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A Message from the Dean

Welcome to the Spring 2007 issue of *bWORLD*. This academic year has been an especially busy one at the School of Business, and we are pleased to keep you apprised of all that is happening at your School. As you might have already noticed, the message from the dean is coming from a different person! Last December, Chancellor Vandegrift asked Dean Giamartino to become Interim Vice Chancellor for University Relations and CEO of the SIUE Foundation. At the same time, I was asked to become Interim Dean of the School of Business. Prior to that, I served the last four years as the School's Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The plan is for me to remain interim dean for a period of approximately 12 to 18 months, after which time Dr. Giamartino will return to the School as dean. I ask for and welcome your support as I attempt to "fill Gary's shoes" for the next year or so.



Two important pieces of news that are highlighted further in this issue are our successful reaccreditation by AACSB, and SIUE's decision to transition to Division I Athletics. Reaccreditation by the AACSB keeps your business school in the select company of other leading business schools in the US and around the world. Chancellor Vandegrift's decision to transition to Division I Athletics will allow our student athletes to compete at the highest levels possible and hopefully will bring additional exposure and publicity to our campus and to our excellent academic programs.

I hope you enjoy reading about the successes of our alumni and our efforts to continuously improve your School.

Tim Schoenecker, Interim Dean

Happy Birthday SIUE!

This fall, SIUE will acknowledge reaching the half-century mark with a year-long celebration. More than a dozen events have been planned to commemorate this historic milestone, beginning August 23, 2007, with the revelation of the secret contents of the 1967 time capsule.



The party continues throughout the year with events such as Founder's Day September 24, 2007, where the University's forefathers will be recognized. Afterwards, a "taste of Edwardsville" will surround the quad.

The sights and sounds of the popular Mississippi River Festival will descend on campus September 27, 2007, during a "Flashback to the MRF." Films of the inaugural 1969 season of the MRF will bring back

memories of those nostalgic times. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for the "sit-in" in the Meridian Ball Room where music, food, and memories reminiscent of the MRF will fill the room.

Other events taking place throughout the celebration year include a Local Alumni Art Exhibit and Reception, a 50th Anniversary Lecture, the popular campus tradition - Goshen Ocean, and an invitation-only Town Gown Gala.

The 50th Anniversary Community Festival will conclude the year-long celebration April 19, 2008. This day will be filled with activities, tours, and demonstrations celebrating SIUE's broad range of resources and talent.

These and other events celebrating SIUE's 50th Anniversary are open to the public. For the complete list of events and more information about the 50th Anniversary visit www.siue.edu/50.

Joannou Shares Wisdom During Power Breakfast

Dion C. Joannou (BS '89) has made a career out of adapting to opportunities and making himself flexible in problem-solving situations.

One would probably agree Joannou's style has been successful – after all, the 42-year-old South African native is president of Nortel North America and at the same time has managed to carve out a full family life with his wife and three sons.

"There never really was a master plan for me in searching for a career," Joannou told a roomful of students, alumni, and School of Business faculty members recently during the School's Annual Power Breakfast. "It wasn't until I was a sophomore at SIUE that I really began to think about what I would do as a career."

He earned a bachelor of science in business administration with a concentration in marketing at SIUE in 1989 and went on to the University of Miami to earn an MBA in international studies. "My career at SIUE was a very important part of my life," he told the audience. "Because of my experience at SIUE, I decided to stay in the United States."

Always thirsting for knowledge, Joannou gravitated to the toughest professors at Miami. "I sought out the professors who pushed their graduate assistants the hardest so I could learn," Joannou said.



Dion C. Joannou

After graduating from Miami, Joannou took \$5,000 he had saved and backpacked around the world. When he came back to Miami, a friend told him of a temporary job available at Motorola-Nortel. Joannou took the job, and after impressing the president of the company, was offered a permanent position.

"I began at the bottom, I worked there for 15 years and now I'm the number two man in the company in charge of 5,000 employees," he said. "I didn't plan this, but I did treat every job I did for the company as a project rather

than a career. At every meeting, I always volunteered for the challenging jobs. And, when each project was done, I would have a great sense of accomplishment." Such achievement allowed him to rise through the ranks.

Joannou encouraged students to take full advantage of their experiences at SIUE. "College is the only time in your life when you will have the opportunity to think clearly about the decisions you'll make. Now, I fix problems 24 hours a day," he said. "It's difficult for me to find time to learn."

In addition, Joannou stressed that students should learn how to interview, find a mentor, ignore politics in the workplace, and realize that performance is paramount.

Yager Receives Boeing Welliver Faculty Fellowship



Dr. Susan Yager

Associate Professor Susan Yager, department chair of Computer Management and Information Systems (CMIS), recently received notification that she was awarded the Boeing Welliver Faculty Fellowship for the summer of 2007.

The Fellowship seeks to provide faculty with a better understanding of the practical industry application of engineering, information technology, and business skills. In addition,

it aims to influence the content of undergraduate education in ways that will better prepare tomorrow's graduates for careers in a global environment.

Interim Dean Schoenecker said, "In addition to being a great learning experience for Susan, her selection as a Welliver

Fellow has strategic significance for the School and University as we work to strengthen our relationship with Boeing. We are very proud of her achievements and are confident that she will represent our School well."

The Fellowship begins in June with a workshop session in Long Beach, Calif., that includes other Welliver Fellows. The appointment ends in August at the Boeing Leadership Center in St. Louis. During the week in St. Louis, the Welliver Fellows will present a collaborative report to Boeing officials that will contain both collective observations and suggestions for improvement.

In response to the fellowship award Yager said, "This is a great opportunity for me to learn more about what makes Boeing a successful company and bring insights back to students at SIUE. In addition, it has been 15 years since I have worked in industry, so I am looking forward to updating my knowledge and experience."

Students and Scholarship Sponsors Honored

Fifty undergraduate and graduate business students were recognized at the annual SIUE School of Business Scholarship and Awards Program in April. The program celebrated student achievement, and recognized those people, companies, and organizations that assist students in achieving their goals through support of scholarships.



Brendia Stagers

This year's program featured guest speaker Brendia Stagers, from Plano, Tex., sponsor of the Frank Stagers Award for Excellence in Marketing Research. Stagers explained that her late husband, Frank, a 1994 graduate of SIUE's MMR Program, had a passion for education and a passion for helping others. She said, "Whether a gift is of time, services, or money, if you make an investment in

someone's life, it causes a chain reaction. I know the work and the long hours these students put in. My purpose is to recognize their hard work and their passion." She explained that she wants to reach out to the students whose lives would be directly impacted through scholarship support.

Representing the students receiving scholarships, **Shauna W. Hamby** (BS '07), of Belleville, Ill., explained that the financial assistance she received through scholarships allowed her to focus more on school work and less on the necessity to have a part-time job. She expressed appreciation to the scholarship sponsors for their generosity, "Thank you for not only believing in me, but for believing in all of us who are here today." Hamby plans to continue at SIUE to earn a master's degree.



Shauna W. Hamby



Left to right: Claudia X. Correa, recipient of the Wilbur L. Campbell, Jr. Outstanding Student Leadership Award, Marcy Bunch Pinnell (BS '82), and Patrick E. Calvin (BS '81, MBA '84), both Scholarship Sponsors.

Hafer Promoted to Distinguished Research Professor



Dr. Rik Hafer

Long-time faculty member Rik Hafer recently was recognized for his outstanding scholarly activities by being promoted to Distinguished Research Professor of Economics and Finance.

