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Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 18

Spring Open House
School of Business
Founders Hall

Saturday, March 18

AMA Trivia Night
6:30 p.m.
Edwardsville VFW
Register at:
www.siu.edu/~ehersh/AMA/trivia.html

Friday, March 31

Power Breakfast with
Alumnus Steve McCann '79
CFO, Longs Drug Stores Corp.
By Invitation

Monday, April 3

School of Business
Scholarship & Awards
Program
Morris University Center

Saturday, May 6

Commencement
5:00 p.m.
Vadalabene Center

Message from the Chair

I became associated with SIUE as a student in the sixties, and I will retire from SIUE in December 2006. In perspective, we have come a long way from the four courses dealing with introduction concepts, COBOL, information systems for managers, and special topics. I remember a conversation with Dr. Robert Schultheis (emeritus MIS faculty member) more than 10 years ago in which we talked about the future. He said, "Just think, John, in 10 years we will be considered the worst faculty in the department and that will be a good accomplishment". The statement is so true.

We have hired extremely talented CMIS faculty, and they have responded in an excellent manner at SIUE. In the last five years, the CMIS faculty has produced more than 35 articles and three books plus numerous other presentations. In addition, we have involved more than 25 other business people and faculty with the research

produced, and this does not include a recent article with three students, as well as another project under review with additional students as co-authors. Professional certifications have been attained by faculty in systems, project management, networking, security, and Microsoft development. We also have work experiences in various industries including the government, accounting practices, and computer consulting firms. The research, certification, and work experiences produce benefits to students in providing realistic and practical computing courses. We have national companies

that seek out our graduates for all types of positions dealing with computers in business and management.

So, I will be proud to retire and to leave a legacy that continues to excel in the SIUE CMIS Department.

*Dr. John F. Schrage
Chair, CMIS Department*



Dr. John F. Schrage

CMIS Student Organization

The Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) is a student group fostered by the St. Louis Chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals. AITP offers

its members endless opportunities for professional and personal growth, helping them successfully achieve career objectives and meet the challenges of the Information Systems profession.

Visit the CMIS Department at <http://www.siu.edu/BUSINESS/cmisis>

Newsletter Editor: Kimberly Coomes

Alumni Spotlight: Dan Lowery

President and Owner, LSi-Lowery Systems, Inc.



Dan Lowery

Daniel J. Lowery has worn many different hats through the years. Executive, entrepreneur, salesman, student, veteran, college dropout, university graduate, mayor... while these words may describe his past, they cannot capture his success and his ambitions. Lowery, president and owner of LSi-Lowery Systems, Inc. in

Fenton, Mo., has a story to tell. And, as many born storytellers, he captivates everyone when he tells it.

Dan graduated with a degree in Management Information Systems (MIS) in 1973. However, his story did not begin at SIUE. It actually began much earlier, when he graduated from high school. Lowery explained that after high school, he attended University of Missouri St. Louis (UMSL) for three years. "I flunked out," he laments. Then he joined the Air Force during the Vietnam War from 1967-1971. After completing his time in the Air Force, he says, "I knew I had to get a degree." While in the Air Force he came to understand the value of higher education. He looked around the St. Louis area for the perfect place to learn.

When he visited SIUE, he fell in love with the campus and the atmosphere of the university. During his time as a student, he commuted to classes in the morning and worked at Kroger's grocery store each evening. His hard work and commitment exhibited during his college career can also be noted today. His initial interest in computers led him to his degree in Management Information Systems. It gave him his first "whiff" of computers and led him to his first job at IBM where he was a salesman from 1973 to 1984.

After 11 years with IBM, Lowery began his own business in 1984: Lowery Computer Sales. When asked what drove him to become an entrepreneur he states, "I just simply didn't fit into a large corporate structure." Lowery

Computer Sales bought and sold used IBM equipment in the St. Louis area until 1989, when Lowery Systems, Inc. was founded. Lowery understood the need to move from hardware to software and changed the course of his business. Today, LSi has evolved into one of IBM's largest sellers of hardware and software in the St. Louis area. In addition to LSi, he also purchased Team Centric and The IBIS Group of Chicago, further expanding his business. Team Centric sells and programs Lotus Notes while the IBIS Group sells SAP application software in the Chicago area.

