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Scholarships Lead To Memorable Saluki Experience



Caleb Gomes performed with the Marching Salukis during the 2017 total solar eclipse. That's an experience money can't buy.

Of course, without the assistance of scholarships, it's possible the Du Quoin native may never have made such an incredible memory.

"Receiving a College of Liberal Arts scholarship has definitely given me motivation to further pursue music and perform in as many ensembles as I can," Gomes said.

Gomes, who is also a recipient of the University Excellence Scholarship, has performed with the SIU's Wind Ensemble, Concert Choir, Symphonic Band and Pep Band, along with the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra and the Marching Salukis.

He also composed the score for a student-produced eclipse documentary titled "2:38: A Glimpse Into the Eclipse."

"These scholarships have definitely eased the cost of being a music major," he said. "Instrument repair, upkeep costs and ensemble costs can add up."

When Gomes first came to SIU, he was unsure of his major, but during his first visit as a prospective student he made a connection to the School of Music.

"The amount of interest that the professors invested in me that day absolutely amazed me," he said. "It was an immediate personal connection that I failed to make at any other university that I visited."

Gomes has also served as a Saluki ambassador. While giving campus tours to prospective students, he likes to focus on the natural beauty all around.

"We have one of the most beautiful campuses that I've ever been to," he said. "As a tour guide, bringing my group through Thompson Woods is always my favorite. I love seeing their faces in awe as they realize that we actually have a gorgeous forest in the middle of our campus."

His experience at SIU has given Gomes a greater appreciation for the importance of philanthropy in higher education.

"Not only do scholarships relieve financial burdens for students, they let students know there are people who genuinely care about them and their futures," he said.



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SIU continues to benefit from a long and historic educational relationship with the island nation.

Caleb Hale, editor



Are You #CarbondaleProud?

Southern Illinois University has a special place in the hearts of many alumni, but when you think about it, the city of Carbondale, Illinois also played a major role in shaping what it meant to become a Saluki.

Travel the country far and wide to speak with alumni, as I have, you'll find they'll sing the praises of a great campus, but some of their most legendary tales take place in the community beyond. SIU was the place they came to learn; Carbondale is where they learned to live... and live it up.

The fates of both SIU and Carbondale have been inextricably tied together for nearly 150 years. This bond makes Carbondale a unique place not only in Illinois, but in the greater Midwest – a small rural community populated by some of the most innovative minds in the country, offering some unique things you just don't see anywhere else in southern Illinois, and home of a university bringing in students from all over the world to learn. It's something to celebrate, and this past summer residents of the community began doing just that in a social media campaign called "Carbondale Proud."

The Facebook and Instagram feeds were designed as places for people to share their memories, announce new businesses and

services, and, in general, brag on a great community. As alumni of SIU, you no doubt have fond memories of Carbondale and you're curious as to what's been happening in town since you left. If you're on social media, this is a way for you to check in and maybe even leave a few positive notes of your own.

After all, part of what makes Carbondale so unique is the impact it's had on hundreds of thousands of people, who live all over the world.

Share your memories and let everyone know you're #CarbondaleProud.

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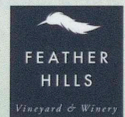
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SALUKIS ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Have you seen all the Saluki Paw Prints around Carbondale? For the past 13 years Saluki paw prints have been painted on the streets of Carbondale by a group of volunteers made possible by a partnership between SIU and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce's Saluki Pride Committee.

They helped me find the campus when I came there for the first time! [Tom McDuffy via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)



We hope you're weathering the Dawg Days of summer from the coolest possible vantage point!

This is the perfect SIU summer photo. [Rebecca Renshaw via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

That is an awesome pic! [Joel Counce via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

What an awesome picture of the Saluki! They are as beautiful as I remember them! [Marilyn Witt via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

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



It was a busy weekend for [#SIU Alumni!](#) Thanks again to all our Washington D.C./Baltimore [#Salukis](#) who gathered this past weekend for a Porch Party hosted by Washington D.C./Baltimore Chapter Rep. Jarrod Echols!



Thanks again to all [#SIUAlumni](#) who joined us this weekend in Nashville, TN. Great to see all of you! And thanks to Brad Dillard and all the fine folks at SIU Facilities for these great pics!



Thanks to everyone who joined us for the annual SIU Day at Busch Stadium last Friday. [#SIUSalukis](#) [#Salukis](#) [#SalukiforLife](#)

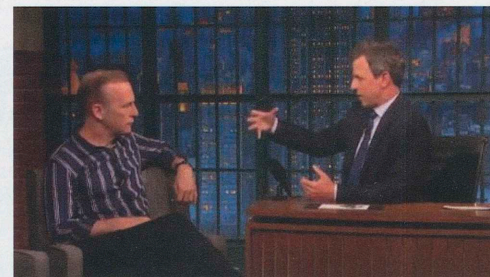


Hey hey you're right!!! It's official. Ricky got his diploma today!! He's a Saluki!!! [Laura Nowak via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)



We need a Saluki event in San Juan, Puerto Rico!! [Maria Antonia via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Glad to see Rebecca and Coach Kill back in Saluki gear. [Go Dawgs! Scott Frisch via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)



Check out [#SIU Alum Bob Odenkirk](#) talking to Seth Meyers about his time at SIU! Thanks to Pete Lucas, Assistant Director of Advertising & Marketing for SIU, for this cool share!

Go Salukis! Bradley Skelcher via [SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

One of my favorite actors 😊 Libby Blue via [SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Awesome, SIU rocks! Anthony Petruzzi via [SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

WIDB! Mary Carroll via [SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Salukis are everywhere! Cheryl Wilson via [SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

I am also a Saluki ... Way to go Bob Odenkirk! Jill Baker via [SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Omg I had NO IDEA he was an alum! Whaaattt???? Melanie Pikosky via [SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Saw that! Hell, yeah! Go Salukis! Kyle Dare via [SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)



We are sad to announce that Gwen Hunt, owner of PK's, has passed away at 84. Hunt ran the iconic Carbondale tavern for 63 years until retiring June 1. Per her wishes, there w/b no funeral or visitation. Condolences may be sent c/o PK's, 308 S. Illinois Ave. C'dale, IL 62901.

Thank you for your hospitality! It's hard to have attended SIU without knowing Gwen and PK's. Tom Pecelunas via [SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Oh lord, I remember Gwen from the late 70's. What a great person. She would always float me a bar tab in between paychecks. RIP Gwen from the West Coast [Chuck Bullar via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Spent many fun years in the bar in the late 70's. Too sad. [Mary P. Ward via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Great times for me from late 70s to mid 80s Gwen was a great lady RIP. [Eric Becker via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

I got my knockoff mug after PK's stopped selling them. I cherish it and everyone I ever met at PK's especially Gwen. Thanks for everything. Carbondale was lucky to have you. [Laura Kaye Johnson via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Gwen was like a mom to us all. She will be missed. [Brian F. Collins via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

My first legal beer was at PK's [Bill Johnston via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Used to hang out there when the rest of my friends were across the street at whatever nightclub was there. [Eric Ivers via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Pizza King (PK's) was on the main drag in Carbondale. It was across the street from the big nightclub (whose name I can't remember). [Eric Ivers via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

Eric Ivers: TJ's! [Tracy Taylor via SIU Alumni Association Facebook](#)

TWITTER



Warm & muggy this morning for the Squeals & Wheels bbq competition & car show. Luckily I have this breathable @SIU_SwimDive to keep me cool. Thanks @CoachWalkerSIU #GoDawgs #Salukis @SIUC @SIUAlumni [Mike Jannssen via SIU Alumni Association Twitter](#)



#SIU Medicine & SIH are collaborating to construct a family medical clinic & teaching facility in the heart of Carbondale. You are cordially invited to a groundbreaking at 10 a.m. Tues. June 19 on University Ave. between Oak & Pecan Streets.

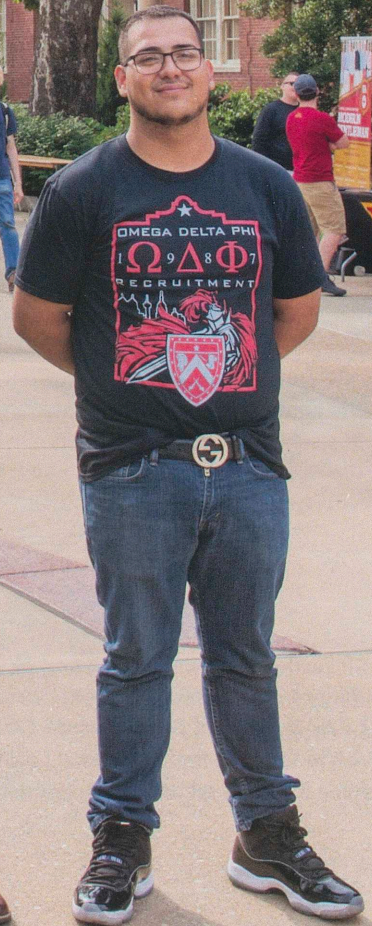
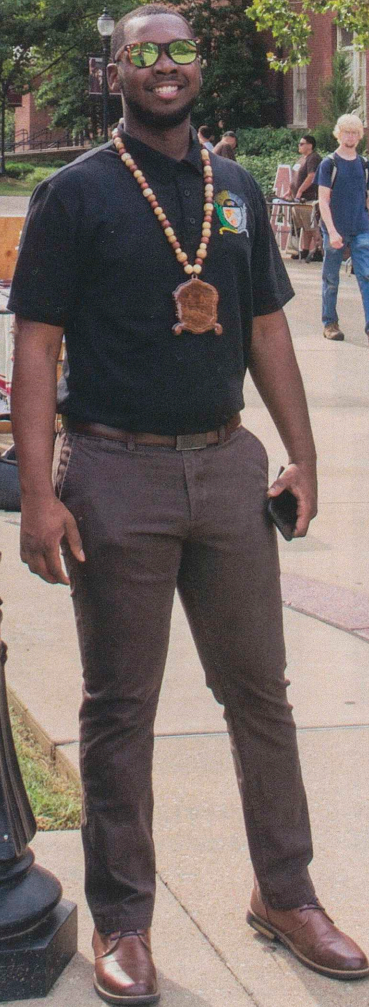
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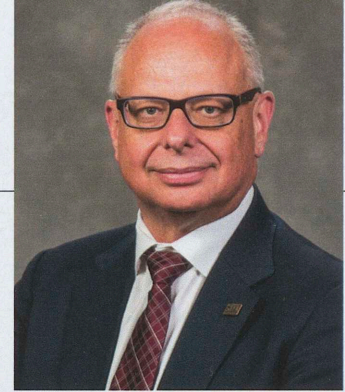
Congratulations to #SIU Alumni Kenny Troutt, and his wife, Lisa, whose colt, Justify, won the historic Kentucky Derby this past Saturday!



OPPORTUNITY



Looking Back, Moving Forward



When I came to SIU a little more than a year ago, I was drawn by the possibilities. The university's distinguished history, loyal alumni and friends, outstanding faculty and staff, and supportive community were all signals that SIU was something special.

Of course, I knew that there were challenges. But who doesn't love to tackle a good challenge? I believed that with a shared vision, an unwavering focus on our mission, and a collaborative spirit, we could revitalize SIU and move the university forward.

I have not been disappointed.

Together, we have accomplished a great deal in our first year. Here are just a few examples:

- We have launched an ambitious reorganization of our academic programs in order to spur cross-disciplinary collaboration and innovation in both teaching and research. We have made significant strides thanks to the hard work and engagement of our faculty.
- We have reinforced the importance of hands-on learning, one of the great benefits of attending a research university. For example, with thanks to alumni Roger and Sally Tedrick, we have expanded a program that engages students in research and creative activities. We are also in the process of adding a makerspace -- a place for students to explore innovative ideas -- in the Student Center.
- We have focused on the student experience by reconfiguring housing, bringing concerts to campus, revitalizing the Dawg Pound at athletic events and adding other activities that contribute to a full and vibrant college life.
- We have renovated the Ralph E. Becker Pavilion, named in honor of a generous alumnus and donor. We've also added a bicycle lane through campus. These are just two examples of many initiatives reinforcing our reputation for being a green university with a beautiful campus.
- Our alumni and friends contributed more than \$25 million in support of SIU students and programs last year, a 25 percent increase in giving over the previous year. This is a sign of confidence in the university's future.
- We attracted an academically talented freshman class this fall and have put in place new initiatives that will support future enrollment growth. For example, we have streamlined the admissions process and revamped recruitment strategies. With thanks to the SIU Foundation and SIU Alumni Association, we were able to close financial gaps to help new and returning students enroll this year.

This is just a small sampling of what we've been doing in the last year, with much more in the works.

What's ahead?

As we prepare for the celebration of our 150th anniversary in the spring, we have much to be proud of. We have a strong history that has

contributed to our reputation as an inclusive, welcoming university with a tradition of academic excellence. We have continued to evolve as the world of higher education -- and the world in general -- has changed.

The question we face at this critical time point in time is this: What does our next evolution look like? How can we preserve what has made us uniquely SIU even as we adapt to meet the needs of new generations of students?

Academic reorganization is a start. By realigning our programs so that faculty and students in related fields can more easily collaborate, we have more flexibility to develop new degrees in high-demand areas such as sustainability, gerontology, bioinformatics, cyber security and forensic sciences.

Reorganization will also allow us to collaborate more effectively across disciplines on research that matters -- whether it focuses on agricultural systems, transportation, materials science or rehabilitation. Reorganization, in short, allows us to be more nimble and innovative.

Our faculty members are also exploring changes in our core curriculum -- those courses every student must take as part of a well-rounded education. Our goal is to build great leaders and help them reach their full potential in key areas and abilities critical for lifelong success: communication, critical thinking, creativity and collaboration.

In addition, we are looking at strategic partnerships between SIU, industry and the economic development arms of our state and federal government that can support academic programs and research.

Last but not least, we are making sure that we provide all students with the tools and resources to help them be successful, including strong academic advising and career services.

SIU in 2025

In short, we are looking at everything we do, with an eye toward what SIU will look like in 2025. Change won't happen overnight, but we will work on it every single day until we have fulfilled our vision for the future. Even then, we will continue to evolve.

We are shaping SIU as a university that provides the personalized, hands-on experiences a student might expect from an elite private institution but with a breadth of comprehensive programs. Even as we work to grow enrollment to 18,300, we can make every student feel like a valued member of our community. This sense of being a Saluki, part of a family, is an SIU trademark we must preserve.

We have much work ahead, yet we have the will to get it done. We also have the support of our many alumni and friends and the commitment of our faculty and staff. Together, we will position SIU for the next 150 years.



CAMPUS MOMENT

Families and university volunteers helped students get settled into their residence halls during Move-In Weekend in August. This year, all undergraduate on-campus housing has been placed at Thompson Point on the SIU Carbondale campus. The move was one meant to bring a greater sense of community to new students, as well as faculty and staff at the university.



A New Campus Landmark

Saluki Alumni Plaza to Celebrate SIU 150th, Create Focal Point for Students, Alumni

BY CALEB HALE



For more information about donating to this project, please visit siualumni.com

With Southern Illinois University approaching its 150th anniversary, the SIU Alumni Association's board of directors has laid the groundwork for a new structure on campus and launched a fundraising campaign to complete it by Homecoming 2019.

Saluki Alumni Plaza will be a new focal point for students and alumni on the Carbondale campus once completed. The concept for the plaza was created by **Drew Stoker '75**, who worked with **Kay Zivkovich '71**, MS. Ed. '79 of the SIU School of Art and Design and Ron Dunkel, EX '81, coordinator of the Saluki Craft Shop to flesh out the design. Located between Pulliam and Woody halls, the plaza will feature sculptures of three Saluki dogs.

