



# RESEARCH MATTERS

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## OF SPECIAL NOTE

### ORDA Says Adios and Good Luck

Research Project Specialist Rex Duncan has left ORDA for a softer chair and to become the executive director of a new SIU program, Connect SI. With his familiar saying, "I serve at the pleasure of the Board," Rex is now working out of the President's Office with the charge to connect Southern Illinois via broadband. He can be reached at [rduncan@siu.edu](mailto:rduncan@siu.edu) or 536-3460. After three years with ORDA, Rex and his smile, positive attitude, and sense of humor will be missed in Woody Hall.

A search is in progress to fill Rex's position and the hope is to have the new person on board by August 1. Until Rex's replacement is hired, CASA has been temporarily assigned to Jo Nast ([jonast@siu.edu](mailto:jonast@siu.edu) or 453-4538), Education has been temporarily assigned to Joel Fritzler ([jcfritz@siu.edu](mailto:jcfritz@siu.edu) or 453-4530), and COBA and Science have been temporarily assigned to Steve Banker ([sbanker@siu.edu](mailto:sbanker@siu.edu) or 453-4534). Please bear with us during this time of short staffing.

### Proposal Writing Workshop for Grad Students

The next Proposal Writing for Graduate Students workshop will be held on Wednesday, July 19, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in Woody Hall C-227. This free session will discuss the process of finding grant opportunities and writing proposals to external agencies to fund graduate research. To reserve a seat, contact Jo Nast, the workshop presenter, at [jonast@siu.edu](mailto:jonast@siu.edu) or 453-4538.

## RESEARCH DIGEST

### Collaboration Will Preserve Digital Research Data

—*excerpted from NSF Press Release 06-098, June 29, 2006*

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and the San Diego Supercomputer Center (SDSC), with concurrence from the National Science Foundation (NSF), have signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding that provides for preserving some of the nation's most valuable digital research collections. This collaboration marks the first time NARA has established an affiliated relationship for preserving digital data with an academic institution.

In accordance with NARA's mission, the agreement provides for governance of historically valuable federal, presidential and congressional electronic records, as well as other scientific, engineering and research-related digital data collections. The SDSC, an