Hafer was chosen based on a decision by the SIUE Committee of the Graduate Faculty headed by Dr. Stephen Hansen, Associate Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies and Research.

Driving the decision was Hafer's quality of research publications, extent of grant activity, student mentoring, and other scholarly initiatives.

Interim Dean Schoenecker noted, "Rik's research record speaks for itself; since his promotion to full professor, he has published 27 articles, three books, and has received numerous grants and contracts. Having someone of Rik's talent and reputation in his discipline reflects well on our School as we strive to be nationally recognized for the excellence of our programs."

This is the second year the University has recognized distinguished research professors. Before coming to SIUE as a faculty member in 1989, Hafer was a research officer with the Federal Reserve Banks of Atlanta and St. Louis, and held teaching positions at several universities.

President and CEO of Bunge North America Visits SIUE

Carl Hausmann, president and CEO of Bunge North America, visited SIUE this past winter as part of the Chancellor's Residence Program. The program is designed to bring executives from major corporations to campus to interact with faculty and students. Hausmann spoke with students and administration in the School of Business about international studies and the role of Bunge in both local and global markets.

Bunge is an integrated, global agribusiness and food company operating in the "farm-to-consumer" food chain with worldwide distribution capabilities and primary operations in North America, South America and Europe. "Mr. Hausmann brought decades of global business



Carl Hausmann

experience to our students, in addition to his perceptions of the world today," said Interim Dean Schoenecker. "It was an invaluable experience from which our students will benefit both during their education and in their future careers."

While at SIUE, Hausmann met with a small group of international business students to discuss their past and future experiences abroad. Over the course of their discussion, Hausmann supplied the students with advice for getting the most out of their travels and international business careers. He also attended an Organizational Behavior class to talk about his experiences, the global role of Bunge as well as current trends in the agribusiness industry.

SIUE Alumnus is CEO of Capgemini North America



Lanny Cohen

Lanny Cohen (MBA '82) recently became the CEO for Capgemini's North America Project and Consulting SBU after having served as the managing director of the company's North American Technology Services and East Area. Specializing in consulting, technology, outsourcing, and local professional services, Capgemini's headquarters are located in Paris, France, with operations in more than 30 countries.

After earning an undergraduate degree from Georgetown University, Cohen was hired by the St. Louis office of what was one day to become Capgemini. He was urged to earn an advanced degree, and Cohen decided to enroll in the SIUE MBA program because of its proximity to St. Louis.

As a 20-something MBA student, Cohen was impressed with the other students enrolled in the program. He was able to learn not only from the "amazing instruction" he received, but also from the work experiences from the other students participating from major corporations. The program integrated academic lessons with real life situations that made it much more useful for Cohen. He credits SIUE with outstanding

instruction. "Some of the best classes I have taken were in the MBA program. The instructors were so passionate about what they were teaching," said Cohen.

"SIUE instilled a passion and excitement for higher education in me that has stayed with me throughout the years," he stated. This is evident in that Cohen is a Certified Systems Professional, and also graduated from the executive leadership programs at the Kellogg School at Northwestern University and at Harvard University.

Cohen notes that the hardest part of transition to CEO is that he will not be involved with every part of the business. "As CEO, you have to step back from what you were doing and redirect yourself to address a greater balance, in a broader and more strategic focus, of a much larger business," says Cohen.

Cohen held a variety of national, industry, and service-line leadership roles throughout his 26-year Capgemini career. He was the 2003/2004 chairman of the Association of Management Consulting Firms (AMCF), and named one of Consulting Magazine's Top 25 Most Influential Consultants for 2004. He currently serves as vice chair of the Board of Trustees at St. Thomas Aquinas College in New York.

CLI Congratulates New Graduates

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville recently congratulated 20 new graduates of the Construction Leadership Institute (CLI) Executive Education Program. The program, which has been in place for three years, is a joint venture of SIUE's School of Business and School of Engineering.

The CLI was developed for construction industry professionals who are interested in leadership roles. The program focuses on managing risk factors of construction projects in order to maximize profitability and to minimize costs. Participants learn key management strategies important to their futures as corporate leaders, including legal issues, human resource issues, and financial issues; aligning the organization to identify new business opportunities; and anticipating and responding to future developments, including economic and workforce trends.

Congratulations to the following graduates of the 2007 CLI:

Jeff Boyer, *McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.*; Mike Christ, *Impact Strategies, Inc.*; Dennis Corrigan, *Corrigan Brothers, Inc.*; Jeff Erker, *Johnson Controls, Inc.*; Lloyd Flowers, *McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.*; Yvonne Hollingsead, *HS Contractors, Inc.*; Mark Kamphoefner, *Panattoni Construction, Inc.*; Adam Knoebel, *McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.*; Mike McAullife, *Corrigan Brothers, Inc.*; Ryan Molen, *Walton Construction Company LLC*; Scott Naeger, *The Lawrence Group Projects, LLC*; Brian Nuehring, *S.M. Wilson & Co.*; Scott O'Brien, *S.M. Wilson & Co.*; Tim Rehkemper, *Rehkemper Construction*; Kevin Roche, *Keely & Sons Construction, Inc.*; Andy Roe, *The Korte Company*; Dave Schlueter, *Holland Construction Services, Inc.*; Dan Suarez, *B. Garcia Trucking*; Nick Walker, *One McKnight Place Construction Co.*; John Whitworth, *Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc.*



Pictured left to right, back row: Hollingsead, Knoebel, Nuehring, Kamphoefner, Christ, Schlueter, Whitworth, Suarez, O'Brien, Erker; left to right, front row: Molen, Roe, Boyer, Walker, Rehkemper, McAullife, Naeger, Corrigan, Roche, Flowers

Center for Economic Education & Business Research Achieves National Certification

The Center for Economic Education and Business Research at SIUE was granted a five-year affiliation by the National Council on Economic Education. The award was presented at the National Council's annual meeting in New York City. This is the second time the SIUE Center has received a five-year affiliation with the National Council. The SIUE Center also is affiliated with the Illinois Council on Economic

Education. Under the supervision of associate director, Mary Anne Pettit, a primary mission of the center is to deliver economic education programs for K-12 schools and teachers. The Center also assists local businesses with economic research and provides economic analysis through public programs. These activities are administered by Dr. Rik Hafer, director of the Center.

School of Business Maintains Accreditation from AACSB

The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) recently announced that the SIUE School of Business has maintained its accreditation in both business and accounting. This continues to place the SIUE School of Business in an elite group that makes up less than 15 percent of business schools worldwide, or 167 institutions, that have achieved business and accounting accreditation from AACSB.

To maintain accreditation, a business school must undergo a rigorous review performed by an independent team consisting of deans and senior accounting administrators from other AACSB-accredited business schools. The SIUE School of Business began the reaccreditation process approximately two years ago by identifying peer institutions, aspirant schools, and competitors. This identification process gave the independent team of reviewers a context in which to view the school. In addition, several reports regarding the School

of Business, the Accounting Program, and faculty data were compiled last summer. In December 2006, the independent team visited the SIUE campus and met with many students in small groups and with several classes. They also met with various groups of faculty and administrators within the School, as well as with the chancellor and provost. Strengths identified by the team included the School's Enrollment Management Plan that was implemented in January 2006 as well as the uniqueness of the Master of Marketing Research Program. Other strengths included the work of the Core Curriculum Integration Team and the improved quality of School of Business publications.



