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ASSOCIATION MADE A
DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR.
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NEW BOATHOUSE FOR CAMPUS LAKE
OFFICIALLY OPENS, THANKS
TO ALUMNUS DONATION.
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A woman in a dark blue pilot's uniform with gold stripes on the sleeves and a pilot's cap with a gold wing emblem. She is smiling and has her hand on the fuselage of a white airplane. The background shows a hangar with a sign that says "FRED'S PILOT'S LOG".

Head in the Clouds

Finding a role model wasn't easy for Nia Wordlaw, who wanted to become a pilot. She fixed that by becoming one herself.

Design alumnus, entrepreneur strengthens legacy through philanthropy



By Jeff Wilson

Each spring, the SIU School of Art and Design hosts Design Days, which brings professional designers, both alumni and non-alumni, to campus.

With “Momentum” as this year’s theme, the focus was on moving the field of design forward.

Mark Stenftenagel embodies that theme. A 1973 alumnus of the design program, Stenftenagel has made an impact through generosity and personal effort.

“I had an extremely rich, enjoyable experience at SIU,” he said. “The more I get involved, the more I enjoy it. It’s a great university. There are really good students here.”

Making a noticeable impact

His philanthropy has helped the university’s design program stay modern. In 2014, the program moved to a new workspace in Pulliam Hall, leaving behind the Blue Barracks on East Campus. A \$30,000 donation from Stenftenagel helped ensure the program could thrive in its new location.

“Because of people like Mark, we have dedicated design scholarships,” said Rob Lopez, interim director of the School of Art and Design. “It helps with recruitment and retention. Our students can be proud when they leave.”

Stenftenagel also facilitates the delivery of free furniture that comes from Merchandise Mart in Chicago. The mart is a wholesale design center, and when it gets new inventory, the old items need a home. Stenftenagel has made sure the SIU design program is one of those homes.

In fact, before visiting SIU for Design Days on April 6, he loaded a truck and trailer (donated by his colleagues at Installation Specialists in Itasca) and brought a shipment along with him.

From football to furniture design and beyond

Stenftenagel came to SIU on a football scholarship but later decided to forgo football and focus on design.

“I wanted to study design, and I also wanted to play football,” he said. “Southern was the best place to do that. I hated to leave the team. It was tough.”

After his junior year, Stenftenagel took a break and started an on-campus preschool. He designed the school’s furniture so that it could be easily set up and broken down each day.

After meeting his future wife, Margaret, a 1972 SIU alumna, Stenftenagel sold the preschool and finished his design degree. After graduation, the couple moved to Boston for about two years before returning to Illinois and settling in Elmhurst.

In 1984, he founded Whitney Architects, which focuses on architecture and interior design. A year later, he started Q Design, which does industrial design, focusing mostly on furniture.

A giant Q on the wall in the Pulliam Hall Design Wing denotes Stenftenagel’s impact on the program. It represents the Q Lounge, which is filled with furniture he helped acquire.

“The world needs good design,” Stenftenagel said. “What we learned (at SIU) is more pertinent today. Design is the essence of problem solving. All kinds of companies are looking for design. The need is there.”

The SIU Foundation is in the midst of the Forever SIU, a three-year fundraising campaign. To learn more about the campaign and how to give, visit www.foreversiu.org.



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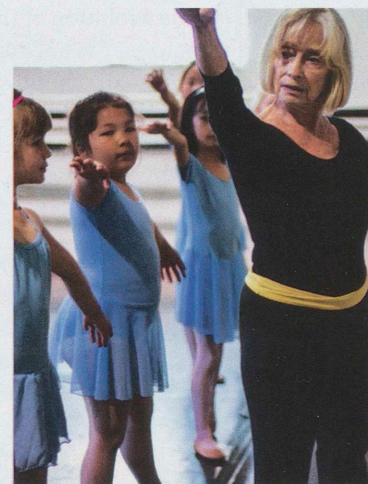
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Alumna Susan Barnes is about to retire after more than 40 years as a dance instructor. However, she's looking for a way to keep a legacy of dance instruction alive in southern Illinois.

Caleb Hale, editor



Would You Mind Telling Me What I'm Doing Wrong (Or Right)?

Criticism isn't a dirty word in my opinion. I've gotten plenty of it in my career, sometimes punctuated by a flourish of, well, let's call them forthright adjectives. Feedback is a necessary component of communication, especially in managing something like *SIU Alumni* magazine. And since taking the reins of this publication a couple of years ago, the Association hasn't really had the opportunity to gather an updated compendium of your thoughts about the magazine.

That changes now, and I'd like your help in addressing what you like and what you'd like to see changed about *SIU Alumni* going forward. You're invited to participate in a short reader survey about the magazine. It won't be a huge investment of your time, about three minutes in total. Your feedback, positive or critical, is appreciated and will be essential to the evolution of this publication.

What do you want to see? What don't you want to see? How connected does the magazine make you feel to Southern Illinois

University? Do you feel you're getting an honest portrayal of how things are going on campus? These are a few of the questions we've left for you to answer, and I'm ready to read what you have to say.

Lastly, I do want to thank regular readers of *SIU Alumni*. An enormous amount of work by many people within the SIU Alumni Association and elsewhere on campus goes into each issue. It's always rewarding to hear from people and to share that feedback with them as well.

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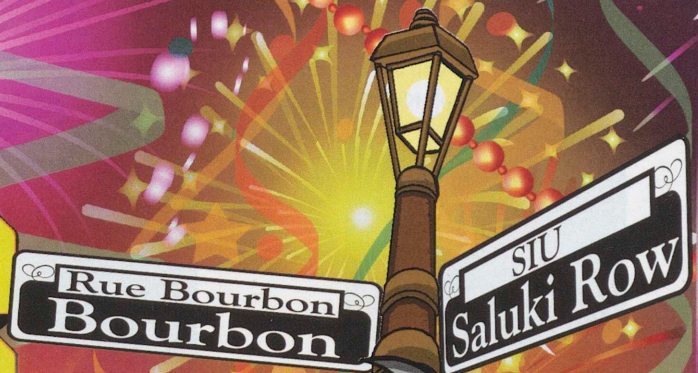
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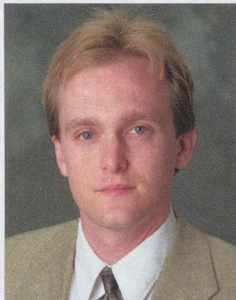
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SALUKIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SIU Professor Mark Dixon will appear on the popular Netflix show *Bill Nye Saves the World.* on Saturday, April 21.



Dixon will appear in an episode as an expert in behavioral addictions and showcase his work in measuring brain activity using functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI).

I was a doctoral student when Dr. Mark Dixon started at SIU-C! Congrats! [Bryon Kluesner via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

They don't do this at SIUe, do they? [Scott Ishman via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Go Dawgs! [Scott Frisch via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)



While it's a bit gloomy today in southern Illinois, we've been lucky to have a few recent days of spectacular weather.

It's been great to see folks walking, running and bicycling around Campus Lake again. What was your favorite part of the [#Carbondale](#) campus when you were here?

I loved taking a walk around the lake after dinner on a nice evening. [Georgann Percival via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

I remember doing that and also after Sunday dinner. Do you remember the floor meetings where there were endless discussions about

sharing phone time and missing food from the refrigerator? Simpler days. Time has flown. [Cheryl Wilson via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)



Study hall of course. (Delusional moment). Stepping out the back door of Pierce hall and going fishing and singing with the men's glee club. [Jerry Potter via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

I LOVED the campus lake!!! [Lindsey FinFrock via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

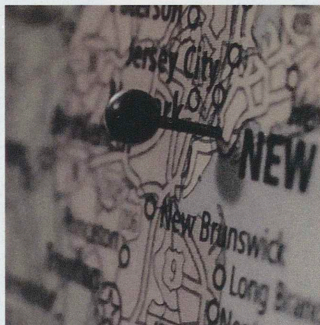
The library where I studied with my future wife! Also, the campus lake. Also, the \$.50 movies at Furr Auditorium, usually on nature! [Lyle Wilson via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Glad to see the lake is doing better! [Daniel James via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Ever wonder how many fellow SIU alumni ended up in your neck of the woods? Now you can find out! Check our new interactive map of the United States. If you click on the state you live in, the map will further resolve to your zipcode! [#SIU #SalukiForLife](#)

HOW MANY
SALUKIS
LIVE NEAR
YOU?

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I keep seeing SIU stickers on cars - 167 of us in 60625! [Mike Heitz via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Great fishing off the black top in Giant City... [Richard Tondi via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

3 in Presque Isle WI as far as I know. [Edward Brodsky via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

56 in 62242 Albert Gross via [SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

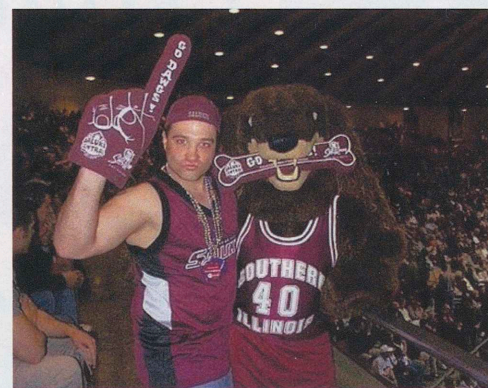
Nice, 20 Alumni in 33707! [Teresa Francis via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

43 in 76244. [Tracey Lane via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)



We're gearing up for tonight's 6 p.m. game against Missouri State! [#GoSalukis!](#)

Watching from my home dawg pound here in Peoria, IL. Pic is from the glory days of 98-03.



[Tim Beechler via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Brings me back- doesn't it? [Dina Duy via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

[#wewerethebest #nosquadwillbebetter](#) One day we will all be able to make it back down for homecoming and a reunion!! [Kristin Spangler via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Go my fellow Salukis! Steven Fuentes via SIU Alumni Association Facebook

I still remember this routine from my Saluki Shaker days Jennifer Hodges via SIU Alumni Association Facebook

“Go Southern, go ...” Tom McClellan via SIU Alumni Association Facebook

GO DAWGS!! Beth Anderson Drewenski via SIU Alumni Association Facebook

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Go Dawgs!!!! Laura Jakstas Soucy via SIU Alumni Association Facebook

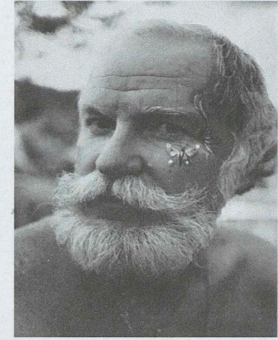
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2018 SIU Distinguished Alumni Award recipients Bonnie T. Garner, William A. Doerr and Daniel L. Booth are in the house! The award ceremony starts about 4 p.m., so if you're in the neighborhood, please join us!

Awesome! Katina's Boutique@katinasbeauty via SIU Alumni Association Twitter

Way to go Principal Booth! Karen Absher@karinsoil via SIU Alumni Association Twitter



It is with sadness that we announce the passing of #SIUAlumni Larry Skipton “Skip” Briggs. Skip was a passionate #Saluki as well as Professor Emeritus in Advertising from SIU’s School of Art and Design. @SoADsiu #carbondale

One of my best teachers at SIU in the mid 90s. Even got to vote for him one year for city office ('96 I think). typorter@tylerporter_bc via SIU Alumni Association Twitter

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SIU alumnus Kevin Lucas won a silver medal at the 2018 Global Music Awards “Instrumentalist” category for a remake of the song “Africa” by Toto. This is Lucas’s 43rd music industry award or nomination since 2014.

Kevin you're awesome. Steve Payne via SIU Alumni Association LinkedIn

Bravo! Lance R. SchneiderMBA - Gluespec Business Manager at Ellsworth Corporation via SIU Alumni Association LinkedIn

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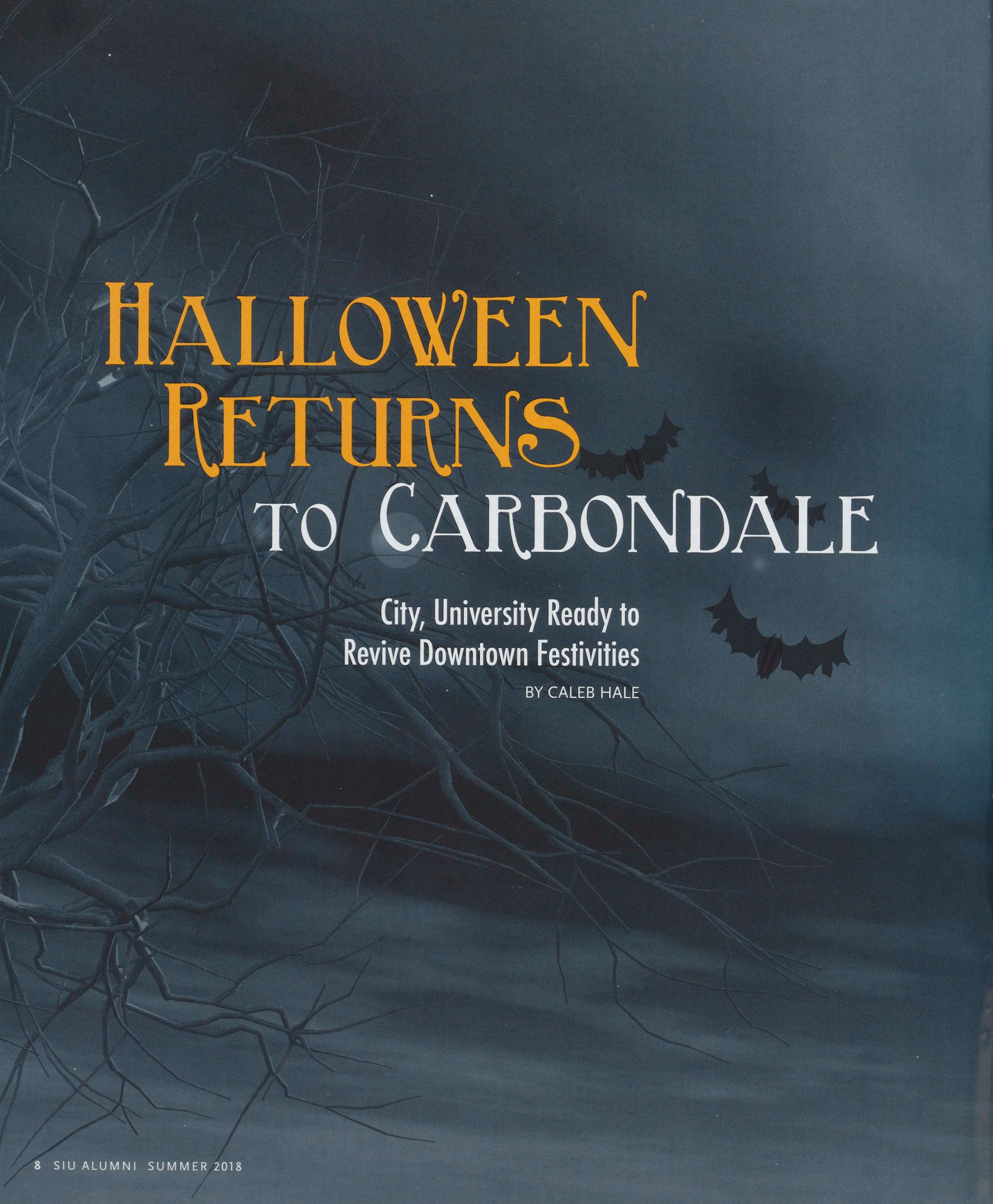
This from #morrislibrary: Flashback Friday: On May 4, 1973, “Sonny and Cher exploded into Carbondale,” as the Daily Egyptian put it. “From the time the couple arrived in the afternoon on Hugh Hefner’s Bunny Plane until they bowed their way out of the #SIUArena to a cheering, record-breaking crowd of 10,827, nothing they did was commonplace.” (DE, May 8, 1973)

Cool, did not know. So many great bands and artists have performed at SIU/Carbondale over the years. Pabloingold via SIU Alumni Association Instagram



CAMPUS MOMENT

The 45th Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta returned to Campus Lake at SIU this past April. Entrants from across campus and the community participated in the event that has become a tradition over the last four decades. Prior to the regatta, officials hosted a grand opening for the new boathouse on Campus Lake (see PG. 24).



HALLOWEEN RETURNS TO CARBONDALE

City, University Ready to
Revive Downtown Festivities

BY CALEB HALE

The dust had settled on last summer's total solar eclipse when Carbondale leaders and businesses called a meeting to take stock of what went right and wrong in preparation for the next occurrence in April 2024.

What they learned: Turns out the community could, in fact, handle large crowds for major events, and it needed to do so more often to breathe life back into the area. That's when talk of reviving Halloween began.

Steve Mitchell, the city's economic development director, along with other city, tourism and Southern Illinois University representatives, began planning to bring the holiday back to Carbondale – on Oct. 27, 2018, to be exact.

"Obviously everyone was aware of the history, of what happened," says Mitchell '87, MBA '92. "But, we thought it's a different time now. Kids are different, culture is a bit different. If we focus on creating an event that has some structure to it, some strong family component, we can avoid some of those negative issues of the past."

Negative issues included out-of-control crowds that included large numbers of people from outside of Carbondale, public intoxication, and property damage.

"We want to provide an event that encourages students to have fun safely by providing more structure to Halloween activities," said SIU Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Lori Stettler. "Having fun is part of the college experience."

Mitchell said he and other leaders he's spoken with feel confident that Halloween can be revived. He says he's been pleased with the response he's gotten from the community and university. The event this first year is being funded primarily through a donation by the Carbondale Business Development Corporation, along with matching funds from the city. The rest of the expenses, Mitchell says, will be covered by sponsorships.

