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Variety of Homecoming Events Planned For Southern Alumni

Alumni coming home to Southern the weekend of Nov. 1 will find a variety of events planned to make their 1952 Homecoming a memorable and enjoyable occasion.

Kick-off for festivities will be the 1952 Queen Coronation Thursday night, followed by an informal dance. The ceremony is to be held at the beginning of the celebration this year so that the Queen may reign over all Homecoming activities.

Freshmen will take the college Phoebe oath at the annual bonfire and pep rally Friday night, preceding the Homecoming play. This year, Little Theatre will present "First Lady," starring Phyllis Owen, Carole Krusen and Dave Alverson, in Shryock auditorium, at 8 p.m.

Bright and early Saturday morning, and throughout the day, various organizations will hold their annual brunches and get-togethers (See Homecoming schedule, page 2).

The appearance of sad-faced, red-nosed clowns among the crowd will herald the coming of the big parade at 11:15 a.m. Saturday, featuring bands, floats, stunts, a group of 400 AF ROTC students, and alumni club groups.

The parade will wind its way out to McAndrew stadium in time for the football game between the Salukis and Washington U., at 1:30 p.m. SIU's Maroon band will lead the march to the stadium, where the ROTC unit will conduct flag-raising ceremonies.

Climax of activities will come with the concert and dance Saturday night, featuring Ralph Marteria and his orchestra. The 1952 Queen and members of her court will be formally presented at the dance.

For alumni who plan to attend Homecoming, the Alumni Services Office will handle ticket reservations. Requests for reservations for a certain event, along with check or money order payable to Homecoming, SIU, should be sent in right away. Tickets will be mailed or held as requested, but requests received after Oct. 25 will be held and may be obtained at the ticket office of the particular event.

SHAFFER SPEAKS AT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Campus leaders from seven colleges attended a Leadership Conference at Southern Oct. 10-11.

Sponsored for the second year by the Student Council and Office of Student Affairs, the conference had as its purpose the promotion of interest in better leadership for organizational officers or prospective officers.

Dean Robert H. Shaffer, assistant dean of students at Indiana University and national president of the American Personnel Guidance association, was keynote speaker.

Services Held Recently For Mrs. Julia Neely

Funeral services for Mrs. Julia Neely, beloved faculty member at Southern, were held Wednesday, Oct. 15, in Carbondale. Burial at Oakland cemetery.

Mrs. Neely, associate professor of English, was an active participant in university functions. She and Dr. Maurit Kesnar were co-composers of an opera on Illinois folklore, "The Charm," which had its premiere in Chicago early this spring.

Alumni of several years ago will remember her for her excellent work as Obelisk advisor and dramatic director of Little Theatre.

A memorial for Mrs. Neely is being planned in Carbondale under the direction of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, which she attended.
Alumni—Real, Live People?

As we take out a fresh, new sheet of copy paper and embark on a fresh, new year as editor, the question which first enters our minds is "Are you alumni really people? Or are you just 13,348 names on a mailing list?"

Right now, to be truthful, we can't quite picture many of you as individuals because we just haven't had a chance to talk to you, or hear from you. But we hope that will be remedied before another issue rolls around.

Since the Alumnus is exclusively yours, we want to hear just what you would like most to read in the publication, or your opinions about what you have read thus far. Or, if you've changed your address or have a new job, new baby or new spouse, we'd like to know about it. Keeping in touch is the important thing.

By the way, we have a favor to ask of you—on such short acquaintance, too. It seems that out in the "wild blue yonder" there are ever so many "lost" alums wandering around without a home to call their own. If you should happen to spot a "stray," please drop us a line to let us know where we can reach him (or her), or ask him to introduce himself.

We won't try to make a formal list of pledges and promises for the year, but just say that we'll try our very best to keep you up-to-date on campus news and alum club和个人 activities.

And speaking of campus news, have you heard that Homecoming will be held the weekend of Nov. 1 this year? Red-pencil the date and plan to have a happy Homecoming at Southern. And don't forget to drop by the office while you're in town. We'll look forward to seeing you then.

The Editor.

1952 Homecoming Schedule

Thursday, Oct. 30
Coronation of Queen, 7 p. m., Shryock auditorium.
Informal Dance, 8 p. m., Men's gym.

Friday, Oct. 31
Freshman Bonfire, 7 p. m., football field.
Little Theatre play, "First Lady," 8 p.m., Shryock auditorium.

