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# SIUE Firsts

First person to receive an SIUE diploma -  
Gail Buenger, BS in Business in 1958



First man to graduate from the SIUE School of  
Nursing - Frederic Graves in 1961

First SIUE National Championship Athletics Team  
- Men's Soccer 1972



First woman to graduate from the SIUE School of  
Engineering - Shirley Stimac Eslinger, 1973 BS in  
Civil Engineering

First Concert at the Mississippi River Festival -  
The St. Louis Symphony on June 20, 1969



First graduating class from the SIU School of  
Dental Medicine - 1975



First graduating class from the SIUE School of  
Pharmacy - 2009



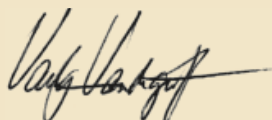
## Dear Alumni and Friends of SIUE,

Welcome to fall semester and the anticipation of new beginnings as well as the excitement of getting reacquainted during the Homecoming season. This issue of *eConnection* focuses on firsts. SIUE has enjoyed a number of them over the years and many of you have experienced them with us, for example: SIUE was named one of 77 up-and-coming universities in the nation in 2010 by *U.S. News & World Report* for our innovative changes; SIUE's first School of Pharmacy class graduated in 2009; on-campus residence became a reality with the completion of Woodland Hall in 1994; and the men's soccer team won the University's first Division I national championship in 1972. These were tremendous accomplishments and noteworthy in their inaugural status. Today, SIUE continues to enjoy firsts and the excitement is building:

- SIUE has reached the largest overall enrollment in the history of the school at 14,107, representing a 1.2 percent increase over last fall's enrollment. This is an all-time high in a climate of serious economic challenge. We are working hard to build on the momentum of recent years.
- For the first time since the Edwardsville campus was established, SIUE has taken a program to its sister institution. The SIUE School of Nursing has implemented curriculum at the Carbondale campus, where students will be taught by SIUE faculty yet participate in Carbondale area clinical rotations. The bachelor in Nursing will be awarded by SIUE.
- Over the past five years, SIUE has invested nearly \$250 million in updates and expansion. The existing Science Building is slated for renovation to coincide with new construction totaling \$78.9 million that is already under way for an overall Science Complex. This facility will be the campus's first academic building certified by the U.S Green Building Council with a LEED rating, denoting the highest green building standards and performance levels.
- This fall marks the first time that an SIUE women's team will play at the Division I level. Two teams have been fast-tracked during the University's current NCAA transition; softball now joins men's soccer as a Division I competitor. Alignment of the remaining teams should be complete in 2012, following completion of the NCAA Certification Self-Study process.

Undoubtedly, you have experienced some firsts in your association with SIUE. We invite you back during this Homecoming season to relive the excitement and energy of campus life in the fall. Check the University calendar at [siue.edu/events](http://siue.edu/events) for upcoming events and activities, and for ways in which you can get involved with the community that is SIUE. After all, that's what "homecoming" is all about!

Go Cougars! Go Big **e**!



Vaughn Vandegrift, Ph.D.  
SIUE Chancellor



# SIUE Today

## Head Start Alumnus Receives Scholarship

Bolajoko Adeniyi, a former participant in the SIUE Head Start/Early Head Start Program, based at the SIUE East St. Louis Center, won the National Head Start Association's Dr. Scott Harkley Memorial Scholarship. Dr. Scott Harkley Memorial Scholarship candidates are required to be Head Start graduates pursuing medical careers. Adeniyi said she received a great introduction to education as a preschool student at St. Joseph Head Start Center in East St. Louis, where her mother Mary Adeniyi was a volunteer. Her mother currently works at St. Joseph Head Start. "My mother has worked a long time for Head Start, and I volunteered at the Belleville Head Start Center when I was in high school," Adeniyi said. "I love children and we both realize the importance of good education." Adeniyi is currently a fourth-year student at Ross University School of Medicine. She is finishing clinical work in gynecology at St. Anthony's Hospital in Chicago and is studying for medical board exams.



## Generosity Helps Establish Fellowships

The Dremuk-Watts Fellowship in Special Education and also in Finance, aimed at prospective international students at SIUE, has been established through the generosity of Richard Dremuk, retired assistant vice chancellor for Enrollment Management, and his wife, Patricia. The couple not only helped foster the SIUE international student program more than 20 years ago but also has been among its staunch supporters. The Dremuk-Watts Fellowship in Special Education will help an international student seeking a master of science in education with an emphasis in special education. The Dremuk-Watts Fellowship in Economics and Finance, with a concentration in finance, prepares students for positions as financial analysts and marketing researchers in corporations or government agencies as well as teaching.

## Alumnus Named Woodrow Wilson Fellow

Daniel Sacre of Catlin, who recently graduated from SIUE with a bachelor of science in chemistry, has been named a Fellow in the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation and has been awarded a \$30,000 stipend to complete a special intensive master's program at one of four partner universities in Indiana. Sacre, who is among 80 Fellows named, will enter innovative teacher preparation programs at one of four selected Indiana universities—Ball State University, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Purdue University and the University of Indianapolis—and then teach in one of the state's high-need urban or rural schools for at least three years.

## Single Stream System Expected To Make Recycling Easier At SIUE

Recycling is more convenient for the University community. The Department of Facilities Management has switched from a pre-sort recycling system, where items are separated by type plastic, aluminum and paper to a no-sort system. Items now are simply placed in recycle bins together. "It's much easier for our people to pick up one container instead of three," said Steve Brandenburg, assistant director for building services and grounds. "And it's easier for the faculty, staff and students to drop their recycled items into one container and not worry about whether they put the contents into the correct one." The system the University has implemented is one that is common in other universities and school systems.

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## SIUE Yearbook Digitized

The SIUE yearbook, *Muse*, was first published in 1961, continuing annually through 1971. Original copies of the yearbook have been maintained in the Louisa H. Bowen University Archives and Special Collections at SIUE's Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial Library for many years. The *Muse* is available online as a Lovejoy Library digital collection. The digitization program began during the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University in 2007, and the *Muse* was added to the queue, awaiting its turn among several other collections at the library. "Even though they are typical yearbooks, they are filled with wonderful historical background for us now, with photos and text that give a perspective of life at this institution at the time," said Steve Kerber, University archivist and special collections librarian at Lovejoy. "These yearbooks have been studied frequently by alums while faculty members have used them as research resources for students in classes."



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John Cwan, Harriet Landwehmeier and Donna Yates working on the 1966 *Muse*

## Two SIUE Scholars Receive Vaughnie Lindsay Awards

Edward Navarre, assistant professor of chemistry, and Jason Stacy, assistant professor of historical studies, are this year's recipients of the Vaughnie Lindsay New Investigator Awards, an award aimed at helping promising young faculty members further their research careers. Each will receive one year of support to pursue a major research project in addition to their normal duties as faculty members.



Since receiving a doctorate in 2002, Navarre has developed high-level work in the areas of analytical chemistry and atomic spectrometry, publishing in top journals as well as presenting at conferences nationally and internationally. For his Vaughnie Lindsay project, Navarre proposes to develop a portable, automated instrument for elemental analysis in

disciplines such as art conservation, forensics and public health. Working with collaborators in SIUE's Department of Electrical Engineering, Navarre's lab will develop a power source and experiment with analytical methods for detecting trace elements in paints and physiological fluids. The end result will be an energy-efficient, inexpensive and portable instrument that will allow researchers to extract and analyze samples in the field or in the laboratory.



Stacy has been teaching in SIUE's Department of Historical Studies since 2006. As a professor of U.S. history, he has worked to establish expertise in antebellum American cultural and intellectual history. Along with numerous peer-reviewed articles and presentations, Stacy's book, *Walt Whitman's Multitudes: Labor Reform*

*and Persona in Whitman's Journalism and the First Leaves of Grass 1840 – 1855* (Peter Lang Publishing Inc., 2008) and edited volume, *Leaves of Grass 1860: The 150th Anniversary Facsimile Edition* (University of Iowa Press, 2009), have enhanced his reputation as a rising star of Whitman studies. Stacy's project focuses on his next book, *The Future's Past: Experimental Histories in the Early American Republic*. Stacy will trace the sometimes ambivalent and tense relationship between popular and professional history to the 1830s and 1840s when Americans first began to wrestle with contested memories of their origins. The book explores how contemporary authors negotiated popular and traditional historical writing to create a particularly American history of the nation's origins.

## Great Teacher Award Recipient 2010



### **Nahid Shabestary, Associate Professor of Chemistry**

In 1970, the SIUE Alumni Association established the Great Teacher Award program to recognize an SIUE faculty member for his or her continuous excellence in teaching. The criteria for the award includes a commitment to excellence and originality in teaching at SIUE, superior knowledge of his or her subject matter, original

and innovative classroom presentations, and demonstrated concern for students, both in and out of the classroom.