CARBONDALE HALLOWEEN

Saturday,
Oct. 27, 2018

Tentative Schedule:

Monster Dash 5K

8 - 10 a.m. Hosted by the SIU Rec Center

Safe Halloween

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Murdale Shopping Center

Trick or Treating

12 - 2 p.m. Downtown Business District

Great Carbondale Pumpkin Race

1 - 5 p.m. Mill Street Underpass

Live Music/Entertainment

3 - 11 p.m. Washington Street



Members Make The Difference

This past academic year
was a success
thanks to members
like you.



Larry Mieldezis '86
Outgoing President,
SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors

Growing and retaining members is a subject of frequent conversation among the staff and board of directors for the SIU Alumni Association, but the strength in that membership number is more than just a feather in our collective caps. Each member, who either pays dues annually or has made the commitment of a lifetime membership in the Association, creates an impact that can change the fate of a student or group of students at Southern Illinois University.

In my time as president of the board, I've seen it happen, and as I end my term, I think it's important each of us recognize and reflect on the good we're doing to support the university and its educational mission. Members make the difference. It may seem only seem like an annual fee for a handful of benefits, but every day the Association puts those dollars to use, creating opportunities for students and alumni to be a bigger part of the SIU story.

I hope that you will read this message, see the impact, and understand how your membership dollars are truly changing lives for current Saluki students. Thank you for your membership. Thank you for investing in SIU. Thank you for making a difference.

Chelsea Duncan is a sophomore in Animal Sciences at SIUC. She received a \$500 Massac County Alumni Scholarship Award. She also won a Chancellors Scholarship in the Fall of 2017.

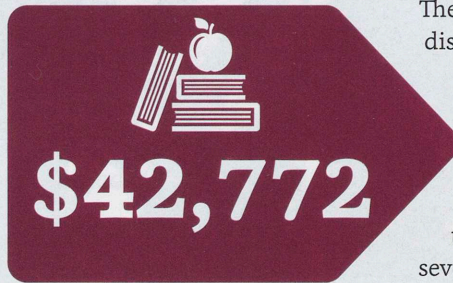


Lindsey Eigsti received a \$2,000 Legacy Scholarship. She graduated this spring with a degree in Human Nutrition and Dietetics.

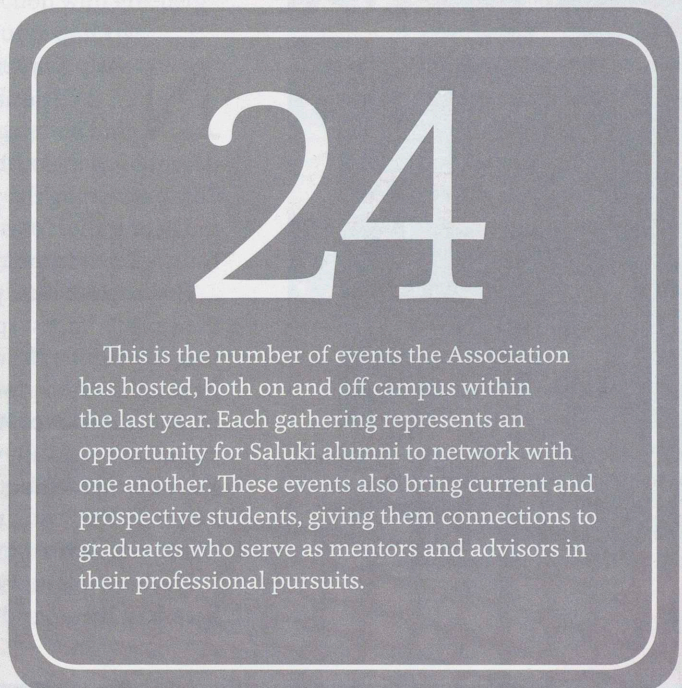
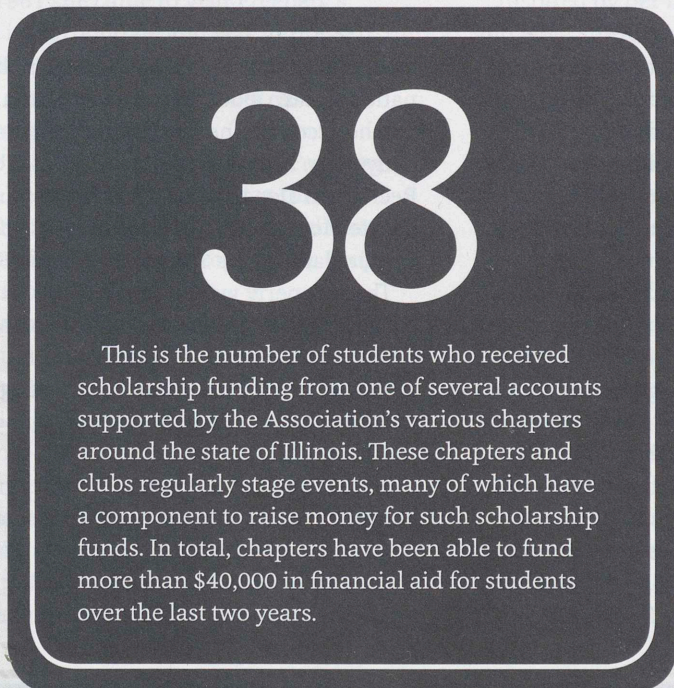


The SIU Alumni Association paid this amount to its student employees during the last academic year. Membership supports the organization's operational funds, a portion of which in turn is utilized to fund student employment positions on campus.

The Association employees, on average, 10 students. They help in areas like event planning, marketing and communications, accounting and other administrative duties. They are an integral part of the Association's workflow. Much of what the organization does could not be accomplished without them.



The Association has an active scholarship committee, responsible for the distribution each year of thousands of dollars to support students in various programs. This was the amount distributed recently. This past school year for instance, the Association gave 36 students textbooks for their spring semester. For some students, this gift made it possible for them to continue their education. The Association also supports students in areas like travel scholarships for the Extern Program, programs tied to SIU Touch of Nature, athletics, the Marching Salukis, not to mention several registered student organizations on campus.

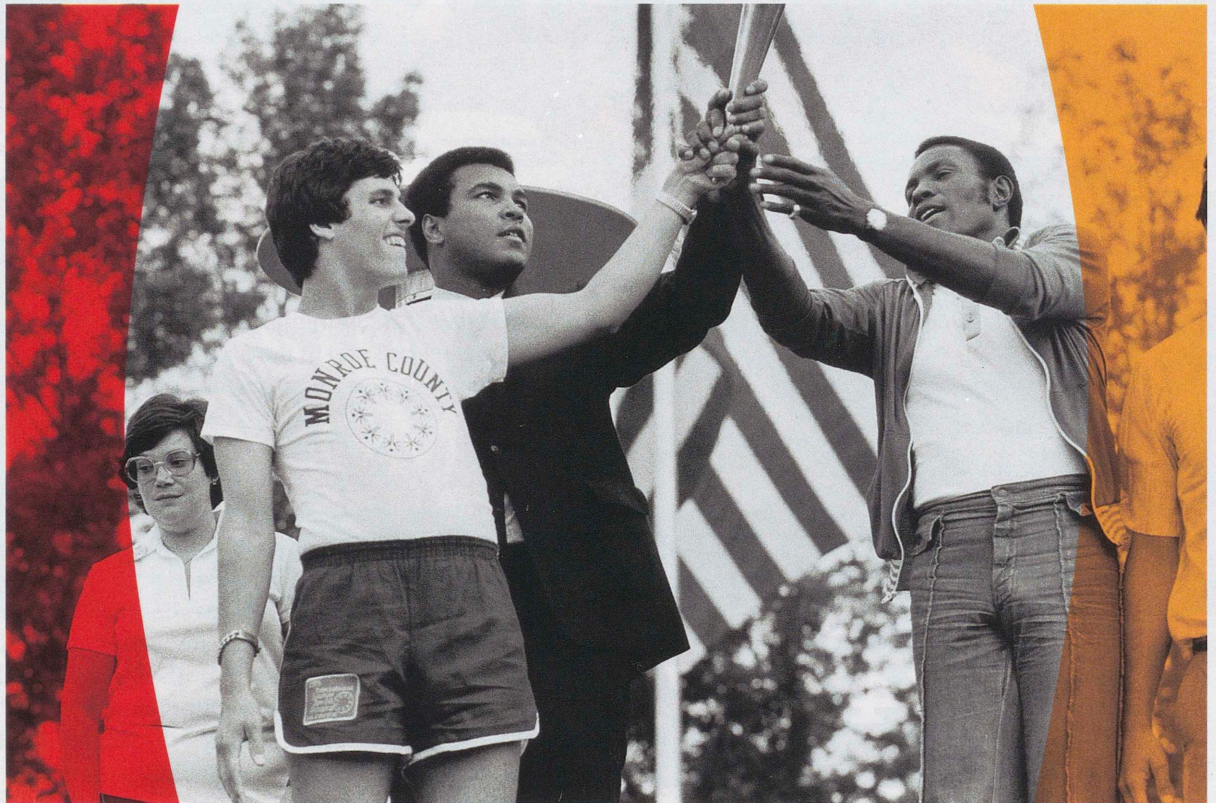


A Half Century of Inspiration

Special Olympics 50th Anniversary Kicks Off Where It Began: SIU

BY CHRISTI MATHIS

Muhammad Ali, center, and Rafer Johnson, right, with Special Olympics athletes at the 1979 International Summer Games.



BELOW: Eunice Kennedy Shriver speaks during the first Special Olympics games in 1968 at Soldier Field in Chicago.



Nearly five million athletes take part in the Special Olympics each year, and it's a legacy that began five decades ago at Southern Illinois University. This past spring the program marked its milestone anniversary at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center.

The inspirational program, which is the world's largest sports organization for people with intellectual disabilities, traces its origins to the pioneering therapeutic recreation work of William Freeberg. He served as a consultant for the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation and assisted Eunice Kennedy Shriver in establishing Special Olympics, now a worldwide phenomenon.

Freeberg was raised in an orphanage and became a lifelong advocate for people with

disabilities. He was the first person in the nation to earn a doctorate in recreation, a feat he accomplished in 1950 at Indiana University. Also that year, as chair of SIU's Recreation Department, Freeberg persuaded Delyte Morris, the late SIU president, to acquire land in the Shawnee National Forest.

That property was to become the Camp at Little Grassy Lake, now known as Camp Little Giant. It was the first university-affiliated residential summer camping program for people with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Freeberg was convinced that sports and recreation could give people with disabilities confidence and an improved quality of life. He involved SIU students as well, establishing the first college-level curriculum



Freeberg, fifth from the right, poses for a photo with colleagues in the Sledgefoot Lounge at Touch of Nature Environmental Center in Makanda.

in the country focusing on recreation and outdoor education.

Eventually, students from more than 25 different programs came to enjoy hands-on learning experiences at the camp.

Freeberg and others established an association to serve the intellectually disabled population in 1954 and quickly discovered there was no organized recreation program. A residential summer camp for people with disabilities was born at Little Grass. An abandoned farmhouse surrounded by tents served campers that year.

Shriver, the sister of President John F. Kennedy, also held a summer camp for people with intellectual disabilities, albeit in her back yard.

In 1961 she came to visit Freeberg's camp in Carbondale and was impressed. In October 1964, Sargent Shriver, her husband and a former U.S. ambassador, sent a telegram to Morris.

The request was simple. Lend Freeberg to the Kennedy Foundation for three months to help establish and coordinate a nationwide recreation program for people with disabilities.

Sargent Shriver, the executive director of the foundation at that time, said Freeberg was the only man in the country with the knowledge and vision to carry out the mission, and the foundation offered to reimburse his salary and expenses.

"While SIU's reputation and legacy for diversity and inclusion is well known, it's perhaps not as universally known that Dr. Freeberg and SIU were trailblazers in advocacy

for and inclusion of people with disabilities. We are very proud of that," Matthew Keefer, dean of SIU's College of Education and Human Services, said.

Freeberg was on staff with the college at the time the Shriviers made their request.

Morris and SIU honored the Shriviers' appeal and Freeberg was soon conducting workshops, teaching participants how to work with people with disabilities.

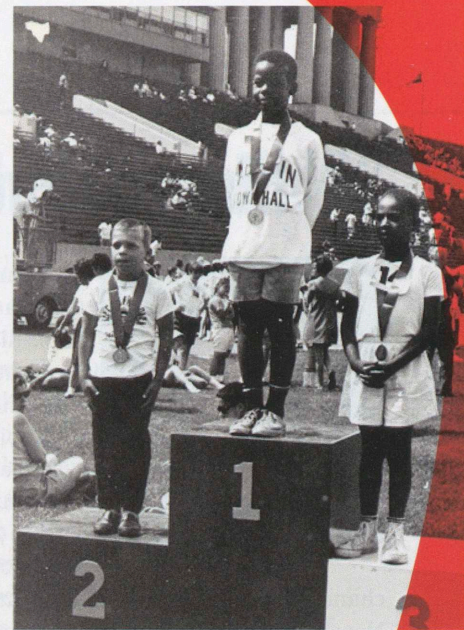
The Chicago Park District sent 10 representatives to a workshop in 1965, including Anne McGlone, now better known as longtime Illinois Supreme Court justice Anne M. Burke.

Inspired by her interaction with Freeberg and what she learned, Burke quickly conceived a plan for a citywide track meet for people with disabilities.

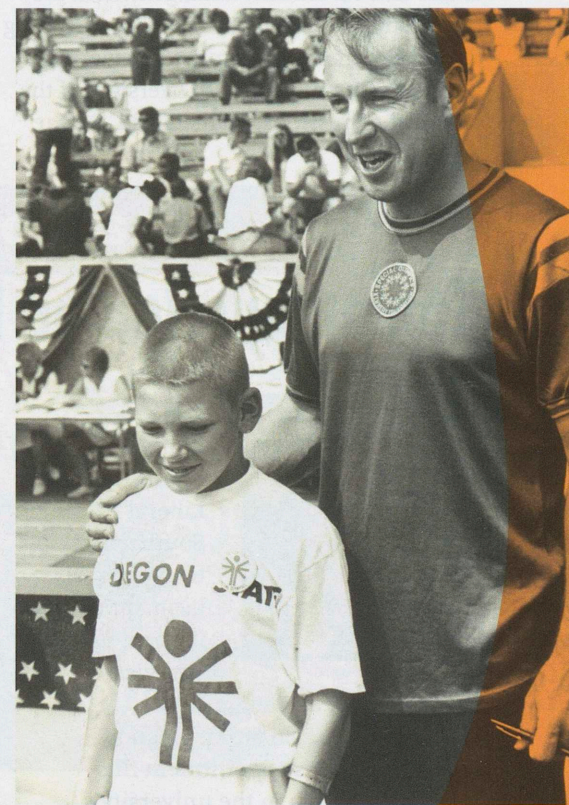
With Freeberg's guidance and encouragement and thanks to funding he persuaded the Kennedy Foundation to supply, plans moved forward in Chicago. Freeberg even obtained permission from the International Olympic Committee to use the name.

The very first Special Olympics took place on July 20, 1968, at Soldier Field in Chicago. More than 1,000 athletes from 26 states and Canada participated.

Numerous acclaimed politicians and athletes – including some from the Olympic Games – as well as celebrities and Freeberg were in attendance.



Awards ceremony at the first Special Olympics.



Astronaut Jim Lovell poses with a Special Olympics athlete at the first Special Olympics games on July 20, 1968, in Soldier Field in Chicago.

SIU Hires DeHaemers As Enrollment Manager



Jennifer DeHaemers has filled a role at Southern Illinois University vacant since 2014 – associate

chancellor for enrollment management. Now, after a national search, she's on the Carbondale campus and ready to tackle the challenge of increasing the student population.

In her new role, DeHaemers, a former associate vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, is leading the development of a comprehensive, multi-year recruitment plan, with oversight of the offices of admissions, financial aid, bursar and registrar.

"Jennifer is a data-driven, student-centered enrollment management leader who understands the challenges we face at SIU," Chancellor Carlo Montemagno says. "She brings a collaborative approach and experience developing and implementing a strategic enrollment plan. I'm confident that she will help us move in the right direction."

DeHaemers has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Central Missouri and a master's degree in higher education administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

She says there's promise and potential with SIU in seeking to recruit and serve a diverse body of students. "I was attracted to its mission, the chancellor's vision for the future, and the openness and commitment of everyone I met," DeHaemers says.

DeHaemers was associate vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment

management at UMKC from 2011 to 2017 and served as assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management from 2007 to 2011.

As associate vice chancellor, she oversaw university-wide enrollment planning and the development of a strategic enrollment plan. She also collaborated with academic units and other departments to carry out the university's recruitment strategy. The university's enrollment grew from 15,492 in fall 2011 to 16,383 in fall 2017.

She has also served as UMKC's director of admissions and international student affairs and as associate director, interim director and director of admissions. She joined UMKC in 1997 after serving for eight years recruiting students for Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City.

Komarraju Named Interim Provost



Meera Komarraju, dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Southern Illinois University, has been appointed interim provost and vice

chancellor for academic affairs.

Chancellor Carlo Montemagno says Komarraju's appointment fills an important gap in the university's leadership. The provost's responsibilities have been divided among other members of the provost's office since the retirement of previous interim provost in June 2017. The university's provost oversees the academic colleges, library affairs, the

graduate school, off-campus programs, the honors program, information technology and the centers for international education and teaching excellence.

"Dr. Komarraju is well-qualified to move the revitalization of our academic programs forward," Montemagno says. "She is highly respected across campus as an administrator, teacher and researcher who has displayed a strong commitment to SIU throughout her career. She possesses the experience and skills needed to succeed as interim provost."

