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Regional Conference Planned

A two-day regional conference on "New Developments in Agriculture, Business and Labor" will be held March 27-28 at Southern, featuring Laurence F. Lee, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, as keynote speaker.

Purpose of the conference, expected to be one of the most important ever held in Southern Illinois, is to encourage area leaders in industry, business, education, agriculture and labor to exert a more aggressive and unified effort in the area redevelopment process already underway.

Charles B. Shuman, president of the Illinois Agricultural Association, will be among the nationally prominent speakers at the meeting.

Others who have been invited include: Hon. William G. Stratton, governor of Illinois; Hon. Gordon Dean, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission; Hon. Martin Durkin, Secretary of Labor; John Knight, publisher of the Chicago Daily News; True D. Morse, Under Secretary of Agriculture; and William M. Martin, chairman of the board of the Federal Reserve System.

Choir To Make Tour

Fifty members of the university choir will begin the sixth annual spring choir tour Sunday, March 8, according to director Floyd V. Wakeland.

While in Chicago, the group will present a concert in the Peace Memorial church and record a program for radio station WGN’s "College Choir" series.

Bookings are not complete, but the following tentative concert schedule has been released: March 8—Harrisburg, First Methodist church, 10:45 a.m.; Carmi, Presbyterian church, 3 p.m.; March 9—Carmi, high school assembly program, 10 a.m.; Fairfield, concert at high school, 8 p.m.; March 10—Lawrenceville, concert at high school, 8 p.m.;

March 11—Marshall, through the day; Champaign, First Methodist church, 8 p.m.; March 12—Homer, morning concert at high school; Paxton, concert at high school, 8 p.m.; March 13—Chicago, Von Steuben school in afternoon; March 14—Chicago, public service gathering for YMCA; March 15—Chicago, concert at Peace Memorial church, and broadcast at WGN for "College Choir" series.

Stratton Replaces Four Trustees On SIU Board

Gov. William G. Stratton took quick action after his election in revamping the Board of Trustees at Southern. Stratton replaced four members of a board that former Gov. Adlai E. Stevenson appointed about a year ago and reappointed the other three.

Reappointed to the board were: JOHN PAGE WHAM, 1922-2, Centralia lawyer, for six years; KENNETH C. DAVIS, 1936, businessman from Harrisburg, for four years; Robert C. Lanphier, Jr., Springfield industrialist, for four years.

New members are: Lindell Sturgis, president of the First National Bank of Metropolis, six years; Mrs. Stella Collins, West Frankfort Woman's Club leader, two years; Robert L. Kern, editor of the Belleville News Democrat, two years; MELVIN LOCKARD, ex-1924, president of the First National Bank of Godden and president of the Illinois Bankers Association, six years.

Mrs. Collins is the wife of WALTER E. COLLINS, ex-1927, an instructor at West Frankfort high school.

The four board members who were replaced include Mrs. RUTH GRAHAM Cook, 1921-2, 1940, of Chicago; GUY KARRAKER, 1913, former board president, of Dongola; Dr. Frank L. Eversull, of Columbus; and George W. Mitchell, Chicago banker.

At the first meeting of the new board Jan. 30, John Wham was elected president, Sturgis was named vice-president, and Lockard was elected as permanent secretary.

Mrs. Collins and Davis were named to the executive committee, of which Wham is an ex-officio member. The executive committee, according to Dr. D. W. Morris, is the "board between boards," which takes action on interim and emergency problems arising between regular sessions of the Board of Trustees.

Next Board meeting has been set for March 6.

COX TO DIRECT SPRING FESTIVAL PLANS

Carroll Cox, senior from Palmyra, was chosen in a Student Council election as this year’s Spring Festival chairman. Cox will direct plans and preparations for the Festival weekend, slated for May 1 and 2.
**College-Bound**

With graduation looming ahead, many of today’s high school seniors are debating which college or university to attend. A little advice from alumni who “know the ropes” might help them with their decision.

Alumni interested in the progress of their alma mater can perform a real service by introducing the university to prospective students in the community, including their own sons and daughters. The simplest and often most effective approach is through general conversation. The casual “Well, Jim, what are you going to do after graduation?” can easily be followed up by a mention of the university and its varied programs.

Alums might remember that for those who need practical experience and training rather than the straight college curriculum, Southern’s Vocational-Technical Institute offers two-year courses in business, radio-TV, carpentry, and many other fields.

Of course, if prospective students could actually come and look over the situation themselves, all the better. If you have occasion to be on campus from time to time, bring some of them along to get acquainted.

