call home. He turned the statement into fact recently, when he returned to SIU to assist with fundraising, student recruitment, and other initiatives.

Kill begins his position as an ambassador and special assistant to Chancellor Carlo Montemagno in March. "I've raised money every place that I've been, and have been a recruiter for more than 30 years," he notes. "When I think about what SIU is asking me to do, I'm excited because I care about the university and feel I have the skills to fit the role they are looking for me to play."

Montemagno knows he is getting someone that people know and trust.

"Jerry comes home to SIU with a commitment to moving us forward," Montemagno says. "He remains highly regarded among fans, alumni, and the community for playing perhaps the most significant role in the transformation of the university's football program."

SIU Athletics Director Tommy Bell also looks forward to Kill's return. "Coach Kill has a national profile and tremendous passion for this institution," he says. "He will be a valuable asset on our plan to restore the glory of Saluki Athletics."

Kill was head football coach at SIU from 2001 to 2007, leading the Salukis to five straight appearances in the Football Championship Subdivision and winning three straight Gateway Football Conference

Championships. While at SIU he also received the prestigious Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year Award in 2004 and the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award in 2007.

He left SIU to serve as head coach at Northern Illinois University from 2008 to 2010, delivering three bowl eligible teams and then became head coach at the University of Minnesota from 2011 to 2015. While there, he was named 2014 Big Ten Coach of the Year, sent three teams to bowl games and produced six NFL draft picks. He served as associate athletic director at Kansas State University in 2016 and offensive coordinator at Rutgers University in 2017, before retiring from coaching in December due to health issues.

Kill has dealt with epilepsy for much of his coaching career, serving as an advocate for others with and earning widespread respect and national attention. He chronicles his experiences as a coach in his 2016 book, "Chasing Dreams: Living My Life One Yard at a Time."

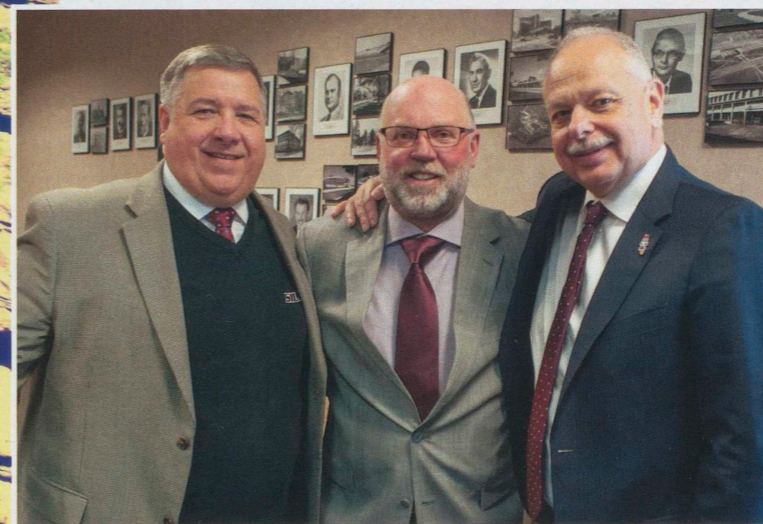
The Saluki Hall of Famer dealt with other challenges earlier in his career.

At the end of the 2005 football season, Kill had surgery to remove a cancerous tumor on his kidney. During his cancer treatments he befriended many people from southern Illinois who were going through such challenges. The affable head coach knew many did not have the resources he was fortunate to be blessed with, and felt he had to do something to make a difference.

The end result of his personal experience with cancer was that he and his wife, Rebecca, worked to establish a fund to financially assist families and individuals coping with cancer. Working with the Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation, the Coach Kill Fund was created. They remain committed to that endeavor, and its pledge of every single dollar raised going directly to recipients.

And throughout their many stops along the way during a legendary career, southern Illinois was always where the Kills vowed to return. They bought and renovated a house at Lake of Egypt several years ago that they will now call home.

This is a really special place to me – I've never hidden that," Kill explains. "I've always valued the warmth and support of this area, and am excited to contribute to the university's future in any way possible. It's an honor to have the opportunity to help tell SIU's great story."



From left, SIU Athletics Director Tommy Bell, Jerry Kill, and Chancellor Carlo Montemagno at the press conference to announce the new position for the former Saluki head football coach.

Russia-Born

SALUKI FRESHMAN

Embraces Her SIU Softball Family

BY TONY MCDANIEL

“In every stage of my life I’ve had some sort of different family through softball, but I think my Saluki family is one of the most important ones.”



Maris Boelens



It’s easy to take our opportunities in life for granted. For SIU Softball freshman outfielder Maris Boelens, however, she keeps those opportunities in the forefront of her mind.

Boelens spent the first days of her life in an orphanage in Russia before she and her brother were adopted and moved to Illinois. This opened new doors to a more promising life, as she says children who are not adopted in Russia have few opportunities. In general, if children are not adopted by the time they turn 14, they are kicked out of the orphanage and can end up in the military, homeless, or in far worse scenarios.

“In Russia we had nothing,” she says. “Just to think that my life could be so different today almost scares me. I’m really grateful that my parents came and got me, as every day is a different feeling. There isn’t a day that goes by that I don’t think about how different life could be.”

Boelens and her brother were adopted into a big family in Aledo, Illinois. She is one of four siblings and the only girl. Her parents are divorced, but both parents and her stepmother are a huge part of her life.

When Boelens was six, she began playing softball and was on a travel team from the time she was eight. “When I was a kid, my dad and I would play catch. When you grow up around boys, you play a lot of sports and I played a lot of baseball,” she recalls. “It took my mind off of a lot of things and was fun. I went to hitting and pitching practices and started slap hitting when I was 10. It’s been a part of my daily routine since I was a kid.”

At Alleman High School, Boelens was a leader for the Pioneers. She posted an average above .400 for three-straight seasons and hit .537 as a senior with a home run, eight doubles, 10 RBI, and five steals in 22 games. Her success as a hitter caught the eye of Saluki Associate Head Coach Jen Sewell, and earned her an invite to one of the Salukis’ camps.

“In my junior year, SIU Head Coach Kerri Blaylock contacted me,” Boelens says. “Before that I honestly knew nothing about the university. I loved the camp and the family feel of the team and coaches. Sometimes coaches can be negative, but Coach Blaylock is the opposite. She is calm about everything – almost like a mother figure. I feel I can talk to her about anything, as she cares about her players. That’s what made me come here.”

Family is important to Boelens. Be it her adopted family in Aledo, or her new Saluki family in Carbondale, she is grateful for the support.

“In every stage of my life I’ve had some sort of different family through softball, but I think my Saluki family is one of the most important ones,” Boelens notes. “This team is so family based, as we are always together. I look up to my teammates, and the coaches always want to help us. They all make it easier for me to be away from home.”

Softball Salukis Picked Second In Valley

The SIU Softball team is second in the MVC Preseason Poll, placing four players on the all-conference team. The Salukis are a part of a crowded top-three teams in the poll, as just two points separate first and third place. Illinois State was selected first with 88 points and two first-place votes, the Salukis are second with 87 points and three first-place votes and Northern Iowa are third with 86 points and three first-place votes.

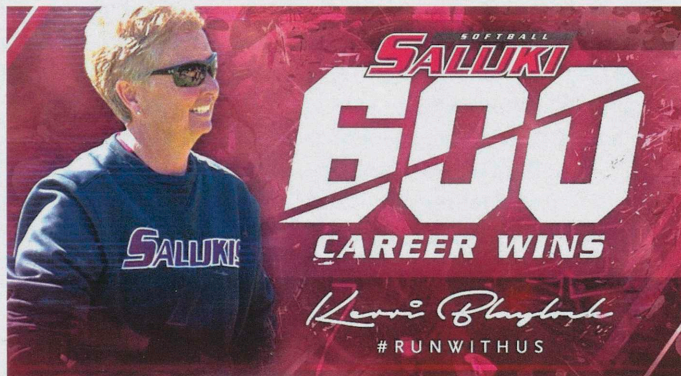
Southern's four players selected to the team ties Illinois State for the most players on the squad. Pitcher Brianna Jones was a first-team selection in 2017 following a banner season in which she posted a 2.40 ERA in 213.1 innings. The Saluki ace struck out 130 batters and walked only 33. Third baseman Sydney Jones was a second-team selection in 2017 after hitting a team-leading nine homers, 24 RBI, and six doubles.

Second baseman Maddy Vermejan was a second team selection last season and was Southern's only selection to the MVC All-Defensive Team. She hit .284 with 20 RBI and 7 steals. Outfielder Susie Baranski was one of just four Salukis to start in all 57 games for Southern last season, doing so as a true freshman. She led the conference in plate appearances and at-bats and was second in the league in walks with 31.

Head Coach Kerri Blaylock's Salukis open league play March 17-18 hosting MVC newcomer Valparaiso. (To see the complete schedule, go to siusalukis.com). She begins her 19th year as head coach and enters the current season with 628 wins. She has the best winning percentage of all 500-win coaches in conference history, and is the only Valley coach to lead a program to five-consecutive NCAA Tournaments. SIU won the league tournament last season.

Including her nine seasons as an assistant under her mentor, former head coach Kay Brechtelsbauer, Blaylock has helped Saluki Softball maintain its position as one of the elite programs in the MVC while elevating the program to national prominence.

