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LETTURES HIGHLIGHT DA VINCI FESTIVAL

Highlights of the recent Leonard Da Vinci Festival, held at Southern Nov. 12-25 in celebration of the 500th anniversary of his birth, included lectures by three distinguished guests: Dr. A. Didier Graeffe, author, humanist and associate professor of humanities at the University of Florida; Harry J. Hahn, an expert in the authentication of the paintings of da Vinci; and Dr. H. S. M. Coxeter, mathematician and a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Society.

Preceding Dr. Greefe’s speech, three SIU faculty members gave the first performance of a song cycle composed by Graeffe in honor of da Vinci. In antique style Graeffe set to music four poems from Dante’s “The New Life” for tenor, sung by Dr. Robert Faner; French horn, played by Phillip Olsson; and piano, played by Gilbert Fischer.

Chief exhibits at the Festival consisted of prints of nearly all Leonardo’s paintings, scale models of over a dozen of his chief inventions, a skeleton arranged to show da Vinci’s great discoveries in anatomy and mannequins gowned in costumes of the period in which he lived.

In addition, several traveling exhibits were sent around to high schools in the Southern Illinois area.

BEGIN NEW SYSTEM OF REGISTRATION

Winter term began at Southern Dec. 1, without the usual registration procedure.

Through a new system put into effect for the first time this term, students had already completed the entire registration process during the last few weeks of fall term and were ready to attend classes without the usual delay of registering.

‘Messiah’ Presented For Seventh Year

Coinciding with pre-Christmas activities at Southern was the annual presentation of Handel’s “Messiah” Sunday, Dec. 14, at Shryock auditorium.

The well-known oratorio was directed for the seventh consecutive year by Dr. Maurits Kesnar, chairman of the SIU music department.

Personnel included four soloists, a chorus of more than 200 voices and a miniature orchestra, composed of members of the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

Soprano soloist was Kay Fuller, who record album, “Le Petit Concert,” was selected by record critic Owen Callin as the “album of the month” in January, 1951. Miss Fuller studied with Stanley Deacon, Eduardo Sacerdote and Adalai Scheidt.

Dorothy Clark, who was the contralto soloist, is a faculty member of the University of Illinois. She studied in New York City and in Europe, at Paris and Leige, and sang the American premiere of “The Temptation of St. Anthony,” by Werner Egk.

Tenor Charles McCool, who holds both bachelor of music and master of music degrees from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago, is a professor of voice at both Belhaven and Millsaps colleges in Jackson, Miss.

Apparent for the second time in the SIU version of “The Messiah” was James McEnery, bass-baritone, who has sung with the Chicago Symphony orchestra, as well as other universities and oratorio groups in the Midwest and Canada.

Dr. Kesnar also directed a performance of “The Messiah” in Mt. Vernon on Dec. 15, using the same soloists and orchestra, and a chorus composed of Mt. Vernon area residents.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONadopts FAMILY MEMBERSHIP PLAN

Action by the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association board at a recent meeting has made possible a special family membership in the Alumni Association.

Prior to the meeting, held during Homecoming weekend, each association member paid $2 per year as membership dues, unless of course he has a life membership. No special rates were given a husband and wife who are both alumni of the university.

Now, the board has voted to offer a family membership rating, through which a husband and wife may both become association members for a single dues assessment of $3 per year.

Membership in the SIU Alumni Association entitles an alum to receive a 32-page magazine issued in November, February and May, in addition to the regular newsbulletin, which is sent to all alumni.

For more information on association membership see page four of this issue.

SIU PRESIDENT ATTENDS WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Dr. Delyte W. Morris, SIU president, was one of four Illinoisans representing the state at a joint Civilian Orientation Conference at the Pentagon in Washington, D. C., Nov. 12 to 23.

The Conference is convened four times annually by the Secretary of Defense, and Conference members are chosen from geographic cross sections of representatives of American business, finance, labor, religion, education, agriculture, publicity media, civic enterprises and the professions.

Purpose of the Washington meeting was to provide a comprehensive understanding of the Department of Defense and its integration with other branches of the Government and the community at large.
1953-55 Budget Request Filed

Southern Illinois University has filed with the State Director of Finance a request for an operating budget of $13,846,700 for the biennium beginning July 1, 1953, following approval by Southern's Board of Trustees.

Commenting on the amount of $36,358,425 asked by Southern for capital improvements, President D. W. Morris said:

"This figure represents our needs; the legislature will decide what we can have. In campus development, Southern was neglected and literally stood still for more than 20 years. Today we are trying to carry on an educational program in cramped and outdated quarters and with many facilities which do not compare with those in other state schools in Illinois.