The recipient of this year's award meets and exceeds these criteria. Nahid Shabestary joined the SIUE faculty in August 1993 as an instructor in the Department of Chemistry. Just three years later, she received the SIUE Teaching Recognition

Award. Shabestary became an assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry in August 2004, and in July 2008 she was named to her current position as an associate professor. Shabestary is widely published and is a member of the American Chemical Society. At SIUE she has taught classes ranging from General Chemistry to Introduction to Chemical Problems to Advanced Physical Chemistry.

Her academic credentials are exemplary, but it is her interaction with students which resulted in multiple nominations for this award.

### **Great Teacher Award Submission Comment**

*"To me, Dr. Shabestary is more than a professor. She is a confidante, a friend, a mother-figure ... someone I respect and admire, not just for her excellence in science, but for her excellence as a nurturing woman."*



# Hey Cougar Fans!

Join the Cougars on the road! Alumni events are being planned for men's basketball games on Nov. 14 at Illinois State, Dec. 8 at Loyola (Chicago), Dec. 17 at Indiana, as well as in March with the SIUE women's team in Ft. Myers, Fla., while the team is at the Florida Gulf Coast Tournament.



## 2010-11 Men's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 7 — <b>Webster</b> (Exhibition Game)	Dec. 23 — <b>at Las Vegas Classic</b>
Nov. 12 — <b>IPFW</b>	Dec. 30 — <b>at Murray State</b>
Nov. 14 — <b>at Illinois State</b>	Jan. 3 — <b>at Ball State</b>
Nov. 17 — <b>at Eastern Kentucky</b>	Jan. 8 — <b>South Dakota</b>
Nov. 20 — <b>MacMurray</b>	Jan. 11 — <b>at IPFW</b>
Nov. 24 — <b>at UMKC</b>	Jan. 18 — <b>Eastern Kentucky</b>
Nov. 26 — <b>at Iowa</b>	Jan. 24 — <b>UT Martin</b>
Nov. 28 — <b>Morehead State</b>	Jan. 26 — <b>Murray State</b> <i>SIUE Alumni Night!</i>
Dec. 1 — <b>at Tennessee Tech</b>	Jan. 29 — <b>Greenville</b>
Dec. 4 — <b>Middle Tennessee State</b>	Feb. 1 — <b>Southeast Missouri</b>
Dec. 8 — <b>at Loyola</b>	Feb. 3 — <b>at South Dakota</b>
Dec. 11 — <b>Kennesaw State</b>	Feb. 12 — <b>Robert Morris</b>
Dec. 17 — <b>at Indiana</b>	Feb. 19 — <b>ESPN Bracketbusters</b>
Dec. 19 — <b>at Northern Iowa</b>	Feb. 22 — <b>Tennessee Tech</b>
Dec. 22 — <b>at Las Vegas Classic</b>	Feb. 24 — <b>Hannibal-LaGrange</b>

## 2010-11 Women's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 6 — <b>North Central</b> (Exhibition Game)	Jan. 9 — <b>South Dakota</b>
Nov. 12 — <b>Morgan State</b>	Jan. 11 — <b>Tennessee State</b>
Nov. 16 — <b>Wichita State</b>	Jan. 17 — <b>Eastern Kentucky</b>
Nov. 20 — <b>at Illinois State</b>	Jan. 19 — <b>at Morehead State</b>
Nov. 23 — <b>at UMKC</b>	Jan. 25 — <b>Murray State</b>
Nov. 26 — <b>Austin Peay</b>	Feb. 1 — <b>Southeast Missouri</b>
Nov. 28 — <b>Saint Louis</b>	Feb. 3 — <b>at Eastern Illinois</b>
Dec. 3 — <b>DePaul</b>	Feb. 8 — <b>at Tennessee State</b>
Dec. 5 — <b>Ball State</b>	Feb. 16 — <b>IPFW</b>
Dec. 9 — <b>at Missouri State</b>	Feb. 22 — <b>Tennessee Tech</b>
Dec. 12 — <b>Morehead State</b>	Feb. 26 — <b>at Cal State Bakersfield</b>
Dec. 19 — <b>at Kansas</b>	March 4-6 — <b>at FGCU Tourney</b>
Dec. 22 — <b>at Indiana State</b>	March 10 — <b>at Arkansas</b>
Dec. 30 — <b>at Murray State</b>	
Jan. 6 — <b>Eastern Illinois</b>	

Fall sports schedules and ticket information are available online.





# 2010 Athletics Hall of Fame

**Tom Galati**, second team All-American for the men's soccer team in 1973, played four seasons as a defender for SIUE from 1970 to 1973 and was a member of the 1972 national championship team.

**Mike Kelley**, All-American midfielder in 1978, made his SIUE debut in 1977, leading the Cougars to a 12-4-1 record and a third-place finish in the NCAA Division I Tournament.

**Tom Reed** wrestled in the 118-pound weight class from 1977 to 1981. He was SIUE's first four-time Division II All-American and was an All-American in Division I (fourth place) in 1980.

**Becki Saylor** posted a career record of 77-38 with the Cougars Softball team from 1980 to 1984, finishing with an impressive 1.17 earned run average. She owns three of the six lowest ERAs in school history. Saylor threw the first perfect game in school history against Elmhurst in 1984.

**George Vogel** broke numerous school records from 1980 to 1983. The first person in school history to record more than 200 career hits, Vogel was an All-Region outfielder in 1983. He set the career record in home runs with 27.

**Dick and Jean McDonald** have been long-time supporters of Cougar Athletics. Jean was a secretary and administrative assistant from 1978 to 2002. Dick spent many years as a fan and mentor to the men's and women's basketball programs. He spent two seasons as an assistant coach for the women's basketball team.

**1986 Wrestling Team:** Coach Larry Kristoff and the Cougars repeated for a third straight season as the NCAA Division II team champions in 1986. The Cougars beat Edinboro by 13 points with three champions: Tim Wright at 118 pounds, Alan Grammer at 126 pounds, and Steve Stearns at 134 pounds. SIUE finished the season with an overall record of 11-8. During the season, SIUE produced eight All-Americans.

*Read more about the 2010 Athletics  
Hall of Fame Inductees*

[siuecougars.com](http://siuecougars.com) 

# Academic Success

For the eighth consecutive semester, SIUE student-athletes have recorded a combined grade point average (GPA) above 3.0. SIUE student-athletes collectively posted a combined GPA of 3.099 for the 2010 spring semester.

The SIUE men's basketball team earned a 2009-2010 Ohio Valley Conference Team Academic Achievement Award which is presented annually to each Conference-sponsored sport. An award is given to a member institution's team with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.

SIUE finished second overall as an institution among OVC schools in the 2009-2010 Institutional Academic Achievement Awards which is presented to a member institution with the greatest percentage of its student-athletes named to the OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll.

The SIUE Athletics Department has completed year two of reclassification to NCAA Division I status. SIUE is an active member of the Ohio Valley Conference, as well as the Missouri Valley Conference in men's soccer.

# Men's Soccer Team Travels to England



In the year when the World Cup captivated the world, SIUE Men's Soccer Coach Kevin Kalish took his team on a once-in-a-lifetime journey. The Cougars traveled to England, where the team played four games and had the opportunity to see some of the top stadiums in the English Premier League.

The Cougars finished with a 3-0-1 record in England. Kalish and the Cougars hope the trip will pay dividends once the Cougars begin their first season in the Missouri Valley Conference.

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# About the SIUE Alumni Association

Since being established in 1957, our University has produced more than 85,000 graduates. The SIUE Alumni Association

was established in 1973 to help keep these alumni connected with SIUE, friends and classmates. The Association is served by a volunteer Board of Directors, with members of that board representing every College and School at SIUE.



Board members may change, but the mission of the Association remains the same:

*The SIUE Alumni Association, as the voice of SIUE alumni, will foster the advancement of SIUE alumni and will strive to support SIUE, its students and the community.*

Realizing there are experiences unique to certain Schools, Colleges and individual alumni, the Association has assisted in the establishment of organizations which represent those unique experiences. Those organizations are the

- SIU School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association
- SIUE School of Pharmacy Alumni Association
- Black Alumni Association

Participation in each of these organizations **requires** membership in the SIUE Alumni Association.

## What Alumni Association Membership Means to You

- The Association gives you a “voice” within the University and among your fellow graduates.
- Your dues fund scholarships for SIUE students and lifelong learning opportunities for you.
- Networking and career development services are available to help you advance personally and professionally.
- Association and University activities provide opportunities for you to stay connected, socialize and enrich your life.
- Membership benefits save you money on everything from car rentals to goods and services.\*
- Association community service projects and our student mentoring program give you the chance to “give back.”
- You’ll keep up with the latest news through the alumni magazine and other University information.
- Be recognized for your accomplishments through our website, publications and the SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame.
- Your involvement makes our University stronger, which enriches the value of your degree, a degree which grows more valuable as the reputation of our *alma mater* continues to grow on the national educational stage.

