

SOUTHERN'S SHINING MOMENTS

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ENGINEERING

SIU will be home to a national consortium of electronics research, thanks to a grant from the National Science Foundation. The **Center for Embedded Systems** is a joint effort between SIUC's College of Engineering, the Fulton School of Engineering at Arizona State University and private industry. It will be the only one in the nation funded by NSF.

The **Leadership Development Program in Engineering and Technology** will provide scholarships to 29 engineering students transferring from community colleges to SIUC for their junior and senior years, thanks to a nearly \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation. The four-year program will provide scholarships to students selected by University officials based on their scholarship and leadership potential. Scholarship recipients will receive leadership training, serve in leadership roles in affiliated student organizations and will have a summer internship opportunity.

BUSINESS

J. Dennis Credit, dean of the College of Business, is among a select group of professionals recently appointed by Gov. Pat Quinn to serve on the new Illinois Economic Recovery Commission. The commission will provide expertise to state officials during the current economic downturn and to prepare plans for economic recovery and future growth.

APPLIED SCIENCES & ARTS

Steven Kocher, **Will Sedig** and **Brandon Vieth**, juniors in Southern's architecture program, took the prize for best design at the design charrette at the American Institute of Architecture Students Forum.



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AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Silvia Secchi, an economist in the College of Agricultural Sciences, received a three-year, \$112,536 grant by The Nature Conservancy. Secchi belongs to a research group that urges a major shift in floodplain use and management. The group's article on sustaining floodplains appeared in the Dec. 11 issue of *Science Magazine*, an international weekly journal.

John W. Groninger and **Charles M. Ruffner**, both forestry professors, are working in Afghanistan under the auspices of a U.S. Agency for International Development project called AWATT – Afghanistan Water, Agriculture and Technology Transfer. While there, they will focus on increasing the country's ability to sustain itself through a better use of land and water.

LIBERAL ARTS

Joseph K. Young, assistant professor of political science, is part of a team awarded a joint National Science Foundation grant from the "Social and Behavioral Dimensions of National Security, Conflict and Cooperation" research solicitation competition.

School of Music alumnus **Illa Radoslav** recently won the gold medal at the 2009 Seattle Piano Competition. Radoslav, a Bulgaria native who earned a graduate degree in 2004 from SIUC, competed against five other musicians in the final round of the professional category of the competition.

ATHLETICS

Saluki running back **Deji Karim** finished third in the voting for the Walter Payton Award. The Walter Payton Award is given annually to the most outstanding offensive player in the Division I Football Championship Subdivision of college football as chosen by a nationwide panel of media and college sports information directors.

Saluki head coach **Dale Lennon** was selected as the Football Championship Subdivision Region IV Coach of the Year. Five regional Coach of the Year winners in each of the Association's five divisions are selected by active members of the Association who vote for coaches in their respective regions and divisions.