Komarraju came to SIU as a lecturer in 1986 and has served as director of the Department of Psychology's undergraduate program, chair of the department, and associate dean for student and curricular affairs in the College of Liberal Arts before

her 2015 appointment as dean.

She is a professor of psychology and holds a doctoral degree in applied social psychology from the University of Cincinnati and doctoral and master's degree in industrial-organizational psychology from Osmania University in India. She also holds a master's degree in sociology from Osmania University and a bachelor's degree in psychology, philosophy and English literature from Nizam College in India.

Komarraju is widely published in her field and is a fellow of the American Psychological Association. She is a past recipient of the university's Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award.

'Detail Dawgs' Excel At National Aviation Tech Competition



Competing on a national stage for a second year, the "Detail Dawgs" continued to improve at the 2018 Aerospace Maintenance Competition last month in Orlando, Fla. Team members are, from left to right, front row: Michael Vitale, Nathan Trogdon, Jakob Chapman, Jordan Robin, Rachel Kelly, Kyle Koblas; second row: Seth Faloon, Zachary Eldredge and Chance Bowman; third row: Feras Saad.

As a developing team in just its second national competition, Southern Illinois University Carbondale aviation technologies students fared well in the 2018 Aerospace Maintenance Competition in Orlando, Florida.

With only two of 10 team members returning from last year's competition, the "Detail Dawgs" earned second place overall in the Oil Analysis event and third place overall in the Magneto timing event. The teams improved upon their previous time by 200 minutes, says Harry Fanning, a lecturer in the program and faculty advisor for the registered student organization.

"These students did an outstanding job representing our school and the Aviation Technology program," Fanning says. "Their professionalism has set the bar for future teams. We have made significant progress over last year and have already started planning for next year."

The competition consists of 28 challenges in areas such as avionics fiber optics/flight control rigging, hydraulics and jet engine troubleshooting, according to the organization's website. Teams have 15

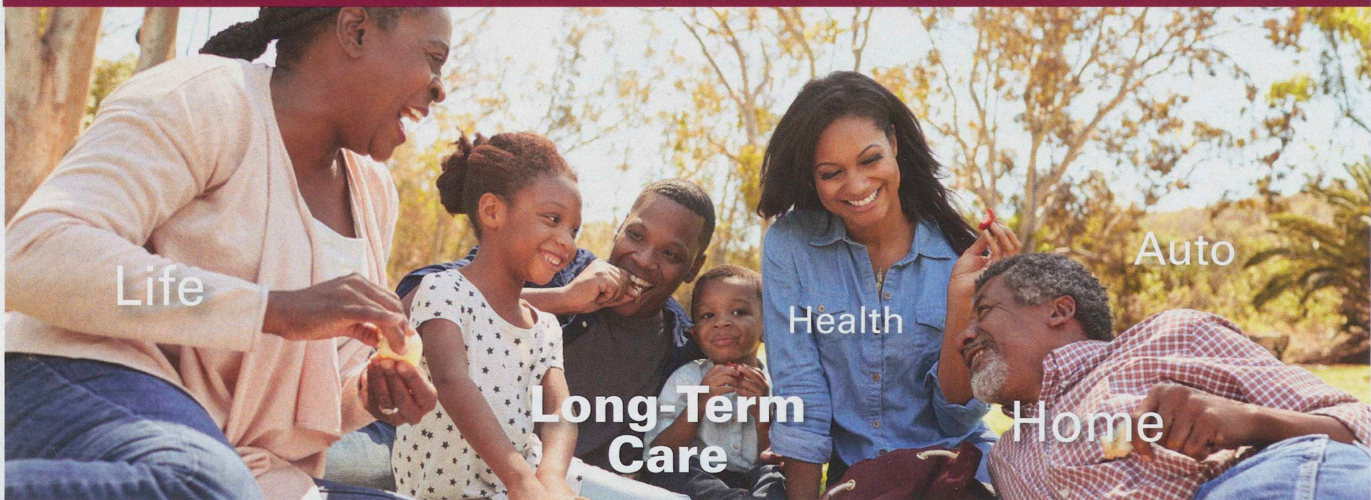
minutes to complete each task; scoring is based on the time it takes to finish.

Each of SIU's teams improved last year's overall time by 200 minutes, with one team beating the average time of teams competing this year in 18 events and the second team beating the average time in 12 events, Fanning says.

A team representing United Airlines Team Cleveland won the 2018 title last month, while The Aviation Institute of Maintenance-Houston scored highest of the 24 school teams.

The registered student organization was fully sponsored this year, so it was able to send two teams, said Michael Burgener, department chair. He was pleased with the squad's finish in just its second year.

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HAPPY CAMPER: A CONVERSATION WITH JEFF GOELZ

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RECREATIONAL SPORTS AND SERVICES – AQUATICS AND OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Jeff Goelz ('91, '96) came to SIU on a swimming scholarship, then returned as a graduate assistant after a stint of teaching high school in Midland, Texas. After earning his master's degree, he coached the swim team from 1996 through 2004, when he took over as assistant director of the SIU Student Recreation Center as head of aquatics and the Outdoor Pursuits program. We talk to him here about summer camping and boating.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES OF TENT CAMPING?

Portability – you don't need a lot of space to make a comfortable night's sleep. A relatively new trend is hammock-camping. What could be easier and more fun than sleeping in a hammock?

WHAT ARE SOME IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT A PERSON NEEDS TO CAMP IN A TENT?

Choose your gear wisely. You usually get what you pay for, so a little extra money for quality gear can help make you a happy camper. Look for a quality tent that fits your needs. There is no reason to buy a bulky, five-person tent if all you need is space for two. For fair weather camping, consider a nylon or polyester tent. They tend to be cheaper, and are lighter and dry out quickly. Hard core folks may want a cotton or canvas tent if camping in colder conditions. They are heavier to carry and cost more, but if conditions require some insulation, these are the way to go.

WHAT SHOULD CAMPERS CONSIDER IF CAMPING AND TRAVELING AND THEY ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE AREA?

Go online and check out areas of interest. Contact a local gear provider or outdoor gear vendor for suggestions. If it's a camper's first time in the woods, start small and local. We have great campsites in the SIU area that feel you are in the middle of nowhere but still provide easy access to your car – or even showers and toilets. I like Wolf Den Hollow on Cedar Lake – it's nice to camp near the water.

WHEN IT COMES TO PADDLE-POWER, WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KAYAKS AND CANOES? AND WHAT ABOUT PADDLE BOARDS?

Kayaks are smaller than canoes, and they are lighter, more maneuverable and lower to the water. You can get them into smaller places on the water, and they are easier to transport. Borrow or rent several different styles and lengths before sinking (boating joke) your money into a kayak that may not fit your need. Stand-up paddle boards (SUPs) are a fun way to explore waterways. If you planning on stand up paddle boarding, plan on getting wet. It will take a while to get balanced.

WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR A NEW PADDLER?

If the weather is warm, I would choose a sit-on-top kayak. You are not "in" the boat, you are "on" the boat. You'll get wet but you'll also get some sun on your legs. Flatwater, a still lake, is easier for beginners. On lakes with motor restrictions, you usually won't have big waves to contend with. In this area, Cedar Lake and Little Grassy Lake are good lakes for beginners.

WHAT SHOULD PADDLERS AND CAMPERS ABSOLUTELY REMEMBER?

Life vests must be in the boat. I suggest you always wear a vest – in an emergency you will not have time to find the vest and put it on properly. When camping, leave no trace!



As an African-American female, SIU graduate Nia Wordlaw represents less than one percent of the commercial airline pilots in the country. She is currently working on a book about her life's story.

HEAD IN THE



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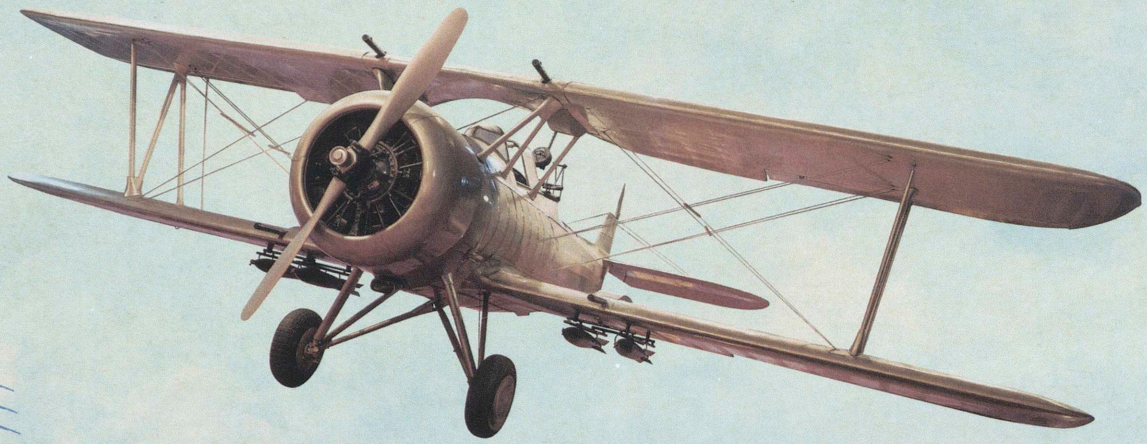
From An Early Age, There Was No Stopping Her Dreams Of Flight
BY GENE GREEN

Growing up in Broadview, Illinois, Nia (Gilliam) Wordlaw would often gaze into the sky and wonder where all the airplanes at nearby O'Hare Airport were going. Fascination soon morphed into fervor, and she announced to her parents that someday she would be a pilot.

She was 10 years old.

"I know I was different than most children that age, but it was a true epiphany for me as a youngster," says Wordlaw, a United Airlines pilot with two decades experience flying commercial aircraft – and just one approximately 35 black female pilots serving a major airline in the United States. "Even as a little girl I recall wanting to travel," she recalls. "There was this great big world out there that I wanted to see."

With that in mind, the 1997 SIU graduate yearned to meet a role model in that field – someone she could identify with. That proved challenging, as few women of color had blazed such a trail. Nevertheless, she was relentless in discovering as much as she could about how to fulfill her dream.



Pioneer aviator Bessie Coleman, honored with a 32-cent stamp on April 27, 1995, inspired Wordlaw to follow her passion.

Finding Some Roots

For the several years, Wordlaw gathered as much information on flying as possible. Her mother, a retired public school teacher, brought her home countless articles from the library, including a story on Bessie Coleman, the first black female to earn a pilot's license. When flight schools in the United States had denied her entry due to her race and gender, Coleman moved to France and earned her license in 1921.

Wordlaw was empowered by her path.

"I call Bessie Coleman my first mentor," she notes. "When I saw what she accomplished despite great obstacles and racism, it made me want to fly even more. If she could do it during that period of our history, why in the world could I not do it now?"

While other young girls had rooms adorned with movie star and pop music posters, Wordlaw's walls were covered with aviation photos complimented by shelves full of model airplanes. Long before the Internet placed information at one's fingertips, she instead located every book on flying that she could find.

Wordlaw's interest in the vocation continued to grow, yet as she neared high school graduation (she earned a degree in only three years), she lamented that she had never actually seen a black female pilot. That was about to change during her junior year.

"My history teacher, Mrs. Marquez, knew of my interest in flying and brought me an obituary about a service being held in the Chicago area for Janet Harmon Bragg – the first black female to get

a commercial license. The funeral was taking place on the south side of Chicago, and I knew I had to get there and at least try and see this person with my own eyes."

Skipping a day of school, Wordlaw left Oak Park and took two trains and bus to arrive at the church. "It was my first chance to see someone who looked like me and had done something I wanted to do," she explains. When she got to the service, however, her plans were momentarily thwarted. It was a closed casket – there would be no viewing.

"I was devastated that I couldn't actually see

her. As I started to leave the church and return to school, I noticed a black female near the back of the church dressed in an airline pilot's uniform. I walked straight to her and introduced myself. Instead of seeing someone deceased, I had instead met a live person who would become a mentor."

Wordlaw had made this chance encounter with

General Stayce D. Harris, a United Airlines pilot who would become the highest-ranking African-American woman in the U.S. Air Force. Since November 2017, she has been working at the Pentagon as Inspector General of the Air Force.

As she hugged Harris, Wordlaw began to cry. "I realize not everyone can grasp the scope of what this meant to me, but I had finally met someone who looked like me and did things I aspired to do. It was an incredible moment."

The Road To SIU

As mentioned earlier, Wordlaw had graduated from Oak Park and River Forest high schools in only three years thanks to taking courses each summer and gathering some hours from a local

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junior college. “My parents said they would support my dream, but they wanted me to earn a college degree and not just go to flight school,” she says. “Graduating early was pure motivation to be able to fly as soon as I could.”

Wordlaw began her college journey in 1993 at nearby Lewis University, but quickly realized it was not the fit she hoped for. “Yes, I was young and it was close to home, but I wanted a larger college experience and knew about SIU’s great aviation program and its many internship opportunities.”

Stepping away from college the next year to attend Basic Military Training/Tech School USAF in San Antonio, Texas, Wordlaw enrolled at Southern in January of 1995 after completing her training. The years that followed in Carbondale would help shape the rest of her life.

“After staying at Neely Hall that first year, I got an apartment with some other students who were in the flight program,” she recalls. “One of those roommates, Charles Davis, remains one of my great buddies to this day.”

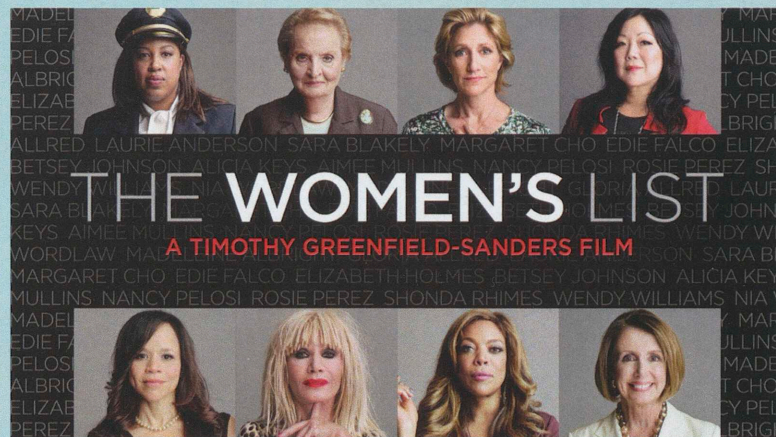
Davis, who graduated in 1998, is now a pilot with Alaska Airlines. He and Wordlaw were part of a small group of minority aviation students at SIU during those years. “There weren’t many of us, but we sort of congregated to each other and thankfully found great friends locally in Bill and Molly Norwood.”

Norwood, a 1959 Southern graduate who now resides in Mesa, Arizona, served in the U.S. Air Force before a 31-year career with United Airlines. He became the company’s first African-American pilot and the first to achieve the rank of captain.

“To meet someone like that while I was in school was amazing,” Wordlaw says. “He and his wife were so supportive, mentoring us, having us out to their home, and doing whatever they could to help us.”

Norwood recalls immediately sensing something unique about Wordlaw.

“It was clear that she was focused and willing to work for what she wanted to accomplish,” he says.



Wordlaw (top left row) shared the spotlight with many iconic women when she was featured in the 2015 PBS “American Masters” series.

PBS Documentary Introduced Wordlaw To The World

Nia Wordlaw’s story was placed on the national stage three years ago, when she was featured as part of the iconic PBS “American Masters” documentary, *The Women’s List*. Sharing the spotlight with notable figures such as actor Rosie Perez, singer Alicia Keys, politician Nancy Pelosi, lawyer Gloria Allred, and others, the SIU graduate’s message resonated with viewers.

“Perhaps Nia wasn’t as well known as some of the others featured, but what she shared was incredible,” says Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, a photographer who directed the documentary. He had learned about Wordlaw after reading an article about her in *Ebony Magazine*.

“We see in these women ourselves, in some ways,” Greenfield-Sanders notes. “We are inspired by them, and I think we understand the struggle better through their eyes.”

Following the telecast, Wordlaw says she began to receive many speaking engagements to discuss her journey. She followed up on those opportunities by founding the organization “Purpose, Faith, Fly,” where she now inspires and motivates young people with a pointed directive.

“If you find your passion, it is your purpose,” she says. “If you believe in yourself, that is your faith. And with purpose and faith, you will fly high. I do not mean that literally, but rather that if you do those things you will reach your greatest potential.”



Nia and her son, Thaddeus John, relax by flying a drone together.
Photo courtesy of Inertia Media Group.

“Many people say they aspire to do something, but ultimately they don’t want to put in the time and effort required to make it happen. That was never an issue for Nia.”

Norwood – a founding member of a scholarship provided by the Organization of Black Airline Pilots – is proud that Wordlaw was one of its beneficiaries.

“Becoming a commercial pilot is tough. It is a path full of time commitments, financial hurdles, and many sacrifices,” Norwood notes. “But we saw something special in Nia, who is now an amazing role model for a new generation of young people.”

Building Up Hours

After graduating from SIU, the first step for Wordlaw – or any aspiring pilot – was to begin accumulating flight hours. To accomplish this, she worked in flight schools and served as a flight instructor in Chicago, Atlanta, and Scottsdale for the next three years. In 1999 she did traffic patrol flying in St. Louis, before landing her first commercial pilot job a year later.

“In 2000 I was hired as a pilot for Atlantic Coast Airlines, a regional carrier on the east coast,” she says. “I suddenly went from flying a Cessna to piloting a regional aircraft out of LaGuardia Airport – one of the busiest airspaces on the eastern corridor. It was a real eye opener, but I was up to the

challenge and learned a great deal in the first years I was with that company.”

