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To Alumni of the University

Dear Alumni:

It is indeed a pleasure for me to continue the custom of extending greetings to the Members of the Alumni Association, and it is my sincerest wish that the Membership join me and the other Officers and Directors of the Association in making this one of the most outstanding years in our history.

As you all know, we have been very fortunate in the past several years to have outstanding administrations of the association, and during this period, we have succeeded in making up a new constitution. It will be the responsibility of this year’s administration to put the machinery into effect that will give life to the constitution. We expect this machinery to increase the democratic nature of the organization, and feel that a more widespread representation will be given to the various bodies having a voice in directing the affairs of the association.

We expect to devote an extraordinary effort toward the increase of our membership. We plan on enlarging the Alumni Association Endowment Fund which consists of income from Life Memberships and gifts from the members. There are a number of minor projects each one of which is probably less important than these previously mentioned, but the sum total of which we expect will contribute to our growth in improvement.

Since this is probably the last opportunity I will have to mention specifically the Homecoming Weekend on October 31, I should like to urge each of you to set aside that weekend for what we expect will be one of our most interesting and enjoyable Homecomings, during which we shall have an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and to revive some of the spirit we expect to aid us in the development of our Alumni work during the coming year.

Best wishes,

G. W. Gladders
Alumni Association president

Homecoming To Feature Sauter-Finegan Band

Signing of the Sauter-Finegan orchestra for the Homecoming concert and dance Oct. 31 has been announced by Homecoming chairman Richard Coleman, of Carbondale.

Headed by Ed Sauter and Bill Finegan, two of America’s leading arrangers, the band numbers about 28 musicians with five featured vocalists. Sauter, formerly with Benny Goodman, was responsible for many of his most famous arrangements, while Finegan, who has written many scores for Tommy Dorsey and other top bands, was arranger for the late Glenn Miller’s orchestra.

A Halloween theme will predominate at SIU’s 1953 Homecoming, which will get underway Thursday morning, Oct. 29, with an all-school assembly. First big highlight of the celebration will be the coronation of the Queen at Shryock auditorium Thursday night, followed by a masquerade ball in the men’s gym.

Parts have been cast for the annual Homecoming play, to be presented Friday night at 8 p.m. This year’s offering by Little Theatre will be “The Curious Savage,” with Patty Lamont, of West Frankfort, in a starring role.

Preceding the play, the Plebic oath will be administered to Southern’s 1,500 freshmen at a bonfire and pep rally. A reception at the Student Center after the play will honor the new queen and members of her court.

Alumni will have a chance to get together Saturday morning before and after the Homecoming parade at 10 a.m. and at the football game Saturday afternoon featuring the Salukis vs. Eastern.

Climaxing Homecoming activities will be the concert and formal masque ball Halloween night, Oct. 31. This year both concert and dance will be held in the gymnasium, the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. and the dance at 9:30 p.m.

A special event scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 1, is the dedication of Woody Hall, new women’s dorm, at 2 p.m., followed by an open house.

(See page 2 for a complete Homecoming schedule)
Homecoming October 29-31

Homecoming and Halloween! A time when gay spirits and shades of the past will meet and mingle to brew up a concoction of purest enjoyment for all who partake.

You'll be bewitched by the beauty of the Queen and her court . . . and the magic of music by Sauter-Finegan will weave a spell of enchantment long to be remembered.

Gloom and evil spirits won't stand the ghost of a chance at Southern's 1953 Homecoming, SO . . . leave your cares at home and come prepared for fun.

**Your 1953 Homecoming Schedule**

**Thursday, Oct. 29**
10:00 a.m. Homecoming kickoff assembly, Shryock auditorium.
8:00 p.m. Coronation of Queen, Shryock.
9:30 p.m. Informal Masquerade Ball, Men's gym.

**Friday, Oct. 30**
10:00 a.m. Pep assembly, Shryock—cheerleaders, football team introduced.
3:00 p.m. Judging of house decorations.
7:00 p.m. Bonfire and pep rally, parking lot at Illinois and Grand ave.
8:00 p.m. Homecoming play, "The Curious Savage," Shryock, admission 50 cents with activity ticket, $1 general admission.
10:30 p.m. Reception for Queen and court, Student Center.

