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Dear Alumni and Friends of SIUE,

Welcome to the Fall 2009 edition of what is fast becoming a favorite campus publication. The *eConnection* highlights University news, upcoming events and stories to spark your favorite Cougar memories and, perhaps, rekindle acquaintances. This edition featuring the health services is no different. Even in the face of economic challenges, SIUE has continued to thrive and is poised on the brink of significant advances in the health sciences arena.

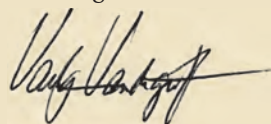
Here are just a few of the latest health sciences developments in SIUE's commitment to excellence:

- After nearly a decade of persistence and planning, SIUE is approved to receive funding for a project that will significantly enhance the science curriculum. Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn has signed the Capital Construction/Economic Recovery Plan, which includes \$78.9 million for the construction of a new SIUE science facility and the renovation of the existing science building to form a science complex.
- The SIUE School of Pharmacy program has achieved full accreditation status through the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. SIUE's School of Pharmacy is now being hailed as a national model of excellence for new pharmacy programs. Congratulations to Dean Phil Medon and the School of Pharmacy faculty and staff!
- The SIUE School of Nursing has received 10-year accreditation, the longest possible term, under the guidelines of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Not only did the accreditation team find the nursing program to be "inspiring," they found no areas of non-compliance.
- Also included in the capital bill is \$4.1 million for the SIU School of Dental Medicine laboratory facility in Alton that will house a new multidisciplinary simulation laboratory, which will serve as the primary site of instruction for approximately 100 first- and second-year predoctoral dental students.

SIUE has a long history of quality programming and excellent faculty scholarship in the health sciences. In this issue we offer both alumni profiles showcasing graduates of these stellar programs and insight into the potential for SIUE's continued impact on our region. These alumni have worked diligently to advance the growth and development of their professions and, in so doing, have brought honor, credibility and service to the University and their communities. We are proud to highlight their efforts and to partner with them in promoting the wellbeing of the residents of Southwestern Illinois and the surrounding region.

Please join us in celebrating the successes of SIUE and cheer us as we focus on the upcoming enhancement of our health sciences programming. We look forward to hosting you at your earliest opportunity to share in the excitement!

Go Cougars!



Vaughn Vandegrift, Ph.D.
SIUE Chancellor



SIUE Today

Summer Outreach

The **School of Engineering** hosted 50 high school freshmen, sophomores and juniors through the 2009 Summer Residential Program. The program introduced various engineering disciplines to bright young students through a set of fun, challenging and thought-provoking activities. Students learned about the impact engineers have on our daily lives through hands-on laboratory experiments, design contests and field trips.

Student Newspaper Wins Awards

The Alestle, SIUE's student newspaper, won several awards during the annual collegiate media workshops of the Illinois College Press Association (ICPA) Awards conference. Working members of the Illinois press served as judges.

- Headline writing: first place
- Sports news: second place
- Sports photography: third place
- Column writing: third place and honorable mention

"I was impressed by the pool of quality student work the judges selected from," said Tammy Merrett-Murry, faculty advisor and mass communications instructor in the **College of Arts and Sciences**.

Top Student Recognized

The **School of Business** honored more than 50 students for academic excellence and leadership at its Annual Scholarship and Awards Program.

Danielle Martin, a senior studying marketing, received the American Marketing Association Scholarship.



Great Teacher Award



Laura Pawlow, an associate professor of psychology, was named the Great Teacher of the Year for 2009. She was honored by SIUE Alumni Association at the summer term commencement in August. Pawlow has taught in the **School of Education** since 2003. She teaches biopsychology (the study of how

the brain's physiological makeup affects mental health), abnormal psychology and careers in psychology. At the graduate level, Pawlow teaches advanced biopsychology and cognitive behavioral therapy.

"I teach with remarkable professors, so to be recognized within a pool of such wonderful teachers makes me feel great."

Promoting Student Health

The expansion of the Student Fitness Center at \$10.5 million will include the addition of two multi-purpose rooms for group exercise and student activities, an office addition, a 30,500-square-foot gymnasium for courts, and a food and juice bar.



2009-2010 Legacy Scholarship Winners

The SIUE Alumni Association provides assistance to the children, grandchildren and spouses 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.

Incoming Freshman

Scott Berkel



“I have worked very hard for my education and have now reaped a reward for all my efforts. As the youngest of four, my parents have helped all my siblings achieve a college degree. With this scholarship, I can better afford my schooling and relieve my parents of any financial burden for the upcoming year. It is also a huge relief to know that I will owe less

in student debts when I graduate. Without this pressure, I will be able to focus on my studies. I feel pride for being acknowledged and intend to one day join my sister as an SIUE alumnus.”

Scott Berkel, Freshman from Edwardsville High School
Scott's older sister, Stacy, earned a BA in elementary education in 2002 and an MA in Education in 2006

Stahlschmidt Family Scholarship Recipient

Tiffany Frisbie, Granite City High School

Current Student

Emily Beyer



“The SIUE Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship is, to me, an affirmation of the rewards of hard work, perseverance and faith. With the help of this scholarship, I will be able to concentrate more fully on my studies in psychology and pursue some volunteer opportunities related to my field. I appreciate the opportunities this scholarship will afford me. It has fueled my desire even more to get an education not only to better myself but hopefully, in the future, the lives of others. Knowledge is power and I am brimming with gratitude knowing I have been given such great opportunities.”

Emily Beyer, SIUE Psychology Student

Emily's mom, Karen Beyer, earned a BA in art studio in 1980

\$100 Legacy Scholarship Recipients

Alexander Wolff, McClure High School

Robin Umbaugh, Edwardsville High School

Tobi Drilling, Prophetstown High School

Dane Brandon, Lewis & Clark Community College

Megan Allen, Mississippi Valley Christian School

SIUE Launches Official Athletics Web Site

Connect with us!



