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Choir Spring Tour

Schedule Announced

The following schedule of appearances during the annual spring tour of the A Cappella choir has been released:

March 13: Nashville, St. Paul's Evangelical Church, 8 p.m.

March 14: Mascoutah, St. John's Evangelical Church, 10:45 a.m.; East St. Louis, First Presbyterian Church, 3 p.m.; Jennings, Mo., United Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.

March 15: Madison, High School, 10:45 a.m.; Carlinville, Emmanuel Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m.

March 16: Gillespie, High School, 10:45 a.m.; Jerseyville, Baptist Church, 8 p.m.

March 17: Taylorville, High School, 10:45 a.m.; Urbana, McKinley Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m.

March 18: Hoopeston, High School, 10:45 a.m.; Pontiac, Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

March 19: Harvard, High School, 8 p.m.

March 20: Chicago, Transcription at station WGN, 1 p.m.

March 21: Chicago, Peace Memorial Church, 10 a.m.; Chicago, YMCA, 826 S. Wabash St., 3:30 p.m.; Chicago, Orchestra Hall, 7 p.m.

The flute trio will be the guest organization of the A Cappella choir and Madrigal Singers this year. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Floyd Wake-land, associate professor of music. Instrumental music is under the direction of Robert Resnick, music instructor.

Washington, D. C. Alums

To Meet March 27

Alums in the vicinity of Washington, D. C., are invited to attend that city's alumni club dinner dance on March 27. The affair will be held at the Elks Club, 915 "H" Street, N. W.

Dr. Lewis A. Maverick, economics professor currently engaged in research in Washington, is expected to be present, according to Kenneth Medley, 1947, club president.

Southern’s new indoor swimming pool measures 75-feet long and more than 37-feet wide. It is located in the University School. A smaller pool has been completed and will be used for therapy treatments.

Work Completed on
New Indoor Swimming Pool

Exciting news to the students of Southern was the announcement that work was completed on the large and beautiful indoor swimming pool, located in the physical education wing of the University School building.

The pool, measuring 75 feet long and 37 feet 5 inches wide, is finished in yellow and grey tile. Other features include acoustical tile ceiling with fresh air vents and concealed lighting, concealed radiant heating facilities in the walls, water softening and chlorinator equipment, underwater lights, life guard equipment, and a diving board. Arranged around the pool are bleacher seats for spectators which fold against the wall when not in use.

The pool is 11 feet deep at one end and tapers to 3½ feet at the other. A large window-wall located at one end of the pool provides natural lighting.

Proper supervision to handle scheduled classes and engineer water problems has not yet been decided, however, it is hoped that the pool can be put in use by the beginning of the spring term, March 22.

When pool supervision is selected, students will be invited to enroll for classes in swimming and water safety instruction. Certain hours will be set aside for open swimming so that all students will have access to the pool facilities. In previous years swimming classes have been taught at nearby Crab Orchard Lake.

A smaller pool, 35-feet long and 20 feet wide, also has been completed. It will be used for wading and for therapy treatments. It has an inclined ramp.
Alexander To Direct School Surveys

Dr. Orville Alexander, 1931, chairman of Southern's government department and former director of the Alumni Service, has accepted an appointment as research director for school study groups in Illinois and Ohio.

Dr. Alexander will direct research for the Ohio Schools Survey Committee, the first named in that state since 1914. This committee is calling in outstanding schoolmen from throughout the nation as consultants.

He will direct research also for the Illinois School Problems Commission No. 3, a position similar to the one he held with this commission for the last General Assembly. Both the Ohio and Illinois groups are named by the state legislatures to make studies on problems of school legislation.

A leave of absence without pay was approved for Alexander by the Board of Trustees, effective from March 22 until the end of the 1954 fall term.

Alexander served as acting director of research for the Illinois Legislative Council in 1944-46 and was on the research staff of the Commission to Study State Government (Illinois Little Hoover Commission) in 1950.

A native of Vienna (Ill.), Alexander received his bachelor's degree from Southern and the master's and doctor's degrees from the State University of Iowa. He became a member of the SIU government department faculty in 1938 and was named departmental chairman in 1950.

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1952 Obelisks Available

Several copies of the 1952 Obelisk have remained unclaimed, according to Donald R. Grubb, faculty advisor for the yearbook staffs.