"The statues represent past, present, and future students, and it's going to be a great gathering place on campus," says **Larry Mieldezis '86**, immediate past president of the Association board and member of the committee that created the concept for Saluki Alumni Plaza. "I can imagine prospective students thinking about coming to SIU wanting to snap selfies in front of them, and alumni visiting campus will definitely want to check out the spot."

The Association's board earlier this spring committed to financing a large portion of the \$320,000 needed for the plaza project. The Association and the SIU Foundation are now working together to secure contributions for the balance. The goal of the fundraising effort is \$200,000.

"This is a special opportunity for alumni to help establish a campus landmark," Mieldezis says. "The plaza can represent the stages SIU students experience as they arrive on campus, develop their skills while on campus and leap forward into their successful careers. This plaza can symbolize SIU's legacy to our students for the next 150 years."



Donations to SIU Increase by 25 Percent

Donors contributed more than \$25.2 million last year to SIU students and programs, a 25 percent increase over the previous year, according to Chancellor Carlo Montemagno.

“Our alumni and friends believe in SIU, and they are coming together to advance the university,” Montemagno said. “Their investment in our students and our future is incredibly important. On behalf of the entire campus community, I thank all donors for their support and confidence as we move forward to fulfill our vision for the university.

“These gifts support scholarships for SIU students, equipment for laboratories, library resources, positions for outstanding faculty and much, much more,” Montemagno added. “Many students wouldn’t be able to attend SIU – or benefit from all we offer – without the generosity of our alumni and friends. Donors make the difference.”

Many of the donors during the past fiscal year were first-generation college students. F. Lynn McPheeters is one such donor who gave a \$1 million gift to the College of Business. He attributes his success, in part, to his experience at SIU and hopes his gift will assist future Salukis seeking similar results.

“Without SIU, I would never have been in a position to have the opportunity to do something like this,” he said.

“Being able to attend SIU – a national, state-supported college – enabled me to have the career and life I’ve had,” said McPheeters, retired chief financial officer and vice president of Caterpillar, Inc. “My hope is that this scholarship will allow others who are in similar situations the opportunity to attend SIU and succeed in their chosen field as I was able to.”

Bob Gower, ’58, ’60, was also a first-generation student. Born in West Frankfort, Illinois, to parents with an eighth-grade education, Gower knew that hard work was going to be his personal key to achieving success.

“I worked and paid my own way through college, which wasn’t easy to do when majoring in chemistry,” Gower said. “Balancing classes and working on weekends was difficult, but through hard work I grew up fast. I learned that success doesn’t come automatically and that I just had to persevere through the hard times.”

Gower says that his experiences at SIU taught him so much about other people. He says those experiences taught him about character, taught him about honesty, and gave him an appreciation of diversity.

Throughout his illustrious career in the oil and chemical industry, Gower and his wife have always maintained a steadfast loyalty to SIU’s chemistry department. Recently, Gower gave \$800,000 to the chemistry department.

Two other SIU alumni honored their parents by making substantial gifts.

Susan McClary ’68 made a \$400,000 estate gift, establishing a scholarship benefitting female Native American or African American students. The scholarship is named after her parents, former SIU professors Dan and Toccoa McClary.

“My parents were deeply committed to education, because the education they received allowed them to get out of the Dust Bowl,” said McClary, a renowned musicologist and professor in the Department of Music at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. “They made an enormous jump in life by the virtue of education.”

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

His father, Scott, graduated from SIU in 1967 with a degree from the radio/TV department and was later honored at the college’s Alumnus of the Year.

“If we don’t continue to honor and foster this area of education, there is a risk of it becoming less important,” Jason Kane said.

These donations help students relieve some of their financial stress and ensure they have countless opportunities at their fingertips.

“All gifts – large and small – are important and valued,” said Jim Salmo, the foundation’s chief executive officer. “Donors have a lot of options in the ways they can structure a gift to serve a cause that is important to them – whether it’s paying it forward with a scholarship or investing in student and faculty research or academic facilities.”

SIU is in the midst of Forever SIU: The Campaign for Students, a three-year, \$75 million fundraising initiative. To date, the campaign has raised more than \$60 million.

To learn more about the campaign, visit www.foreversiu.org or call 618-453-4900.



Support for SIU School of Medicine

BY REBECCA BUDDE

Forty-eight years ago, forward-thinking leaders at SIU developed a plan to start a medical school to train young doctors who would provide health care for the people of central and southern Illinois. SIU School of Medicine has far exceeded its original goal with thousands of physician assistants, graduate students, MEDPREP graduates, residents and fellows joining the more than 2,800 physicians who were educated at SIU.

Medical education is ever-changing, and SIU is leading the next generation of health care providers and researchers.

Philanthropic support continues to drive the school's mission forward. This financial assistance is imperative to expansion of student scholarships, development of new, exciting programs, the recruitment of top-notch faculty and the ability to keep pace with ever-evolving technology.

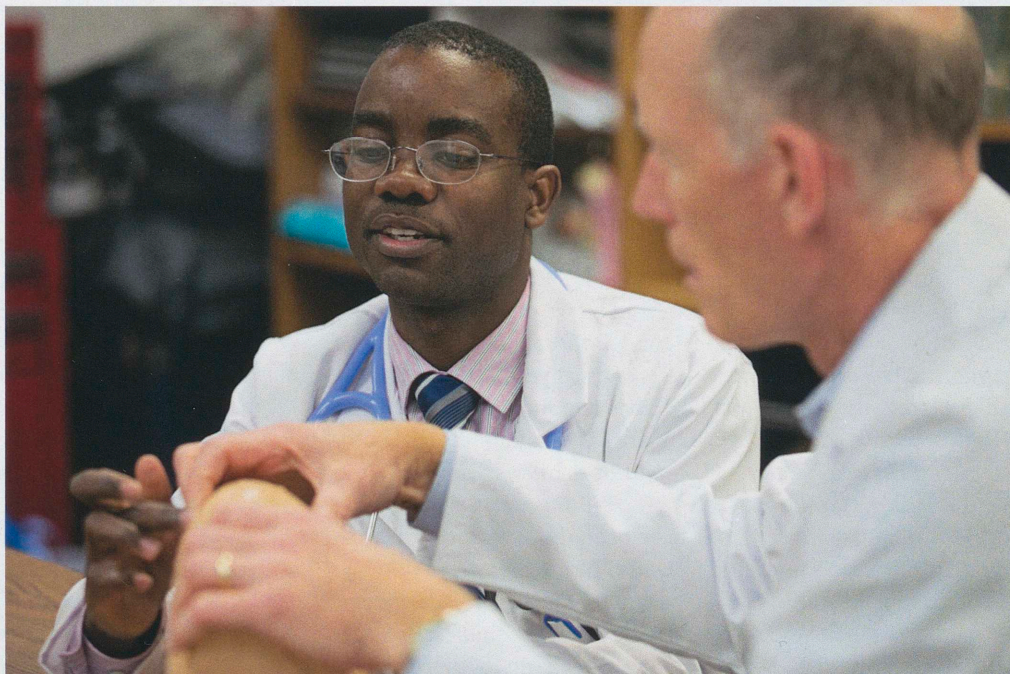
The cost of education

While cost of tuition at SIU School of Medicine remains one of the most affordable among public universities, these medical students graduate with significant debt – more than \$210,000 on average – according to Erik Constance, MD, Associate Dean of for Admissions and Student Affairs. “Scholarships are imperative for fulfilling our mission of sending well-trained providers in central and southern Illinois,” Dr. Constance says.

“While we awarded the most medical student scholarships ever last year, the amounts awarded barely put a dent in the debt load. I am so appreciative of those who made my scholarship possible,” says **Allen Ghareeb, MD, '18**. “Even if you can only give a little, it all adds up and can help so many more achieve their dreams.”

And SIU's other learners are in great need of support too. SIU's MEDPREP students come from socioeconomically disadvantaged backgrounds. They are often paying off debt from their undergraduate education while also paying for two years of MEDPREP. With medical or dental school education on the horizon, the financial burdens can greatly impede their academic success.

To remain competitive with other physician assistant (PA) programs, SIU's highly successful PA program has higher tuition rates than other SIU graduate programs. The tuition combined with the additional cost of supplies such as a diagnostic kit, stethoscope, reflex hammer, tuning fork and textbooks, make scholarship support crucial.



Dr. Tom Miller (right) of SIU's Family Medicine in Quincy works with fourth-year medical student Nahayo Esperant-Hilaire (left) during his preceptorship.

Resource funds

The Medical Student Resource Fund helps fill in the gaps left by other funding sources. Generous alumni and friends have funded the purchase of teaching materials, vital medical resources, clinical clerkships, gym memberships and the remodeling of student lounges.

The Resident Resource Fund is set up to help the school's 19 residency programs and 11 fellowship programs. The funds provide necessary equipment for learners' specialties, research seed money and opportunities to present or train at national conferences. Fourth-year SIU neurosurgery resident Breck Jones, MD, is a beneficiary of such generosity. “I've been able to train with some of the top physicians in my field thanks to funds I've received from the Foundation,” Dr. Jones says. “I'm proud to be a part of a place where the alumni invest in my future.”

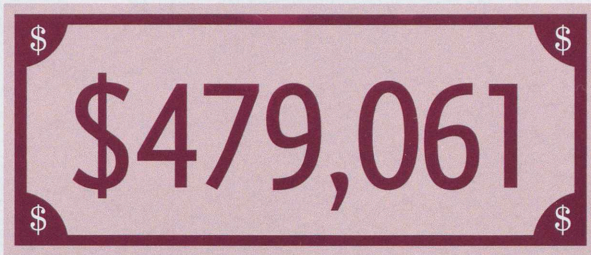
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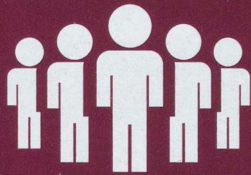
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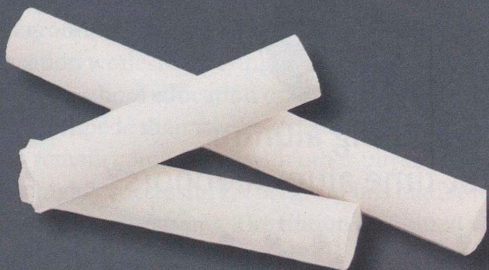
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A Hero's Heart

Alumnus Who Stopped Indiana School Shooting Returns To SIU As Homecoming Grand Marshal

BY CHRISTI MATHIS



Credited with the quick and brave action that stopped a school shooting from turning deadly in May, **Jason Seaman '12** will receive a hero's welcome as grand marshal of the 2018 SIU Homecoming celebration.

A defensive lineman on the Saluki football team during his years at Southern Illinois University, Jason Seaman suffered plenty of bruises and scrapes, routine injuries that never garnered much fanfare. Yet, as the 2012 graduate from the College of Education and Human Services returns to his alma mater for Homecoming, he does so with scars that count for much more than defending the end zone; they happened defending the lives of his students.

"It was just a normal day, and then things went south really quick," Seaman recalls about the morning of Friday, May 25 in his seventh grade science classroom at Noblesville West Middle School about 30 miles north of Indianapolis. It was nearly the end of Seaman's fourth year teaching at the school. He was looking forward to the summer and the time he'd be spending with his wife, Colette, their young children, Jamison, 2, and newborn daughter Emery, who'd arrived in April.

As class began one of his students asked to be excused. The young man left the room but returned moments later, armed with two loaded handguns. He began firing at the class.

"When it all happened, I just reacted," Seaman says. "The main goal was to get all of the kids out as quickly and safely as possible."

Without hesitation, Seaman tackled the shooter. In so doing he was shot three times – in the abdomen, forearm and hip. Two of the bullets, the ones in his hip and forearm, are still there. Removing them would have done more damage, doctors said.

One other student, a 13-year-old girl, was also shot but survived.

"She's doing well," Seaman says about the other victim. "She's tough and resilient and she's got excellent parents. She's got goals and aspirations, and I don't think this will get in her way at all."

The danger was already over by the time news headlines alerted the country to yet another school shooting. This, however, was an instance where tragedy had been averted.

After little more than a day in the hospital, Seaman was at home recovering, the talk of a nation elated to see a hero's successful tale. The aftermath, he says, has been heartwarming.



Jason Seaman and his family. Seaman's youngest child was born in April, roughly a month before his heroic actions stopped a school shooting.

Now, Seaman is being honored by SIU as the grand marshal for the 2018 Homecoming, not just for his recent actions but for his standout career as a student.

"I loved being in Carbondale. It was a great time in my life. I haven't been back since I graduated, so I am extremely excited to get back on campus," Seaman says. "I'm honored to come back in the capacity of grand marshal, especially since it will be my first Homecoming parade and festivities. I was always preparing for the football game so I never really got to experience any of that before. I'm looking forward to it."



Seaman during his days as a defensive end on the Saluki football team.

A SPECIAL PLACE IN HIS HEART

SIU and the memories and friendships made in Carbondale are a huge part of Seaman's life, he says. He came to Carbondale on a football scholarship, recruited by Jerry Kill, then football coach and now athletic director. Current football coach Nick Hill was quarterback during Seaman's freshman season.

Seaman, a native of Mahomet, Illinois, lettered in football 2007 through 2010 and won Missouri Valley Conference All-Academic team honors. He went on to excel on the track team during the spring 2011 season as he was wrapping up his education and student teaching. He participated in the shot put, discus, and the hammer and weight throws.

He can still taste those delicious breakfasts enjoyed at Harbaugh's Cafe and Mary Lou's with roommate and Saluki offensive fullback John Goode, particularly after their morning team workouts.

Seaman got engaged to his wife, a fellow graduate, at a local winery and their wedding party included Goode along with two other team members -- left tackle Dave Pickard '10 and right guard George Danilkowicz '12. Their friendships are still going strong.

Claiming three hard-fought victories against conference rival Northern Iowa, including one win "on their turf" in the UNI-Dome, is likewise something Seaman will never forget. His freshman year, a tackle at the five-yard line took the victory from the Salukis. The following year, the team avenged the loss and repeated the feat the next two years, he recalls proudly.

ALWAYS WANTED TO TEACH

Despite a real passion for football – he's still involved in the game coaching Noblesville's eighth grade team – Seaman's dream had long been to teach. His fourth grade teacher was also the high school defensive line coach for Mahomet-Seymour, and as Seaman listened to stories he and other male teachers and role models told about working with students, it sparked something within him.

"To hear them talk, it seemed like they cared so much about the kids and what they were doing that teaching wasn't work at all for them. They never wanted to do anything else," he says. "I just knew I wanted to be a teacher,"

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JASON SEAMAN

A full-ride scholarship provided Seaman’s ticket to SIU and he’s thrilled it did.

“The education I got at SIU was top-notch,” Seaman says. “My courses and instructors were top-notch and so was my student teaching at Murphysboro Middle School.”

