



Outgoing SIUC Chancellor Sam Goldman.  
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## Coming Up on *Morning Conversations*

**Jennifer Fuller** speaks with SIU administrators to bring the 2009-2010 academic year to a close.

**May 4:** **Larry Dietz**, Associate Chancellor for Student Development, will share details about the upcoming Harvey Welch Golf Scramble.

**May 11:** SIUC Chancellor **Sam Goldman** will be in for his last visit as Chancellor. Rita Cheng will take office in June.

**May 24:** SIU President **Glenn Poshard** will visit with Fuller for his monthly conversation.

*Morning Conversations* airs at **8:30am on Tuesdays** and other weekdays, as scheduled.

If you miss the live broadcasts, tune in to our podcasts at [www.wsiu.org](http://www.wsiu.org) and follow us on **Facebook** and **Twitter!**

## WSIU Radio Congratulates Graduating Seniors

WSIU Public Radio would like to say **"Thank You!"** to our student employees who are graduating this year. Their many hours of dedicated service and the professionalism with which they carry out their responsibilities is what allows WSIU Radio to continue to be true to our

mission of improving the quality of life of the people we serve. We couldn't do it without you.

Congratulations to the FM News & Sports Graduating Seniors: **Johnny Sole, Jason Kantz, Rachel Thomas,** and **Katelyn Stapleton!**

Also, congratulations to the FM Operations Graduating Seniors: **Cyrus Farhang** and **Jerrica Hill.**

You will be missed, but we celebrate your accomplishments and your future successes!

## Story Contest Winners to Read on WSIU Radio

Over 250 local children entered stories in the **PBS Kids Go! Writers Contest**, which encourages children in grades K-3 to write and illustrate their own original storybooks.

WSIU, with support from regional contest sponsors **Cedarhurst Center for the Arts** and **My Favorite Toys** at University Mall in Carbondale, was one of 87 public television stations across the country participating in this year's Contest.

Honorees will be invited to record their stories for broadcast on WSIU Radio in late spring or early summer. Stay tuned to WSIU Radio on the air and online for details!

### 2010 Story Contest Winners

#### Kindergarten

- First Place — Amanda B., *The Elephant Runs Away*, St. Jacob, IL
- Honorable Mention — Elaina M., *I Like*, Mt. Vernon, IL

#### First Grade

- First Place — Kelsey J., *Animal Adventures*, Herrin, IL
- Honorable Mention — Josie W., *Wacky and the Winter Olympics*, Texico, IL

#### Second Grade

- First Place — Camryn P., *Monica the Monarch*, McLeansboro, IL
- Honorable Mention — Austin R., *Sunday's Ball*, Smithton, IL



WSIU PBS KIDS Story Contest honorees pose with SuperWhy during the awards ceremony at Cedarhurst Center for the Arts. Photo: Rachel Snow.

#### Third Grade

- First Place — Macy S., *Please Don't Laugh at My Family... I Love Them*, Benton, IL
- Honorable Mention—Shannon P., *The Tree*, Carbondale, IL

## SIRIS Volunteer Profile: Donovan LeMay

Meet **Donovan LeMay**, a junior at **Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC)** pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management with a specialization in Entrepreneurship. LeMay grew up in Chicago, but calls Marion, Illinois home due to the amount of time he has spent there with his grandparents.

After receiving his Associate's degree in General Education from Harper College in Palatine, Illinois, LeMay transferred to SIUC to further his education. Not knowing anyone at the University, he attended the **Registered Student Organizations (RSO) & Volunteer Fair** at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year to sign up with a few organizations. The **Southern Illinois Radio Information Service (SIRIS)** had a table at the event, and LeMay signed up to volunteer his time.

"I took a special interest in SIRIS due to personal reasons," says LeMay. "The members at the SIRIS table informed me that they read newspapers on the radio to visually-impaired people in the area. I thought that this would be useful to my grandfather who was blind from diabetes. Even though he passed in November (2009), I still volunteer with SIRIS for everyone else who has this disability."