"Brechtelsbauer got me started in coaching, and when I came here she told there wasn't much money to pay; it was a new position they were allowing her to have. I jumped at the opportunity." She learned



On Feb. 18 last season, Blaylock won her 600th game as a head coach with a 4-2 win over Michigan State.

a lot from the Hall of Fame coach and kept building on top of the foundation that Brechtelsbauer had built.

"It's all about the players," Blaylock says. "We have had some phenomenal players since I've been the head coach, and I'm proud of the kids that have played here and what they've done."

Blaylock has led SIU to four MVC titles and six NCAA Tournament appearances while producing 87 all-conference selections. She enters this season with a .677 winning percentage in MVC games (292-139) and has been a member of five MVC Coaching Staffs of the Year. She is the fastest coach in MVC history to reach 500 wins overall and 250 MVC wins.

The National Fastpitch Coaches Association has named Blaylock to its board of directors as a Division I representative this

season. She will act as a representative for her coaching peers and work on the Head Coaches Committee in the discussion of legislation and playing rules.

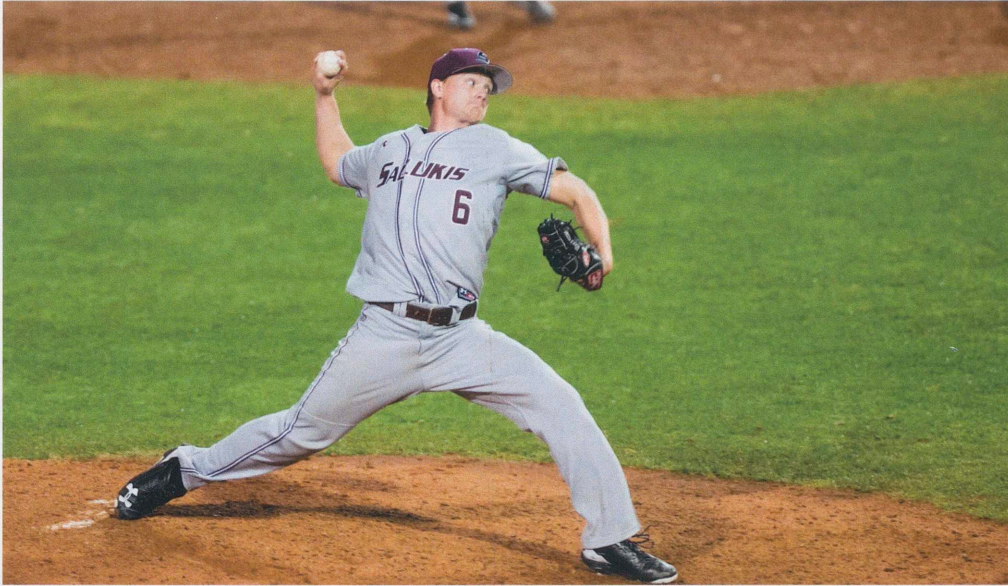
Baseball Salukis Picked Fourth In MVC Poll

The SIU baseball team has been picked fourth in the preseason Missouri Valley Conference poll. Seniors Michael Baird, Connor Kopach and Ryan Netemeyer were named to the 15-man All-MVC team in a vote by league head coaches. Dallas Baptist is picked to win the conference, followed by Missouri State, Indiana State, and the Salukis.

Baird, a starting pitcher, earned All-MVC honors in 2016 after leading the league with a 1.76 ERA. In his career, Baird has 19 quality starts, and Southern is 18-11-1 as a team in Baird's 30 career starts. Kopach, a middle infielder, led the MVC with 33 stolen bases last year, which ranked fourth in the NCAA. He has earned honorable mention All-MVC honors after each of the last two seasons and was also named to the 2017 MVC All-Defensive team.

Netemeyer, Southern's closer, is coming off a school-record 15 saves, which ranked sixth in the NCAA. He was a semifinalist for National Pitcher of the Year and National Stopper of the Year awards. He enters his senior season with 28 career saves, which is two shy of Southern's program record of 30 set by Bryant George (2007-10).

"This group of guys takes care of business and practices extremely hard," says head coach Ken Henderson. "We're the fastest club I think I've coached in 34 years, and it is something that leads to an exciting brand of baseball. We will fly around the park,



Closer Ryan Netemeyer returns for his senior season.

steal some bases, and move the baseball offensively. Our pitching staff should throw a lot of strikes and allow our outstanding defense to make plays behind them.”

The Salukis have 27 home games on their 56-game 2018 schedule, and play several nationally ranked teams that were in last year’s NCAA Tournament.

Women’s Soccer Coming To SIU

SIU has announced it will add women’s soccer to its athletics lineup beginning with the 2019 season. Saluki Athletics currently sponsors 16 intercollegiate sport programs – eight men’s teams and eight women’s teams.

The university is beginning a search for the head coach to lead the program, which will compete as an independent during its first season before joining the Missouri Valley Conference as the league’s ninth member in 2020. The women’s soccer team will play its home games at Saluki Stadium and will practice at the Lew Hartzog Track & Field complex, where a locker room facility is already in place for the team.

Athletics anticipates fielding a roster of 25 participants for the inaugural season and 30 participants when the program joins the MVC in 2020. Current members of SIU’s club team will be invited to try out.

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, soccer participation has surged in the past three decades and now trails only basketball among youth ages 7 to 17. In 2015, the United State’s win over Japan in the Women’s World Cup Final was the most viewed soccer game in the history of American television, attracting 25.4 million viewers and surpassing the final game of the 2014 World Series.

“Interest in soccer is at an all-time high, and SIU had the foresight to build a dual-purpose facility for the eventual arrival of soccer on our

campus,” says Saluki Director of Athletics Tommy Bell.

“The addition of soccer is a natural fit for our region and is consistent with our university’s goal of creating a vibrant student experience.”

SIU recently would cut 16.4 scholarships across three sports, with reductions in men’s swimming and diving, and the elimination of the men and women’s tennis programs. After these reductions took place, a Title IX complaint was filed with the U.S. Department of Education. The university is committed to complying with Title IX and reached a resolution agreement that included adding women’s soccer.


The university’s current enrollment is 53.5 percent male and 46.5 percent female. With the addition of women’s soccer in 2019-20, the anticipated participation numbers will be 52.2 percent male and 47.8 percent female.

The reductions last year resulted in an annual savings of approximately \$700,000 for Saluki Athletics. With the addition of women’s soccer, SIU will add back 8.4 scholarships in tandem with an initial annual operating budget of less than \$400,000. One-time facility enhancements are expected to cost \$100,000 for the purchase of goals, safety netting, and additional locker room equipment.

“Our schedule is exciting and challenging,” says Henderson. “Scheduling is not an easy thing to do, but I believe the quality of our non-conference opponents will put us in a position to play well in the MVC and make the NCAA Tournament if we take care of business.”

The squad opens league play March 30 at Illinois State, and then welcomes MVC newcomer Valparaiso in the home conference opening series April 6-8. (To see the complete schedule, go to siusalukis.com). Four of Southern’s seven MVC series are on the road, including two battles against the league’s top-two in the preseason poll.





Introducing the 2018 SIU Distinguished Alumni

The SIU Alumni Association will honor three deserving individuals during the annual SIU Distinguished Alumni Ceremony, set for April 27. This year the Association will be honoring alumni with awards in the areas of career achievement, humanitarian efforts, and young alumni achievement. This year's ceremony is set for 3:30 p.m. in the John C. Guyon Auditorium of Morris Library on the Carbondale campus. A reception will immediately follow in the Hall of presidents and Chancellors.



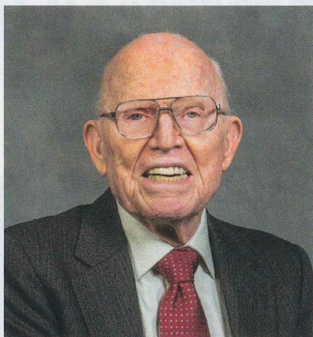
Bonnie Garner '64

Liberal Arts – Speech
Communication
Career Achievement

Nominate a Future Distinguished Alumni

Nominations for the 2019
SIU Distinguished Alumni
Awards are now being
accepted at [sualumni.com/
distinguishedalumni](http://sualumni.com/distinguishedalumni). The
deadline for nominations is
Friday, August 3.

Bonnie Garner, born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin but raised in Mulkeytown, Illinois, has had a rich, multifaceted career working in concert with such luminaries of the entertainment industry as Dick Cavett, Bill Graham, Willie Nelson, Clive Davis, and dozens of others. After graduating from SIU, Garner initially joined the staff at Conrad Hilton Hotel, but when a once in a lifetime opportunity was presented to her she left the Hilton to work for Playboy Press, the new book division. Soon after, she was assigned to Hugh Hefner's person staff in the Chicago mansion, then Playboy After Dark, and then the Dick Cavett Show. Next, Garner went to work for rock guru Bill Graham, who had been a guest on *Cavett*, at the Fillmore East, the legendary venue for rock and jazz concerts in the East Village of Manhattan. In 1971 she joined Columbia Record's A&R department. In 1973, Garner accepted the challenge of setting up Columbia and Epic Records' first Nashville pop division. In 1984, Garner was promoted to Vice President of A&R for CBS Records, the first woman to attain such a position and one of the few women in the higher echelons of the music industry. Leaving CBS in 1987, Garner joined forces with Mark Rothbaum in managing Nelson, Kristofferson, Rodger Miller, The Highwaymen, The O'Kanes, and Emmylou Harris. In 2002, Garner assisted in producing *Timeless: Hank Williams Tribute* for which she received a Grammy. Garner semi-retired in 2007 after an amazing 40-year career in the music industry, and her life seems to have come full circle. She continues to work part-time as a talent executive for Skyville Live and other music events and as a therapeutic riding instructor.



