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STUDENT LOUNGE WILL OPEN SOON AFTER VACATION

Completion of New Student Center Awaits the Arrival of the Lounge Furnishings

The long-awaited student lounge on the S.I.N.U. campus will be opened shortly after the Christmas vacation. If present arrangements can be completed, according to Robert Callis, president of the Student Council, the opening will probably be in the form of a tea, with members of the Council acting as hosts and hostesses to the rest of the student body.

The providing of a rest and recreation place for the students of Southern is a project on which Council members have been working for several years, until recently no space for such a project was available. The Y.M.C.A. rooms on the second floor of the Old Science building has been secured and will be used until arrangements for a larger space can be made.

Lounge Chairman
Graham Crichon, junior Student Councilor, has worked as chairman of the purchasing committee, assisted by Nancy Freeman and Pat Lill. A part of the furniture has already arrived and been set up in the Y.M.C.A. room. The remainder is scheduled to be here in the near future.

Ralph Bowman, also a junior, has acted as chairman of the Regulations committee. Other committees are Dot Lill and Ana Abernathy.

The Council of Administration at the college has given the Student Council complete authority over the use of the lounge. The room has been planned for the use of all the students who will be on their own as far as personal behavior is concerned.

Games and a radio will be provided, but no dancing will be possible because of the lack of space. The radio will be played and conversation take place, in normal tones, so that classes in nearby rooms will not be unduly disturbed. Furnishings will not be taken from the lounge, and if damaged, will be repaired or replaced by the persons responsible. Smoking will be permitted with reasonable consideration.

Since the lounge is intended to benefit as large a number of students as possible, organizations and special groups will not be allowed to dominate the space and facilities.

Open hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on week days, with the exception of Friday, when the closing hour will be 11:00 p.m. The room will also be open on Saturday from 1:00 to 11:00 p.m.

LITTLE THEATRE GROUP ORGANIZES NATIONAL RADIO DRAMA GUILD HERE

A new chapter of the National Radio Drama Guild has been organized at Southern Illinois Normal University. The purpose of the Guild is to foster activities in radio acting, writing, and directing.

Membership in the S.I.N.U. chapter requires good standing as an active or apprentice member of the Little Theatre.

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS NOMINATIONS TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Nominations for the annual election of outstanding S.I.N.U. students will be held Friday, January 16. It was announced yesterday by the Student Council committee in charge of campus elections. Final balloting will take place the following Friday, January 23.

Primary Voting
Students are to vote in the primary election for five persons whom they consider outstanding leaders on Southern's campus. The names of the forty students receiving the largest number of votes will be placed on the final ballot. In the final election students vote for ten, and the sixteen receiving the most votes are elected.

For Obelisk
As is customary, the pictures of these outstanding students will appear in the 1942 Obelisk. Results of the election will be held in secrecy by the editor of the Obelisk and the election committee of the Student Council.

Victor Hicken, chairman of the election committee, stated yesterday, "Unless each student who votes gives careful consideration to the qualifications of the candidates, the election can easily degenerate into a popularity contest. Voting for a person on the basis of personal likes or dislikes will defeat the true purpose of the election—which is to choose those students of S.I.N.U. who have been truly outstanding in the various phases of campus activities. We urge each voter to exercise his best judgment in casting his ballot."

Polls for the nominations will be located on the first floor of the Main building in the west corridor, across from the canopy stand. Voice may be cast between 8:30 and 3:00.

Anthony Hall Forms New Red Cross Unit Here

A new Red Cross unit was set up on the campus of Southern Illinois Normal University this week when the Anthony Hall girls pledged their services to the local organization. Miss Patricia Lill, junior, at S.I.N.U., from Macoupin, was chosen as group coordinator to work with Mrs. E. M. Richardson, chairman of the local Red Cross chapter.

Under the leadership of Miss Gode Hanks, who is in charge of the Hall in the absence of Miss Almette Barber, the girls are enthusiastically prepared to do whatever kind of work the local Red Cross chapter asks of them. With one or two exceptions, every girl expressed the desire to help and see to it that the work is so badly needed for the Red Cross unit at the present time.

The organization of the Hall has been completed, and the girls are ready to begin work immediately, pending further instructions from Mrs. Richardson.

McINTOSH TO ATTEND TEACHERS' WELFARE MEETING TOMORROW

David S. McIntosh, head of the Southern Illinois Normal University mens department, will be in Springfield today and tomorrow, attending a meeting of the newly organized Teachers' Welfare Association of Illinois Education Committee.

MUSEUM STAFF NOW WORKING ON WAR SCRAPBOOK

Project to Include Material Taken From Metropolitan Papers From All Over U. S.

A new project of the college museum got underway this week when the museum work staff, headed by John Allen, began work on a scrapbook containing printed material relative to the current war in the Pacific, receiving the most votes are elected.

Extensive Work
The scrapbook, according to present plans, is to be quite an extensive work project, as it is to include news clippings, pictorial material, etc., which have direct bearing upon events leading up to our war crisis as well as news reports of the war itself. In order to obtain material, the museum staff is endeavoring to secure the daily copies of metropolitan newspapers from over various sections of the country. In this way they have to be able to secure a cross section of opinion from the leading newspapers of the country at large.

Needless to say, such a collection, upon its completion, will have immeasurable value in future years as a reference source for a study of present-day world events.

Educational Value
This project is destined to be another of the group of educational materials which the museum has prepared and collected for loan to various classes and organizations as visual educational materials. Co-sponsored by the college and the Works Progress Administration the museum department has for sometime been preparing materials of this sort which are definitely available for present use. In addition to their usual work of securing and preserving collections of objects peculiar to this area of Illinois in past years.

Students' Dinner Guests at the Pulliam Home

Members of the college Student Council, class presidents, and college publications editors, and other guests last evening of President and Mrs. Roscoe Pulliam and family sponsors of the Student Council and their wives. The dinner, an annual affair, was held at the Pulliam home.

REBA HARTLEY, MEMBER OF COLLEGE HEALTH STAFF TO DO GRADUATE WORK

Reba Hartley, a member of the Student Health Service staff of Southern Illinois Normal University, will be leaving Southern in January to do graduate work at the University of Minnesota.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED IN COLLEGE ASSEMBLY THIS MORNING

During the third hour this morning, the college music department is presenting a special Christmas program.

Participants in the program will be the college orchestra, the MacDowell and Roland Hayes choruses, and a brass quartet, composed of members of the college band.

Members of the brass quartet are Charles Holmes, Joe Pritchett, trumpet; baritone, Phyllis Jean Smith; trombone, Q. D. Mickel.

TEA DANCE SCHEDULED FOR LOUNGE DEDICATION TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

The Student Council will be host to the student body at a tea dance when the new lounge is dedicated Tuesday, January 6, at 4:00 p.m.

The lounge is located in the former Y.M.C.A. room on the second floor of the Old Science building.

Pat Lill and Nancy Freeman are making arrangements for the tea, to which all students and faculty members are invited.

DEAN LENTZ TO SPEAK AT STUDENT COUNCIL INAUGURAL CEREMONY

Dean E. G. Lentz will deliver an address at the annual Student Council inauguration ceremony that will take place at the Tuesday assembly program, following Christmas vacation.

After the inaugural address explaining the function of a college student council and its use at Southern, President Roscoe Pulliam will introduce each member of the council after which they will take an oath of office administered by him.

President of the Council, Robert Callis, will then officially turn the new student lounge over to the student body.

Steven Major, Wrestler, Enlists

Steve Major, who for four years held down the college 145 pound wrestling championship, enlisted in the Army Air Corps after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Major, a graduate of last spring, was quite active in campus affairs. Besides his wrestling, he was a Southern Knight, president of the Newman Club, a member of Sigma, and an active in Chi Delta Chi social fraternity.

Harrison Elected Royal Duke of Southern Knights

Russell Harrison, a senior from Granite City, has been elected Royal Duke of the Southern Knights for the winter term. Harrison is also president of the senior class besides being very active in extra-curricular activities. The other officers elected were: Earl Funston, a junior, from Lovington, Royal Earl; Art Barnard, a sophomore from Fairfield, Royal Scribe; and Tommy Williams, a sophomore from East St. Louis, keeper of the purse.

