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Autumn At Southern

Fall Term Sees Many Developments

Despite the continuation of the War, the Fall term of 1944 at the Southern Illinois Normal University has been an impressive one, and Alumni of the College will be pleased to learn that progress in many different lines has been made.

Among the noteworthy developments has been an upswing in the enrollment. Whereas the Autumn term of 1943 saw a resident registration of 785 students, the present Fall quarter has 908 students in attendance. This is an increase of 15.7 per cent. The number of both men and women students is greater than that of a year ago. Moreover, there is every likelihood that the Winter

term, which opens on December 4, will be better attended than the comparable quarter a year ago.

The increase in enrollment this Fall has not been limited to students on the campus, inasmuch as the extension courses are serving more people than in 1943. At the moment Southern is offering 18 off-campus classes in 17 different Southern Illinois towns. Work is being given by sixteen teachers who represent nine different departments. Total registration in these classes, which extend from East St. Louis and Salem on the north down to Cairo is 667 students, or an increase of 40 per cent since last year.

Thus, the College now has an overall registration of 1,575 people, or a gain of exactly 25 per cent over 1943.

The 1945-47 Budget

Another promising development has been the action of the Budget committee of the Normal School Board which has approved approximately a 40 per cent increase in appropriations chargeable to the General Revenue Fund for the biennium of 1945-47. According to Dr. Bruce W. Merwin, acting president, this is the largest increase for operating expenses in the history of the College.

In the current biennium, the ap-

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Under New Management

THE SOUTHERN ALUMNUS re-appears after an absence of about a year. Failure of the ALUMNUS to appear in past months was primarily due to the fact that there was no permanent group responsible for its publication. However, this Fall, the job of preparing the quarterly was assigned to the Office of Public Relations at the College, and it will undertake the issuing of the paper unless the Alumni Association deems otherwise.

Readers of the ALUMNUS will note that the format of the quarterly has been radically changed. Instead of the slick-paper magazine type of periodical, it now appears as a tabloid newspaper. The editors of the ALUMNUS decided on the change after investigating the type of publication that serves the graduates of other universities.

Funds for the publication of the ALUMNUS are available for the remainder of the academic year, and readers are assured of issues in February and May, at least. As soon as more money is available, it is hoped that the quarterly can be expanded

proportions from the General Revenue Fund are \$1,303,014, but for the forthcoming two-year period they have been raised to \$1,831,748. In addition to this, Southern anticipates a \$144,000 increase in revenue from the Income Fund, which is derived from students' tuition and from various auxiliary enterprises.

The greater part of the \$528,734 increase from the General Revenue Fund is to be used for salaries and wages, \$396,990 being set aside for this purpose. It is probable that the 1945-47 biennium will see the addition of 57 faculty members and employees. Thus the Faculty itself will number 165 persons, exclusive of deans and other employees.

Southern has some substantial arguments that it can use to support its asking for increased appropriations during the next two years. Funds are needed to expand the new liberal arts college. Next, there are increasing demands on the institution for vocational training and for the expanded health program. In past years the College has operated on a very conservative financial policy, and it had not been granted parity in the matter of appropriations. An increase is particularly necessary at this time because the enrollment is expected to grow considerably during the 1945-47 period. Some observers have been predicted that if the war in Europe should end, the registration for the Fall quarter in 1945

to twelve or sixteen pages.

The editors of the ALUMNUS admit that they are green at the job of publishing a newspaper for the graduates of Southern. They will remain that way unless the alumni make suggestions and offer criticisms of the paper. After all, the ALUMNUS is being printed primarily for the former students of the college, and your comments are wanted. Won't you please help us?

might be as high as two thousand students.

Valuable Gift

Late in September, Southern received one of the most valuable gifts ever bestowed on it, when Clint Clay Tilton of Danville, presented it with his splendid private library. This library now known as the Clint Clay Tilton Collection of Lincolniana and Americana, is housed in Room 206, Main Building, on the campus. Mr. Tilton began collecting Lincoln material in 1919, and when he gave the library to the college it included 2500 books, hundreds of pamphlets, periodicals pictures, and busts of Lincoln, and 80 book case sections.