**William Doerr '51,
Ph. D. '73**

Agricultural Sciences, Education
and Human Services
Humanitarian Effort

William A. Doerr, a native of rural Elkhart, Illinois, has a 77 year affiliation with SIU. He entered Southern as a 16-year-old freshman in 1941, but his education was interrupted by military service, marriage and a brief period of farming. He completed the B.S. degree in 1951 and immediately transferred to the University of Illinois to pursue an M.S. degree and to become qualified to teach vocational agriculture in Illinois high schools. He taught agriculture at Raymond, Illinois for 13 years before returning to SIUC to serve as Superintendent of University Farms and to pursue a Ph.D. degree. Subsequently, SIU offered other opportunities for service and advancement, including a two year assignment as Chief of Party for a United Nations Development Program in southern Brazil. By the time he retired, Bill had worked as assistant or associate to each of the first four deans of the College of Agriculture -- Keepper, Kroening, Tweedy and Maguire -- and had been assigned to work on five continents -- Europe, Asia, Africa, South America and, of course, North America. During Bill's last years of SIU employment he established the Doerr Scholarship Fund at the SIU Foundation. Thus far, 26 agriculture students have been recipients. Annual awards will be made in perpetuity.



**Daniel Booth '06,
MSEd '10**

Education and Human
Services – Health Education/
Administration
Young Alumni Achievement

Daniel Booth, a native of Peoria, Illinois, is in his seventh year as principal at Carbondale Community High School. Prior to becoming the building leader at CCHS, Mr. Booth served as assistant principal, dean of students, health/driver education teacher, and assistant boys' basketball and track coach. Under Mr. Booth's leadership, CCHS was in 2013 recognized as one of a handful of schools across the state as a "Democracy School" by the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition. Schools so recognized must be able to "provide many opportunities for students to participate in the democratic process through a range of classes and clubs." In recent years, the entire school read "A Long Walk to Water," with the students raising more than \$4,000 to build wells in Africa. Many principals find it easy to get behind their successful sports teams. Mr. Booth has further distinguished himself by unqualified support for the school's stellar Fine Arts program and its award winning Speech Team and Marching Band, as well. In January of 2018, Mr. Booth was named superintendent of Carbondale Elementary School District 95. His appointment will begin July 1, 2018.

An active member and true advocate for the Carbondale community, Mr. Booth serves on the Board of Directors for the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors for the Rotary Club of Carbondale-Breakfast, the SIU Advisory Board for Teacher Education, and is an active member of the Illinois Principals Association, where he serves as State Legislative Chair. Mr. Booth is married to the love of his life, Ashley, and they have two children, Jaxon and Delaney.

Association's Textbook Awards Mark Ten Years

Spring Ceremony Gifts Books To 36 Students



Several dozen Southern Illinois University Carbondale students received a welcome gift upon their return to campus for the spring semester: Free textbooks.

The SIU Alumni Association presented 36 students with a combined total of roughly \$14,000 worth of textbooks and school supplies during a January 16 ceremony at the SIU Student Center. The event marked the 10-year milestone for the Textbook Award Ceremony, which began in 2008 with a directive by the Association's board of directors to help students fill in some of the

gaps in financial need, outside university tuition and fees.

Each year for the last decade, the Association has presented the Textbook Awards in January to students who demonstrate need, as well as have a GPA of at least 3.0.

"The Association is beyond thankful it's been able to support these Textbook Awards for 10 years, and much of the gratitude is directed toward members, who support this and all Association programs," says Michelle Suarez, Executive Director of the Association.

"The joy and relief these student recipients express each year because of the loyalty and generosity of members, is a testament to the culture of Salukis helping Salukis."

Student recipients were joined by their respective college deans or representatives for the brief ceremony and reception that followed. Each student also provided a brief statement as to how SIU Carbondale has made a positive impact on their lives.

SIU Hosting June Events For Alumni In Nashville, Los Angeles

BY CALEB HALE

Loyal Salukis in Nashville, Tennessee and Los Angeles will have the opportunity to reconnect with their alma mater right where they live later this year.

Southern Illinois University has carved out weekends dedicated to alumni gatherings in both regions of the U.S. in June. Planning for both series of events have been in the works since late last year, and now registrations have opened for everyone to get involved.

The Los Angeles events will take place June 8-10. Events in Nashville have been slated for June 22-24. All events have been planned with the help of select alumni, who expressed interest in helping to bring SIU leaders and alumni together closer to home.

“SIU is very interested in strengthening relationships in every corner of the country, utilizing the thousands of alumni and supporters we have living all over the United States,” says Jim Salmo, vice chancellor for development and alumni relations and CEO of the SIU Foundation, which along with the SIU Alumni Association, are coordinating events.

“When alumni gather in their home areas, there is a bonding which rises above the typical things, like class years and majors,” Salmo says. “With these events, it’s about Salukis being Salukis, sharing pride, and spreading the enthusiasm.”

Michelle Suarez, executive director of the SIU Alumni Association, says the events are also a great way to reengage people with what’s happening on campus.

“Living and working in Saluki country, it’s easy stay connected to SIU,” she says. “But alumni who live far away can easily fall out of the loop, and they are excited when they get the opportunity to learn about what’s happened on campus since they left.”

In addition to Nashville and L.A., SIU has also been engaging Chicagoland alumni in several special events, including a recent invite to a performance of “Hamilton: The Musical” at the CIBC Theatre and a gathering planned at the Brookfield Zoo this summer. More information about all of these events and more can be found at sialumni.com/events.

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SIU Weekend in Los Angeles
 June 8-10

SIU Weekend in Nashville
 June 22-24

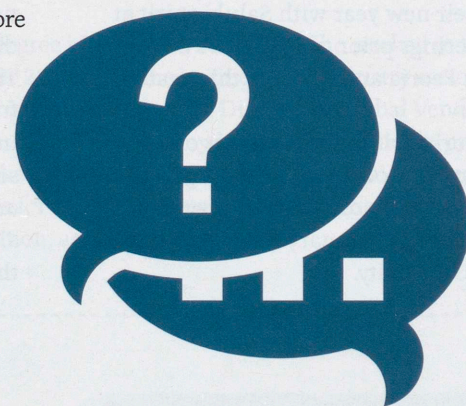
For more information visit the website or contact the SIU Alumni Association main office, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

St. Louis Salukis Raise Scholarship Funds With Annual Trivia Night



The St. Louis Area Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted its annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction January 19 at the Shrewsbury City Center in Shrewsbury, Missouri.

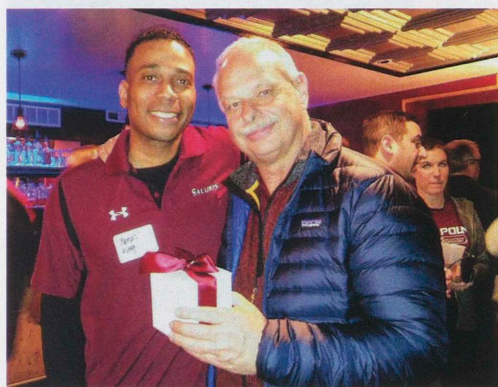
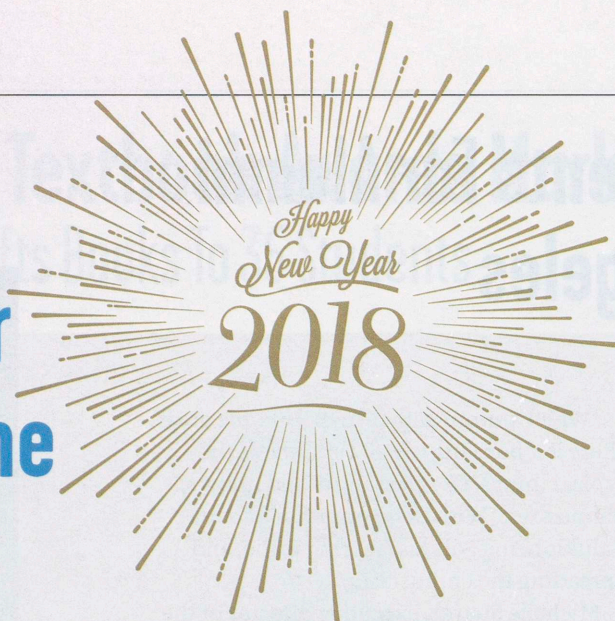
Several teams of alumni, their families and friends competed for prizes and bragging rights as trivia champions. Per usual, the silent auction featured a number



of items for attendees to bid on, raising money for the local chapter scholarship.

This year the chapter raised more than \$1,700 to assist St. Louis area students in attending SIU. The event has become a noted tradition of St. Louis Salukis, having continued for more than a decade.

Alumni Kick Off New Year With Pregame Events



Alumni in the northern part of Illinois began their new year with Saluki spirit at two gatherings prior to SIU men's basketball games in Peoria and Chicago this past January.

The Peoria Tri-County Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted a pre-game event at Richard's on Main in downtown Peoria before the January 9 SIU game against Bradley University.



Chicagoland Salukis got the chance to network on January 17 at Bar 63 before the basketball game at Loyola University. The event was also highlighted by a visit from Chancellor Carlo Montemagno, who introduced himself for the first time to several local alumni and provided updates on campus happenings. The Association, along with the Chicagoland Chapter, hosted the gathering.



UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

More info and registration available at sialumni.com/events

June 15 – SIU Day at Busch Stadium

June 23 – SIU Day at Brookfield Zoo

July 11 – SIU/SIUE 5th Annual Springfield Alumni Reception

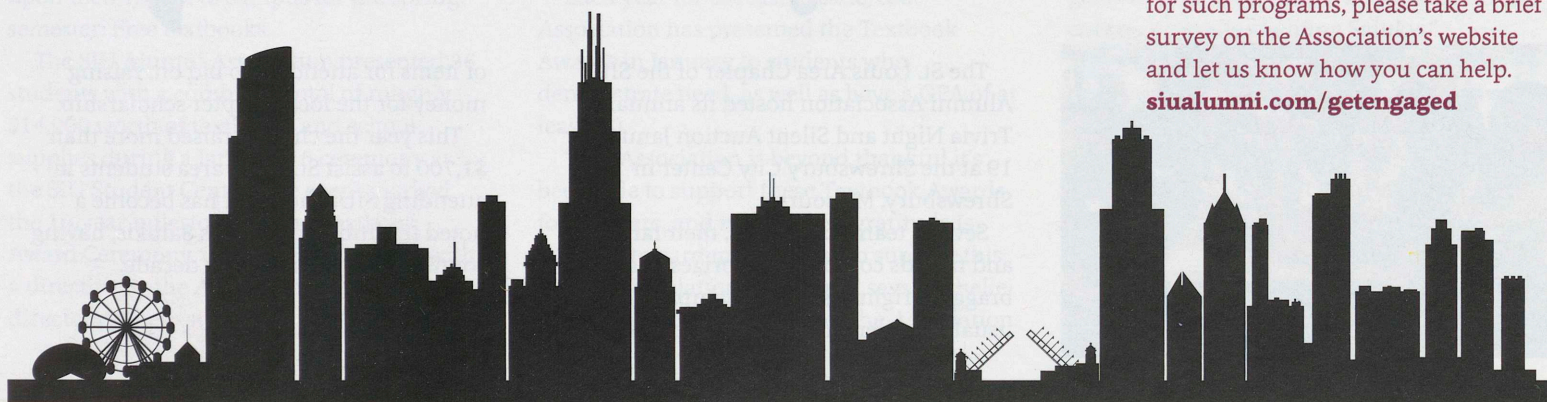
October 19 – Class of 1968 Reunion & Half Century Club Banquet

October 19 – SIU Alumni Band Group Reunion

October 20 – SIU Homecoming (vs. Illinois State)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP SIU?

The SIU Alumni Association is seeking alumni to share their knowledge and skills with current students. If you are interested in volunteering your time for such programs, please take a brief survey on the Association's website and let us know how you can help. sialumni.com/getengaged



SIU Alumni Association 2018 National Board of Director's Ballot

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

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



Molly Hudgins '97 (Re-Elect)

Molly is the Associate Dean of the Plaster School of Business & Entrepreneurship at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri. She has been at the institution as a faculty member since 2002 and also chairs the president's Athletic

Advisory Committee. Hudgins, who earned a master's degree at Florida State and a doctorate degree in jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee, also co-founded the Future College Golf Association, a consulting firm that mentors junior golfers and their families. She was a member of the SIU golf team from 1992-97 and was honored by the MVC for both athletic and academic success. She resides in St. Louis.



Michael Kasser '78 (Re-Elect)

Michael is a Certified Public Accountant and Chief Financial Officer of Southern Illinois Healthcare in Carbondale, Illinois. He is the immediate past president of the Association board and previously served as treasurer.

He has been an active volunteer in both his personal and professional life, serving as a school board member and treasurer in the Carbondale school district and as president of the Southern Illinois Chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). His wife, Jill, is also a graduate of SIU, and they have two daughters, the eldest of whom has two undergraduate degrees from the university.



Laura Soucy '87 (Re-Elect)

Laura graduated from the School of Agriculture with a Bachelor of Science degree in Food and Nutrition. She worked in the restaurant industry as a general manager and multi-unit general manager for 23 years in the business and industry sector. She returned to school in 2010 and earned her Paralegal Certification and is currently working as the Director of Global Vendor Management and Contracts for Symphony Clinical Research in Vernon Hills, Illinois. Symphony is the global leader in providing in-home services for clinical trials. Laura's responsibilities include drafting the contracts with the pharmaceutical companies

conducting the clinical trials and also the global vendors who perform the in-home services for the clinical trials. Laura and her husband, Matt (Class of 1989), reside in Grayslake and are active in the Chicagoland Chapter of the Association, as well as life members.

Board of Directors Mail-in Ballot

Vote for no more than three individuals

- A B Molly Hudgins
 A B Michael Kasser
 A B Laura Soucy

Voting Member(s) Info:

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Please mark and mail ballot to:

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 Southern Illinois University
 Colyer Hall - Mail Code 6809
 1235 Douglas Dr.
 Carbondale, IL 62901

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

SMITH, Gladys K., '34
10/9/2017, Pottstown, Pa.
VINEYARD, Katherine S., '39, M.S.Ed. '60
12/2/2017, Olathe, Kan.
CONANT, Gayle D., '42
12/18/2017, Rochester, Mich.
KLOEPPER, Raymond P., '42
9/23/2017, Saltillo, Miss.
AIKMAN, Mariella, ex. '43
10/12/2017, East Lansing, Mich.
CROSLY, Rosalie B., '43, M.S. '48
10/23/2017, Chester, Ill.
EASON, Lois M., '43
10/30/2017, Percy, Ill.
JEFFERS, Mildred B., '44
8/17/2017, Columbus, Ohio
FLETCHER, June L., '46
10/29/2017, Litchfield, Ill.
HELLENY, Esther J., '46
11/12/2017, Herrin, Ill.
SHEINBEIN, Denalee B., ex. '46
8/7/2017, Beverly Hills, Calif.
BUSHONG, Beverly G., ex. '47
12/8/2017, Paducah, Ky.
PECHENINO, Louis, '47, '49
12/1/2017, Christopher, Ill.
DAVIS, Mary E., '48
12/9/2017, Bettendorf, Iowa
PATTON, Catherine G., ex. '48
12/28/2017, Edinburg, Ill.
SANDERS, Myrla J., ex. '48
1/6/2018, Marion, Ill.
SMITH, Paul, '48
10/3/2017, Seattle, Wash.
BORELLA, Betty L., '49
11/21/2017, Santa Barbara, Calif.
BUSH, Lowell D., '49
12/10/2017, Jacksonville, Fla.
GRIGOROFF, Waldo, '49
6/17/2017, Charleston, Fla.
VANWINKLE, Philip J., '49
1/3/2018, Winter Garden, Fla.
CLAXTON, Nellie T., '50, M.S.Ed. '54
10/17/2017, Mount Vernon, Ill.
LEWIS, Oma L., '50
10/25/2017, Harrisburg, Ill.
PROFFER, Clinton L., ex. '50
11/12/2017, Dupou, Ill.
SANDERS, David, '50
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HALL, Geneva W., '51
11/23/2017, Memphis, Tenn.
PATTON, Lloyd E., ex. '51
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CROUSE, Paul M., ex. '52
10/19/2017, Noble, Ill.
GENTZ, Harold L., '52, M.A. '55
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MENENDEZ, Arthur E., '52, M.S.Ed. '56
11/1/2017, Granite City, Ill.
MENENDEZ, Carolyn J., ex. '52
12/7/2017, Granite City, Ill.