Saturday, November 1
WAA Hockey game, 8 a.m., girls' field.
ACE Breakfast, 8:30 a.m., University school.
Harwood Hall alumni breakfast, 9-11 a.m., Dean E. G. Lentz, 520 South University ave.
Sigma Pi (NEA) fraternity brunch, 9:30 a.m., chapter house; smoker, 5-7 p.m., Roberts Hotel.
WAA breakfast, 10 a.m., university cafeteria.
Pi Kappa Sigma sorority brunch, 10 a.m., chapter house.
Parade, 11:15 a.m.
Football game, Southern vs. Washington U., 1:30 p.m.
Alumni Reception, 4-6 p.m., President Morris' home.
Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority alum tea, 4:30-6:30 p.m., chapter house.
Chi Delta Chi fraternity banquet, 6 p.m., First Presbyterian church.
Concert, Ralph Marterie's orchestra, 8 p.m., Shryock auditorium.
Dance, Marterie and orchestra, 9:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m., gymnasium.

Alumni Club Members Attend Meetings, Plan Activities

Three SIU Alumni clubs met within a period of two days, Oct. 9-10, for discussion of upcoming projects and plans for the year.

Bob Odaniell and Dr. W. J. Tudor, SIU associate director of area services, attended all three meetings. Dr. Tudor, as guest speaker, outlined developments at Southern and future plans for the university.

Approximately 70 members of the Washington County club met at the Nashville high school cafeteria for a noon luncheon Thursday, Oct. 9. Marvin C. Martin, 1939, principal of Nashville high, was re-elected club chairman for the year.

The Nashville meeting was held in conjunction with Washington County Teachers Institute.

Friday, Oct. 10, in Belleville, 25 St. Clair County alumni attended an informal meeting at 1 p.m., with C. A. Armstrong, 1923-1936, presiding. Discussion at the meeting, also held in conjunction with Teachers Institute, centered around plans for attending Homecoming Nov. 1.

The Melbourne Hotel, St. Louis, was the scene Friday, Oct. 10, of a 7 p.m. buffet dinner and meeting held by the State of Missouri Alumni Club.

Approximately 47 attended the affair, which was held in the Colonial Room, with Carl McIntire, 1941, as master of ceremonies. Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Chapman were in charge of arrangements.

Club Homecoming chairman, Charles V. Brockett, 1949, led a discussion of attendance at Homecoming this year, and members decided to come as a group by chartered bus.

The Missouri club also closed its charter membership at the Friday meeting. Members coming into the club after this last meeting will not be considered charter members.

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Family Reunion

For more than 40 years college and university homecomings have spread throughout the nation and have grown until today the annual celebrations extend over two or three days. Following in the wake of the collegiate affairs have been homecomings in high schools and in cities and towns.

The original homecomings in our nation, however, date back to the days when social life centered in the family and family reunions were highly popular affairs.

We like to think of Southern's homecoming as a time when thousands of the University's sons and daughters respond to an ever-present urge to come "home," to stroll with memories on campus pathways, to share again the gaiety of college days, and perhaps to find that the old school really is quite young in spirit, strong in faculty and growing in terms of facilities and enrollment.

Welcome, alumni, to homecoming—this year and every year. We are proud of you and the fact that wherever you go you are known as a member of the "Southern family."

Sincerely,

D. W. Morris, President

Miss Mildred Schrotberger, acting dean of women at Southern, chats with several high school students at a reception given recently at the President's home during High School Guest Day. The University was host to approximately 600 students from Southern Illinois schools.

ENTERTAIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Southern Illinois University played host to approximately 600 upper class students from Southern Illinois high schools at High School Guest Day on campus Saturday, Oct. 4.

Activities for the junior and senior guests included registration, tours of the campus, and a mock radio program.

Following the program, they were guests of President and Mrs. D. W. Morris at a reception, and Saturday night they attended the SIU-Normal football game.

High School Guest Day is planned annually by students, faculty and the administration to acquaint Southern Illinois high school students with Southern Illinois University.

Southern's AF ROTC Ranks Show Increase

The ranks of Southern's Air Force ROTC unit received quite a boost this term with the addition of more than 700 college freshmen, making a total of 1,126 enrolled in the program.

With practically no worries about the draft—as long as their grade average is satisfactory—freshmen are being schooled in leadership, drill, exercises of command and world political geography.

More than 400 sophomores are studying aerodynamics and propulsion, meteorology, navigation, applied air power, personal maintenance and a new course in "Organization for the Defense of the United States."

In advance AF ROTC, 60 juniors and 18 seniors are working toward commissions as second lieutenants in the Air Force Reserve after graduation.