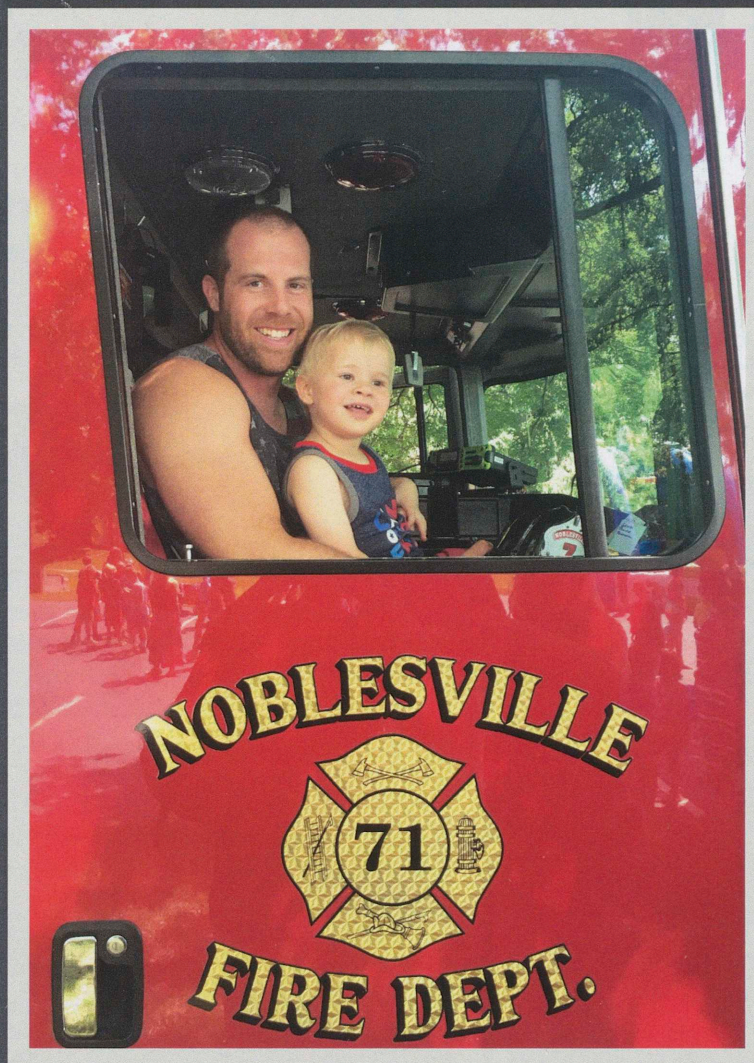
He says one of the things that impressed him the most was that his classes weren’t just about learning what to teach, but about how to teach in a real-world situation.

“They do a great job preparing you to handle real life situations,” Seaman says.

Particularly influential to him were curriculum and instruction faculty members Ann Garrett, lecturer, and Louise Stearns, senior lecturer.

“They are both very detail-oriented and showed me how to hold students accountable while building relationships,” he says. “If you mess up, they let you know it and they drive a hard bargain, being tough on you. But, they also get to know you as a person, respect you and convince you that you can be something great if you just apply yourself.”

It’s a philosophy Seaman was determined to apply with his own students. He and Colette received their diplomas during 2012 commencement; his was in elementary education while she earned a master’s of public health in community health education, before moving to

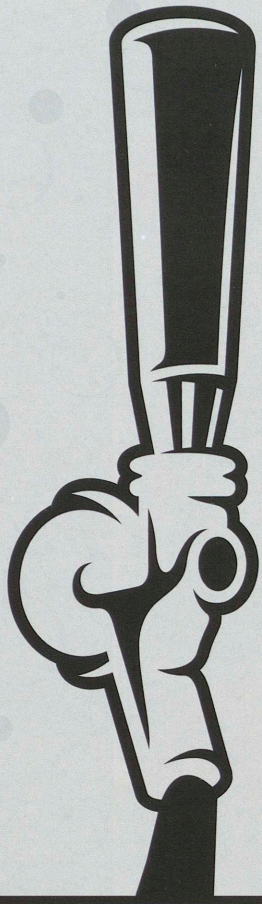


Seaman has been lauded across the nation for his heroic actions in May, when he took quick action to stop a shooting in the middle school where he teaches.

Indianapolis for her internship. Seaman worked a couple of years as an elementary school instructional assistant in Fishers, Indiana, before becoming a seventh grade science teacher at Noblesville West Middle School.

GAME DAY IS OCT. 20

The last time Seaman was on the field at Saluki Stadium, it was wearing the #91 jersey and full pads. He’ll be back on the field Oct. 20 as the Salukis take on the Indiana State University Sycamores in gridiron action, starting at 2 p.m., as well as riding in the homecoming parade through town.



NEW THINGS ARE BREWING

Official SIU Beer, More Facilities on Tap for Fermentation Science Institute

BY TIM CROSBY

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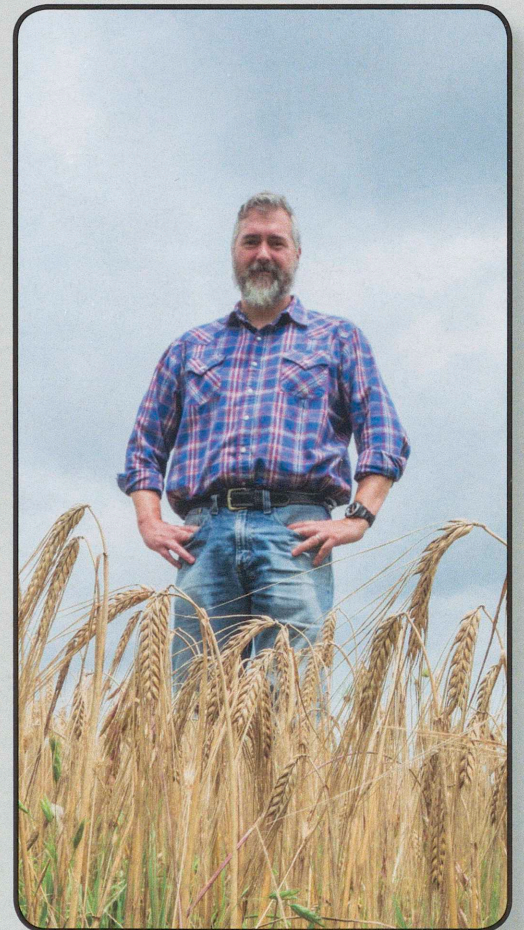
MATT MCCARROLL

Someday soon, you may be able to sit back and enjoy a nice tall glass of a flagship beer brewed by the students of Southern Illinois University.

An official SIU beer is just one of the big things on track for the university’s Fermentation Science Institute. The fledgling, interdisciplinary program is aimed at training the professional brewers, vintners and distillers of tomorrow for key jobs in those growing industries.

Officials plan the SIU brew as an offshoot from a new commercial production-scale brewery that they hope to set up in conjunction with the institute. In addition to its primary business function as a brewery, the production facility would both be available as a teaching facility and provide regional breweries with contract production services for those wishing to supplement their current production capacity.

Along with that effort, a shiny new distillery to make spirits is already on-site and awaiting installation in the McLafferty Annex on the campus’ far west side. The distillery, donated by Artisan Still Designs, can produce any type of distilled beverage, including whiskey, vodka or gin, depending on which process the distillers choose.





Plans also call for a state-of-the-art sensory laboratory and teaching kitchen there, funded by a donation from Fae Minor McGill. The project is a collaboration with SIU's hospitality management program and Department of Animal Science, Food and Nutrition.

A new malting facility, which should be built and shipped late this fall, will serve as a training and demonstration site aimed at sparking a new industry in Illinois that will benefit brewers and farmers in the state.

All the new equipment, renovations and facilities should be in place by the end of 2019, greatly expanding the opportunities for students to learn about each facet of the fermentation industry. The four projects will occupy roughly the same immense space at the annex building, sharing infrastructure such as power, plumbing, heating and cooling.

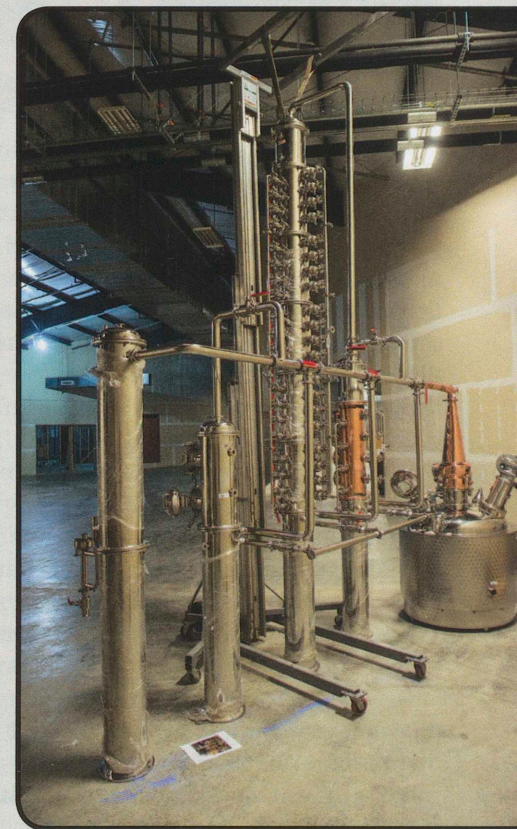
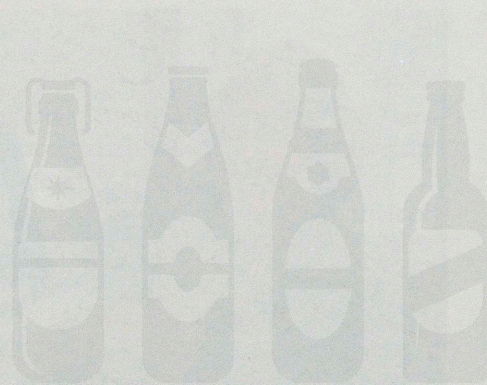
"We have several projects going on simultaneously, so we're trying to coordinate and get as much infrastructure done together, rather than here and there," says Matt McCarroll, director of the institute and professor of chemistry and biochemistry at SIU.

FSI HELPING SUPPLY INDUSTRY PERSONNEL

Demand for new brewers, vintners and distillers, coupled with SIU's location amid Illinois' prime wine and brewing country, drove the university to establish the program.

In early 2016, the Illinois Board of Higher Education gave SIU the go-ahead to create a new bachelor's degree in fermentation science. The program is highly interdisciplinary, with faculty from chemistry, agriculture, plant biology, engineering, hospitality, microbiology and other programs involved, and is one of just four programs in North America recognized by the Master Brewers Association of the Americas.

Along with the new projects, the FSI facility also includes classroom space, an analysis laboratory certified by the federal Tax and Trade Bureau, and pilot scale brewing equipment. The program serves as a resource for local fermentation industries, as well.



SIU Project With Springfield PD Aims To Reduce Gun Violence

BY HANNAH ERICKSON



Ten men suspected of gun violence in Springfield were recently invited to a meeting that would launch a program to reduce community violence. And while that intervention appeared to be the start of something new, for researcher and Southern Illinois University professor Tammy Kochel, it was only another step towards the overarching goal.

Nearly two years ago, Kochel, associate professor of criminology and criminal justice, along with the Springfield Police Department received a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority to start a “focused deterrence” program in the local community.

The first year of funding covered the preparation and beginning analysis, and prepared the team for its current phase — working one-on-one with past or potential gun offenders.

The focused deterrence program comes as a result of increased concern over the levels of violence in metro areas. Last year, the Springfield Police Department handled 173 confirmed shots-fired calls, 47 gun-related injuries and eight firearm-related homicides. Funding currently covers a three-year timespan, allowing the program to utilize

a variety of community resources, all with the goal of connecting high-risk individuals to a path of reform.

“The effort of focused deterrence is one in which you identify individuals who are central to the problem, meaning they are highly involved with gun violence,” Kochel says. “The planning is to prepare two tracts to present to those individuals.”

The first option given is on the criminal justice side. This process brings together

federal prosecutors, state prosecutors, probation and parole officers and police officials to warn the individuals that if they and their associates continue to shoot, the full weight of the law will be brought down on them, Kochel says.

The second path provides a way out for these individuals. A variety of social service agencies collaborate to offer a comprehensive package of assistance for these targeted individuals who truly want to leave gangs or other negative environments. The scope of the assistance is very broad, Kochel explains.

“That might be getting a GED, help getting a job, daycare, housing, mental health, substance abuse — a whole range of possible services,” she says.

The community-wide effort required over a year of concentrated planning to set the program in motion.

“The whole first year was spent organizing those two groups of folks, as well as doing some community awareness so they knew what was about to happen and were supportive,” Kochel says.

She, along with a team of SIU student researchers, spent considerable time collecting baseline data to understand the various components of the issue, along with

the best paths for future change. She used much of the information to build a system to measure the impact of the program.

Now, a year and a half into the program, the team just held the first intervention meeting in May for the chosen participants.

Ten individuals were invited to the meeting, and eight attended. All eight were young men in their late teens or early 20s, and some were on probation or parole. The meeting featured several speakers who shared how gun violence had touched their life.

“We really did have some amazing community speakers who spoke about the lived experience of dealing with gun violence where they lived, including folks who had had their children killed by this gun violence,” Kochel says. “I couldn’t even use words to explain how moving that was.”

At the end of the meeting, the men were offered the full list of resources and asked to make a commitment to abstain from gun violence in the future.

PROGRAM FOLLOWS A POPULAR FORMAT

The topic of gun violence is not a new one for law enforcement agencies across the nation. Kochel first experienced this type of deterrence program while serving as the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for the Boston Police Department and all other Illinois and Massachusetts grantees.

“The first agency to try an effort like this [was] in Boston back in ‘95 when I was the Boston PD grant advisor,” Kochel says.

Since then, many other communities have implemented similar focused deterrence programs and have found success in reducing gun homicides and violence. The goal of the Springfield program is to build better police and community relationships in the target area and to reduce gun-related violence, Kochel says.

Plight Of Undocumented Immigrants Leads Lecturer To Fulbright Award

BY CHRISTI MATHIS



Mary Kate Daily Varnau never imagined that a college romance would someday lead her to a Fulbright award, but in a way, that's just what happened.

A lecturer in the Department of English at Southern Illinois University, Varnau dated an undocumented immigrant while completing her undergraduate degree in English at the University of Michigan. The young man spoke no English but they still connected.

Then one day, he was in an automobile accident and just disappeared. Varnau has always wondered if he was deported. That was the beginning of her fascination with the plight of immigrants.

Now, Varnau is the recipient of a Fulbright Independent Student Researcher award to fund a six-month stint in Mexico to create digital stories of deported immigrants and conduct research for a book inspired by her college friendship and the stories that so often fill the news these days.

'Humanizing Deportation' will collect and publish stories of deported immigrants

For the first six months of 2019, Varnau, a native of Kokomo, Indiana, will be working on a digital storytelling project in Tijuana, working as a facilitator to assist in capturing the stories of undocumented immigrants.

She'll explain the project to them, hear their stories and help them decide how best to capture the essence in a very short clip, combining it with relevant photos. The digital stories will be included in the online

publication "Humanizing Deportation," an open access archive hosted by the University of California – Davis.

Several other universities on both sides of the border are supporting Varnau with her project as well, including the University of Texas – El Paso, the College of the Northern Border in Tijuana and the Autonomous University of Juarez.

She will also be involved in ongoing research and work on "Coyote," a novel she's writing.

Varnau has already made a number of trips to the border within the past year to conduct research for her fiction novel. She spent time in a home in El Paso, Texas, meeting with undocumented immigrants and hearing their stories.

Fear was ever-present among those she talked to, Varnau said. Fear of getting caught. Fear of the least little thing causing them to be sent back across the border. Fear of what will happen to them if they return to Mexico.

"They are fleeing violence and poverty," she said, recounting one woman who told of trying to eke out a meager living for her family operating a tortilla stand but facing demands from Mexican crime cartels that she pay hundreds of dollars – more than her income – in order to be allowed to continue operating her business.

Varnau is likewise cognizant of U.S. law and the other facets of the immigration issue but wants to put real voices to the picture by creating the digital stories and completing her book. She also plans to work with the organization Deported Mothers and Families in Action.



RECOVERING FROM CANCER: A CONVERSATION WITH PHIL ANTON
 ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR EXERCISE SCIENCE AND INTERIM
 CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF KINESIOLOGY.

In the past 13 years, more than 700 cancer survivors and caregivers have improved the quality of their lives through the Strong Survivors program, assisted by students and led by Phil Anton. The program is a collaborative project with Southern Illinois Healthcare, John A. Logan Community College and the SIUC Cancer Rehabilitation Laboratory. It emphasizes physical activity and nutrition to help cancer survivors manage treatment side effects and to recover their strength and health after treatment.

WHAT IS STRONG SURVIVORS ALL ABOUT?