Presentation of the library was made in Danville, and a committee of four members from the Department of History received the gift in the name of the College. Its acquisition means that Southern is rapidly on its way to becoming a renowned research center. According to the terms of the gift, this library must not be a circulating one, and it is to be housed separately from the collection in Wheeler Library. Much interest in the Tilton Collection has been shown by people in the area, and the Southern Illinois Historical Society built the program of its Fall meeting around an inspection of this gift.

Many persons have asked why Mr. Tilton gave his library to S. I. N. U., instead of to some other institution. The explanation is a simple one. In the Spring of 1940, he came to Carbondale to attend the annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society which was held on the campus. During his visit here, Mr. Tilton became very impressed with the College and with the student body. The fact that a high percentage of the under-graduates worked their way through school particularly affected him. He decided that when he gave away his library it would be to an institution that needed it and would appreciate it.

Homecoming 1944

Southern has just passed through the festivities of another gala Homecoming celebration with student enthusiasm hitting a new high since the beginning of the war. Again, for the third year, many of Southern's former students and alumni have been unable to come back for the event, for they are serving their country in the four corners of the globe. However, the students of Southern are keeping the spirit and tradition of Homecoming alive, awaiting the return of these Sinoos to the campus.

Students Participate

Student participation in the elections, preparations, rallies, and events of Homecoming reached a high peak this Fall. Two weeks before the big week-end, the campus began to take on a festive appearance, gaily bedecked with signs, posters, pictures, and other election-

eer stunts prior to the selection of the Queen. On the night before elections, the "Greek" faction on the campus and the "Independent" faction each staged a rally and downtown pep parade. Townspeople were a little amazed to see long processions of signs, posters, and torches augmented by the noise of drums, dish-pans, and yells. The common remark along the sidewalks was, "Gee, just like old times!"

This year, the student body took on a new responsibility—that of sponsoring the Homecoming dance. In previous years, the University provided the financial backing; but it was the various organized houses and social sororities who got together the cash, the band, and decorations for Homecoming 1944. And, as usual, the student committees, under the leadership of Dr. J. Cary

Davis, did an excellent job of laying the foundations for the celebration and attending to those last-minute details.

Alumni "Get-Togethers"

Homecoming officially opened on Friday morning, October 27, with a pep meeting in Shryock Auditorium, followed by the parade downtown and the annual rally at the intersection of Main and Illinois. The activities of Friday were continued with the Little Theatre presentation of "We Left Home," described as "a camp show for civilians" and written by students, faculty members, and former Southerners now in service. At intermission of the play, the two attendants to the Queen, Miss Doris Jean Gale of Gorham and Miss Evelyn Miller of Colp, were announced and introduced to the audience, along with the five Queen candidates. Following the play, the freshmen burned their traditional green ribbons at the Bonfire on the Old Athletic Field and took the Ephebic Oath of loyalty to the school, administered by Dr. Thomas Barton.

Alumni, students and faculty got together Saturday morning at the various reunions and breakfasts to exchange greetings and bits of gossip. The Women's Athletic Association staged a hockey game between the Varsity and the Alumnae teams, followed by a breakfast at the College Cafeteria. Other social events held throughout the day were the Kindergarten-Primary Breakfast; the Pi Kappa Sigma Brunch; the Delta Sigma Epsilon luncheon; the Sigma Sigma Sigma Dessert; the Student Christian Foundation Tea; The Dunbar Society Tea; and The Baptist Student Union Masquerade Party. The Kai-Shek Hall held its annual open-



In the days before Homecoming, electioneering for Southern's Queen produced many scenes throughout the campus grounds similar to the one pictured above.

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ALUMNI PERSONALS

CLASS OF 1921

George N. Wells has begun his first year as superintendent of schools in Bloomington. Mrs. Wells, the former Lillian Floyd, '20, and their two children are with him.

CLASS OF 1924

Edgar Booker is the farm adviser for Clay County and makes his headquarters at Louisville, Ill. He was formerly an agriculture teacher at Flora.

CLASS OF 1928

Loy Norrix is superintendent of schools at Kalamazoo, Mich. He was granted the Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago in 1942.

Dr. Benjamin Merkel is principal of the Crystal City, Mo., High School.

CLASS OF 1929

Clyde V. Winkler is the supervising principal of the Cicero Elementary School at Cicero.