Graduates of '52 may have a copy by writing to Grubb at the department of Journalism. Any other alums who would like copies may purchase them for $1.00 each. Grubb asks that an additional 25 cents be sent to cover mailing charges.

Alum Heads Red Cross Personnel in Europe

Miss Elizabeth Bruce, 1940, writes from Germany that she is now Director of Personnel of the European area for the American Red Cross.

Miss Bruce has been with the Red Cross since 1942 except for '44 and '45 when she served as an executive assistant to SIU Acting President Bruce W. Merwin. Between '45 and '52 she was assistant director of American Red Cross personnel for the Midwestern area. She has been in Germany since 1952.

In her present job she is assigned to the headquarters office for the European area, located at Stuttgart, Germany. This office has the responsibility for direction of more than 200 Red Cross staff members serving the armed forces in Germany, France, Italy, England, French Morocco, Libya, Eritrea, and Saudi Arabia.

Holloway Loan Fund Established

The Jane Holloway Student Loan Fund was recently established by Frank L. Holloway, 1942, in memory of his wife. The fund will provide financial assistance to any promising SIU student. It will be administered by the University Scholarships and Loans committee.

Holloway, a resident of Hinsdale (Ill.), is an instructor in chemistry at the Chicago branch of the University of Illinois. He received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1950.

While a student at Southern, Holloway was active in Kappa Phi Pappa, Pi Delta Epsilon, Kappa Delta Pi, the Sphinx Club and served on the Obelisk staff. He is originally from Murphysboro.

Mrs. Holloway was the former Jane Paula Spigel. She did not attend Southern.

Three Summer Tours Offer College Credit

Graduates and former students of Southern are invited to participate in any one of the three different field courses being offered during the summer term.

Six Southwestern states will be visited in the geography field course. Foreign language students will tour Mexico for five weeks. Students participating in the archaeological field trip will excavate ruins located near Durango City, Mexico.

The Spanish course will open June 21 and end Aug. 13. Two weeks of on-campus lectures will precede the departure date of July 3. The group will headquarters in Mexico City and visit Oaxaco, Taxco and Guadalajara, among other places. Persons making the trip will earn eight quarter hours of credit. Expenses, not including meals, will be $175.00. Fee is due before June 1. Additional information is available from Dr. J. Cary Davis, professor of foreign language and director of the tour.

Eight hours of credit will be given also to participants in the anthropological field session in Durango, Mexico, according to Dr. J. Charles Kelley, professor of anthropology and field course director.

The school will open June 21 and end Aug. 14. Lectures and supervised field work are scheduled for the week. Weekends the group will visit archaeological and historical sites. Advance students may register for four to six hours additional in anthropological research. Students wishing to improve their knowledge of the Spanish language and Mexican culture may register for weekend and evening courses at the Institute de Benito Juarez in Durango City.

Enrollment is limited to 15 men and women. Pre-registration must be completed by April 15. A few student assistantships will be awarded. These applications must be in by March 15. Detailed information may be obtained from Dr. Kelley.

Persons enrolled in the geography course will spend one week in class on campus and six and a half weeks on the trip. They will leave June 23 and return Aug. 11, traveling by bus. Ten quarter hours of credit may be earned by juniors, seniors and graduate students who have the equivalent of an introductory course in geography. The group will visit New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah and Colorado. Tour details may be obtained from Dr. Robert A. Harper, assistant professor of geography and field course director.
SIU Alumni Day Program, June 12

Date of Alumni Day was incorrectly given in the January issue of the News Bulletin. Alumni Day will be Saturday, June 12, and not June 5.

Class reunions scheduled for that day are—the classes of 1884, 1889, 1894, 1899, 1904, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1924, 1929, 1934, 1939, 1944 and 1949.

Other activities scheduled for the Alumni Day include meetings of the Alumni Board and the Legislative Council. The speaker and time of the alumni banquet will be announced at a later date.

Rooms will be available for alums in Woody Hall, the new women’s dormitory. Cars will be available for those wishing to take campus tours.

More details of the program will be released later. Reservations may be made through the Alumni office.

Nominations to Legislative Council Completed

Nominating votes to select representatives to the Alumni Legislative Council are now being tabulated. Names of the five persons from each graduating class who receive the greatest number of votes from their former classmates will be put on the final ballot. From this list of five, three will be elected to serve as the class representative, alternate and vice-alternate to the Legislative Council, governing body of the Alumni Association.