FECHO, James A., '53
10/23/2017, Pinckneyville, Ill.
HEBERT, Alice A., '53, M.A. '62
9/27/2017, Arlington Heights, Ill.
SCHABLOWSKY, Kenneth B., '53, M.S.Ed. '58
10/10/2017, Galena, Ill.
BERRY, Monty S., ex. '54
10/6/2017, Calhoun, Ill.
CAMPBELL, Phyllis M., ex. '54
11/29/2017, Sunnyvale, Calif.
EMERY, Helen L., '54
12/31/2017, Marion, Ill.
RHINE, Willard R., '54, M.A. '57, M.S. '60
1/3/2018, Ballwin, Mo.
BROSTMEYER, Norman D., '55
10/11/2017, Pinckneyville, Ill.
MILEUR, Jerome M., '55, Ph.D. '71
9/5/2017, Hadley, Mass.
ALEXANDER, Gerald L., '56
12/5/2017, Delavan, Ill.
MOAKE, Milton D., '56
12/13/2017, Arlington, Texas
PEELER, Thomas W., '56
1/5/2018, Peoria, Ill.
PUGH, Joan B., '56
11/23/2017, West Frankfort, Ill.
SHADOWENS, John W., '56
12/29/2017, Johnston City, Ill.
TUCKER, Ray B., '56
12/31/2017, Christiansburg, Va.
DEJARNETT, Elva I., M.S.Ed. '57
9/21/2017, Marietta, Ga.
LUCAS, Don R., '57, M.S.Ed. '59
11/6/2017, West Frankfort, Ill.
MARLOW, Lorán D., '57, M.S.Ed. '59,
M.A. '59, Ph.D. '73
10/14/2017, Mills River, N.C.
WAGGENER, F.P., M.S.Ed. '57, Ph.D. '74
1/1/2018, Murray, Ky.
BERNARDONI, Charles, '58
12/1/2017, Marion, Ill.
BISHOP, Walter L., '58
11/7/2017, Litchfield, Ill.
FORD, Marion C., '58
10/22/2017, Dix, Ill.
GLEIBER, Richard A., '58
9/16/2017, Waterloo, Ill.
KOENIG, Shirley R., '58
1/12/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.
PETERS, Roger E., '58
11/10/2017, Chicago, Ill.
WHITFIELD, Decima W., '58
12/3/2017, Herrin, Ill.
PULCHER, Jack L., '59
3/16/2017, Plano, Texas
RAMP, Dorothy J., M.S.Ed. '59
10/20/2017, New Albany, Ind.
BANKS, Linda L., '60, M.S.Ed. '68
1/15/2018, Herrin, Ill.
EASON, Gary E., '60
12/21/2017, Marion, Ill.
GINSBURG, Maurice, '60
11/7/2017, Carbondale, Ill.
KRAWCZYK, Sula K., '60
11/14/2017, Belleville, Ill.
CASELTON, Jude A., ex. '61
10/21/2017, Carrollton, Ill.
HARRIS, Carol A., '61
11/10/2017, Decatur, Ill.
LEAVELL, Alfred, '61, M.A. '66
10/27/2017, Granite City, Ill.
BOXERMAN, Lawrence H., M.S.Ed. '62
11/25/2017, Saint Louis, Mo.
GARIEPY, Norah J., '62
12/30/2017, Benton, Ill.
HOLDER, Ira B., M.S.Ed. '62
11/23/2017, Arlington, Texas
NOLDER, Frederic P., '62
11/9/2017, Las Vegas, Nev.
PAYNE, Shirley A., '62
10/29/2017, Dahlgren, Ill.
TAYLOR, Janet L., '62
11/4/2017, Centralia, Ill.
KUETHE, Carolyn H., M.S. '63
11/13/2017, Edwardsville, Ill.
GRIEME, David C., '64
12/9/2017, Springfield, Ill.
KASTEN, Herschel C., '64, M.S.Ed. '72
10/19/2017, Centralia, Ill.
TODD, Richard W., '64

Alumna, Devoted Artist And Teacher Passes Away



Arlene Lucille Dittmann Schmechel '87, '92 passed away in January at St. Mary's Hospital in Central, Illinois. She was 78. She was born July 10, 1939, in Chicago, Illinois.

Having lost both her parents before age 10, Schmechel was noted for her compassion for children, and worked her entire life as a teacher, mentor, and surrogate to hundreds of youth. She made a difference in so many lives, and did so without ever asking for recognition or reward.

Schmechel was an accomplished artist, and her paintings were often

publically displayed. She would often give paintings to people who seemed particularly moved by the work. She was also a writer, having her first story published in 1971. She kept diaries of her journey through life, recording her thoughts, impressions, and events, in a way that was apt to bring laughter, even in the midst of tears. In addition, she acted and directed. She was a member of Paradise Alley Players for many years.

Beginning her education at SIU in mid 80s, Schmechel maintained a 4.0 grade point average and was awarded the prestigious Abraham Lincoln Civic Engagement Award in 1986 – only the 11th laureate to win the award at SIU, and one of only 43 laureates to have ever won this honor at SIU. In May 1987, at 48, Schmechel graduated with a degree in anthropology. She went on to pursue a graduate degree, attaining it in 1992. Schmechel then became an instructor at John A. Logan College in Carterville, Illinois.

She is survived by her children Jay Dee, Daniel, and Amy, by her grandchildren Gage, Cameron, Jake, Ian, and Baylee, and by her great grandson Kingston.

12/7/2017, Vienna, Va.
WIEBENGA, Terry D., '64
 10/21/2017, Cedar Falls, Iowa
CRANE, Charles D., '65
 12/22/2017, Herrin, Ill.
FOMBELLE, Patricia B., '65
 10/29/2017, Cobden, Ill.
MOWRY, Sue E., '65, M.S.Ed. '66
 3/3/2017, Lebanon, Ohio
HARRIS, Charles B., M.A. '66, Ph.D. '70
 10/31/2017, Bloomington, Ill.
HORNBERGER, Mark A., M.A. '66
 11/19/2017, Leck Kill, Pa.
HUGHES, Larry G., '66
 6/24/2017, Marion, Ill.
MATHIS, Rosemary, '66
 12/31/2017, Herrin, Ill.
PARKS, Mary A., M.S. '66
 11/10/2017, Anna, Ill.
SEITERS, Judith A., M.S.Ed. '66, Ph.D. '82
 11/9/2017, Carbondale, Ill.
CARTER, Edwina P., '68, M.S.Ed. '75
 1/15/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
HEARD, Donald W., '68
 12/9/2017, Centralia, Ill.
RISTER, Billy R., '68
 12/20/2017, Harrisburg, Ill.
WILKERSON, Bill, '68
 11/2/2017, Florissant, Mo.
ZOOK, Fredric B., Ph.D. '68
 11/6/2017, Scottsdale, Ariz.
DALTON, Galen, '69, M.S.Ed. '72, S.P. '75
 1/13/2018, Galatia, Ill.
MELVIN, Tom L., '69, M.S. '71
 10/14/2017, Greenville, Ill.
PEARL, Nancy J., '69
 11/12/2017, Reno, Nev.
PRIOR, Charles I., '69
 12/1/2017, Benton, Ill.
ZEIKEL, Don J., '69
 10/11/2017, De Pere, Wis.
BIERBAUM, Clayton B., '70, M.S.Ed. '73
 1/10/2018, Metropolis, Ill.
DUNN, Thomas E., '70
 11/7/2017, Windsor, Ill.
HISAW, James R., '70
 12/5/2017, Chicago, Ill.
RANDALL, Gary R., '70
 11/13/2017, Gurnee, Ill.
TENNYSON, Norma A., '70
 12/10/2017, Belle Rive, Ill.
WINANS, Daniel L., '70
 12/13/2017, Hume, Ill.
CARLSON, Glenn R., '71
 10/12/2017, Decatur, Ill.
MATHENY, William L., '71
 12/30/2017, Cameron, Wis.
THOMAS, Earl D., '71
 12/19/2017, Du Quoin, Ill.
VINOCUR, Gail P., M.S.Ed. '71
 10/30/2017, Dallas, Texas
BECKHAM, Raymond E., Ph.D. '72

10/31/2017, Provo, Utah
CARROLL, Stanton, '72
 12/26/2017, Centralia, Ill.
ELLIOTT, William J., '72
 11/27/2017, Marion, Ill.
FRITSCHKE, Larry R., '72
 10/24/2017, Ava, Ill.
FRYE, Jane L., '72
 12/19/2017, Danville, Ill.
HUITE, Edgar J., '72, M.S.Ed. '76
 12/19/2017, Foley, Ala.
O'DONNELL, Samuel C., '72
 7/29/2017, Newberg, Ore.
SEBASTIAN, Sandra L., '72
 11/26/2017, Montgomery, Ala.
STEPHEN, Roy M., '72
 12/20/2017, Martinsville, Ill.
VAUGHN, Lucious, '72
 10/15/2017, Jacksonville, Fla.
WILSON, John T., '72
 11/10/2017, North Richland Hills, Texas
WILSON, Valerie A., '72
 11/16/2017, Christopher, Ill.
FERRO, Patricia A., '73
 12/13/2017, Gary, Ind.
LOWERY, Kathleen, '73
 11/3/2017, Benton, Ill.
MILLER, Curtis J., '73, M.S.Ed. '74
 11/29/2017, Tamm, Ill.
POWELL, John R., '73
 11/6/2017, Springfield, Ill.
ROUTEN, Charles M., '73, M.S.Ed. '80
 11/1/2017, Chicago, Ill.
SAAFIR, Michael, '73
 8/25/2017, Utica, N.Y.
ADAMS, Kendall R., '74
 11/10/2017, Broken Arrow, Okla.
ALWAN, Dennis L., '74
 10/17/2017, Peoria, Ill.
GARNATI, Charles R., '74, J.D. '78
 11/14/2017, Carterville, Ill.
MAYFIELD, Michael D., '74
 11/11/2017, Pittsburg, Ill.
SUMMERS, Alan R., '74
 12/22/2017, West Frankfort, Ill.
MAY, James D., '75, M.A. '95
 10/14/2017, Carbondale, Ill.
RUTLEDGE, Swedie W., Ph.D. '75
 12/6/2017, Grambling, La.
PRINCE-TAYLOR, Colleen K., '76
 11/11/2017, Oklahoma City, Okla.
TRUESDALE, Donald E., '76
 10/5/2017, Tinley Park, Ill.
BOND, Gary N., '77
 10/11/2017, Palm Bay, Fla.
HARDT, James R., '77
 11/20/2017, Chicago, Ill.
ROLLA, Marion, '77
 12/2/2017, Christopher, Ill.
DUDZIK, Paul G., '78
 11/28/2017, Springfield, Ohio
KELLY, John L., '78

Former Student Center Director Corker Passes Away



John Wright Corker passed away at his home in Carbondale on Dec. 25. He was 85.

Corker was hired as the director of the Student Center at Southern Illinois University in 1976, a position he served in until 1995 when he retired. He was honored by the SIU Student Center with a space designated the John Corker Lounge.

His 42-year professional career started at the University of New Mexico in September 1958, where he helped open a new Student Union in Fall 1959 and served two years as

director of housing. From 1962-65 John served as student center/housing director at Oakland University in Michigan, then became the associate director of the Illini Union at University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana 1965-73. From 1973-76 at the University of Massachusetts he was director of Murray D. Lincoln Campus Center.