This free program, supported by donations, uses exercise as a therapeutic tool to help cancer survivors and caregivers get through their treatment and recovery periods. Participants are assigned to an SIU student staff member who assesses their health and medical needs, then creates and administers an individualized exercise program for them.

WHAT WAS THE INSPIRATION?

My cousin battled cancer for five years before it took her. I looked for a way to honor her memory. I found that way while I was earning my doctorate and working in a student-run cancer rehab program. The program helped people who were experiencing the hardships my cousin had faced. I brought that model to SIU in 2004.

HOW AND WHY DOES IT WORK?

It sounds counterintuitive to tell someone experiencing extreme fatigue from treatment to exercise. However, consistent, low-moderate-intensity activity works well to diminish the fatigue. It also helps counteract muscle weakness/loss, balance issues, blood count disruptions, nausea, psychological distress and other issues. We also provide a fun, encouraging environment, which is a huge factor.

WHAT ARE THE COMPONENTS?

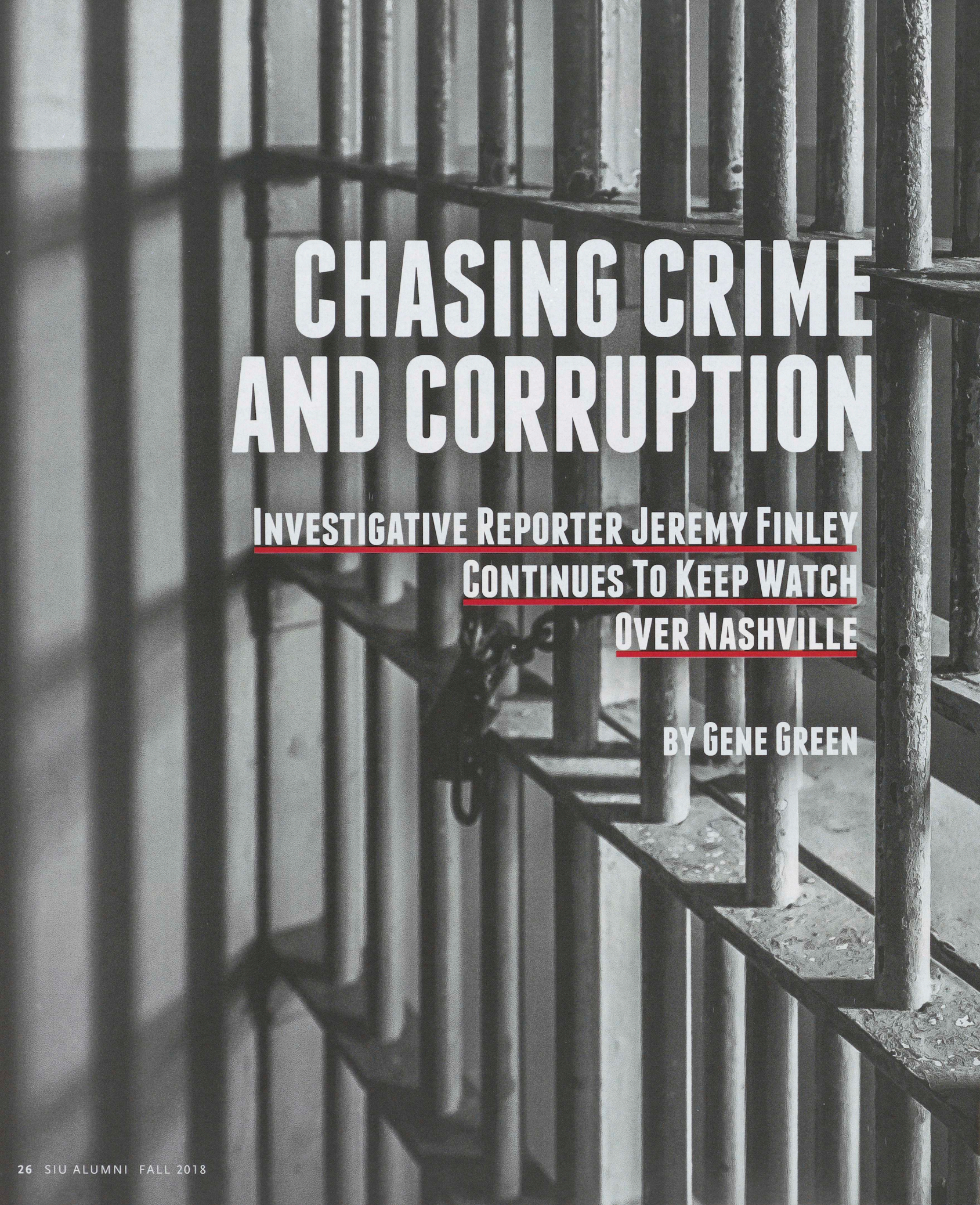
Staff members identify the health and fitness areas that the cancer experience has most affected and then design individualized cardio, resistance (strength), flexibility, and balance/agility exercises to target those issues. Most people start at a very low level and then progress according to the rate at which they adapt to the program.

HOW DO STUDENTS BENEFIT AND WHAT ARE THE CAREER IMPLICATIONS?

Over 200 student staff members have experienced professional and personal benefits. They apply what they've learned in the classroom to this program, developing professional exercise program experience and people skills as they build their resumes. In addition, they develop lasting friendships with participants, who are grateful for the time students volunteer to help them.

CAN PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AREA BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM?

Absolutely. We are localized for in-person sessions in Southern Illinois, but we aren't limited to that. We work with folks on a long-distance basis and can help via text, call, email, etc. Or, we'll help find someone local to the individual who can work with them. Contact Phil Anton at 618-453-3116 or panton@siu.edu. Learn more about the program at strong-survivors.siu.edu/



CHASING CRIME AND CORRUPTION

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER JEREMY FINLEY
CONTINUES TO KEEP WATCH
OVER NASHVILLE**

BY GENE GREEN

For someone who has made his living on television for more than two decades, Jeremy Finley finds it somewhat ironic that a TV was rarely turned on when he was growing up in Carterville, Illinois.

“My family was mainly readers,” the chief investigative reporter for WSMV-TV in Nashville, Tennessee, says. “Aside from watching the local news on WSIL Channel 3 most nights, about the only given was that we would sit down and watch ‘60 Minutes’ each Sunday night.”

That weekly event, however, was enough to peak the 1995 Southern graduate’s interest in investigative reporting – a skill which has guided him to

numerous awards and a satisfying television career. In the past 13 years, Finley has been the chief investigative reporter at the NBC affiliate, leading a large investigative unit of six reporters and photojournalists who expose crime and corruption in the Nashville area.

“Doing this job produces some wild moments, but you learn to deal with it because the results are so rewarding,” he explains. “When your job is to challenge the powerful and expose wrongdoing, you expect severe pushback sometimes, but I wouldn’t trade what I do for any other job.”

Coming To Carbondale

Born in Springfield, Illinois, Finley’s family moved to Carterville when he was 11. When he graduated from high school, the choice of where to go to college was clear.

“My brother, parents, grandparents, and cousins all attended SIU,” he says. “When I arrived in Carbondale in 1991, I was simply keeping up with tradition.” Finley, who would earn a Bachelor’s degree in radio-television and a minor in journalism, began that phase of his education by dreaming of becoming a print journalist.

“I worked at the *Daily Egyptian* all through college, and wanted to someday be a magazine writer,” he notes. “But near the end of my SIU days, I also worked at WSIU and one of my professors told me to take a hard look at which medium I should focus on for the future.”

Although years later Finley would explore his yearning for print journalism by writing a book (see sidebar), his career path following college would place him in front of a television camera.

His Next Step

After graduating from Southern, Finley went to the University of Illinois at Springfield, earning a Master’s degree in public affairs reporting in 1996. Later that year he began a three-year stint as the Illinois bureau reporter for KFVS-12, covering the southern Illinois scene for the Cape Girardeau, Missouri, station. That was followed

by four years at KARK-TV in Little Rock, Arkansas, as a general assignment reporter before being named the station’s managing editor.

His next position would lead him on a path to investigate crime and corruption.

In March 2003, Finley was hired at WSMV to break exclusive stories about crime in the Nashville metro area. “I knew immediately it was something I was interested in, and felt I could get pretty good at it with work and dedication.” (Responsible for at least one investigation during ratings periods, he briefly stepped out of that role in 2004 when he was selected to cover the Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece, for the Meredith Corporation television stations).

Since 2006, he has been a celebrated chief investigative reporter for the station, and served as a news anchor from 2013 through 2017. The 2016 Tennessee Associated Press Journalist of the Year has won 14 Mid-South Emmy Awards, four regional Edward R. Murrow Awards for investigations, a national Edward R. Murrow Award, two national awards from Investigative Reporters and Editors, and several other accolades, including 16 Associated Press first-place awards.

No matter the crime or scandal he is investigating, the end result represents countless hours of research and patience.

“I often feel that what we do in preparing for a story is like a prosecutor getting set for a trial,” says Finley. “We have to exhaust every possibility of what we are investigating, as when you start the process it implies that something may be wrong. All the facts have to be straight before we even make that first phone call.”

Favorite Case

Although there are many stories from 13 years of chasing criminals, one case stands out above the rest. “Some situations take a long time to understand and uncover,” Finley points out. “One such investigation involving a company and its CEO lasted almost a



Finley, here in the newsroom at WSMV, has been an award-winning investigative reporter in Nashville for more than a decade.



The SIU grad returned to southern Illinois this summer (shown here with his wife and daughters) for a book-signing event. While there he reconnected with family and friends, including fellow Saluki Karyn (Viverito) Esbrook, who came from Chicago to see Finley. “Jeremy and I met as reporters at the *Daily Egyptian* more than 25 years ago,” says Esbrook, now a marketing executive in the Greater Chicago area for Zeno Group. “I knew I had to make it to the book signing and celebrate – especially one held in an area that played such a big role in both our lives and careers.”

decade. They were advertising health insurance for people who couldn’t get it elsewhere because of serious pre-existing conditions.”

The only problem was, employees at the company told Finley that it wasn’t legitimate insurance – they were basically being trained to lie to people around the country. Beginning in 2009, his team put into motion a plan to plant hidden cameras inside the company to capture the atmosphere and exactly determine what was occurring. The work of the WSMV investigative unit would ultimately lead to the company being shut down.

“The Feds raided the place and the CEO had to pay back more than \$1 million to the victims,” he says. “Even after that occurred, we followed the situation for many more years and uncovered more issues. This eventually led to the indictment of the CEO on criminal charges – he was sent to federal prison this summer – and his wife was also convicted.”

Finley says the almost nine-year investigation was well worth the hours and effort. “The fallout for those involved was great – as it should have been. They were preying on people’s lives and using worthless health insurance to give them false hope. I’m proud we had a role in putting an end to this.”

As with that case, Finley says 99 percent of the stories he investigates come to him from people and sources that follow his work. His reputation in the field now makes him one of the first people called when viewers in Nashville feel something needs to be looked into.

“When you first start out in this business, you cast a wide net and hope that anyone will talk to you,” he says with a laugh. “But now that I’m established, I’m fortunate that people turn to me for help. It’s gratifying when people say ‘I’ve seen your work, and I think you are the guy to help expose this injustice.’”

SIU Changed His Life

When Finley reflects on how his career was shaped, the days at Southern rank first.

“Coming from a small town, SIU showed me the world,” he says. “I became friends with people from major cities, international Salukis, theatre students, and others from all walks of life. I hadn’t been exposed

to such diversity before, and it showed me what life is all about. I’m proud to say that I’m still friends with most of these people today.”

Although many instructors and students from SIU played major roles

“COMING FROM A SMALL TOWN, SIU SHOWED ME THE WORLD.”

in his development, Finley shared his thoughts on two individuals who influenced his journey.

“On the broadcast side, professor Ken Keller taught me to be honest, fair, and accurate with my stories. He used to always challenge us by asking, ‘What am I seeing and why am I seeing it?’ That basically meant that if you are going to put video up, make it compelling enough for everyone to understand why you are doing it. That has stuck with me to this day.”

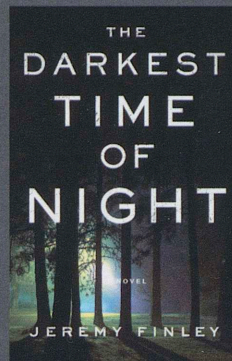
When Finley was named the outstanding senior in broadcast news in 1995, Keller paid him a great compliment with a nod to the *Daily Egyptian* days. He noted his talented student still had “ink in his veins,” and that ink flowed freely at SIU, thanks in large part to Jackie Spinner, the newspaper’s student editor.

“Jackie gave me my first reporting job when I was a freshman, and in those days that really wasn’t supposed to happen,” he explains. “You had to pay your dues the first year by working with the morgue files, but one day she said she were going to break the rules a bit and start turning me into a real reporter. She was a rare talent, a firebrand, and a leader who lifted up everyone around her.

“I am in large part who I am because of working with people like Keller and Spinner, combined with the experiences I enjoyed at SIU. It’s been a heck of a ride, and I wouldn’t change a thing.”

‘THE DARKEST TIME OF NIGHT’

Jeremy Finley had dreamed about writing a book since he was in the fifth grade. “It literally was my plan all along, although I soon realized I would have to do something else in journalism to earn a living while I tried to reach that goal.”



Dream became reality earlier this year, when Finley’s first novel, “*THE DARKEST TIME OF NIGHT*” was published. The science fiction thriller – which one author has described as “*The X-Files* meets *The Good Wife*” – begins when a U.S. Senator’s seven-year-old grandson goes missing in the woods behind his home. The only witness, the boy’s older brother, says, “The lights took him,” and then never speaks again.

That scenario sets the stage for a book that has been receiving must-read reviews from outlets such as *The New York Post*, *People Magazine*, and NPR. The book’s science fiction genre was a natural fit for Finley, who says thrillers have always been his taste in literature. With that in mind, he was dumbfounded where the inspiration for the novel came from.

“I was back in Carterville years ago talking to my mother-in-law (Linda Howerton) in her kitchen,” he recalls. “This sweet, unassuming lady suddenly mentioned that when her husband was in law school years ago, she was a secretary in the astronomy department at Northwestern University. She worked for a professor who was a well-known UFO researcher, and part of her job was to take messages from people all over the world who wanted to contact him regarding extraterrestrial experiences or sightings they had encountered.”

Finley listened quietly, although he was somewhat astounded to be hearing about this part of her life for the first time. When he went to bed that night, he knew that he had just been blessed with an idea for a great story.

While Finley is enjoying the accolades and attention, he stresses that he is anything but an overnight sensation.

“I wrote a couple of books years ago, but thank goodness they were never published – they were not good,” he says with a laugh. “When I turned 40 I started writing this book, and with that came the grueling process of finding an agent and publisher.”

Finley eventually received a two-book deal from St. Martin’s Press last year (the sequel comes out in 2019), but his patience was tested. “I contacted 60 agents and got 60 rejections. Agent 61 finally agreed to represent me, and four months later I had a deal in place. Going through all of that was a grueling gut check that keeps me humble.”

The SIU graduate appreciated being able to lean on a fellow alumnus and his best friend since high school, Todd Doughty, for encouragement. Doughty, vice president and executive director of publicity at Doubleday in New York City, helped him navigate through the challenging progression.



Photos throughout this article were taken during a June trip to Cuba by SIU School of Law students.

Summer Class Continues SIU-CUBA LEGACY

BY CINDY BUYS

Fifteen students and faculty from Southern Illinois University traveled to Cuba this June as part of a joint class on comparative law and global citizenship. Despite the economic sanctions the United States has maintained against Cuba since the 1960s, SIU has nurtured a long and rich relationship with the island nation, involving many visits and exchanges over the course of the past 20 years.

Prior to leaving for Cuba, the students spent three weeks learning about its history, government, politics, culture, healthcare and educational systems. The 10-day trip included stops in Havana, Viñales in Pinar del Rio, and the city of Trinidad, a World Heritage Site.