Up-to-Date Information

Season Ticket Information

Can't make it to the game? Catch live action here!

Attention Cougar Fans!

The new SIUE Athletics Web site will allow you to stay connected with your favorite teams at a whole new level.

The Web site features an improved design with updated news, blogs, RSS feeds, Facebook and Twitter access, mobile alerts, video streaming of live events and statistics about all aspects of SIUE Athletics as it continues its transition to NCAA Division I status.

Most significant is the addition of a number of CBS College Sports Web site features including GameTracker™ which allows you to follow live simulcast game action of your favorite teams. GameTracker™ provides updated stats, game details and full play-by-play for basketball, baseball, soccer and many others. SIUE Sports Information will provide editorial content and will soon launch an online store with SIUE Cougar merchandise available for purchase as well as an online auction site.

“The new Web site provides one-stop shopping for everything SIUE Athletics,” said Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs Todd Garzarelli. “The site showcases our student-athletes, offers better coverage of our 18-sport program and can serve as a tremendous recruiting tool for prospective student-athletes.”

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— Todd Garzarelli
Associate Athletics Director for External Affairs

SIUE worked with CBS College Sports to develop the new Web site: siuecougars.com.

Athletics Hall of Fame

The SIUE Athletics Hall of Fame honors top student-athletes, teams, coaches, administrators and friends. The 2009 class will be inducted during this year’s Homecoming celebration.

Lori Blade, Softball/Basketball

Jeff Cacciatore, Soccer

Vince Fassi, Soccer

Kevin Howe, Soccer

Keil Peebles, Basketball

August Schalkham, Cross Country/Wrestling/Track & Field

Pat McBride, Men’s Soccer Assistant Coach

1983 Baseball Team

Season Tickets

Join the excitement of SIUE Men’s Basketball with several different season ticket options. Take advantage of discounted ticket rates, and select your seats before tickets go on sale to the general public. You’ll be glad you did!

Young Alumni Package

SIUE alumni who graduated between 2007-2009 are eligible for a reduced season ticket price. Pay only \$75 for the season.

SIUE Introductory Alumni Package

Alumni who are new season ticket holders are eligible for a special rate of only \$100 for the season.

Visit the Cougars’ new Web site for ticket information: siuecougars.com



Built for Success

SIUE students asked for services to be more centrally located. They also needed more room to study and collaborate on projects. The new Student Success Center, which is attached to the Morris University Center, does all that and more.



The \$16.6 million, 68,000-square-foot center houses a comprehensive array of academic and support services for SIUE students all under one roof.

The Center houses the following services, allowing SIUE advisors and staff to help students find the support they need to excel at every stage of their college career.

- Academic Advising
- Honors Program
- Instructional Services
- SOAR (Student Opportunities for Academic Results)
- Disability Services
- Career Development Center
- Counseling & Health Services
- International Programs
- Student Government

Several unique spaces in the building will allow students to study and connect with others virtually and face-to-face. Some of these spaces will be open 24 hours a day.

Student support for the new building resulted in the passage of a fee for undergraduate students by Student Government to pay for the building and its maintenance costs. The environmentally-friendly Center was built to LEED green building standards to promote sustainability and preserve resources for future generations. Students were involved in the building process throughout its entirety, working closely with architects and administrators to approve the implementation of various green features.

- Light-colored roofing material absorbs less heat in the summer and loses less heat in the winter.

- Green roof blocks promote seasonal climate control and reduce environmental contaminants through waste water runoff.



- Polished concrete flooring which requires significantly less maintenance and contributes to lower energy costs by retaining heat in the winter and remaining cool in the summer.



- Daylight streams into the building through natural lighting fixtures, which provide superior lighting while reducing energy reliance.
- All concrete and steel contain recycled content.
- Translucent walls made from recycled milk jugs surround the basement computer lab.





From Your SIUE Alumni Association Board President

Dear Alumni Friends,

I often get the opportunity to interact with fellow alumni at various SIUE and community events. As I interact with our alumni, I am reminded of the fact that we are a volunteer organization of individuals who are business and community leaders. We have a single and common goal of furthering the core values of SIUE, while interacting with and supporting our fellow alumni.

We have heard from many of you and, in response, have increased the number of events and activities for the alumni, both in the local area as well as in other parts of the country. We have held 23 events to date in 2009, and we hope to increase that number further in the coming year.

Our goal is to be the best connected alumni association in the area, and we value your continued involvement and support. This magazine is sent to nearly 5,000 alumni internationally. Strengthening and expanding our alumni network is one of our main priorities. We are always glad to hear from you, whether it is to join the alumni board or a committee, to volunteer at an event, or to organize a new event in your local area.

We recently added the alumni affinity group for the School of Pharmacy and the Black Alumni Association, further increasing our activities and membership levels. STAT, the student alumni association, is in its second year and growing. We are also looking for ways to strengthen our bond with our community leaders and to get them involved in our exciting activities.

Finally, on behalf of the entire Alumni Association, SIUE leadership and from the bottom of my heart, we would like to thank Larry Lexow and Marcia Wickenhauser for their valuable service to the Alumni Board. As they retire from the board, they continue to be avid supporters of the Alumni Association.

Thank you again for your passionate support and, as always, stay connected and keep providing us with your valuable input on making our great association even greater.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ajay Kansal".

Ajay Kansal, '89 MS
President
SIUE Alumni Association





From Your Director

Greetings Fellow Cougars,

There is good reason to celebrate your affiliation with Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and the SIUE Alumni Association. In May, the SIUE School of Pharmacy held its first commencement—80 individuals completed the rigorous program of study, making history in the process. We welcome these doctors of pharmacy into our ranks.