Lorraine Ditzler, '43, is now an assistant in research in the Department of Animal Husbandry at the Ohio State Agricultural experiment station at Wooster, O. She had previously done graduate work at Ohio State University. Her present work is in the field of microbiology.

Leslie L. Chisholm is professor of Education at Washington State College at Pullman, Wash. He holds the doctoral degree from Columbia University. Dr. Chisholm is a frequent contributor to educational periodicals.

CLASS OF 1930

Eugene Werner is assistant superintendent of schools at Streator.

John William Collins is superintendent of the Huntley Consolidated School in Huntley.

Thomas A. Newton is teaching social science and coaching in the Riverside Brookfield High School at Riverside.

CLASS OF 1931

Guy Neal is one of the owners of the Neal Brothers Roofing Company of Mt. Vernon and Harrisburg. He entered that business in July of this year. Mr. Neal was formerly a teacher of mathematics at Ohio Wesleyan in Delaware, O.

CLASS OF 1935

Mrs. Marian Richards Meinkoth has been awarded a graduate fellowship in Economics at the University of Illinois.

CLASS OF 1936

George B. Calhoun has succeeded George N. Wells, '21, as superintendent of schools in Elmwood Park, a Chicago suburb.

CLASS OF 1938

LeRoy E. Babcock has been promoted to an associate professorship in mathematics at Newberry College, Newberry, South Carolina. He has completed his Masters degree in mathematics at the University of Illinois, and has taught in the high schools at Rossville, Ga., and at Chester, Ill.

Frances Sierakowski is head of the Department of Women's Phys-

ical Education at Mississippi Southern College in Hattiesburg, Miss.

CLASS OF 1940

Theodore Rodd, formerly an assistant in mathematics at the University of Wisconsin, has accepted a position in the Mathematics Department at Central College, Fayette, Mo. Mrs. Rodd, the former Norma Jean Morton and their baby daughter, accompanied him to Fayette early in September.

Marian Bynum is at Miami University, Oxford, O., working toward her Master's degree in social work.

Mae Rushing and Captain Robert Smythe, '41, were married this summer. Captain Smythe has been stationed in Panama.

Lt. and Mrs. Halbert Gulley have a son, Gerald Baird, born in October. Mrs. Gulley was formerly Nadine Dauderman, '41. Lt. Gulley is now overseas.

Fred Banes is working with Standard Oil in New Jersey as a chemist.

Jeannette Miller and Geneva Madden are doing secretarial work in St. Louis.

CLASS OF 1941

Anna Bonaudo and S. George Gallo, University of Illinois, '42, were married July 2. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gallo are employed by the Standard Oil Company, 841 Madison Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

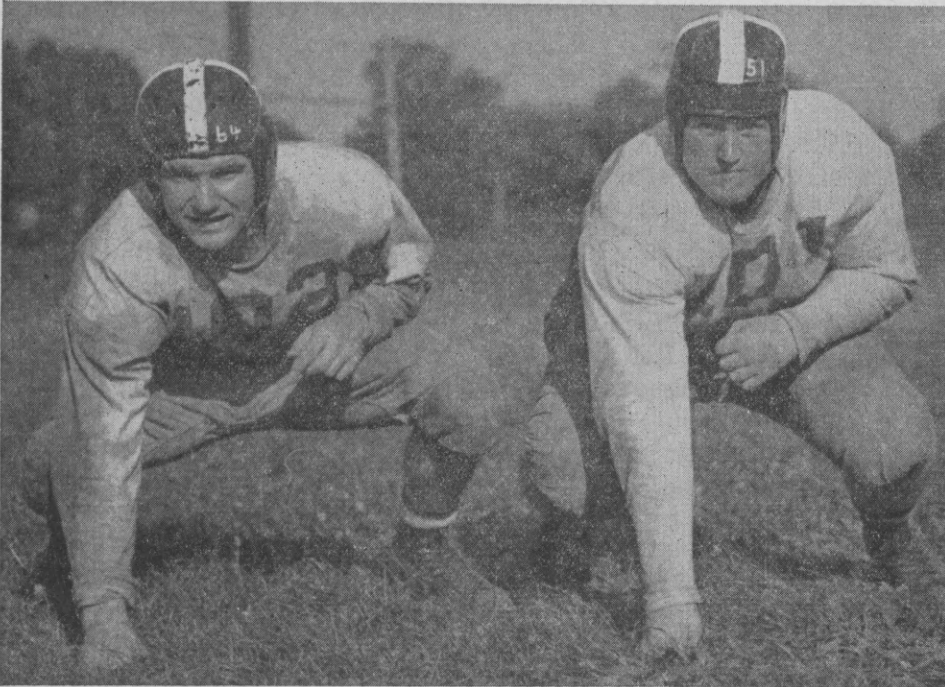
Ensign Francis Whitney has recently been located at Great Lakes. Mrs. Whitney (Ellen Todd) and son Blair are living in Mt. Vernon.