Advanced students were selected by Col. O. K. Halderson, commander of the unit, and President D. W. Morris to continue training.

SIU is one of 188 U. S. universities and colleges where 145,000 youths between the ages of 18 and 26 are combining college study with military training.

An added feature of Southern's AF ROTC this year is the new ROTC rifle range in the attic of Old Main. Approximately 300 students have applied for practice, from which an official team of 10 men will be selected.

Full Time Students Enrolled at SIU Reach 2,907 Total

Latest fall enrollment figures available before press time indicated that 2,907 full-time students had enrolled at Southern Illinois University, and 309 at University school. These figures are complete.

Although enrollment elsewhere was incomplete as yet, the Belleville residence center showed a partial enrollment of 74; Extension enrollment reached 1,227; and the Vocational-Technical Institute had enrolled 750 students.
Southern Salukis Cop Victory From Normal, Break 12-Game Losing Streak

Most encouraging news thus far in the Southern sports world was the Salukis' 27-20 win over the Illinois Normal Redbirds Saturday, Oct. 4, at McAndrew stadium.

The Salukis, who occupied the cellar spot in last year's league race, broke a 12-game losing streak with the conference victory over the Red Birds.

SIU footballers got off to a bad start the previous week by losing 20-0 to Southeast Missouri of Cape Girardeau in a non-conference game which marked the opening of the season.

Under the new coaching staff composed of head coach Bill O'Brien and assistants Bob Franz, Russ Bush and Jim Wilkinson, the Salukis, primarily freshmen, found Cape too hard to handle. SIU's total offense accounted for 139 yards in 58 plays, while Cape moved forward 290 yards in 68 plays. The Salukis gained only 106 yards on 40 ground plays against 206 for Cape.

In the long-awaited win from the Redbirds, Southern recovered a Normal fumble on the Redbirds' second running play of the game and turned it into a touchdown.

Halfback Bob Ems, junior from Fisher, carried the brunt of the Saluki attack, scoring three touchdowns in runs of 61 yards, 84 yards, and four off tackle. He also kicked two extra points for a grand total of 20 points.

Ems wasn't the only star on the Southern squad, however. The entire team played heads-up ball from start to finish, proving O'Brien's statement at the start of the season: "Win or lose, we're a team—and that's just what we are—a TEAM."

Incidentally, tickets for SIU home games may be obtained by mailing check or money order to the University ticket office. Reserved seat tickets will be held at the gate for those who order them, or will be mailed if a self-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed with each order.

All seats on the west side of McAndrew Stadium will be reserved, and will sell for $1.20, adults, and $.60, children over 12, tax included. General admission tickets to the east side of the stadium will sell for $.75 and $.40.

EDUCATIONAL T-V DISCUSSED AT SIU

Aspects of educational television for Southern Illinois were discussed by both experts and laymen at an educational television conference on campus Oct. 2 and 3.

Representatives of Southern Illinois civic, religious, and educational organizations, and others heard talks by Ed Wegner, program director of WOI-TV, Ames, Iowa; Dr. Walter B. Emery, special consultant for the joint committee on educational television and former member of the Federal Communications Commission; and Dr. Armand Hunter, University of Michigan television expert.

The conference was divided into two sessions, with the first on Oct. 2, planned for SIU faculty members.

During the meet, educational films that have already appeared on successful TV shows were shown.

Buren C. Robbins, director of radio and television at Southern, was in charge of arrangements.

Illinois Home of Most SIU Alums

Illinois is the home of more than 79 per cent of Southern's active alumni. With the addresses of 13,348 alumni on file, 10,457 live in the state.

And 8,559 of these are living in the 31 southern counties of Illinois.

Of course there are many more alumni than the 13,348 on file, but the Alumni office has no addresses for more than 30,000 former students and graduates.

Leading the 102 counties of the state with 1,409 alum residents is Jackson county, home of the University. Williamson county is second with 1,167; St. Clair next with 713; Franklin, 657; and Cook, 522.

Every county of Illinois has some alumni living in it, as does every state in the United States with the exception of Maine and Vermont. Missouri with 422 follows Illinois; then comes California, with 287; and Indiana with 220.

SIU alums make their homes in 21 countries and territories, and 87 former students have A. P. O. addresses.

Scenes such as this were predominant at the Southern-Illinois Normal football game Saturday, Oct. 4, when the Salukis downed the Redbirds 27-20 for their first win after 12 straight losses. Here Normal's Spencer, carrying the ball, is tackled by Hemphill, of Southern, as Salukis Schneider (24), Johnson (44), Spratt (35), and others close in.