Now if you know the names of some promising high schoolers but don’t know them well enough to talk to them yourselves, just send their names in to SIU’s Office of Student Affairs, which makes many initial contacts with students.

Another means of keeping a community Southern-conscious is to suggest using university speakers at club meetings. (Both faculty and student speakers are always available from SIU’s Speakers Bureau.) Then too, since a university representative now makes periodic stops at several area towns, an alumni club could join forces with him and participate in an informal discussion about Southern with interested students. The Alumni Office could notify the club when the representative was scheduled to arrive.

We’ll appreciate your help in this matter, because more SIU students mean, eventually, more SIU alumni. If you have any questions or need additional information, write the Office of Student Affairs or the Alumni Office.

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**Budgetary Commission Hears SIU Request**

Southern Illinois University’s request for an operating budget of $13,846,700 remained intact after the first SIU hearing before the Budgetary Commission, Feb. 9.

Although there was no indication that any specific amount would be approved or disapproved, President Morris said the commission was well informed concerning Southern’s greatest needs, its program, and its accomplishments and developments. He reported that the commission was “sensitive to the central effort of SIU to work toward improvement of economic conditions in southern Illinois to the end of increasing state income and reducing public assistance expenditures.”

As specific evidence of the influence of the University in an area where relief rolls have been exceptionally high, Dr. Morris pointed out that public assistance savings in southern Illinois, based upon the percentage of the total amount expended for public assistance, have amounted to $4,454,000 in the past five years, with the amount building up steadily within that period.

**Still “Below Par”**

Although new buildings, made possible largely through funds voted by the legislature in 1949, are beginning to change the appearance of the SIU campus, the school still is “below par” in relation to the state’s other educational institutions. For this reason, the Board of Trustees approved a decision to ask for $36,358,425 for capital improvements. The amount represents the cost of all proposed buildings for which the need is urgent.

Commenting on this request, President 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 outmoded 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.

**Operating Budget Needs**

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 area service demands.

In support of programs devoted particularly to area needs, President Morris cited the Vocational-Technical Institute with a current enrollment of more than 1,500 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 the 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.

New Egyptian Editors Named

Bob Brimm, Carbondale sophomore, has been selected by the Campus Journalism Council as editor-in-chief of The Egyptian, campus newspaper, for the coming year.

Brimm, who replaces Barbara VonBehrens, of Mt. Vernon, will assume his new position spring term, 1953.

New managing editor of the paper is Jim Aiken, sophomore from Benton, replacing Beverly Fox, of West Frankfort. Pat Sherman, Toledo junior, will take Benton junior Gwen Applegate’s place as business manager.

Rounding out the list of new personnel is Bob Poo, Hillsboro sophomore, who will serve as sports editor. Poo replaces Don Duffy, of Chicago.

Attendance High at Career Conference

Average attendance totaled 50 students at Southern’s second Career Conference held Feb. 10-11. Nineteen of the total 57 sessions had well over 50 students attending, and there were only eight sessions with less than 20 present.

Highest attendance at a single session was the total of 150 attending the discussion on careers in math and physics conducted by Kenneth Mcgee, chief engineer, Capacitor division, Sangamo Electric Co.

Keynote speaker at the Conference was Ernest Reed, education and personnel director of the International Harvester Co. in Chicago.

During the conferences, held every two years, students have an opportunity to meet and converse with speakers who are authorities in their respective fields, and thus better prepare themselves for vocations.

Alumni Day Set For June 6

Annual Alumni Day activities have been scheduled for Saturday, June 6, before commencement on Sunday, according to Bob Odaniell.

Special reunion meetings will be held for class years ending in “3” and “8.” All alumni are invited to attend the traditional banquet on Saturday night.

Plan now to attend! More Alumni Day details will be released later.

Show Fund Aids Cagers

Members of Southern’s basketball squad are sporting new warm-up uniforms as a result of a gift of last year’s Variety show proceeds by Theta Xi fraternity.

The uniforms, consisting of long pants and heavy jackets, are white with maroon and blue trim, and will be worn by the team before games.

Each year show profits are given to the university for improvements. Proceeds from 1950 and 1951 shows were given to the Student Center to alleviate construction costs. This year for the first time a student-faculty committee will decide where the money will go.

This year’s show, staged Feb 9, featured a professional master of ceremonies, Curt Ray, KMOX announcer from St. Louis, and 20 individual and organizational acts.

Service to Southern awards were won by Wilma Beadle, Carbondale senior, and Charles Wildy, senior from Belleville.