"This reaccreditation affirms that what we are doing here is on the right track and provides independent confirmation that we are meeting our mission of adding value for students, employers, and the business disciplines," said Interim Dean Schoenecker.

SIUE's MBA Program is One of the Best

According to The Princeton Review, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has one of the best AACSB-accredited MBA programs in the world.

The Princeton Review, known for its college rankings based on how students rate their schools, recently released the current data in the 2007 edition of its annual guidebook, *Best 282 Business Schools*.

"We are pleased to be included in the Princeton Review's ranking of the best MBA programs in the country," said Interim Dean Schoenecker. "This is especially gratifying because the ranking methodology is based in part on evaluations of us by our MBA students, those individuals who know us best. This ranking, along with our AACSB accreditation, provides an assurance of the quality of our business programs."

The rankings, according to The Princeton Review, were compiled based on results of surveys of students and on institutional data from those schools. Survey respondents described SIUE business professors as "very knowledgeable and well-prepared for classes" and "very interested in providing an excellent learning environment." Students said they are drawn to the SIUE School of Business because of its excellent reputation and AACSB accreditation.

SIUE's MBA program offers students a rigorous and challenging curriculum, as well as numerous opportunities for foreign study, business internships, work-study programs, and interactions with regional business leaders. School of Business alumni can be found leading corporations in the St. Louis region, nationally, and around the globe.



New Concentration in Project Management

As the field and profile of project management continues to grow, the SIUE School of Business is proud to announce a new concentration in Project Management available to all MBA and MS CMIS students.

This new concentration comes as a response to community needs. Conversations between various members of the faculty and members of the St. Louis Chapter of the Project Management Institute identified a number of individuals who are looking for a graduate business program with a focus in project management. The School responded to the need and is proud to be the first business school in the metropolitan area to offer such a program.

The program consists of 12 hours of relevant coursework. Classes include Project Management Standard Processes, in which students learn and contemplate the project management



Dr. Jo Ellen Moore

standards and processes set forth by the Project Management Institute in its Project Management Body of Knowledge; Procurement Management in Projects provides an in-depth examination of procurement management in projects including managing the acquisitions of products and services from outside the project team; and Project Risk Management where students learn methods for risk identification, risk analysis, risk response planning, and risk control.

Dr. Jo Ellen Moore, associate professor of CMIS and the leader of the project said, "I am glad that the SIUE School of Business has been able to respond so quickly to student and community needs. It is very rewarding to put something together for which people have asked. We are all proud to be part of this project."

Inaugural Year for Enterprise Rent-A-Car Awards a Success

The 2006-2007 academic year marked the inaugural year of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Student Organization Awards, a program where students are recognized for their outstanding participation and leadership in student organizations.

Eight winners of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Student Organization Leader of the Month Award were recognized. They are:

Michelle S. Carpenter (BS '07) of the International Business Association (IBA)
Nicole M. Grashoff (BS '07) of Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity
Victoria Harris (BS '07) of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM)
Leslie L. Jones (BS '07) of Emerging Leaders Improving Through Excellence (ELITE)
Timothy W. Jones, Sr. (BS '06) of the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP)
Allison R. Olden (BS '07) of the International Business Association (IBA)
Michael Ulrich (BS '07) of Beta Alpha Psi
Lindsey M. Walters (BS '07) of the American Marketing Association (AMA)

In addition, ELITE was honored as the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Student Organization of the Year, recognizing the School of Business student organization whose activities best support the organization's mission and stated goals. ELITE also demonstrated how its membership served its organization and how the organization served its stakeholders. As a result, ELITE received a \$2,500 stipend for future projects.



Left to right: Bob Zoelzer from Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Shauna Hamby, Melissa Khan, Jessica Hutson, Amy Donaldson, Josh Smucker, Tim West, Michelle Carpenter, Kris Mitchell, and Victoria Harris - all members of ELITE, and Lee Lewis from Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

On the Road to Division I

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Intercollegiate Athletics has won both the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) All-Sports Trophy and the Commissioner's Cup for the 2006-07 season, both prestigious awards. The Cougars won the All-Sports Trophy with 141.5 points, the highest total points recorded in a single season since the award was conceived more than 25 years ago.

The GLVC annually awards the All-Sports Trophy to the member institution with the best all-around performance in the league's 17 sponsored sports. The Commissioner's Cup is awarded to the program that produces the overall best finish in the league's seven "core" sports. SIUE posted top five finishes in six of the seven sports that count in the Commissioner's Cup standings, including conference titles in men's soccer and softball. Also considered are volleyball, men's and women's basketball and baseball.

The SIU Board of Trustees approved February 28, 2007, to apply for reclassification to NCAA Division I status for all sports, and the University is transitioning to NCAA Division I status. "SIUE student-athletes are at the pinnacle of athletics success at the Division II level," said Brad Hewitt, director of Cougar Athletics.

For the 2007-2008 season, sports will remain in Division II during an exploratory period when the University will identify a conference to join. Then there will be a multi-year transition to reclassification status during which time SIUE must comply with NCAA Division I rules and legislation. The process will conclude in 2012 with SIUE as an active Division I institution.

"Winning both the GLVC All-Sports Trophy and the Commissioner's Cup is an amazing accomplishment and testament to the University's decision to enter the Division I arena," Hewitt said. "We are positioned to compete at the highest level, and I commend our incredible coaching staff and dedicated student-athletes on this achievement."

The switch to Division I status will affect more than just athletics. Interim Dean Schoenecker said, "It is our hope that the increased media attention associated with the move to Division I will lead to greater attention to the excellent academic programs offered by our School and by the other academic units on campus." Currently there are 25 student athletes from the School Of Business.

Spring Break Travel Study Programs Enlighten Students

This year's spring break proved to be an insightful experience for 22 SIUE business students who took part in travel study courses offered by the Office of International Studies.

Ten students traveled to Toluca, Mexico, just outside Mexico City. During their visit, students gained a better understanding of Mexico's economic and urban development.

"This travel experience empowered the students to see the possibilities in themselves and in what they could do in our world," noted trip leader, Silvia Torres, director of the SIUE International Trade Center.

The week was filled with excursions, including a trip to Taxco, a silver-mining town, and Visaflo, a grower of roses, lilies, and Gerber daisies. Students also were able to visit Mexico City and tour the Banco de Mexico and Stock Exchange.



Left to right: Citlalli Garcia – Mexican host, Laura Lenington, Silvia Torres, Jacob Volkmar, Jennifer Detmer, Anna McMakin, and Ikuyo Katsuta – a visiting student at SIUE from Japan.

Those opting to study business and culture in Germany traveled to Berlin and Hannover. The twelve students who participated in this trip toured several companies and industrial facilities and explored history through tours of the Parliament Building and Brandenburg Gate. The experience gave students a better understanding of German corporate practices, broadening their business perspectives and making them more marketable in today's global business environment.

Student News

Theresa A. (Tera) Denton, (BS '07) of Chicago, Ill., is working with Margie Korshak, Inc., a public relations firm in Chicago, as an assistant account executive. Denton was the public relations student worker for the School of Business this past year.