In this issue, we are profiling graduates of the Schools of Pharmacy, Nursing and Dental Medicine, and the biological sciences program, a stepping stone for individuals pursuing a career in medicine. Future generations of graduates from these programs will mark this year as the time in which SIUE received funding to construct a new science building. This facility will serve to further enhance the quality of the University's already outstanding health sciences programs.

Your Board of Directors also completed work on the strategic plan. During that process, a new mission statement was conceived which better clarifies what we hope to accomplish for you. That statement reads as follows: *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.*

You notice the term "your voice." It is our hope that you will make use of the Alumni Association as a conduit to make your thoughts heard by the University which provided you with an education. The value of that education grows with each passing year, as SIUE and its alumni grow in stature. I invite you to visit our Web site, call us, write us or send us an e-mail to share your thoughts, suggestions, memories, compliments or complaints. With this program, we want to ensure your voice is heard and responded to. So, where needed, we will move your feedback to the offices on campus involved in your comments.

We look forward to hearing from you, and please know it is an honor to be at your service.

Always a Cougar,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Jankowski".

Steve Jankowski '74 BS
Director, Alumni Affairs
Executive Director, SIUE Alumni Association

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SIUE Mission

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is a public comprehensive university dedicated to the communication, expansion and integration of knowledge through excellent undergraduate education as its first priority and complementary excellent graduate and professional academic programs; through the scholarly, creative and research activity of its faculty, staff and students; and through public service and cultural and arts programming in its region.

SIUE Vision

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, as a premier Metropolitan University, will be recognized nationally for the excellence of its programs and development of professional and community leaders.



Katie Bennett '03 BS
Assistant Director,
Alumni Affairs

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.

March 2009

SIUE alumni, students, faculty and friends attended the March 29 performance of Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy at the Fabulous Fox Theater. The event included a pre-performance brunch at Jazz at the Bistro.



April 2009

STAT hosted a mixer for student and alumni participants of the STAT Alumni Mentor Program on April 7. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and networked with other participants in the program.



More than 250 SIUE alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends attended the SIUE Alumni Day at Busch Stadium on April 25. The event included a pre-game lunch at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark before the Cardinals faced the Cubs.



SIUE students, alumni and staff participated in SIUE Speed Networking on April 30 in the Conference Center of the Morris University Center. Forty-five alumni and community volunteers represented a variety of career fields. Attendees had five minutes to network with each volunteer before moving to the next person.



May 2009

One hundred forty SIUE alumni, faculty, staff and friends attended the SIUE Alumni Dinner at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum on May 2. Attendees enjoyed a delicious dinner in the rotunda and private access to the museum exhibits.

Visit www.siu.edu/alumni for the complete schedule of upcoming events, activities and opportunities to reconnect with fellow alumni and SIUE!

May 2009

In preparation for the Mississippi River Festival (MRF) Commemorative Picnic on Saturday, June 13, the MRF Commemoration Committee hosted a volunteer work day to clean up the MRF site on May 17. Volunteers cleared brush and uncovered wonderful artifacts from the MRF.

SIUE alumni, family and friends joined the Alumni Association for food, drinks and fun at the SIUE Alumni Night at Fast Eddie's in Alton on May 27.

June 2009

The MRF Commemorative Committee, a joint effort of the SIUE Alumni Association and the SIUE Foundation, hosted the MRF Commemorative Picnic and Plaque Dedication on June 13. Activities included a cook-out, walking tours of the former MRF site, Illinois State Historical Society plaque unveiling and dedication.



SIUE alumni, staff, family and friends attended the Scott Alberici performance during the Whitaker Music Festival at the Missouri Botanical Garden on June 17.

SIUE alumni and friends attended happy hour at McGurk's Irish Pub and Garden in Souland on June 24.

Check out the alumni video profiles from the event at siue.edu/alumni/mcgurksphotos.shtml.

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Upcoming Events

SIUE Alumni Financial Boot Camp

Join the Alumni Association for our next series of continuing education events as we provide financial advice for all phases of your life:

Oct. 6: Covering College Costs

Oct. 13: Managing Personal Finances

Oct. 20: Planning for Retirement

Edwardsville Halloween Parade

Join the SIUE Alumni walking group in the Edwardsville Halloween Parade on Saturday, Oct. 31.

SIUE Alumni Trivia Night

Test your knowledge of pop culture, news, sports, SIUE history and more at the SIUE Alumni Trivia Night on Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Collinsville American Legion.

SIUE Alumni Holiday Reception at the Governor's Mansion

Network with SIUE alumni, faculty and staff during a private holiday reception at the Illinois Governor's Mansion in Springfield on Saturday, December 5.

For more information on all of our upcoming events, visit siue.edu/alumni.

Arts & Issues

Meridian Ballroom on the SIUE Campus

Poco, Sept. 26

Maya Angelou, Oct. 4

Autumn's Child with Mark Holland, Nov. 18

Carpe Diem String Quartet with Peter Soave, Jan. 30

Steven Squyres, Feb. 17

Malashock Dance, April 1

Count Basie Orchestra, May 1

UMO Ensemble, May 15

Performance and ticket information is available online:

siue.edu/artsandissues

University Theater

Performance and ticket information for University Theater Productions and A Season for the Child at the Dunham Hall Theater is available online: siue.edu/THEATER.



SIUE HOMECOMING 2009

COUGAR PRIDE - UNLEASH YOUR WILD SIDE!



Don't miss your chance to come back to campus and participate in an exciting, event-packed weekend! Reconnect with former classmates, faculty and staff and see how the campus has changed since Commencement.