"We feel that continuing improvement of economic conditions in Southern Illinois can best be encouraged by educational leadership and opportunity."

The capital improvements request includes a new library, $4,350,000; agriculture building, $2,600,000; men's dormitory, $2,000,000; an educational television station, $500,000; and general campus rehabilitation, $1,136,800. Because of health and safety factors, the latter item is considered a critical need because of the condition of some of the older permanent buildings as well as the many classrooms in temporary buildings. Southern's only dormitory, Anthony Hall, was built in 1913. A new dormitory for women is under construction.

Major items of importance in the operating budget are instruction and research.

For instruction, an increase of $2,-874,085 is requested: to maintain salary adjustments made last spring and summer and designed to bring SIU salaries more nearly in line with those in other comparable educational institutions, to provide cost of living increases, to meet competitive bidding from other universities, and to provide additional staff required because of increasing enrollment and increasing obligations in the field of area services.

President Morris said the increase of $828,519 asked for research reflects the needs of a program which has developed steadily since Southern was granted full university status in 1947 and which is in line with the University's efforts to meet growing demands in the field of area services.

In support of programs devoted particularly to area needs, President Morris cited the Vocational-Technical Institute with a current enrollment of more than 1,200 as an example of the practical level to which SIU expansion is geared. He pointed also to Southern's agriculture department, where emphasis is placed on raising the income of area farmers by teaching application of research findings developed at other institutions and found to be profitable in Southern Illinois.

Other major operating items are: for general expense and general administration, $1,770,452; extension, $242,446; library, $472,930; and physical plant, $2,447,172.

Miss Esther Bennett, (right), assistant instructor at the university museum, and two student helpers view some of the displays featured at the recent Leonardo da Vinci festival.

Happy Holidays!

From the Alumni office to Southern alumni everywhere comes our sincerest wish for a happy holiday.

Whether you're in these United States, the tropic climate of Brazil or the snowy land of Nova Scotia, may you still recapture the spirit of loving, giving and sharing that is symbolic of the Christmas season.

Cordially,

THE ALUMNI STAFF
Bob Odaniell, Acting Director; Mrs. Margaret Lane, Chief Clerk; Peggy Cletcher, clerk-stenographer; Virginia Smart, Bob Brimm and Jim McKinley, student assistants; Virginia Miller, Southern Alumnus Editor.
Ems Was Salukis' Leading Scorer

Bob Ems, Fisher fullback, was Southern’s Illinois University’s leading scorer and ground gainer for the season.

Although a draft call forced Ems to miss Southern’s last two games, he led in scoring with six touchdowns and seven extra points for 43 points. Ems carried the ball 50 times for SIU netting 386 yards for a 7.7 yard average.

Ems, a junior, will have two seasons of eligibility left at SIU when he returns from Army service. Since he was drafted before the season ended it will not count as a year of eligibility.

Second in scoring and rushing for the Salukis was Halfback John Vanderpluym, Harrisburg senior. Vanderpluym netted 362 yards on 91 trips with the ball for a 3.9 yard average. He scored three touchdowns for 18 points.

The Salukis won two games and lost six for Bill O’Brien, who completed his first year as Southern’s head coach. They scored 90 points to their opponents’ 210.

Captain Joe Huske, Chicago, completed 35 passes in 95 throws for 340 yards. Leading pass receivers were Vanderpluym with six catches for 95 yards and End Dan Smith, Carbondale, with 11 catches for 94 yards.

Bill Spratt, Salem, who did most of Southern’s punting, kicked 43 times for 1398 yards and a 32.3 punting average.

Other rushing leaders for Southern were Frank Morgan, Caruthersville, Mo., who was third with 158 yards netted in 44 carries and Schneider who was fourth with 121 yards netted in 40 carries. Morgan filled in at fullback for Ems in Southern’s last two games.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Halfback John Vanderpluym has been picked by teammates as Southern Illinois University’s “most valuable” football player.

Vanderpluym, a senior from Harrisburg, was Southern’s leading ground gainer in conference games this season.

Coach Bill O’Brien rated the 170 pound halfback as one of his most dependable players. Vanderpluym was given the ball to carry more times than any other Saluki, 72 times in six conference games and 81 times for the season’s eight games.

SIU FINISHES SIXTH AT RECENT IIAC MEET

Southern Illinois University’s cross country team finished its season by running sixth in the IIAC meet at Macomb.