Her big break occurred in 2005 when she was hired by Continental Airlines (the company later merged with United Airlines). During those years Wordlaw has flown to every continent on the planet except Australia and Antarctica.

Based out of Houston, Texas, where she lives with her husband, Thad, and their teenage son Thaddeus John and middle school daughter Tia Stayce, Wordlaw knows that being gone for long stretches of time is part of the business they all must deal with. Frequent international routes can see her be gone for almost a week with a route that goes from Houston to Tokyo to Honolulu, and back to Tokyo before returning home.

“Our son wants to be a pilot, so I guess I’m doing something right,” she says with a laugh. “Being gone is the hardest part, but our family has made it work. I tell Thaddeus that it’s a great job if you want to see the world, and this quote from St. Augustine sums up the way I feel about life: *‘The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.’* I just love that.”

Should Thaddeus decide to actually chase his dream of flight, he will only have to glance across the room to see a role model his mother searched so desperately for more than three decades earlier.

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Ralph Becker and Chancellor Carlo Montemagno are joined by university officials during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the renovated boathouse.

The Ripple Effect

BY REBECCA RENSCHAW

It all started with a phone call in August 2016. “I can remember it clearly,” said Jim Salmo, vice chancellor for development and alumni relations. “The phone rang and it was Ralph Becker, a 1955 SIU alumnus, pioneer of SIU’s radio-television program, and loyal donor. He called to challenge me with a \$1 million donation that would make a difference on campus.”

Salmo presented Becker with several projects, and Becker chose the Campus Lake Boathouse. As the renovations began, the SIU plant and service operations crew set up a camera so Becker, who lives in North Carolina, could watch the renovation progress.

Fast-forward 18 months to April 28, when the SIU Foundation dedicated the newly renovated Ralph E. Becker Boathouse Pavilion. Hundreds came to attend the ceremony, and many lingered to offer Becker a heartfelt thanks and to share their memories of what the boathouse meant to them.

Sally Wright waited in line to share a memory. When she reached Becker, she said, “I just want to thank you for restoring the boathouse. My husband, Mike, and I were married here. This year will mark our 31st wedding anniversary. This place has some unforgettable memories for us and I just want to thank you for your generosity.”

Troy Vaughn, recreational sports and services director, believes the renovated boathouse will reenergize both students and the community.

“This brings an incredible amount of energy to the campus,” he said. “So many units came together to make it a reality. It was just an incredible team effort.”

“Students are going to have a blast here,” Vaughn added. “The diversity of events is going to be amazing. Biology professors can hold classes here, student organizations can meet at the boathouse, and community members can rent it for a variety of events. We even hope to host weddings here again.”

In remarks made at the ceremony, SIU Chancellor Carlo Montemagno said, “the Becker Boathouse is a transformative gift that symbolizes the resurgence of SIU and its prominence as the bright maroon jewel in the crown of Illinois higher education.”

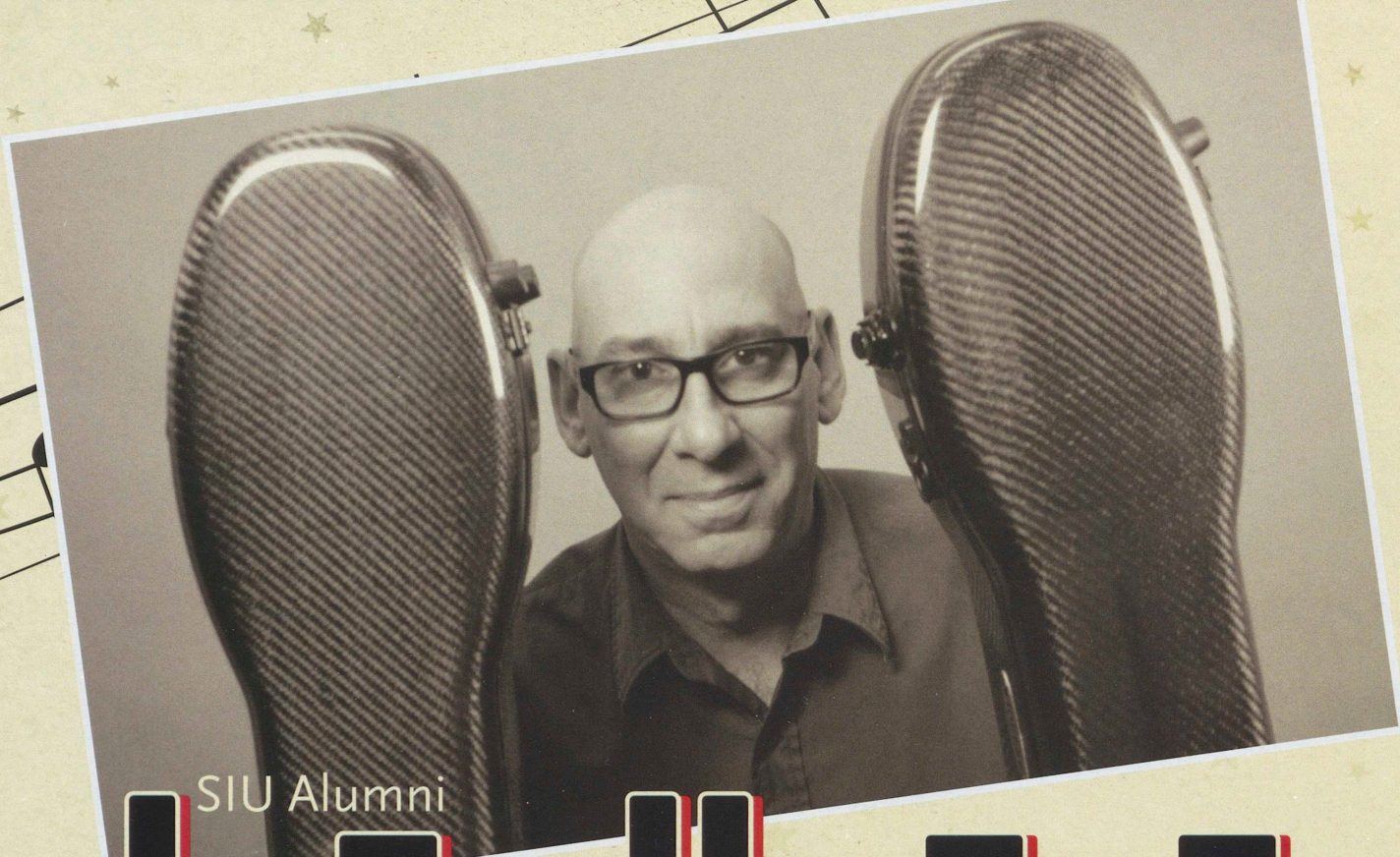
Becker summed up the celebration. “This is absolutely terrific. I never expected the university to go to this extreme,” he said. “Everything I ever accomplished started right here at SIU Carbondale. Seeing this, and all of the people who came out, I believe this is the best day of my life.”

The dedication was held in conjunction with the return of the 45th Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, which began at the boathouse after the dedication. As commodore for this year’s regatta, Becker sounded the horn for the first race.

Salmo said there is a long list of possible projects on the lake that could be funded by alumni donations, including the installation of fishing docks, additional bathrooms and a “water forest” project that would benefit the environment.

“The campus lake restoration and the boathouse renovation are the two most popular projects we have promoted this past year ... they just bring back good memories for people,” Salmo said.





SIU Alumni

JEFF HOFFEE

Showcases Saluki Strength and Resilience

BY BARBARA EIDLIN

One of the greatest qualities of a great innovator, and a great Saluki, is resilience. No one knows this better than SIU Alumni Jeff Hoffee, who started his highly successful company, Hoffee Carbon Fiber Cases, just as the 2008 financial crisis took hold of the U.S. economy.

Hoffee's company makes carbon fiber instrument cases for the likes of Elvis Costello, Willie Nelson, Steve Earle, and a laundry list of heavy-hitters in the world of entertainment.

He now occupies two buildings and has half a dozen employees, but in the beginning, it was just Hoffee, and a bunch of materials and resins, in a space that slightly resembled the lab of a mad scientist.

"Unfortunately, the music company I was working for at that time was affected by the economic downturn, as many businesses were, and I found myself without a job and without a lot of good prospects. But I'd always had the goal of starting my own business, and so I rented a space about the size of a two or three car garage and started working," Hoffee said.

Hoffee's journey to that garage began many years earlier with a bachelor's degree in Foreign Languages and Literature earned from SIU in 1995. While working on his degree Hoffee studied Japanese and business, and spent a semester overseas in Japan.

"After I got back from Japan and graduated, I moved away from Carbondale for a couple of years to work on my career, but in 1998 or so, I was offered a music scholarship at SIU and came back to pursue a second bachelor's with the thought of becoming a music teacher," Hoffee said.

Hoffee's love of music stretches back to his childhood. He joined his first rock band in seventh grade and considers the drum kit to be his main instrument. Folks who were in Carbondale in the mid 90s' might remember him as the drummer for the Bottletones, an edgy, energetic, rock-a-billy influenced band that lit up the main music venues in town.

"I actually met my wife, Shelley (Loretto) at a Bottletones show at Hangar 9. She also has a bachelor's degree from SIU, in Psychology, but we didn't meet until we had both graduated," Hoffee said.

Somewhere in the middle of his second bachelors, Hoffee decided to leave Carbondale for Chicago to pursue a job opportunity in the music industry. From that first job he worked his way up the ladder, working for companies like Eastman, and Lyon and Healy.

"I did pretty much everything. I was a district manager and eventually moved up to vice president of a few companies. I learned the ropes, paid my dues, and did my best to learn everything about the

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music business. My degree was really useful to me as I did a lot of international business while with those companies, including travelling and working abroad,” Hoffee said.

Hoffee said the idea of making carbon fiber instrument cases came directly from his time in, and exposure to, the music industry.

“The music business is incredibly competitive. But I realized that every instrument needs a case, and that the high-end part of the business seemed, at the time, to be a little less competitive. When I did my research, I found that there were not a lot of options in the high-end guitar case market,” Hoffee said.

Hoffee said that since he had visited factories numerous times when he worked abroad, he knew he couldn’t compete at the low-end entry-level part of the business.

“So I decided to start at the top. I chose carbon fiber partially because of that. Because it would set me apart. It’s a high-tech, woven composite used in aerospace and automotive engineering and since it’s known for its strength-to-weight ratios it had a high perceived value,” Hoffee said.

Hoffee said he thought the process of creating the cases would be relatively easy. He had some experience in manufacturing. He did all the research he could. He took some training courses in how to use composites.

“I really thought I would have a prototype after a few months. But those few months turned into about two years of struggling before I finally hit it,” Hoffee said.

Hoffee said he learned from his business experience that he didn’t want to go into debt, so he tried to keep things self-sufficient. He says he and his wife were living on savings running on fumes.

“I had some really bad moments in the middle there. My wife was getting nervous. There were times when I thought about quitting. I wondered, ‘Can I really do this?’ It was really difficult,” Hoffee said.

Hoffee said he was able to make the shells, but to make them strong, lightweight and cosmetically attractive, seemed elusive.

“But finally, one day the clouds opened up and it just started happening. I knew almost immediately that I had done it. That I had reached the point where I needed to be. There was still more work - I had to design the interior - but that is still relatively easy compared to designing the shell,” Hoffee said.

Once he had the “whole package” Hoffee began to make cases. But since he had sunk everything into their creation, he had absolutely no advertising budget.

“So I put the word out on some forums online in the guitar community. Guitarists and musicians are a very tight knit community. They all talk. So once I put it out there and said ‘here they are, they’re available now’ people started talking about it, and a few people ordered cases,” Hoffee said.

Hoffee said once people started posting their reviews the business just took off. The response, he said, was incredibly positive, and unbelievable, and scary.

“It was frightening, but in a completely different way from the frustration of creating the product. Invention gave way to marketing, and sales, and staffing, and advertising ... It was just another world,” Hoffee said.

Hoffee started with a small staff and moved buildings a few times as they grew. He now has six employees in two buildings in an industrial park off a frontage road off I-55 near the DuPage River, just outside of Joliet.

“We make the shells in the main building, and do all the assembly and interior work on the second building. We make cases for guitar, bass, banjo, mandolin, ukulele and violin. And we make them for some of the top musicians in the world,” Hoffee said.

And when Hoffee says the top, he’s not kidding. Paul McCartney, Eric Clapton, Neil Young and James Taylor are also among the talents on his client list.

“One of our first high profile purchases came from Elvis Costello. This was at a time when I didn’t have any endorsers. But after he purchased a case or two, I started talking with him and inquired if he would be interested in being an endorser for us, and thankfully, he



agreed. So we did a photo shoot with him and the cases, and ran a lot of ads, and that really helped us out,” Hoffee said.

“I was very lucky, very fortunate. This business is a culmination of my whole career. It’s a crazy cross-breed of my work in foreign languages and trade, and music. It took me awhile to get there but I had a plan. You know, things don’t always go the way you want them to, and the journey is rarely in a straight line, but if you keep at it, eventually something will come of it.

Hoffee lives outside Joliet with his wife, Shelley, his two daughters, Aria, 12 and Lia, 10. When he’s not busy being husband, father and business mogul he gets together to play music with some of the guys from the Bottletones and travels as much as life will let him.

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Seeking an Encore

BY CALEB HALE

With Retirement Impending,
Alumna Seeks to Continue
a Performing Arts Legacy



Susan Barnes '87 started her career as a dance instructor with three students. Over the next 40 years that count would grow into the thousands, each of which represents a legacy in the performing arts she's now hoping to preserve as she moves toward retirement.

Barnes, a native of Carbondale, is currently the director and owner of Willow Street Studios, located in her hometown. The studio is her third location in Carbondale, fashioned from the husk of an old warehouse she and her husband, John – a fellow alumnus ('70, '97) – renovated in 2002. In it Barnes instructs students in ballet, tap and modern dance, among other genres.

She's not alone, however. The studio has nearly a full staff of other instructors, many with ties to Southern Illinois University, and even provides the space to practice other forms of art. Never really one to focus on dance as a competition, Barnes engages students in the technique and performance of dance, key things she learned during her time at SIU.

Self-esteem plays high in her mission statement.

"It's kind of like raising kids through dance," Barnes says. "The hope is that you're just trying to make yourself better and improve upon your skills."

Barnes has been considering retirement for some time, but along with it, she faces a decision: what to do with the studio and the opportunity for youth in southern Illinois to participate in the

performing arts. She's reconciled with the fact she may have to sell the building for whatever purpose in the end, but she's holding out hope she won't have to.

"Best case scenario is that somebody buys it and has the desire to have an arts program here," she says. "Dance, musical theater, we've had an art instructors here too. The options are open."

Lisa Barnes, her sister-in-law who often helps out around Willow Street Studios, says Susan has been able to build a diverse conglomerate of students, bringing them together through a love of dance.

"You have public school kids, private school kids, home school kids, international students, students in a variety of economic backgrounds," she says. "But they all get to come here and have life-long relationships with their fellow students through dance."

Barnes grew up loving dance, but it wasn't until she arrived at SIU – and had gotten half way through a psychology degree – that she received the encouragement to pursue dance instruction as a career.

"SIU has been critical for me, literally the thing that set me on a path that I would not have otherwise been on," she says. "I feel the same way for my husband, who earned two degrees there. Both of us have very fond and good memories."



No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

Flood Control Efforts Cause Bigger Floods, SIU Research Finds

BY TIM CROSBY



Jonathan Remo, associate professor of geography and environmental resources, at the helm of a ferry along the waters of the Mississippi River.



Flood control engineering along the Mississippi River during the last century has caused floods to increase in magnitude when they do happen, according to an article published this week in a leading scientific journal and co-authored by a researcher at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The article, published earlier this year in the journal *Nature*, argues that climate patterns, such as El Niño and others, also strongly affect flooding trends. But changing the river's channels, through confining it with levees, has greatly amplified flooding when it does occur.

Jonathan Remo, associate professor of geography and environmental resources, co-authored the article on the study, which examined the physical record for last 500 years of flooding along the river. The researchers focused on the river from about Cairo, Ill. south to the Vicksburg, Miss.

CENTURIES OF FLOODS REVEALED BY TREE RINGS, SAND

The researchers used a technique known as paleoflood reconstruction to gain information about flooding from before records were kept, stretching back to 1500.

The methods involved examining sand left behind by the river in floodplain lakes during flooding events centuries ago. Using radio carbon dating techniques, researchers were able to tell the age of the organic material that accumulates on top of each new sand deposit left by a flood, giving them a relative date for each flood.

SIU GEOGRAPHY FACULTY MEMBER CONTRIBUTES EXPERTISE

An expert in flooding and river management, Remo contributed further to the project by using knowledge gained from a nearly \$300,000 National Science Foundation-funded study that examined the flooding record left behind in tree rings along the Mississippi River and its principal tributaries.

His method involves taking core samples from trees that are in some cases more than 300 years old, and examining the sample under a microscope. Once those flood years were established, they could be compared to the carbon-dated sediment samples, further confirming the accuracy of the methods.

"Some of the trees date back to the latter half of the 1600s to the 1700s, many of them located in the Missouri bootheel," Remo says. "When you look at the sample under a microscope, the years that involved flooding have different shape than other years."



FLOOD CONTROL ATTEMPTS HAVE UNINTENDED OUTCOMES

Remo says flood protection engineering during the last century has increased the magnitude of flooding once those systems are breached or topped because such systems make the water run higher.

"So the flooding is worse when it does happen," he says.

Remo says the study's findings give policy makers and scientists a much better picture of flood variability along the Lower Mississippi River.