During his 19 years at SIUC Student Center he helped develop many new programs that remain part of Carbondale and SIU, such as Sunset Concerts, purchasing MFA student artwork for the Center, Saluki Transport Bus system, the Craft Shop, space for International Student offices, Saluki Radio, multiple annual student programs and activities. His concept of a Student Center without walls made it possible to develop many programs on the campus as well as in the community.

Corker received a MBA in Hotel, Restaurant, Institutional Management in 1964 from Oakland University. He served as guest lecturer and adjunct professor at UMass and SIUC. He was a Student Center consultant to 10 different universities. From May 1995 until his retirement in 1999, John was a visiting professor in hotel, restaurant management at SIUC. An active member of the International Association of College Unions (ACUI) he attended every national conference from 1958-1995 as well as hosting four different regional conferences and gave over 20 presentation, a highlight being the Keynote Speaker in Melbourne, Australia in 1991.

Awarded ACUI Lifetime member, National College Bowl Chairman 1990-94, helped develop Honda All-Star Challenge for Historical Black Institutions.

In his community John was an elder at the First Presbyterian Church, a member of Rotary since 1976, member of Carbondale Human Relations Committee, and many community programs coming out of the Student Center at SIUC. When he developed Parkinson's he helped start a local Parkinson's support group.

10/22/2017, Omaha, Neb.
SCHURMAN, James F., '78
 12/5/2017, Breese, Ill.
COOPER, Joe E., '79
 10/16/2017, Charlotte, N.C.
FLOWERS, Daniel C., '79, '85
 11/21/2017, Red Bud, Ill.
LUEBBEN, Kurt R., '79
 9/21/2017, Spokane, Wash.
KRIDLE, Clara J., '80
 5/9/2017, Naperville, Ill.
MCMURRAY, Terry J., '80
 11/26/2017, Leavenworth, Kan.
OHDE, Ruth A., '80
 9/27/2017, Manning, Iowa
RODGERS, Ronald M., '80
 10/25/2017, Cartersville, Ill.
BISHIR, Debbie J., '81
 10/25/2017, Momence, Ill.
GODFREY, Michael E., '81
 9/4/2017, Gulf Breeze, Fla.
KISLER, Michael L., '81
 10/21/2017, Chicago, Ill.
ROME, Jaizelle D., M.S.Ed. '81
 2/18/2017, Chicago, Ill.
CARTER, Joe R., '82
 2/13/2017, Suwannee, Ga.
GUSTIN, Penny L., '82
 7/6/2017, Chicago, Ill.
KING, Robert E., '83
 11/22/2017, Reno, Nev.
PEARCE BELL, Jill S., M.S.Ed. '83
 12/8/2017, Anna, Ill.
SWEAT, Larry D., '83
 12/3/2017, Rantoul, Ill.
FREEMAN, Richard B., '84
 10/24/2017, Gainesville, Fla.
KOWALEWSKI, Michael J., Ph.D. '84
 10/26/2017, Cartersville, Ill.
LANDIS, Tim L., '84
 1/2/2018, Chatham, Ill.
SWINDALL, Kim S., '84
 11/12/2017, Adams, Tenn.
DESUTTER, Larry G., '86
 12/7/2017, Decatur, Ill.
RECHENBERG, Peter N., '86
 11/19/2017, Richmond, Ill.
CURRAN, Darin L., '87
 10/24/2017, Sugar Hill, Ga.
JONES, Dennis R., '87
 11/20/2017, Villa Grove, Ill.
PAULSON, Mark D., '87
 11/29/2017, Carbondale, Ill.
SCHMECHEL, Arlene L., '87, M.A. '92
 1/9/2018, Marion, Ill.
STEPHENS, Jeffrey M., M.S.Ed. '88
 11/21/2017, Salem, Ohio
COFFMAN, Travis L., '89, '91
 12/12/2017, Asan, Guam
SZILAGYI, Michael J., '87, '89

10/23/2017, Franklin, Tenn.
HILL, Daniel O., '90
 4/8/2017, Waterford, Mich.
PLUMER, Michael D., M.S. '90
 12/25/2017, Creal Springs, Ill.
ANDERSON, Todd S., '91
 11/28/2017, Mesa, Ariz.
SUGG, William J., Ph.D. '91
 12/12/2017, Jonesboro, Ark.
DAVIS, Otha J., '92
 10/1/2017, Stone Mountain, Ga.
KARAYIANNIS, Margaret A., '92
 10/30/2017, Champaign, Ill.
STERLING, Bruce J., '92
 10/20/2017, Mascoutah, Ill.
DAVIS, Esther S., '93
 11/29/2017, San Bernardino, Calif.
JOPLIN, Mike T., '93
 11/29/2017, Benton, Ill.
Neff, Mary E., '93
 11/28/2017, Solvang, Calif.
OAKLEY, J.C., M.D. '93
 12/20/2017, Pekin, Ill.
SFORZA, Christine M., '93
 10/19/2017, Belleville, Ill.
SYLER, Elizabeth D., '93
 10/28/2017, Carbondale, Ill.
TOUGAW, Paul W., Ph.D. '93
 10/25/2017, Valparaiso, Ind.
WOODS, Jeffrey G., Ph.D. '93
 1/2/2018, Greenwood, Ind.
PEPOS, Noellynn A., M.F.A. '94
 10/11/2017, Victor, Mont.
RIVERS, Lance, M.A. '95, Ph.D. '00
 12/23/2017, Salem, Ohio
HAYES, Steven M., ex. '95
 11/30/2017, Mchenry, Ill.
MARTIN, Letitia F., M.S. '97
 11/28/2017, Chicago, Ill.
TIPTON, Vicki L., '98
 1/12/2018, Germantown, Tenn.
HARRIS, Jefferson W., '99
 11/6/2017, New London, Conn.
BURMEISTER, Matt S., '01
 10/31/2017, Wheaton, Ill.
ZIOLKOWSKI, Christopher A., '04
 11/2/2017, Makanda, Ill.
JONES, Kyle D., '07
 11/12/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.
SCHLEMMER, Travis R., '07
 11/10/2017, Columbia, Ill.
NEWMAN, Jared S., '09
 11/18/2017, Anna, Ill.
MCGEADY, Michael G., '10
 12/8/2017, North Charleston, S.C.
VERDICK, Victoria S., '10
 11/11/2017, Goreville, Ill.
STEWART, Jalica D., '11
 10/5/2017, Concord, N.C.
 8/22/2017, Eugene, Ore.

FACULTY/STAFF

COOK, Ruth A.
 Civil Service, OSS II
 Animal Science Food and Nutrition
 10/22/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.
EVANS, Randy A.
 Civil Service, Building Service Worker
 Physical Plant Service
 10/17/17, Herrin, Ill.
FINK, Gerald A.
 Civil Service, Extra Help
 Center for Advanced Friction Studies
 12/20/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.
PATTERSON, Stanley E.
 Emeritus, Civil Service, Automotive Foreman
 Physical Plant Service
 12/9/2017, Cartersville, Ill.
QUIGLEY, John R.
 Civil Service, Building Service Worker
 Physical Plant Service
 12/23/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.
SCHEMONIA, Alice M.
 Civil Service, Medical Office Associate
 Family and Community Medicine
 1/15/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.
SHAFFER, Mary E.
 Civil Service, Extra Help, General Clerical
 SIU Healthcare Clinic Support Operations
 12/8/2017, Springfield, Ill.
SPANIOL, Jody A.
 Civil Service, OSS I
 Counseling Center
 11/14/2017, Cartersville, Ill.
SUTHERLAND, Linda S.
 Civil Service, Customer Service Representative III
 Information Resources
 10/19/2017, Springfield, Ill.
HARRE, Christina L., '80
 Civil Service, Assistant
 Human Resources
 12/12/2017, Carbondale, Ill.
JONES, Pansy D., '82, '85, M.S.Ed. '91
 Emerita, Civil Service, Administrative Assistant I
 College of Engineering
 12/27/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.
BOLLMANN, Emily I., '97, M.S.W. '01
 Faculty, Instructor
 School of Social Work
 1/1/2018, Chester, Ill.
PIERSON, Timothy K., '04
 Civil Service, Building Service Sub-Foreman
 Physical Plant Service
 11/27/2017, Murphysboro, Ill.



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Black Alumni – Old School Salukis Take ‘Second Time Around’ Caribbean Cruise



With leadership provided by a planning committee chaired by **JERLYN MALOY '71**, and supported by **RONALD "RIFF" BRAITHWAITE '67, '69**, **PAM TUCKER '71**, **RHONDA VEAL '71** and **ROBERT BROWN '71**; 52 alumni Saluki and friends traveled to the Caribbean for a 7- day cruise (November 4-11 ,2017) aboard the Royal Caribbean - Adventure of the Seas cruise ship. The travelers included doctors, lawyers, scientists, engineers, clergy and educators (leaving from San Juan for St Kitts, Antiqua, Barbados, St Lucia and St Thomas). This excursion trumped last year's Old School Saluki's four- day cruise to the Bahamas.

DARLENE JONES '74 of "Just Say When Travel" in Chicago provided travel services for the alumni. Despite the damage from hurricanes Irma and Maria that hit Puerto Rico and several Caribbean islands, 52 Salukis remained committed to the journey. The trip commenced with a conference call prayer by **REV. DR. ERIC KING '71, '73**, two days before setting sail and a traveling mercy prayer was given by **CRYSTAL KUYKENDALL '70** upon return to San Juan.