Final ballots are expected to be mailed about April 1. If you are not a member of the Alumni Association and would like to vote in the final election, send in your association dues quickly.

Taylor Story Appears

In Colliers Magazine

Robert Lewis Taylor, ex-1933, is author of an article titled “A Week Inside the White House,” which appeared in two parts in the Feb. 19 and March 5 issues of Colliers magazine.

Taylor is the highly successful writer of best-selling books, including W. C. Fields: His Follies and Fortunes; and The Amazing Mr. Churchill. He is the son of Mrs. Mabel Taylor, Carbondale, and nephew of Miss Emma Bowyer, retired chairman of the SIU English department.

Baseball Schedule Announced

A baseball schedule of 30 games has been approved for the Southern Salukis. Included in the schedule are games with the University of Illinois, St. Louis University, Bradley, and a six-game spring training trip through the South.

The SIU team won an IIAC championship two years ago and finished third last year. Head coach is Glenn “Abe” Martin.

The schedule is as follows:

Spring training tour—March 15 to March 20.

Regular season—

March 27—Arkansas State at Jonesboro (2)
April 3—U. S. Naval Air Station at Memphis, Tenn. (2)
April 10—Evansville College at Evansville, Ind.
April 13—Taylor University, Home
April 16—Michigan Normal at Ypsilanti, Mich. (2)
April 23—Bradley University, Home
April 24—Bradley University, Home
April 27—Washington University, Home
April 30—Illinois Normal at Normal, Ill. (2)
May 4—University of Illinois at Champaign, Ill.
May 7—Northern Illinois, Home (2)
May 11—Washington University at St. Louis, Mo.
May 14—Eastern Illinois, Home (2)
May 18—St. Louis University at St. Louis, Mo.
May 19—Western Illinois at Macomb, Ill. (2)
May 22—Scott Field, Home
May 28—Central Michigan, Home (2)

Service To Southern Awards Presented

Seniors Paul Morris, Venice, and Mary Myers, Kell, were presented the “Service to Southern” awards by the Theta Xi fraternity at the close of the annual Theta Xi Variety Show Feb. 12. Morris and Miss Myers were selected for scholarship and their outstanding contributions to the University through participation in student activities.

Delta Zeta sorority, first place winners last year, again won first for the best group act of the Variety Show. Morris and Richard Schmitz, Fairfield sophomore, won first for the best individual or small group act.

Dr. W. C. Bicknell Dies February 15

“The untimely death of Dr. W. C. Bicknell is a serious loss to Southern Illinois University and to the City of Carbondale, for his sense of responsibility was not confined to the classroom and shop. Although quiet and unassuming, he not only was recognized as one of the ablest men in his field; he also was known as an energetic leader in community activities and organizations. We are thankful for the memory of this good man.” —President D. W. Morris

Faculty and student body alike were shocked at the rather sudden death of Dr. W. C. Bicknell, professor and chairman of the industrial education department. Dr. Bicknell died Feb. 15 in a hospital in St. Louis where he had been a patient since Feb. 8. He had been ill since November and was on a leave of absence granted by the University.

Dr. Bicknell was very active in community affairs. He is a past president of the Kiwanis Club and the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. He was a member of the board of Southern Illinois Incorporated and the Methodist Church.

Dr. Bicknell was born in Bailey, Texas. He received his B. S. degree from North Texas State Teachers College, and his M. A. and Doctor of Education degrees from the University of Missouri. He came to Southern Illinois University in 1946 from the faculty of the University of Missouri.

He leaves his wife and two children, Edmund, a freshman at the University of Illinois, and Elaine, a student at University School.
Job Opportunities

As a service to Southern's alumni, the Southern Alumnus in each issue will carry a description of a few of the jobs currently listed with the Placement Service. For further information on these and other available positions, write the Placement Service, SIU.

• A residential community, 25 miles from St. Louis, has an opening as of September, 1954, for a speech correctionist in the elementary grades and high school. A qualified teacher is needed also for the educable mentally handicapped. Only those meeting the approval of the State Department of Public Instruction will be considered. Grade school enrollment is 2,100, high school, 800. Salary schedule starts at $3000 with a Bachelor's, $3300 with a Master's.

• All levels of elementary teachers are being sought for 1954-55 by a southern California city on the Pacific ocean. Experienced teachers who have been out of school one or two years are preferred. Salary schedule for Bachelor's, $3700 to $3350, for Master's, $4000 to $5800. The Superintendent of Schools plans to interview on the SIU campus Friday, March 19. Arrangements for an appointment should be made in advance.