Jill M. Bernard (MBA '07) of Wayne City, Ill., was honored with the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award, a collaborative effort between the Journal and participating institutions to honor exceptional students. Each participating college or university nominates one student every year. Bernard said, "I feel so honored to have received such an amazing award. My professors have offered a tremendous amount of encouragement and support, and I am very blessed to have had the opportunity to study and learn here at SIUE."



Dean Schoenecker and Jill Bernard

Shawn Berens, a sophomore business major from O'Fallon, Ill., spent two tours of duty in the Persian Gulf with the U.S. Navy. He was home for the holidays this year, and he participated in the "Adopt-A-Platoon" effort coordinated by SIUE students that sent a variety of items like CDs, puzzles, personal items, etc. for soldiers stationed in the Middle East.

Melissa Khan, an economics and finance major at SIUE, received a fully-paid, eight-week internship in Washington D.C. through the Foundation for Teaching Economics (FTE). She was one of 25 students from around the U.S. who received this honor. She worked at the Community Development and Preservation Corporation.

Dawn Tullie of Belleville, Ill., was selected by the SIUE University Fellowship and Scholarship Committee to receive the James Walker Graduate Scholarship.

SIUE Alumnus Named Director of Alumni Affairs



Steve Jankowski

Steve Jankowski - whose career in radio, television, marketing, public relations, advertising, and teaching has spanned three decades - returned to SIUE in December to assume the position of Director of Alumni Affairs.

In his new position, Jankowski is responsible for developing an alumni relations and communications strategy that will build and strengthen the relationship with the more

than 70,000 graduates of SIUE. Here is what Jankowski had to say about his new position:

"Thirty-five years ago, the ability to do George Carlin imitations combined with convenience led me to Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Great professors, a wealth of opportunities for experience, and a college degree led to a career path in broadcast journalism. That path has come full circle with my return to SIUE as Director of Alumni Affairs.

"Since assuming that responsibility, I have learned that that degree, earned seemingly so long ago, continues to grow in value as this institution realizes more of its mission. It is my hope to convince the thousands of you, my fellow alums, of that appreciation, and of your value to this university.

"Please understand, I'll be working to put as many of you as possible on a path that leads you back to this place, a place that has altered all of our lives forever. Your involvement will be invaluable to the thousands more yet to call SIUE alma mater."

Alumni Receptions

Regions Bank

The Glen Carbon Branch of Regions Bank hosted an Alumni Reception January 30, 2007, for SIUE grads working for Regions in the area. The event brought together alumni and current SIUE business students.

Jill Ott, human resource generalist for Regions and coordinator of the Regions Bank reception, said, "As a company that gets a lot of SIUE alumni, we strive to maintain a strong relationship with the University. In addition to giving alumni a chance to catch up with each other, this reception gave current students a chance to see what alumni are doing at Regions and what a great place this is to build a successful career."

Alumni attending the reception included: **Justin A. Bourdewick** (BS '03), **James J. Bourne** (BS '02), **Stephen E. Hupp** (BS '06), **Mandy M. McQuality Kitzmiller** (BS '01), **John Travis Liebig** (BS '02), **Tyler R. Lipe** (BS '05), **Gregory S. Maher** (BS '04), **Matthew A. McElroy** (BS '06), **McKenzie L. Messmer** (BS '99), **Robert A. Meszaros** (BS '05), **Randy J. Rodgers** (BS '02), **Joseph F. Rossi** (BS '99), **Rachel M. Salanik** (BS '05), **Aaron L. Schlipman** (BS '03), **Todd S. Vitek** (BS '03).

San Francisco

School of Business Emeritus Professor, **Dr. John F. Schrage** (BS '69, MSED '73), and his wife, **Diane L. Dressel Schrage** (BS '73), graciously hosted the San Francisco, Calif., Alumni Reception April 18, 2007, for SIUE alumni and friends from the Bay Area. Luck would have it that the Schrage's condo is situated just two blocks from AT&T Park, where the St. Louis Cardinals were playing the San Francisco Giants. After an outstanding reception, alumni and friends strolled to the ballpark where the Cards lost to the Giants in 14 cold innings!



Pictured left to right kneeling: Anna Pugh Dunham (BS '99, MA '04), assistant director of Alumni Relations; Stephen E. Jankowski (BS '74), director of Alumni Relations; Donna K. Lekosky (BS '82); left to right standing: Judith M. Blase Woodruff (BM '77), director of development, School of Business; Michael S. Glenn (BS '75); Nancy M. Doty (BA '73); Joseph C. Ho (BSE '89); Steven F. McCann (BS '79); John F. Schrage (BS '69, MSED '73); Noor Ali-Hasan (BS '02); Larry L. Dahm (BS '77); Daniel Edmond (BS '85); Diane L. Dressel Schrage (BS '73); Mia L. Williams (BS '84); Grahaeme A. Hesp (BS '97, MBA '99); and Douglas E. Beckstein (BA '72). Not pictured: Matthew J. Bauer (BS '98); Gary A. Giamartino, interim vice chancellor for University Relations.

Alumni Notes

1960s

Martin R. Siglock (BS '68) is the building and lands supervisor for Madison County Illinois Administration Building.

Nancy Dain Thorsen (BS '68, MSED '75) is an associate broker at ReMax Homestead Realty in Idaho Falls, Idaho. She is a member of the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, as well as the past president of Friends of the Library and Civitan International.

Harry A. Briggs Jr. (BS '69, MSED '76, EDSP '85) is the new superintendent of the Granite City, Ill., schools. Briggs has been the superintendent of the Madison County Regional Office of Education for the past two decades.

Garrett C. Reuter (BS '69) is an accountant with Greensfelder, Hemker, and Gale, P.C. in Belleville, Ill. He is the secretary of the board of directors for the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias.

1970s

Ron J. Lambert (BS '71) is chairman and CEO of Yukon, a division of Alongside Management, Inc. in Richmond, Va. He recently co-authored the book, *Is That Your Hand in My Pocket?* The Sales Professional's Guide to Negotiating.

Charles M. Cook (MBA '72) was promoted to senior associate director of Admissions at Michigan State University. His 14-year-old daughter, Jackie, won two Grammy Awards ("Songs of Innocence" for best Classical CD) in 2006.

Charles W. Daily (BS '73) is president of Community First Bank in Fairview Heights, Ill.

Jerry L. French (BS '73) is the executive vice president, treasurer, and assistant secretary for Shelter Insurance in Columbia, Mo.

Manuel A. Juarez (MA '75) is an attorney in private practice in Berkeley, Calif., specializing in estate planning.

Carl Brooks (MBA '76) was elected to the Board of Directors for Ameristar Casinos, Inc. He is the president and CEO of The Executive Leadership Council and The Executive Leadership Foundation in Washington, D.C. He resides in Arlington, VA.

Thomas M. Harrington (BS '77, MBA '84) is a partner with the accounting firm Kerber F. & Braeckel, LLP in Belleville, Ill.

Deborah L. Johnston (MBA '77) was promoted to controller with Pact, Inc., a Washington, D.C.-based international development organization with offices in more than 20 countries.

Alvin J. Marcus Jr. (MBA '77) was appointed to vice president for business development at Missouri Enterprise.

Donald E. Mayoras (MBA '77) is president of Cloverleaf Transportation, Inc. in Chester N.Y. He resides in Goshen, N.Y. with his wife, Joni, and their two children.

Deborah K. Patterson (BS '79, MBA '86) was elected the vice president for FOCUS Enterprise, Inc., a national middle market investment banking firm providing merger, acquisition, and corporate finance services located in Washington, D.C.