The following committee chairmen were appointed by Harrison: George Hall, chairman of the Vigilance committee; Clifford Neal, chairman of the Membership committee; Waldo McDonald, chairman of the Publicity committee; and Orin Wallace, chairman of the Welcoming committee.

Southern Knights will be very active in extra-curricular activities such as ushering at the games, welcoming visitors and carrying out their motto, "Service For Southern."

BONE CHOSEN SPONSOR FOR JUNIOR CLASS

Plans Already Underway For Junior-Senior Prom

Mr. Allan Bone, member of the faculty of the music department, has been recently honored by an appointment as junior class sponsor for the ensuing year. Mr. Bone will replace Dr. Clarence Cramer, who served as sponsor last year, and is this year's senior sponsor.

Plans For Prom
The class has already started plans for the Junior-Senior Prom which annually occurs each spring. Members of the class who will serve as volunteers are: orchestra—J. Maguire, chairman; Joe Konya and Peggy Henry; concession—Louis Macchi, chairman; Lucille Ellis, and Victor Hicken, decoration—Delmar Lovell and Sidney Ayres, chairman; Rolla Mitchell, and Mary Colard; tickets—Margie Mullins, chairman; Mildred Eason, champion; Graham Crichon, chairman; Bonnie Niewald, publicity—Norma Lou Hampton, chairman; Mary Morris; queen—Ralph Boatman, Jeanette Hamilton, and Tommy Clark; finance—Bill Reynolds, Lloyd Rains, Gene Ulrich; Duntars—Warren David St. James, and Loh Belle Dix.

FORTY-TWO SELECTED AS PLEDGES BY GIRLS' RALLY COMMITTEE

Forty-two girls were chosen this week to serve as pledges of the Girls' Rally committee: Ann Abernathy, Pat Barfield, Helen Blankenship, Vera Suttler, Wanda Carter, Caroline Cole, Kathleen Cravlin, June Campbell, Lucretia Coak, Elouise Grant, Helen Darnowski, Nancy Freeman, Edna Lee Finley, Alene Griffiths, Nadene Holford, Margaret Keene, Jane Kautzriedt, Betty Lampe, Doris Livesey, Berandine Legg, Frances Lasater, Marilyn Martin, Virginia Marberry, Dolores Menkhoff, Betty Mercer, Marion Parks, Doris Poffenbeger, Viola Rodemann, Jessa Vandyke, Margaret Shaw, Helen Weaver, Arlene Weaver, Phyllis Jean Smith, and Arlene Klein, Dorothy Kaufman, Rose Arlesic, Phyllis Cox, Elaine Horubach, Robert Henderson, Lois Mitchell, Nellie Jo Sager, and Ditty Daniel.

The girls were chosen from a group of sixty-five sophomore girls who applied for pledgeship to the organization last September. Upon being voted on by the active members of the committee these girls will become full fledged members of Southern's three-year-old rally organization. The new pledges will be entertained at home and dance the week after Christmas.

COLLEGE BOARD APPROVES SINU AID PROPOSAL

Approves Pulliam's Request For Foundation That Would Aid In College Expansion

At the regular meeting of the Teachers' College Board in Chicago this week, members of the Board approved President Roscoe Pulliam's proposal that a non-profit corporation, known as the "Southern Illinois Normal University Foundation", be established to assist in developing and increasing the facilities of the college.

Organization Purpose
The object of the foundation will be to assist in enlarging the already broad scope of services which the college offers to the people in the southern third of the state of Illinois. Not only are these services extended to resident students and alumni, but numerous facilities of the college have been extended to the citizens of the state. For example, the college museum has been built up to the point where it now ranks with the larger museums in the state, and has been opened to the public. By encouraging gifts of money, property, works of art, historical papers and documents, museum specimens and other material having educational, artistic or historical value, the college can be of still further service in promoting the cultural and historical, as well as the educational, interests of Southern Illinois.

The constitution of the Foundation, patterned after that of several large universities throughout the United States, including the University of Illinois, states that "the Foundation shall be a wholly non-profit corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Illinois and its purposes shall be wholly charitable and educational."

Consisting of at least twelve members, the Board of Directors will be chosen by the executive committee of the general Alumni Association and the Teachers' College Board, with the chairman of the Teachers' College Board, the Presidents of S.I.N.U., and the President of the Alumni Association of the college as ex-officio members. Three of the members will be chosen from the membership of the Teachers' College Board by the Board itself and all other directors, at least two-thirds of whom must be alumni of the college, will be elected by the general Alumni Association. The directors will be elected for a period of three years, with provision for a certain percentage of the terms to expire each year. This Board of Directors shall exercise all the powers of the corporation, and will be elected in the judgment of the Board shall tend to promote the interests and welfare of S.I.N.U. and the people of Southern Illinois.

School Cientele
"All of the teachers' colleges of Illinois," Mr. Pulliam pointed out to the Board in conclusion of his proposal, "are not only old and have built up a large clientele of loyal supporters. They should be constantly receiving substantial gifts, and bequests. Hitherto, the record of gifts to these institutions has not been good, partly because there has been no agency to solicit and receive gifts and partly also and have been given to the institutions had a feeling that to give money to the college was to give money to the state. Even under these conditions Southern Illinois Normal University has not fared badly on gifts. During the past five years, there have been given to the college over \$100,000.00 in gifts and amounts of money to a total value of \$167,720. If we establish a Foundation of the kind described, we will have a definite entity which can solicit and receive gifts and scholarships for student loans and for other special purposes; and which can also give full assurance in the future that the gifts will be used according to the terms of each bequest or donation.

SOUTHERN STUDENTS WIN IN DEBATING TOURNAMENT SATURDAY

Isabel Marshall and Elaine Steinheim made up one of two teams to finish six debates undefeated in the inter-collegiate tournament at Murray, Ky., last Friday and Saturday, December 12-13. The other victorious team was one from Murray State Teachers.

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JOHNNY DAINS, PHILOSOPHER

Lieutenant John Dains was shot down the other day in a raid on Shafter Field, three miles from Honolulu. Many people will remember this happy-go-lucky lad with his round, boyish face and devil-may-care attitude. Dains was a student in the chemistry department from 1938 to 1940 and many are the stories passed from one to another about him. Three in particular I recall.

In qualitative analysis he never seemed to have any equipment and everyone insists he ran all his experiments with a test tube which had been broken in half. Some insist he folded his filter papers and held them between his fingers to filter a solution. We do know that on numerous occasions he used an empty acid bottle from the desk reagents as about his only piece of apparatus. We've also seen him hold his finger over the end of the stem of a funnel, pour his solution into the funnel, rinse out his container and catch the filtrate as it came through.

Charles Gilpin, now at Purdue University taking a course in powder and explosives, had a perfect record on his unknowns for the first term of this course. He had one especially difficult one, and was about to give up and report on it when Dains came into the laboratory. "When in doubt add excess" is a chemical maxim still attributed to the philosophy of this irrepressible Epicure. He dumped in some more reagent, a precipitate formed and Gilpin's perfect average was maintained.

An unconfirmed story comes from Dains' venture into the mathematics department. He was taking mathematics 113, or rather, it was taking him. He had a brilliant mind, but got more pleasure not applying it than most of us attain while doing our best. Just before the final exam he asked the instructor how he stood in the course. As a joke he was told that if he scored 100 on the final he would receive an "A" from the course. He sat up studying all night, tallied the required number of points and collected his reward.

And at a table in the laboratory at the entrance of the chemistry department beyond the horizon stands a figure. He pours an unknown from a broken test tube into a funnel, quickly rinses the container and catches the first drop of filtrate as it flows from the stem. A grin breaks over the features of the rotund youth, not just an ordinary grin, but one which radiates warmth, friendliness, cheer and happiness to the farthest corner of the immense room. A muffled "when in doubt, add excess" reaches our ears, as our sturdy comrade marches with a jaunty stride to his place and flies into the sunset from whence he came.

—EUGENE BROWN

BULL ON THE BULLETIN BOARDS

Dear Editor:— Sometimes I think I am a typical college student, but after much deliberation I have concluded that such a thought is quite fantastic. If I am then to conclude that I am a typical student with a great amount of work to do, I am quite certain that I am not unlike many other working students who by force of necessity must conserve as much time as possible.

