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President D. W. Morris Reports SIU In Critical Period

The financial situation of Southern Illinois University is at present in the worst condition it has ever been. Legislativewise, the school is facing the most critical period in its history. The period is critical because the school cannot accommodate a student body representing a 52.2 per cent increase over the last biennium without serious repercussions to the program and to the financing of that program. The situation which this school faces is unique, its needs are unique, and the rewards are unique. If it can secure sufficient funds to restore and maintain a high quality program, the investment will yield abundant returns in the cultural and economic development of Southern Illinois.

Alumni of the University who feel a desire to help may wish to write or talk with the senators and representatives from their districts. They will doubtless be glad to know of your interest in and awareness of the problem. The state financial situation is tight. If you wish the needs of education to be met, and the peculiarly urgent needs of Southern to be provided for—even though new revenues are necessary—your legislators will probably welcome your support.

THE OPERATING BUDGET

(Requested: \$16,500,000)

In the preparation of the budget request for operation of Southern Illinois University for 1955-57, the Administration and Board of Trustees had in mind specific needs, problems, and objectives vital to the welfare of the institution and the students and area it serves. These objectives are:

1. **To continue at the present year's level of operations.** The first \$950,000 or \$1,000,000 of any increase in appropriations will be necessary to operate the University at the present level. With the enrollment approximately 1000 more this year than last, the substantial increase required in staff, services, and supplies necessary to care for the additional students will require an expenditure for the current year of more than \$450,000 above the yearly average appropriation for the present biennium. To maintain just the status quo in operations for the next biennium would mean that the appropriations should be increased by at least the double of the \$450,000.

2. **To regain the ground lost during the 1953-55 biennium.** To regain the lost ground, it will be necessary to: (1) Make available at the proper time the required courses in a student's program; (2) reduce class sizes and teaching loads; (3) restore

research and service time to the faculty; (4) restore extension offerings to the original level; (5) regain a competitive salary position; and (6) re-establish a favorable ratio per student of funds for educational materials and services.

Records in the Registrar's office show that most sections of courses to be required of freshmen for the current year were filled last summer by upper class registrations long before the freshmen had an opportunity to enroll. The upper class registrations resulted from a large backlog of students who had been unable to get into these courses earlier because all sections were filled by a previous accumulation of students. This year's freshman class could not have been handled had the University not made somewhat extended additions to the selections of required courses of the various departments.

Concerning the competitive salary position, the University has slipped from a salary situation which was fairly good three years ago to one which is now very unfavorable. As a result, the school will either find itself short of teachers, or will be required to employ those who have been rejected by institutions financially able to attract more promising prospects. Furthermore, it will not be easy to hold present faculty members in the

face of the good offers they are receiving from other schools. This institution has practically stood still salary wise at the time when other institutions have been moving forward. Nation-wide enrollments in higher education this fall represent an increase of only six-tenths of one per cent over the 1949 peak, but even this small increase is sufficient to tighten up the teacher-employment market and thus make it difficult for institutions not able to offer good salaries to hold or obtain good teachers. In the face of a highly competitive employment situation, this school must either go upward in salaries or downward in the quality of its instructional program.

Total appropriations have remained relatively constant for each of the last three biennia. Consequently, the increase in enrollments over the same period has caused the per student expenditures to be reduced to an amount far too small to meet minimum needs.

3. **To extend the present program to additional students expected for the next biennium.** The fall term resident enrollment for the year 1953-54 was 3569. The comparable figure for the fall of 1954-55 is 4619, which is an increase of 1050 students over the previous fall. The winter term enrollment for 1953-54 was 3380 as compared with 4410 for the present winter term. According to Robert A. McGrath, Registrar and Director of Admissions, the loss in enrollment from the fall to the winter term is normally about 350 to 400 students. Since the loss from the fall to winter term of this year is approximately 200 students, it appears that the increase in enrollment can be attributed to the new students who enter at the beginning of the academic year and also to those entering at the beginning of other terms within the year. Based upon past and current enrollments and also upon population trends, it is conservatively estimated that the enrollment in Southern will be 5,500 students for the year 1955-56, and 6,500 for the year

1956-57. Southern Illinois University reached its postwar peak enrollment in 1949. Today the enrollment is 46 per cent above that peak and 52.2 per cent above the last biennium. Enrollments in many universities are now below their postwar peaks. Of those which are above, we know of none having an enrollment as much above the postwar peak as Southern.

4. **To add to the specialties and enrich the programs of the various departments.** As courses are added to take care of the backlog of classes, careful attention will be given to the selection of teachers who can handle these courses and also certain specialized courses designed to enrich the offerings of various departments. This means that the positions cannot be filled by securing instructors with a minimum of qualifications and with little or no experience.

5. **To develop a new program in mineralogy and petroleum technology.** Such a program will be especially helpful to Southern Illinois in view of the fact that coal and oil constitute an important part of the resources of this area. To start this program and carry it through the biennium will require about \$50,000.

Full realization of the foregoing objectives will depend very largely upon the receiving of funds adequate to support the program. The Board of Trustees has requested that our operating budget be increased from \$8,382,400 for the present biennium to \$16,500,000 for 1955-57. We will make every effort to go as far as possible with whatever funds the State may see fit to place at the school's disposal. The University now has a very diversified program which is attracting a great many students and a great deal of attention. With the tremendous influx of students, the program has of necessity been spread somewhat thin in an attempt to accommodate the varied needs of the area. The extent of the program and the increasing demands upon the institution, however, are the best arguments for additional support.