Robert J. Stroh Jr. (BS '79) is the chairman and CEO of Tempo Bank in Trenton, Ill. He was elected chairman of the Illinois League of Financial Institutions.

1980s

Luis R. Lizarribar (MBA '81) is executive director at Armstrong Teasdale, LLP in St. Louis, Mo. He is a board member of Noonday.

Eric M. Oganessoff (MBA '81) is a partner for FOCUS Enterprise, Inc., a national middle market investment banking firm providing merger, acquisition, and corporate finance services located in Washington, D.C.

Susan C. Bailey (BS '82, MBA '84) is the vice president of Business Development for the National Bank in Edwardsville, Ill.

Tijuna Ingram (BS '82) is a member of the Glen Carbon, Ill., Planning and Zoning Commission.

Col. William (Chip) E. Manning Jr. (MBA '82) resides in Universal City, Texas, with his wife, Weenahave, and their two sons, Jason and Derrick.

Jeffrey G. Rabenort (BS '83) is the president and CEO of The Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Nashville in Nashville, Ill.

Thomas G. Cornwell (MBA '84) was named president of the Sustainment Systems segment at DRS Technologies Inc. in St. Louis, Mo.

Matthew J. Lynch (MBA '84) was appointed vice president of commercial lending at Fifth Third Bank in Edwardsville, Ill.

Martha J. Place (BS '84) is the executive director for Chandler's Enhanced Municipal Services District. She resides in Chandler, Ariz.

Keith H. Throm (BS '84) is the president of E. J. Welch Company, Inc. He also serves as president of the board of directors for the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasia. He resides in Collinsville, Ill., with his wife, Christine, and their two children.

Joseph L. Gray (MBA '85) is the new vice president for Administration at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn.

Jane W. Whorton Louer (MBA '85) is the president and CEO of Louer Facility Planning, Inc. in Edwardsville, Ill.

Ronald D. Toops (BSA '85) is a financial liaison auditor for USTRANSCOM/TCAQ at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

James L. Blasingame (BS '86) is the director of Account Service at Clarion Marketing and Advertising in St. Louis, Mo. He and his wife, Bonnie Luebbert, and their three sons reside in Collinsville, Ill.

Lynette M. Rienbolt (MBA '86) is the director of the Center for Training Innovations at Southwestern Illinois College in Belleville, Ill.

Randall A. Dunn (BS '87) is an investment representative for Edward Jones in Edwardsville, Ill.

David K. Dahm (BSA '88) is the senior vice president and manager of the retirement services area for Region's Morgan Keegan Trust for both Clayton, Mo., and Belleville, Ill.

Xianyuan Dai (MA '88) is a professor in the School of Economics and Business Administration at Beijing Normal University in the Republic of China. He has published *A Textbook of College English in Economics and Management*.

Ann M. Schnelt Ficken (BSA '88) is the director of internal audit for Edward Jones in St. Louis, Mo. She recently was elected to the board of FOCUS St. Louis, an organization devoted to "engaging citizens to participate in active leadership roles and to influence positive community change." Ficken also serves as an SIUE School of Business advisory board member, and she is an officer of the board for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Metro St. Louis.

Gregory A. Lee (MBA '88) is a principal for Gundaker Commercial Group in Chesterfield, Mo.

Ronald J. Padgett (BS '88) of Padgett Building & Remodeling, Inc. is second vice president for the Home Builders Association of Greater Southwest Illinois.

Carolyn A. Roth Harpole (BSA '89) is director of state and local taxes and tax loan staffing for UHY Advisor.

Katherine M. Smith (BS '89) is an associate at the law firm of Polsinelli, Shalton, Welte, Suelthaus, PC in St. Louis, Mo.

1990s

Ann M. Rafferty Bollone (MBA '90) was appointed vice president of Human Resources for St. Anthony's Medical Center in St. Louis, Mo.

Kevin S. Doak (BS '90) is the vice president of the Financial Management Group at the Bank of Edwardsville in Edwardsville, Ill. He was elected to the Girl Scouts of River Bluffs Council board of directors.

Connie S. Reynolds (MSED '90) is the financial management operations officer for Financial Management Group at the Bank of Edwardsville. She resides in Hamel, Ill.

Steven A. Hausmann (BS '91) is the golf pro at the Algonquin Golf Club in St. Louis, Mo.

Michael E. Buescher (BSA '92) works at Belden, a leading manufacturer of electronic cables in Richmond, Ind.

Mark A. Franzblau (MBA '92) is the team leader of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Systems on Future Combat System for The Boeing Company in St. Louis, Mo.

Denise M. Holle Guetterman (BSA '92) resides in Edwardsville with her husband, Ned, and their four sons, Neil, Nicholas, Nolan and Nevin. She is a music director and organist at Mother of Perpetual Help Church in Maryville, Ill.

Robert E. (BSA '93) and *Susan J. Brune Eickhoff* (BSA '93) are expecting their second child. Robert is a controller for Vi-Jon Laboratories in St. Louis, Mo. Susan was promoted to partner at KPMG, LLP in St. Louis, Mo.

Gregory S. Heggemeier (BS '93) is vice president of Southwest Bank.

Asim A. Qureshi (BS '93, MBA '95) is a regional sales manager with Microsoft. He lives in Edwardsville, Ill.

Alandra L. Byrd-Washington (BS '93, MPA '97) is the program director for Philanthropy and Volunteerism at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Mich.

Nelson R. Hellwig (BS '94) is the chief financial officer for Owensby & Kritikos, Inc. in Gretna, La. He resides in Slidell, La.

Eric R. Moses (BA '94) is a CPA for Maher & Company PC, a public accounting firm in Clayton, Mo. He resides in Maryland Heights, Mo.

Joseph L. Reiniger (BS '94) is a financial representative for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, The Plocher Group in Glen Carbon, Ill.

Karen S. Alemond Beckemeyer (BS '95, BSA '99) had her second child, Celia Claire, September 6, 2006.

Jacqueline E. Burwitz (MBA '95) is vice president of Investor Relations for Energizer in St. Louis, Mo.

Maura L. Donnelly (BSA '95) is an account manager for Terra Properties in Highland, Ill.

Margaret A. Mitchell Luna (BS '95, MBA '01) is the director of Human Resources for St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, Ill.

Frank "Russ" (BSA '95, MSA '01) and *Michelle D. Hendricks Nation* (BSA '95) reside in Highland, Ill. Russ is vice president and controller with Community Educational Federal Credit Union and teaches part-time at SIUE. Michelle is enrolled in the MSA program at SIUE. She works as a controller with Midwest Railcar which was recently purchased by the Japanese firm Marubeni Corporation.

Christian M. Schoppe (MBA '95) works with Clariant AG in Sulzbach, Germany. He and his wife, *Kathrin M. Schulz Schoppe* (MBA '95), have three children.

Joel M. Schwaab (BS '95) is the Wastewater Superintendent for the Alton, Ill., Wastewater Treatment Plant. He recently moved back to Ill. from Calif. with his wife, Deborah, and their children John Luke, 5, and Eva, 3.

Scott W. Snyders (BS '95) was promoted to estimating manager at Tarlton Corporation in St. Louis, Mo.

Andrew F. Carrington (MBA '96, MS '00) created Aceitnow and MySkoolDaze, a web site that allows users to set up profiles, private messaging, and blogging.

