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Fall Term Opens With New Board

Fall term opened September 10 with many apparent evidences of the work of students, faculty, alumni and friends during the past years in making Southern a university in deed as well as title.

Governor Stevenson signed the bill giving Southern a permanent Board of Trustees early this summer and announcement of the members was made August 30. Reappointed to the seven-man board were John P. Wham, D 1922, attorney from Centralia, and Kenneth C. Davis of Harrisburg.

The five new appointees are Robert C. Lanphier, Jr., Springfield, vice-president and a director of the Sangamo Electric Co.

Guy W. Karraker, of Dongola, D 1913, farmer, former sales and credit executive and investment banker.

George W. Mitchell, Western Springs, vice-president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and former state finance director.

Frank L. Eversull, Columbia, professor of education at Washington University, St. Louis, pastor of Belleville Presbyterian Church and a former college president.

Dr. Percival Bailey, of Chicago, D 1912, director of the Illinois Psychopathic and Neuropsychiatric Institutes.

Vernon L. Nickell, state superintendent of public instruction is an ex-officio non-voting board member.

Terms of the members will be staggered. After the initial terms, they will be for six years.


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No Dues, No Alumni News

Lowell Roberts, new president of the Alumni Association, offers thanks to all the alumni who helped in electing him president of the Alumni Association.

"My main objective for the year will be to increase our membership until it extends to all graduates and former students, and I pledge an honest effort in trying to reach this goal," he said.

Paying members in the past have received little more than the personal satisfaction of stating their loyalty to Southern. It is now hoped that the magazine edition of the SOUTHERN ALUMNUS can be sent to all who have paid their annual dues. With the budget cut in the office of Alumni Services, the magazine may be discontinued unless dues are paid promptly and regularly.

Remember, if you haven't joined the association, you will not receive the magazine! A short news section containing University news will be sent at regular intervals to all alumni, but personal news items concerning alumni will be included in the magazine only.

Mystery Solved
By Student and Alum

Top mystery solved when a history research student discovered how and when the oil painting of Lincoln used in the recent tableau came to be at Southern.

An entry in the biennial report of the Board of Trustees of Oct. 1, 1880, states that "an opportunity was offered to purchase a grand portrait of President Lincoln." The entry also stated that "the students had put in place many excellent plaster busts and engraved portraits," and it is assumed that the portrait was purchased by the students.

William Carruthers, superintendent of the Murphysboro schools and vice president of the Alumni Association, reports that the source from which the artist Conant painted the portrait was probably the Brady photograph Number 57 in the Lorant collection.

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SIU STUDENTS ABOARD THE U. S. HORNET

Southern's geography students stopped on their 23-day tour of northeastern United States and southeastern Canada to board the U. S. Aircraft Carrier Hornet anchored in the Brooklyn Navy Yards. Note the steel helmets that all visitors were requested to wear aboard the ship. Another stop on their trip was for breakfast with President and Mrs. D. W. Morris, who were vacationing in Bangor, Maine.

The August tour, sponsored jointly by the SIU geography department and the Division of Extension, carried five quarter hours college credit. Dr. Floyd F. Cunningham, chairman of the geography department, conducted the "course on wheels" which went by chartered bus via Indianapolis, Ind.; Columbus, Ohio; Philadelphia, Penn.; New York City and Boston, Mass., to Halifax, Canada. They returned by way of Quebec, Montreal, Toronto, and back to the States at Detroit, Mich.
Do You Have A Copy Of This Book?

Mrs. Julia Neely, associate professor of English, is anxious to secure copies of Charles Neely's TALES AND SONGS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

Frequent requests have been made by the American Folklore Society and other interested groups for the book as it is of great importance as source material.

The book has been out of print for several years and Mrs. Neely has been unable to find any available copies.

If any alumnus bought the book when it was first published in 1938, and no longer has any use for it, Mrs. Neely would like to buy it back at the original purchase price.

Dirksen Tells Grads To Use Talents

Speaking before more than 5,000 guests and the August graduates, Senator Everett M. Dirksen advised the young people to find their place and see what they can do with the next half-century.