When I was a "fresh", my advisors said, "Watch the bulletin boards and keep posted." Of course, when we become juniors and seniors they rightly infer that we know the necessity of watching the bulletin boards. But I would like to know why we should waste our time by reading or scanning, again and again, the literally littered bulletin boards that clutter up our campus. For example, I noticed a bulletin dated October 15, 1941.

Is it not un-American to have such things waste our time? Speed and conservation of time are the key words of our national life. If I, like hundreds of other students, spend 10 minutes each day scanning some ten bulletin boards in a 36 weeks school year I have wasted 30 hours of valuable time. Multiply that by 1600 students and it gives you a total loss of 4800 valuable hours. All wasted because we must keep posted or be reminded of programs and meetings which occurred in the remote past.

I insist in the name of America and National Defense that we keep our bulletin boards up-to-date.

A Fellow American Student, CLAUDE F. PIERSAL.

SINOO'S SWING

Thanks to Mr. Bone and the members of the band, halftime intermissions aren't what a lot of them used to be. I'm sure that anyone who saw Tuesday night's Mississippi-Southern cage squabble will readily agree that the basketball exhibition coupled with the half-time gym show and band music was certainly a well-rounded evening's entertainment.

In truth those swing sessions being indulged in by the horn tooters of the college at the last two games have done wonders to better the morale of the fans. With all due respect to the time worn exhausted marches traditionally played by pep bands, these sound a lot better interspersed with A-1 "jumpin' jive" lately introduced to the local campus.

Expressing, I am sure, the earnest desires of the Southern student body, let's have more of the same. One thing's worrying yours truly, though. You know when soldiers cross a bridge they fall out of step. If an all-out effort at rhythmic footpadding should get underway, are the bleachers strong enough to bear up under the attack?

Nevertheless hopeful that the seating facilities will suffer no lapsing calamity, let me again earnestly request that you, our "bugle blowers", keep up the good work. And some night when you're really "in the groove" how about giving out with "Tiger Rag" or "Modern Designs"?

Term's Enrollment Figure 390 Less Than Last Year

The enrollment figures of 1939 at Southern for the winter term marks a decrease from last winter term's enrollment of some 462 students. The statement in last week's issue that the current enrollment is only some 36 of the number registered for the winter term last year is considerably away, as exemplified by the foregoing enrollment figures released by the college registrar.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:— Allow me to congratulate you on the NEWSPAPER you favor to publish last Friday.

Once every twenty years or so war has come to the U.S.A. Those fortunate few that happen to sit in the chairs of the editors or writers for any newspaper during these periods must certainly come to believe in the divine providence of the gift of Manna from Heaven—Suddenly there is news to burn to throw away news that effects every one in two hemispheres—and what happens?

Friday I sent for an Egyptian and found that the front page carried for its feature column a preview of a romancing play; another column to the effect that the MacDowell Club would sing the Messiah Dec. 17; another stated that the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was to meet on Monday. And, of my, lower down one third of a column was devoted to some minor item that there were two former college students killed in the war Sunday.

While meaning nothing derogatory to any of the former, this much is apparent to me that the college play "Life With Father" ran 60 weeks or 65 weeks; that the Messiah would be sung Dec. 17, or in swing; or that Bill Purdue was elected state president of the B.S.U.; or national president of the I Tappa Keg fraternity, seems to me to be more important than the fact that two former students were killed in the war with Japan. What WAR? Is the U.S. in a war? After reading the front page I wasn't at all sure but that for five days Orson Welles had somehow got complete control of all newspapers and radios and was having a Roman holiday.

This didn't dawn on me until I immediately turned to the editorial page. What did I find there? It complete kidding with the apparent policy of nonentity so particularly applied to the front page, at least as regards war news, was this page. So I began to search through the editorials for hints that maybe there was some important news. The titles of these editorials ran as follows: (1) By a vote of 3 to 2 'Collegians Decide Students Should Be Drafted to Avoid Effect on Morale' (For some time this little item has been coming out of the hands of the 'Collegians' but then—so what?) (2) 'History Spoke' by Associated Collegiate Press (3) 'When did the Job Open?' by Associated Collegiate Press (4) 'A Challenge to the College Women' was perhaps a little out of date in that the opening paragraph said:

"As a college we begin another year with our nation in a state of more tragic uncertainty than it was a year ago." At the time this paper went to press there was never a column in which so little uncertainty existed as in our own. (5) 'Japan Forces U.S. to War'—Well, well, someone read the same paper I did. Thanks to without your editorial the Egyptian of Friday, December 12, would have gone down in the annals of history as having taken here-to that distinct position occupied heretofore by the Kentucky Hillbilly when asked who was the greatest general in the last war, replied, "Why, Robert E. Lee, of course!" To continue—On Tuesday morning, Dec. 8, President Paulism spoke to the college assembly, expressing his views on our entrance into this war.

Temporarily, with the earnest simplicity that comes only to a person filled to the overflowing with such a fervent conviction on a subject that he states his own meaning, he stated his position.

I have heard many speeches in my few years, but only two or three have been so meaningful to me. What he said that day has been mentioned in part by a number of speakers, writers and commentators since, but none with quite the same turn of mind as that of the one who stated that there was not the optimism of the super-patriot nor the pessimism of the anti-war mongers, but rather something else. That something else could only have come from an educator. A man who has taught in his time that there is nothing good in war, but realizes that war is the worst evil in the world is not a fighter, a "result" of man's ignorance and superstitions; and tyranny of mind and soul growing out of this ignorance result in worse than wars. He said that this war would end, but that one of our main jobs during this war should be to see that it ends in the way we all wish.

That in the event all the "fighters" that in the past we victoriously we shall see that "To the Victor Belong

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Hodge: I accept your congratulations on last week's issue. However, now, I'm sure, in the manner in which they were extended. I may say, at the moment, I am profoundly sorry the Egyptian of last week struck so discordant a note upon the ears of some patriotic aspects of your nature.

So we have a war. So you and I are both of fighting age—and remember—and both of us will in all likelihood get a chance to show our worth in Uncle Sam's service. I too feel that I shall have a small part in this war for "this too shall pass"—and we, too, will perhaps have part in establishing the beginning of a just and sane peace when war is no more.

Yes, Mr. Hodge, I agree the president's college assembly talk was all you felt toward that anyone could possibly expect. I think you must agree that past platform activity of Mr. Pulliam has been fine; it has been straightforward; it has been presented by one who knows and vividly realizes all the trying aspects of world conflict. I am truly glad that now, finally, you realize the earnest sincerity of our president's views toward the world conditions which he has consistently expressed for some time now, and for which, in the past, he was severely and unjustly criticized. Perhaps "Tom" will personally thank you for your reverent interest in his editorial efforts.

But why, Mr. Hodge, do you seemingly contradict your lines of thought? Maybe my momentary analysis misconstrued your activity of the last issue, but the quiet, serene, attitude of your closing paragraph doesn't jibe with your statement "war is NEWS—and why not?" I ask one more question—WHY? WM. HODGE.

RULES FOR THE STUDENT LOUNGE

1. Damaged furnishings shall be replaced or repaired by those causing the damage.
2. Furnishings shall not be taken from the lounge.
3. Persons not complying with the rules of the lounge and not conducting themselves properly shall be subject to disciplinary measures by administration of the college.
4. No organization shall use the lounge or meetings be held in it, except by special permission of the Student Council.
5. The lounge shall be open from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Friday night till 11 p.m. The lounge shall open on Saturday at 1 p.m. and shall remain open until 11 p.m.
6. No organization or group with common interests shall be allowed to monopolize the lounge to such an extent that they will inhibit the use of the lounge by other students.
7. Smoking will be allowed in the lounge only as long as students respect the right to use it. This is construed to mean ashes in ash trays, cigarette butts in ash trays, and proper care of the furnishings relative to smoking. Any report of the misuse of this privilege will result in the automatic withdrawal of this privilege by the administration.
8. Conversation shall be kept to a normal tone and the radio must be kept low enough so as not to disturb classes.
9. Due to lack of space, dancing can not be permitted.
10. Magazines and books placed in the lounge by the Student Council shall not be taken from the lounge.