"I hope the information will help us ensure our flood mitigation systems are able to protect us from current and future flood hazards," Remo says.



Being Valiant

Alumnus' Program Pairs Student-Athletes with Veteran, Pediatric Patients

BY CALEB HALE



“Part of college is growing up. There’s the book learning, but there is also learning to interact with other people, other cultures, those in different situations,” he says. “That’s important too.”

JOHN SUCHON '81

Sports can be good for the mind, body, and soul, even if you aren’t necessarily able to play them. Sometimes the conversation about it can be enough, and for college athletes who are often pushed to succeed during the game, there are other successes to achieve, particularly in the communities where they live.

With all this in mind, **John Suchon '81**, a former walk-on football player with Southern Illinois University, founded Valiant Player in 2004, a non-profit program that coordinates student-athletes to visit patients of Veterans Affairs and children’s hospitals around the country. Since then the program has coordinated more than 20,000 visits, with divisions at SIU, the University of Michigan, Clemson University, and Furman University.

Earlier in the spring Valiant Player conducted another visit of Saluki student-athletes to the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Marion, Illinois. Suchon says the program began conducting visits to the hospital in 2014

with great feedback. He credits retired associate athletic director **Kathy Jones, MS Ed. '77** with helping him get the program off the ground in the Carbondale area.

Doing well on the court or field is one thing, but Suchon, who works full-time in commodity trading and recycling, believes learning to give back and spend time in the community with those in less fortunate situations helps develop a more personal and ultimately more valuable sense of growth.

“The program’s success is all due to the great student-athletes that take their time to visit the VA and children’s hospitals,” Suchon says of the program. “I feel blessed to have met so many wonderful young men and women who care about giving back.”

Suchon adds he hopes these kinds of experiences will give students the drive to continue volunteering and participating in community activities after college.

“Part of college is growing up. There’s the book learning, but there is also learning to interact with other people, other cultures, those in different situations,” he says. “That’s important too.”

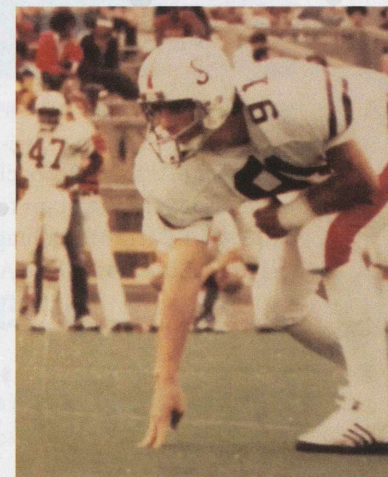
Suchon’s college sports days weren’t much to write home about, he admits. However, a significant part of his experience at SIU involved helping a student with disabilities get around campus.

“I don’t know if you call that social service, but it kind of was,” Suchon says. “I certainly didn’t consider it work, because we became really good friends.”

Unfortunately, the student passed away a few years after graduation, but the experience is what inspired him to find a way to encourage others to give back of their time.



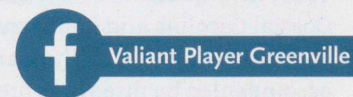
Student athletes of SIU visit with a pediatric patient at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, Illinois.



John Suchon in uniform during his days on campus.



Members of the SIU women’s swim team visits with patients of the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Marion, Illinois.



Kill Now Directing SIU Athletics, Names Soccer Coach

BY GENE GREEN



Acting AD Jerry Kill welcomes women's soccer coach Grant Williams to the department.

Former SIU football coach Jerry Kill, who serves as special assistant to SIU Carbondale Chancellor Carlo Montemagno, took over responsibilities for Saluki Athletics on April

26. The chancellor announced his new role after deciding not to renew the contract of Tommy Bell, who has served as athletics director since May 2015.

“SIU is a special place, and I’m excited to contribute to the university’s future in any way possible,” Kill says. Montemagno has not yet established a timeframe for Kill’s new role but anticipates he will oversee the athletics program for the immediate future.

At press time, Kill had just announced his first major hire, selecting Grant Williams as head coach of the newly added women’s soccer program. He will prepare for competition in the fall of 2019 and entry into the Missouri Valley Conference in 2020.

“Coach Williams is someone who has all the skills necessary to build a program from scratch,” says Kill. “He is a proven recruiter, a skilled administrator, and an excellent teacher and motivator. I believe he will come in and embrace the culture of southern Illinois and build a Division I soccer program the right way.”

Williams, an assistant the past six seasons at Evansville, has coached 47 all-conference players throughout his career, plus four academic all-Americans. During his tenure at Evansville, the Purple Aces won two conference championships and advanced to the 2015 NCAA Tournament.

Saluki Men’s Basketball To Play In Havana

The SIU men’s basketball team will make its first foreign trip in 10 years when the Salukis travel to Cuba Aug. 5-11 to play three games versus players from the Cuban National Team.

The tour was booked through Sport Tours International, which has guided Coastal Carolina and Louisiana on previous summer trips to Cuba. The team will be accompanied by three interpreters and visit the cities of Havana and Varadero.

The games will be played in the 12,000-seat Havana Sports City Coliseum versus teams consisting of older players who are

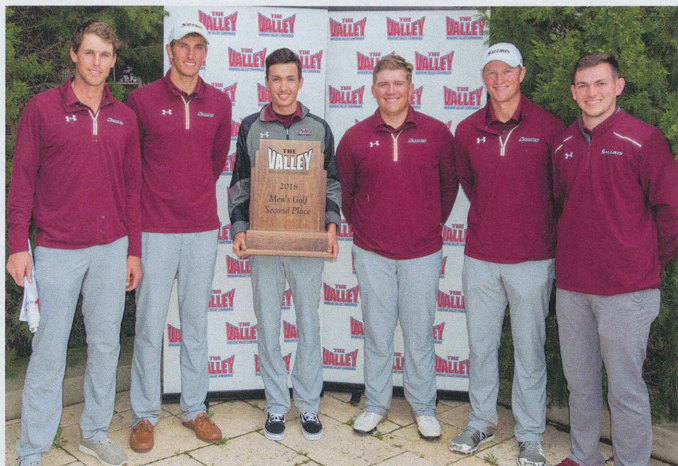
currently members of the National Team, and younger players who are trying out for the team. SIU’s coaches and players will also conduct two teaching clinics for Cuban youth players.

The Salukis could return up to seven seniors and all five starters from last year’s team that finished 20-11. Southern lost Tyler Smithpeters and Jonathan Wiley to graduation, but expect a boost from senior center Thik Bol, who missed all of last season with a knee injury, plus three incoming freshmen – Darius Beane, Sam Shafer and Amadou Fall.

Once every four years, college basketball programs are allowed to embark on a foreign trip and given 10 extra practices in the summer to prepare. The last time Southern took a foreign tour was in August of 2008, when the team traveled to Windsor, Canada.

“This is a great opportunity for us to get better on and off the court as a unit and lay the foundation for the upcoming season,” says SIU head coach Barry Hinson. “We are especially grateful to Roger and Sally Tedrick for their financial support that will make this trip possible.”

SIU Men 2nd in MVC Golf Championships



Saluki men's golfers, from left, Hunter York, Dirk Kuehler, Frankie Thomas, Peyton Wilhoit, Luke Gannon, and head coach Justin Fetcho.

The SIU men's golf team finished second at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships at Dalhousie Golf Club, keeping a strong showing in play for the program. The Salukis have finished first or second in the conference in three of the last four seasons.

Bradley won its first-ever league title (883, +19) and maintained a comfortable lead throughout all three rounds, besting the Salukis (898, +34) by 15 strokes.

"You can't take anything away from what Bradley did," says SIU head coach Justin Fetcho. "We know how difficult this place can play and they put up some good scores and earned it."

"Coming down the stretch we put together as strong a fight as we possible could have," Fetcho says.

"When we didn't have a chance to win (on the back nine), we could've gone through the motions, but they kept fighting, kept grinding and I'm proud of that effort."

Southern's top scorer was Luke Gannon who finished tied for fourth and earned all-conference honors for the second time in his

career. He was joined in the top 10 by Hunter York, who like Gannon, had nine birdies in the tournament.

Although Peyton Wilhoit finished tied for 21st place in the tournament, he became the first player in school history to win the MVC's Golfer of the Year award. He was an eight-time winner of the league's Golfer of the Week award, had six Top 10 tournament finishes and was voted onto the All-Conference team. Dirk Kuehler also had a solid tournament performance, placing 11th, his season-best tournament finish.

"When you know the season is over, it's a disappointing time," Fetcho acknowledges. "When we have time to sit back and look at it, we'll realize just how much we accomplished. It's just a tough feeling right now."

SIU SCORES

T4 Luke Gannon (2) 76 72 73 221

T9 Hunter York (5) 75 74 76 225

T11 Dirk Kuehler (3) 75 74 77 226

T21 Peyton Wilhoit (1) 82 79 71 232

T28 Frankie Thomas (4) 81 81 72 234

Other Spring Sports ...

The Saluki softball season came to an end in the Missouri Valley Conference Championship game following a 4-1 loss to the regular season and conference tournament champion Drake. The Salukis lone run came from a Jenny Jansen single in the sixth inning.

"I am proud of our kids," says head coach Kerri Blaylock. "They battled hard and put together a great season." With the loss, Southern finished 31-22.

At press time, the other SIU spring sports were still competing, with baseball and outdoor track and field set to play in MVC post-season action. To see those results, and more on this year's softball season, go to siousalukis.com.

Saluki Women Golfers 3rd In Conference

The SIU women's golf team finished third at the MVC at Sand Creek Station Golf Course in Newton, Kan. Missouri State took the title for the second year in a row beating Northern Iowa by 14 strokes, as the Bears' Rachel Johnson was the tournament medalist.

Senior Alice Ho (+8) stepped up for the Salukis in her career conclusion. Ho finished the day with a score of 74 and tied for fourth with Jessie Stead from Loyola. Her final score of 224 was a career low and put her on the MVC All-Conference team for the first time in her career.

"I'm so proud of Alice for making the top five," says SIU Head Coach Alexis

O'Brien. "She had her best college 54-hole tournament of her career where it mattered the most."

Freshman Moyea Russell (+9) finished tied for sixth and was the lowest scoring freshman at the tournament as she earned SIU's first MVC Newcomer of the year. Also on the all-conference team for the Salukis was senior Hanna Netisingha (+12). She finished her collegiate career tied for 14th with a combined score of 228.

The Salukis finished in the top-10 of every event this season, including three tournament titles and seven top-five finishes.

2018 Distinguished Alumni Inductees Honored

Individuals reflect on their message to current and future SIU students



The SIU Alumni Association honored three individuals in its 2018 class of Distinguished Alumni this past April in the John C. Guyon Auditorium of Morris Library. Numerous students, friends and family members participated in the event.

Prior to accepting their awards, this year's honorees were asked to reflect on their time at Southern Illinois University to deliver a message to the current and future students of campus:

WHAT THIS YEAR'S HONOREES SAID OF THE AWARD ...

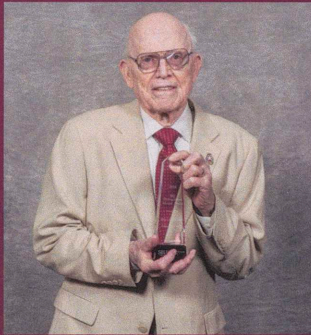


Bonnie Garner '64

Liberal Arts – Speech Communication

Garner, who was honored with this year's award for Career Achievement, says her time on campus was marked by two things – acceptance and diversity. "I came from a very small town, with no diversity in culture, in religion, in anything. Here it was like walking into a whole new world. I took advantage of everything offered that I could. It was afforded to me with no questions asked, no judgements made."

She urges students today to enter college with that same sense of acceptance and discovery. "Be open to everything this campus and faculty has to offer. Don't define your line. Don't limit yourself. Open the door. Look in. If you like what you see go inside; if not, find another door. Take it all in, because there is so much here."



William Doerr '51, Ph.D. '73

Agricultural Sciences – Education and Human Services

Doerr, who received this year's award for Humanitarian Effort, says his history with SIU stretches all the way back to the 1940s. "I've been near the campus for many, many years now. I've seen this campus since 1941, and it's grown, and grown, and grown... and it's grown in my heart all that time," he says. "I've been a student here, and I worked here."

If there's one thing the experience has taught him, it's change. "For one thing,

I learned to change when it seemed appropriate to change. I came here wanting to follow in the footsteps of a math and science teacher I admired," Doerr says. That was before his time in college was interrupted by service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Upon his return, he had learned about the potential in the study of agriculture and started down the path that would eventually become the crux of his career.



Daniel Booth '06, MS Ed. '10

Education and Human Services – Health Education/Administration

Booth, who was given this year's award for Young Alumni Achievement, says he still tries to help the campus as much as possible, having served on some search committee in recent years. He says he fell in love with the campus and community from the first moment of his time at SIU. "It was the environment. There were so many different types of people here it prepared me for the world," he says. "I fell in love with Southern Illinois and it became my home."

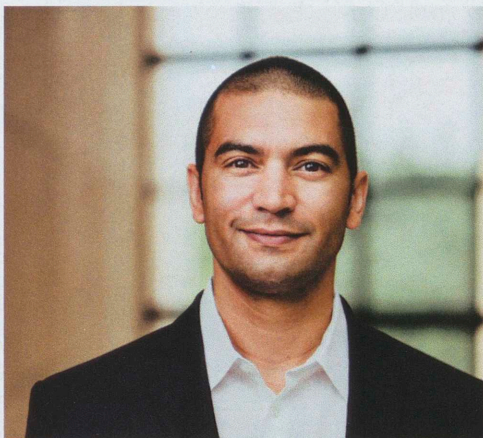
He tells college students there is power in the relationships you build within your

community, so take the time to do so. "I would remind them you never know who your next boss is going to be," he says. "When I was 18 years old, walking into SIU Carbondale I never would have thought I'd be the principal at a high school or the superintendent of an elementary school. And the relationships I built while at SIU helped me to get to that place. Build relationships here, you take care of the community, and the community will take care of you."

Nominations for 2019 Distinguished Alumni are due by August 3rd at sualumni.com/distinguishedalumni.

Adrian Matejka: SIU Alumnus Is Indiana's Poet Laureate

BY ANDREA HAHN



For Adrian Matejka, maybe one of the most transformative memories from his days at SIU was when he attended a reading by Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks (1917-2000), a poet he describes as “transcendent.”

“I was knocked back by her work and was inspired by the way she was in the world – open, kind and also very aware of the ways in which we need to push back against the various systems of oppression,” he said, remembering the reading at Shryock Auditorium.

Matejka is now a poet laureate himself. The Indiana Arts Commission named him Indiana Poet Laureate effective Jan. 1, 2019, an honor he will hold through Dec. 31, 2019.

Matejka earned his master of fine arts in creative writing degree from SIU in 2001, attracted to the program because of the stellar faculty. “I didn’t even take a campus visit before I moved to Carbondale,” he said. “I was (and still am) starstruck by the faculty and their accomplishments. I just knew any place with a faculty of such stature was the right place for me.”

Matejka studied with Allison Joseph, director of the program and award-winning prolific poet; Jon Tribble, poet and also managing editor of the journal “Crab Orchard Review” and series editor of the Crab Orchard Series in Poetry, published by SIU Press; and with former faculty members Rodney Jones, a Guggenheim Fellow and finalist for Illinois Poet Laureate; and Lucia Perillo, a MacArthur Fellow.

“The faculty in creative writing and English were the best part of my experience in graduate school,” he said. “They were so generous with their time and support. I wouldn’t be where I am today – and I certainly wouldn’t have been selected as Indiana Poet Laureate – without all they taught me during and after my time at SIUC.”

Matejka taught at Carbondale’s sister campus in Edwardsville, where he was the 2010 William and Margaret Going Award Endowed Professor.

Matejka currently teaches in the MFA program at Indiana University in Bloomington. Born in Nuremberg, Germany, he grew up in California and Indiana, graduating from Pike High School in Indianapolis and earning his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University in Bloomington.

“There is no way I would have been able to achieve the things I have in writing or in life in general had I not come to SIU,” he said. “My time in Carbondale was life changing and I try to give my students here in Bloomington some of the same kinds of empathy, challenges, and support I received from my professors, cohort, and the Carbondale community.”

Matejka is the author of “The Devil’s Garden,” winner of the New York / New England Award; “Mixology,” winner of the 2008 National Poetry Series, Anisfield-Wolf Book Award and a finalist for a National Book Award, Pulitzer Prize and an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literature. His most recent collection, “Map to the Stars,” was published in March, 2017 by Penguin Random House. He is currently working on a new collection of poems, “Hearing Damage,” and a graphic novel.

Read some of Matejka’s poems at adrianmatejka.com

SIU Honors Iconic Actor Richard Roundtree

BY PETE ROSENBERY

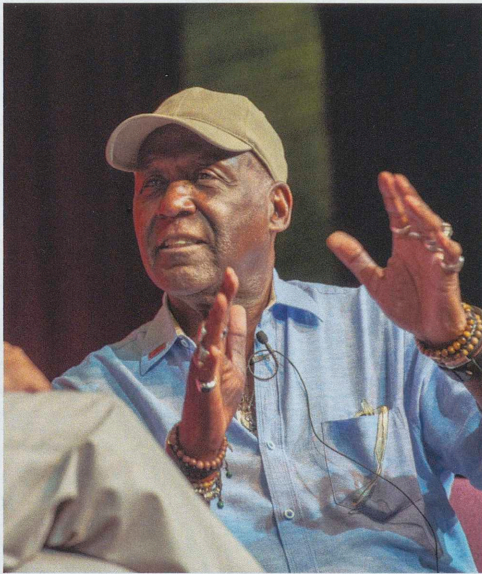
Richard Roundtree returned to Southern Illinois University over commencement weekend in May to reflect on his iconic five-decade career as an actor and to receive an honorary doctoral degree in performing arts.