Greg B. Karcher (BS '96, BS '97) is a senior research analyst with Summit Strategies Group in Glen Carbon, Ill.

Christine R. Dawe (MBA '97) is vice president of Finance for North Coast Credit Union in La Conner, Wash.

Levent S. Erkan (MS '97) is a management consultant at DeLeuw Associates located in Turkey. He and his wife, *Gaye S.* (MS '97), had a baby girl in December.

Jason H. Geminn (BSA '97, MBA '01) was promoted to manager in the tax and business services department at Stone Carlie & Company, LLC in St. Louis, Mo.

Gene R. Halbrooks (BS '97) is the pricing/business analyst for UniGroup Container Services, LLC, Fenton, Mo.

Audra D. Liddell (BSA '97) was promoted to plant controller at Monsanto. She moved to La Place, La., with her husband, Antoine. She is working toward a Louisiana real estate license, and she remains a consultant for Pampered Chef.

George E. (BSA '97) and *Teresa R. Cox Moore III* (BSA '93) were married in 2001 and reside in Godfrey, Ill. George is a CPA and manager for Scheffel Company PC, in Alton, Ill., and Teresa is a supervisor for Scheffel.

Rachelle L. Sauls (BSA '97) is a reimbursement manager for BJC Healthcare in St. Louis, Mo.

Carrie A. Haley Walley (BSA '97) works for Energy Transfer Company, a gas pipeline. She is married and now lives in San Antonio, Texas, where she is planning to attend the University of Texas-San Antonio's graduate program this fall.

William H. Anderson III (BS '98, MS '00) is the director of policy for Missouri's Governor Matt Blunt. He resides in Jefferson City, Mo.

Michael T. Brokering (BSA '98) is an accounting manager with Diel & Ferguson Financial Group in O'Fallon, Ill. He married Sarah in 2005, and they reside in O'Fallon.

Tera S. Smith Durbin (BSA '98) works for Simmons Cooper, LLC in East Alton, Ill. She was married in 2003 and resides in Wood River, Ill.

Nathan D. Franklin (BSA '98) is a CPA with Simmons Cooper, LLC in East Alton, Ill. He and his wife, Jennifer, were married in 2005, and they reside in Collinsville, Ill.

Marci H. Caselton Gietl (BSA '98) is a CPA with Becker and Rosen in Clayton, Mo. She and her husband, Carl, were married in 2003. They reside in Alton, Ill.

Sarah B. Lotter Hampton (BSA '98) is an external reporting manager for Energizer. She had a baby this last March.

Daniel W. Kohl (BS '98) is senior manager of long range planning for Talecris Biotherapeutics in Raleigh, N.C.

Aaron D. Stack (BSA '98) works for Olin, the leading developer and producer of high performance copper alloys, in Alton, Ill.

Sandra K. Dowdy (BSA '99) is a principal at Tzinberg & Goldenberg, PC of Glen Carbon, Ill.

David M. Dutko (BS '99) is a senior project engineer at Paric Corporation in St. Louis, Mo.

Robert J. Gutherz (BSA '99) is the owner/operator of Chic-Fil-A in the St. Claire Square Mall in Fairview Heights, Ill.

Philip R. Kammann (MBA '99) is the owner of Airport Bowl in Bethalto, Ill. He and his wife, Angela, live in Belleville, Ill., with their baby girl, Elizabeth Grey.

Nicole L. Miller (BS '99, MS '01) and *Ashley L. Ramig* (BS '04) were married April 28, 2007. Nicole is a valuation analyst with ComStock Valuation Advisors in Wheaton, Ill., and Ashley is a logistics manager with Chemtool, Inc. in Crystal Lake, Ill. They reside in Hainesville, Ill.



Richard A. Randazzo (MBA '99) is the vice president of sales and business development for Maxamine, Inc. in Lafayette, Calif.

Denise R. Schaaf (BSA '99) works for Scheffel Company, PC in Alton, Ill. She has a son, Daniel Riley, who was born in 2001.

Jenifer J. Schaller (BSA '99) is in corporate tax for Furniture Brands. She runs marathons and competes in ironman competitions. She and her husband, Jeffrey, live in Maryville, Ill., with their 10-year-old daughter.

Jaime L. Thompson (BS '99) is a senior analyst for AT&T in St. Louis, Mo.

2000s

Sarah M. Pettit Duckwitz (BSA '00) is a SOX project manager for Embark Corporation, a telecom company. She recently moved to Kansas City with her husband, David, and their son, Alex.

Christi L. Castile Geggus (BSA '00, MSA '01) is an accountant manager for Tzinberg & Goldenberg, PC in Glen Carbon, Ill.

Anthony "Bud" S. Hollenkamp (BSA '00) passed the CPA exam and is a staff accountant for Baird, Kurtz, & Dobsen, LLP in St. Louis, Mo. He has a son named Dominic, who was born February 3, 2007.

Scott A. (BSA '00) and *Lynette M. Schrage Huegen* (BSA '00, MSA '01) had their first baby in April.

James H. Krener (BSA '00) is a staff accountant at Davis, Keller, & Wiggins, LLC in St. Louis, Mo.

Erika E. Neher Martinez (BSA '00, MSA '01) works in the tax department for Reinsurance Group of America.

Queen E. King Mitchell (BSA '00, MSA '03) works for RubinBrown, LLP in St. Louis, Mo.

Melanie L. Horath Phelps (BSA '00) is a business analyst supporting mutual funds for State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, Ill. She had her second child in April.

Tara J. Roberson (BSA '00) is with the Illinois Center for Autism. She lives in Bethalto, Ill.

Christine E. Bolerjack Webb (BSA '00, MSA '01) is a financial/cost accountant with Continental Tire. She was married in June and now resides in Mt. Vernon, Ill.

Tansu A. Aksoy (MS '01) works as a manager for a construction company in Ankara, Turkey. She was married this past summer.

Mary A. Frey (MBA '01) is the chief nursing officer and vice president of patient care services at SSM St. Joseph Health Center in St. Charles, Mo.

Theresa M. Friedel Herbstreit (BSA '01, MSA '02) is an accounting manager at Olin Community Credit Union. She married Duane in 2002 and they have a son and a daughter.

Christopher M. Ousley (BS '01) was promoted to supervisor in the risk management services for Brown, Smith, Wallace, LLC.

Karissa A. Robson (BSA '01) is a senior audit associate for Reznick Group, a public accounting firm in Washington, D.C.

Ryan G. Shirley (BSA '01, MBA '02) is a financial analyst at Novus International in Chesterfield, Mo.

Virginia L. Staggs (BSA '01) is a financial accountant with The Boeing Company. She and her husband, Billy, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a cruise and tour of Alaska.

Kelly A. Rausch Strubberg (BSA '01) works for U.S. Bank.

Noor F. Ali-Hasan (BS '02) completed her master's degree in April 2006 from the University of Michigan. She is a user experience researcher for Microsoft, and in July moved to the San Francisco Bay area.

Stephanie F. Armstrong (BS '02) is a stock and compensation analyst at Monsanto in St. Louis, Mo.

Matthew S. Evers (BS '02) is engaged to *Kara R. Broadbush* (BS '04). The couple will marry June 9, 2007. Matthew is a police officer with the Edwardsville, Ill., police department.

David A. James (MBA '02) is director of trading for Peabody Energy Subsidiary in St. Louis, Mo.