RULES REGARDING ORGANIZATIONS

1. In general, no organization shall use the lounge during school hours.
2. In general, the lounge will be given over to organizational meetings no more than once in a week.
3. The lounge will not be turned over to organizers for regular meetings.
4. Any organization wishing to use the lounge for a special function shall apply to the chairman of the Student Lounge committee not later than one week prior to the date on which they desire to use it.

Physics Department To Teach Radio and Code

Southern Illinois Normal University's physics department will cooperate in teaching radio and code work to interested students, according to an announcement made by the department's Young Men's Association.

Young men familiar with radio and code, especially former "ham operators", will be in great demand by the army signal corps. Those desiring instruction in these subjects may contact Dr. Young in his office on the third floor of the Parkinson Laboratory. Instruction in use of equipment will be free of charge.

Dr. George D. Stoddard, dean of the graduate school of the University of Iowa, will succeed Dr. Ernest E. Cole as New York state education commissioner on June 30, 1942.

Dr. William S. Carlson, director of registration at the University of Minnesota and an expert on the Arctic, has been assigned to the bomber ferry command as a technical advisor on Greenland air base.

SPORTS in the News!

MAROONS SUFFER SEASON'S FIRST DEFEAT AT HANDS OF THE ALTON ONIZED CLUB

Visitors' Height and Experience Prove the Deciding Factor; Nick Milosevich Leads Southern Scoring

The McAndrewmen suffered their first knock-out of the season last Saturday night in losing to the Alton Onized team, which is made up of employees of the Owens-Illinois Glass Works by a 41 to 27 score on the home floor. Although the Southerners were outclassed as to height and experience, they didn't play the brand of ball they demonstrated against Alton's two baskets. The percentage of field shots and their passing seemed much less effective.

VARSIITY ROSTER TOP HEAVY WITH UNDERCLASSMEN

Basketball at Southern is now in gear. Coach-McAndrew's Maroons have played three non-conference games, one of which was about the roughest game ever witnessed at the local gym. However, lack of interest in these contests is prevalent and even conspicuous by the small number of students attending the games. Possibly an important reason for the relatively small crowds is the lack of knowledge on the part of the students as to who is on the basketball squad. If this is the case, a short resume of the Southern squad is in order.

Player	P.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Harrison	2	0	4
Moody	0	0	0
Sebastian	2	1	5
Hinckley	0	0	0
Millsbaugh	2	1	5
Giulietti	0	0	0
Burleson	1	0	2
Gilliam	0	1	1
Milosevich	2	3	8
Maltby	0	0	0
Michel	0	1	1
Cook	0	0	0
Kaltenbach	0	1	1
Totals	9	27	44

Dr. Matthes Was Football Official

A fact little known to Carbondale students was that Dr. Matthes, well known local dentist, who was killed in an automobile accident last Saturday morning, was one of the best football officials in Illinois. He was a favorite of many players and many coaches, especially in this part of the state. Dr. Matthes refereed many high school games throughout this vicinity as well as working at least two or three games each year for Southern. This last football season he worked the Tennessee Junior College game at reference and the Du Kalb contest as umpire.

SINGLE LETTERMAN ST. JAMES LEADS ACES TO DOWN ESQUIRES, 31-30

Wednesday, December 17, at 8 p.m. in their first home game of the season, the Dunbar Aces, led by their captain, Warren St. James, high point man for the evening, emerged from obscurity by repulsing the Esquire Five in an hour thriller by the score 31-30. In two previous engagements away from home, Coach Charles Ward experimented on combinations and the Dunbar aggression did not fare so well. The outcome of those practice engagement were well worth the trouble, however, as the Dunbar Aces cooperated in a machine-like fashion.



AMONG THE INTRAMURALS With Hedges

There has been some minor footling around that Winter Intramural basketball will officially open the week following our extensive Christmas vacation. However, "Doc" Lingel reports that it is just a minor nuisance as practically no teams and names of team managers have been turned in to him.

Player	P.G.	F.T.	T.P.
Harrison	2	0	4
Moody	0	0	0
Sebastian	2	1	5
Hinckley	0	0	0
Millsbaugh	2	1	5
Giulietti	0	0	0
Burleson	1	0	2
Gilliam	0	1	1
Milosevich	2	3	8
Maltby	0	0	0
Michel	0	1	1
Cook	0	0	0
Kaltenbach	0	1	1
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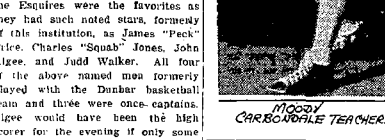
There will probably be some new teams making their debut this winter but we are depending on our old main-stays, the Faculty, Car's Aces, K. D. A's, Col. Delts and last as well as last, the late John J. White's Famous Fantastic First Triangles, which found old records high their debut and death last year.

GRID LEADER

The clash with Du Quoin was a game of another color as it was, being fought on a hazy, chilly day. Both teams played the fast brand of variety of ball and in the closing minutes Harwood Hall overcame a Du Quoin lead and nosed them out 34 to 22.

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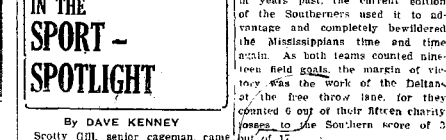
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R. Keckler	0	2	0
W. St. James	0	2	3
K. Brooks	0	0	0
F. Owens	0	0	0
J. Gardner	0	0	0
Totals	0	7	3

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WE'RE WITH YOU

Do you have trouble? Are you worried because of the nearness of the disease of war, the disease that the Nipponese government has forced upon us? What are you crying for? Aren't you glad to serve your country, especially, since you have many opportunities and since you have freedom, actually in theory as well as in practice.

—Wallace Price.

PRESSING ON THE PRECARIOUS

Because of the assumed pot of gold for Carbondale householders by the overflow of workers seeking suitable housing, many S.N.U. students have many times found themselves literally out in the cold. It seems that in telling student renters to vacate, a householder resorts to no one but his own conscience, while a student formerly could not legally vacate a rooming house until the end of the term or in case he did, he had to shell out with a full term's rent.

—Liz Fairbairn.

WOMEN'S SPORTS STUDENT COUNCIL DANCE

W. A. A. INITIATION AFTER CHRISTMAS

The W.A.A. initiation and party originally planned for Wednesday evening has been postponed until Jan. 7. The results of the membership drive will not be determined until then.

MERCER-WESTWOOD WIN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Mitzie Mercer and Gladys Westwood defeated the McCall twins in the last round of the W.A.A. badminton tourney on Wednesday evening. The two teams played three games, Mercer and Westwood winning two. The scores of all games were very close.

Monday evening the McCall twins defeated Brooks and Chethoweth to reach the finals. This tournament closes the indoor badminton season.

CANDID SPORTS

A Xmas Special! When Christmas thus calls through the busy shopping days and arrives materially and not monetarily on the date of December 25, everyone has certain wishes concerning what he shall get in those mysterious packages.

We are not going toward for that date, however, for here in the Phys Ed department we have our own set of not too subtle wishes, which could be fulfilled at any time of the year. But since this is Xmas, we don't mind making it a Santa Special at reduced rates.

The following are the things we want for Christmas. We don't mind if they aren't wrapped, we'll do the "wrapping." (Excuse, please!)

A basketball floor with lines so that the players won't be playing badminton and tennis at the same time. (There's something upstairs that indicates we aren't too bold in hoping for it.)

A janitor who will keep our dressing room cleaner.

A bigger and better (not bigger) basketball season.

A tube of ointment for stiff muscles acquired in Modern dance.

A rowboatist so that we can recover the balls that are knocked into Lake Michigan by enthusiastic freshmen and bachelored upperclassmen.

A Physical Education library here in the gym so that we can eliminate the future necessity of going to the library for a book that has been lost in the stacks.

A W.A.A. member who can fix pipes to put on our vulnerable but hungry bulletin board.

A Kay team with as much basketball vision as last year.

A Miss Mercer who brings her bicycle more often so that Nancy Cooper can peddle through the gym to the delight of her soul.

A basketball trip into parts unknown.

And with all this, we want you to give spirit to the sports in which we participate, attention to our books, pay to those who can survive us, and MORE NEWS FOR THE CANDIDS.

Additional Note: Many Christmas and Happy New Year have been going together for many years, but they can't seem to get together. However, if they ever become entirely detached from one another, New Year will always have an Eve. (May has an Eve, too, but it's just a close relative).