Roundtree, who was from New Rochelle, New York, came to SIU on a football scholarship and attended from fall 1961

through winter 1963. He left school after signing as a model for the Ebony Fashion Fair and then started an acting career, where he appeared in several Off-Broadway shows, including as heavyweight boxing champion Jack Johnson in “The Great White Hope.” Perhaps his most notable role, however, was that of detective John Shaft in the legendary

1970s television movie series, “Shaft.”

Roundtree has more than 100 film and television projects in addition to the “Shaft” movie franchise. He is a regular cast member in BET’s critically acclaimed series “Being Mary Jane.” He is also involved in filming a 2019 remake of “Shaft,” which will feature Samuel L. Jackson and Jessie Usher.



In 2011, Roundtree received the Legacy Award from the African-American Film Critics Association, and earned a Lifetime Achievement Award from MTV in 1994.

Roundtree has been an important voice in male breast cancer awareness. He was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1993 and had a radical mastectomy and several rounds of chemotherapy to beat the disease.

In addition to participating in benefits aimed at fighting the disease, he is a recipient of the prestigious Jackie Robinson Foundation Award for Excellence for his work in raising cancer awareness.

While on campus, Roundtree also participated in a public conversation in the Christian H. Moe Theater of the SIU Communications Building, moderated by

Novotny Lawrence, associate professor in the Department of Radio, Television, and Digital Media.

H.D. Motyl, interim chair in both Radio, Television, and Digital Media, and Cinema and Photography, submitted Roundtree's name for the honorary degree with faculty and interim dean Deborah Tudor's support.

"Mr. Roundtree certainly is one of the most iconic actors of the 1970s, but he continues to work today, so his long career in show business can be seen as a kind of encouragement to our young actors and filmmakers," Motyl said. "His achievements show that tenacity can create a long, fruitful career."

Extern Program Expanding With Career Services

BY CALE HALE



career field over spring break. These brief stints, however, have often opened doors for students, helping them land internships and even job offers. The program has also served as a prime opportunity for alumni to get involved in the mentorship of fellow Salukis.

Up until this past year, the Association has been the sole facilitator of the program, with the

assistance of various college coordinators. Now, under the new model, Career Services will serve as the coordinating center for interviewing and matching students with potential Extern hosts. In addition, more externships will take place throughout the year – during the traditional spring break, the summer and fall intercessions, as well

as over the winter break. The new model is designed to give more companies increased chances to take part in the program, some of which couldn't always participate over spring break.

"For the Association's part, we will continue to seek alumni to host students for the program, as well as support travel awards as needed," says Michelle Suarez, executive director of the Association.

"We're also proud that many of our alumni have stepped up to welcome students into their workplaces and businesses," she says. "Alumni are always excited about opportunities to help and mentor students, as it provides them with an ongoing connection to the university."

After 34 years and assisting more than 4,000 students, the SIU Alumni Association's Extern Program is evolving under a new partnership with SIU Career Services.

Since 1984 the Association has connected thousands of students with employers – many alumni owned – to give young Salukis a week's worth of experience in their chosen

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EXTERN PROGRAM

Learn more about how you can become a host in the expanded Extern Program this coming year at sialumni.com/extern.

CHARON, Sybil M., '42
 2/20/2018, San Antonio, Texas
COFFEY, Grahame, '43
 1/24/2018, Arlington, Va.
CROSLY, Rosalie B., '43, M.S. '48
 10/23/2017, Chester, Ill.
EASON, Lois M., '43
 10/30/2017, St. Louis, Mo.
KELLER, Julius H., ex '43
 4/3/2018, Weslaco, Texas
POTTS, Mary, ex '45
 2/15/2018, Nashville, Tenn.
HANSON, Homer H., '46
 4/15/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
HALLOCK, Billie, ex '47
 2/1/2018, Iuka, Ill.
DICK, Oleva L., '48
 4/23/2018, Champaign, Ill.
DILLOW, Kifton K., '48
 3/21/2018, Brighton, Mich.
MILLER, Evelyn, '48
 2/23/2018, Wixom, Mich.
SPAGNOLI, Joseph, '48, M.S.Ed. '50, Ph.D. '67
 3/12/2018, Stafford, Va.
BIRKNER, Carl L., '49, M.S.Ed. '54
 1/27/2018, Springfield, Ill.
KERN, Joseph C., '49
 1/31/2018, Anna, Ill.
SLOAN, Grover G., '49
 2/12/2018, Carrier Mills, Ill.
WOOLDRIDGE, Velven L., '49
 12/22/2017, Jacksonville, Fla.
BORGSMILLER, Phyllis J., ex '50
 4/24/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.
HEMMER, Wilbur, '50
 3/20/2018, Du Quoin, Ill.
LEWIS, Oma L., '50
 10/25/2017, Harrisburg, Ill.
MCMANUS, Charles E., '50
 4/17/2018, Evansville, Wis.
PATTERSON, Harold L., '50
 12/19/2017, Oglesby, Ill.
VANPETTEN, Seward L., ex '50
 4/13/2018, Glen Carbon, Ill.
WALKER, Cherita, ex '50
 1/9/2018, Zeigler, Ill.
WINNING, Lillian A., '50
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CLAPP, Lela E., '51
 2/17/2018, Paris, Ill.
HILLIARD, Lewis J., '51, M.S.Ed. '52
 1/12/2018, Mt. Pleasant, S.C.
SPUDICH, George E., '51
 3/22/2018, Glen Carbon, Ill.
BOOKHOUT, Theodore A., '52, M.A. '54
 2/26/2018, Worthington, Ohio
GENTZ, Harold L., '52, M.A. '55
 12/14/2017, Aviston, Ill.
MORTON, Thomas E., '52
 2/2/2018, Jefferson City, Mo.
BRAZITIS, Evelyn C., ex '53
 4/6/2018, Champaign, Ill.
BRAZITIS, George E., ex '53
 3/13/2017, Champaign, Ill.
COSS, Mildred, '53
 4/16/2018, Sante Fe, N.M.
DEMATTEI, Clarence C., '53, M.S.Ed. '55
 3/1/2018, Marion, Ill.
DIESEN, Ronald W., '53
 3/20/2018, Midland, Mich.
ECKERT, Jean Ann V., '53
 2/3/2018, Columbia, Ill.
FLEERLAGE, George H., '53
 3/19/18, Portland, Ore.
RAMSEY, Lawrence N., ex '53
 9/3/17, Chesterfield, Mo.
BARR, Leona N., '54
 11/6/17, Tucson, Ariz.
BOLLHORST, Robert L., '54

2/1/2018, Bradley, Ill.
CROSS, Carol H., '54, M.S.Ed. '76
 3/4/2018, Cartersville, Ill.
DUNN, Denver L., '54
 4/5/2018, Highland, Mich.
ANDERSON, Bettye W., '55
 2/2/2018, Chippewa Falls, Wis.
BLACKMAN, Frankie G., '55, M.S.Ed. '58, S.P. '71
 3/18/2018, Norris City, Ill.
DEROSSETT, Anna M., ex '55
 1/22/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.
HEIDKAMP, Robert F., '55
 12/31/2017, Cisco, Ill.
SCHEIDERER, Regeta M., '55
 2/22/2018, Marysville, Ohio
VANETTI, Donald E., '55
 2/1/2018, Parkville, Mo.
BATCHELDER, Kenneth T., '56
 12/27/2017, Northbrook, Ill.
DAVIS, Jack D., '56
 2/4/2018, Springfield, Ill.
GRISHAM, William D., '56
 3/31/2018, Lebanon, Tenn.
JIMENEZ, Juan A., '56
 1/5/18, East Moline, Ill.
MOAKE, Milton D., '56
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PAYNTER, Patricia O., '56
 1/28/2018, Carmi, Ill.
SMITH, Norman D., '56
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SPRATT, Eugene J., '56
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SWONIGAN, Howard F., M.S.Ed. '56
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ASHMAN, Gary J., ex '57
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KENNEDY, Maurice, ex '57
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LANGAN, Paul E., '57, M.S.Ed. '60
 2/15/2018, Marion, Ill.
OXFORD, Hershel F., '57, M.S.Ed. '59
 4/18/2018, Rockford, Ill.
STEELE, John M., '57, M.S.Ed. '58
 4/15/2018, Royalton, Ill.
ALLEN, Nancy A., '58
 1/1/2018, Nashville, Tenn.
HUNT, Malcolm P., '58
 2/4/2018, Hammond, Ind.
MARSHALL, Elizabeth A., '58
 3/6/2018, St. Louis, Mo.
PETERS, Roger E., '58
 11/10/2017, Orlando, Fla.
CRISMAN, James R., '59
 2/18/18, Henderson, Nev.
GOWAN, Al J., ex '59
 11/2/2017, Cambridge, Mass.
HARGRAVE, George E., '59
 1/19/2018, Fair Oaks, Calif.
REA, Imogene P., '59, M.S.Ed. '69
 4/10/2018, Chattanooga, Tenn.
SOMMERS, Lester W., '59
 4/2/2018, Glen Ellyn, Ill.
STRAINIC, Nick, ex '59
 10/30/2017, Denver, Colo.
BANKS, Linda L., M.S.Ed. '68
 1/15/2018, Herrin, Ill.
EARLL, John N., M.A. '66
 3/25/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
FALCONE, Phillip F., '60
 2/21/2018, Bethlehem, Pa.
HANSSON, Kenneth S., '60
 2/12/2018, La Grange, Ky.
SOMER, Richard F., M.A. '60
 2/12/18, Clinton, N.Y.
TABER, Douglas E., '60
 2/21/2018, Auburn, Calif.
TARRANT, Vance, '60
 1/27/2018, Vincennes, Ind.

Paul David Povse



Paul David Povse -- journalist, professor and local movie critic -- died at home under hospice care with his family beside him on February 14, 2018. He was 70.

Paul's life was brightened by his passions -- his devotion to his family, his journalism profession, his love of movies, books, music,

his dogs, Cardinals baseball and Saluki basketball. He earned a bachelor's degree in Communications from SIU-Carbondale in 1970 and worked as a reporter, city editor, columnist and recruiter for the State Journal-Register newspaper for 37 years. He met his forever friend, his "Babe," Donna (Freeman) at work. Together, they enjoyed viewing hundreds of movies during their marriage for his newspaper column. He left the newspaper in 2007 and became an adjunct professor in journalism at SIU-Carbondale and then Lincoln Land Community College. He was also a freelance writer for the St. Louis Beacon.

Paul served on the SIU Alumni Association Board of Directors and was honored by the Associated Press, Illinois Press Association, Copley News Service and the American Bar Association.

He was a champion of public radio, a mentor to young journalists, a benevolent advocate for his journalism students and a volunteer for Friend-In-Deed, WUIS public radio, and SIU-Carbondale Alumni Association. His daily brain food was The New York Times.

Paul and friends enjoyed weekly games on the basketball court or the golf course, and especially the social hour that followed. Paul's dedication to sports took on a personal joy when he watched his daughter, Nora, perform as a cheerleader and soccer player for Springfield High School.

With his A.M. transistor radio in hand, trying to get a game, and a pile of newspaper and magazine clippings from his trade, Paul kept in touch with the world and lifelong friends. He tailored his correspondence to their individual tastes, punctuating his brand of love and appreciation with homemade tapes and CDs from his massive music collection. His other particular joy was watching his granddaughter, Evie, dancing to hand-picked tunes, to her delight.

Paul was preceded in death by his father, Stan Povse and his favorite brother-in-law, Denis Beveridge.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Donna Povse; daughter, Nora Povse Lauer (Stuart); granddaughter, Evelyn Lauer; mother, Vivian Povse; sister, Arlene Beveridge; several brothers and sisters-in-law; and a passel of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins.

KUNCL, Wayne T., '61, M.S.Ed. '63
1/4/2018, Chapel Hill, N.C.
LEE, Wei-Ming, M.A. '61
1/29/2018, Bowling Green, Ky.
SANTILLI, Anthony J., '61
4/8/2018, Southbridge, Mass.
SCHRAGE, Elmer F., '61
12/20/2017, Breese, Ill.
UPCHURCH, Marvin H., '61
1/21/2018, Waltonville, Ill.
WILHITE, Jack E., M.S.Ed. '61
1/15/2018, Kennett, Mo.
CUMMINS, Susan L., '62, M.S.Ed. '63
4/2/2018, La Grange Park, Ill.
DELANEY, Howard R., M.A. '62
1/11/2018, Flagstaff, Ariz.
HALE, Reuben A., M.F.A. '62
3/23/2018, West Palm Beach, Fla.
LITZLE, Vernon W., '62
1/16/2018, Troy, Ill.
WHITE, William H., ex '62
3/22/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.
ELLIS, James E., M.A. '63
4/19/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.
GROVES, Carolyn R., '63
3/15/2018, Casa Grande, Ariz.
MAJURE, Donald M., '63
1/30/2018, El Campo, Texas
MALONE, Thelma J., '63, M.S. '67
4/12/2018, Marion, Ill.
SHOUKLETOVICH, Milosh, '63
2/17/2018, Waco, Texas
COMSTOCK, Wayne P., '64
1/12/2018, Greenville, S.C.
IMHOFF, Gary E., '64
3/10/2018, Johnston City, Ill.
MARSEILLES, Ruth A., '64
4/19/2018, Bloomington, Ill.
STODDARD, John H., '64
9/19/2017, Miramar Beach, Fla.
SUTTON, Jarrell R., '64
2/18/2018, Litchfield, Ill.
BARRETT, Reginal W., '65
2/24/2018, Kingsport, Tenn.
BAUER, Margaret D., '65
12/30/2017, Fort Wayne, Ind.
HARRIS, Robert E., '65
4/5/2018, Herrin, Ill.
KOERNER, Barry J., '65
2/28/2018, Mount Zion, Ill.
SCHAFERMEYER, Henry L., '65, M.S. '69
12/22/17, St. Louis, Mo.
SONS, Glen F., M.S. '65
12/30/2017, Worden, Ill.
CARPENTER, Edwin C., Ph.D. '66
4/14/2018, Kirksville, Mo.
FRANCIS, George H., Ph.D. '66
2/3/2018, Lancaster, Pa.
KERN, Mark S., '66
3/8/2018, Ewing, Ill.
MILLER, Mary L., '66
3/31/2018, Delavan, Ill.
MORGAN, Boneva L., '66
3/7/2018, Roswell, Ga.
NIEBUR, Bernard R., '66
1/28/2018, Culleoka, Tenn.
SANDS, Helen H., M.S. '66, Ph.D. '69
1/17/2018, Evansville, Ind.
SOLYOM, Dale R. '66
1/24/2018, Estero, Fla.
STERLING, Wallace, Ph.D. '66
4/9/2018, Tampa, Fla.
CALLAHAN, Patricia A., '67
1/18/2018, Fleetwood, Pa.
CONNOR, Kenneth R., '67
3/28/2018, Mokena, Ill.
COURTNEY, James W., '67
4/18/2018, Summerfield, N.C.
FRAILEY, Donna L., '67
1/14/2018, O'Fallon, Ill.

GAMBY, Mary L., '67
3/30/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
HOWARD, Ben B., '67
2/20/18, Sherrills Ford, N.C.
KLEIN, Randolph R., '67
2/22/2018, Burlington, Ill.
MCCUE, Robert D., '67
7/30/2017, Bolingbrook, Ill.
NEW, Dwight D., '67
1/28/2018, Indianapolis, Ind.
REHWALDT, Walter R., M.S.Ed. '67, Ph.D. '78
3/6/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
SEARCY, Charles W., '67
9/5/2017, Cartersville, Ill.
WEBER, Leo J., '67
1/24/2018, Effingham, Ill.
BRIDGEWATER, Carol M., '68, M.S.Ed. '73
3/9/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.
CRENSHAW, James L., '68
4/13/2018, San Antonio, Texas
GOLDINGER, Ralph E., M.A. '68
3/6/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
KORESSEL, Charles J., '68, A.A.S. '75
3/9/2018, Seattle, Wash.
NAGJI-LAVANI, Odhavji, '68, M.S. '70
1/26/2018, Austin, Texas
HAMM, Phyllis A., '68
4/18/2018, Casey, Ill.
SAUNDERS, Linda B., '68
3/1/2018, Chester, Ill.
SCHWAB, Richard D., '68
4/5/2018, Saint John, Ind.
WERTH, Fredric A., '68
12/30/2017, Mount Pulaski, Ill.
BECKER, Milton W., '69
4/7/2018, Clover, S.C.
DALTEN, Galen, '69, M.S.Ed. '72, S.P. '75
1/13/2018, Galatia, Ill.
DAVIDSON, Linda G., '69
4/2/2018, Gold Canyon, Ariz.
HARRISON, Mark R., M.A. '69
3/30/2018, Benton, Ill.
HILTON, John A., '69, M.S. '71
2/26/2018, St. Louis, Mo.
LANG, Gloria J., M.A. '69
2/4/2018, Fairfield, Ill.
LASHMETT, Thomas A., '69
3/29/2018, Waterloo, Ill.
MCCORMICK, Terrence J., '69
2/13/2018, Sheridan, Ill.
RICHTER, E.W., Ph.D. '69
9/2/2017, Salt Lake City, Utah
SOMMERS, Paul A., M.S.Ed. '69, Ph.D. '71
3/14/2018, Hudson, Wis.
STERN, Jesse W., '69
1/9/2017, Seattle, Wash.
ULRICH, Jerry A., '69
2/8/2018, Scottsdale, Ariz.
WILLIS, Garry, '69
1/6/2018, Los Angeles, Calif.
ZUPANCIC, John G., '69
12/11/2017, Joliet, Ill.
BERRINGER, Ronald J., '70, M.S.Ed. '73
2/6/2018, Rockford, Ill.
BIERBAUM, Clayton B., '70
1/10/2018, Metropolis, Ill.
DECASILLAS, Maureen A., '70
3/24/2018, Chicago, Ill.
EBY, Barrett F., '70
2/15/2018, Pittsburgh, Pa.
GAILEN, Robert M., '70
3/19/2018, Chicago, Ill.
JOHNSON, Nicholas L., '70
3/12/2018, East Peoria, Ill.
KARAYIANNIS, Ann C., '70, M.A. '76
4/21/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
MEINDERS, David E., M.S.Ed. '70
3/25/2018, Duluth, Minn.
RASKI, Patsy, '70
1/24/18, Zeigler, Ill.