A-S Wilbur Rice returned to the campus Homecoming this year from his station with the Navy in Florida. His wife, Edith Lloyd Rice, is completing work on her degree at SINU this year.

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Maroon Sports—By Leland P. Lingle

Acting Head, Department of Physical Education and Athletic Director



Included in Southern's Varsity line-up this fall were two ministers, Edward Hoffman, left, of Murphysboro, and Russell Simpson, of Belknap, whose powerful defensive play was something new in the way of driving sermons, but none-the-less eloquent.

The Athletic Department is very happy to be able to report to the Alumni that a full program of athletic competition is again being given by the Southern Illinois Normal University. This resumption follows a rather slim athletic year during 1943-44. It was with regret that the Department had to curtail its program last year, but the retrenchment was necessary because of a shortage of personnel in the Department, and because of the demands of the Army training program.

The renewal of a full athletic program gives us the satisfaction of knowing that we are making a contribution to the welfare of the boys in College, and especially to those who are going into the armed forces. These boys are getting rigid physical training, and are learning the meaning of self-sacrifice for a common cause. Furthermore, they

are getting a last bit of enjoyment in their civilian life.

FOOTBALL SEASON

In the latter part of July, the Council of Administration gave the Athletic Department the "go-ahead sign" with regard to the resumption of football. At this late date it was very difficult to arrange a completely desirable schedule, but nevertheless we were successful in securing seven games, four at home and three away. Despite the late decision to start football, Coach Glenn (Abe) Martin has produced one of the outstanding teams in the Illinois Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. It is entirely a civilian team, and is composed of boys seventeen years of age and 4-F's.

The team rested at the top of the I. I. A. C. after its first three games of league competition. It opened the season at home and defeated Eastern Illinois State Teach-

ers College, 15-12. A non-Conference loss to Indiana State at Terre Haute followed. Then the Maroons played their second Conference game at Macomb and won from Western Illinois State Teachers College, 25-6. Homecoming here was next, and Southern again defeated Western, this time by a score of 39-0. All of this has been accomplished by hard work, long hours of practice, team play, and the untiring efforts of Coach Martin and his assistant, Bill Freeberg.

Coach Martin's team is not a one-man team. This is proved by scoring records in the first four games. Eight players participated in the making of the 85 points registered by the Maroons, and three players, Bill Arnold of Madison, George Beltz of Marion, and Earl Robert of Carlyle, all freshmen, by the way, are tied for scoring honors with 18 points apiece.

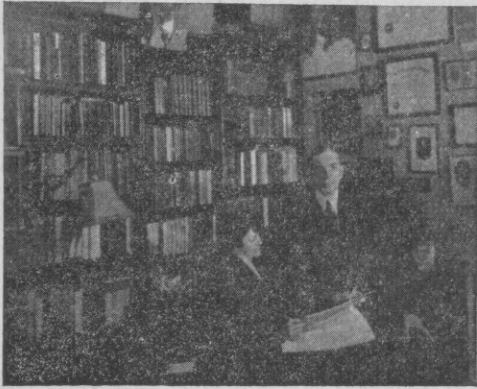
BASKETBALL NEXT

Basketball prospects are unpredictable. We have on the campus, at the moment, some excellent athletes, but they may be in the armed services before the season begins. The nucleus around which the 1944-45 team will be built includes four letter men from last year's outstanding team, the aggregation that finished second in the Conference race. They are Don Sheffer of Zeigler, Sam Milosevich of Zeigler, Dick Harmon of Granite City, and George Schroeder of Carbondale.