*\*Our membership benefits do change and are enhanced regularly. For the latest listing, visit [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni).*

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*Please feel free to stop by our office in Birger Hall.*

# 2010-2011 Legacy Scholarship Winners

The SIUE Alumni Association provides assistance to the children, grandchildren, siblings, spouses and partners of Association members through the Legacy Scholarship program. Each year, two full scholarships—one to a current undergraduate student and one to an incoming freshman—in addition to five \$100 scholarships, are awarded.

## Current Student



**Lisa Mosby**

“Receiving the Legacy Scholarship means a lot to me for several reasons. First, my dad, who passed away this past year, would be very proud of my being a recipient of this scholarship. Secondly, receiving the Legacy Scholarship provides me with the opportunity to attend college full-time, graduate

with less student debt and transition more quickly to becoming a productive worker in this area. Thirdly, receiving this scholarship provides me with more options and opportunities while attending school. And finally, on a nostalgic note, my parents attended SIUE in the late 1960s. In fact, they met there while working at the University library. Being a recipient of the Legacy Scholarship affects me emotionally, financially and on an opportunity level, as well as allowing me to share a part of my parent’s education tradition from SIUE as I begin my own journey there.”

## Incoming Freshman



**Kristina Copeland, Roxana Senior High School**

“I am honored to be given such an amazing gift from the Alumni Association. Any sort of assistance would greatly benefit me, but this gift is really very incredible. I never expected such kindness and generosity. My family and I literally cried when we read the

congratulatory letter. I knew from then on that my money troubles would be greatly eased. This scholarship greatly relieves my worries and even assures me that SIUE is the place for me. Money always seems to control people’s lives and decisions. I did not want to give up my dream college over something that, in reality, is so meaningless. Although going to college and growing up is hard, knowing that SIUE is the right place for me gives me strength and drive. I am willing to do whatever it takes to make my dreams come true. This scholarship has greatly changed my life and has helped to ease my worries for the hard road ahead. I will never forget the people who have helped me become the strong, independent woman that I am today. My only hope is that upon entering SIUE, I can be what those people were for me, for someone else. This scholarship has ensured me to have a chance at this hope. I feel that SIUE is the place for me to achieve all of my dreams, and now the SIUE Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship will help me get there.”



*Helen Stahlschmidt King presents the Stahlschmidt Family Legacy Scholarships to the 2010 recipients. Kristopher Klette, left, of Edwardsville, and Matya White, right, of Neoga, both received \$1,500 awards. Klette is considering a double major in mass communications and economics. White hopes to pursue a degree in nursing with an emphasis in pharmaceuticals. The Stahlschmidt siblings established the awards in honor of their parents.*

## \$100 Legacy Scholarship Recipients

**Travis Blom, Litchfield Community High School**  
**Kimberly Bruning, SIUE**  
**Laticia Georgie, Missouri Baptist University**  
**Katherine Hanser, Triad High School**  
**Kira Long, Granite City High School**





# From Your SIUE Alumni Association Board President

Dear Alumni and Friends,

## *Coming Home.*

More than 80,000 graduates make up our amazing alumni network. Whether you graduated in 1968 groovin' to Otis Redding's "Sittin' On The Dock of The Bay" or in 2010, gyrating to "Alejandro" by Lady Gaga, you're part of University nation *Coming Home* to SIUE.

But, our *Coming Home* encompasses myriad opportunities besides loading up the SUV or, in some cases, the '60s Volkswagen van to camp at the campus.

Now we're *Coming Home* to SIUE via LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook, re-connecting with old friends and faculty across town and across the country. A couple of weeks ago, I was reacquainted via SIUE's Facebook account with an old SIUE chum from the early '70s who lives in Chicago where he continued his music degree to become one of the nation's premier restorers of historic pipe organs.

Now we're *Coming Home* to SIUE via alumni networking and social events, be it Belleville, St. Louis, Washington, D.C., or San Francisco. We even reconnect while swinging a hammer building homes for Habitat for Humanity.

We're *Coming Home* to SIUE with travel programs such as skiing in Colorado, a trip on the Historic Trains of California or a 10-day trip called Reflections of Italy.

We're *Coming Home* to SIUE by providing amazing business connections and partner programs for our members as well as important educational assets, outreach programs and cultural events.

And if you still want to load up the van, join us Oct. 8-9 for Homecoming, including our annual Chili Cook-Off, men's soccer against Bradley, Cougar Fest, club football game against Ohio State and much more. Check it out at [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni).

So, come January, I'll see you on the slopes, or I'll rub elbows with you at Fast Eddies in Alton. Maybe we'll get together to mentor an undergrad at a local coffee shop and most certainly look for me on Reunion Row at Homecoming 2010 as we renew our passion for our University. Chimega lives on!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bev Henderson-George".

Bev Henderson-George, '75 BA, '79 MSED  
SIUE Alumni Association President





# Homecoming 2010

## SIUE Homecoming - October 4-9, 2010

Make plans now to join SIUE for Homecoming 2010! You won't want to miss an exciting, event-packed weekend with the SIUE Alumni Association including the Hall of Fame Dinner and the AlumniZone Hospitality Tent. From the SIUE soccer game and Chili Cook-Off to the Club Football Game and Cougar Fest, we'll have something for everyone!

### Friday, Oct. 8

#### SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame Awards Dinner

6:30 p.m. – Cocktail and Appetizer Reception

7:30 p.m. – Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Conference Center, Morris University Center



### Saturday, Oct. 9

#### SIUE Club Football Game vs Ohio State

11 a.m.

Korte Stadium

#### SIUE Homecoming Cougar Fest and Alumni Reunion Row

2-6 p.m.

SIUE Soccer Fields

#### Ninth Annual Chili Cook-Off

6-7:30 p.m.

Korte Stadium



#### SIUE Men's Soccer vs Bradley University

7 p.m.

Korte Stadium

### Cougar Fest and Alumni Reunion Row

This new community festival will take place between the SIUE Club Football and Ohio State game and Men's Soccer and Bradley University game. The SIUE soccer fields will be filled with alumni reunion tents, food vendors, children's activities, games and more!

The SIUE Alumni Association and Campus Activities Board are sponsoring the main stage which will feature live music from three area bands:

- **Aaron Kamm and the One Drops**
- **Sheila Shahpari**
- **Mr. Wizard**



Main stage sponsor

The event is free and open to SIUE alumni, students, staff, family and community members.

## 2010 SIUE Alumni Homecoming Committee Members

Michael Mormino  
'82 BS, Psychology

Steve Renken  
'93 BS, Business

Ryan Downey  
'07 BS, Business

Kris (Zimmermann) Magee  
'80 BS, Elementary Ed.

Dr. Katie (Rathert) Kosten  
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'09 DMD

David Fulbright  
'90 MS, Env. Studies

Nicholus Hughes  
'02 BS, Mass Comm.

Adam Colvin  
'02 BA, Speech Comm.  
'04 MA, Speech Comm.



# Networking. Connecting. Fun!

Alumni events are all about you connecting with fellow alumni for business and pleasure! We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

## August 2010

STAT officers and board members traveled to Kansas City, Mo., for the CASE Affiliated Student Advancement Program District Conference. The Alumni Association hosted a dinner for area alumni to network with the students on Aug. 5 at Jack Stack's BBQ. CASE, *the Council for Advancement and Support of Education*, is "education's leading resource for knowledge, standards, advocacy and training in alumni relations, communications, fundraising, marketing and related activities."

The Alumni Association, STAT, the Office of Admissions and the Cougar Parent & Family Association hosted an SIUE Senior Send-Off reception in Effingham on Aug. 10. Incoming freshmen and transfer students had the opportunity to network with each other and meet local alumni during the free reception.



Back by popular demand – 150 SIUE alumni, faculty, staff and friends cheered for their favorite team during the SIUE Alumni Day at Busch Stadium on Aug. 15. The group enjoyed a pre-game lunch at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark before heading to the stadium to see the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Chicago Cubs. The Alumni Event Ambassadors for the afternoon were: Dr. Karen Kelly, '72 BS, '77 MS, '83 EdD; Stephanie Renken, '97 BS, '07 EDSP; and Kelley Brooks, '99 BS.



SIUE alumni, faculty, staff and friends enjoyed a happy hour event at Laurie's Place in Edwardsville on Aug. 19. The Alumni Event Ambassadors for the evening were: Veronica Armouti, '86 BS, '95 MPA; Melissa Glauber, '03 BS; Bill Graebe, '64 BS; and Tom McRae, '82 BS.

The SIUE Alumni Association hosted a free alumni networking breakfast in Highland on Aug. 25. The featured speaker was Alberto Friedmann, a 2003 graduate from the SIUE School of Education, who is the coach of the U.S. Martial Arts Team and a 2009 SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame inductee. The Alumni Event Ambassadors. Thank you to Ralph Korte, '68 BS, and the Korte Company for hosting the event.