Current Schedule of Events

Friday, October 9

- 6-8 p.m. - 8th Annual Chili Cook-Off
- 6-8 p.m. - AlumniZone Hospitality Tent
- 7 p.m. - SIUE Men's Soccer vs. Alabama A&M

Saturday, October 10

- 11 a.m.-3 p.m. - Reunion Row and AlumniZone Hospitality Tent
- 1 p.m. - SIUE Club Football vs. University of New Orleans
- 6:30-9 p.m. - Alumni Hall of Fame Banquet

For complete details, visit siue.edu/alumni



SIUE Alumni



Focus on Health Sciences

With government agencies and news organizations projecting shortages in the hundreds of thousands in the areas of nursing, pharmacy, dental medicine and medicine by 2020, SIUE is vigilantly taking on the challenge to produce qualified, well-trained professionals to enter these health care fields.

Many colleges and universities are stepping up recruiting efforts and scrambling to accommodate current and anticipated demand, by working to secure funding, hiring additional faculty, expanding and strengthening existing programs and introducing new ones. SIUE is ahead of the game—ready to face the challenge, with fully accredited programs in dental medicine, nursing and pharmacy and a newly renovated and expanded Science Building on the way.

“In the last decade, the areas of health sciences, environmental sciences, biological sciences and chemistry have experienced an exponential growth due to demand of professionals with those backgrounds, and scientific and technological advance in those areas,” said SIUE College of Arts and Sciences Dean Aldemaro Romero. “In the case of SIUE specifically, the expansion in programs such as dental medicine, nursing and pharmacy have had an additional impact on our enrollments in the sciences.”

Students entering the School of Dental Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing programs at SIUE must first complete courses in biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics. The growth in these programs has increased the demand for classroom space, labs, professors, student services, counseling and advisement.

This past year, students enrolling in science majors at SIUE increased more than 5 percent, while pre-health professional (nursing, dental medicine and pharmacy) student enrollment increased by 10 percent. These increases have made renovation of the SIUE Science Building, an original campus structure, and construction of additional laboratory space paramount.

The University has received support from a variety of sources, including funding from public and private donors, and governmental agencies. Recently it was announced that SIUE will obtain \$78.9 million from the state capital funding plan to pay for renovation of the Science Building on campus and a new science laboratory building. The renovated space and the new building will be a great asset to all of the health care disciplines, alleviating overcrowding issues and allowing for the replacement of antiquated lab equipment and materials.

“The passage of the capital bill, with funding for our new science building and renovation, will benefit students, faculty and staff at SIUE,” Romero said. “The facilities will allow our programs to continue to grow, while providing faculty and students with state-of-the-art teaching and research facilities in a building designed to be ecologically friendly.”

Maggie Rodeffer

Maggie Rodeffer grew up more than 150 miles from Edwardsville, in LaHarpe, Ill. Her family has a deep connection with SIUE. Maggie's father graduated from the SIU School of Dental Medicine, her mother and younger sister earned nursing degrees at SIUE and her younger brother is currently a junior majoring in education.



Keeping with family tradition, Maggie came to SIUE in 2001. "My cousin, who was attending SIUE at the time, showed me around the campus," Maggie said. "It was gorgeous."

With several dentists in the family, Maggie considered a career in dental medicine. "My dad actually encouraged me to consider pharmacy," she said. Maggie met with SIUE School of Pharmacy Dean Phil Medon and other members of the faculty and staff. They explained the pharmacy profession and related career options, which piqued her interest. In August 2005—two days after earning a bachelor's from the SIUE School of Business—Maggie joined the inaugural class of pharmacy students.

Maggie describes her experience as a pharmacy student as very challenging, with heavy emphasis placed on grades and academics. She gained valuable experience by applying her classroom knowledge in real-world community pharmacy practice settings. "I would say 50 percent of my pharmacy knowledge came from working on the job," Maggie said.

With aspirations of eventually owning her own pharmacy, Maggie graduated in May and is working at Family Care Pharmacy in Highland, Ill. "I was very, very fortunate," she said. "I basically fell into a job that I love. It's exactly what I want at this point in my life, and I think it's going to put me into the position I want to be in the next couple of years."

Maggie is thrilled that the School of Pharmacy now has full accreditation, something she feels very much a part of as a member of the first graduating class. "That was a big reason why I came here in the first place," she said. "I wanted to be a pioneer and set the path for others. When I come back in 50 years and the School is flourishing, I can say, 'I was in that first class.' That will be pretty neat."

Tom Hill

A four-year enlistment in the Army took Tom Hill from his hometown of Mount Vernon, Ill., in the early '60s. Several years after his discharge, his eagerness to become a doctor took him away from Cape Canaveral, Fla., and his job in the defense electronics industry. His in-laws had recently moved to Edwardsville, and he decided it would be a good place to bring his wife and four-year-old son.

“SIUE was on the quarter system at the time, which appealed to me,” Tom said. “I was running out of time to get into medical school, and I could go to school year-round.”

Two things struck the then 28-year-old Hill when he began his coursework in biological sciences in January 1966: the beauty of the SIUE campus and the fact that there was no science building yet constructed on campus. He waited for the new building and took all of his science courses at once. Faculty members' support and encouragement helped him through.

“Nancy Parker pushed me in the right direction, and the late Michael Levy had a tremendous impact on me,” he said. “The fact that I had constant encouragement from SIUE certainly helped me.”

In 1968, 10 days after receiving his degree from SIUE, Tom entered the Washington University School of Medicine. He graduated in 1972, sixth in his class of 94 medical students. He practiced medicine in Edwardsville for eight years before becoming restless.