SIGMA PI RHO MEETS WEDNESDAY

Sigma Pi Rho, national honorary Latin fraternity, had its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, December 19, at the apartment of Miss Madeline Smith.

Mrs. Evelyn Bieko of the Foreign Language department of the University High school was the guest speaker. She gave a very interesting discussion of the "Life of Borovik". Following the program there was a short business meeting after which the meeting adjourned.



This picture, taken shortly after the intermission of the Student Council dance, December 5, shows the dancers frolicking about on the old gym floor. Few had returned by then.

PUTTING THE PAPER TO BED

Most college students, I bet, have never seen a newspaper put to bed. I have, and by golly, it's something. One afternoon recently, after taking a refreshing nap, I burrowed my way into a tunnel which is located underneath the Parkinson Laboratory, and presently found myself within the Egyptian editorial office. The Egyptian office, I presume, is an ideal spot for, in case any Yellow Bellieds decided to destroy the building by dropping bombs on it, everyone there would be safe: the Egyptian ward is far enough underground, and is so protected from falling debris with a great number of girder and a net-work of pipes, most of which are four or five feet above the floor, that floating save a dozen particles of grit could possibly sift through. It would be well, however, to stay out from under the assortment of antiquated machinery which would suggest, in case of an invasion, to put a waste basket over your head and sit down somewhere quietly.

When I arrived in the Egyptian office, things were buzzing. Harry (Pat) Patrick the Chief, was in a half-standing-baiting position behind the most solid desk. He had a red pencil behind either ear, one in his mouth and one in each hand, and was making little and big red marks on a stack of typewritten papers. His shirt was loose at the neck and his tie was hanging over a steam pipe. A girl was typing on a Woodstock at the other end of the Chief's desk. Several feet away, other typewriters were going at top speed. But these, the sports editor, dashed into the hive every three or four minutes, whispering something to someone and flew out again, thus standing at convenient spots, were reading "copy." Everyone was smiling at it someone else who seemed to be always on the other side of the document.

"Have a seat," the Chief yelled without looking up. "Be ready in a minute." I found a stack of dusty newspapers in one corner and sat down on them. The newspapers turned out to be files dated one week after I was born in 1921. I thought I'd try to get a sense of what college students were considering news in 1921. One item was about a girl who had overthrown a teacher's desk and scattered a lot of test papers on the floor. The Egyptian wasn't sure whether the girl did it on purpose or if it was an accident. I put down the file and observed the activities about me, which were, by and large, more interesting.

Suddenly everybody stopped what he was doing and left. Only the Chief and two girls remained. One of the girls wrapped a tie around his neck, gathered up all his arms could hold, and announced that he was ready to go. "The girls," the Chief said, "are going along to read proof."

We arrived at the independent Publishing Company in Murphy's hall an hour later. Uncle Dan, the linotype operator, jumped up from his machine as quickly as a child and explained, "Where in the world have you been? About time you returned over here." The Chief handed

him an armful of copy and led me and the girls into the independent editorial room. Leora, the effeminate maiden who is the Egyptian "makeup man", brought in some "proofs" and shuffled off to her other shores. An Africaner eased into the room, nosing about under desks and chairs looking for things to clean up. At 8 o'clock the Chief took off his glasses and proclaimed it's time to edit. Leora gathered up the proofs. Uncle Dan told us not to be gone long. The Chief picked out a very nice place to sit. We each had a chair and a glass of milk. We got back to the printers at 8:30. Uncle Dan had most of the type set and Leora was ready to begin "making up" the pages. The Chief got the proofs and began telling Leora where to put what, looking over her shoulder to see that it went all right. Occasionally, when the amount of type was longer than the space for it, a paragraph had to be "cut."

The girls and I stood by and watched Leora and the Chief work diligently under the shaded lights. At 11 o'clock Leora straightened up and the Chief sighed. Leora and Uncle Dan took "wet proofs" of the pages and the girls examined them for errors. Finally, the Chief said everything was O. K. He pointed at several "realities" of type which were left over, and said, "That will have to go in next week. Didn't have room this time. Come on, let's get home. I got a test three hours tomorrow."

Women's basketball season opens soon after Christmas. Watch W.A.A. bulletin board for further information.

SINU Radio Programs

Monday, Jan. 13, 2:30 p. m. Dr. Charles D. Tenney of the English department will be interviewed on some significant new books. Charles Hamilton, regular soloist for the program will be back on the air. Harry Patrick, Egyptian editor, will present campus news, Robert Farnham, announcer.

Thursday, Jan. 8, 6:30 a. m. J. G. McCall, farm advisor for Jackson and Perry counties will be featured. R. E. Buckelroy of the Agriculture department will give his regular farm-house commentary. Paul Eugene Floyd, announcer.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2:30 p. m. Dr. Frances Rowe of the Health Department will be featured. William Gatz will present his regular S.I.N.U. sports commentary. Richard Meyer, announcer.

CAMPUS BULLETINS

NOTICE! Students interested in working in Carbondale during the Christmas vacation should notify the Student Employment Service immediately.

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DELTA DELTA CHI'S INITIATE NINE TO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Thursday, December 11th, nine pledges of the Delta Delta Chi fraternity received their formal initiation becoming active. Those formally initiated were: Frank Logan, Jack Hackney, Ray Palkerson, Bill Dial, John Hauer, Jim Loomis, Fred Nolan, George Mitchell and Larry Nelson.

The following Monday election of pledge master, house president, vice-president, rush captain, and sergeant-at-arms was held. Those elected were: Ray Palkerson, pledge master; Bill Dial, house president; Jim Loomis, rush captain; Fred Nolan, vice president; and Glenn Mantle, sergeant-at-arms.

The fraternity had its first annual winter formal dance Friday night, December 12. Red roses, the fraternity flower, were presented as corsages to the ladies. Christmas trees and candles decorated the dance floor. Vince Genovese and orchestra furnished the music for the dance.

Drastic Curtailment In NYA Non-Defense Projects Anticipated

HERNIN, Ill. Dec. 11—Drastic curtailment of the non-defense part of the National Youth Administration out-of-school work program in southern Illinois, with an accompanying increase in emphasis on defense training, was announced today by Edward A. Kohler, area 5 director. More than 300 youth employed on the non-defense projects of the regular program in the area will be dropped, Kohler said.

In accord with the state and national-wide reduction in the regular NYA program previously made public, Kohler also announced a 50 per cent reduction in administrative and supervisory personnel in the 14 counties of the area, effective Dec. 15.

Emphasizing that the defense training part of the NYA would continue to expand, Kohler said "This definitely puts the NYA on an all-out-for-defense basis, and enables us to concentrate on those types of work experience which will most directly and immediately prepare young people for defense employment."

Large defense work centers giving youth work experience in machine shop, sheet metal, and welding will continue operation at Harrisburg, Marion, and Metropolis, and the West Frankfort Work Center will be expanded. An industrial type sewing project at Johnston City and the recent center at Carbondale, where youth get experience in auto mechanics and sub-professional engineering, will also continue. Other defense locations are also being considered.

Approximately 1200 young men and women between 17 and 25 years of age will be employed in these defense centers in the area, with replacement made as youth leave for private employment and other reasons.

Major construction projects operated under the regular program will be completed, and a few other types of work experience, such as clerical,

will still be provided, Kohler stated. At present about 350 youth will remain on the regular program, he said. The counties in area 5 are Alexander, Pulaski, Union, Jackson, Massac, Pope, Hardin, Johnson, Saline, Gallatin, White, Hamilton, Franklin, and Williamson.

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Dr. J. A. Stoelzle OPTOMETRIST 206 West Main St. Carbondale, Ill.

Doin' All Right



It will be a strange feeling for Ginny Simms, above, when she appears before the "Spotlight Bands" microphone as the guest of Nat Brandwynne's orchestra Tuesday, December 23. For it will be the first time in over four years that Ginny appears with an orchestra other than Kay Kyser's. Ginny broke away from the Kyser organization recently and is doing all right by herself—as you will see in her forthcoming movie "Playmates," in which she is co-featured with the incomparable Kay. As a result of her work in this picture Ginny was offered a long-term contract by R. E. O.