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### July 2010

SIUE alumni, staff and friends attended a happy hour event at Big Daddy's in Belleville on July 15. The Alumni Event Ambassadors for the evening were: Dr. Karen Kelly, '72 BS, '77 MS, '83 EdD; Kim Allen, '08 BS; and Darryll Tyler, '03 BS.

The Alumni Association, STAT, the Office of Admissions and the Cougar Parent & Family Association hosted a SIUE Senior Send-Off reception at the Illinois Executive Mansion in Springfield on July 20. Incoming freshmen and transfer students had the opportunity to network with each other and meet local alumni during the free reception.

SIUE alumni and students grooved to the live music of Peter Mayer's "Beyond Abbey Road" during the Whitaker Music Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden on July 21. Attendees enjoyed complimentary wine and cheese.

The SIUE Alumni Association hosted a free alumni networking breakfast in Granite City on July 27. The featured speaker was Jonathan Ferry, a 2005 and 2006 graduate from the SIUE School of Business who is the economic development director for the city of Granite City. The Alumni Event Ambassadors for the breakfast were: Steve Gregov, '86 BS; and Brett Briggs, '04 BS.



The Alumni Association, STAT, the Office of Admissions and the Cougar Parent & Family Association hosted an SIUE Senior Send-Off reception in Burr Ridge on July 28 and in Bloomington on July 29. Incoming freshmen and transfer students from each area had the opportunity to network with each other and meet local alumni during the free receptions.

### June 2010

SIUE alumni and friends attended a happy hour event at Schlafly Tap Room in downtown St. Louis on June 17. The Alumni Event Ambassadors for the evening were: Bev George, '75 BA, '79 MSED; El Douglas, '76 BA; Tim West, '07 BS; Bill Graebe, '64 BS; and Tom McRae, '82 BS.



The SIUE Alumni Association hosted a free alumni networking breakfast at the Alton Sports Tap on June 23. The featured speaker was John Simmons, a 1991 graduate from the SIUE College of Arts and Sciences, who is chairman & CEO of Simmons Law Firm. The Alumni Event Ambassadors for the breakfast were: Dr. Rhonda Green, '92 BA, '96 DMD; Christine Jackson, '06 BS, '08 MPA; and Kevin Rust, '74 BS, '80 MBA.



SIUE alumni, faculty, staff and friends enjoyed the Sunday matinee performance of *Wicked* at the Fabulous Fox Theater on June 27. The event included a pre-performance lunch at Jazz at the Bistro.



# Upcoming Events

## **SIUE Alumni Day at the Grafton Winery & Brewhaus**

Saturday, Oct. 23

## **2nd Annual SIUE Alumni Trivia Night**

Saturday, Nov. 6



## **3rd Annual SIUE Alumni Holiday Reception at the Illinois Governor's Mansion**

Saturday, Dec. 4



**For a complete schedule of events,  
visit [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni)**



## **Join the SIUE Alumni Association and Campus Recreation for the SIUE Annual Ski Trip to Colorado!**

**Sunday, Jan. 2 – Friday, Jan. 7, 2011**

**Winter Park, Colorado**

Package includes five-nights lodging and four days of lift tickets

\*Round trip charter bus transportation is available for an additional cost

SIUE Students: \$415

SIUE Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Student Fitness Center

Members: \$440

Guests: \$465

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## **Mysteries of India**

A Collette Vacations Exploration

Hosted by SIUE Emeritus Professor S. Narayan Bodapati

The Mysteries of India Exploration will begin March 10, 2011 and includes a 15-day journey of a lifetime, with an optional four-night stay in Nepal. The trip is limited to 24 travelers.

## **Complete trip itinerary**

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Join us Oct. 18 in Birger Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a presentation on *The Reflections of Italy* trip hosted by SIUE Professor Cathy Santanello.



## Arts & Issues Series 2010-2011



### **An Evening with George Winston - The Winter Concert**

Wednesday, Dec. 15,  
2010, 7:30 p.m.  
Dunham Hall Theater -  
LIMITED SEATING

### **Eisenhower Dance Ensemble**

"On The Move"

Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, 7:30 p.m.  
Dunham Hall Theater - LIMITED SEATING

### **Temple Grandin - "Visual Thinking, Autism and Design"**

Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011,  
7:30 p.m.  
Meridian Ballroom,  
Morris University Center



### **The Langston Hughes Project - Ask Your Mama: 12 Moods for Jazz**

Thursday, March 24, 2011, 7:30 p.m.  
Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center

### **Simon Shaheen**

Thursday, April 14, 2011, 7:30 p.m.  
Meridian Ballroom, Morris University Center



### **Ken Burns - "The Civil War"**

Wednesday, April 20,  
2011, 7:30 p.m.  
Meridian Ballroom,  
Morris University  
Center

### **500 Clown Frankenstein**

Presented by Arts & Issues and SIUE Xfest

Saturday, June 4, 2011, 7:30 p.m.  
Dunham Hall Theater - LIMITED SEATING

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## Theater and Dance

### **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

Oct. 13-17

### **Dance in Concert 2010**

Nov. 10-14

### **Miss Julie**

James F. Metcalf Theater  
Dec. 1-5 & 10-12

### **Colored Museum**

Feb. 23-27

### **Ubu Roi**

April 13-17

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### **Online — [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni)**



- Learn about membership benefits
- Check out upcoming events
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- Twitter
- Cougar Tracks (your on-line community)
- Stay connected with SIUE at [siue.edu/media](http://siue.edu/media)

### **In person**

- Social events
- Volunteering
- Lifelong learning opportunities



# Edwardsville Intelligencer

No. 228 MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 1965 EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS 8 Pages

## New SIU Campus Gets First Students

Thousands of students arrived for the first time at the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville campus this morning to register for classes.

Classes begin Sept. 22 at the campus, located about 2 miles southwest of Edwardsville.

The students beginning at 8 a.m., registered this morning at the new building they will occupy this fall.

Registration was held near the campus registrar's office, located in a former residence on La-r-r Road near Ill. 157. Expecting a congestion of automobiles and people at the registration site, some students arrived as early as 1 a.m. today.

Some took sleeping bags along with them and camped out at the registration site all night.

Projected enrollment at the new campus for this fall is 5,200 students. They will attend classes in two of five buildings currently under construction at the center of the 2,600-acre campus.

One building to be used is a combination classroom and faculty office building. For convenience, this structure will

also house some administrative offices which deal directly with students. The second building to be open is the library building which will include some temporary facilities until other buildings open.

Some space in the library building will probably be used for classrooms and the basement of the library will be used for a reading machine (t.p.)

The additional classroom space became necessary when it was decided that the scheduling would not be complete at the opening of classes. The science building, which at addition will be equipped with the use of a special grant, is scheduled to be open by the end of the year.

The building scheduled for completion next is a communications building which will house a theatre, audio-visual processing equipment and items. Space for radio and television broadcasting facilities also be included.

The fifth building, a trusty center, which will be permanent dining hall when completed, also, space for social and similar facilities included in the center which is being built by federal



Long Lines

Southern Illinois University students form long looping line on lawn of registrar's office today shortly before registration for fall term began at 8 a.m. A spokesman at the office said she had no idea how many students had registered by noon, but added that a line which remained over a block long all morning was moving quickly.

Intelligencer Photo



The line began forming around 3 a.m. Don, Sim, Bill, John and I had slept in sleeping bags so we would be the first in line.

Photographs



# First Student to Register at Edwardsville Campus

**August 1, 1965**, was a very special day for SIUE and five friends from Collinsville. That was the first day registrations would occur on the new campus opening that fall. Ric Stephenson and four former high school classmates decided they would be the first ones to participate in that piece of history.

"We decided to make a night of it," Ric said. "We arrived early in the evening and were first in line at the registrar's office, which was on Lewis Road at the time."

There wasn't much to the Edwardsville campus at that time. Food service was available from vending machines in the basement of the Lovejoy Library, and the Peck Classroom Building was open. Ric and his friends initially saw SIUE as an extension of their high school years, and enrolling in college provided them a student military deferment during a difficult time in our country's history.

What came out of it for Ric, who served as president of the Student Activity Board, was much more. "It gave me a solid foundation on which to build. The University was like our home," Ric said. "We watched it grow and develop, and I think that's why during the turmoil years of the Vietnam War, we never thought of damaging this University. We were part of this University and it belonged to us."

A shoulder injury, suffered playing intramural football on campus, prevented Ric from graduating in 1969 with a degree in government as planned. A low draft number and one year later, Ric graduated and enlisted in the army, securing duty in army intelligence. His three years of service ended and found him back at his *alma mater*, earning a master's in counselor education in 1975 and specialist degree and teaching credentials in 1977.