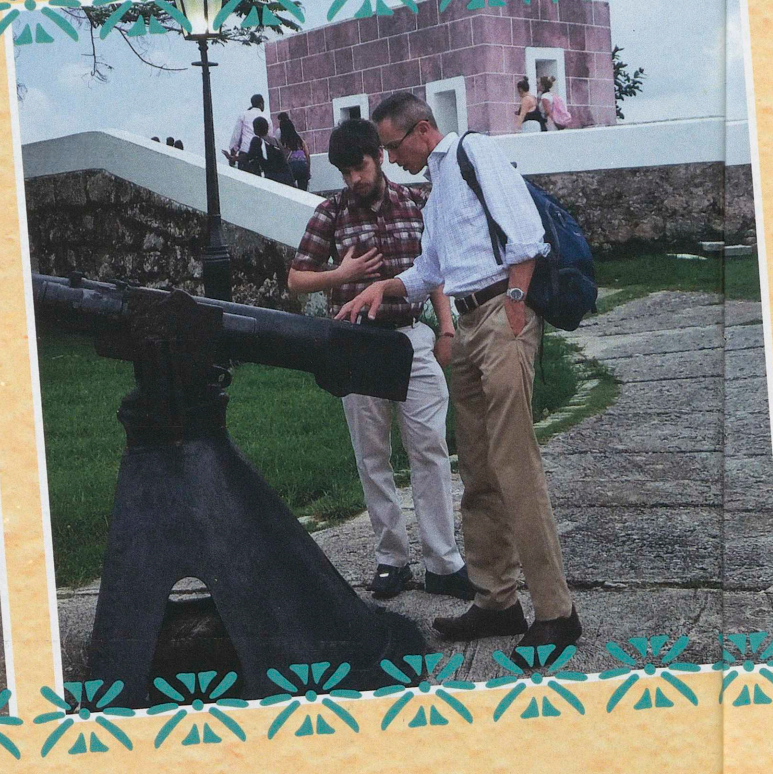
The goal of the trip was for students to learn about Cuba's unique legal system and engage in a critical comparison between it and the legal system of the U.S. In addition, organizers wanted to increase students' cultural competency by exposing them to people in a foreign country. Melinda Yeomans, associate director of the University Honors Program was also involved in organizing the trip, which she says was important toward making the participating students global citizens.

SIU maintains relations with key Cuban officials who have visited the SIU campuses or with whom SIU faculty and staff have collaborated in Cuba. Through these efforts, SIU has become one of the principal U.S. institutions developing relations and exchanges in Cuba. These activities have advanced scientific research and encouraged collaboration on critical and significant areas of study that benefit SIU, the Carbondale community, the state of Illinois, and Cuba.

A History of SIU-Cuban Relations

In the mid-1990s, then-SIU President Ted Sanders encouraged international activities and students of the university, including a relationship with Cuba. In 1996, Illinois State Representative Edgar Lopez and Charles Serrano, an education policy analyst, visited campus from Chicago to speak to Latino students. In a meeting with Sanders, Serrano spoke about the possibility of collaboration between SIU and Cuban counterparts in areas such as social services, agriculture, and biotechnology. Serrano and Lopez had developed relations with Cubans and offered to share their contacts to benefit SIU. The relationship with Serrano continued over the years as he and his associates arranged many other trips and exchanges.

In January 1999, Second Secretary Johana Tablada from the Cuban Interests Section in Washington, D.C. visited Springfield, Illinois. Because the United States and Cuba did not have diplomatic relations at the time, each country maintained an Interests Section in the capital city of the other country rather than an embassy. Tablada was the first Cuban official to address a legislative body in the United States since the Cuban Revolution in 1959. She came to thank the Illinois legislature for



On December 17, 2014, U.S. President Obama and Cuban President Raoul Castro began the process of normalizing diplomatic relations between the United States and Cuba. The Obama Administration eased trade and travel regulations for Cuba and removed Cuba from the list of State Sponsors of Terrorism in 2015. And in March 2016, President Obama became the first sitting U.S. President to visit Cuba since the Cuban Revolution.

Cindy Buys, now interim dean and acting associate dean of the SIU School of Law, taught the Legal Globalization class on Cuba again in 2016, but this time, it was jointly offered with SIU's undergraduate Honors Program under the supervision of Dr. Yeomans. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Lori Stettler also accompanied the group to Cuba on this trip.

In the fall of 2016, the U.S. State Department awarded a team at SIUC a grant titled, "Connecting Cuban Entrepreneurs," to assist with the development of small business in Cuba. Dr. Kyle Harfst and Ms. Lynn Andersen Lindberg of the SIU Research Park and Dean Buys traveled to Cuba in February 2017 to meet with U.S. and Cuban government officials, economists, lawyers, and small business owners to further the grant project.

In July 2017, Dr. Mario Pablo Estrada Garcia, Chief of the Animal Biotechnology Division of the Center of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (CIGB) in Havana, Cuba visited the SIU Research Park in Carbondale. SIU officials met Dr. Estrada in 2001, when he was a supervisor at the CIGB in Cuba. Today Dr. Estrada is a world-renowned researcher and one of Cuba's leading scientists.

At Dr. Estrada's invitation, in December 2017, a group of eight faculty and administrators who were part of the State Department grant project participated in a conference on biotechnology and agriculture in Varadero, Cuba. This visit also led to an invitation to participate in Cuba's foremost Agricultural Fair and Conference, Feria Internacional Agropecuaria y Alimentaria (FIAGROP), in March 2018. SIUC Chancellor Carlo Montemagno, led a small delegation of SIU faculty and staff to Cuba to participate in that conference and to meet with Cuban officials to further relations.

passing the first resolution asking Congress to end the Cuban embargo for humanitarian reasons. While there, Tablada met with SIU officials.

In October 1999, Fernando Ramirez de Estenoz, head of the Cuban Interests Section in D.C., visited SIU. Later that same month, Illinois Gov. George Ryan led a large delegation to Cuba, which included several officials from SIU. He was the first sitting governor to visit Cuba since the Cuban Revolution. While in Cuba, Gov. Ryan had a seven-hour meeting with Cuban President Fidel Castro. The purpose of that first delegation was primarily humanitarian. Ryan delivered 15 tons of medicine, food, and clothing worth \$4 million, and facilitated the establishment of a Chicago Tribune bureau in Cuba and the ability of more Catholic priests to work in Cuba.

In February 2001, the late U.S. Sen. Paul Simon visited Cuba with SIU President James Walker and a thirty-person delegation. That mission had an educational and public policy focus. While there, Simon met with President Fidel Castro for a six-hour discussion of health care, agriculture, medical schools, and educational systems.

Following the transfer of power from President Fidel Castro to his brother Raúl Castro in December 2008 for health reasons, Cuba began implementing a number of reforms, including the legalization of many small and mid-sized businesses and sales of private homes. To better understand and explore these changes, the first Legal Globalization course on Cuba at the Law School began in 2014 in conjunction with Dr. Suzanne Altobello Nasco, then with the SIU College of Business. After learning about Cuba through daily classes on history, politics, business, and government, the group traveled to Cuba for a week in June 2014. The student group was joined by three School of Agriculture professors and Professor Cynthia Sims of Workforce Development, who conducted research on colorism. While in Cuba, the group met with several lawyers and small business owners to learn about the development of small businesses, such as restaurants, cleaning services, cell phone repair services, and travel services.

The death of Fidel Castro and the election of President Donald Trump in November 2016 renewed debate about the status and future of U.S.-Cuban relations. In its first year, the Trump Administration tightened the U.S. trade and travel restrictions on Cuba. The Trump Administration also significantly reduced staffing and services at the U.S. embassy in Havana; however, it has not severed diplomatic relations. In April 2018, Cuban President Raul Castro stepped down and Cubans selected a new president, Miguel Díaz-Canel. Although President Díaz is widely seen as a protégé of Raul Castro, having a government that is not led by a Castro for the first time since 1960 may allow for further thawing of relations between the two countries.

Brief Synopsis of SIU-Cuba Exchanges:

- SIU Architecture Professor Jon Davey took students to Cuba to tour notable art and architectural sites and points of interest in December 2001.
- SIU hosted its first Cuban graduate student, Lourdes Albo, in 2001
- Dr. Luis Estruch Rancano, a member of the Cuban Council of State, and Lourdes Bassue, Second Secretary of the Cuban Interests Section in D.C., visited SIU in May 2002
- Foreign language students from SIUC and SIUE participated in a study abroad program in Cuba in 2002
- A research delegation of 18 people from SIU, including SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift and SIUC Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz, traveled to Cuba in 2006. The visit resulted in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between SIU and the José Martí Center in Havana.
- Alina Castro, daughter of Fidel Castro, spoke at SIUC at part of Latino Heritage Month in September 2008.
- The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute (PPI) at SIUC hosted a conference, "US-Cuban Relations: Warming Up or Cooling Down?" in February 2010. Featured speakers included Fulton T. Armstrong, senior staff member on U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Douglas Farquhar of the National Conference of State Legislatures, and an expert on Cuba and international exchanges at the state and local levels.
- Dr. Rodrigo Alvarez Cambras, founder of the Frank Pais International Orthopedic Research Center in Cuba, hosted a group of Carbondale area professionals in Cuba in 2010. In November 2011, Dr. Alvarez and his wife reciprocated by visiting Carbondale.
- At the invitation of the U.S. government, three SIU law professors visited the detention facilities at Guantanamo Bay as observers between 2011 and 2012. That led to a *Southern Illinois University Law Journal* symposium in 2013 in Carbondale, "Guantanamo Bay: What Next?" in which national and international scholars and U.S. government officials examined the history of the U.S. presence and use of facilities at Guantanamo Bay.
- In 2012, SIU Chancellor Rita Chang travelled with a small contingent from SIU to Cuba to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Havana.
- In May 2014, Second Secretary Rodney Gonzalez Maestrey of the Cuban Interests Section visited SIU in Carbondale and Springfield to express the indebtedness of the Cuban people toward SIU and the Carbondale community for their ongoing support.

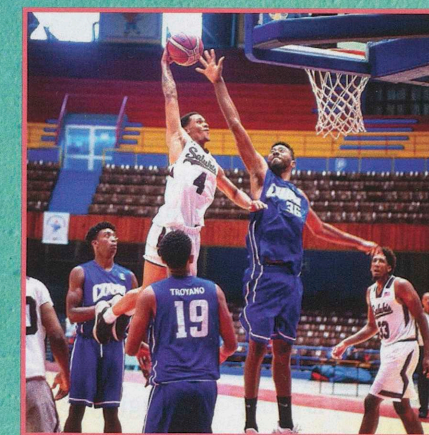
SIU Men's Basketball Team Battles Cuban National Team

The SIU men's basketball team recently played three exhibition games in Cuba as part of a week-long trip. It was the first foreign expedition for a Saluki team in 10 years, as they became just the third NCAA men's basketball team ever to play in Cuba.

"You can go to Spain, Italy, the Bahamas, or Canada, but you just can't always go to Cuba," says SIU Head Coach Barry Hinson. "There were several things I wanted to accomplish with this trip. I wanted to go to a place that was unique, and I wanted us to really struggle to win a game. Teams go to Canada or the Bahamas and win by 50 – that's not going to help us."

SIU indeed found strong competition, going 1-2 against the veteran Cuban National Team.

In the opener, SIU won 79-78 as senior guard Marcus Bartley hit the game-winning 3-pointer with 7.6 seconds remaining. Kavion



Eric McGill powers through the lane against the Cuban National Team.

Pippen led the Salukis with 23 points, as the Salukis became the first NCAA men's team to win a completed game in Cuba.

Game two found the Cuba National Team evening up the series, as Yoanki Mensia (s 20-year-old professional from Argentina) scored a game-high 22 points to lead the home team to an 80-69 win. Pippen led the Salukis for the second straight day

with 16 points and seven rebounds, making 5 of 7 from the field and his first 3-pointer in an SIU uniform. Sean Lloyd (13) and Rudy Stradnieks (10) were also in double figures Southern.

Game three featured another close battle, as despite holding a 40-27 halftime lead, SIU was unable to hold on and lost 79-78. Armon Fletcher scored 16 points to lead SIU, while Pippen added 11 points and two rebounds.

"Playing against that team was a really good gauge for us," says Bartley. "We were battling grown men who are professionals. It was good to work on some things and see how we stacked up."

When not competing on the court, the Salukis explored the local scene by visiting a Cuban cigar store, taking salsa dancing lessons, conducting a kid's clinic, and visiting the U.S. Embassy. Hinson saw the trip as an important bonding experience for a veteran club that returns all five starters from last season's 20-13 team (second in the Missouri Valley Conference). SIU also gets forward Thik Bol back from a knee injury.

SIU players say it was exciting to play against a professional team, and that they are thankful for the opportunity.

"This is something I wouldn't have been able to do without basketball and SIU," says junior guard Aaron Cook. "I can't even put into words how thankful I am to this university for doing this for us."

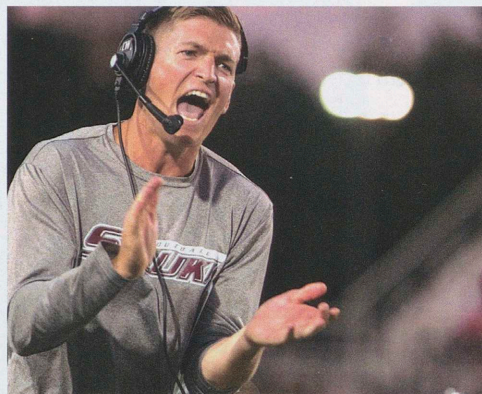
Salukis Look To Leap Past Football Poll

The Saluki football team is picked to finish eighth in the preseason poll of Missouri Valley Football Conference coaches, media and sports information directors. North Dakota State is tabbed as the unanimous favorite of all 39 voters. The Bison, who have won the league title for seven-straight years, have also been picked first in the preseason poll for seven straight seasons.

The Salukis finished tied for eighth place last season, but return 17 starters, including nine starters on defense. Guiding the offense will be fifth-year senior quarterback Sam Straub, who passed for 20 touchdowns and had a quarterback rating of 134.6 before a season-ending injury in game eight last year. He has a strong supporting cast at the skill positions, including wide receivers Darrell James and Raphael Leonard, plus running back D.J. Davis. The defense is headlined by safety Jeremy Chinn, an all-conference performer last season as a sophomore.

“When you’re trying to grind out a win in the conference in November, nobody is going to remember where they picked us,” says third-year SIU head coach Nick Hill. “The score and the record will take of themselves.”

SIU has representation on the preseason all conference teams, as safety Jeremy Chinn



Saluki head coach Nick Hill feels his squad will show marked improvement this season.

and punter Lane Reazin were named to the first team, while defensive end Anthony Knighton was selected to the second team. They join wide receiver Darrell James, who was named to the offensive team.

Chinn started all 11 games last season and was the team’s third-leading tackler (66). Reazin was the league’s best punter, averaging 43.6 yards per kick as a sophomore. He had 14 punts of 50+ yards and landed 13 punts inside the opponent’s 20 yardline. As a freshman last year, Knighton led the team with 6.5 sacks and 11.0 tackles for loss. A fifth-year senior,

James led SIU with 47 catches, 773 yards and eight touchdowns in 2017. He was an honorable mention All-MVFC selection. For his career, James ranks sixth in school history in receiving yardage (1,600) and needs three more catches to reach the 100-reception milestone.

The league is coming off a season in which five teams represented the conference in the playoffs. The MVFC has had four or more playoff teams in four-straight seasons (earning five each in 2014, 2015 and last year). A pre-season favorite has claimed the league crown 20 times (in 32 previous polls). North Dakota State earned both the league title and the national title (following a 17-13 win over previously unbeaten James Madison).