The tentative Varsity schedule includes a home and home schedule with each of the other four teams in the Conference. By the way, the I. I. A. C. is now composed of five colleges: Southern, Eastern, Northern, Western and Illinois State Normal. Other home and home games have been scheduled with Indiana State, Illinois Wesleyan University, Evansville College, and Cape Girardeau Teachers College. One game is to be played with Murray (Kentucky) Teachers College. The de-

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NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE CAMPUS



Mr. and Mrs. Clint Clay Tilton, donors of the new Collection of Lincolniana and Americana, are shown in the Library of their home in Danville, where the collection was housed before being presented to S. I. N. U. in September.

VETERANS BUREAU

A special Veterans Information Service Bureau has been organized at Southern Illinois Normal University for the purpose of assisting ex-service men and women who wish to take advantage of the recent federal and state legislation passed for their benefit. Under this legislation, veterans are entitled to certain educational privileges and training. It is the work of the Bureau to consider their various claims and problems, to guide them in the selection of training courses, and to offer aid in securing their subsequent employment.

Under the direction of Dr. O. B. Young, who serves as administrator, the Bureau is composed of several faculty members, each of whom has a definite function to perform. Dr. William Neal Phelps is head of the guidance and testing service. Mr. J. Henry Schroeder represents those departments meeting the needs of persons who desire vocational training as a means of earning a living. Miss Marjorie Shank, registrar, is in charge of accrediting, recording, and evaluating the work done by the veterans. An additional function of the Bureau, which deals with the placement and employment of the veterans upon comple-

OBELISK WINS HONORS

The 1944 OBELISK, college year-book, took first-place honors in the College Division of the National Scholastic Press Association, according to recent announcement. The book was edited by Betty Stilley of Benton, assisted by Euline Dallas of Harrisburg and Charles Chandler of Carbondale.

Judges of the N. S. P. A. contest were most impressed with the photography of the OBELISK, which was done by Claron Robertson of Carbondale, former campus photographer now at West Point. One judge remarked that Mr. Robertson's work "compared very favorably with the best in college photography."

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PLACEMENTS HIGH

A comprehensive report on the recent work of the Placements Bureau at SINU, made recently by Mr. W. G. Cisne, director, revealed that 78 members of the 139 who comprised the 1944 graduating class have entered teaching.

Fourteen of the 1944 graduates are doing work beyond the Bachelor's degree in either graduate or professional schools, and it is a matter of pride at Southern that a number of them are holding scholarships or assistantships. Fifteen members of the class are in the armed forces; three are married and have indicated that they do not wish to teach; thirteen are in work other than education; and sixteen of the 139 are still unreported.

tion of their training, is under the direction of Mr. W. G. Cisne.

Every veteran contemplating college training may file a claim for any federal or state benefits due him under recent laws by writing to Dr. O. B. Young, Veterans Information Service Bureau, SINU.

NEW FACULTY

With the opening of the 1944-45 school year at Southern, several additions and changes in the faculty were announced by Dr. Bruce W. Merwin, acting president. Additions include four appointments to the teaching staff, and five, as faculty assistants.

Miss Zita Spradling, former Decatur teacher, is instructing girls' Physical Education classes in the University High School. Miss Helen Stark, former instructor in the Litchfield schools, is teaching Home Economics classes in UHS. Miss Jean Stehr, graduate of the Texas State College for Women, has been appointed as instructor in the Women's Physical Education department of the college. Mr. Harves C. Rahe, who has degrees from Terre Haute Teachers College and Columbia University, is serving as instructor in the Commerce Department.

New faculty assistants include Miss Beth Bruce of Marion, as executive assistant in administration; Miss Aileen Davis of Marion, appointed secretary to the Business Manager; Mrs. Fern Gruber Harbison of Harrisburg, employed as an administrative assistant in the Campus Laboratory Schools; Miss Mary Lou McNeill of Cartersville, as faculty assistant to the Registrar; and Miss Frances Phillips of Carbondale, in the department of Women's Physical Education.

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FACULTY GIFT CLUB

The Faculty Gift Club at SINU has begun operating again for the fourth straight academic year. Directed by Dr. Ted Ragsdale and Mrs. Julia M. Neely, the Club has as its primary purpose the sending of packages to former students of the University who are now in the armed forces.

