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This year, for the first time, alumni attending the June 6 banquet dined in cool comfort on the lawn in front of the gym. The speakers table at the north end was flanked by long tables for alums and their guests.

**Highlights of the Day**

Alumni Day, 1953, will long be remembered for a record number of significant events, headed by cornerstone-laying ceremonies for two much-needed campus structures—a life science building and a new women’s residence hall.

Beginning bright and early on the morning of June 6, the SIU Alumni Association Board launched the day’s activities with a 9 o’clock session at the Board of Trustees office. During the business meeting, four persons were selected to replace four board members whose terms expired this June. New board members are Mrs. Jesse Stuart Sparr, 1917, of Staunton, and Edward Curtis, ex-1933, of Mt. Vernon, replacing Goffrey Hughes, E-1927, and W. B. Valentine, 1923. Dr. Robert Browne, E-1918, and War­ren Gladders, ex-1937, were named to succeed themselves on the board.

At 10 a.m., the SIU Foundation, a non-profit corporation receiving and administering gifts of money and personal or real property to the University, met and elected new officers. W. G. Cisne, 1899, was named president; John K. Feirich, ex-1928, vice-president; Mrs. Lois Nelson, 1944, executive secretary; and Edward V. Miles, Jr., E-1929, treasurer. All are Carbondale residents.

Elected to the Foundation’s board of directors for three-year terms were Mrs. Lucy Patten (J. W.) Barrow, 1898, of Carbondale; Russell Rendleman, 1940, of Anna; W. B. Valentine, 1923, of Alto Pass; Goffrey Hughes, E-1927, of Carbondale; and Philo Gilbert, 1921-2, of Flossmoor.

The Foundation also paid tribute to the memory of the late Atty. Glenn O. Brown, 1910-2, of Carbondale, who died during the past year while serving as Foundation president.

Preceding cornerstone-laying ceremonies for Southern’s two new buildings, Gov. William G. Stratton spoke at a 1:30 p.m. convocation in Shryock auditorium, stressing the partnership between the University and area communities. Gov. Stratton was introduced by Stillman J. Stanard, director of the Illinois department of agriculture.

Other convocation speakers were Sen. R. G. Crisenberry, of Murphysboro, and John Page Wham, 1922-2, of Centralia, chairman of the SIU Board of Trustees. President D. W. Morris served as master of ceremonies.

As he laid cornerstones for the $1,500,000 Life Science (Continued on page 4)
Association Adopts New Constitution

One of the most important provisions of the Alumni Association's constitution, which was approved at the Alumni Banquet, is the establishment of a legislative council as one of the governing bodies of the group.

The council is to be composed of one member of the Association from each class of graduates. A former student is to be considered a member of the class with which he would have graduated had he remained in school.

Each class group will elect its member of the council by ballot from nominations presented by interested members of the class. Council members will serve a term of two years, except those from classes of even-numbered years who will be first elected for a one-year term and thereafter for two-year terms.

Ballots will be distributed by mail to the members of each class on or before the first of April of each year. Three tellers, appointed by the president of the Association, will count the ballots and certify the results of the election to the Board of Directors. The person receiving the largest number of votes will be elected, and in case of a tie, lots will be drawn by the tellers.

The council is to elect from the membership of the association 12 persons to a Board of Directors, who shall serve for terms of four years, three being elected each year provided that not more than two be from the same class group, and provided further that the initial Board of Directors be composed of persons presently serving as directors of the Southern Alumni Association. The president of the Association shall be an ex-officio member of the Board without vote for the year that follows his retirement. The president of the University annually may designate a member of the University staff as his representative and as an ex-officio member of the Board without vote.

The council will meet each year on Alumni Day. The council will pass

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Members of the SIU Foundation Board elected officers at an Alumni Day meeting. From left to right, seated—W. G. Cisne, 1899, president; Mrs. Lois Hickok Nelson, 1944, executive secretary; standing—John Feirich, ex-1298, vice-president; Edward V. Miles, Jr., E-1929, treasurer.

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building and the $2,000,000 residence hall, the Governor commended Southern for its spirit and its "eagerness to get the job done." At the Life Science ceremonies, Dr. Carl C. Lindegren, chairman of the microbiology department, and Dr. W. M. Bailey, emeritus professor in botany, were guest speakers. At Woody Hall, Mrs. Roscoe Pulliam, supervisor of off-campus housing, spoke briefly.

From 4 to 6 p.m. alums and guests attended "3" and "8" class reunions at the Student Center or went to the reception at the Morris home for Gov. and Mrs. Stratton and the Board of Trustees.

Climaxing the day for alumni was the 6:30 p.m. banquet held outdoors on the lawn of the gymnasium. Gov. and Mrs. Stratton remained in Carbondale for the affair, which featured a talk by J. Lester Buford, 1924-2, E-1928.

Two alumni, Elberta Jean Ewbank, 1950, of Decatur, and Robert Munger, 1898, of Dayton, Ohio, were presented certificates of life membership in the Alumni Association.

Following the address by Buford, Association members officially approved the proposed constitution and by-laws for the association of alumni and former students of SIU, and elected officers for the coming year.

Warren Gladders, of Ladue, Mo., was chosen to succeed Carruthers, Edward Curtis was named vice-president, and Mrs. John Lewis was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

And then, on the day after Alumni Day, the association welcomed to its ranks some 330 graduates, who received degrees in a impressive ceremony at McAndrew Stadium Sunday night.

Guest speaker for SIU’s 78th annual commencement was Arthur E. Morgan, president of Community Service, Inc., of