Laboratory Receives $6,966 Grant

U. S. Office of Naval Research has granted $6,966 to Southern’s Biological Research laboratory to further its research program on radiobiology of yeast. The funds will be used for research personnel and equipment to expand the laboratory’s study of radiation poisoning in cellular life.

Dr. Carl C. Lindegren, well-known geneticist, directs the lab’s research programs, employing the world’s largest stock of pedigreed yeast.
**Release Baseball Schedule**

Southern’s baseball team will play a 30-game schedule this season, beginning with a spring training trip to Louisiana March 9-14.

The Salukis, last year’s IIAC champions, will face three new teams this year: St. Louis U., Evansville, Ind., College, and U. S. Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tenn.

The schedule:
- March 9, 10, 11—at Southwest Louisiana
- March 12—at Loyola (South)
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- March 14—at Louisiana State U.
- April 6—at Arkansas State (2)
- April 10—at Central Michigan (2)
- April 17—Michigan Normal (2)
- April 21—Washington U.
- April 25—at Memphis Navy (2)
- May 1—at Illinois Normal (2)
- May 5—at Washington U.
- May 8—at Northern Illinois (2)
- May 11—Arkansas State
- May 15—at Eastern Illinois (2)
- May 18—St. Louis U.
- May 22—Western Illinois (2)
- May 27—Evansville, Ind.
- May 29, 30—at Bradley U.

**SIU Cage Squad Ranks Fourth in IIAC**

Following a 73-64 defeat at the hands of Eastern Friday night, Feb. 13, Southern’s basketball team ranked fourth in IIAC play with five victories and five defeats.

Southern was trailing Eastern by only four points with two minutes left, but Eastern, on their home court, moved out in front on free throws.

Scores of other recent games include: SIU 96, Northern 78; SIU 83, Kirksville, Mo., 80; SIU 64, Evansville 72; SIU 70, Michigan Normal 73; SIU 63, Central Michigan 65; and SIU 59, Washington U. 51.

**Plan Coaching Clinic At SIU**

All Southern Illinois high school and junior high school coaches are invited to attend the fifth annual spring sports clinic at Southern March 7.

The clinic will be sponsored by the athletic department and will feature sessions in baseball and track beginning at 9 a.m., climaxing by a banquet at the close of the meeting.

**WORKSHOP GROUP STAGES TWO OPERETTAS**

The university’s opera workshop presented two operettas, “Down in the Valley” and “Trial by Jury,” Feb. 19, with Miss Edna Griffis, lecturer in music, as director, and William Featherly as technical director.

Cast and chorus members in both operettas totaled 41, including both faculty and student talent.

Kut Weill’s “Down in the Valley” is based on American folk songs, while “Trial by Jury,” a Gilbert and Sullivan production, concerns a girl jilted at the altar and the breach-of-promise trial of her lover.

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**Southern Sketches**

The Little Theatre group’s winter play offering was “Skin of Our Teeth” by Thornton Wilder, directed by DR. ARCHIBALD McLEOD . . . JOHN J. PRUIS of the speech department was named chairman of the elementary school programs committee of the National Society for the Study of Communication at its annual convention in Cincinnati . . . DR IRVING STOUT, education department, is co-author of a book, “The Discipline of Well Adjusted Children,” which was reviewed recently in the “Saturday Review of Literature” . . . PRESIDENT AND MRS. D. W. MORRIS were in Washington during the inauguration of President Dwight Eisenhower . . . Southern has received a letter of thanks from the University of Indonesia for helping reorganize its physical education program—CECIL FRANKLIN, acting men’s P. E. chairman, drew up plans for the program . . . Sixty-seven SIU students are practice teaching this quarter at area schools . . . FRANCES PHILLIPS and FRANK BRIDGES of the health education department, have been elected Fellows of the American School Health Association . . . Three scientific articles by Biological Research staff members have been published recently—DR. CARL C. LINDEGREN AND MRS. LINDEGREN are co-authors of two articles appearing in “Genetics” and “Nature,” and ALVIN SARACHEK and G. FRED TOWNSEND co-authored an article in “Science” magazine . . . TED R. RAGSDALE, professor of education, will be on the staff of the University of Wisconsin this summer term . . . Independent Student Association Week was held Feb. 16-20 . . . WENDELL E. KEEPPEr, agriculture department chairman, has appointed to the Illinois State Advisory committee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration for 1953 . . . MILDRED DILLING, world famous harpist, presented a concert at SIU Feb. 16, sponsored by the Community Concert association . . . LELAND (DOC) LINGLE, track coach, has been reappointed to the national advisory committee for track of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics . . . FRANK BRIDGES, health education department, is the new regional organizer of Civil Defense for 30 Southern Illinois counties.