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Southern Receives Mention
On Garraway Television Show

Southern received national publicity recently on the Dave Garraway television show viewed weekly on NBC-TV. Mention was made of the pots made of clay removed from the site of the new SIU library building by Carlton Ball’s ceramic students.

Garraway is now owner of one of these pots, made and forwarded by Leon Moburg, graduate art student.

Scenic designer for this same TV show is Barbara Jane “Jan” Scott, 1936. Miss Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Scott, Carbondale, has been in New York since October. Previously, she was art director for NBC Television in Chicago. In 1950 she received a citation “for the most original and creative television show set designs.”

Balloting for Legislative Council

Nomination ballots to your Alumni Legislative Council are expected to be in the mail about February 1.

The Council, as provided for in the new constitution, will be composed of one member of the alumni association from each class of graduates. Each class group will elect a representative, a first alternate, and a vice-alternate by ballot after nominations have been made by interested members of the class.

An alum who attended school but didn’t graduate will be considered a member of the class with which he would have graduated had he remained in school.

It will be the duty of the Council to pass general regulations governing the association, to hear an annual report from the president and other officers of the group, and to plan the annual meeting of the association. Members of the Council will meet in Carbondale each year on Alumni Reunion Day.

With the establishment of the Legislative Council, more alumni will have more to say about the activities and affairs of their association.

Full Calendar of
Christmas Week Activities

The social calendar for students at Southern was packed during Christmas week, December 11 to 18.

The round of entertainment opened with a party at which students decorated their student union building. The annual Christmas formal dance was held on Saturday night, Dec. 12.

“The Messiah” was performed by the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra and the Southern Illinois Oratorio Society before a capacity crowd on Sunday.

The 86-piece orchestra and 196-voice chorus were composed of both students and area residents interested in music.

Charles Curtis, a tenor who has been featured on stage, screen, radio, and television, was the featured singer. Other principal singers were: James W. McEmery, St. Louis basso; Miss Evelyn Ames, Mississippi contralto; and Mrs. Edith Garrison, soprano of Mt. Vernon.

Both President and Mrs. Morris and the Air Force ROTC were hosts to the students and faculty at coffee and doughnut hours during the week.

The University choir and madrigal singers were featured in a special assembly on Thursday.
New Facts Revealed About Giant City Park

Interesting new facts about Giant City State Park, site of many an SIU picnic, have been revealed in an 11-month study made by botany graduate student, Robert H. Mohlenbrock, Murphysboro.

The Park has 36-percent of the state's 2200 species of flora. Eleven of the plants discovered by Mohlenbrock are not listed in any catalogs of Illinois flora and 90 others are considered rare for this particular section.

Mohlenbrock concluded from his study that from a botanical standpoint, Southern Illinois is closer to the South than to the North.

The Illinois Department of Conservation, interested in the outcome of the study, gave Mohlenbrock permission to gather samples from the Park. He made more than 100 trips between January and November. His findings will be published in a special bulletin by the Illinois State Museum and the Division of Parks and Memorials.

Sebastian on TV Show

John "Mr. Two Hands" Sebastian, 1947, appeared on the KSD show "You Asked For It" December 27.

A kiss shot artist from Odl, Sebastian played on Southern's varsity teams from 1940-43 before entering service. He returned to SIU to star on the 1946-47 five.

Before taking his present position as coach at Des Plaines high school, he was a member of two professional basketball clubs, the Tri-City Blackhawks and the Detroit Vagabonds. He was a member of the troupe that accompanied the Harlem Globetrotters on their world-wide barnstorming tour.

Joint Alumni Council Meeting

Bob Odaniell, your acting alumni director, attended the annual meeting of the Joint Alumni Council in Chicago December 28. Also representing Southern were: Baker Brownell, director of Area Services who attended for President Morris; William Carruthers, representing your alumni association president; Mrs. Stewart Williams and Lowell Roberts, representing the alumni body.

The Council, composed of representatives from the four state teachers' colleges and Southern, consulted concerning mutual problems.

"Moose" Siville Chosen Most Valuable Player

Members of Southern's football team have chosen Leroy "Moose" Siville as the most valuable player of 1953.

A 26-year old senior from Hoopston, Siville lettered in 1949 and 1950, before being called into service.

He played offensive guard and defensive linebacker. He was the outstanding player in many of the Salukis' games as he split the opposing line with vicious blocks and spent much of the time in the enemy backfield.

Alum Writes Fiction Story For National Magazine

Author of one of the leading fiction stories in the November issue of Ladies' Home Journal is William Groninger, ex-1951. Titled "An Acorn for Jamie," the story uses Groninger's younger brother, Bob, as a model.

This is Groninger's first published fiction. He is twenty-four, has a wife and small daughter, Linda.