A career in counseling in California led to teaching and a role as the president of his teachers association. Ric returned to Illinois and got involved with the Illinois Education Association. He is now Regional Director of the Edwardsville office of the IEA, serving as business manager for the various educational unions.

On looking back on that night in line, Ric said, "We just wanted to be first in line, like anyone going to a rock concert or some other event. We never expected to have pictures taken of the five of us. Looking back 45 year later, that was pretty neat."



## Early Bird Frosh

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Five SIUE entering freshmen happily head long line of registering students after an all-night campout at registrar's office on Edwardsville campus. Boys, all from Collinsville, arrived at 1 a.m., slept in sleeping bags for a while in cars, then moved to head the line which began forming about 3 a.m. Left to right are Don Brunworth, Rick Stephenson, Jim Seka, Bill Lundak and John O'Donnell. Some 5,200 students were expected to sign up for fall classes today.



# First Rhodes Scholar

**Molly Kramer** grew up on the bluffs along the Mississippi River. Her mother still lives in the Godfrey home near the woods where Molly spent a great deal of time as a child. It wasn't until she came to SIUE that the influence of those deciduous forests would lead to activism.

Molly started her education at Blackburn College in Carlinville, but a shortage of philosophy classes led to a decision to transfer to SIUE. Two things occurred here which would alter the direction of her life. First, she encountered now Emeritus Philosophy Professor Sang-Ki Kim. "He was one of those professors you remember," Molly said. "He was very smart and very kind."

Then Molly got involved with environmental issues facing the Shawnee National Forest in far Southern Illinois and became more interested in environmental issues in general. That activism got her involved with kindred spirits on the SIUE campus. Her group learned of a plan to knock down a stand of woods on campus to construct a golf course for the business park being built. Molly became part of the campaign to stop it, an effort which was ultimately successful. "It was a long campaign and it taught me a lot about activism," Molly said. "It also reinforced my commitment to the environment. My whole direction changed because of being part of that campaign."

She graduated from SIUE with a bachelor's in psychology in 1990 and went on to study environmental ethics at the University of Montana in Missoula. While working on her master's thesis, which dealt with two British women who

*"I think education is most valuable when you can directly apply what you've learned to the world around you. The activism I was involved in at SIUE enabled me to do that."*



pioneered the animal rights movement of the early nineteenth century, she was encouraged to apply for a Rhodes Scholarship.

In 1992, Molly became the first, and possibly only, SIUE graduate to be named a Rhodes Scholar. She studied at Oxford for five and a half years. Eleven years ago, Molly moved to Oregon and began working with a group called Water Watch. She then "fell" into fundraising and moved to the Oregon League of Conservation Voters. She describes the organization as a political, environmental effort to elect political leaders to care for and work for the environment.

## Oxford University





# First MBA Student

In the world of “firsts” at SIUE, **Larry Heitz** can claim rights to the title “first person to graduate from the SIUE MBA program.” That accomplishment dates back to 1969.

Heitz earned his undergraduate degree in industrial management from Purdue in 1966. He realized halfway through the process that he was more interested in the business side of things. A position with Owens-Illinois Glass in Alton brought him to the region and brought about an opportunity for an MBA.

Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis University and SIUE offered MBA programs, but only SIUE was designed for someone who was working full time. “I could take classes Tuesday and Thursday and still graduate in a reasonable time,” Larry said.



While working on his MBA, Larry had moved to a position in the electronics and space division of Emerson Electric. They wanted him to move to another division, but Larry wanted to go elsewhere. He began a job with a company called Tubular Steel and credits his SIUE MBA with enabling him to capitalize on that opportunity.

Over the next 18 years, Larry held positions ranging from assistant to president to CEO. A corporate transition moved him to a board position and eventually an owner and acquirer of companies. “Over the course of the last 20 years, I’ve looked at literally hundreds of companies, to acquire them for others or myself.” In the process he’s studied the products being offered, the market place for those products, the financial positions of the companies, and the management teams.

He currently owns small manufacturing firms in Colorado Springs with international sales. Larry is also invested in a culinary school geared to training veterans, and the Institute of California which brings medical professionals from Mexico to work primarily with Spanish speaking populations in critical care applications.

Larry is on the board of and directs the volunteer program with Tumbleweed Youth Services in Phoenix. Serving homeless youth from 12-26 years old, it operates 12 different programs designed to get clients off the street and into an education and a job. On a personal note, a love of early American history led to an interest in early church history. That prompted a decision to seek a master’s in theology from the Fuller Theological Seminary, a degree he hopes to finish in three years. Larry has also embarked on what could be his toughest job yet. “I am working my way out of business, trying to be more retired.”

*“SIUE also emphasized course work in which I was extremely interested, including finance, marketing and business strategy. SIUE really met my expectations.”*

# SIUE Love Connection

A *Cougar* love story that was truly meant to be.

Walt Parrill and Mary Ann Kucinick met on Jan. 22, 1968, Walt's birthday. Their first date was the Winter Fest dance in the Student Union, but the real excitement began when the pair got "pinned."

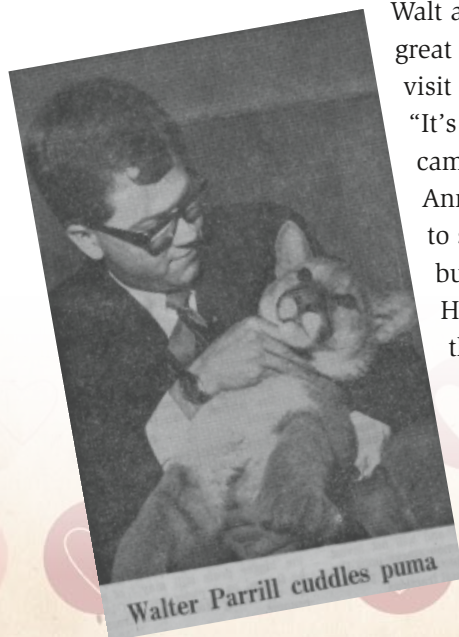
Walt said, "I gave her my fraternity pin (Alpha Phi Omega) and then two days later I had to go to Houston to pick up the cougar." That's right, he said cougar, and he's not talking about the Mercury car model.

During his time at SIUE, Walt Parrill led the committee tasked with acquiring a live cougar to serve as SIUE's mascot. After much research, the committee found a family in Texas willing to donate a cougar cub to the University. The first live cougar mascot arrived on campus on Feb. 19, 1968.

Upon the mascot's arrival, a "Name the Cougar" contest was held and students anonymously submitted names using their student ID numbers. "Chimega," which means cougar in the American Apache Indian language, was chosen as the winner. It was Mary Ann's submission.

*"I got it, she named it," Walt said.*

*The couple married on August 16, 1969, in Wood River.*



Walt and Mary Ann recall many great times at SIUE and still visit campus from time to time. "It's amazing how much the campus has changed," Mary Ann said. "It's interesting to see the names on the buildings – like Rendleman Hall – because we knew them."

The Parrills have kept in touch with several of the friends they met in college, and they still get together every few months to reminisce.



**Learn more about the history of the SIUE Cougar Mascot**  
[siue.edu/lovejoylibrary/archives/cougar/index.shtml](http://siue.edu/lovejoylibrary/archives/cougar/index.shtml)



Walt Parrill, '69 BA, Math Studies, '72 MBA, owns Automation Facilitators Inc. in Edwardsville.

Mary Ann (Kucinick) Parrill, '70 BS, Special Education, '92 MSed, Elementary Education, teaches kindergarten at Kreitner Elementary School in Collinsville.

*Read Walt and Mary Ann's full interview at [siue.edu/alumni](http://siue.edu/alumni)* 



# STAT — Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow

STAT offers SIUE students the opportunity to interact with alumni before graduation through social and educational networking events.

## Students Attend Network Conference

STAT officers joined student leaders from across North America at the annual Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Affiliated Student Advancement Programs (ASAP) Network Convention in Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 5-7. SIUE students networked with student alumni associations from universities across the country and learned about new program ideas for the SIUE STAT organization.



STAT officers who attended the CASE ASAP conference:

- Travis Bournes, Vice President
- Jamie Springer, Co-VP of Programming
- Kim Bruning, Co-VP of Programming
- Brandon Rahn, Past President

*"I learned a lot from other university student organizations. I am looking forward to putting some new ideas into action. I just want to thank the Alumni Board for their support!"*

—Travis Bournes

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Tina Galbiati, '01 BS, and Elizabeth Newbern, '88 BS, joined the STAT officers for dinner at Jack Stack's BBQ in Kansas City. Currently, 230 SIUE alumni live in the area.