Majorette Boots JUST ARRIVED For the last minute shoppers. Specially Priced \$4.45 Brown - White Zwick's Ladies' Store

MERRY CHRISTMAS From CARTER'S

SOUTHERN KNIGHTS HOLD INITIATION CEREMONIES MONDAY

The Southern Knights held their regular winter initiation last Monday night in the tower of Old Main, at 6 p. m. Eleven new members took the first level work, and sixteen men did second level work.

The sixteen men given their second level work became quires. These men had successfully completed a probationary period as pledges.

The new members will do 12 weeks of probationary work. At the end of this time their service records will be examined to see if they are eligible for promotion.

The Knights will hold a special initiation in February. This will be for those pages that did not get probation, and for those eligible to be quires, who were unable to attend the initiation.

Following is a list of men initiated: Robert Fischer, Paul Clark, Sam Carrittiers, Bill Cunningham, John Ertman, Kenneth Miller, Gerald Oberth, Robert Zullian, Marshall Flyland, Leland Scott, John Hamilton, Frank Logan, Walter Mefflin, Julius Swayne, Harry Young, Jr., Robert Yates.

The following were eligible but not present: Hal Butler, Marvin Gavlich, Dave Hartstein, Paul Tyler, Robert Yeack, Robert Williams.

The following took the pledge oath: Elmer Adams, Noble Barker, Carl Burde, Floyd Campbell, Louis Durfee, Harry Jacobs, Lawrence Johnson, Dave Keany, Joe Land, Charles Turner, Dick Osland.

OBELISK GIVEN FIRST CLASS RATING IN NATIONAL CONTESTS

The Obelisk, 1941's first class rating in both the National Scholastic Press Association and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Yearbook Contest for 1941 annuals. These annual contests are sponsored by the Departments of Journalism in the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, and Columbia University, New York City respectively. Yearbooks from high schools, colleges and universities throughout the United States are submitted to them for rating and criticism.

High Rating

The First Class Rating places the Obelisk in the group of annuals ranging from "very good to excellent." There is only one higher rating. To "superior" yearbooks, the National Scholastic Press Association awards the All-American rating and the Columbia Scholastic Press Association gives the honor of Medals.

Special Features

Given special mention were the general appearance of the book, the quality of the pictures, the portrayal

SOME PEOPLE START THE NEW YEAR TURNING OVER NEW RESOLUTIONS AND OTHERS JUST HANG-OVER FROM THE OLD YEAR



PET'S SAYS:
Our best wishes to all throughout the coming year. And remember our number to call for service that's always sincere!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Peerless Cleaners
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Madrigal Singers, Newest Campus Musical Organization, Represent Tradition Span of Four Centuries

The Madrigal Singers, youngest musical organization on Southern's campus, belong to a tradition which spans four centuries and has delighted monarchs and commoners with its lyric grace. They sing a repertoire which not only exacts flawless technical achievement, but also requires a contagious spontaneity of expression. They must be so skilled, so acutely sure, that they can transcend the mechanics of their art in sheer melodic abandon.

The madrigal itself is a type of song described by Floyd V. Wakeford, director of the group, as "a simple folk tune elaborated by the addition of melodies and counter-melodies, now very rarely found out of the composition." It is frequently a love lyric, and may range from the most joyous felicity to actual dejection. Polyphonic in construction, it may be called the secular equivalent of the motet, which was an intricately-woven group of contrapuntal melodies to be sung in religious services.

Originating probably as Cornish folk songs, the first madrigals were revised and popularized by Italian composers late in the Italian renaissance. They were quickly adopted by both the French and the English, but every person who boasted real savoir-faire in social matters was expected to be able to sing his part of a madrigal.

In the Elizabethan period, madrigals were perhaps even a more general form of social expression than swing is in our day. At dinners, it was the custom to pass sheets of music to the guests after the dishes had been cleared away and this very tradition is suggested by the informal grouping of our own singers around a table, the women sitting, the men standing behind them. There

is never an instrumental accompaniment. The whole culture of madrigal singing has always been one of spontaneous emotion. Reaching its greatest popularity in the dramatic age when Elizabeth was giving her patronage to England's first distinguished lyricists, the form reflects their galaxy and charm.

The students who are singing in the local group this year are Dorothy McKarney and Lucille Dillow Busenhardt, first soprano; Betty Mercer and Betty Eckert, second soprano; Anne Abernathy, Marguerite Norman, and Jane Ferguson, altos; Charles Hamilton, M. J. Gurlich, and Edwin Hughes, tenors; and Tom Purdon and David Cary, basses. Of these, there are two who were in the first group, which was organized in November, 1935. They are Miss Norman and Mr. Hamilton.

To make their appearance even more arresting, the Madrigal Singers have recently acquired authentic Elizabethan costumes, which they wore for the first time in a concert at a faculty party on December 14th. These costumes were designed and made by Mary Moffitt and Charlotte Ehrnor as a vocational home economics project under the supervision of Miss Lucy K. Woody. They represent a great deal of research and planning for it was necessary not only to plan color schemes, to purchase suitable materials, and to make the costumes, but to cut new patterns as well.

The men of the group wear knee breeches, knee-length jackets, and white ruffs. The women wear the tight-bodied, full-skirted gowns typical of Elizabeth's court. The whole ensemble is a colorful display which is not only delightful to spectators, but inspiring to the artists themselves.

Illinois Institute of Technology scientists have perfected a drying process to prevent bacterial rot in potatoes which is expected to cost the potato industry millions of dollars annually.

Since 1896, Harvard University has offered a \$500 scholarship for an Englishman or Indian from "Petaquamset in the Narragansett Province" otherwise called King's Country.

General Sylvanus Thayer's successful superintendency of West Point from 1817 to 1833 earned him the title of "the Father of the United States Military Academy."

The Student Council met at Hank's Cafe December 1, 1941, for a dinner meeting to elect new members: Victor Hicken, Harry Patrick, Everett Goddard, Dot Lill and Pat Lill.

Final plans were made for the dance. Ralph Boatman presented tentative schedule of regulations for the student lounge.

The meeting was adjourned.

December 8, 1941. The meeting was called to order by the president, Bob Calliss. Minutes were read and approved with one correction. Mary Edleman was absent.

Ralph Boatman moved that no further should be heard or removed from the student lounge. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The use of the lounge by other organizations was discussed and the motion was made that the lounge could not be used by organizations except by special permission. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Council decided to keep the lounge open from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on week days, from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, and from 1:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday.

The meeting was adjourned.

December 14, 1941. The meeting was called to order by the president, Robert Calliss. The minutes were read and approved. Absent members were Harry Patrick, Ann Abernathy, Mary Edleman, Sandy Pent, and Norma Chambers.

Plans were discussed for the inauguration of the Student Council members before the student body on Tuesday, January 6. Pat Mercer was appointed to make arrangements for the inauguration.

A tea to officially open the student lounge was discussed. Pat Lill and Nancy Freeman were appointed to make arrangements for painting the student lounge during Christmas vacation.

Ralph Boatman presented the rules and regulations for the lounge and they were discussed by the Council. The meeting was adjourned.

STALLED SANTA



This Santa Claus had better stick to his knitting and get along down that chimney where the stockings are all hung with care. If he lingers too long next to this charmer she'll get all the pretty bundles away from him and there will be nothing for the kiddies downstairs. Janet Walton and Jerry Busman of Columbia network's "Big Town" broadcasts, stage a 1941 version of what happened to Ulisses.

BOOKS IN REVIEW

By DELBERT HAMILTON

THE FIGHTING LITTLES By Booth Tarkington. Doubleday Doran. \$2.00.

"Is that guy still writing books? Probably this is what you'll say when you read this author's name. Yes, Booth Tarkington is still alive and still writing. His newest offering, "The Fighting Littles" is an entertaining little volume but is not quite up to the "Peorod" or "Seventeen" level.

In the latest Tarkington story the plot if there is one, is centered around the adolescent escapades of Filmer Little, aged 15, and Goody Little, aged 18. It is Ripley Little, their fractious father, who steals the show, however.

Mr. Little's troubles with his children from the most annoying incidents of the book. Which one of his children is his greatest problem is a point on which Mr. Little and the reader are undecided for 200 pages. Goody, who collects a heterogeneous group of boy friends, each of whom help in smashing the fender of fate into a superstructure when a father's ears become a serious problem. And Filmer, struggling with the pains of first love at one moment and privately eating Escallina tablets to remove the smell of tobacco at the next, is equally vexing to his father.