He decided to combine his love of flying with emergency medicine and went to work for an agency which allowed him to fly himself to hospitals across the Midwest. He would work a 12-hour shift and then fly to the next hospital. Having sold his plane in 2003, Tom calls himself semi-retired, working four to eight days a month at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital in St. Louis, where he's been a fixture for 20 years.

Looking back on his career, Tom has this advice: If you really want to do something, set your sights on it and go for it. If you fail, at least you know you tried.

“I had a fear that I would become an old man and would look back and say, ‘I always wanted to be a doctor’,” he said. “I can't say that now because I tried it and managed to do it.”

Tom may also earn another degree from SIUE. He's taking Spanish classes and is nearing the number of hours needed for a degree. “Don't think you can't do it,” he said. “I'm proof that you can.” Dr. Hill is a lifetime member of the SIUE Alumni Association.



Tracey Smith

Never be afraid to take on a challenge, and stay flexible when it comes to your career. You'll be surprised what develops. This is Tracey Smith's personal belief—and personal experience. The Gillespie, Ill., native was working with her husband on her parents' dairy farm when the couple had a discussion which lead her to the decision to pursue a nursing career.



Tracey's friend, who graduated from the SIUE School of Nursing, shared what had been a good experience with her. "That's what interested me," she said. "Not only did SIUE have a good nursing program, it was close to home and reasonably priced." She was not disappointed.

"I really appreciated the fact that my education involved experiences with multiple institutions and innovative ways of looking at things," Tracy said. "The faculty and staff were very friendly, caring and forward thinking." Faculty members Rhonda Comrie, Jackie Clement and the late Betty AuBuchon were important people in her development as a nurse.

"My career path has taken an unusual direction, and I've had a lot of opportunities," she said. "Nursing has opened doors for me that I would never have imagined."

Tracey graduated in 1994 with an interest in public health and began her career as a case manager for a county health department. The desire for hospital experience took her to St. John's in Springfield to work with mothers and their babies. From there, she went to the SIU School of Medicine where she has conducted clinical investigations in the OB/GYN unit and worked with medical students to teach them basic nursing skills and help them develop an effective bedside manner. She currently works in family and community medicine, where public health and prevention are critical components.

Tracey returned to SIUE, earning her MS in 2003 and subsequently became certified as a clinical nurse specialist. She is currently working on her post certificate degree as a nurse practitioner in family medicine and hopes to become a major provider of public health at a clinic for the homeless in Springfield.

For students considering the SIUE School of Nursing, Tracey has this advice: "Don't go in with a preset idea of what you want to do. Be willing to experience everything with an open mind. You might be surprised at what really interests you."

"Don't think you have to stay within the confines of what you think a typical nurse is," Tracey said. "There are so many areas that go across the boundaries and allow you to grow, develop and create a whole different view of your career."

Ernest Jackson

Ernest Jackson has the distinction of being the only African-American board-certified forensic odontologist (dentist) in the world. The journey to that distinction has been a fascinating one.

After graduating from Assumption High School in East St. Louis, Ernest followed his father and sisters, graduating from Xavier University in New Orleans with a double major in biology and medical technology. In 1975, he worked as a medical technologist at the VA hospital in St. Louis and took graduate courses in clinical pathology and laboratory medicine at the Saint Louis University School of Medicine.

While in the program, he decided to go to dental school. “I was attracted to the SIU School of Dental Medicine because it was a relatively new school, and I’m not going to lie about, it was a matter of economics,” Ernest said.

After receiving his DMD in 1988, Ernest joined the U.S. Air Force as a first lieutenant and performed general dentistry at Scott Air Force Base. The pathology classes he took at SLU led the Air Force to send him to Washington, D.C., to study forensic odontology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. “The training was unbelievable,” he said. “I got the chance to work under the guys who wrote the books on forensic odontology.”

As assistant chief of forensic odontology during Operation Desert Storm, he identified the remains of soldiers killed in combat. “It was heart-wrenching,” he said. “Studying the books is one thing, but when you have a soldier’s life there, it’s a totally different ball game. It really wears on you over a period of time, because you think about the families, you think about the person and you think about what war is all about.”

Today, Ernest handles crime scene investigations as a master level investigator, which has led to teaching opportunities around the world. He is lieutenant colonel in the Air Force and officer in charge of the Missouri Air National Guard



medical unit at Whiteman Air Force Base. He also serves as the Missouri Director of Dental Services for Corrections. In that role he supervises 40 dentists who provide services to an inmate population of more than 30,000 at 22 facilities.

He credits his dogged tenacity and the SIU School of Dental Medicine for his success. “When you have a good foundation with the basics, everything else just falls into place,” he said. “Not bad for a kid from 24th Street in East St. Louis.”

SIUE Love Connection

It was the fall quarter in 1969. The Mississippi River Festival had begun and Chimega lived on campus. Ruth Woods was a senior, and Leonard Hawthorne had just returned to SIUE after three years in the military.



A mutual friend and SIUE alumnus introduced Ruth and Len. Later that year, their matchmaker friend invited the couple to a night out as a graduation gift to Ruth. (Len still describes himself as the gift that keeps on giving!)

The relationship blossomed and the couple was married after Len graduated in the spring of 1971. While Ruth taught language arts in the Alton Unit 11 School District, Len continued his education at SIUE. He worked as a graduate assistant in the business education department and earned his master's in 1972.

Ruth and Len both retired from the Alton Unit 11 School District in 2003, after completing 34 and 32 years respectively. Ruth was a teacher and Len spent his career working as a teacher, school principal and district level administrator. They credit SIUE with being affordable, accessible and providing an excellent opportunity for higher education.

Both Len and Ruth have received awards for educational excellence at the local and state levels. Before and since retirement, they have devoted many hours to community service. The couple supports United Way at the leadership level. Len serves as a United Way Executive Board Member, Elijah P. Lovejoy Memorial board member and board member for the Affordable Housing Development Corporation.