*"The CASE ASAP conference was an amazing experience. It was very interesting to see how other schools are running their mentor/mentee programs and their outreach programs. I am very excited to share all that I learned at CASE ASAP with the rest of the STAT organization."*

—Kim Bruning

### 2010-2011 STAT Executive Committee

Brooke Woods, President  
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# Reaching Out

## *Knowing Your Purpose*

Venessa Ann Brown grew up in St. Louis where she decided at age five to be an FBI agent and an advocate for children. The woman, who also sees herself as the rebirth of Sojourner Truth, didn't complete the part of her dream of working for the FBI, but she remains an advocate for freedom and social justice. Venessa Brown left what she believed was a dream job working as a social worker for the children of Georgia to come to SIUE, where she realized she had found her purpose as the Assistant Provost of the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion.



**e:** Venessa, what led to your decision to come to SIUE?

**Venessa:** I went to Greenville College in Greenville, Ill., for my undergraduate degree in social work and psychology. I was working on my master's at Atlanta University when the past president of Greenville wrote me, encouraging me to

get my Ph.D. I earned my Ph.D. at Clark Atlanta University while working for the DeKalb County Department of Family and Children Services and with then-District Attorney J. Tom Morgan in preparing children to testify in the DeKalb County Superior Court. I earned my Ph.D. as a Pew Fellow and in exchange you have to teach in a Christian College, so

I returned to Greenville College as the first African-American tenure track faculty, in the then-103-year history of the institution. I was presenting a paper when Marv Finkelstein, the moderator of the program and an SIUE employee, said, “You need to come to SIUE.” I also met Suzanne Kutterer-Siburt through a flood relief grant and she encouraged me to come to SIUE. Little did I know that Dr. Marv Finkelstein would become my mentor, friend and advocate ensuring that I would become a full professor at SIUE.

**e:** What happened that led to your decision?

**Venessa:** Marv introduced me to Judy Cingolani who started the social work program at SIUE. When Judy and I met she told me, “You really need to come to SIUE.” My intention was to return to Georgia, but there was something about Judy. She was part of the ’60s, and she had a sense of social justice. That’s been at the core of my life; social justice, fairness and equality. Judy’s passion for justice and being part of the ’60s movement and civil rights movement reminded me of Sojourner Truth. She pleaded with me to come to SIUE and write the curriculum for the master’s program in social work. Then when Judy was unable to continue in the program, she told me, “You’ve got to stay here and see that this program gets fully accredited.” I took that to heart, because of my love for Judy.

**e:** Venessa, you’ve since moved through multiple positions in the SIUE Department of Social Work.

**Venessa:** Yes, I was a junior faculty, got tenure and went on to associate professor and now a full professor. I was director of admissions and program director for the master’s program in social work. I was the chair of the department when I was offered the position with the Office of the Provost. When I was hired, the position was the Office of Faculty Development and Diversity. There was no formalized way to look at faculty development here as well as to address diversity. The amount of time it took to look at faculty development didn’t do justice to the diversity piece, so that’s why the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion was created. The position includes overseeing the University Diversity Council, created in 2008 under orders from Chancellor Vandegrift and Provost Ferguson, minority recruitment and retention, university wide diversity training, and the SIUE East St. Louis Center. There we have the charter school, early Head Start and Head Start, five TRIO Programs, Project Latchkey, and Project Success. I think the thing that excites me the most is the Provost giving me the opportunity to work with the SIUE East St. Louis Center. East St. Louis has been part of our University commitment since 1957, and

we have an opportunity and responsibility to social justice to move that Center along with us. We will make it better for the children we serve and, ultimately, it is our hope that they will become a pipeline to our institution showing that a college degree is accessible from the earliest head start program to the degree to where you’re actually practicing as a doctor.

**e:** When you talk in terms of diversity, you’re talking about more than just racial and ethnic diversity, correct?

**Venessa:** Yes, my office also oversees Safe Zone, a program available to the campus community and brings awareness to the gay, lesbian and transgender population. I also help coordinate the efforts of inclusion in the hiring process. The more we diversify and internationalize the faculty we bring their life experiences to our campus and we expose our students to other cultures and demonstrate that diversity is bigger than race. So when I think diversity, I think of sexual orientation, in religion, in anything really.

**e:** How would you assess the efforts being set forth by SIUE to create more diversity on campus?

**Venessa:** SIUE is a very welcoming institution. However, we’re just starting the conversation of how does an institution, as a whole, define diversity. Unfortunately in this area, diversity always comes back to race. So what we’re trying to do is move the conversation beyond race. I think we’re far on our way. I think it’s evident when you have 74 percent of your students saying SIUE is their first choice. I think it’s evident when minority students choose to come here, even when they have to pay. We have an opportunity here to really change the region. We have an opportunity here to have a conversation about race as a social construct and how the notion of race has been a barrier to true reconciliation and social justice.

**e:** Given the path you’ve taken Venessa, do you have any regrets?

**Venessa:** I’m very happy. I’ve had a number of opportunities that have led me to SIUE, and I’ve always said in life find your purpose and know your moment, and when it’s your moment, you’ll do what you’ve got to do. I stayed in the social work department initially because of Judy, but ultimately because it was where I was supposed to be at that time in my life. Coming to the Provost’s Office (Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion) has been a great opportunity to impact change at a different level. I have no regrets.





# Class of 2010

On October 8, 2010, the SIUE Alumni Association will induct 15 new members into the 2010 class of the Alumni Hall of Fame.

## School of Business



**Alfred "Al" Hagemann,**  
**'63 BS Business Administration**

Al retired as a partner from Arthur Anderson LLP, in 1998. He has since made investments in several small businesses and is a founding member of Heartland Capitol Investments. He is currently the owner of Alfred C. Hagemann CPA, and serves on the board of several not-for-profit and financial boards, including Financial Counselors Inc.



**Mara "Mitch" Meyers,**  
**'78 BS Business Administration, '81 MBA**

The woman named AdWeek Woman of the Year in 1987 has extensive experience as a brand manager, including positions with 7UP and Anheuser-Busch. Mitch is the former CEO of Zipatoni, an agency that grew to 350 employees with annual billing of more than \$40 million.



**Judge Milton Wharton,**  
**'69 BS Business Administration/MIS**

Milton earned his law degree from DePaul University in 1975. He was appointed an associate judge in St. Clair County Circuit Court in 1976. In 1988 he was elected a circuit judge in the 20th Judicial Circuit of Illinois. He could have retired from the bench some years ago, but continues to serve with no pay.

## College of Arts & Sciences



**Ted Garcia, '71 BS Mass Communications**

Ted's career in television broadcasting spans more than four decades. His most recent position was as senior vice president for television content at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). Garcia also served on the national Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) Board.



**Dee A. Joyner, '71 BA Government,**  
**'73 MS Government**

Dee is senior vice president of Commerce Bank, responsible for organizational development and community relations. Prior to joining Commerce, she served as chief of staff to former St. Louis County Executive H.C. Milford.



**Gilbert "Gib" Singleton,**  
**'67 BS Arts Education**

Gib studied at the Art Institute of Chicago, where he was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Italy. He later worked at the Vatican art studio, assisting in the restoration of Michelangelo's Pieta and also produced the crucifix which graced the crosier carried by Pope John Paul II and now by Pope Benedict XVI.



**P. Dewayne Staats,**  
**'75 BS Mass Communications**

Dewayne has been the television announcer of Major League Baseball's Tampa Bay Rays since the team was founded in 1998. He anchors FOX Sports Florida and Sun Sports Emmy Award-winning Rays Television broadcasts.



**John Q. Walker, '76 BS Math Studies & BA in Music, '78 MS Computer Science**

Dr. Walker is an inventor and entrepreneur who uses computer technology and recordings of legends like Rachmaninoff to create extraordinary re-performances that sound as if you were in the room when they were originally played. He is co-founder of Zenph Sound Innovations.







### School of Dental Medicine



**Dr. John Markarian, '77 DMD**

Dr. Markarian is founder of Associated Pediatric Dentistry LTD and has maintained a private pediatric dental practice in Southern Illinois for over 30 years. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. He has served on the faculty of the SIU

School of Dental Medicine for 23 years.

### School of Education



**Bev Henderson George, '75 BA English, '79 MSED Secondary Education**

Bev is president of Bev George & Associates, the oldest independent real estate firm in the Edwardsville area. She has authored five published real estate courses, lectured at real estate seminars internationally, and serves as

the chair of the Illinois Association of Realtors Professional Standards and Education committees.



**Gary W. Swalley, '74 BA American Studies, '98 MSED Educational Administration**

Gary is an educational consultant for the Madison County Regional Office of Education. With more than 30 years in education, Gary serves as a national voice in education as a board member on the

National Council for the Social Studies and inductee to the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

### School of Engineering



**William "Hal" Gentry, '82 BS Computer Science**

Hal has more than 25 years experience building global software start-up companies. Most recently, he was co-founder and CEO of GridLogix which was purchased by Johnson Controls in 2008. He is currently

an investor, board member and mentor for several early stage businesses.