It was during the school year of

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SOUTHERNERS IN SERVICE

Lloyd Whitney Bell, '40, of Pulaski, completed primary training as a pilot at the Tuskegee Army Air Base in September. His average for the course was 96.4, the highest ground school average that has ever been made at that base.

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Herbert W. Wohlwend, '40, from Royalton, graduated from recruit training at Great Lakes as honor man, and was recommended to attend Quartermaster school for further training. Wohlwend was selected honor man by his company commander on the basis of military aptitude and progress. Prior to joining the Navy, he was employed as a high school coach and teacher in the Royalton High School.

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Second Lt. Matthew F. Robb, of Swanwick, navigator on an Eighth AAF Flying Fortress, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal, equivalent to another award of the Medal. The award was given for meritorious achievement while participating in bombing attacks on targets in Nazi Europe and on French coastal installations, paving the way for the Allied Invasion of France. Lt. Robb was a member of the class of '41 at Southern.

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Southern Alumni now in the South Pacific area include Lt. (j.g.) Stevan Krisfalusy, '41, from Christopher, on a destroyer; Ensign Meryl Schroeder, '43, of Flora, on Infantry Landing Craft; Ensign Carl Vineyard, '44 of Gary, Indiana; Lt. (j.g.) Alby Sharknas, '41, of West Frankfort, stationed in New Guinea.

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Ensign Carroll Craig, '43, of Hermin, received his commission at Columbia University Midshipman School in October, and has been sent to San Francisco for overseas duty.



Back on the ground at his Eighth Air Force Base after his first bombing attack on Nazi Europe, 2nd Lt. Dick M. Colyer, former SINU student from Albion, is pictured at the right showing a friend the piece of anti-aircraft shell that struck his bomber and barely missed him.

Pfc. Milforde Blackwell, '43 is now stationed at Camp Sutton, North Carolina, in the Army Medical Detachment. Blackwell expects to enter the University of Illinois Medical School in December.

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Ensign Thomas F. Williams, '44, Collinsville, received the Bronze Star for combat duty in Southern France. Williams received his commission in March of 1944 at Columbia University Midshipman School. While at Southern, Ensign Williams was director of Public Relations, and is a former editor of THE SOUTHERN ALUMNUS.

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Sgt. James Chandler, '41, of Carbondale, recently returned on furlough to the States after being in Alaska for 19 months. Sgt. Chandler married Nan Gretchow, of Appleton, Wis., while home. He expects to be returned to the Aleutians for the duration of the war.

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Sgt. John Derbak, of Royalton, a gunner on a B-24 Liberator in Italy, has participated in bombing attacks on such important targets as enemy airdromes, oil refineries, railroad yards, harbors, and bridges in Nazi occupied territory. Der-

bak was a member of the class of '44.

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Lt. Donald Bryant, '40, of Harvey, has been stationed at Great Lakes where he has done work in Aircraft Recognition. Mrs. Bryant, the former Eileen Galloway, from Sesser, member of the class of '42, and their two children, Donald Jr., and Hedy Eileen, are with him.

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Captain Wayne Hammack, '41, of Carterville, is stationed at Lorado, Texas in the Army Air Corps.

Southern Men Who Have Given Their Lives in World War II

This list was read by John I. Wright at the Homecoming Memorial Service in McAndrew Stadium.

Joe William Beach
James S. Behrens
Mario Lawrence Biava
Joe Stumm Boren
Wilbur Lewis Bosch
Byron Boyington
Bruce Brafford
Bobby Eugene Brewer
Charles William Bush
John Leroy Dains
Charles Raymond Davis
William Eugene Dillow
Stanley Eugene Echols
Oard Onin Garrett
Glenn Gaston
Kelton B. George
Verne J. Gidcumb
Dwight H. Harrelson
Henry Otis Hinkley
Carl F. Johnson
Harry Glenn Johnson
Theron Allen Lollar
Kenneth J. Miller
George Harley Mosely, Jr.
Byford Rains
Ralph John Shaeffer
William Lawrence Short
Daniel Lambert Smith
Henry William Stumpf
Johnnie Delbert Taylor
Curtis Wynn Torrens
Lumus Earl Walker
William Campbell Waters
James Lee Whitlock
Jack Williamson
Paul Wright

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house on Sunday afternoon.