Pravin Kawade (MS '02) is an associate with Fixed Income Proprietary Trading Group as Société Générale's Corporate and Investment Banking on Wall Street in New York City, N.Y.

Justin C. Knolhoff (MSA '02) is a senior financial auditor focusing on SOX with Monsanto in St. Louis, Mo. He enjoys the international travel related to his work.

John M. Levandoski (BS '02) is a pre-construction coordinator for Kozeny-Wagner Inc.

Margaret A. Miguel (BS '02) is a field supervision director at Edward Jones in St. Louis, Mo.

Curtis M. Stoll (BSA '02) is a controller with Six Flags in St. Louis, Mo. He recently passed his CPA exam and began a business, Money Saving Solutions, LLC, a revenue recovery and business planning group.

Nicole L. Wegener (BSA '02, MSA '03) is a senior internal auditor for Raycom Media in Montgomery Ala. She passed the CPA exam in April 2006, and she was married March 17, 2007, in the Virgin Islands.

Doug D. Witte (BSA '02) is an accountant with JH Berra Construction Company.

Stephanie R. Albers (BS '03) is a customer advocate with Datotel LLC, an information technology service agency in St. Louis, Mo.

Yesinawo M. Awadzi (MS '03) is living in Canada with her husband.

Jose L. Cespedes (MS '03) works for an engineering services company in the financial area. He lives in Bolivia.

Denise M. Evans (MBA '03) is the director of Adult Student Enrollment for Maryville University in St. Louis, Mo. She currently is in the process of earning a Ph.D. in Higher Education, Educational Leadership and Policy Administration.

Krystle L. Behrman Flaar (BSA '03, MSA '04) is a tax accountant at Deloitte & Touche USA, LLP in St. Louis, Mo. She was married this past summer.

Renae M. Hoedebeck (BS '03) is an outlets manager at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, in St. Louis, Mo.

Lanre O. Iwayemi (MS '03, MSA '05) is an internal auditor with the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in St. Louis, Mo.

Camie L. Jansen Kampwerth (BSA '03, MSA '04) works at Maschhoff's Inc., one of the nation's largest pork production management companies, located in Carlyle, Ill. She was married in September to Derek.

Jinhu (Kurt) O. Liu (MS '03) is employed in the financial department for Emerson in the Republic of China.

Jenny M. Loveless (MBA '03) was promoted to cash manager at McKendree College in Lebanon, Ill.

Mike Mayer (BS '03, MBA '04) is an analyst in Relationship Marketing with Anheuser-Busch in St. Louis, Mo.

Amanda S. Meyer (BSA '03, MSA '04) is a CPA working for J.W. Boyle & Company, Ltd. in Belleville, Ill. She was married last August.

Trelana M. Anderson Nance (MSA '03) works in the internal audit department for Edwards Jones. Trelana was married this past year.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Rasool M.H. Hashimi died February 20, 2007, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, Ill., at the age of 87. He joined SIUE in 1965 and taught economics until 1990.

Dr. Hans H. Steffen died January 12, 2006, at the age of 76. He began teaching at the SIUE School of Business in September 1969 and retired 27 years later in 1996. He was professor of management. Mrs. Steffen still resides in Edwardsville.

Jeremy A. Bearth (BSA '04) is a staff accountant for Gundlach Equipment Company in Belleville, Ill. He was married to Rachel in 2004 and they reside in Mascoutah, Ill.

Jill A. Branch (MSA '04) is a CPA and works at JW Boyle.

Erin L. Gusewell Buntin (BS '04) married John Buntin in November 2006. She is a corporate market manager at Back Yard Burgers Inc. in Memphis, Tenn.

Benjamin A. Crowder (BS '04) married Jayme Owens November 3, 2006. He is an account executive with Baugher Financial & Associates in Edwardsville, Ill.

Amanda L. Heusinkveld Fields (BSA '04) is an accountant for Water Remediation Technology in Wheat Ridge, Colo. She recently married and now lives in Denver. She is attending the University of Colorado-Denver to complete a Master's degree.

Jason R. Finke (BSA '04, MSA '05) passed the CPA exam and is a staff auditor in Internal Audit Services for Anheuser-Busch Companies.

Lacey J. Langenfeld Gelsinger (BSA '04, MSA '05) is with KPMG. She was married in April and resides in Glen Carbon, Ill.

Drew A. Hesker (BSA '04, MSA '05) passed the CPA exam, and works as a staff accountant for BKD, LLP in St. Louis, Mo. He was recently married.

Jamie M. Kruckeberg (BSA '04, MSA '06) was married last October to Andrew J. Grapperhaus. She is an accountant at Scheffel and Company in Edwardsville, Ill.

JiDong M. Li (MS '04) is an economics professor at the Hong Kong University Space Global College in Suzhou in the Republic of China.

John McDole (MBA '04) and *Karla J. Carroll* (BSA '06) are engaged to be married June 23, 2007.

Jenee E. Meier (BSA '04) is with KPMG and is hoping for a six-month rotation in Chicago for a special audit.

Yiqiong M. Shao (MS '04) is working in the commercial banking department for Citibank China in the Republic of China.

Cassandra (Cassie) O. White (BSA '04, MSA '05) is the distribution controller for Ingersoll Rand Security and Safety. She is responsible for the financials of distribution centers in Kansas, California, and Puerto Rico. She resides in Kansas.

Joshua C. Allison (BS '05) opened Allison's Comfort Shoes and Boots in Glen Carbon, Ill. He makes custom orthotics and owns an orthotics lab.

Rachel S. Aubrey (BS '05, MMR '06) is a research executive for Millward Brown in Naperville, Ill., a leading research company with offices throughout the world.

Raghuram S. Molla Bilhana (MS '05) is with State Street Financial Corporation in Boston, Mass.

Julie M. Brinker (BSA '05) was married June 10, 2006, to Rob Kirbach.

Carrie E. Frank (BS '05) is the human resource coordinator for Southwestern Electric Coop. in Greenville, Ill.

Justin M. Joiner (BS '05) is a broker for Joiner Realty in Edwardsville, Ill.

Brett W. Kampwerth (BS '05) is a financial planner for Renaissance Financial Corporation in St. Louis, Mo.

Andrew J. Kenny (BSA '05, MBA '06) passed the CPA exam. He is an auditor for Deloitte & Touche in St. Louis, Mo.

Emily M. Klaus (BSA '05) is with Brown Smith Wallace, LLC in St. Louis, Mo. She also participated in the Miss Illinois Pageant this year.

Laura E. Knebel (BS '05) travels frequently with her job at the Army Audit Agency. She resides in Highland, Ill., and plans on sitting for the CPA exam.

Stacey J. Knebel (BS '05) was promoted to assistant branch manager of the Scott Credit Union in Highland, Ill.

Amanda M. Kobasic (BS '05, BSA '06) graduated last August with her second bachelor's degree in accounting. She works for a CPA firm in Merrillville, Ind., and has passed two parts of the CPA exam.

Aditya S. Kurella (MSA '05) is with Maddock, Henson, & Haberstroh, P.C.

Brenda M. Masters-Stout (MSA '05) is with Fleming, Tawfall, & Company, P.C.

Nandini A. Nagraj (MS '05) will be a financial analyst with Sodexo in Orlando, Fla.

Jonathan A. Sadowski (BSA '05) is a staff accountant for Spectrum Healthcare.