In addition to LSi, he ventured into a new business one year ago with his son and daughter. As the regional developer of St. Louis, Mo., he coordinates the franchising of Massage Envy, a national franchise opportunity with corporate headquarters in Phoenix, Ariz. In the last year, there have been 13 franchises sold in the St. Louis area with nine locations currently open. Lowery's daughter, Mary, is the manager of the Manchester Massage Envy location and son Dennis is the chief financial officer of the St. Louis development. The objective of Massage Envy is to offer affordable professional massages. The success of his new venture is evident. The Manchester location alone offers approximately 1,500 massages each month and employs 25 masseuses.

As though his business endeavors did not fill his time, he also tried his hand in politics. Beginning in 1979, he was elected alderman and in 1986, he became mayor in the City of Shrewsbury, Mo. "I enjoyed my 15 years in municipal government," Lowery says. "It taught me many things about management, budgeting, and the importance of having long-range goals." His best memories are those about specific people, groups, or employees. After three terms as mayor, a volunteer position, Lowery chose not to run again because his time was being stretched too thin between his different roles in his own business and the community. "I will always

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look back on those years as something special and enjoyable," he says. When Lowery reflects on his education, he explains the impact that his studies at SIUE have made on his business interests today. "You learn the language of business," Lowery explained. "This translates to any kind

of business." While he says he was not involved in campus activities during his undergraduate years, he is making up for it today. Lowery is currently a member of the SIUE School of Business Alumni Association Board of Directors. He says, "I have a very fond place in my heart for SIUE."

Schrage Back in Department

During a routine office visit with his cardiologist in December 2005, John Schrage was told that he was doing well. John responded that something must be wrong for he had not felt well for some time. The doctors did further medical tests and found that John had had a mild heart

attack and had 100% blockage in two arteries. He had surgery Tuesday January 3rd and came home on that Friday. He returned to work on Monday, January 30th. He continues his cardiac rehabilitation and feels fine while finishing his job at SIUE.

Graduate Student Co-Authors Paper

Nicholas Lockwood, a graduate assistant in the CMIS department, is co-author with Drs. Bock and Bordoloi on a paper entitled, "Security Threats in Wireless Network Environments" that will be given at the 5th Annual Security Conference, which is

the Security Special Interest Group of the Association of Information Systems. Nick will graduate in May 2006 with his MBA with a specialization in MIS. He will then enter a Ph.D. program in information systems.

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Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Boulton Miller

Catching up with former School of Business faculty



Dr. Boulton Miller

Even though Dr. Boulton Miller recently celebrated his 90th birthday, and he has been retired for 20 years, he is still working.

Miller's current work reveals his passion for the education system that has been an integral part of his life. His research is called Knowledge Development Innovation. He says, "I expect to publish the results from my

work this fall." The purpose of the work is to reinvent the United States' education system in systematic ways. The reorganization that is necessary for the education system to compete globally requires a national effort with collaboration among the national government, individual states, and local schools. His abstract says this "will provide the nation with the ability to demonstrate a global leadership role in education."

When he reflects on his time at SIUE, Miller talks about favorite classes such as graduate MIS classes. Although he is a professor, he is a lifetime learner. He discovered that the classes he taught truly broadened his own knowledge.

In these classes, "I could learn from the students." Even after being retired for 20 years, he continues to increase his knowledge base. He concentrates his focus on what is most important to him: family, history, education, and research.

Recently, he compiled a family history and personal biography that amounted to more than 600 pages and 500 photos. This anthology was put onto a CD as a keepsake for his family. This information will preserve many of the details of his life for generations.

Miller currently resides in Kansas, where he received the Wichita Chamber of Commerce SHINING STAR award in recognition of his contribution to USD 259, the largest district in Kansas. He also works periodically with the Wichita State University School of Business. "I have been adopted by the WSU School of Business, which includes a scholarship in my name." But, he also keeps in contact with colleagues from the SIUE School of Business.

Catch up with Dr. Miller by visiting his website at <http://boultonmiller.com>. It contains information about his family history, biography, and research.

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