The Game

On Saturday afternoon, the Homecoming crowd witnessed the trouncing of the Western Teachers of Macomb by the Southern Maroons, ending with a 39-0 score. During the half, members of the Campus Veterans' Club conducted a very impressive memorial service honoring Southern's hero dead. The Sphinx was also introduced to the audience by members of the Southern Knights, and the Queen's Court was introduced by members of Girls' Rally.

Queen Crowned

The highlight of the week-end's festivities was the Homecoming Dance Saturday night, with music furnished by Paul Hamus and his all-girl orchestra. The dance was primarily an all-student affair, but many servicemen and alumni of SINU were among the dancers, including soldier guests from Camp Breckenridge, Ky.

The grand climax to the dance, and to Homecoming in general, was the crowning of Miss June Otrich of Dongola as Queen of Southern. To the strains of "A Pretty Girl Is Like a Melody," Miss Otrich marched down the aisle to receive the crown from Football Captain Hewey Tweedy, also of Dongola, and the Scepter from Sam Milosevich, football star from Zeigler. Maids of Honor, consisting of the other four queen candidates, were Lois Ledbetter and Esther Craver of Murphysboro; Edythe Gahan of Flora; and Marian Frost of Louisville.

Now that Homecoming 1944 is over, decorations have been taken down, and the Queen's robe put away for another year, the student body has settled down once more to the business of getting an education. The wish now is for an even bigger and better Homecoming 1945, with the return of all of Southern's men and women in military service to enliven the occasion.

MAROON SPORTS

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tailed schedule will be announced later, but it is very probable that there will be at least two home games in December. On December 8, Indiana State plays here, while on December 15, Southern will be the host to Illinois Wesleyan. As the Maroons get ready to open their season, Coach Martin will attempt to repeat the very fine record his team made last Winter.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Department has made provisions for the resumption of intramural activities, and these will include basketball, tennis, baseball, boxing, wrestling, and other sports.

The Spring program will see Southern competing in Varsity track and tennis. An attempt will be made to revive a dual-meet program in track. Prospects for tennis and track, as is the case with basketball, are uncertain, but once again if the men remain in school, Southern should make a fair showing in Spring sports.

And now by way of ending this report to the Alumni, the Athletic Department wishes to state that it is very proud of the records of the Varsity letter men of Southern who are serving in the present world conflict. Some of them have already made the Great Sacrifice. It is hoped that in the near future a suitable memorial may be placed in the Gymnasium to commemorate their achievements.

NEWS BRIEFS

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1941-42 that Miss Sara Baker originated the plan of sending out the gift packages, and she and Dr. C. H. Cramer secured pledges of one dollar a month from interested members of the faculty to finance the project. When Dr. Cramer left the campus for a Government post, Dr. Ragsdale succeeded him as co-leader of the enterprise. Earlier this year, Miss Baker joined the Red Cross and was sent to Italy, and

ALUMNI PERSONALS

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CLASS OF 1942

Dorothy Lill of Mascoutah is working on her M. S. degree in Zoology at the University of Wisconsin. Miss Lill, who has an assistantship at Wisconsin, is a former teacher in DuQuoin High School.

Nancy Cooper is now teaching in the City Schools at Oxford, Ohio, and at the same time doing research to finish the work for her Master's degree.

CLASS OF 1943

Marie Knobloch of Belleville is doing work toward her Master's degree at the University of Illinois. Miss Knobloch has a scholarship in her major field, chemistry.

A daughter, Karen Sue, was born to Douglas and Rosemary Oshel Bryant in October.

CLASS OF 1944

Carl Blood was awarded a fellowship at the University of Chicago and is doing graduate work in the Biological Sciences. Mr. Blood and Miss Virginia Krappe, former SINU student were married in September of this year.

Irene Scott is teaching in the Alton grade schools.

Mrs. Neely took over her duties.

The packages that are sent to the service men contain cigarettes, peanuts, candy, and a book. It is estimated that each package is worth approximately \$1.30. Last year, about 205 packages were mailed to former students, and Dr. Ragsdale states that around one thousand of them have been sent since the inception of the project.

The faculty of Southern is also resuming the practice that it established this summer of sending current issues of magazines to the Red Cross overseas. This project was begun in response to a letter from Miss Baker, now overseas with the Red Cross, who indicated the desperate need there for magazines, books, and other reading material.