• Salaried positions are open with a national insurance company in the selling of group insurance. Both men and women are being sought who 1) have a college degree, 2) are seeking positions with a future, 3) feel that a detailed training program is important. Benefits include full travel expenses and a company car. A company representative will interview on the SIU campus Wednesday, April 21.

• Two elementary music teachers are wanted by a large school system in the East St. Louis area. A well-qualified person, man or woman, is needed to handle the elementary string program, and a woman is sought for the vocal music assignment. Salary schedule starts at $3100 for a Bachelor's, $3640 for a Master's.

• A Master's graduate with teaching experience is being sought by an Illinois university for a third grade supervisor's position in the laboratory school. Open in September, the salary is $4140 up.

SOUthern SKETCHES

Appearing on the program of the elementary education conference on campus Feb. 6 were the following from Southern: John D. Mees, principal of University School; Douglas E. Lawson, dean of the college of education; Mrs. Mabel Lane, University School supervisor; and Clarence Samford, Ernest Brod, Claude Dykehouse, and Victor Randolph, members of the department of education. Troy Edwards, assistant principal of University School, was conference chairman. President D. W. Morris was principal speaker on Feb. 4 at a meeting of school men representing Industrial Education Round Tables 18, 19 and 20. The division of Technical and Adult Education was host. Clarence Samford and Victor Randolph of the education department are co-authoring a college textbook, "Social Studies in the Elementary School." They expect to complete it within a year. It will be published by Chartwell House, Inc. C. C. Franklin, assistant professor of men's physical education, conducted the afternoon session of the Elementary Teachers Institute in Carlyle (Ill.) Feb. 11. Miss Charlotte Zimmerschied, assistant professor of physics, has been named SIU's representative for the American Association of Physics Teachers. Royle R. Bryant, director of Placement Service, was elected president of the Illinois Teacher Placement Association at a meeting in Bloomington (Ill.) on Feb. 5. Placement directors of the 46 teacher training institutions in Illinois are members of the association. Dallas A. Price, assistant professor of geography, has resumed his teaching duties. He returned from a 4½ months' leave in which he did graduate work in agricultural geography at the University of Wisconsin. Harold Kaplan, chairman of the physiology department, has been invited to contribute a chapter to a guide book on diseases and care of research animals to be published by the Institute of Animal Research. He is one of twelve co-authors. Howard L. Long, chairman of the journalism department, appeared on the program of the 34th annual convention of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, in St. Louis. Miss Viola DuFrais, associate professor of business administration, attended the National Association of Business Teachers Training Institute in Chicago Feb. 12-13. Robert S. Resnick, instructor in music, will serve on the faculty of the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Mich., between June 26 and Aug. 23. Richard W. Poston, director of Community Service, delivered an address at the University of Michigan School of Public Health on Feb. 9. Irvin Peithman of the museum research staff has been re-elected secretary-treasurer of the Illinois State Archaeological Society, Vice President George Hand attended a central banking seminar conducted by the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank Feb. 11-13. Paul Hunsinger, assistant professor of speech, spoke before the Iowa-Indiana Oil Jobbers Association in Des Moines Feb. 18. Roswell C. Merrick, assistant dean of the college of education, attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education in Chicago on Feb. 13. F. Earle Lyman, associate professor of zoology, was recently notified of the acceptance of his article "Seasonal Distribution and Life Cycles of Ephemeropters" for publication in a forthcoming issue of the Annals of the Entomological Society of America. Forrest B. Tyler, assistant professor of psychology, has developed an adult study group program in parent-child relationships as part of the Psychological Services Center's program of community services. These study programs are available to any interested groups of adults. Ernest J. Simon, dean of the division of Technical and Adult Education, was the principal speaker at the Carterville (Ill.) $25-a-plate factory fund dinner Feb. 20. Simon's topic was "Industrial Potentials of Southern Illinois." Baker Brownell, director of Area Services, and Milton Edelman, assistant professor of economics, were the principal speakers on Feb. 11 in the second of a series of lectures on "Man's Control of Man." C. Carlton Ball, associate professor art, and Frederick Lauritzen, art lecturer, are exhibiting in the annual Missouri Art Show at the St. Louis Museum of Art.