With such a personal connection with the service, LeMay understands the impact that SIRIS has on the local community. "I noticed that a lot of the areas in Southern Illinois are retirement communities, and there are a lot of cases of Type 2 Diabetes," he says. "I imagine that there is a more significant need for this type of service here than in other places."

LeMay makes his time reading to listeners informative yet captivating. "I always read the headlines and the local stories first. Then, I read the police blotter if the paper includes it. In a small community, everyone knows everyone, so I try to make it a little more interesting."

LeMay is supportive of public radio and has been for a long time. He was a contributing member of WBEZ while living in the Chicago area and enjoys listening to WSIU Radio, as well. When asked if he had any favorite programs, LeMay quickly named several that he often tunes in to hear.

"During the week, I listen to Terry Gross's *Fresh Air*. I like this program because they ask questions that are more about the people than about their current book or movie. The program is really in-depth. Also, on Saturdays, I enjoy *A Prairie Home*



Donovan LeMay. Photo: Rachel Snow.

*Companion* and particularly *Car Talk* because I am a college student with a junky car."

When LeMay is not volunteering with SIRIS, he keeps busy with other activities. He is a member of the **Kappa Alpha Order** fraternity, a values-based organization; **Phi Sigma Epsilon**, the professional marketing fraternity; and the **Saluki CEO Corps**. In his free time, LeMay enjoys caring for his grandmother and his dog, reading comic books, working, and volunteering for his fraternities.

Learn how you can give back to your community as a SIRIS volunteer by calling **(618) 453-2808** or clicking on the SIRIS tab at **wsiu.org**.

## SIRIS Volunteer Picnic



SIRIS volunteers enjoy a barbecue dinner at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. Photo: Rachel Snow.

The SIRIS Advisory Board hosted the annual **Volunteer Appreciation Picnic and Award Ceremony** on April 22. The picnic was hampered

by some light showers, but that didn't dampen the spirits of the attendees!

The **Volunteer of the Year Award** was presented to two longtime SIRIS readers, **Jim DeYoung** of Marion and **Darla Loftus** of Carterville.

DeYoung is a retired educator and administrator who enjoys volunteering for SIRIS, the Shawnee Alliance for Seniors, and other service organizations.

Loftus has worked at Morris Library Special Collections for 23 years and is an assistant to the University Archivist.

She has a passion for singing and currently enjoys performing at the wineries in the area.



SIRIS Director Vickie Devenport (center) presents the Volunteer of the Year Award to Jim DeYoung (l) and Darla Loftus. Photo: Rachel Snow.

## Underwriter Profile: Long Forestry Consultation

**Long Forestry Consultation**, headquartered in **Murphysboro, IL**, provides forest management services for landowners across the tri-state region. Brothers **Mike and Chris Long** specialize in writing and implementing land management plans. They provide forest thinning, prescribed burns, invasive species control, tree planting, timber sales and appraisal, forest inventory, and GIS mapping services.

According to Chris, "People may be surprised to know we practice sustainable forest management, which means we never risk the integrity of land or forest for profit or political gain. For example, when we conduct a timber sale, we assure that the harvest will not affect land integrity, and that wildlife and future generations will continue to survive and enjoy the forest. We help landowners evaluate all usage options in their land management priorities, whether they own 5 acres or 500 acres."

Chris says they decided to sponsor WSIU Radio news programs because,

"We think our values intertwine. WSIU is community oriented, and we are working to sustain this region's natural lands for our communities, our environment, and our collective future. We want to be affiliated with companies of integrity, and we want to support the environment, the arts, our communities, and our youth."

Long Forestry Consultation began their WSIU Radio partnership in Fall 2009, and Chris reports that feedback has been enthusiastic. "We have received many thanks from community members for helping to sustain such an important source of news and quality entertainment."

Chris notes that he and Mike would recommend WSIU to others. "In business, decisions are usually based only on reaching your target markets in a geographic region, but WSIU sponsorship also brings you other benefits like supporting your community and the arts."