The old school coeds were able to stroll down memory lane and reminisce about the good old days in Carbondale. On the second evening the group attended the Captains' Ball dressed in traditional African attire. A 'White Party' convened the next evening. The highlight of the cruise was on Day 4, in Barbados, which began with a two- hour coach mini tour of the island, followed by a catered Bajan reception at

the Braithwaite's luxury beachfront condo. Then the beach party was old school fun and complete with a beachside Rum Punch Station hosted by **ROGER FORTUNE '69** and **OLUWA DAVIS '69, '74**.

At the business meeting the group discussed the scholarship program for current Saluki's and acknowledge awardee Abigail Crider Williams, who enrolled at SIU this past fall from Carbondale High School.

SANDRA WILLIAMS SMITH '72 orchestrated a Bid Whist tournament. Winners were **LOUISE STIGLER-BAKER '72** and **SALLIE KELLY ELLIS '73** with Braithwaite and Maloy. placing second. On Day 6 the group had a cocktail party on the 12 floor of the ship in the Blue Moon Lounge. Plans are underway for the next trip in 2019. Other Salukis on the cruise included: **JIMMIE KILLION '68**, **JAMES PILLARS '70**, **EDWINA DAVIS '72**, **JANICE BELL BALL '72**, **NEDRA SHELTON '72**, **LINDA GREGORY KING '72**, **MARVA WHALEY-ANOBAN '72**, **ETHEL LAVERNE HALL '75**, **KAREN WATSON JONES '72**, **SHARON BOONE '73**, **ONETTA OUTLAW '75**, **JOANN HAWKINS '74**, **DOROTHY JOHNSON '74**, **REGINA PATTON STELL '72**, **VERNETTE HAMPTON '72**, **SYLVIA HARVEY '72**, **CARRON WOODS '71**, **AL BELL '06**, **CHRISENA B. BROWN '72**, **DEBORAH TOTTEN '74**, **RUTHIE MASSIE '71**, **VIVIAN THOMAS '74**, **SANDRA EDWARDS CHAMP '74**, **JENA NOTTINGHAM '72**.

1960s

DON MILLARD '65 is being inducted into the Greater Peoria Hall of Fame. Millard, who is also in the Saluki Hall of Fame, is set to be honored in April during a gala ceremony at the Peoria Civic Center. A wrestler, Millard led Pekin to second place in the 1960 IHSA state championship tournament, winning silver medals his junior and senior years. At SIU, Millard won both the NCAA College Division and what was then the University Division wrestling championships. He achieved a 50-6-1 record in three years on the varsity wrestling squad.



CASEY KEMPER '69 was recently awarded The Saint Nicholas Society of the City of New York 2017 Medal of Merit for Distinguished Service at the organization's 183rd annual dinner dance in December. Casey is the founder and president of the board of The New Amsterdam History Center, home of the Virtual New Amsterdam Project, allowing individuals to explore the early history of New Amsterdam and New York City. He is also chairman and chief executive officer of Collegiate Asset Management, as well as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Collegiate Church Corporation, the oldest corporation in North America. Casey also serves in a variety of other capacities for various boards and organizations. The Medal of Merit, founded in 1835 by Washington Irving, is given to those who "collect and preserve

information pertaining to the history, settlement, manners, etc., of the City of New York." Past recipients include Henry Kissinger, Thomas Dewey, and Walter Cronkite.

1970s

WILLIE HOLTON '70 recently ended a 51-year career in the Illinois Department of Human Services. The 81-year-old retired at the end of December. Holton had been with the department since 1966 as a caseworker. When he started, he managed a caseload of 125 people. In a profile piece done by The Southern Illinoian late last year, Holton was described as a dedicated worker, rarely taking a day off the job and constantly supporting co-workers and clients with a positive attitude. Holton says he decided he could now retire, because he felt comfortable with the level of staffing now present in his local office.



ROBERT DYER '71 has been elected to the advisory board for the Lifelong Learning Institute at Kankakee Community College. Dyer is a retired official with the Illinois Farm Bureau, where he worked for 36 years. He also serves on the Aroma Township Board of Trustees. Dyer also works as a volunteer. In October he worked with the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief effort in Vidor, Texas to help with recovery from damages caused by Hurricane Harvey.

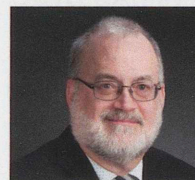
RICHARD O'DELL '72 has been inducted into the South Carolina Broadcasters Hall of



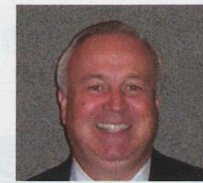
Fame. He was honored with the distinction in January during the annual Awards of Distinction Dinner. O'Dell is the president and general manager of WLTX-TV in Columbia, South Carolina. He has been in the position since 1999, when the station was purchased by Gannett Media. O'Dell is credited with taking a small station and turning it into a major voice in the local news market. In addition to running the station, O'Dell also serves on a number of volunteer boards and committees dedicated to affecting positive change in the region.

1980s

RANDY LEIGH '81 recently retired after 28 years teaching math at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana. He began at USI in 1990, teaching courses in algebra, trigonometry, calculus, and elementary statistics among others. Leigh will continue to teach some courses part time for a few more years. Prior to his tenure at USI, Leigh taught at Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky and Scott Community College in Iowa. He studied for his master's degree in mathematics at SIU.



WESLEY GIBSON '84 recently donated more than \$50,000 in computer equipment to Anna Community Consolidated School District No. 37. The donation consisted of 32 new Lenovo



ThinkPad laptops and two high-speed printers. The gift was made in honor of Gibson's late mother, Frances Farrar, who was a graduate of the Anna-Jonesboro school system. Gibson is the founder and managing partner of Gibson Consulting, LLC, based in Chicago. The firm is one of the world's leaders in operational business consulting, with offices in Tampa, Florida, London, Paris, and Shanghai.

TODD MANLEY '85 was recently made station manager of WGN Radio in Chicago. Manley



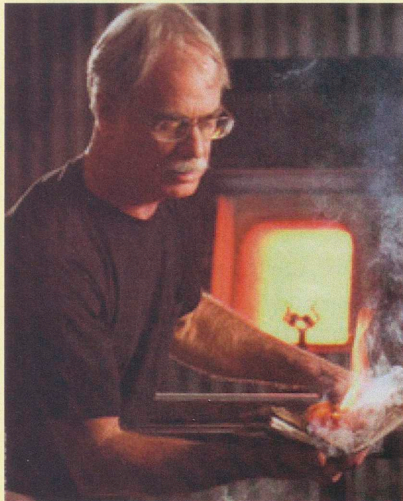
had been serving as vice president of content and programming. He will continue to perform those duties in addition to the station manager role. Manley joined WGN for the second time in 2013 as vice president of content and programming. He'd previously worked at the station, starting in 1998 as director of production and imaging, then was promoted to creative director in 2004. Manley also worked for WXRT FM 93.1 in Chicago, as well as the former WCKG and WPNT.

CHRISTINE STANNARD '85 has been appointed vice president of Global Sales at Ocean



Optics based in Largo, Florida, which produces spectrometers and other optical

Alumnus To Shut Down Tucson-Based Glass Furnace In April



THOMAS PHILABAUM '69 is shutting down in April the glass furnace that's been a staple of the Philabaum Glass Studio for more than 40 years in Tucson, Arizona. His decision came after he was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He intends to continue painting and fusing glass in studio, and the gallery, which features his and other work of glass artists throughout the United States, will remain open indefinitely.

During his career, Philabaum's distinctive glass art has appeared in collections and commercial installations all over the world. In Tucson, his art can be seen at the airport, Univ. of Arizona, and the Pima County Administration building as well as numerous private collections.

"The Flame", a comprehensive exhibition celebrating almost five decades of Philabaum's work, opened at the Philabaum Glass Gallery in February. A percentage of the proceeds for items up for sale were donated to PWR!, a non-profit gym in Tucson educating the public about the effects of Parkinson's. Philabaum intends to give a talk on his career, followed by a video presentation and reception at the Tucson Museum of Art on March 31.

sensing equipment. Stannard was previously an executive team leader at Panasonic Healthcare Corporation of North America. Before then she also led marketing efforts for NEC Technologies and Double Time Corporation. In her new role with Ocean Optics, Stannard will be responsible for accelerating the development on a range of spectrometers, multispectral sensing and imaging products, chemical sensors, analytical instrumentation and other products.

DAVIS ESTROP, PH.D. '87 was elected this past November



to the city commission in Springfield, Ohio. Estrop is a retired superintendent of the

Springfield Ohio City School District. He stepped down from the position after 10 years in 2015. In his new role as part of the commission, Estrop is one of five members responsible for enacting local legislation, adopting budgets, determining policies, as well as the appointments of several municipal administrators.

1990s

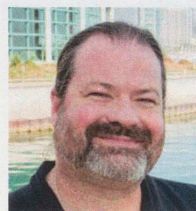
ERIC BUGGER '91 has been promoted to chief lending officer at Wright-Patt Credit Union in Beavercreek, Ohio. He joined the credit union in 2011 as president of lending.



Bugger has more than 17 years of executive level experience in the industry. Bugger is also a member of the TransUnion Credit Union Advisory Board, the American Credit Union Mortgage Association, the CUNA Lending Council. In his new role with Wright-Patt, Bugger will be in charge of setting the strategic direction for the credit union.