**Saturday, Oct. 31**
8 to 10:00 a.m. Alumni and organizational get-togethers.

9:00 a.m. Alumni Association Board meeting, Board of Trustees house.
10 to 11:30 a.m. Parade.
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Luncheon.
2:00 p.m. Football game, Southern vs. Eastern Illinois, reserved seat admission $1.20 adults, 60 cents children under 12; general admission 75 cents adults, 40 cents children.
4:00 p.m. Informal alumni teas.
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sauter-Finegan concert, Men's gym, admission $1 per person.
9:30 to 12:30 p.m. Homecoming dance, gymnasium—a formal masque ball, admission $3.00 per couple in advance, $3.50 at gate.
11:00 p.m. Presentation of the Queen.

**Sunday, Nov. 1**
2:00 p.m. Dedication of Woody Hall and open house.

(Ticket reservations for any of the events may be made by sending a check or money order to the Alumni Office, SIU, specifying type of tickets desired)
Trustees Create New University Divisions

New divisions of fine arts, rural studies and communications were created by the SIU board of trustees at a meeting Sept. 17 from five departments and other University agencies in the College of Vocations and Professions.

The departments of art and music will be assigned to a Division of Fine Arts under the acting directorship of Burnett Shryock, chairman of the art department, and the departments of speech and journalism will be assigned to the Division of Communications which will have C. Horton Talley, chairman of the speech department, as acting head.

Wendell E. Keeper, chairman of the department of agriculture, will be acting director of the Division of Rural Studies, incorporating the agriculture department, the University farms, and the Illinois Horticultural Experiment Station.

The board action will facilitate possible growth of these new divisions into full-fledged schools though there will not be any staff, budget or schedule changes in departments of the new divisions during the current year. The new divisions will simply have an opportunity to explore the possibilities of working together in combinations outside the existing colleges, the board said.

The move was called a first step in reorganization of the College of Vocations and Professions, which continues to include the departments of economics, business administration, home economics and industrial education.

In other actions, the board approved a graduate program in psychology leading to a master of arts degree, and a health science curriculum for the training of public health sanitarians. Graduate courses in psychology have hitherto been offered by the Department of Guidance and Special Education and the Department of Education.

Among new faculty additions approved by the board was the appointment of Howard Sherman as field representative for the new Community Development Service. Sherman, who attended Northwestern, has worked on community development in a Navajo reservation and served as a caseworker with the New Mexico department of welfare.

Charles C. Feirich, publisher of the Metropolis News, has been named as a field representative of the University, and will serve one-half time until July 1, 1954.

In the geography and geology department, Charles C. Colby has been appointed visiting professor and acting chairman of the department for the current school year while Floyd F. Cunningham is on leave, and Chi-ju-Peng was named lecturer in geology and geography. Colby has been a member of the University of Chicago faculty since 1916 and Peng spent nine years as geologist and petrographer for the National Geological Survey of Nationalist China.

Dr. Howard Rusk Long, former newspaper publisher and University of Missouri staff member, was appointed as chairman of the department of journalism for the coming year. Long, who has bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Missouri, is a former manager of the Missouri Press Association and organizer of the Missouri Newswriters Association.
Workmen begin excavation at the site of Southern’s new library, which is located just south of Chautauqua Street and behind the university cafeteria (white building to left.) Two-storied Parkinson lab may be seen in center back of the picture. The library, to be built at a total cost of $4,350,000, will be 42 per cent complete with funds available this biennium. It will be modular in design, with no supporting walls, and floor slabs supported by 105 concrete columns.

SIU Salukis Lose To Cape Girardeau Indians 32-6

In the opening game of the current football season SIU’s Salukis bowed to the superior offense of the Cape Girardeau Indians, with a final score of 32-6.

At halftime of the game, played Sept. 26 at the Indians’ home field, the score read 13-6, with Southern’s only touchdown coming in the second quarter on a run by End Leo Wilson.

A touchdown by Cape in the third quarter and two more in the fourth added the finishing touches to an Indian victory. Ace quarterback Larry Yeargain, halfback Don Fritz and fullback Jim Lee sparked the Cape team’s offensive drives.

Southern’s offense was good for only 48 yards rushing, as compared to 172 for Cape. Passing brought nine completions in 23 tries for 86 yards, but five pass interceptions by the Indians stopped several drives and gave Cape one of their touchdowns.

Along with Saluki varsity games, a four-game schedule has been set up for the “B” team football squad, who played their first game against Eastern at Carbondale Oct. 5. They will play Washington University at SIU Oct. 19; Eastern at Charleston Oct. 29; and Washington U. at St. Louis Nov. 2.

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