The Salukis will celebrate Family Weekend on Sept. 29 when they host South Dakota. SIU is 2-2 all-time against the Coyotes, including a 2-0 mark at home. On Oct. 14, Southern welcomes Indiana State for Homecoming. SIU will introduce its 2018 Hall of Fame class during halftime. Southern wraps up its home schedule with games against Western Illinois on Nov. 3 and South Dakota State on Nov. 10. For the entire football schedule, go to siousalukis.com.

Salukis Announce Hall Of Fame Class

One of the most impressive Hall of Fame classes in SIU history will be inducted Homecoming Weekend when the 2018 Saluki Hall of Famers are honored. The distinguished seven-person class features Jermaine Dearman (Basketball), Mallory Duran-Sellers (Softball), P.J. Finigan (Baseball), George Loukas (Football), Jeneva McCall (Track & Field), Bryan Mullins (Basketball) and Bruce Weber (Basketball Head Coach).

Dearman played for the Salukis from 1999-2003 helping the team to an 88-42 record, with two NCAA Tournament

appearances (2002, 2003), and a place in the Sweet 16. The forward finished his career 10th in scoring (1,446), seventh in rebounding (802) and ninth in blocked shots (71). “Big-Game Jermaine” was the CBS Player of the Game in NCAA Tournament games versus Texas Tech, Georgia and Missouri. He currently works at Fall Creek Valley Middle School and also trains players at Fred Jones’ Shoot 360 in Indianapolis.

An outfielder from 2009-12, Duran-Sellers was a career .327 hitter who is the all-time leader at SIU in runs scored (162). She won the MVC’s Most Valuable Player award in

2012, though her best statistical season was 2011 when she hit .398 and set the Valley record for runs scored (61). The two-time CoSIDA Academic All-American (2011 and 2012) lives in Kalamazoo, Michigan and works at Western Michigan University.

Finigan was both a standout shortstop and pitcher for the Salukis from 2002-05. As a senior, he was named the MVC Player of the Year after he led the conference with a .386 batting average and posted a 9-3 record with a 3.24 ERA on the mound. Finigan was drafted by the Detroit Tigers and advanced to AA before two Tommy John surgeries forced

Former SIU head basketball coach Bruce Weber among those being inducted into the Saluki Hall of Fame Homecoming weekend.



him to retire. The Springfield, Illinois, native has served the last eight years as SIU's pitching coach.

A fullback at SIU from 1970-72, Loukas was a rugged ball carrier who piled up 1,427 yards on the ground, ending his career as the school's third all-time leading rusher trailing only Hall of Famers Amos Bullocks and Carver Shannon. His 1,052 rushing yards in 1971 was the second-best total in school history and included a 224-yard rushing performance versus Wichita State. The longtime Southern supporter lives in Chicago and is the owner of the Cubby Bear and other properties in the Wrigleyville neighborhood.

McCall, a world-class thrower at SIU from 2009-2012, is one of the most decorated track & field athletes in school history. A three-time NCAA champion, she claimed the NCAA Indoor weight throw and NCAA Outdoor hammer throw titles in 2012, and also grabbed the NCAA Outdoor discus

championship in 2010. Her three national titles are the most by an athlete at SIU and third-most in league history. McCall, who was a 13-time All-American and a 15-time MVC champion, continues to compete on the international stage.

Mullins set the school career record for assists with 509, guiding the team to two NCAA Tournaments, a Sweet 16 in 2007, and a No. 11 national ranking — the highest in school history. The point guard was a tenacious defender who twice won MVC Defensive Player of the Year honors and was a member of the league's All-Defense team all four seasons. He also joined Mike Glenn as one of the programs only two-time Academic All-Americans. The SIU's All-Century team member is the associate head coach at Loyola and helped lead that program to the NCAA Final Four in 2018.

Weber was the architect of SIU's basketball resurgence during the 2000s. During his five seasons at SIU (1999-2003), his teams compiled a 103-54 record, advanced to two NCAA Tournaments (2002, 2003), had a Sweet 16 appearance, and an NIT appearance (2000). Southern won the MVC title in 2002 and 2003 and Weber was named MVC Coach of the Year in 2003. The Salukis beat five BCS opponents during his stay and climbed as high as No. 22 in the national rankings. He is the head coach at Kansas State, where the Wildcats reached the Elite Eight last season.

Joseph To Lead SIU Track Programs

Ohio State's Rosalind Joseph has been named Director of Track & Field and Cross Country at SIU. She recently completed her 10th season on the Buckeyes' staff, including the last six seasons as Associate Head Coach. She replaces Kathleen Raske, who left the

University after three seasons to pursue other opportunities.

"We couldn't be more excited to get a superstar in track & field," SIU Director of Athletics Jerry Kill says. "She comes from a rich pedigree at Ohio State, is a dynamic recruiter, a tremendous person, and will fit like a glove in southern Illinois with her personality. She's a difference-maker in our program and will take us where we want to go, and that's to be the best."

During her tenure at Ohio State, Joseph worked closely with the Buckeyes' jumpers and multi-event athletes with remarkable success. Among her recent coaching accomplishments at OSU, Zack Bazile won the 2018 NCAA outdoor title in the long jump to become the program's first national champion in 25 years on the men's side, while All-American Abie Ehimwenman broke Joseph's own school record in the long jump.



"Coach Joseph has been my right hand," says Ohio State Director of Track and Field and Cross Country Karen Dennis. "She's the person who keeps us all anchored. While a big loss for me and our program, she will be a tremendous asset for Southern Illinois."

Ohio State has won a combined six Big Ten team titles during Joseph's tenure, and this past outdoor season she earned the Great Lakes Region Men's Assistant Coach of the Year award. At SIU she inherits a storied track and field program that has produced 29 Olympians, 19 NCAA champions, 204 All-Americans, and 778 conference champions.

A 2014 Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame inductee, Joseph still holds Ohio State records in the outdoor triple jump (13.50m/44-3.50), the indoor triple jump (13.37m/43-10.50) and the outdoor long jump (6.39m/20-11.75). Joseph was also a 2004 U.S. Olympic Trials triple jump qualifier and the ninth-place finisher in the triple jump at the 2005 USA Track & Field Championships.

Joseph announced that throws coach J.C. Lambert will remain with the program. "Coach Lambert is a tremendous asset to the SIU family," she says. "His talents give him many options to leave for a similar position, but I am thrilled to be able to keep he and his fiancée, (Saluki Olympic thrower) Deanna Price, here at his alma mater."



Joel And Samantha Sambursky

Recipients Of

**MVC's
Most Courageous Award**

SIU graduates **Joel and Samantha Sambursky** have been selected as recipients of the Missouri Valley Conference's Most Courageous Award. The couple was recognized during SIU's football game versus SEMO on Sept. 15.

The MVC presents the award to past or present student-athletes, coaches or university administrators who demonstrate unusual courage in the face of personal illness, adversity or tragedy and whose behavior reflects honor on the institution or the conference.

"They are special people," says SIU director of athletics Jerry Kill, who recruited and coached Joel at Southern. "They set a wonderful example of how to be loving parents through both good times and adversity."

Their son, Theodore, was born prematurely on April 13, 2017, with a heart arrhythmia. At one month old and just days away from coming home from the neonatal intensive care unit, Theodore developed an infection that went to his brain. He underwent multiple surgeries and faced many challenges during his almost four-month long hospital stay. Theodore continues to face and overcome many complications from the infection.

Parents of four children, Joel and Samantha took turns at Theodore's bedside throughout the summer of 2017, traveling back and forth between their home in Carbondale and the St. Louis Children's Hospital. Their courage inspired a public-awareness campaign called "Tough Like Teddy" that drew hundreds of supporters and well-wishers to a 100-minute workout at SIU's track complex last July to recognize Teddy's 100th day in the hospital.

Joel is a Saluki Hall of Fame member and played quarterback at Southern from 2002-05, and the school's all-time passing leader, directing the team to three conference titles and three playoff appearances. He founded Liberty Wealth Management in 2012 and is a member of SIU's Board of Trustees and the SIU Alumni Association National Board of Directors. Samantha played for SIU's women's golf team from 2004-07 and was twice recognized by the Women's Golf Coaches Association as an academic all-American. She won the MVC Scholar-Athlete award in 2007.

Previous winners of the MVC's Most Courageous Award at Southern Illinois include baseball head coach Dan Callahan and men's basketball assistant Lance Irvin.

Association Will Have New Home On Campus

Woody Hall To House Staff, Space For Visiting Alumni



The SIU Alumni Association will soon have a new home near the center of campus, with preparations underway to relocate staff offices to the C-Wing of Woody Hall in late 2019.

The Association's current office is located on the far west side of campus in Colyer Hall

– near University Farms and the McLafferty Annex. This new location will represent a great opportunity for the Association to become a fixture of campus life. In addition to staff offices, the space will in essence serve as an alumni center for the campus.

“Engaging alumni is paramount to what we do at the Association,” says Michelle Suarez, executive director. “A move to the center of campus allows us to be part of everyday life. It’s going to become easier for the Association to become part of the everyday lives of students and have a place for visiting alumni to rest and work.”

Facing the circle drive between Altgeld Hall and the north end of Faner Hall, the Association's planned Woody Hall move also puts the organization near several significant

contributions alumni have made to the campus. It rests in the shadow of the Pulliam Hall clock tower, which was given new life in 1996 when alumni helped repair the chimes and light the structure.

It will also be in proximity to a new patio space in the courtyard of Woody Hall, a gift from the Class of 1967, pledged during its 50-year reunion in 2017 and due to be completed in the near future. Finally, the new home will be near a forthcoming alumni plaza with three Saluki statues, a fundraising project spearheaded by Association board members and now underway (See pages 10-11 of this issue).

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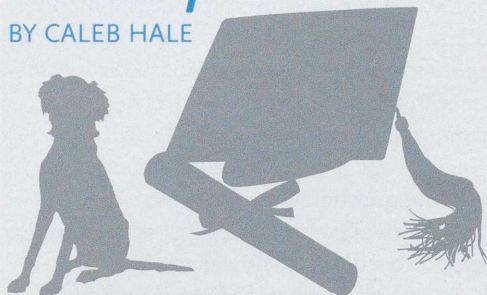
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After 50 Years, The Class Of '70 Will Have A Commencement Ceremony

BY CALEB HALE



Southern Illinois University's Class of 1970 will be invited to the graduation ceremony that was cancelled nearly 50 years ago, after anti-war protests forced the campus to close before it could take place.

With 2020 marking the 50-year reunion of 1970 class members, university officials considered it the perfect time to finally put in place a critical missing piece of their college experience.

Thousands of students across the United States missed their commencement that year, as the protests over the Vietnam War – among them one resulting in a deadly shooting of four students at Kent State University by members of the Ohio National Guard – shut down campuses. SIU closed in May of that year after several days of turmoil by protestors. It was the only university in Illinois to do so. Students were sent home with pass/fail grades for the spring semester.

Commencement ceremonies would have taken place June 12, 1970.

A campus committee is currently at work planning the 2020 event. More details will be available in the coming months. The SIU Alumni Association will host its annual 50-Year Reunion and Half Century Banquet in concurrence with the planned ceremony.

Dorsey Appointed Acting President Of SIU System

BY CALEB HALE



J. Kevin Dorsey, M.D. '78 has been appointed acting president of the Southern Illinois University System, as the board of trustees launches a search for a permanent replacement to former president **Randy Dunn**.

Dorsey earned his medical degree at SIU and was one of the first faculty members hired for the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield, Illinois, teaching the school's charter class as a biochemistry professor. He became dean and provost of the medical school in 2001. He retired in 2015 but remained as a faculty member.

Dorsey's appointment as system president will last one year, as the

university undergoes the process of a national search for a new leader. As president, Dorsey will also assume the role as an ex-officio member of the SIU Alumni Association National Board of Directors.

"I have been asked to become president at a time when our university system is suffering from wounds that need immediate attention," Dorsey says. "I am a physician by training, so my natural inclination is to heal. To begin our road to recovery, this physician is prescribing that we all take a step back and rededicate ourselves to our great institution.

"We all need to realize that some changes are required to ensure the continued success of our campuses and our university as a whole," he says. "Most

importantly, we need to make a greater effort to reach beyond our own campus to get to know and to work with our fellow faculty and staff across the system."

Dunn, who had been president of SIU since 2014, resigned his post in July, following questions by board members regarding alleged actions related to a plan to shift roughly \$5 million in state funding from SIU Carbondale to its sister campus in Edwardsville. His voluntary separation agreement includes a six-month severance payment. As part of the agreement, Dunn will become a visiting professor at SIU Edwardsville in January.

Wysocki Begins Term As Association Board President



My name is **Rick Wysocki '83,'84** and this past July I took over as president of the SIU Alumni Association's National Board of Directors. I succeed **Larry Mieldezis '86**, who was president the last two years and will now move into the past president role. I want to thank Larry for his leadership.

I am a native of New Jersey, the "shore" to be exact, and a four-year letterman on

the SIU baseball team, from 1980 to 1983. My wife, **Karen**, an '83 graduate, was a Saluki Shaker and we met at Schneider Hall. I was also a graduate assistant at the Student Recreation Center, under Bill McMinn and Mike Dunn. Additionally, I was a member of the Eta Sigma Gamma national health honorary. I am now president of the Chicagoland-based Language Services, LLC, a full-service translation firm specializing in international translation used to facilitate communications for global industries. My daughter, Sydney, graduated from SIU in May. My oldest daughter received her BS and MS from Illinois State. As long as the Salukis beat the Redbirds in baseball every year, my wife and I are OK her choice of college.

I have been active in the life of the university for years, from attending on-campus events like Homecoming weekends in the fall to baseball alumni weekends in the spring. The university has a lot to offer, and the Association plays a large role in many events. But it also offers many off-campus events as well. This past year it has played a role in hosting gatherings in Chicago, St. Louis, Nashville, Tennessee, and Los Angeles. Also, please keep in mind that 2019 is SIU's 150th year anniversary. If you haven't made plans to attend Homecoming

2019, you may want to start now. The events schedule is still being finalized, and we will post them when they are released. This is a birthday party you won't want to miss!

I would like to share some information about our Board of Directors. The full board meets twice a year, once at Homecoming and once in the spring. We attend as many off-campus events as our schedules will allow. Having been a board member for six years, without question, the members of the 2018-2019 term are among the most active and supportive individuals we have ever had.

The board has decided to implement new initiatives to improve communications between the alumni, the Association and the university. We understand that communication to our membership is paramount to our purpose and our direction. You will hear more about these plans in the coming months. Equally important is our availability when you visit campus. With that, we have been in discussions with the university and will be relocating to a central location on campus in the C-Wing of Woody Hall.

SIU has been in the news as of late and not all has been positive. Negativity doesn't need to dominate the news about SIU because there's so much going right for it. Our alumni know this best, and that's why I'll be looking to you to help spread the positive word.

I am truly grateful and honored to serve SIU and the Alumni Association National Board of Directors.



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SIU Ventures Into New Territory With L.A., Nashville Events



Southern Illinois University charted new territory over the summer with alumni events in Los Angeles and Nashville, Tennessee. The events were part of an effort to engage more alumni in more areas of the continental United States.

For the Los Angeles area, which is home to nearly 6,000 alumni, SIU hosted an informal gathering at Boomtown Brewery and a reception at the Hotel Bel-Air. In Nashville, home to roughly 1,500 Saluki graduates, the university set up a series of activities at a minor league ballgame, a lunch cruise aboard the General Jackson Showboat, and at the entertainment venue Topgolf. All events took place in June.

These events came in addition to the traditional SIU Day at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, and the 2nd Annual SIU Day at the Brookfield Zoo near the Chicagoland area.

Springfield Chapter Hosts Gathering At Route 66 Festival



The Prairie Capital Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association hosted a gathering during the 17th Annual International Route 66 Mother Road Festival, September 21 in Springfield, Illinois.