A transfer from Ripon College, Wis., Groninger was a history major at Southern.

Neckers, Hahesy Write Article for Magazine

Dr. James W. Neckers, chairman of the chemistry department at SIU, and Dr. Hahesy, lecturer, Information Service, are authors of an article which appears in the December issue of American Mercury.

Titled "Where Are Tomorrow's Scientists?" the article deals with the shortage of recruits for the chemical and engineering fields.

Finalists Chosen For Military Queen

Five finalists have been chosen by Southern's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps to compete for the title of Military Queen.

Co-eds competing are: Patricia Bruce, Fairfield; Barbara Furst, Herrin; Patricia Hicks, Opdyke; Marilyn Liebig, Belleville; and Christine Minkler, Carbondale.

Identity of the queen will be revealed the night of the Military Ball, Jan. 16.

Sorority Work Day

More than 60 girls from the Delta Sigma Epsilon sorority earned money to paint their sorority house by working a Saturday at a Carbondale service station.

The proprietor agreed to let the girls, who were outfitted in shorts and sport shirts, fill gas tanks, change oil, wash cars and sell appliances.

One customer told the owner, "If you put these girls on the regular payroll, I'll buy two gallons of gas at a time so I have to come back everyday!"

Director and Editor Attend Conference

Attending the annual district American Alumni Council conference in Dearborn, Mich., December 2 to 4 were Bob Odaniell and Mrs. Betty Wiggs, your director and editor.

All phases of alumni work were discussed, including the work of the general secretary, field director, fund director, and magazine editor.

At the invitation of the district chairman, C. E. Bowen, University of Illinois, Odaniell served on a panel discussion on "Public Relations in the Alumni Program."

Outstanding guest speakers at the conference included William G. Power, advertising director for the Chevrolet Division of General Motors and C. H. Dykeman, editor-in-chief of the Ford Dealer Publications.

Study of Testing Methods Made at Southern

A study of 146 students at Southern shows that students retain what they learn longer—

1) if they are given periodical tests,
2) if the tests are of the self-grading type devised so that the student must keep choosing answers until he selects the correct response,
3) and if the test questions are discussed after the test has been taken.

The study is the work of SIU faculty members, E. D. Fitzpatrick and Ledford J. Bischof; and Lloyd L. Patheal, director of guidance in the Charleston (III.) public schools. It has been published in the Journal of Educational Research.
Job Opportunities

Today's college graduates may shop for jobs, according to Roye R. Bryant, director of Southern's Placement Service.

In his annual report Bryant stated that the 6,683 vacancies received by the Service represented a 25-percent increase over the previous year.

As a service to Southern's alumni, the Southern Alumnus in each issue will carry a description of job opportunities currently listed with the Placement Service.

For further information on these and other available positions, write the Placement Service, Southern Illinois University.

A city of approximately 70,000 population in southern Michigan has openings for the second semester in the city elementary schools on the following levels: first grade, kindergarten, second, and third grade. Open in September of 1954 are teaching vacancies in kindergarten, first, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. This is a college town; salary schedule presently starts at $3200 up with Bachelor's and no experience.

Applications are presently being accepted from industrial education majors for openings as draftsmen with a large midwest aircraft corporation. Also women who graduated with a major in mathematics are encouraged to apply for positions as computers with the same corporation.

Woman to teach elementary education, general psychology, and supervise the elementary student teachers is needed by a northern Illinois college, starting in September of 1954. A Master's degree is required, plus several years' teaching experience at the elementary level. Salary dependent on qualifications, at least $4,000.

A large Chicago feed house has openings for poultry husbandry majors, interested in biological laboratory work with experimental animals. Positions considered in a trainee capacity for other positions in the company. Salary, depending on previous experience, $320 to $360 monthly to start.

Teacher qualified for special education wanted by one of New Mexico's largest towns, to work with retarded or exceptional children, age 7 to 12. Class never over 13. Classes held in small, private dwelling across from park. Schedule starts at $2700 up with Bachelor's, $2900 up with Master's.

Chemistry teacher wanted by Junior College in St. Louis area. Master's degree required; schedule starts at $3300.

Lewis A. Maverick, professor of economics, began a sabbatical leave Dec. 4 to do research in Washington, D. C. He will make a study of the calculation of productivity as related particularly to labor. He expects to return to the campus before next September. H. B. Bauernfeind, supervisor of the business division of Technical and Adult Education, has been invited to contribute an article for the May, 1954, issue of the American Business Education Magazine. Major Melvin Self recently joined the Air Force ROTC staff at Southern as assistant professor of air science and tactics. Major Self had been serving in Korea. Lynn C. Holder, head basketball coach, represented the small college field on the program of the Illinois High School Coaches' Clinic in Champaign Dec. 20-21. Alvin Sarachek, microbiologist, has been invited to read a paper before an assembly of the world's foremost photobiologists in Amsterdam, Holland, next summer. Sarachek has been working with Dr. Carl C. Lindegren as a research associate.