SCHORIE, Lewis C., '70
3/23/2018, Joliet, Ill.
SEARCY, Patricia A., '70, M.S.Ed. '71
9/5/2017, Cartersville, Ill.
STOKES, Jack T., Ph.D. '70
1/8/2018, Belleville, Ill.
WAGNER, Greory H., '70
11/22/2017, Charlotte, N.C.
WIRTH, Thomas G., '70
1/13/2018, Newburgh, Ind.
BENVENISTE, Sam, '71, M.S.Ed. '77
12/13/2017, Gastonia, N.C.
CARLSON, Glenn R., '71
10/12/17, Decatur, Ill.
GAST, William R., '71
4/4/2018, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.
HERNANDEZ, Richard A., '71
3/3/2017, Tulsa, Okla.
LUTZ, Roy H., '71
2/9/2018, Clearfield, Pa.
REED, Charles E., Ph.D. '71
10/26/2017, Mount Pleasant, Mich.
AARON, Mary S., '72
3/10/2018, Vienna, Ill.
EMERY, Gary L., '72, '76, M.S.Ed. '82
3/31/2018, Cartersville, Ill.
HAMM, Phyllis A., '72
1/22/2018, Peotone, Ill.
MOSS, Robert J., '72, M.S. '72
12/14/2017, Kernersville, N.C.
SIETMANN, Terry E., '72
10/28/2017, Broomfield, Colo.
STEPHEN, Roy M., '72
12/2/2017, Martinsville, Ill.
SUCHY, Thomas R., '72
1/24/2018, St. Albans, W.Va.
TUCKER, Gary L., '72
1/7/2018, Oklahoma City, Okla.
WILSON, John T., '72
11/4/2017, Fort Worth, Texas
HAUGHT, Stephen R., '73
1/8/2018, Kenosha, Wis.
LATTA, John S., '73
3/29/2018, Smithton, Ill.
DINGWERTH, Jerome E., '74
9/13/2017, Laytonville, Calif.
GARNHART, Robert G., '74
3/26/2018, Monroe Center, Ill.
HAGER, Scott R., '74
2/14/2018, Dwight, Ill.
OUTTEN, William L., '74, M.S.Ed. '84
2/23/2018, Troy, Ill.
SUTTON, Michelle M., '74
2/17/2018, Woodland Park, Colo.
WAYCULLIS, James A., '74
3/8/2018, Vienna, Ill.
HUDSON, Kent E., '75, '77
2/22/2018, Bothell, Wash.
MAY, James D., '75, M.A. '95
10/14/2017, Carbondale, Ill.
RUTLEDGE, Swedie W., Ph.D. '75
12/6/2017, Grambling, La.
SLATON, Norma J., '75
2/26/2018, Harrisburg, Ill.
WENDLING, Mark P., '75
1/1/2018, Concord, Calif.
WILLIS, Walter L., '75
4/1/2018, Arlington Heights, Ill.
HOOKER, James R., '76
3/17/2018, Goreville, Ill.
PRINCE-TAYLOR, Colleen K., '76
11/11/2017, Oklahoma City, Okla.
REICHENBACH, Bruce R., '76
7/20/2017, Arlington, Texas
SZARZYNSKI, Cynthia M., '76, M.S. '78
1/21/2018, Raphine, Va.
TRUESDALE, Donald E., '76
10/5/2017, Tinley Park, Ill.
FRENCH, Frederic W., '77
3/8/2018, Lafayette, La.

GENTRY, Marilyn P., '77
2/4/2018, Cartersville, Ill.
HARDT, James R., '77
11/20/2017, Evanston, Ill.
HARTLEY, Jon E., '77
4/16/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
STOKESBERRY, Ritzzy R., '77, M.S.Ed. '79
4/24/2018, Lebanon, Mo.
SULLIVAN, Paul W., Ph.D. '77
1/5/2018, Indian Rocks Beach, Fla.
BEASLEY, Dorothy L., Ph.D. '78
12/24/2017, Bourbonnais, Ill.
FLYNN, John R., '78
1/16/2018, Hanover, Pa.
MALEY, Carolyn A., '78
3/23/2018, Mundelein, Ill.
MATAS, Barry A., '78
2/13/2018, Oreeana, Ill.
REAVES, Brice D., '78
2/5/2018, Elkville, Ill.
SZCZEBLEWSKI, Michael D., ex '78
3/2/2018, Benton, Ill.
GOULD, Jonathan S., '79
1/19/2018, San Francisco, Calif.
LUEBBEN, Kurt R., '79
9/21/2017, Spokane, Wash.
MAGGOS, Donna J., '79
1/30/2018, Chicago, Ill.
SMITH, Donald E., '79
3/2/2018, Columbia, Mo.
WILLIAMS, Japheth, '79
2/7/2018, Pearl City, Hawaii
BUDD, Kevin S., '80
3/1/2018, St. Louis, Mo.
CHURCHWELL, John A., '80
10/8/2017, Paris, Texas
EARNHART, Shirley A., '80
3/5/2018, Dongola, Ill.
JOHNSON, John C., '80
4/12/2018, Winnetka, Ill.
KOSCO, Steven R., '80
3/17/2018, Marion, Ill.
LEVERENZ, Kimerly A., ex '80
2/5/2018, Danville, Ill.
NELLIGAN, Joseph A., '80
3/1/2018, Orland Park, Ill.
TINDALL, Daniel W., '80
12/21/2017, Grinnell, Iowa
BIEGEL, John A., '81
1/19/2018, Huntington Beach, Calif.
BROWN, David A., '81
1/11/2018, Cohoes, N.Y.
CUMMINS, Rebecca A., '81
3/9/2018, Mattoon, Ill.
GEORGE, Karen M., J.D. '81
2/4/2018, Plymouth, Minn.
JOOST, Richard E., M.S. '81
1/25/2018, Waterloo, Ill.
SKELTON, Bercha N., '81
4/10/2018, Marion, Ill.
SLOVAK, John E., '81
1/3/2018, Rockingham, N.C.
ZANG, Jerry R., '81, M.D. '86
3/25/2018, Cheyenne, Wyo.
CECIL, Thomas, '82, A.A.S. '84
3/10/2018, Jacob, Ill.
KRUDL, James M., '82, M.S.Ed. '92
2/10/2018, Westchester, Ill.
BEAMER GREEN, Cheryl A., '83
2/27/2018, Herrin, Ill.
FEIST, Mary E., M.S.Ed. '83
4/12/2018, St. Louis, Mo.
HOOTMAN, Larry L., '83
2/16/2018, Cheyenne, Wyo.
KENT, Bruce J., '83
3/13/2018, Gulfport, Miss.
MEADOR, Paul G., '83
2/9/2018, Morrilstown, Tenn.
MONTGOMERY, Herbert E., '83
3/16/2018, La Mesa, Calif.

PEARCE BELL, Jill S., M.S.Ed. '83
12/8/2017, Anna, Ill.

ABELL, Cindorella M., Ph.D. '84
1/16/2018, Hillsboro, Ohio

CHANEY, Dale E., M.S. '84
1/21/2018, Kansas City, Mo.

NEWELL, James E., M.PAD '84
2/22/2018, Lansdale, Pa.

STRATTON, James C., '84
2/23/2018, Herrin, Ill.

SUCHARSKI, James W., Ph.D. '84
1/1/2018, Hillsboro, Mo.

SUTTON, Edward M., M.S.Ed. '84
1/3/2018, Kernersville, N.C.

SCHUMACHER, John P., '85
3/5/2018, Shiloh, Ill.

TRIPLETT, James E., '85
3/29/2018, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

COLEMAN, Roy, '86
4/17/2018, Vacaville, Calif.

QUANDT, Richard M., '86
1/9/2018, Salem, Ill.

REHILL, Edwin J., '86
12/25/2017, Park City, Utah

CAINE, Shari L., '87
3/30/18, Winfield, Ill.

JAHN, Benjamin L., '87, M.S.Ed. '89
4/15/2018, Oneida, Wis.

NOONAN, Robert K., '87
1/24/2018, Westmont, Ill.

FLUAITT, Richard D., '88
9/26/2017, Stanwood, Wash.

JOHNSON, Dennis F., '88
4/11/2018, Rosebud, Texas

BOYER, William J., M.S.Ed. '89
2/7/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.

KRIVI, Joseph C., '89
2/4/2018, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

PETTYPOOL, Diane M., D.B.A. '89
2/13/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.

SELINGER, Stuart J., '89
3/19/2018, Springfield, Ill.

SZILAGYI, Michael J., '89
10/23/2017, Franklin, Tenn.

WALDEN, Walter G., '89
2/24/2018, Poulsbo, Wash.

DAY, Harvey, '90
1/17/2018, Morrow, Ga.

EBERZ, Kelly L., '90
3/17/2018, Cape Coral, Fla.

RENNISON, Colleen A., '90
1/27/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.

BUTLER, Daniel J., '91
2/5/2018, Richmond, Va.

JONES, Evelyn D., '91
1/28/2018, Jacksonville, Fla.

LANOUE, Duane P., '91
3/4/2018, Granite Bay, Calif.

CASE, Deana M., '92
2/26/2018, Antioch, Ill.

COOLEY, Kenneth W., Ph.D. '92
2/13/2018, Waukesha, Wis.

SCHNEIDER, Loretta A., Ph.D. '92
1/4/2018, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

MOSS, William A., '93
4/22/2018, Houston, Texas

KELLY, Stevie B., '94
2/18/2018, Germantown, Tenn.

PAWLAK, Kimberley S., '94
1/10/2018, Peru, Ill.

CHESTNUT, Glenn W., '96
1/18/2018, Darlington, S.C.

MANNING, Michael A., Ph.D. '98
3/18/2018, Alamo, Calif.

ROBERTS, Wendell R., '98
2/11/2018, Wood River, Ill.

BERTINETTI, Starla R., '99, M.S.Ed. '02
2/6/2018, Herrin, Ill.

BUCHMAN, Denise, '99
3/13/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.

FARRAR, Roger C., '00
2/22/2018, Rockford, Ill.

HAMMONS, Harry T., J.D. '01
4/5/2018, Old Hickory, Tenn.

HARGRAVES, Geraldine E., '01
3/29/2018, Coello, Ill.

MILES, Joseph E., '01
4/10/2018, South Haven, Mich.

CULLEN, Melinda, '03
3/6/2018, Plainfield, Ill.

WILKINS, Candace L., '08, M.S.W. '09
3/10/2018, Carterville, Ill.

BRINKMEIER, Craig D., '09
2/22/2018, Lena, Ill.

CASEY, Ian D., '09
1/29/2018, St. Charles, Ill.

EDMOND, Ray A., '09
4/9/2018, Jacksonville, Fla.

HARDY, Ambria G., '14
2/17/2018, Palatine, Ill.

GALES, Shaquille A., '17
1/8/2018, Carbondale, Ill.

WEIHL, Cynthia L., '17
4/22/2017, De Soto, Ill.

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3/17/2018, Carbondale, Ill.

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Engineering
2/10/2018, Marion, Ill.

FERGUSON, Joseph G.
Emeritus, Building Operating Engineer
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1/26/18, Rochester, Ill.

GOULD, Michael C.
Extra Help, Service/Maintenance
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3/27/18, Cambria, Ill.

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Technical Support Writer
3/27/2018, Frankfort, Ill.

HIGGINBOTHAM, Steven D.
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Broadcasting Service
1/26/18, Martinsville, Ill.

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3/18/2018, Chicago, Ill.

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2/14/18, Springfield, Ill.

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3/3/2018, Marion, Ill.

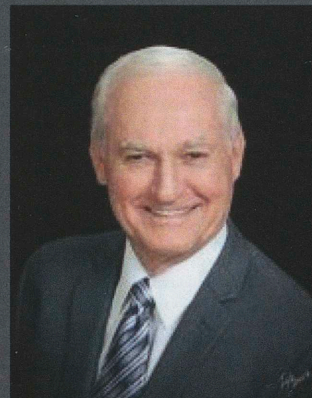
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3/19/2018, Hamilton, Ill.

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Leonard Surina

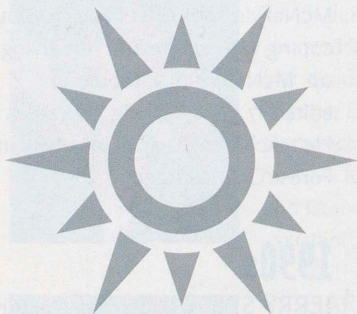


Leonard P. Surina of Springfield, Illinois passed away this past December. He was 84.

Len was a passionate athlete and fan who was especially fond of his SIU Salukis. He volunteered for many civic and parochial associations, but was particularly proud of his work for the SIU Alumni Association. He grew his insurance and financial planning business in Quincy, Decatur, O'Fallon and Springfield, retiring in 2015 after 54 years.

Survived by his devoted wife, Kaaren (nee Bunger); children, Layne Surina (Mary Martin), Marlon Jay Surina (Sherryn Anthony), and Marti Coogan (Edward); step-children, Harry 'Guy' Grieme III (Stephanie), and Amanda Leonard (Dennis). Grandchildren, Zachary and Aaron Coogan, Harry 'Ernie' Grieme IV (Katrina), Alisha Grieme (fiance Josh Adams), Cassandra Leonard Bennett (Kenneth), and Cody Leonard (Ellie). Great-grandchildren, Gunner, Collins and Sloan Bennett. Also surviving are his brother, Eugene Surina and wife, Liz.

Association Hosts Spring/Summer Events



SIU at MVC 2018

The SIU Alumni Association hosted its traditional alumni hospitality suite during the weekend of the Missouri Valley Conference basketball tournament, March 1-4 in St. Louis. Alumni participated in a social gathering and team send-off prior to each Saluki tournament game. The Association also assisted SIU in its "Saluki Celebration" at the Ballpark Village that weekend, welcoming prospective students from the region to come and get a taste of what SIU Carbondale has to offer.

Alumni Night – "Hamilton: The Musical"

The Association hosted an alumni night for a viewing of the hit musical, "Hamilton," at the CIBC Theater in downtown Chicago on March 15. Attendees were able to sit in the mezzanine area of the theater and enjoy what has become one of the most popular musical productions in years.

Dan Callahan Baseball Bash

The Prairie Capital Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted its annual gathering/fundraiser for the SIU baseball program and local chapter scholarship fund at DH Browns Saloon in Springfield, Illinois April 26. Attendees also heard from baseball head coach Ken Henderson.

Saluki Happy Hour – 2018 Summer Kick Off

A small group of Washington, D.C. – Baltimore area alumni gathered to unofficially kick off the summer season with an informal gathering May 1 at the Penn Quarter Sports Tavern in Washington, D.C. The event was the first in a series of gatherings planned to help area alumni network with one another throughout the year.

SIU in Los Angeles

Alumni on the west coast were treated to their first official SIU events in years in early June. The university hosted an informal alumni gathering at Boomtown Brewery in downtown Los Angeles, Friday, June 8, as well as a reception at the Hotel Bel-Air on Saturday, June 9.

SIU Day at Busch Stadium

The Association hosted its traditional gathering for the St. Louis Cardinals vs. the Chicago Cubs June 15 in St. Louis. Attendees were treated to a pre-game gathering in the Ballpark Village prior to the game. The St. Louis Area Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association was a co-host of this event.

SIU Day at Brookfield Zoo

SIU Day at Brookfield Zoo took place on June 23. The event gave Salukis and their families the opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities, meet students in the College of Science, who helped facilitate in some of the zoo tours, and share in a luncheon on the zoo grounds.

SIU in Nashville, Tennessee

Alumni of the Nashville, Tennessee area gathered for three days of events in late June, as university leaders and others joined fellow Salukis for a series of activities. Events included a minor league baseball game, a lunch cruise about the General Jackson Showboat, as well as an evening at the city's premier entertainment venue, Topgolf.