They have mentored youth in various ways. Ruth has volunteered hours to present to preteen and teenage girls at church and with a 100 Black Men of Alton program, "Girls Learning and Developing." Leonard received training and certification to conduct both one-on-one and group mentoring of boys with the 100 Black Men of Alton and the Illinois Adoption Center.

Len is a life member of SIUE Alumni Association and has served on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Len and Ruth will soon celebrate 39 years of marriage. They currently reside outside of Alton in Foster Township and have two children; a son, Antoine, in Kansas City, Mo., and a daughter, Melia, in Chandler, Ariz.



Visit the "SIUE Love Connection" section on our Web site to read about other Cougar couples and share your own story.

STAT - Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow

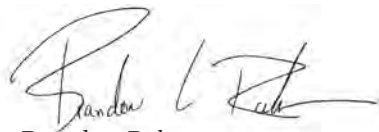
STAT offers SIUE students the opportunity to interact with alumni before graduation through social and educational networking events.

Message from the STAT President



I cannot believe that STAT is just beginning its second year as an organization. Ending this past year with 56 members was incredible, and I know the STAT Board of Directors is excited to begin working toward our 2009-2010 goal of 100 members! In order to accomplish our goal, we are currently planning on expanding

the alumni mentor program, arranging more social programs and revamping our marketing strategy. We hope that by expanding our current membership incentives and marketing ourselves better, STAT will continue to grow and become one of the largest student organizations on campus!



Brandon Rahn

STAT Alumni Mentor Program

Alumni volunteers are needed to serve as mentors in the STAT Alumni Mentor Program. Alumni can enhance the quality of a current student's experience by interacting, exchanging ideas, and sharing their experiences and knowledge with future SIUE graduates. Participants are encouraged to contact each other at least once a month through e-mail, phone calls, letters and face-to-face visits. STAT will host social events to support the program throughout the school year.

Meet the 2009-2010 Officers and Board of Directors



From left to right: MacKenzie Conley, Board of Directors; Carly James, Co-Vice President of Programming; Heather Jeffers, Past-President; Brandon Rahn, President; Jason Bradley, Vice President; Jordan Shaw, Board of Directors; Ksenia Petrova, Board of Directors; SJ Morrison, Alumni Board Liaison. (Not Pictured: Bonnie Brueggemann, Co-Vice President of Programming)

Visit www.siue.edu/alumni/stat for more information to find out how you can get involved.

Committed to Academic Excellence

A personal conversation with Vice Chancellor Narbeth “Nobby” Emmanuel

Narbeth “Nobby” Emmanuel has been the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs since 1996. Prior to coming to SIUE, he earned his undergraduate, graduate and doctoral degrees at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He sharpened his skills in student affairs with a 10-year stint at the University of Vermont in Burlington and then built the student affairs program at Ferris State University in Michigan. In the fall of 1995, Nobby’s dear friend and colleague Harvey Welch—who was serving as SIUE’s Interim Vice Chancellor for Students Affairs—strongly encouraged him to apply for the position.



e: What brought you to SIUE?

Nobby: The challenge of transforming the institution from a four-year commuter institution to a residential campus, with all of the trappings of a traditional university, was very appealing. When I had the opportunity to interview, I truly enjoyed my visit with the students. I was impressed by the commitment of the faculty and staff to move SIUE to the next level. I was especially impressed with the Student Affairs staff who have proven to be a valuable asset.

e: You are a proponent of the SIUE formula for student success. Describe that for us.

Nobby: The 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 formula for success gives students a road map to follow.

Four (4) years to graduate

Minimum of 3.0 grade point average

Two (2) hours preparation per week for every one hour enrolled

One (1) co-curricular activity and one (1) relevant work experience

e: How do students' lives, student affairs and student success come together?

Nobby: We recognize that success is the student's responsibility; but, how as an institution do we work with students to help them achieve their hopes, dreams and aspirations? We look for ways to blend the formal classroom experience with the out-of-class experience and create a vibrant campus life that supports the learning activities of our students. Students come to SIUE with diverse interests and needs, and we find ways to address them. The goal is to foster a climate in which our entire student body feels supported, cared for and valued.

e: You've worked hard to bring major changes to the Morris University Center, and recently helped oversee the construction of the Student Success Center. How does the Center further the success of SIUE students?

Nobby: Students told us they had to go here, there and everywhere. They called it the SIUE shuffle. We had conversations about how to develop a more efficient and effective model and decided to relocate critical academic and personal support services into a seamless support system that is comprehensive and integrated.

Student Affairs and Academic Affairs have a new and powerful partnership, and students can go to one place and have all of their needs met. However, it takes more than a state-of-the-art facility or leading-edge technology; it also takes a team that values developing student pride and being student centered, student friendly, student focused and student caring. Above all else, we must have a passion for a "students first" philosophy.

e: What is the next challenge for you and the University to secure student success?

Nobby: Having leading-edge technology in a state-of-the-art building is only a piece of student success. What makes student success happen? In the end, it's going to be the faculty and staff who provide the support needed to help students achieve their dreams. We need to continually ask ourselves, "How do we help students achieve their full potential?"

e: Anyone who has ever met you knows you love the students. What have you received from them?

Nobby: I get more from the students than I could ever give to them. They've enriched my life. I find it a very rewarding experience being with young minds and being challenged to think of things differently.