Mr. Little, who is rankleheaded and yet lovable, expects the world to move along in a quiet steady manner, undisturbed by such things as the New Deal, Hitler and jitterbugs. But when such things do move in on him, Mr. Little often lets his anger get the better of him. As Goody said, he had anger fits only twice a year, but each lasted six months. When Mr. Little's rage became vocal

precious words would escape him, words like "Jeh-jan" and "Jeh-pon", which when closely analyzed would what they sounded to be. Mrs. Little and Cousin Olin, who stayed with the family, got along with the younger generation much better than the head of the household. Mrs. Little because disarranged hangings of any dimension were expected by them and they remained undisturbed. When Goody and her visiting friend from the south try to baby Mr. Little into buying a new green convertible, Mrs. Little even goes out the girls in their cascade.

It is only in the final ramifications of the book that Mrs. Little lets her emotions run away. The last portion of the book deals with a hectic trip to Maine, instigated by Goody, who has assumed to meet her then current beau in a little resort village where he is visiting. Mr. Little after driving two swiftness days, hitting one dog one hat box and two suitcases, and with the help of a finally gone primary because disarranged hangings of any dimension were expected by them and they remained undisturbed. When Goody and her visiting friend from the south try to baby Mr. Little into buying a new green convertible, Mrs. Little even goes out the girls in their cascade.

The after-described scene is only one of a series of scenes which Tarkington pushes his characters in. To the book on the whole is an amusing little tale, and for light reading or for those who want to revive memories of "Peorod," it's okay. The rip-roaring hilarity is slightly overdone and makes the humor seem a little forced at times, but if you like Tarkington, don't miss it.

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- Nylon Hosiery, per pair . . . \$1.65
- Fitted Gases . . . \$9.98 to \$12.50
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Handel's "Messiah" Compose 24 Days, Hailed as Greatest Work of Kind Ever Written

By BILL GAETZ
George Frederick Handel's "Messiah" may truly be classified among the greatest works of its kind ever written by any composer. This choral masterpiece bears even greater significance when you consider that he completed the music in twenty-four days. Those who are familiar with the "Messiah" often wonder at the effect produced by Handel's boldness of notes, but when they think of the amazingly short time required to write the music, they simply gasp in bewilderment.

The "Messiah" was first performed at a concert given for charitable purposes at Dublin, Ireland, on April 13, 1742. Handel conducted the work in its entirety. According to historical reports, he was well aware that the ability of the Dublin orchestra was well below that of the London players and that was supposed to have made a decided difference in the composition of his works. So popular was this great oratorio upon its first performance that the work is repeated each year at the same time before the Dublin audience. Handel changed the original score very little, and since his death the oratorio has never been elaborated on or taken away from.

When Handel published the "Messiah" in 1742 his popularity that arose from this choral masterpiece was not the first taste of victory for the composer. In fact, had it not been for this oratorio Handel would probably have been forgotten by now. It is the early part of his composing career, he had witnessed a brief span of fame that she like a meteor across the sky and then began to glide into the blackness of night. However, needing money very badly, he at-

tempted to write another oratorio that would bring him enough money to enable him to leave home. The result of his efforts produced the "Messiah," laureatedly the success of the new oratorio swept through Ireland and England and Handel once more became the central figure in the contemporary composing field. Probably the last number of this oratorio is the final number of Handel's career. So successful was this oratorio upon the audience when its performance in Dublin that they arose as one body while it was being sung. Since that time, it has been the custom of every audience to stand while this number is being sung.

The "Messiah" is not an elaborate choral number, designed only for highly trained musicians, but is arranged to appeal to anyone who enjoys the beauty of excellent choral singing.

Spanish Club to Meet Tuesday Following Vacation

The Spanish Club will meet in the Y.W.C.A. room at 7:30 January 8, 1942. All Spanish students are invited to attend. A Spanish movie and a piano solo will be presented on the program.

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ADULT EDUCATION COURSES ON COLLEGE SCHEDULE THIS TERM

Three new courses are being offered as a part of the Adult Education program conducted by Southern Illinois Normal University in cooperation with the present national defense training program. A new defense training course in blue print reading, held its first meeting Monday evening in Home Nursing and First Aid will be opened after the new year.

The course in blue print reading will meet every Monday and Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 in room 102 of the Parkington Laboratory. Mr. Olson of the college industrial arts department will conduct the course. Although most of the ten carpenters who have already enrolled are employed at the defense plant in Crab Orchard, the course is open to anyone interested in this important phase of defense work.

Home Nursing will be taught on Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. beginning Saturday, January 10, 1942. Miss Florence Denny of the Student Health Service at S.I.N.U. will teach this course.

The second course, First Aid, will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00, beginning Wednesday, January 7, 1942. This class will be conducted by Dr. Frances Rowe, of the Student Health Service.

These courses are open to all adults but do not offer any college credit.

Southern Illinois Normal University is an important agent in the training for national defense in the present crisis. In addition to its school training in welding, mechanics, aeronautics, and industrial arts, S.I.N.U. is offering through its extension service, commercial subjects, including blue-print reading and courses in home nursing and first aid. Anyone interested in any part of the Adult Education program should contact Dr. T. W. Abbott, director of extension at Southern Illinois Normal University.

Be prepared?

PI DELTA EPSILON ENTERTAINS GROUP OF PROSPECTIVE PLEDGES

Pi Delta Epsilon, national journalism fraternity, entertained its prospective pledges at an informal party at the Tri Sigma House Wednesday, Dec. 7.

The entertainment for the evening consisted of popular musical selections by Frances Stepp, soloist, and Hannah Joy, pianist. Group singing, skits, and games completed the program. Each person was presented with a Pi Delta favor.

Proceeding the entertainment and refreshments important facts about Pi Delta were disclosed to the potential pledges by each active member of Pi Delta. Later in the evening Dr. Schneider, faculty sponsor of Pi Delta Epsilon, and Wayne Mann, editor of the Southern Alumnus, and an active, gave brief talks.

Tri Sigs Initiate Three Sunday

The Sigma Sigma Sigma society held formal initiation last Sunday evening. The girls who were initiated at the ceremony were Virginia Mackery, Monropolis; Ann Wiley, Asha; and Catherine Zitas, Mt. Vernon.

Civic Movement Underway For Liberal Arts College

It has long been common knowledge that the southern third of Illinois needed some provision for regular university work, and the result, which a regular university could give to the area. It is also well known that this same third of the state has almost no provision whatever for such services, though the northern two-thirds of the state has more than fifty liberal arts colleges and universities to serve it.

In order to point out the existing situation in favor of extending the functions of the teachers' college at Carbondale, and to secure the necessary legal sanctions in the next legislature, a definite movement is now well underway for that specific purpose.

A committee known as the sponsor committee for the University of Southern Illinois has been organized, and has caused to be printed and circulated the following petition: To the Honorable Dwight Green, Governor, State of Illinois, and Members of the 63rd General Assembly:

The undersigned civic, educational, business, religious, patriotic, fraternal, and professional organizations, groups and individuals, in the interest of a more equitable distribution of opportunities for advanced education in Southern Illinois, do petition you to take all necessary action to accomplish the following ends:

1. Enlarge the scope and function of Southern Illinois Normal University to enable it to give accredited liberal arts work, undergraduate, and graduate.
2. Change the title of Southern Illinois Normal University to the "University of Southern Illinois."
3. Remove it from the jurisdiction of the Normal School Board and place it under an independent Board of Trustees.
4. Make necessary appropriations for the establishment and maintenance of said institution.

Sponsor committee: John Dill, Lindell Sturgis, Robert McKinney, Sherman Carr, Illinois American Legion; O. W. Lyerla, Southern Illinois Incorporated; Charles Houghton, W. O. Brown, Harry Crisp, Dr. O. B. Grunby, Hal Trivittin, Charles Patrick, Winton Walkup, R. G. Severson, J. E. Etkerson, Ray Edmondson.

This committee desires that every citizen in the State of Illinois and especially those in the area directly served by the college be permitted to express themselves on this petition.

The American Federation of Teachers, local No. 531, Southern Illinois Normal University, is acting as the co-ordinating group for the movement.