ANDREW CASPER, PH.D.

'90, '93 has joined the Shedd Aquarium Daniel P. Haerther Center for Conservation Research in a new role – Director of Freshwater Research.



Casper will oversee a team of scientists studying freshwater ecosystems and will also lead his own studies of invasive species in the Great Lakes. The mission of the program will be to protect local ecosystems in Illinois and the broader Great Lakes basin. Casper is experienced at utilizing research to resolve a variety of ecological issues. Past work includes studying what fish communities reveal about river restoration in the Mississippi River and how aquatic organisms respond to invasive species like Asian Carp.

KESHA WILLIAMS '93, M.S.

'97 has been named Director for Parent and Family Relations at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland. Her primary duties include overseeing



parent and family communications, promoting information about campus resources, creating an interactive role for parents and families within the campus community and beyond, and serving as a resource for parents and families and other university units.

Williams has more than 20 years of experience in higher education, with almost 10 years spent in parent and family relations at the University of North Carolina, and most recently at Northern Illinois University. Before that she served the SIU Alumni Association as director of member services.

The Southern graduate currently serves on the executive board for the Association of Higher Education Parent/Family Program Professionals. She is the daughter of Herman and Yvonne Williams of Carbondale.

JENNIFER CACCIAPAGLIA

'95 has been named head of the newly formed Office of Domestic



Violence and Human Trafficking Prevention in Rockford, Illinois. Cacciapaglia, a former assistant state's attorney, has been an advocate of domestic and sexual abuse victims, co-founding the Rockford Alliance

Against Sexual Exploitation in 2013. She was tapped by the city in recent years to research data regarding instances of domestic violence in the city, county, and surrounding region. In her new role, she'll work law enforcement and other abuse prevention services to analyze the effectiveness of existing programs and make recommendations on additional resources.

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ADRIAN MATEJKA '01 was recently name Indiana State Poet Laureate. Matejka was born in



Germany and raised in both California and Indiana. He is currently the Ruth Lily Professor/

Poet-in-Residence at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. He is the author of several award-winning books, as well as a finalist for the 2013 National Book Award prize and 2014 Pulitzer Prize.

RICHARD MCCLEARY '03 has been named an Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society. He was given the designation by successfully completing seven examinations administered by the CAS, in addition to other programs related to the ethical and professional requirements of an actuary. McCleary is an associate at Society Insurance based in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. CAS is an organization to advance actuarial science through a focus on research and education. It boasts 7,500 members with experts in property-casualty

insurance, reinsurance, finance, risk management, and enterprise risk management.

MATTHEW SANTEFORD '03

has been appointed assistant vice president and senior professional



partner of TranSystems, a consulting, engineering and architecture solutions firm focused

on enhancing movement of goods and people across transport infrastructure. Santeford has 15 years of professional structural experience in design and management of concrete and steel structures for highway, railroad and mass transit projects across the Midwest.

NICOLE RADER '05 has been named associate dean for academic affairs at Mississippi State



University. Rader had served for nearly a year in the post as interim. She now officially holds the

position and will be responsible for supervising and enhancing teaching programs in the university's largest and most diverse academic unit. Rader has been with MSU since 2005, when she joined the campus as the sociology department's undergraduate and graduate coordinator. She also led the university's Gender Studies program and chaired the campus President's Commission on the Status of Women.

SERENA PAGE, P.E., PLS

'09, a civil engineer at Hanson Professional Services Inc. in



Peoria, Illinois, recently became a licensed professional land surveyor. Page joined

Hanson in 2010 and has provided surveying and engineering services for projects, including the base roadway repairs for the Illinois Air National Guard's 182nd Airlift Wing and the study and design of the Washington Street reconstruction, both in Peoria; planning for the Seminary Street overpass in Galesburg for BNSF Railway Co.; and a design survey for the Monroe County Airport's runway rehabilitation in Bloomington, Indiana, as part of the facility's sinkhole repairs.

JOHN BOWSER '14 has joined the Archer Daniels Midland



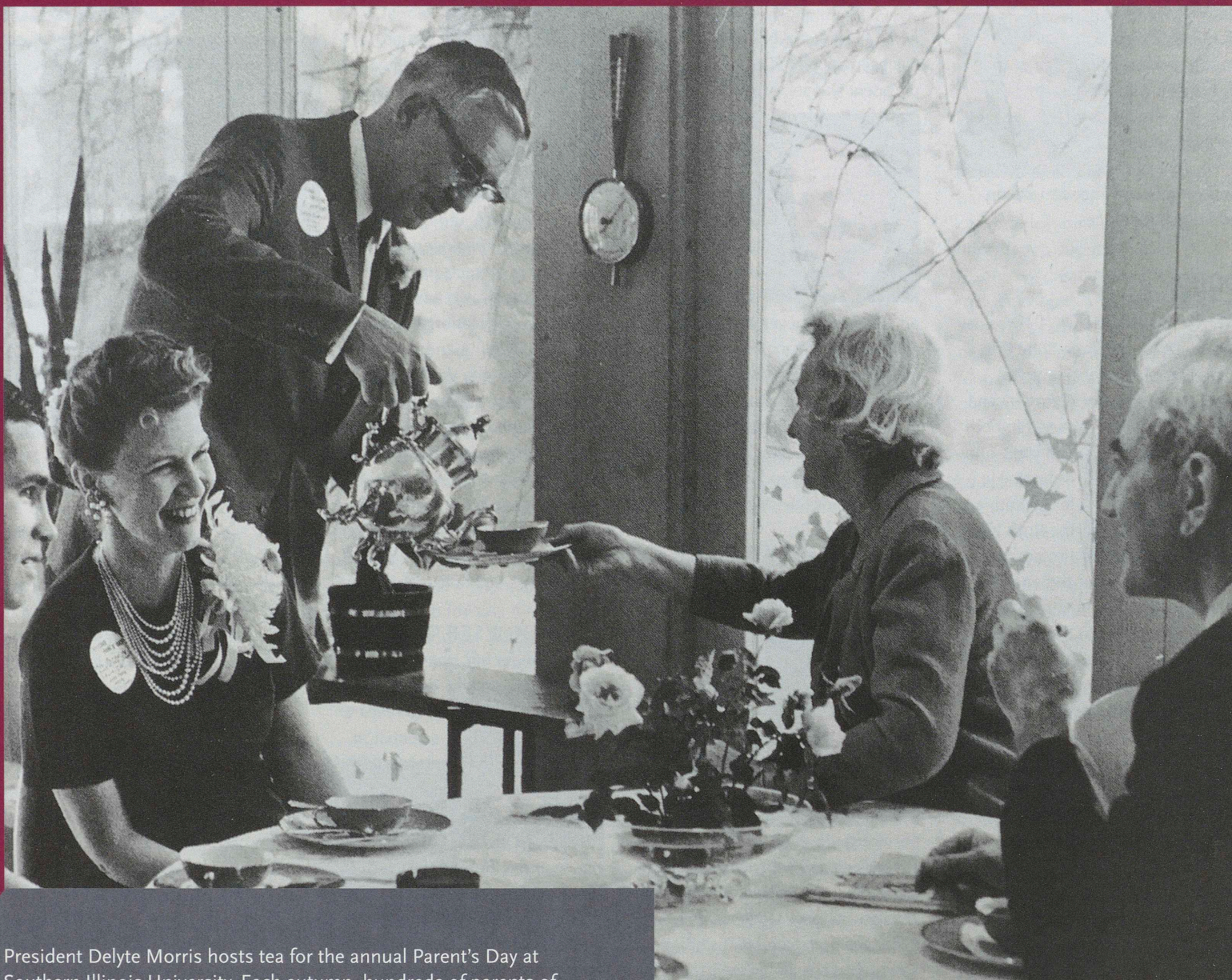
Company as a lead research scientist in aquaculture for ADM Animal Nutrition. In

his new role, Bowser will oversee the development of ingredients and products for the rapidly growing aquaculture industry. In addition, he will lead ADM's efforts to expand research capabilities via the establishment of an aquaculture wet lab. Bowser's area of expertise exists in fish and shrimp nutrition and physiology.

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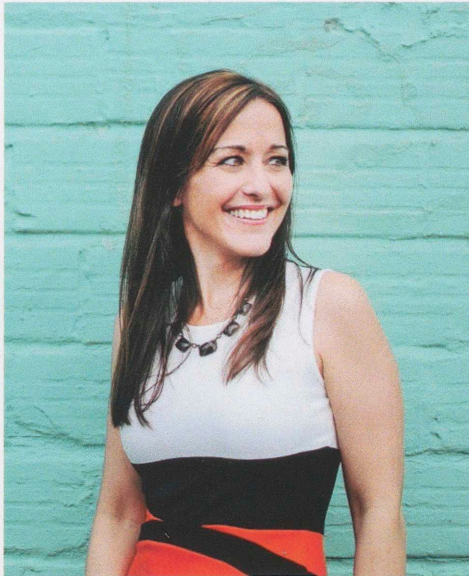
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President Delyte Morris hosts tea for the annual Parent's Day at Southern Illinois University. Each autumn, hundreds of parents of students would visit campus for tours, activities, and pleasantries. The day would begin with a three-hour walking tour, followed by convocation (usually punctuated with a student performance), a buffet meal, a football game, and a closing dance. The day was a chance for parents to walk in the footsteps of their children and learn all they could about the university they'd decided to call home.

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