The thing that also excites me about our students is their commitment to SIUE. They have what I call Cougar Spirit. I think they come here wanting to be part of a learning community. Our student leaders have been significant players in our growth in enrollment and reputation and moving us to that next level of excellence. They have proven to be instrumental as University administrators have made numerous bold decisions, such as moving to Division 1 athletics; the Student Success Center; the Student Activity Center, which is an addition to the Student Fitness Center; the additional residence halls; and enhanced technology. They have lobbied for the new science building which is now closer to a reality. Thanks to our students, we are a first choice place to live and learn.

I came here with the intention of staying for about three years before moving on to a bigger and better place. Thanks to our students, I found that bigger and better place here in Cougar Country. It's personally rewarding, enriching and exciting.



Class Notes

The Class Notes listed are those of SIUE Alumni Association members. A full listing of Class Notes received from all alumni can be found at siue.edu/alumni.

School of Business

Richard Connor, '89 MBA, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois.

John W. Mosser, '81 BS, has been named vice-president, Development, Corporate and Alumni Relations for Bentley University. Since leaving SIUE, Mosser earned an MPA from Northern Illinois University and a Doctor of Philosophy in higher education administration from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Brad Pulaski, '77 BS, was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship Award by the East Alton Rotary Club for his outstanding service to the community and club. This award is named in honor of the founder of Rotary International and is the highest honor a local club can bestow upon a member.

James Speciale, '76 BS, '77 MBA, was recognized for 20 years of service to the Board of Education of Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7 upon his retirement from the Board. He spent 16 of his 20 years on the Board as Board President.

College of Arts and Sciences

Reverend Howard S. Bell, '85 BA music, has been awarded the rank of Major in the Air Force Reserve Chaplaincy.

Jay W. Boulanger, '67 BA government, was recently honored by the Illinois Funeral Directors Association for 40 years of service and contributions to the funeral service and to the Illinois Community. Boulanger is a past president of the Association. He is also active in the National Funeral Directors Association and served as president of the Academy of Professional Funeral Service Practice.

Phillip Gersman, '00 BS speech communication, '02 MPA, has been promoted to district manager at Fastenal Company. He manages the central and southern regions of Oregon and Northern California.

Bev George, '75 BA English, '79 MSED secondary education, has been elected to the National Certified Real Estate Brokerage Board of Directors. The designation is recognized industry-wide as the measure of success in brokerage and real estate management.

Jody O'Guinn, '02 MPA, has accepted the position of chief of police for the City of Carbondale. O'Guinn had been the assistant chief of police in Alton prior to accepting the appointment in Carbondale.

School of Education

Ed Hightower, '74 BS physical education, '77 MSED administration, '91 specialist degree in education administration, has been given a new contract as the superintendent of the Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7. The new contract will run through 2014. One of the highest profile college basketball officials in the country, he is a finalist for the position of coordinator of Big Ten officials. In the past five years, he has called NCAA Final Four games three times.

Kay Werner, '88 specialist degree in education administration, is co-chair of the Growing for the Future Campaign for Anderson Hospital in Maryville, Ill.

Faculty Notes

Business

Donald Strickland, professor of management and marketing, retired from SIUE on May 31, after nearly 34 years of service.

Trong Wu, professor of computer science, retired from SIUE on May 31, after more than 22 years of service.

College of Arts and Sciences

Julian Bueno, associate professor of foreign languages and literature, retired from SIUE on May 31, after nearly 23 years of service.

Kathleen Bueno, professor of foreign languages and literature, retired from SIUE on May 31, after nearly 15 years of service.

John Danley, professor of philosophy and the former interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, retired from SIUE on June 30, after nearly 33 years of service.

Pamela Hibbs Decoteau, professor of art and design, retired from SIUE on May 31, after 34 years of service.

Denise DeGarmo, associate professor of political science, has been named chair of that department.

Robert Dixon, associate professor of chemistry, has been named chair of that department.

Gary Hicks, associate professor of mass communications, has been named chair of that department.

Julie Holt, associate professor of anthropology, has accepted another term as chair of that department.

Krzysztof Jarosz, distinguished research professor of mathematics and statistics, will serve another term as chair of that department.

William Retzlaff, associate professor of biological sciences and environmental sciences, has been named chair of that department.

Paul Rose, assistant professor of psychology, has been named chair of that department.

Jason Stacy, assistant professor of history was recently named historian for the Teaching American History Grants Program. Stacy was involved in the writing of the proposal which produced a U.S. Department of Education Grant of nearly \$1 million to the St. Clair County Educational Cooperative Board.

John A. Taylor, professor of historical studies, retired from SIUE on June 1, after nearly 39 years of service.

School of Dental Medicine

Gregory Stewart, professor of restorative dentistry, retired on June 30, after nearly 35 years of service to the SIU School of Dental Medicine.

School of Education

Leroy "Bill" Searcy, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, has been named associate dean for Diversity and Faculty Development for the School of Education.

School of Engineering

Christopher Gordon, assistant professor of construction, has been named chair of that department.

School of Nursing

Mary Ann Boyd, associate dean of nursing and professor of psychiatric nursing, retired from SIUE on May 31, after nearly 39 years of service.

Kathy Ketchum, professor, Department of Primary Care and Health Systems Nursing, has been selected to participate in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Leadership for Academic Nursing Program. The fellowship is designed to develop and enhance leadership skills in new and emerging administrators in undergraduate and graduate nursing programs and to better prepare participants to accept academic leadership positions of increasing responsibilities.

Pamela Newland, assistant professor, Department of Primary Care and Health Systems Nursing, recently received the Outstanding Scholar Award from the St. Louis Veterans Administration Medical Center. The award recognizes outstanding professionals in the field of health care education who display a commitment to learning and scholarly activity along with compassion and understanding of issues involving veterans.

S. Anne Perry, professor, Department of Primary Care and Community Health Systems Nursing, was named associate dean of the School of Nursing on June 1.