“It’s your world, ulcers and all,” he proclaimed, but if you follow the words of the Apostle, Paul: “Let no man despise thy youth,” and “Neglect not the gift that is within thee,” there is hope for a free world.

Guard your hopes, lead a good moral life and remember that the pattern of the future is not likely to differ much from the past, the senator told them. “There is something immovable about human principles. They don’t just fade away.

“The rules for progress are about the same as they were 2,000 years ago. They call for constant, intelligent, undramatic application toward solving the problems of today. Despite the impacts of science, there is about as much conscience and as much stupidity as ever.

“With all the ‘constants’ of history, there is always one ‘variable.’ It is the variable of human freedom with all its effect upon the incentives of the individual.”

Senator Dirksen concluded by saying that the youth must use their talents for freedom.

“Peace must be predicated upon freedom, and there can be no world peace as long as men in some countries are not free.”

The senator cited the fact that more freedom has been lost since V-J day six years ago than was won in the battles of World War II. He described the United States as the “beachhead of freedom” in the world and the “hope of peace” today.
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New Building Completed

Southern's first new building since 1928, the Training School on Grand Avenue, is ready for occupancy and the University School, nursery through 12th grade, has moved in. According to reports, the structure is one of the most modern in the country. The art department is in the process of re-decorating and moving into the Allyn building, which formerly housed the laboratory school.

An Air Force ROTC is being activated under the direction of Lt. Col. Oliver K. Halderson, professor of air science and tactics. Lt. Col. Halderson's post is similar to the one he has held for the past two years at the University of Missouri. This is not the first time that there have been uniforms on the Southern campus, but it is the first ROTC program, which will enable young men to obtain military training while working toward a college degree. Participating students are deferred from the Selective Service draft.

A ten-man staff of regular Air Force personnel will instruct the students in air science and tactics. This is one of 62 Air Force ROTC units being activated at colleges and universities throughout the nation this fall.

To Grant Nursing Diplomas

Following a confirmation of affiliation between the University and Memorial Hospital of Springfield, SIU may grant diplomas in nursing.

The nursing education program begins this month when the first nursing education class is admitted. Students will receive pre-clinical training on the campus and clinical training and experience at Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville State Hospital, Cook County Hospital and in selected hospitals in the Carbondale area.

Completion of the nursing course requires three years, during which time students will be under supervision of the University faculty.

These steps on the road to progress are only a beginning of the fulfillment of SIU's obligations to the people it serves.

New students who participated in the get acquainted program held September 6-9 witnessed the signs of growth with little realization of the hopes and tireless efforts of those who have made and who are still making further opportunities available at Southern.

1951 Saluki Grid Schedule Announced

Southern will play the following football games at home this season:

- Sept. 22—Central Michigan, 8:00 p.m. (Scout Day) (Parents Day).
- Oct. 6—Northern Illinois, 8:00 p.m. (High School Guest Night) (Honor Varsity Men).
- Oct. 27—Eastern Illinois, 1:30 p.m. (Homecoming).
- Nov. 24—Arkansas State, 1:30 p.m.

Five games will be played away from home. Southern plays at Illinois Normal on Sept. 29; Washington University on Oct. 13; Western Illinois on Oct. 19; Michigan Normal on Nov. 10; and Cape Girardeau on Nov. 17.

Football Coach Bill Waller has announced that the B squad has a six-game schedule lined up. Two games will be played with Scott Field Air Force Base, Washington University, and Cape Girardeau.

An Invitation To Varsity Club Men

All Varsity lettermen and their families are invited to be the guests of the athletic department on Saturday evening, October 6, for "I" night at Southern. The Salukis will be host to Northern at the annual game, starting at 8:00 p.m.

After the game there will be a get-together at Jackson Country Club.

Invitations are being mailed to all members whose addresses are on file in the athletic office. Glenn "Abe" Martin, Athletic Director, reports that many addresses are not available, but hopes that all members get the invitation through the ALUMNUS or from an old classmate.

1951 Homecoming - Southern vs Eastern - October 27

Retired

Charles J. Pardee, a member of the history staff since 1929, retired September 1 to continue his experiments in the raising of broiler chickens at his country home one mile west of Carbondale.