J. W. Neckers, chairman of the chemistry department, is co-author of a study valuable to coal companies in determining reclamation uses for spoils banks left in coal stripping operations. The study is being issued by the Central States Forest Experiment Station, Columbus, Ohio. J. Cary Davis, professor of foreign languages, had two short articles in the November issue of Hispania, official organ of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. John Allen, Information Service, spoke at the Regional Folklore Convention at Murray State College Nov. 13 and 14. Allen is founding president of the Illinois Folklore Society. Maurits Kesnar, chairman of the music department, has signed a contract with a Boston firm which will publish a concerto in three movements for bassoon and piano Kesnar wrote last summer. Madeline Smith, associate professor of foreign languages, is engaged in preparing the Malarme section of the 19th century volume of A Critical Bibliography of French Literature, now in the course of publication under the auspices of the Modern Language Association. The 19th century volume will require the work of many specialists for several years. Noble Kelley, chairman of the psychology department, has been re-elected to a three year term as secretary-treasurer of the American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology. Harves Rahe, associate professor of business administration, appeared on the program of the National Business Teachers' Association meeting in St. Louis Dec. 28. Harold Kaplan, chairman of the physiology department, attended the annual meeting of the Illinois Society for Medical Research in Chicago on December 12. Roye Bryant, director of the Placement Service, participated in three sessions of the annual meeting of the National Institutional Teachers Placement Association in Houston, Texas, Dec. 2 to 5. William A. Pitkin, associate professor of history, and George L. Cherry, associate professor of history, attended a meeting of the American Historical Society in Chicago Dec. 28-30. Several of the faculty, including President D. W. Morris attended the centennial program of the Illinois Education Association in Chicago Dec. 28-29.
Child Study Groups Receive Instruction

Mothers of children ranging in age from infants to adolescents are receiving instructions through study groups from Southern's psychology department.

Dr. Forrest Tyler, assistant professor, conducts the study periods where films are shown and such things as overdependency, discipline, feeding and withdrawing behavior are discussed. Parents then introduce specific problems from experience with their own children.

Women's clubs or any groups of parents are invited by Tyler to contact him if they want to set up one of the study programs.

Tyler, father of two children, won his doctorate in clinical psychology and has worked with children of all ages.

Six School Boards Are Participating in Year’s Study

Six Southern Illinois high school boards of education are currently engaged in a program to strengthen their leadership and improve their working conditions. The study, designed to last one year, is under the supervision of Dr. Woodson W. Fishback, SIU associate professor of education.

The boards are from Carbondale Community high school, Anna-Jonesboro Community high school, Murphysboro Township high school, Sparta Township high school, Carmi Township high school, and Wolf Lake Shawnee Community high school.

This group will be the second to benefit under a school board research project which is being carried on by SIU and the Midwest Administration center of the University of Chicago.

The board members are meeting in on-campus conferences, with other boards, and consulting with visiting specialists provided by Southern.

Museum Collection

An important archaeological collection of historic and prehistoric Tarahumara Indian artifacts from the University of Chicago department of anthropology has been obtained by Southern’s Museum director, Dr. J. Charles Kelley.

The collection was made by Robert Zingg in southern Chihuahua, Mexico, in 1931. It includes valuable pottery, stone artifacts, and perishable items such as matting, basketry, cloth and wood.

Photographic records of the historic Tarahumara Indians are a part of the collection.

The Zingg collection is a rich addition to the museum’s recent anthropological research in northern Mexico. It supplements findings made by Kelley and the 1952 summer field school in Durango, Mexico.

Kelley announced that he again will conduct an anthropological field school in the state of Durango, Mexico, during the 1954 summer session.

Shakespeare Comedy to be Given Winter Term

The Shakespeare classic “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” will be Southern’s winter term play production, according to Dr. Archibald McLeod, Little Theatre director.

It will be given in the new Little Theater building which is expected to be completed by late February.

“A Midsummer Night’s Dream” is one of Shakespeare’s most popular plays.

Alum Receives Fellowship

Daryle H. Busch, 1951, has received a $3,500 fellowship for a year of graduate study and research on the metal chelates at the University of Illinois.

Busch, whose home is in Carterville, was awarded the fellowship by Bersworth Chemical Company.

Alumni Day June 5

Start making your plans now to attend our annual Alumni Reunion Day on Saturday, June 5, 1954.

The program for the day is now in the making and promises to be one of the best. Details of the reunion plans will be announced at a later time.

Classes ending in four and nine will have reunions.

Don’t forget to plan on June 5!