Passings

Professor Emeritus Harold Eugene Broadbooks died March 29 at the age of 93. He was a member of the first biology faculty who continued service from Shurtleff Baptist College in Alton in 1957 to what was then known as the Science and Technology Division of SIU. Broadbooks retired from the SIUE School of Sciences in 1985.

Professor Emeritus Lyman Sanford "Zeke" Holden of Alton died April 24 at the age of 82. Holden joined the University in 1958 as an instructor of mathematics in what was then the Science and Technology Division. He became an associate professor in the School of Science and Technology in 1974. Holden was honored in 1982 with the SIUE Teaching Excellence Award. Holden retired in 2004 after 46 years of service.

Billy J. Rogers died June 17 at the age of 79. The resident of Golden Eagle was an emeritus professor of psychology. Rogers was the co-recipient of the SIUE Alumni Associations' Great Teacher Award in 1976. He was twice nominated for what was then known as the Outstanding Teacher Award. He retired in 1997 and received his Emeritus Faculty Award in 2005.

Health Service



SIUE Health Service has cared for students for more than 50 years. While the types of illnesses treated hasn't changed much over the years—upper respiratory infection remains the number one diagnosis—the scope of services has expanded dramatically.

In 1958—one year after classes began on the Alton and East St. Louis campuses—the University established health policies to provide care for full-time students. There was no health care staff housed on either the Alton or East St. Louis campus, but funds were set aside to cover the costs of emergency care for students, up to \$100 a year. A total of 70 cases were reported that first year.

The following year, both campuses established health service offices, each staffed with a part-time nurse. The Alton Health Service was located in a two-bed dormitory, and the East St. Louis Health Service occupied a room next to the Office of Student Affairs. Strategically arranged filing cabinets provided a small amount of privacy among patients. Students made more than 1,600 visits to Health Service that year.

Health Service moved to the Edwardsville campus in 1965 and was housed in the basement of Lovejoy Library until it moved to Rendleman Hall in 1969. “Our recent move to the new Student Success Center combines Health Service and Counseling Services in an effort to provide more holistic care to students,” said Riane Greenwalt, Director of Health Service.

More than 70 percent of freshman students currently live in the residence halls. The growth in the number of students living on campus brings more patients to Health Service each year. The current 18-member health care staff manages an average of 20,000 visits each year and retains immunization records for the University's more than 13,600 students.

In addition to providing quality health care, Health Service collaborates with the School of Pharmacy to conduct flu shot clinics for students, faculty and staff; and serves as a laboratory site for kinesiology students and a clinical site for School of Pharmacy students.

While they will always treat the seasonal sunburn and bee sting, Health Service offers students so much more.

Together with Campus Recreation, Counseling Services, Dining Services and the Center for Spirituality and Sustainability, Health Service administers Cougar Balance, a total wellness program for students.

“Being in good health and maintaining overall wellness are key components to academic success and enjoying a high quality of life.”

—Riane Greenwalt
Director of Health Service



Library Legacy

Carol and Paul Nativi have been members of the Friends of Lovejoy Library Advisory Board for the past eight years. Carol is treasurer of the board and co-chairs the antiques show committee. Thanks to their generosity, Lovejoy Library will soon open its north entrance, which will provide users with greater access to informational resources on campus.

The couple pledged \$15,000 which will be used, in part, to support renovations to Lovejoy Library, including the opening of the north entrance. "The Nativi's contribution will have a direct impact on the students and faculty beginning this semester," said Regina McBride, dean of Library and Information Services.

Carol grew up in Highland and attended SIUE. She earned a bachelor's in social welfare in 1971 and a master's in education counseling in 1972. Originally from Collinsville, Paul earned a bachelor's in chemistry from Saint Louis University (SLU) and a DMD from Washington University in St. Louis. Paul was in private practice in Collinsville for more than 30 years. He now works two days a week at practice in Saint Louis and serves as the team dentist for the field hockey and men's and women's basketball teams at SLU. He treats other dental injuries for SLU athletes and is working on a similar program with SIUE. Paul also lectures on athletics dental injury and prevention. The couple has been married for 37 years.

Carol and Paul's generous gift will also aid in development of The Gardens at SIUE and SIUE Athletics.



Carol and Paul Nativi

Inaugural Scholarship Presented

Tiffany Frisbie (pictured left) is the first recipient of the Stahlschmidt Family Legacy Scholarship. Janet Stahlschmidt Hohenstein (pictured right) represented her nine siblings who established the scholarship to honor their parents. Eight of the 10 Stahlschmidt children graduated from SIUE.



Phonathon Comes Home

The telephone is a vital component of fund raising efforts at SIUE. Until recently, those phone calls were outsourced, with services provided through a contractual arrangement using employees based in Charleston, Ill. SIUE has secured the funding to bring the telephone center to campus. The move will create jobs for 20 to 25 SIUE students.

"This will provide a personalized touch for alumni who can better relate to someone who is sharing the SIUE experience," said Director of Annual Giving Julie Babington. "Not only will we be doing fund raising with the telephone center, but we hope that at the end of the day, alumni and student callers will feel good about the experience." The telephone center also will be used to make good will calls to alumni and friends of the University. Moving the operation to SIUE will save the University thousands of dollars a year.

To find out how you can make a lasting contribution and impact the lives of future professional and community leaders, contact Jeff Brown, CFP®, Director of Planned Giving, SIUE Foundation. You may reach him at 618-650-3331 or jefbrow@siue.edu.

Visit www.siue.edu/give for more information on various estate planning techniques.

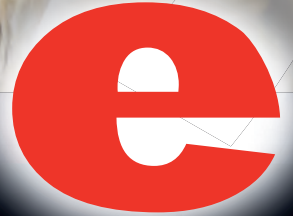
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