Erica L. Schultheis (BSA '05) is in the internal audit department at the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Lucas N. Shook (BSA '05) works at Fleishman Hillard. He was married last November and resides in Freeburg, Ill.

Ariana N. Tamika Watson (BSA '05) specializes in auditing nonprofit organizations for a mid-size firm in Washington, D.C.

Kristen M. Winkler (BA '05, MS '07) is with Macroeconomic Advisors in St. Louis, Mo.

Vincent R. Zehme (BSA '05) is a criminal investigator for the IRS. He has completed his training at the Federal Law Enforcement Center.

Thomas L. Biggs (BSA '06) is with Scheffel & Company in Edwardsville, Ill.



Mia J. Brooks (BS '06) was named a "Power of 10 Award Winner" by Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, recognizing success in building her business and developing a client base.

Ann C. Fulford-Jones (BSA '06) is an internal auditor for Emerson and has been assigned an audit in Germany.

David W. Hallidy (MS '06) is a risk analyst with JI Companies in Austin, Texas. He and his wife Anne (BS '06) live in Austin.

Nathan L. Hart (BS '06) is the project engineer with Concrete Group for Tarlton Team in St. Louis, Mo.

Greggory T. Homrighous (MS '06) and *Nedchanok "Pim" D. Thithuan* (MBA '03, MS '06) were married October 21, 2007, in St. Louis, Mo.

Reza Karim (MS '06) is a business instructor at Des Moines Area Community College in Des Moines, Iowa.

Lauren N. Duby Lee (BS '06) is an external auditor at RubinBrown, LLC in Clayton, Mo.

Jennifer A. Morgan (BS '06) is the human resources coordinator for ARCO/Murray Corporate Services in St. Louis, Mo.

Jessica C. Roehl Ohlendorf (BSA '06) is a staff leader for Spectrum Healthcare, a market leader in contract healthcare management. She was married last October.

Linda M. Potthast (BS '06) was married last October to Peter J. Sambor.

Charminca S. Rodgers (BS '06) is a project engineer at S. M. Wilson & Company.

Eric D. Sachtleben (BSA '06) works for Scheffel.

Ryan B. Sims (BSA '06) is with RubinBrown, LLC in Clayton, Mo.

Jennifer D. Speidel (MSA '06) is an internal auditor for Emerson.

Faculty/Staff

H. Lynn Beck, instructor in the Economics & Finance Department traveled to Moldova, Russia, over the holiday break to work with area farmers to create production plans.

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, assistant professor in the Management & Marketing Department, will present "Patterned Moral Behavior" at the International Association for Business and Society's Annual Meeting this summer in Florence, Italy.

Gale A. Hoedebeck, administrative secretary for the SIUE School of Business Development Office, was named the SIUE Employee of the Month for February 2007.

Dr. Ali M. Kutan, director for the Master of Science in the Economics and Finance Program, was invited to attend the "Conference of Market Development and Investment Strategies" held in Taipei, Taiwan.

Dr. John B. Meisel, professor in the Economics and Finance Department, served as the forum moderator for the SIUE Intercollegiate Athletics Task Force. The task force laid out the pros and cons that assisted the University in deciding to pursue the change to Division I athletics.

Dr. Yuk-Chow (Jacky) So, former chair of the Department of Economics and Finance, is the dean of Texas A&M International University's College of Business Administration. He was selected to be the first Laredo National Bank/BBVA Group Distinguished Professor of International Finance.

Dr. George W. Watson Jr., associate professor in Management and Marketing, will present "Patterned Moral Behavior" at the International Association for Business and Society's Annual Meeting this summer in Florence, Italy.

Dr. David J. Werner recently was named to the nationwide Committee of Recognition of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) by its Board of Directors. For the academic year 2005-06, he served as interim president of Mansfield University in Pennsylvania, and has consulted Japanese educators about accreditation procedures.

Judith M. Blase Woodruff (BM '77), the director of development for the SIUE School of Business, recently was named chair of the board of directors for Camp Ondessonk, a youth camp located in the Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois, serving approximately 3,000 youth each year.

Laura A. Wolff, an instructor in Economics and Finance, was named to the NASBITE International Board of Governors.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

50th Anniversary Events

Time Capsule Opening Ceremony

Thurs., Aug. 23, 2007

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Stratton Quad, SIUE Campus

Founders Day Convocation

& Birthday Cake

Mon., Sept. 24, 2007

10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Vadalabene Center, SIUE Campus

Cake in Goshen Lounge, SIUE Campus

Flashback to the MRF

Thurs., Sept. 27, 2007

6:30 p.m.

Meridian Ballroom, SIUE Campus

SIUE Homecoming 2007

Fri. - Sun., Oct. 5 -7, 2007

SIUE Campus

See www.siu.edu/alumni/homecoming.shtml

for more information.

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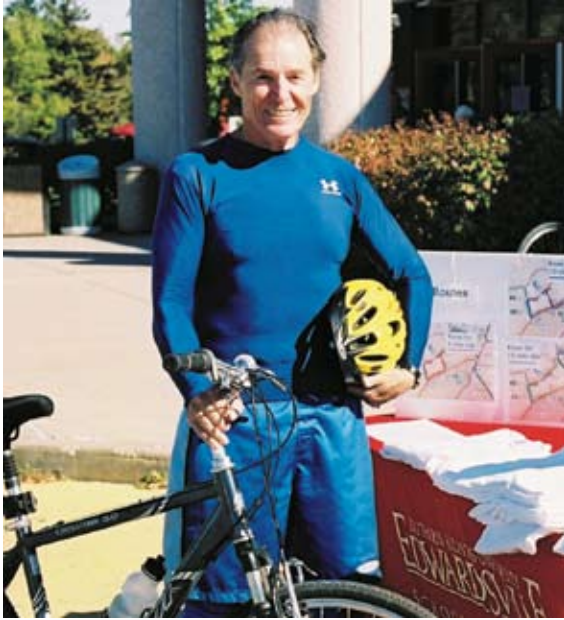
Dean's Society Dinner

Thurs., Nov. 1, 2007

6:30 p.m.

Missouri Athletic Club, St. Louis

Some Alumni Never Slow Down...



"I love SIUE, and I am certain that it is THE center of excellence for knowledge in Metropolitan St. Louis," said alumnus **Paul S. Zarlingo** (BA '66, MBA '73). "The professors, the classes, the campus were all just a wonderful experience. SIUE completely reshaped me." Zarlingo enrolled in SIUE's East St. Louis Center in 1958 and was one of the first students to graduate from the Edwardsville Campus.

"Because of SIUE I was able to work in the industry as a superintendent of a large metals plant and became the manager of a staff of 25, traveling throughout the U.S. and Europe providing metals experience to major corporations," said Zarlingo.

Over the years, SIUE has remained a large part of Zarlingo's life. Five of his six children graduated from the University, and he continues to relive his memories from SIUE by participating in events like the School of Business Bike Ramble last Fall.

Zarlingo stays in touch with SIUE as he cycles the 24-mile round trip from his home in Granite City to the center of campus. He began cycling in 2002 when leg injuries no longer allowed him to jog. Since

then, he has cycled more than 4,300 miles in addition to the 20,000 miles he jogged since 1974. After the Bike Ramble, Zarlingo was asked his age. As he stepped into his little red sports car he yelled over his shoulder "Seventy-two!"

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