**Bruce P. Schopp, '82 BS Civil Engineering**

Bruce is a licensed professional engineer and structural engineer who has been with Oates Associates for 25 years. He has risen through the company and was recently promoted to President and COO.

### School of Nursing



**James Cato, '78 BS Nursing**

James is the vice president and chief nursing officer for the Eclipsys Corporation, where he supports the strategic planning and development of nursing solutions. He serves as adjunct faculty at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing in Baltimore.



**Carole Sims Hennessy Martz, '78 BS Nursing**

Carole has dedicated her nursing career to the care of people with cancer. The RN and APN is the clinical coordinator of the Living in the Future (LIFE) Cancer Survivorship Program for Northshore University

HealthSystem in Highland Park, Ill.



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# Class Notes

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## School of Business

**Doug Baum, '93 MBA**, CFO for the Ritenour School District, was named the 2010 School Business Official of the Year by the Missouri Association of School Business Officials (MOASBO). The awards recognizes MOASBO members whose work demonstrates personal excellence in service to their school district, community and profession.

**Tammy Craig, '82 BSA Accountancy**, of Parents as Teachers National Center, is a finalist in the small, non-profit category of the *St. Louis Business Journal's* Chief Financial Officer of the Year Award.

**David Hutt, '91 BS Business/Marketing**, a sales representative for Mutual of Omaha, has been named a member of the company's Chairman's Council for 2009. Only top sales producers of the past year qualify for the award. Hutt joined Mutual of Omaha in 2008 and serves Madison and St. Clair counties.

**Captain Clayton M. Kemmerer, '84 BS Business/Marketing**, Navy captain, was recently promoted to that rank while serving at the Navy Cyber Forces, Virginia Beach. Kemmerer was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

**Corey Newgent, '06 BS Business Administration**, of Civic Memorial High School in Bethalto, is the 2010 Coach of the Year for Small School Ice Hockey.

**John Rendeiro, '84 MBA**, vice president, security and intelligence for International SOS, and a member of the National Business Travel Association (NBTA) Travel and Meetings Risk Management Committee, led a panel discussion at the NBTA 2010 International Convention in Houston featuring real-life examples and best practices from the Haiti earthquake and other recent cases.

**U.S. Representative John Shimkus (R), '97 MBA**, is the recipient of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Spirit of Enterprise Award. The Spirit of Enterprise Award is given to members of Congress who vote at least 70 percent of the time on key votes selected by the U.S. Chamber.

**Grant Walsh, '80 MBA**, has been appointed the chair of the board of directors of Canada Lands Company Ltd. The appointment is made for a period of four years by Canada's Transport Minister and Minister of State.

**Raymond J. Wann, '62 BS Business Administration**, received his master of arts in Biblical Studies (Magna Cum Laude) from the Center for Biblical Studies in Tallahassee, Fla., in June, 2010.

## College of Arts & Sciences

**Veronica Felton Armouti, '86 BS Sociology, '88 MS Policy Analysis**, is proud to announce that her daughter, Nadia, received the Yale Book Award for Outstanding Personal Character and Intellectual Promise. The award was presented by the president of the Yale Club of St. Louis, Association of Yale University Alumni. Nadia is a junior at Incarnate Word Academy in St. Louis.

**Joey Avellone, '09 BS Political Science**, medically retired from the U.S. Marine Corp, is challenging incumbent state Rep. Tom Holbrook (D-Belleville) in the upcoming election.

**Janet Burnett, '94 MPA Public Administration**, has retired from her position as the Madison-St. Clair County director of the University of Illinois Extension program, after 20 years of service in that role.

**Cynthia M. Ellis, '01 BS Mass Communications**, was presented with the Alton YWCA Woman of Distinction Award during an awards ceremony on May 27, 2010.

**Chad Hurley, '01 BS Mass Communications**, recently opened Metals Market Recycling, part of Alton Materials. Hurley is co-owner of the business which is striving to make the large recycling facility a "one-stop shop."

**Leah Joyce, '05 MPA Public Administration**, is now serving as the "uptown coordinator" for the city of Collinsville.

**Kevin Klette, Jr., '06 BS Biological Sciences**, of Edwardsville High School, was named the 2010 Coach of the Year for Large School Ice Hockey.

**Lynn Kerkemeyer, '93 BS Political Science**, is the special exhibits manager at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis.

**Jessica Mefford-Miller, '02 BS Geography**, has been named to the *St. Louis Business Journal's* 2010 class of "30 People Under 30" having an impact on the region.

**Paige Mettler-Cherry, '96 MS Biological Sciences**, has been named dean of academics at Lindenwood University-Belleville. She previously served as an associate professor of biology and chair of the Biology Department at the university's St. Charles, Mo., campus.

**Gary Metze, '83 BA Music**, took home top honors as the winner of the 2010 "Stars of Tomorrow" competition at Alton Little Theater. His son Kyle tied for first runner up.

**Cathey S. Newhouse, '95 BS Mass Communications**, appeared at a book signing for her new book *The Dream Mystery: Grandpa's Buried Treasure* in August at the Lau-Nae Winery in Red Bud.

**Gina Paulauskis, '05 BS Biological Sciences**, graduated in 2010 from the SIU School of Medicine. Dr. Paulauskis entered a urology residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She was also named the recipient of the Satu M. Somani Memorial Award. The cash award is presented to a senior medical student for outstanding performance in pharmacology and therapeutics.

**Eric Roberson, '93 BS Biological Sciences**, was named the 2010 Coach of the Year for High School Wrestling for his work at Alton High School.

**Luke C. Smith, '00 BS English**, was named chairman of the 2010 St. Louis Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk which was held Saturday at Busch Stadium. Luke currently serves as the communications and media director for Lutheran Senior Services.

**Elizabeth Stroble, '80 MA History, '84 MA American & English Literature**, has been selected as one of the winners of the *St. Louis Business Journal's* "Most Influential Women." Stroble is the president of Webster University in St. Louis.

**Brendan Lee Satish Tang, '06 MFA**, was among the recipients of the 2010 Sobey Art Award. The Sobey Art Award is Canada's preeminent award for contemporary Canadian art. Tang produces hybrid ceramic objects which combine a variety of elements.

**Richard "Rick" Welle, '80 BA Mass Communications**, has been named the new chief of the Edwardsville Fire Department. Rick had been serving as the acting chief and was selected for the chief's position in a competition involving 42 other candidates. Welle had been a captain with the Collinsville Fire Department before taking the acting chief position in Edwardsville.

**Elizabeth Westhoff, '96 BA English, '98 MA American & English Literature**, was recently named the first director of marketing for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Elizabeth had previously served as assistant director of communications for the Archdiocese.

**Robert "Bob" Wilber, '80 BS Mass Communications**, is now the team manager for Wilkerson Racing, which fields the NHRA Nitro Funny Car driven by Tim Wilkerson. Wilber, who currently resides in Woodbury, Minn., is the host of the team's blog on NHRA.com.

**Clyde H. Wiseman, '71 BA Speech Communication**, was recently lauded for his years of service and dedication to the city of Alton. Wiseman served as the mayor of Alton during the '60s, with the new Alton Lock and Dam 26 considered among his greatest accomplishments.

## School of Education

**Lori Blade, '88 BS Physical Education, '94 MSED Physical Education**, of Edwardsville High School, has been named the 2010 Coach of the Year for Large School Girl's Softball.

**Joseph Gentelin, '80 BS Geography, '97 MSED Secondary Education**, has retired after more than 30 years as a teacher. Gentelin began teaching at St. Ambrose in Godfrey in 1977. He began the soccer program at Marquette Catholic High School in 1979, where he coached until 1984. He came to Alton High School in 1986 and retired as a teacher of field ecology.

**Claudia Herndon, '77 BS Speech Pathology, '78 MS Speech Pathology, '94 MSED Secondary Education**, is serving as the campaign chairperson for the 2010 United Way Campaign for the Southwest Illinois Division.

**Tiffany Plank, '05 BS, Elementary Education**, recently created the tutoring center known as iLearn. iLearn stands for Increasing Learner's Educational Advantage in Reading and Numbers. The program tutors children from preschool to junior college with individualized lesson plans.

**Erin Taylor, '04 MS Speech and Language Pathology**, has been elected to the steering committee for the Division I Special Interest Group-Language, Learning and Education of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

**Kristen Reeb Wardlaw, '04 BS Psychology**, led her dance team from Metro East Lutheran High School to the 2010 State Championship of the Illinois Drill Team Association competition at the University of Illinois. Her squad also placed in the top 10 in the national competition.

**Daniel Wiedman, '78 BS Recreation**, of Marquette Catholic High School in Alton, has been named the 2010 Coach of the Year for Small School Softball.

**Sandra Wilson, '71 MSED Special Education, '90 SD Education Administration**, retired from her position as superintendent of the Bethalto School District. Upon her retirement, Wilson was honored by having the district's administration building renamed in her honor.