In addition to news, the Long brothers also enjoy WSIU's weekend programming.

"It is fantastic -- very entertaining while being educational, and it delivers a side of radio that is at risk of being lost to other entertainment media that rely only on visual stimulation."

For more information, visit [www.longforestry.com](http://www.longforestry.com) or call (618) 565-4743.

### Thank You, Underwriters!

Please join us in thanking the underwriters who recently began, renewed, or expanded their partnerships to make public radio possible:

**Kemper CPA Group, Marion**

**Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at SIUC**

**Scott McClatchey of Alliance Investment Planning Group, Carbondale**

**SIU School of Law**

**The Southern Illinois Art Gallery of the Illinois State Museum, Whittington**

**University Communications at SIUC**

**Wright Do-it Centers, Murphysboro & Sparta**

For a complete list of WSIU underwriters and information about underwriting WSIU programming, visit us online at [www.wsiu.org](http://www.wsiu.org) or call (618) 453-4286.

### Grand Trunk Road on *Morning Edition*

Starting Wednesday, May 12



Varanasi (population 3.1 million) is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Photo: Kainaz Amaria.

**M**orning Edition's Steve Inskip and NPR foreign correspondents **Julie McCarthy** and **Philip Reeves** report from the Grand Trunk Road during two weeks in May. This ancient road

travels through India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan and connects some of the world's great cultural landmarks and key conflict zones.

Inskip, McCarthy, and Reeves travel east to west across South Asia, exploring places that contrast the history with the present-day young populations that surround this route from Calcutta to Peshawar, a road that passes ancient forts and religious shrines. With the population exploding in this region, *Morning Edition* sets out to take a look at the educational and economic aspirations of the region's youth and explore how they see their future.



Sat, 3pm • Sun, 6pm

**May 1 • New Releases**

Join host Bryan Kelso Crow for his monthly survey of some of the best vocal and instrumental music from around the world.

**May 8 • Tommy Sands and The Music of Healing**

Songwriter, radio host, storyteller, peacemaker, and singer Tommy Sands won the 2009 *Celtic Connections* Album of the Year award for his album, *Let the Circle Be Wide*, which was produced with his children, Moya and Fionan. This week's program looks back over Tommy's career as a soloist and as a member of the Sands Family Band, with a spotlight on his songs of peace in the midst of the Northern Irish Troubles and songs advocating world peace and healing.

**May 15 • Darwin Song Project**

In honor of the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin in 2009, a group of singer-songwriters assembled in his home town of Shrewsbury, England for a week-long intensive songwriting collaboration, and the result is this album of their concert performance. We talk with one of the two American singers involved in the project, Krista DeTor from Bloomington, Indiana.

**May 22 • Altan's 25th Anniversary**

The Donegal-based traditional Irish band Altan recently celebrated their 25th anniversary with a new CD in which they are backed by the RTE Concert Orchestra in new recordings of some of their best tracks of the past quarter-century. This week's program spotlights the new album.

**May 29 • Old Favorites**

Tune in this week for some of your favorite Celtic artists from past years.



**WSIU is a people-driven radio station, and without the people, it wouldn't be there for us to enjoy.**

*- Emil Spees, Carbondale, Illinois*

One of the real resources that this community has is WSIU. I highly recommend others to turn their dial to 91.9 FM to get acquainted with what's happening in the arts, entertainment, and news because it's all on WSIU Radio. I enjoy the Saturday morning programs, and *Wait Wait, Don't Tell Me!* is just one of my favorites. My wife and I usually have the radio on as background music, and if we're in the car, it's always on WSIU.

I consider what I hear on NPR to be real. Public radio provides an in-depth analysis, which you do not hear on commercial radio. You don't feel obligated to listen to 5 minutes of "jingle jingle jingle," when you're not interested in "jingle jingle jingle." **I'm Emil Spees of Carbondale, Ill, and WSIU is powered by me.**

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