The Saluki team had previously won one dual meet, lost two and tied one.

Dick Gregory, of St. Louis, Mo., made Southern’s best showing in the IIAC meet by finishing 15th.

Wanted: Old Obelisks

Several campus offices have been striving in vain to secure complete sets of the Obelisk, university yearbook, from the first issue in 1914 to 1952.

The university library is the only place where a complete set may be found at the present time.

The set of Obelisks at President Morris’s office is nearly complete, with only the years 1916 and 1937 missing.

However, the Alumni Office is sadly lacking in Obelisks and needs the years 1914, 1915, 1917, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1926, 1927, 1931, 1933, 1935, and 1938 to make its set complete.

If any of you alumni happen to have some of those past volumes of the Obelisk collecting dust in your closet or attic, we’d appreciate it if you’d send them along to us, at the Alumni Office.

Greek College Honors Southern With Special Day

“Southern Illinois University Day” was celebrated recently at Anatolia College, Thessaloniki, Greece, in appreciation of a contribution made by Southern students to the college last spring to help operate the school for one day.

Dr. W. J. Tudor, SIU associate director of area services, who spent six months in Greece in 1951 and frequently visited the school, has received letters of thanks from Carl C. Compton, Anatolia president, and John Frangedakis, a student.

SIU’s contribution was raised by an auction held at an all-day assembly. Nearly $100 was sent to Greece.

President Compton wrote that the Greek constituency of the school had been hard hit by the economic crisis and more help is needed to enable students to continue in school.

Extra-curricular activities at Anatolia are geared toward training for useful citizenship and include the rehabilitation of a Greek village which was destroyed during guerilla fighting.

Compton said that the Greek people are grateful for American aid, feeling that Greece owes its life to this, but that there is some criticism of the way in which the aid has been administered, particularly because so little of it has reached the “little people” in a form they recognized.

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BRIDGES HEADS NEW VARSITY ALUMNI CLUB

Frank Bridges, 1929, has been elected president of a newly-organized Varsity Alumni club, which now consists of 37 former SIU lettermen.

Other officers of the group are: Elbert Kimmel, Wood River, vice-president; Leedio Cabutti, Herrin, secretary; Glen Storme, Carbondale, treasurer.

A board of directors for the group has also been chosen and its members are: Byron Ingram, Alton; Harry Moore, Harrisburg; W. Stewart Williams, Springfield; Tom Entsminger and Dr. Dan Foley, both of Carbondale.

Bridges, now instructor in health education at SIU, listed six objectives of the organization: to assist in the growth of Southern; to promote athletics and scholarship; to encourage high school athletes to attend SIU; to promote good public relations; to aid graduates in obtaining jobs; to provide social atmosphere for members.

Southern Alumnae Give Piano Recital

Two alumnae of Southern got together recently to present a duo-piano recital at Shryock auditorium. The performers were Betty Boatright, 1944, and Georgia Gher, 1947.

Miss Boatright is supervisor of music at Herrin city schools and resides in Marion.

Since her graduation from SIU in 1947, Miss Gher has received a master's degree in music from Northwestern. She is supervisor of music for 27 high, junior high and grade schools in the Marion district.

UNIVERSITY HOST TO PARENTS RECENTLY

Parents of Southern students were recent guests of the University at the third annual Parents Day. Purpose of the affair is to provide an opportunity for parents to become better acquainted with the University and its program.

Included in the schedule of events were registration, tours of the new University school, an open house at the Student Christian Foundation and a spaghetti luncheon at noon.

Following the luncheon, parents were invited to attend the Saluki-Michigan Normal football game, with special half-time activities featured.

Do You Belong?

Even if you attended Southern for just one term, you belong to a very special group called Southern alumni. BUT, are you, as an alumnus, receiving all the benefits the University has to offer its former students? We don’t think you are, if you’re not a member of the SIU Alumni Association.

Belonging to the Alumni Association allows you to:

- RECEIVE THE SOUTHERN ALUMNUS MAGAZINE

A 32-page magazine to keep alums “in the know” about former classmates and current campus affairs, published in November, February and May. (A four-page News Bulletin is sent to all alumni in September, October, December, January, March, April, June and July.)

- HELP FINANCE THE ALUMNI PROGRAM

Year-around projects including Homecoming, Alumni Day, club meetings and special meetings.

- PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE UNIVERSITY

Up-to-date knowledge of University affairs gives members of the Association opportunities to boost their Alma Mater.

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