**Steve Wooley, '87 BS Health Education**, of Southwestern High School in Piasa, has been named the 2010 Coach of the Year for Small School Girls Basketball.

## School of Engineering

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*Thoughts from Steve Jankowski, '74 BS, Director of SIUE Alumni Affairs*

In this, the 10th edition of the *eConnection*, we felt it important to consider “firsts,” or possibly “trailblazers” at our *alma mater*. It is with deep appreciation that I ask you to consider this among those firsts.

It was 40 years ago this month that WSIE Radio went on the air from this University for the first time. Students were afforded the opportunity to “go on the air” at a 50 kilowatt, FM stereo station from studios in the basement level of what was then the Fine Arts and Communications Building. Those studios still exist in what is now Dunham Hall.



Among the first students to seize the opportunity was **Bill Wilkerson**, who went to work at KMOX radio, a station from which his voice was heard for years. **Keith Nabe** was the first student manager of WSIE. You may recall the name **Frank O. Pinion**, a well-known St. Louis radio personality. In the early days of WSIE, he was known by his given name of **John Craddock**. **Radio Rich Dalton** of K-SHE and K-HITS fame first learned his craft in the studios of WSIE. **Larry Forness** was the name his fellow students used when they spoke with him. Country music listeners now know him as **Larry Keith**. **Chuck Rathert** graduated from SIUE as a product of WSIE and into a forty-year career in radio broadcasting which continues today in his role of general manager of KFUO-AM Radio.

**Dewayne Staats**, whom we recognize with induction into the 2010 SIUE Alumni Hall of Fame, joined **Frank Akers** in doing the first live sports play-by-play on WSIE in September 1970. After graduating, Dewayne continued doing play-by-play for teams like the Houston Astros, Chicago Cubs and New York Yankees. He has been the broadcast voice of the Tampa Bay Rays since the team's inception. Frank graduated to begin a career in broadcasting as the news director of WRTH and KEZK radio before returning to SIUE. He first served as Director of the Office of Alumni Affairs and then general manager

of the place that gave him his start, WSIE Radio. In April 2010, **Adam Young** continued the proud tradition of WSIE “firsts” when he became one of only 20 top U.S. collegiate sportscasters nominated for the Jim Nantz award. Adam, who graduated in May 2010, is currently the play-by-play announcer and director of Broadcasting and Media Relations for the Fayetteville SwampDogs Baseball Club in Fayetteville, NC.

I was not among that group of “firsts,” but it was my pleasure to join the student staff of WSIE in 1972, first doing sportscasts before moving into the news department, eventually becoming the student news director. The “real world” experience I acquired in those studios, and on the air, led to my own career in broadcasting which spanned 35 years, taking me to places like KEZK Radio, KMOX Radio, KMOV-TV, and News Channel Five, all in St. Louis.

WSIE provided dozens of mass communication students with their first opportunity to experience the world of broadcasting. That experience and the reputation of these students, blazed a trail for dozens of students who followed. Faculty members like Kamil Winter and Barbara Tirre Regnell helped pave that trail with tremendous instruction and experiential opportunities that honed our skills.

Like each of us, WSIE Radio has evolved, changed and had its share of ups and downs. It is, however, still an important part of the fabric of this University, forty years after going on the air for the first time. I believe my fellow WSIE alumni would join me in saying thank you to the radio station and the great staff and faculty who used it to open doors to wonderful careers, great friends and colleagues, and a lifetime of memories.

*—A special thanks to Frank Akers for sharing his recollections on some of those trailblazers who seized this rich opportunity.*



# Cougar Village/Tower Lake Apartments

In the last four decades, thousands of SIUE students have set up residence in the campus apartments on Cougar Lake road. But many of those students probably don't know the real history of the cozy campus living complex they called home.

What is known today as Cougar Village was initially constructed in 1969 as Tower Lake apartments, the first on-campus apartment option offered at SIUE. The first phase of Tower Lake (currently the 400 side) was so popular during its first years that it was expanded in 1974 to include the Commons building and what is currently the 500 side.

***"Tower Lake was really built in response to the major energy crisis going on at that time,"*** said Mike Schultz, Director of University Housing.

Gas prices were rising rapidly at the end of the 1960s and into the 1970s. SIUE adapted to these economic changes so that more students could save money and avoid the high costs of commuting. Tower Lake was a convenient, inexpensive housing option then, and is still a smart choice for students today, as Cougar Village.

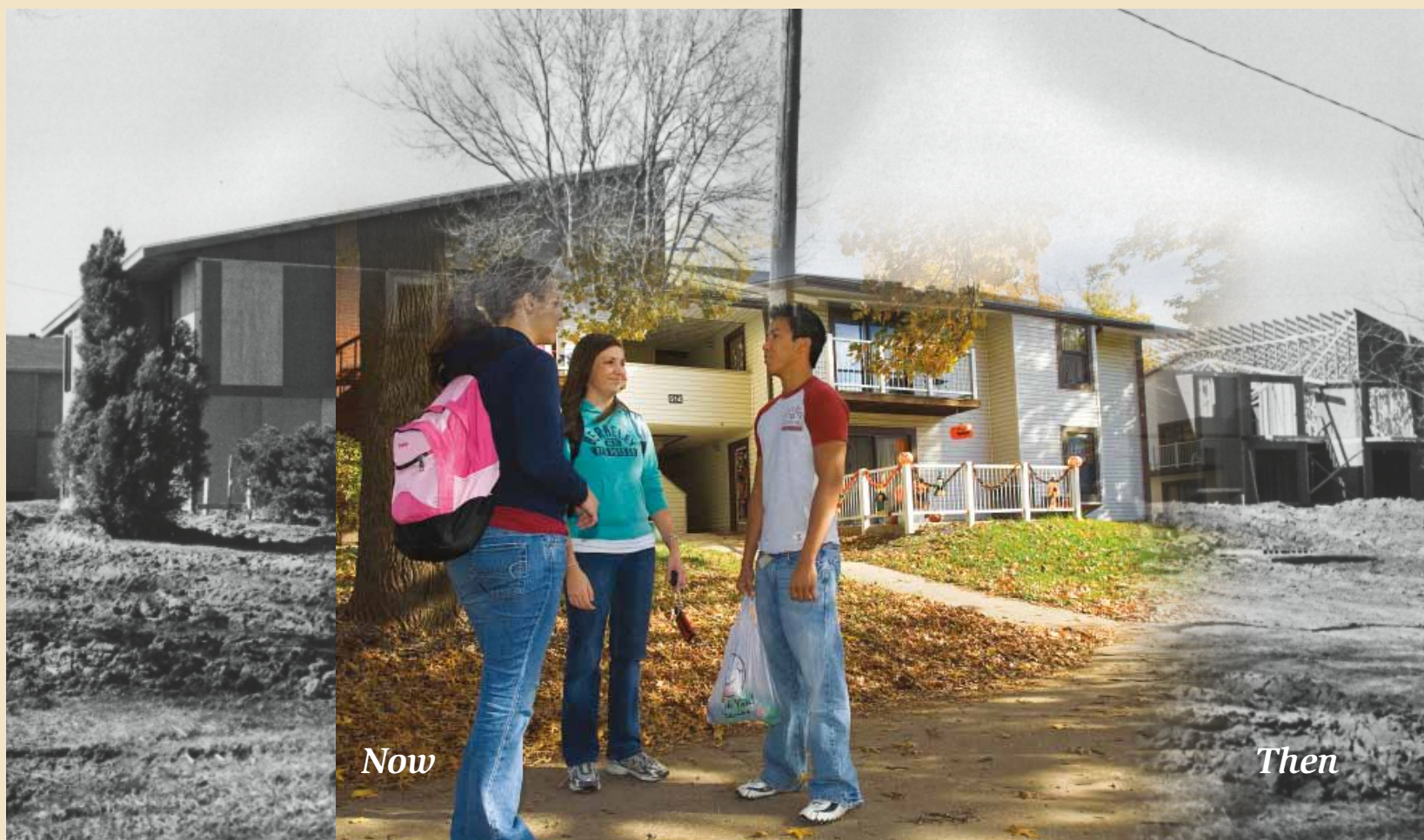
***"I chose to live there as a sophomore because it was reasonably priced and because it was so close. I took the shuttle to class most days,"*** said Ashleigh McElroy, BA 2008.

It's services like the free shuttle, the amenities in the Commons Convenience Store and Grill, and the many activities offered there that make Cougar Village a great place for SIUE students to live.

***"It caters right to college students,"*** said Schultz.

There are some exciting new developments for Cougar Village debuting this fall. Unit 529, which was damaged by fire last year, will reopen as new "focused-interest" housing. It includes the iHouse for international and recent study abroad students, as well as an area designated for Business Enterprise focused students.

The complex has evolved and grown over the last several years, with various renovations and a name change (in 1997), but through and through, it has offered students a community atmosphere that off-campus living just can't match.



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