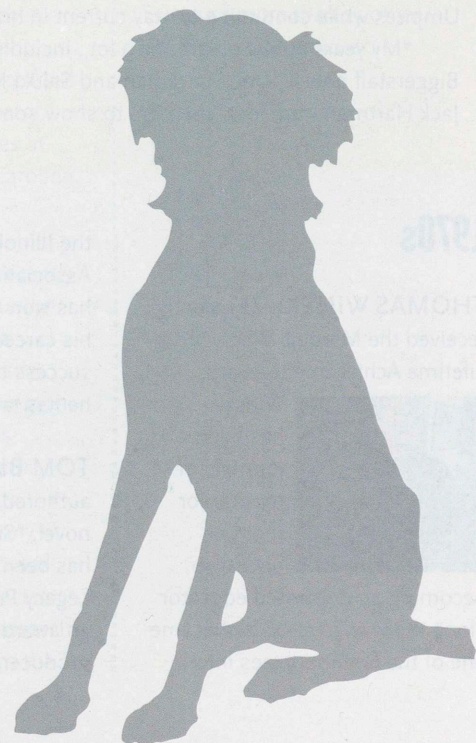
Upcoming Events

SEPT. 28 – SIU Day At Wrigley Field

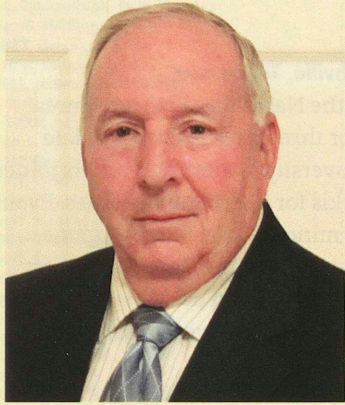
SEPT. 29 – Family Weekend

OCT. 20 – Homecoming Weekend

Learn more about upcoming events at siualumni.com/events



Biggerstaff Name To Athletic Trainers Hall Of Fame



KENT BIGGERSTAFF '69 has been inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association's Hall of Fame for 2018. This the highest honor an athletic trainer can receive. NATA is a nonprofit organization representing and supporting members of the athletic training profession.

Biggerstaff, a longtime Major League Baseball athletic trainer, began his athletic training career in 1967 and spent 36 years in professional baseball. During

this time, he worked for the New York Mets, Milwaukee Brewers and spent his last 23 years as head athletic trainer for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

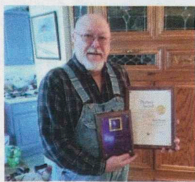
During Biggerstaff's tenure in MLB, he earned many honors, including selection as the All-Star Athletic Trainer in the National League in 1990, 1994 and 2002. He was also selected as the Athletic Trainer for the 1996 Major League All-Star Tour of Japan, and was named 2002 Major League Athletic Trainer of the Year.

Since the end of his MLB career, Biggerstaff spends time as an athletic trainer for the PGA Tour and the Summer Senior Olympics. He brings his knowledge and experience into the golf profession, working with professional golf athletes to enhance their overall performance. At home, he currently acts as the Manager of the Concussion Management Program for all Minor League Baseball Umpires while continuing to stay current in his own profession.

"My years at SIU taught me a lot, including how to work hard," Biggerstaff notes. "Doc Spackman and Saluki Men's Basketball Coach Jack Hartman were ideal mentors to show someone how to succeed."

1970s

THOMAS WINSKI '71 recently received the Marquis Who's Who Lifetime Achievement Award.

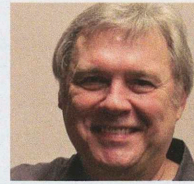


Winski has been a journalism teacher for most of his career,

becoming a decorated educator along the way. In 2008 he became one of the first inductees into

the Illinois Journalism Education Association Hall of Fame. He has won 16 other awards during his career. Winski attributes his success to those of the students he has taught.

TOM BLOMQUIST '72 has authored a new forensic mystery novel, "Silent Partners," which has been published by Lindstrom Legacy Publishing. Blomquist is an award-winning television writer, producer, and director. He also



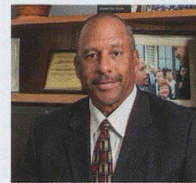
serves as a professor of film and television production at California

State University in Long Beach. He has taught screenwriting and film production at universities in both the United States and Europe.

1980s

THOMAS PARHAM '83

was recently named president of California State University,

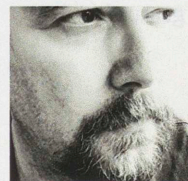


Dominguez Hills. He was previously vice chancellor student affairs at UC Irvine and succeeds

Willie Hagan, who retired at the end of the 2017-18 academic year. Parham had been at UCI for more than 30 years, where he has been an adjunct faculty member, as well as held other leadership positions, including the director of Career and Life Planning. Prior to UCI, he was a faculty member at the University of Pennsylvania. He earned his doctoral degree in counseling psychology from SIU.

JOHN MCNALLY '87 has

authored a new book, "The Promise of Failure," a guide to



helping young writers navigate the world of rejection in the cutthroat writer's market.

Pulling from his own experience,

McNally's book offers advice about coping with failure and not giving up. McNally has authored or edited 17 books during his career. He teaches at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon.

1990s

JERRY SELSOR '93 was recently named vice president of global operations at Bunn-O-Matic



Corporation in Springfield, Illinois. Selsor joined the company in 1998 as

a senior buyer. Throughout his 20-year career with one of the leading beverage equipment manufacturers, he also held positions as materials manager and director of supply chain. In addition, Selsor is a member of the board of directors of SPARC, a non-profit organization that enables individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to successfully live, learn, work and socialize in the community. He is also a founding member of the Autism Society of America Central Illinois Chapter.

ROCHELLE FORD, PH.D.

'99 has been named dean of the School of Communications at Elon



University in North Carolina. Her appointment took effect at the end of

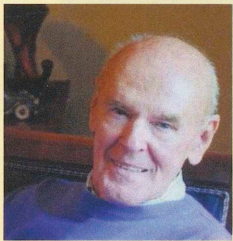
June. Ford was previously chair and a tenured professor in the

Five Alumni Honored at May Commencement

Five alumni received honors during this past spring's commencement ceremonies on the Carbondale campus.

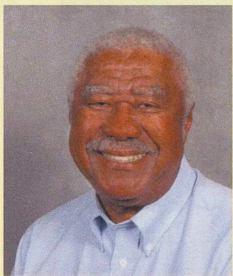


JANICE JACOBS '68, a 33-year career as a U.S. diplomat and foreign affairs officer, received a Doctorate of Public Service. Her diplomatic career included posts in Nigeria, Ethiopia, France, Mexico, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Washington, D.C. She is a former U.S. ambassador to Senegal and Guinea-Bissau, along with working as assistant secretary for consular affairs.



RICHARD PECK '59, an award-winning children's novelist, received a Doctorate of Literary Arts. He has published more than 40 novels for children and young adults in his 45-year career. In 2002 he was the first children's author to receive a National Humanities Medal. He earned a Master of Arts degree in English at SIU and also

taught and wrote for major newspapers. **Editor's Note: Richard Peck passed away on May 23, just days after receiving his honorary doctorate. His name will be posted in the In Memoriam section of the fall magazine.**

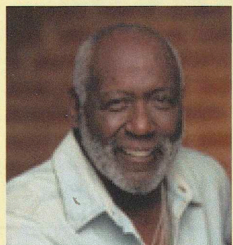


HARVEY WELCH, JR. '55, '58 received a Distinguished Service Award. Welch first gained prominence at SIU Carbondale in the mid-50s as a standout basketball player and Air Force ROTC member. He retired as a lieutenant colonel from the U.S. Air Force in 1975 and spent 24 years on campus serving in a variety of roles, including vice chancellor for student affairs.



BOB GOWER '58, '60 received a Distinguished Service Award for his work as an international business leader in the chemical industry. Gower earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from SIU and is the former CEO of Lyondell Petrochemical Company. Over his 40-year career, Gower built, transformed and

co-founded numerous corporations. In 2008, he started Ensyce Biosciences Inc. to develop carbon nanotube delivery systems for cancer drugs and explore ways to avoid opioid pain drug abuse.



RICHARD ROUNDTREE received a Doctorate of Performing Arts. Roundtree attended the university in the early 1960s and went on to a five-decade television and film career that includes his role as John Shaft in the iconic "Shaft" movie franchise. Much of Roundtree's work through the years has challenged stereotypes of the time.

public relations department of the SI Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University in New York. Prior to then she spent 16 years at Howard University in Washington, D.C., where she was a faculty member in the department of journalism and department of communication, culture, and media studies, as well as associate dean of the school of communications.

2000s

GRENITA LATHAN, PH.D.

'00 has been named interim superintendent of the Houston



Independent School District, the largest district in the state of Texas. She will serve as leader over the district while the board of trustees searches for a permanent replacement. Her appointment took effect April 1. Lathan is a 26-year educator, serving in various capacities at schools in Illinois, North Carolina, and California.

DARREN FICKLIN '07 recently received an Outstanding Junior Faculty Award from Indiana



University Bloomington. He was honored during a ceremony in April. Ficklin's research focuses on how climate change affects the hydrologic cycle. His research has earned him grants from the

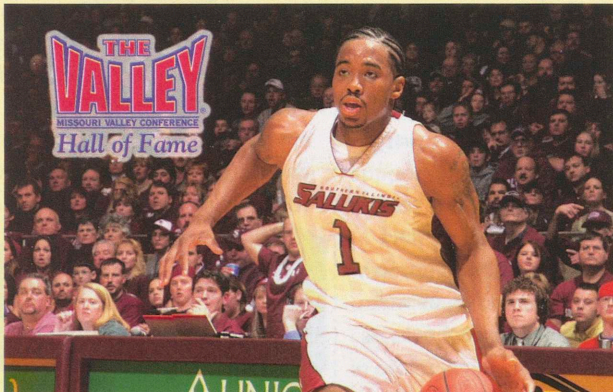
National Science Foundation and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ficklin has also published findings in several leading journals of environmental science, hydrology, and climatology. He has been with IU Bloomington since 2013.

TRAVIS PRESTON '15, a geographic information systems coordinator for the North Platte



Natural Resources District, has been accepted into Class VIII of the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy. The academy is a one-year program training and educating leaders about the vital roles of rivers, streams and aquifers to the state's economic sustainability. It is partially funded through a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and more than 25 other individuals and entities.

Darren Brooks Inducted Into MVC Hall Of Fame



DARREN BROOKS '04 was inducted into the Missouri Valley Conference Hall of Fame during a ceremony at the Valley Basketball Tournament in March. A native of St. Louis, he is the only player in league history to win both the Larry Bird Trophy (awarded to the league's top men's basketball student-athlete) and the MVC Defensive Player of the Year honor two times, sweeping the awards in 2004 and 2005.

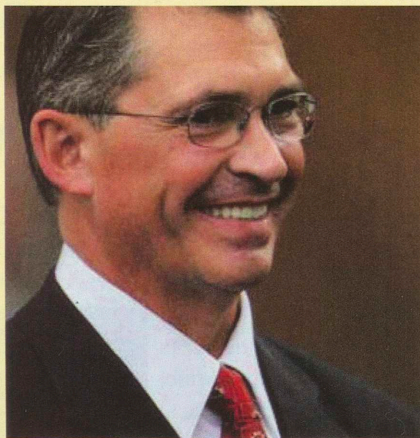
While he was at SIU, the Salukis won four-straight regular-season conference titles, made four-straight NCAA Tournament appearances and won three NCAA Tournament games, including a Sweet 16 run in 2002 (defeating Texas Tech and Georgia as an 11 seed).

Brooks finished his career ranked fifth in all-time scoring at SIU with 1,761 points. He remains the school's career steals leader with 258, ranks fourth in career assists with 410, eighth in career 3-pointers made with 156, and 12th in career rebounds with 673.

The Saluki Hall of Famer was a two-time AP Honorable Mention All-American (2004, 2005), a three-time member of MVC All-Defense Team (2003-05), and a two-time member of MVC All-Tournament Team (2004, 2005). Brooks is a member of both the SIU All-Century Team, announced in 2013, and the Missouri Valley Conference All-Centennial Team, announced in 2007.

The former Saluki is currently an athletics director and K-12 teacher in the Dallas area, where he resides with his wife, Danielle, and their daughters Darionne, Nevaeh, Niah and Nadiah. In addition to his duties as athletics director, Brooks coaches the boys and girls basketball teams and operates the Brooks Basketball Academy.

Troutt Shares In Triple Crown Victory



KENNY TROUTT '71 is part-owner of Justify, the horse that has become the 13th Triple Crown Champion, after wins at the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes this spring. The three-year-old colt began his racing career in only in February and entered the Kentucky Derby in May as a 5-2 favorite. Justify

became the first colt in more than a hundred years to win without running a race as a juvenile. The victories were followed by wins at the Preakness and the Belmont.

Justify is housed at WinStar Farms in Versailles, Kentucky, a 600-acre sanctuary Troutt has owned since 2000. As Troutt told the Lexington Herald-Leader, after Justify's win at the Kentucky Derby, there was something special about the horse. The race team included hall of fame trainer Bob Baffert and jockey Mike Smith.

"When I kept hearing Bob talking about how special this horse is, I got so high, because we've had some good horses, but never a really, great, great horse," Troutt told the newspaper.

Troutt became successful after graduating from SIU founding a long-distance phone company. Troutt's name is also on the Troutt-Wittmann Center, an athletic and academic facility on the Carbondale campus completed in 2005 with a donation from Troutt's best friend in college **THOMAS "PETE" WITTMANN '71**.

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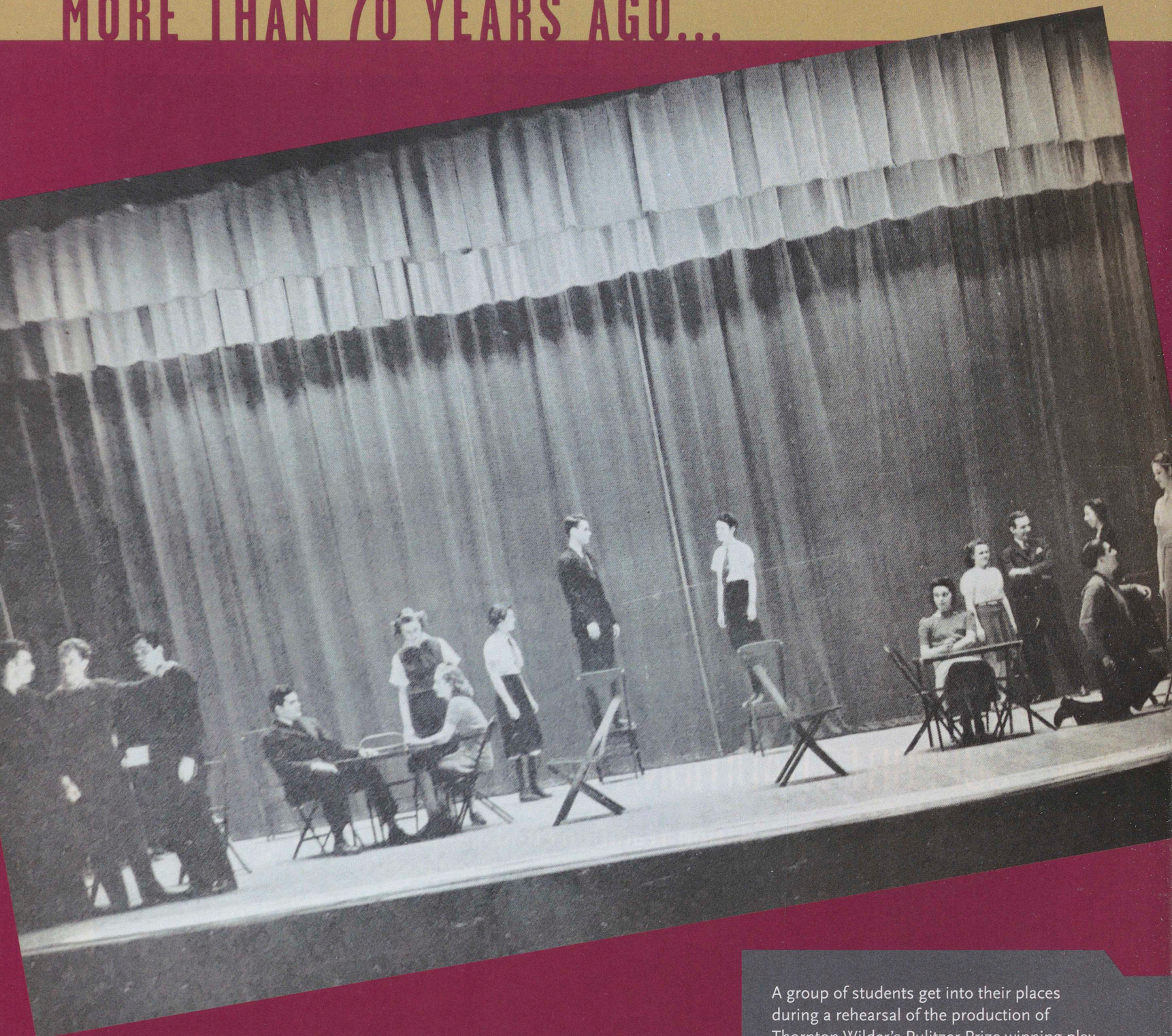
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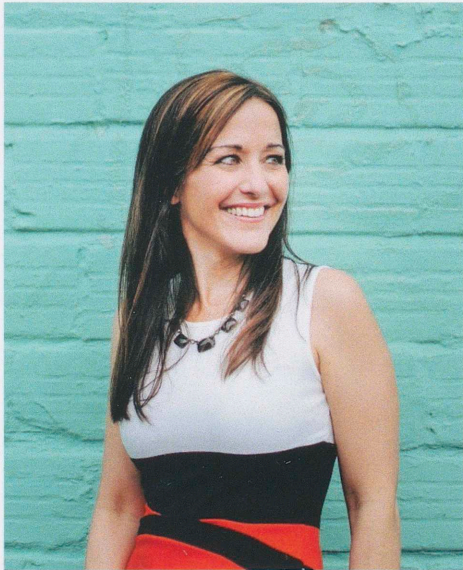
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MORE THAN 70 YEARS AGO...



A group of students get into their places during a rehearsal of the production of Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer Prize winning play, "Our Town." This play was staged on March 1, 1940 in Shryock Auditorium by members of the university's drama club. It was the first time the play had been presented by any group in the southern Illinois area.

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Half Century Club Induction Dinner

October 20

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SIU vs Indiana State
Football game

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