The event featured students from the SIU Department of Automotive Technology, including student members of the SIU 1966 Chevy Nova Super Sport drag racing team. Chapter representatives hosted the event at the Celtic Mist Pub in downtown Springfield.

The Route 66 festival attracts nearly 80,000 people from across the country each year.

2018 SIU Day At Wrigley Field

The SIU Alumni Association and member of it Chicagoland Chapter host the annual SIU Day at Wrigley Field on Friday, September 28. Game features the Chicago Cubs vs. the St. Louis Cardinals for the final game of regular season play.

Pre-game gathering is once again hosted by The Cubby Bear Lounge, across the street from Wrigley Field.

SIU 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Southern Illinois University will kick off a year of sesquicentennial celebration March 1, 2019. More information will be available in the coming months at www.siu.edu.

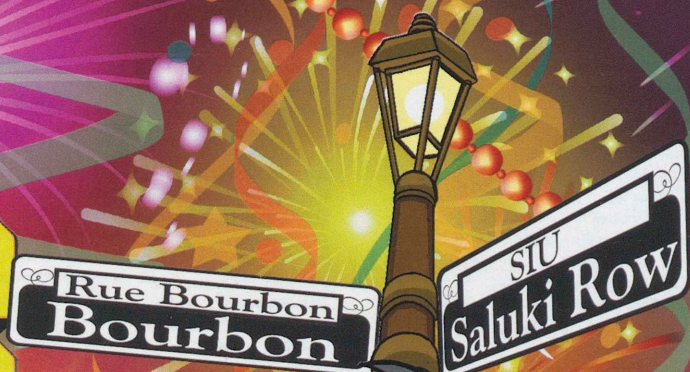
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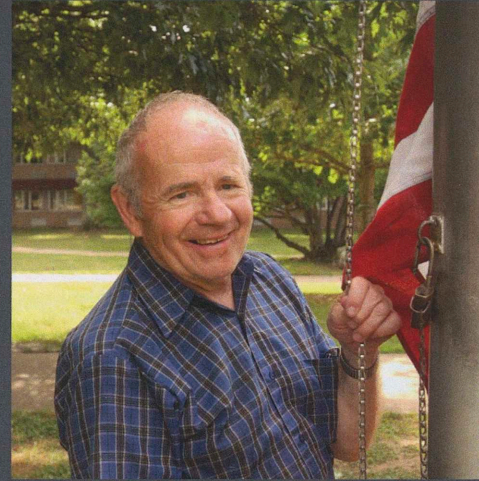
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5/10/2018, Mascoutah, Ill.
DICK, Oleva L., '48
4/23/2018, Champaign, Ill.
PINGOLT, Agnes A., ex '49
6/29/2018, Edwardsville, Ill.
SIMS, R. P., ex '49
6/3/2018, Rochester, Ill.
BORGSMILLER, Phyllis J., ex '50
4/24/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.
HAVLICEK, Rebekah P., '50
6/3/2018, Saint Louis, MO.
HUFF, Frances T., '50, '55 M.A.
4/29/2018, Indianapolis, Ind.
MCMANUS, Charles E., '50
4/17/2018, Evansville, Wis.
NEWBY, Richard L., '50, '53 M.A.
4/24/2018, Normal, Ill.
VANPETTEN, Geraldine S., ex '50
8/20/2017, Glen Carbon, Ill.
VANPETTEN, Seward L., ex '50
4/13/2018, Glen Carbon, Ill.
DELL, Harry N., '51
7/1/2018, Santa Maria, Calif.
JOHNSON, John R., '51
6/15/2018, Marion Ill.
DEMPSEY, Paul W., '52
6/27/2018, Sigel, Ill.
TANNER, John W., ex '52
5/2/2018, Flora, Ill.
COSS, Mildred S., '53
4/16/2018, Santa Fe, N.M.
HARRIS, Joan C., '53, '74 M.S.Ed.
7/1/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
HOPKINS, Marion B., '53
6/7/2018, Colorado Springs, Colo.
STOUDT, Jack N., '53, '56 M.S.Ed.
6/14/2018, Pekin, Ill.
CERNY, Richard J., '54
5/30/2018, Cobden, Ill.
MCCULLAH, Bettie D., '54
6/27/2018, Litchfield, Ill.
BURTON, Betty C., '55
6/5/2018, Martinsville, Ind.
KEATON, Charles E., '55
6/10/2018, Benton, Ill.
HORNING, William R., '56
7/14/2018, Harrisburg, Ill.
JACQUOT, Daniel D., '56
5/3/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
LITTLE, Doris L., '56
5/18/2018, Decatur, Ill.
MILFORD, Sarah F., '56
6/23/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
OAKLEY, Carl, '56
6/6/2018, Herrin, Ill.
PODESVA, Corinne E., ex '56
6/26/2018, East Alton, Ill.
SMITH, Norman D., '56
4/22/2018, Benton, Ill.
WHITTENBERG, Richard H., ex '56
6/16/2018, Westminster, Calif.
ALLEN, Harold W., '57
7/15/2018, Nashville, Tenn.
ARNOLD, Dianne S., '57
6/10/2018, Marion, Ill.
BURGETT, Bonnie L., '57 M.S.Ed.
5/3/2018, Saint Louis, Mo.
DAVIDSON, Frances E., '57, '68 M.S.Ed.
1/21/2018, Herrin, Ill.
ESMON, Lloyd E., '57, '58 M.S.Ed.
4/27/2018, Nashville, Tenn.
JOHNSTON, Charles T., '57
5/9/2018, Marion, Ill.
KIMMEL, Pauline C., '57
7/10/2018, Glenburn, N.D.
MAYO, Joseph L., '57

7/12/2018, Liberty, Mo.
OXFORD, Hershel F., '57, '59 M.S.Ed.
4/18/2018, Rockford, Ill.
PLUM, George F., '57
7/3/2018, Lindenhurst, Ill.
SONGER, Hubert D., '57
5/26/2018, Paducah, Ky.
STEELE, John M., '57, '58 M.S.Ed.
4/15/2018, Herrin, Ill.
TAYLOR, Sheila P., '57
5/18/2018, La Quinta, Calif.
ZIMMER, Wanda L., ex '57
5/22/2018, West Frankfort, Ill.
LEEMON, Richard K., ex '58
12/2/2017, Foxboro, Mass.
BURRUS, Sandra K., '59, '62 M.S.Ed.
6/16/2018, Bloomington, Ind.
GOODALL, Margaret K., '59
6/8/2018, Erie Pa.
IRELAND, Patricia A., '59
5/7/2018, Vandalia, Ill.
PECK, Richard W., '59 M.A.
5/23/2018, New York, N.Y.
REA, Imogene P., '59, '69 M.S.Ed.
4/10/2018, Chattanooga, Tenn.
ROTH, Larry D., '59
5/18/2018, Springfield, Ill.
SCHLEPER, Charles C., '59
5/24/2018, Evansville, Ind.
SOBERY, Frederick J., ex '59
3/26/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
EARLL, John N., '60, '66 M.A.
3/25/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
EICKELMAN, Francis, '60
5/11/2018, Valier, Ill.
HASTINGS, Patty S., '60
5/8/2018, Saint Louis, Mo.
LAZENBY, Sharon D., '60
5/31/2018, Mesa, Ariz.
TRAYLOR, Kenneth E., '60
5/23/2018, Hillsboro, Ill.
WILLIAMS, Ronald R., '60, '64 M.S.Ed.
7/12/2018, Bolingbrook, Ill.
DOUGHERTY, Ronald C., '61, '63 M.S.
5/9/2018, Paducah, Ky.
MOOSE, Marvin G., '61 M.S.
5/22/2018, Saint Joseph, Mo.
NOCHEFF, Diane E., '61
7/7/2018, Saint Louis, Mo.
PROFFER, Herman C., '61
6/13/2018, Dupu, Ill.
ELLIS, Lyndell, '62
5/5/2018, Johnston City, Ill.
LEE, Lowell G., '62
4/24/2018, Du Quoin, Ill.
LIEDLOFF, Helmut, '62 M.A.
5/29/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
MOULTON, Thomas L., '62, '63 M.S.Ed.
2/3/2018, Littleton, Colo.
WAZORIK, William, '62, '67 M.S.
7/2/2018, West Frankfort, Ill.
WRIGHT, Arthur L., '62 M.S.
4/20/2018, College Station, Texas
AHLER, Garey J., '63 M.S.Ed.
6/20/2018, Geneva, Ill.
ELLIS, James E., '63 M.A.
4/19/2018, Bloomington, Ind.
ENOCH, Roy H., '63 M.A.
5/25/2018, Denton, Texas
HORCHER, Raymond M., '63
6/15/2018, Brookfield, Wis.
WILLIAMS, Earl D., '63
6/18/2018, Herrin, Ill.
WOLFE, David L., '63
5/13/2018, Dahlgren, Ill.
AVERBUCH, Trudy M., '64
6/2/2018, Champaign, Ill.

Former SIU Flag Master Robert Reid Passes Away



Robert Reid '63 died August 15 in the Manor Court of Carbondale. He was 81.

A Chicago native, Reid graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1963 from the School of Education and Human Services. He then went to work as an children's instructor at the Jacksonville Developmental Center until his retirement in 1991.

Reid returned to Carbondale and became the flag master for SIU, responsible for raising and lowering flags on the campus each day, including the one in front of Pulliam Hall, where the iconic clock tower had fallen silent. In the mid-1990s Reid spurred a fundraising campaign in conjunction with the SIU Alumni Association to replace the broken chimes and install lighting for the tower. The effort raised about \$50,000, contributed by more than 500 alumni and other donors.

In addition, Reid was also known for his positive interaction with many of the students on the campus. Friends credited him as a hidden retention expert for the care and encouragement he offered to them, as he went about flag duties on his three-wheel cycle.

Reid was a life member of the SIU Alumni Association.

BARR, Margaret J., '64 M.S.Ed.
6/7/2018, Evanston, Ill.
BUENTE, John W., '64
6/19/2018, Belleville, Ill.
DINGES, Rodney F., '64, '81 Ph.D.
6/13/2018, Chatham, Ill.
DIXON, Marlin D., '64
4/25/2018, Carlinville, Ill.
GIRTON, Lance W., '64
7/3/2018, Salt Lake City, Utah
HAEGE, Thomas A., '64
7/7/2018, Glen Ellyn, Ill.
HODGES-ERICSON, Sharon R., '64
7/5/2018, Oklahoma City, Okla.
LAGARCE, Raymond F., '64, '66 M.S.
6/6/2018, Edwardsville, Ill.
MELLEMA, Cathy D., '64
6/18/2018, Parker, Colo.
EASTON, Jane D., '65
5/24/2018, Waldorf Md.
HAAG, Judith H., '65
5/19/2018, North Hollywood, Calif.
SCHALL, Judith H., '65
5/11/2018, Melvin Ill.
BROWN, Larry G., '66

4/11/2018, Wylie, Texas
CARPENTER, Edwin C., '66 Ph.D.
4/14/2018, Kirksville, Mo.
DANIELS, Kenneth W., '66
5/27/2018, Joliet, Ill.
KIBLER, Jessie W., '66, '71 M.S.Ed.
5/18/2018, Marion, Ill.
KRUEGER, James R., '66
5/22/2018, Bettendorf, Iowa
MORGAN, Boneva L., '66
3/7/2018, Roswell, Ga.
MUETH, Patricia P., '66, '68 M.A.
7/24/2018, Belleville, Ill.
STERLING, Wallace, '66 Ph.D.
4/9/2018, Tampa, Fla.
WRIGHT, Shirley M., '66
6/15/2018, Paris, Texas
COURTNEY, James W., '67
4/18/2018, Summerfield, N.C.
NAGEL, Richard A., '67
5/12/2018, Belvidere, Ill.
BLACK, Louis L., ex '68
7/10/2018, Salem, Ill.
CARLSON, Leroy R., '68
7/15/2018, Whitewater, Wis.

CRENSHAW, James L., '68
4/13/2018, San Antonio, Texas
DELBANDO, Ronald A., '68
6/21/2018, Mustang, Okla.
DOWNS, Jack L., '68
7/6/2018, Springfield, Ill.
GOLDSTEIN, Jordan L., '68, '74 M.A.
5/14/2018, Gainesville, Fla.
HIRNIAK, Maria B., '68
5/25/2018, Estero, Fla.
LIPE, Michael H., '68
5/18/2018, Perryville, Mo.
MEYERHOFF, Carolyn, '68
5/31/2018, Waterloo, Ill.
O'CONNELL, Dianne, '68
6/11/2018, Edmonds, Wash.
RHODES, Dean C., '68
4/18/2018, Casey, Ill.
ARADO, William N., '69
6/27/2018, Cary, Ill.
AVERITT, Carl R., '69 M.S.
5/20/2018, Paducah, Ky.
BECKER, Milton W., '69
4/7/2018, Clover, S.C.
BOCKSTRUCK, Lloyd D., '69 M.A.
5/27/2018, Dallas, Texas
BRAYFIELD, Linda F., ex '69
4/30/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
HOLLAND, Kenneth R., '69, '71 M.S.
5/19/2018, Mount Vernon, Ill.
KRUEGER, Van P., '69
7/13/2018, Belvidere, Ill.
MONDAE, Anthony, '69
6/10/2018, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
ADAMS, Mary A., '70
7/4/2018, West Frankfort, Ill.
BUCKINGHAM, Jackie C., '70
7/7/2018, Herrin, Ill.
KARAYIANNIS, Ann C., '70, '76 M.A.
4/21/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
KELKER, Michael E., '70
4/21/2018, Bedminster, N.J.
MARCHAL, Richard L., '70
4/21/2018, Marion, Ill.
WILLIAMSON, Michael G., '70
5/30/2018, Marshall, Ill.
BUGG, Ernest L., '71
7/4/2018, New Orleans, La.
BUSH, Fritz E., '71, '72 M.A.
9/7/2017, Chicago, Ill.
GAST, William R., '71
4/4/2018, Lake Havasu City, Ariz.
SATTER, Paul E., '71
7/18/2018, Chicago, Ill.
SCHLOUSKI, Joseph A., '71
7/17/2018, Jacksonville, Ill.
SIMPSON, Justin P., '71
5/18/2018, Evansville, Ill.
SMITH, Clarence W., '71
5/20/2018, Peoria, Ill.
TRICKEY, Benjamin J., '71
3/20/2018, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
MCMANAWAY, Marc L., '72 M.B.A.
6/18/2018, Calexico, Calif.
WEATHERFORD, Bob J., '72
5/31/2018, Quincy, Fla.
BRENNAN, Barbara H., '73
5/5/2018, Naples, Fla.
HOFFEE-SALMI, Ellen E., '73, '90 M.S.Ed.
7/16/2018, Show Low, Ariz.
LATTA, John S., '73
3/29/2018, Smithton, Ill.
SHANER, Marilou C., '73 M.S.Ed., '80 J.D.
5/4/2018, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
BARRON, Michael L., ex '73
6/10/2018, Travelers Rest, SC
WORIES, Jean A., ex '74

