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Enrollment Shows Upward Trend Here

With 2,746 students enrolled on campus in the first three days of registration week, an upward spurt in Southern's enrollment is indicated for the fall term. The incomplete figure exceeds the 2,734 enrolled after registration was completed last fall. Unofficial opinion around campus is that the number this fall may hit near 2,900 when the job is completed.

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The annual Homecoming play and bonfire-pep meeting are scheduled for Friday night. The usual elaborate display of decorated houses is expected. Climaxing events come Saturday. There will be the usual fraternity, sorority and organizational branches and teas, and a big parade. At 1:30 p.m. Coach Bill O'Brien's Salukis will tangle with the Washington University Bears in McAndrew Stadium.

Popular Ralph Marterie and his orchestra have been engaged for the Homecoming dance and its preliminary concert Saturday night as the big finale.

Working with Schmulbach are co-vice chairmen Gene Graves and Wilma Beadle of Carbondale, and a dozen or more committee chairmen.

DA VINCI FESTIVAL SLATED AT SOUTHERN NOV. 12-15

Southern will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Leonardo da Vinci with a four-day festival Nov. 12 through 15. The festival will be highlighted with exhibits and lectures on various aspects of da Vinci's life and work. G. K. Plochmann, assistant professor of philosophy at Southern, is chairman of the committee preparing the festival.
A Message From President Carruthers

To the Members of the Alumni Association:

It is an old and pleasant custom for the president of an organization to extend greetings to its membership. This year it serves as an excellent opportunity to remind you of Homecoming on October 30 through November 1, and to assure you that your attendance is cordially urged and expected.

I know that you will join me in gratitude and respect to Mr. Roberts, Mr. Vandeveer and others who have served our institution so well and who have contributed so much to the advancement of our Association. I only hope that I will be able to achieve, in a measure, the success experienced by these predecessors.

Our task this year is twofold. We must continue the fine effort in enlisting each alumnus to become an active member in the Association; we must democratize the machinery of our organization so that the selection and election of our officers may be representative of the membership.

I am impelled to say a word further about your active participation in the Association. I know that our lives, yours and mine, have been enhanced richly by the gift of the University to us. And, too, I know that there are far too many who have made no effort to repay this moral obligation. A university always must lean heavily upon its alumni for support, and the strength of an alumni association is always identified with its membership. Since Southern has reached a critical period in its development and expansion, is it too much to expect of each alumnus to give active assistance in the defense and the promotion of Southern’s needs?

We have an administration with vision; we have an excellent faculty and a fine student body. Shall we conceive our duty to be anything less than full cooperation and support in their efforts to build an outstanding institution of higher learning. Hence, let us improve our unity by becoming active members in the Association; let us strengthen our bonds of allegiance to Southern by helping in this time of need.

Special Meeting of Directors

Alumni Association President William Carruthers called a special meeting of the Alumni Board of Directors Aug. 9 at which the group decided to have Dr. Robert Browne’s committee on a proposed constitution and by-laws continue its work. Dr. D. W. Morris, Southern’s president; Dr. Charles D. Tenney, administrative assistant to Dr. Morris; and Bob Odaniell, acting alumni director, attended.

MEMBERSHIP BLANK

I would like to become a member of the S.I.U. Alumni Association.

□ Enclosed find $2.00 for one year.

□ Enclosed find $50.00 for life membership or $5.00 for first installment on life membership

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Odaniell Named Acting Director

Bob Odaniell, field representative of the SIU Alumni Services since March, 1951, was named acting director of the services July 17 to succeed University Professor E. G. Lentz who requested relief from his duties. Prof. Lentz, for many years dean of men, had been serving as acting director during the past year while Wayne Mann, director, was on leave.

Mann resigned as director July 8 to enter business in California as a producer of movies for use on television. He received his doctorate in education from Stanford University in June.

Odaniell still is pushing his specialty—organizing new alumni chapters—to boost alumni interest in Southern.

Virginia Spiller, Southern’s alumni recorder during the past year, is ill at her home in Carbondale. A successor has not been named at this time.

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TWO GRID ASSISTANTS JOIN SOUTHERN'S STAFF

Two new assistant football coaches have been added to the athletic staff at Southern this fall.

Bob Franz, former Tulane University and Chicago Cardinal gridder, has been named assistant football coach for the fall season. A native of Crystal Lake, Ill., Franz is 27, and had been signed by the Chicago Bears before taking the offer at SIU.

Russell Bush, 28, native of Waterloo, Ia., rejoined the staff as assistant football coach this fall after spending two years in the Air Force. Bush was hired in the fall of 1950 as Southern's wrestling coach, but was called to service before the season opened.

Wrestling Coach Jim Wilkinson also is assisting Coach Bill O'Brien.

CHECKING THE PROSPECTS

Football Coach Bill O'Brien, left, checks the player roster with Assistant Coach Jim Wilkinson, Football Captain Joe Huske, Chicago quarterback, and Assistant Coach Robert Franz.

Martin Asks Relief As Athletic Director

Glenn "Abe" Martin, Southern's athletic director since 1944, recently requested that he be relieved of duties as athletic director in order to give full time to coaching baseball and teaching physical education. He continues to serve as director until the Board of Trustees acts on his request for transfer of duties.

Martin, 45, native of Fairfield, Ill., and a 1931 graduate of Southern where he starred in football, joined the coaching staff as head football coach in 1939. He also coached basketball, 1943-46. He retired as football coach in 1949, and has coached baseball since reviving the sport here in 1947.