In the past week two meetings, attended by most of the members of the committee, have been held on the campus making definite plans to circulate the petitions throughout the state. The meetings were definitely encouraging and enthusiastic, and it is felt that the movement which found expression in Senate Bill No. 1 introduced by Senator R. G. Chennery of Marquette in the last legislative session will be brought to a successful conclusion in the 63rd General Assembly.

Anyone desiring more definite information should communicate with one of the members of the committee or write directly to: R. D. Bowen, head of the Department of Sociology, S.I.N.U., Carbondale.

Uncensored Nonsense

The main subject for discussion in the story God forsaken Little Egypt is the defense plant located in the region of the great Crab Orchard lake. No one seemed to know anything about it but everyone was talking about it. That burning curiosity finally conquered my better judgment, so with the assistance of two cohorts and a beat-up press card I paid this plant a visit.

I had a hearty reception at the plant. An official welcome by several husky guards did not encourage my efforts to see the place at all. After convincing the officers that I was not a fifth columnist, (my much needed shave and my crew cut didn't seem to help matters any), and that I was born in Franklin county, and that I would not attempt to overthrow the government, I was given a badge, No. 102, and allowed to enter the great place.

My visit at the plant was to secure enough facts to throw together a story, therefore I was sent to the Public Relation Office. The first kind face I saw in the whole place was that of young, good looking Lieutenant Healy, who was in charge of the plant's publicity. After introductions were made; chairs, cokes, and cigarettes provided for us, we settled down to the gruesome business of an interview.

The interview ran something like this:

Q. How many people are employed at the present time?
A. 7,000.

Q. What is the weekly payroll?
A. \$277,000.

Q. When will actual production begin?
A. I'm sorry, but that's restricted information.

Q. What are the products to be?
A. We will load shells and bombs.

Q. How much cocoa-cola is consumed here daily?
A. Quite a bit.

Q. Will there be an open or closed shop upon completion of construction?
A. Closed.

Q. How many counties of Little Egypt are represented?
A. Nearly all of them.

Q. What is the estimated cost of the plant?
A. Twenty-five million dollars.

Q. Are there many college students employed?
A. Not many.

Q. Will you have a cigarette?
A. No thanks.

Q. How do you like Little Egypt?
A. I've seen worse places.

Q. How many guards are employed?
A. A restricted information.

Q. After another ten minutes of grueling question, Lt. Healy handed us a news release that contained all the material we had just asked him. We finished our cokes, and bade the lieutenant adieu. On our way out we passed the desk of Mr. Fagan, who was an assistant of someone's assistant. At his desk was a little young man, this name I can't remember who said he would gladly show us around the plant, for a ride to Carbondale. We readily consented, and with a fear that we might be shot my minute we started our tour.

I don't know whether it was my hungry look or not, but the first place, and last, we visited was the eating shed. Pepsi-cola held the monopoly there and we had a round of 12 big ounces. Before I knew what was going on a job application blank was thrust into my hands. After filling the thing out I found it was an application for a bus boy job in

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We have had many stories from England of the enormous hunger for music that has arisen in the midst of the war. Now Sergei Barenko comes with tales of similar hunger in conquered France. The Russian-American pianist, who made his home in Cannes in the early thirties and returned to his country last year, says the interest in music in France has become almost an obsession. There are no new films, no new books, no wiring and dining, and the people have turned to music as never before. They crowd the halls whenever there is a concert. The Riviera has become the music center of unoccupied France, and in occupied France, which Mr. Barenko visited twice, there is also music, for the Germans are allowing music to go un molested.

At one concert at which the pianist played last winter the vast hall was completely devoid of heat and the musicians had to warm their hands in buckets of heated water to be able to play. Yet the hall was jammed with 3,000 people who sat in their overcoats and blankets. They looked like an American football crowd on a frosty day. But how differently they must have felt!

Tie This:
The Moose Symphony orchestra of Pottstown, Pa., is so-called because it is supported by The Loyd Order of Moose of that city. Its conductor, Kenneth J. Morse, and his sixty-two members all donate their services. The orchestra's first public concert was given as a benefit for the town's base ball. The more concerts are planned this season. The orchestra borrows its tympani from the Pottstown band.

Grace Notes:
Some recent program notes mis-spelled Mozart's middle name. With the rare inspiration that can only come when the conductor is called "Amazette." Tickets for a recital a few weeks ago at the Carnegie Chamber Music Hall were issued for the "Carnegie Chamber of Music."

Delta Sigs Entertain With Tea Sunday

On Sunday afternoon, December 1st, Alpha Delta Chapter of Delta Sigma Epsilon sorority received at its annual Christmas tea, one of the two large teas given each year by the sorority. The festive atmosphere, and parents of the members were guests, and after 6 o'clock, an open house was held for students. Some visiting alumnae were Emily Woodruff, Mary Eleanor Wright, Eva Jane Milligan, and Margaret Lou Wiley.

Cedar brought commented the fireplace and windows, while a huge wreath hung from the center of the living room ceiling and a cedar ball, blazing with lights, outlined the front door.

The cafeteria was under construction. Eat at the defense plant cafeteria, we have the best of service.

SPEAKERS' BUREAU MEMBERS MAKE FOUR APPEARANCES

The Speakers' Bureau, service organization of S.I.N.U., has furnished entertainment for several organizations during the past weeks.

Ellen Howard, Bob Veach, and Bill Horrell participated in a forum discussion on "The Effect of the Munitions Plant on Southern Illinois" at Bancroft school Tuesday evening three weeks ago. Isabel Marshall, Elaine Steinhilber, and Ida Mae Jones discussed at Bancroft the subject of "Education After the War." At that time members of the Youth Group at Bancroft voted to make these educational forums a regular feature of their meetings.

Speaker Jane Darnell, Elaine Dalgas, and Glenn Yarbrough, S.I.N.U. students from Harrisburg, and Wesley Reynolds, president of the Speakers' Bureau, took part in a forum discussion at the Harrisburg High school on the subject, "What Harrisburg Can Do for the Employment Situation After the War."

James Gardner, a senior from Madison, went to Centralia Sunday, Dec. 14, to talk before a mass meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

There is no charge for the services of the Speakers' Bureau, but all organizations desiring a speaker are expected to pay transportation costs.

MUSEUM STAFF HOSTS TO GAMMA THETA MEETING

Members of Gamma Theta Upsilon were guests of the museum staff at their last meeting. Irwin Peithman and Dr. Joseph Van Ripper were hosts on the occasion. The meeting in the museum. The evening was spent in observing the collection of relics left in Southern Illinois by Indians and prehistoric inhabitants. This collection was made under the supervision of Irwin Peithman, who was the guest speaker on this occasion. Mr. Peithman alluded to the interesting tools and other implements by which these ancient Americans earned their living. Comparisons of the materials used in making the relics gave a background for tracing the travels from place to place. After speaking the speaker opened the display cases and allowed the group the privilege of a closer examination of the material on display. This meeting was a part of the fraternity's program designed to acquaint its members with cultural patterns of the present and the past.

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Statistics on SINU Faculty Show Them to Be of Youngest According to Age Among Nation's Colleges

By NORMA SPARKS

In a recent study of the college faculty and employee retirement system, Dr. J. W. Neckers, chairman of the Faculty Retirement committee, compiled some very significant data. Mr. Neckers interpreted his findings in the following statement:

The average age of the faculty (excluding employees) is forty-two years. The median age is thirty-nine years. This confirms the observation that I have made previously that this college has one of the youngest, if not the youngest faculty in all the institutions of higher learning in the country. This also means that we must reach the year 1970 before half of the present faculty will be retired, provided they all stay to the age limit of sixty-eight.

Breaking down the rate of retirement for the total staff, Mr. Neckers prepared a table which shows the number of individuals to reach the age of retirement in each five-year period between 1941 and 1956. From 1941 to 1945, only four faculty members and six employees will be eligible for retirement. (The term "ten employees" refers to the engineers, building superintendents, and janitors who maintain S.I.N.U.'s physical plant.) The rate fluctuates slightly for the next three five-year intervals, but between 1951 and 1956 there is a sharp rise in rate, with twenty-five faculty members and one employee reaching retirement age. The peak will be reached in the 1971-1975 period, when thirty-three members of the faculty and five employees will be retired.

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