7/22/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
KING, Eldon G., '74
5/17/2018, Marion, Ill.
LAINFIESTA, Mario E., '74
7/17/2018, Benton, Ill.
SHEELEY, Richard L., '74
5/9/2018, Anna, Ill.
ALLEN, Carolyn S., '75
6/1/2018, Mounds, Ill.
ANTOLINE, Michael L., '75
5/18/2018, Savoy, Ill.
HUDSON, Kent E., '75, '77
2/22/2018, Bothell, Wash.
NOONE, Diann J., '75
7/22/2018, Petersburg, Ill.
RUFFIN, Patrick S., '75 M.A., '78 M.A.
5/21/2018, Wilmington, Del.
SCHEER, William E., '75
5/23/2018, Rockford, Ill.
WILLIAMS, Delbert M., '75
6/2/2018, Kokomo, Ind.
BUNDY, Sam D., '76
5/18/2018, Centralia, Ill.
BUCKLEY, Dorian G., '77
5/19/2018, Jonesboro, Ill.
HARTLEY, Jon E., '77
4/16/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
HOLBROOK, David W., '77
5/3/2018, Somerton, Ariz.
STOKESBERRY, Ritzy R., '77, '79 M.S.Ed.
4/24/2018, Carl Junction, Mo.
TUTTLE, Mark R., '77
7/5/2018, Arcola, Ill.
POWERS, Arthur F., '78 J.D.
4/20/2018, Decatur, Ill.
MAIN, David D., '79
3/31/2018, Las Vegas, Nev.
FRERKER, John W., ex '80
6/17/2018, Olympia, Wash.
JOHNSON, John G., '80
4/12/2018, Winnetka, Ill.
KOLB, William L., Ph.D. '80
4/21/2018, Boise, Idaho
MCVICAR, George R., '80, '82 M.ACC.
4/26/2018, San Antonio, Texas
STOCK, James C., '80, '81
7/4/2018, Homewood, Ill.
TYCER, Jack R., '80
4/5/2018, Central Point, Ore.
DORSSOM, David L., '81
12/10/2017, Warrensburg, Mo.
GALE, Para L., '82
5/7/2018, Indianapolis, Ind.
JONES, Michael J., '82
7/15/2018, Marion, Ill.
LOTT, Joyce L., '82
7/18/2018, Louisville, Ky.
MARINCE, Thomas M., '82
6/28/2018, Summerville, S.C.
PATE, Ronald L., '82
5/16/2018, Rolla, Mo.
FEIST, Mary E., '83 M.S.Ed.
4/12/2018, Saint Louis, Mo.
MCELROY, Laura L., '83
6/5/2018, East Dundee, Ill.
OVERSTREET, Steve J., '83
5/25/2018, Escondido, Calif.
WALKER, Michael A., '83
5/19/2018, Bloomington, Ill.
HUTCHINS, Patti L., '84 M.S.
4/25/2018, Portage, Ind.
SMOOT, Dennis G., '84
6/12/2018, Chicago, Ill.
WYZGALA, Bonnie L., '84, '86 M.S.Ed.
5/4/2018, Oak Park, Ill.
HUNTER, Martha R., '85, '05 M.S.Ed.
5/19/2018, Sparta, Ill.

COLEMAN, Roy, '86
4/17/2018, Vacaville, Calif.
BLOWERS, Diane M., '88
4/16/2018, Lacey, Wash.
HEINZ-NEWINGHAM, Kathy, '88
5/23/2018, Carrollton, Ill.
JOHNSON, Dennis F., '88
4/11/2018, Rosebud, Texas
OLIVERO, James M., '88 Ph.D.
7/1/2018, Yakima, Wash.
WEAVER, Ronald W., '88
6/4/2018, Chicago, Ill.
JAHN, Benjamin L., '87, '89 M.S.Ed.
4/15/2018, Oneida, Wis.
MICKLER, Michael T., '89
6/15/2018, O'Fallon, Ill.
PRATT, Timothy J., '89
5/4/2018, Golden, Colo.
WALDEN, Walter G., '89
2/24/2018, Poulosbo, Wash.
CAPE, Christine B., '90
4/23/2018, Cortez, Colo.
FEHRENBACHER, Susan M., '90, '94 M.S.
6/12/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
BURNA, Bonnie C., '91
4/29/2018, Jacksonville, Fla.
CLARK, Mark A., '92
5/29/2018, Benton, Ill.
MAAS, Brian J., '92
6/21/2018, Lincoln, Ill.
AUMILLER, Richard W., '93
6/1/2018, Marion, Ill.
MOSS, William A., '93
4/22/2018, Parker, Colo.
PULCHER, Cynthia A., '93
7/4/2018, Fort Meyers, Fla.
DAVIS, Tammy L., '94 M.S.
6/29/2018, New Carlisle, Ohio
SIX, Melvin D., '95
4/23/2018, Fairview Heights, Ill.
DEATON, Dana L., '96
4/30/2018, Centralia, Ill.
HARDING, Dale O., '96
5/17/2018, Madison, Ala.
PHAM, John P., ex '96
4/28/2018, San Diego, Calif.
DONOVAN, Laura C., '97
5/8/2018, Pensacola, Fla.
CRAWFORD, Mary E., '00, '06 M.S.Ed.
6/11/2018, Crystal River, Fla.
PORTMAN, Paul J., '00
5/5/2018, Jacksonville, Fla.
HAMMONS, Harry T., J.D. '01
4/5/2018, Old Hickory, Tenn.
MILES, Joseph E., '01
4/10/2018, South Haven, Mich.
MILLER, Vicenta C., '01
5/30/2018, San Antonio, Texas
POTEET, Thomas J., '03
7/13/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
KINDER, Gregory D., '04
4/20/2018, Jacksonville Beach, Fla.
EDMOND, Ray A., '09
4/9/2018, Jacksonville, Fla.

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Civil Service - Assistant, Clerical
Clinical Center
7/2/2018, Makanda, Ill.
BANEZ, Aaron
Housing Resident Assistant
University Housing
5/4/2018, Chicago, Ill.
BRIGGS, Larry S.
Associate Professor

School of Art and Design
5/4/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
CASTLE, Donald E.
Emeritus - Associate Director
Student Center
5/9/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
FLOWERS, Shawn D.
Civil Service - Extra Help Skilled Crafts
Physical Plant Service
5/6/2018, Herrin, Ill.
GOULD, Michael C.
Civil Service - Extra Help Service/Maintenance
Touch of Nature
3/27/2018, Energy, Ill.
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Civil Service - Licensed Practical Nurse II
Surgery Clinic
7/19/2018, Springfield, Ill.
JOHNSON, Michael-Ann, '08, '10 M.A.
Grad Assistant - Research Assistant
History
6/17/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
JOHNSON, Richard H., '73
Civil Service - Extra Help Standardized Patient
Education and Curriculum
6/13/2018, Jacksonville, Ill.
MILES, Dorothy M.
Civil Service - Extra Help Professional
Regional Medical Programs and Rural Health
6/26/2018, Anna, Ill.
MILLER, Michael J.
Grad Assistant - Research Assistant
Workforce Education and Development
7/9/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
MOUNTZ, Cecelia M., '65
Civil Service - Extra Help Standardized Patient
Education and Curriculum
6/16/2018, Maryville, Ill.
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Emeritus - Professor/ Visiting Professor
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4/26/2018, Carbondale, Ill.
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Civil Service - Office Administrator
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7/19/2018, Springfield, Ill.
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Research Professor
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6/20/2018, Springfield, Ill.
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Civil Service - Assistant, Clerical
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6/1/2018, Murphysboro, Ill.

Three Roommates Reunite After 61 Years



JAMES FRANKLIN SHARP '56, ROGER CHITTY '58, and BOB JACKSON '56 were once roommates in the old Doyle residence hall on campus from 1954 to 1956. It was located next to the former home of then SIU President Delyte Morris. Sharp (who has lived and worked in New York City since 1967) had no contact with Chitty and Jackson for 61 years. But after reading about Professor Sharp in *SIU Alumni* recently, Chitty contacted him.

After learning Sharp would be returning to his home town of Chester, Illinois for a visit, Chitty, who resides in Carterville, Illinois and Jackson, who lives in Marion, decided to visit him. Sharp gave them a highlights tour of Chester, including a stop in front of the Popeye Mural. Chester was home to E.C. Segar, creator of the popular comic and cartoon character. He modeled many Popeye characters after residents of the town.

Sharp attended a two-year pre-engineering program at SIU (before SIU offered an Engineering degree).

He then transferred to the University of Illinois, where he received a BSIE degree, and received MSIE and PhD degrees from Purdue University. He was a professor, and had management positions at AT&T, before founding SHARP SEMINARS in New York. The seminars became a major source of training for Wall Street portfolio managers and security analysts. Sharp continues to be heavily involved in such training today.

Chitty went through the four-year Air Force ROTC Program at SIU, and served five years as an Air Force Officer, where he taught Celestial Navigation to Air Force Navigators. He then came back to SIU to get a MS degree, and later got an online MA from UNM. He taught mathematics at several high schools and on the SIU campus before retiring.

Jackson entered the Army after SIU, and then served many years in the reserves. After his full time service in the Army, he taught art in several southern Illinois schools, followed by a stint at John A. Logan College in Carterville, Illinois. In addition to teaching, Jackson was hired to create art works for various southern Illinois groups and facilities, such as the Chester Welcome Center. He also coached various boys and girls sports. While coaching basketball at elementary school in Benton, Illinois, his star player was Doug Collins, who became an Olympic and NBA basketball player, and remains a friend of Jackson's.

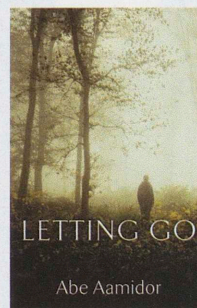
1980s

ABE AAMIDOR '83 has written a new novel, "Letting Go," published by The Permanent



Press and Blackstone Audiobooks. It was released in August. The story focuses on a Midwest

man who must cope with the loss of his son to war, as well as other losses in his life. Aamidor is a retired reporter for the Indianapolis Star and has authored several other books,



including one about writer John Gardner, who was taught literature and creative writing at SIU. During his career, Aamidor was twice a finalist in the Missouri Lifestyle Journalism Awards and took home two Indiana Associated Press Managing Editor Awards for best feature series.

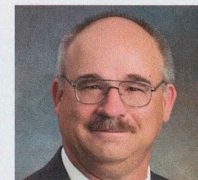
TWO ALUMS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY WITH COMPANY
KEVIN LIGHTFOOT '86, an electrical engineer with Hanson



Professional Services, Inc. in Springfield, Illinois, recently celebrated 20 years with the company. Hanson is a national, employee-owned consulting firm providing engineering, planning and allied services. Lightfoot joined Hanson in 1998. He has worked on projects for a variety

of aviation facilities, designing airfield lighting and navigational aids, hangars, telecommunications facilities, railroads, pump stations, standby/emergency power, motor control, lightning protection and grounding. He has more more than 30 years of experience in the field and is a licensed professional engineer in 11 states.

KEVIN MURDOCK '87, a resident project representative with Hanson, marked 30 years.



Originally joining the company in 1988, Murdock provides

oversight for pavement overlays, new construction on asphalt and concrete pavements, as well as the design and installation of airport lighting systems. He has served as a resident engineer for numerous runway rehabilitations and airfield electrical projects in Illinois.

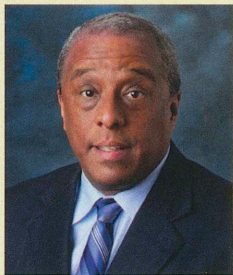
SUE FREUND '89 recently became a founding manager in the establishment of a new advertising



company, specifically geared to provide advertising-sales representation

across multiple media platforms for established and new personalities, as well as distributors. Crossover Media Group Sales will have offices in New York City and Los Angeles and will launch featuring personalities and content creators for terrestrial and satellite radio, as well as streaming video and podcasts. Freund, who will be opening the L.A. office, was most recently vice president of sales for SiriusXM's

Alumnus Charts New Ground In NBA Players' Mental Health



WILLIAM PARHAM, PH.D. '82 has become the National Basketball Player Association's first-ever director of mental health and wellness. He was announced for the role in May. It is the first such position in the realm

of professional sports specifically focused on the wellness and mental health of its players.

Parham, who earned a doctoral degree in psychology at SIU, has laid out a four-part plan to enact a comprehensive approach to players' mental health. It includes building a network of licensed mental health professionals in each city with an NBA franchise, a 24-hour hotline for players to contact, an educational campaign on

resources available to players, and building personal relationships with players.

"My goal is to change the narrative," Parham told sports website Bleacher Report. "There's a common belief among many that if you start talking about a person's personal challenges, that you're going to open up Pandora's Box and all of that stuff will come flooding and compromise the talent you're seeing... If a player is executing outstanding and upwards of Hall of Fame ability, carry around two or three pieces of baggage, luggage, based on their past, just imagine what they could do if they had a space or a place to drop one of two of those bags. They wouldn't be opening Pandora's Box. They'd be unlocking a treasure trove of gifts, talents and genius as ballers and as men."

Parham is also a professor of the counseling program at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where his academic work focuses on how experiences shape individual psychology, particularly how the pressures of sports can affect it.

Western Region and had previously worked in senior management for radio stations owned by CBS, Radio One, and Clear Channel. Over the course of her career, she has represented ad sales for personalities, such as Howard Stern, Steve Harvey, Dr. Laura Schlessinger, Jamie Foxx, and Andy Cohen.

1990s

ROBERT BOURQUE, JR. '93 has been appointed the new president of Crown Holdings'



Crown Holdings is a leading supplier of rigid packaging products to consumer marketing companies, as well as transit and protective packaging products, equipment and services to a broad range of end markets. Bourque will be working out of the packaging

Transit Packaging Division. His appointment became effective August 1.

division's headquarters in Glenview, Illinois. He was previously president of Crown's Asia Pacific Division, a position he took in 2016. Prior duties within the company include general management, sales, as well as manufacturing and engineering. He originally joined the company in 1993.

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. *(Editor's Note: This class note ran in the summer issue of SIU Alumni, however it contained the incorrect photo.)*

2000s

RUTH AWAD, M.F.A. '12 has won the Ohioana Awards 2018 Poetry award for her book



of collected works, "Set to Music a Wildfire." The award is given by the Ohioana

Library Association, which was founded in 1929 by Ohio First Lady Martha Kinney Cooper to collect, preserve, and promote of local authors, artists, and musicians. Awad has had works published in The New Republic, The Missouri Review, The Androit Journal, Sixth Finch, Diode, and many other journals and publications. 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.

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710 Opens In Repurposed Carbondale Water Treatment Plant

RANDY JOHNSON, owner and operator of 710 Bookstore, has moved the store and a newly formed business, 710 Custom, into a new and bigger location in Carbondale, Illinois – the old utility building that served as the city's water treatment plant, located at 1051 South Wall Street.

710 hosted a grand open of the new location in July. Most of the old water treatment infrastructure has either been removed or covered. Developers repurposed the property, placing 710 Bookstore on the second floor of the building. The remaining space, Johnson says, is open to be filled by future businesses, and can also be used as space for community or university projects.

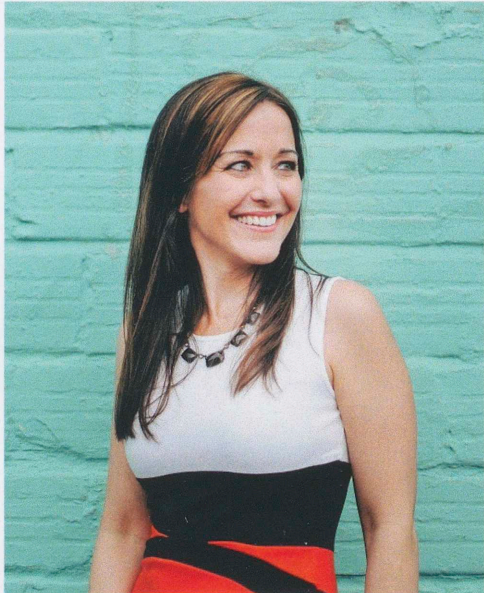
Johnson says he wants to work with the city, Carbondale Tourism, the university, as well as the SIU Alumni Association to bring more events to the area.

NEARLY 50 YEARS AGO...

Members of the freshman class of 1969 gather for socializing around the Campus Lake Boathouse the first week of class. The boathouse seen in the photo has been given new life recently, thanks to a gift by alumnus Ralph E. Becker '55. The refurbished boathouse was officially opened this past spring.



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