O' Brien's Grid Hopes Pinned on Freshmen

Head Football Coach Bill O'Brien and most of his 1952 Saluki squad at Southern Illinois University will have something in common. This is O'Brien's first season as head football coach. It also is the first college grid experience for most of his players. O'Brien, fresh from 16 months duty with the Marines took over after the resignation of Coach Bill Waller.

Of the 57 candidates who survived the first two weeks of drills, 41 are freshmen. Six lettermen—Joe Huske, quarterback; Bob Ems and John Vanderpluy, halfbacks; Tom Bowers, center; Leo Wilson, end; and Cliff Johnson, tackle—returned for duty.

O'Brien sees some promise in his freshmen, though, and is highly pleased with the spirit and attitude they have after the tough work schedule he has put to them.

The action begins in McAndrew Stadium at 8 p.m., Sept. 27, when the Salukis entertained the Southeast Missouri Teachers of Cape Girardeau in the opening game. Five of the season's eight games are home affairs; three of them night contests.

The rest of Southern's football schedule is:

Oct. 4—Illinois Normal at Carbondale, 8 p.m. (Varsity Alumni Day.)
Oct. 11—Northern Illinois at De Kalb, 2 p.m.
Oct. 18—Michigan Central at Mt. Pleasant.
Oct. 25—Eastern Illinois at Charleston, 2 p.m.
Nov. 1—Washington U. at Carbondale, 1:30 p.m. (Homecoming).
Nov. 7—Western Illinois at Carbondale, 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 15—Michigan Normal at Carbondale, 1:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ON CLINIC PROGRAM

Southern's fourth annual football and basketball coaches' clinic, Aug. 21-22, featured high school coaches as leaders. Clinic speakers were Charles V. "Chuck" Mather, Mas-sillon, O.; E. L. "Doc" Bencini, Murphysboro; Merrill "Duster" Thomas, Pinckneyville; and Lynn Holder, SIU basketball coach. A Thursday night chicken supper at Jackson Country Club was a popular part of the clinic.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 27—Football, Cape Girardeau, here, 8 p.m.
Oct. 4—Football, Illinois Normal, here, 8 p.m.
High School Guest Day.
Oct. 10—Education Council of 100 meets, 2:30 p.m.
Oct. 13—Eleanor Steber, soprano, Community Concert.
Oct. 24—Southern Division, Ill. Education Society meeting.
Oct. 25—Choral Clinic.
Oct. 30—Nov. 1—HOMECOMING.
Nov. 7—Football, Western, here, 8 p.m., Parents Day.
Nov. 10-12—Southern Illinois Home Advisers Meeting.
Nov. 15—Football, Michigan Normal, here, 1:30 p.m.
Nov. 21, 24-26—Final Examinations.
Nov. 27-28—Thanksgiving Vacation.
Nov. 29—Fall Term ends.

Among the 200 receiving degrees at Southern’s Summer commencement were a mother and her son. Mrs. Corrynne Williams, Salem, Ill., grade school teacher, received her bachelor’s degree in elementary education, and her son Braxton, a 26-year-old Navy veteran, received his in business administration.

200 Graduate At Summer Commencement

President Delyte W. Morris conferred degrees from Southern Illinois University to 200 persons at summer commencement exercises in McAndrew Stadium Friday night, August 8, marking the end of the summer session. Of these 62 were master’s degrees.

Dr. Robert L. Sutherland, director of Hogg Foundation for Mental Hygiene, University of Texas, was the speaker, discussing the problems of better adult adjustment.

Graduating with high honors were Dorothy Grace Fulkerson, Carbondale; Rita Marie Presley, Salem; and Marilyn Edna Stroh, New Athens, Ill. Honor graduates were W. R. Bridges, DeSoto, and Annamae Todd, Pinckneyville, Ill.

Alumni Club News

Plans for an October 10 meeting of the State of Missouri Alumni Club were developed at an officer’s meeting in Rose’s Italian restaurant, St. Louis, September 12. Also outlined were plans for the Club to attend Southern’s 1952 Homecoming as a group. Present for the September 12 meeting were: Mrs. Irene Ross, ’32, club president; Miss Nada Grammatcoff, ’40, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sadie McCoy, ’28, membership chairman; Charles V. Brockett, ’49, club chairman of Homecoming participation; Jim Schumulbach, SIU student chairman of the Homecoming committee; and Bob Odaniell, ’51, acting director of Alumni Services. Club members will receive letters concerning these two projects.

Members of the Washington County, Ill., Alumni Club will have a noon luncheon at the Nashville, Ill., high school cafeteria Thursday, Oct. 9, according to Marvin C. Martin, ’39, club chairman. The luncheon meeting comes in conjunction with the Washington County teachers meeting.

EAST ST. LOUIS AREA
ALUMNI HAVE REUNION

A group of Southern’s alumni living in the East St. Louis area had an enjoyable reunion during the weekend of Aug. 9-10, according to Mrs. Donald Brasel, 8409 Carol Drive, East St. Louis. Donald took his masters at Southern in 1950. An excursion trip on the Admiral Saturday night and a picnic in Bellevue Park at Belleville Sunday afternoon were the highlights of the event.

Alumni attending formerly lived at the Chautauqua Street housing project at Southern. Present were: Donald G. Brasel, B. S. in Ed., ’47 and M. S., ’49; H. E. Bullock, B. S., ’48; Thomas Evans, B. S. in Ed, ’49 and M. S., ’50; Clifton Kirk, B. S. in Ed, ’48; Philip Strange, B. A., ’49; Bill Stewart, ex-’48; Jack Tolliver, ex-’47, and their families. Others in the area are encouraged to contact the Brasels so that more may attend similar meetings that are planned in the future.