THE PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET

(Requested: \$35,904,300)

There are two types of appropriations—one for operating expenses, and the other for physical plant improvements. Under the latter would come such matters as the construction and remodeling of buildings, acquisition of lands, and improvements of grounds. In the past there has always been provision for an operating budget, but not always a budget for physical im-

provements. The operating budget is considered as recurrent and the physical improvement budget as non-recurrent.

We are faced with need for many types of physical improvements: new buildings, classrooms, laboratories, dormitories; completion of new buildings and sites around those buildings; land acquisition — filling in of remaining gaps; remodeling and rehabilitation of other buildings — in poor repair, or to be put to new uses; general campus improvements — completion and repair of temporary buildings, general campus lighting, parking facilities, water tower, sanitary sewer system, etc.; extension of facilities on the burgeoning Vocational-Technical Institute campus; continuing development of Little Grassy Lake outdoor education area; farm buildings; and architects' fees. Space does not allow further discussion of these various items at this time, but the items and amounts are:

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| A. New Buildings | |
| 1. Agricultural Building Group | \$ 2,600,000 |
| 2. Dormitories | 3,500,000 |
| 3. Men's Physical Education and Community Center | 4,500,000 |
| 4. Home Economics Building Group | 2,500,000 |
| 5. College of Education | 2,250,000 |
| 6. Commerce (General Classrooms) | 3,250,000 |
| 7. Power Plant Addition and Central Incinerator | 810,000 |
| 8. Administration | 1,800,000 |
| 9. Health Unit | 950,000 |
| 10. Student Union | 2,700,000 |
| 11. Communications — first stage | 500,000 |
| 12. Industrial Education and Technology | 4,500,000 |
| Total for New Buildings | \$29,860,000 |
| B. Completion of Buildings | \$ 1,255,000 |
| C. Acquisition of Land | 1,150,000 |
| D. Remodeling and Rehabilitation of Old Permanent Structures | 559,000 |
| E. General Campus Improvements | 1,525,300 |
| F. Vocational - Technical Institute | 455,000 |
| G. Little Grassy Lake Development — Cooperating with the United States Department of Interior, Division of Fish and Wildlife | 100,000 |
| H. Farm Buildings | 150,000 |
| I. Architects' Fees | 850,000 |

W. H. Carruthers Elected IEA President

William H. Carruthers, '29, is the newly elected president of the Illinois Education Association. Election was held at the annual meeting of the IEA in Chicago December 27-30.

Carruthers will continue as chairman of the IEA legislative committee until he assumes the presidency July 1. For 11 years prior to his election to the state legislative committee he was chairman of the legislative committee of the southern division of the IEA. He also is a member of the IEA Board of Directors.

Superintendent of the elementary schools of Murphysboro (Ill.) since 1933, Carruthers was president of the SIU Alumni Association in 1952-'53. Mrs. Carruthers is the former Helen Gardner, '30.

ROTC Singing Squadron Organized At Southern

The recently organized "Singing Squadron" made a surprise appearance before the rest of Southern's Air Force ROTC Wing on January 18 in Shryock auditorium.

More than 80 volunteer members compose this musical marching and concert chorus which is thought to be the first of its kind in the country.

Interest by The USAF Band authorities in Washington has already been evidenced through their friendly support, according to Colonel Alexander R. MacMillan, SIU ROTC commander. Special music arrangements for chorus and band have been received from Lt. Robert Landers, music director of the famous "Singing Sergeants" and assistant to Colonel George Howard, director of the USAF Band.

The "Singing Squadron" is under the staff sponsorship of M/Sgt. John W. Fleming and the musical direction of Floyd V. Wakeland, associate professor of music.

New Social Sorority Organized On Campus

A new sorority, Sigma Kappa, has been organized on Southern's campus. Mrs. M. S. Dreyful, national Sigma Kappa president, attended formal pledging of members into the social sorority at a dinner Jan. 15. The group has been accepted into the SIU Panhellenic Council.

Sponsors are Mrs. Harry L. Crisp, Marion, and Miss Cleo Ulm, women's physical education instructor.

Faculty Appointments Approved By Board

Ralph O. Gallington, professor at Pennsylvania State University, was named by the SIU Board of Trustees on January 14 to head the department of industrial education at Southern.

Gallington's appointment, effective June 20, fills the vacancy left by the death last spring of W. C. Bicknell. Robert E. Smith has been acting departmental chairman.

Gallington received the bachelor's degree from Indiana State Teachers' College, master's from Columbia University and Doctor of Education from George Washington University. Before moving to Penn State in 1948, he was an assistant professor at the University of Maryland.

Other new faculty appointments approved by the Board included that of William E. Crane as lecturer in chemistry and Mrs. Nina M. Morton as temporary research associate in the general library.

Formerly a biochemical researcher at Indiana University Medical Center, Crane will fill in for J. W. Neckers, who is now on leave. Mrs. Morton is taking the vacancy left by the resignation of Stephen Ford. She formerly worked in the University of Arkansas library.

In other action by the Board, W. M. Gersbacher was reassigned from the chairmanship of the zoology department to full time teaching and research, effective January 14.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
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Folk Festival On Campus Feb. 24

Singers, dancers, fiddlers and story tellers will be featured in the first Southern Illinois Folk Festival to be held on campus Feb. 24.

Sarah Gertrude Knott, director of the National Folk Festival Association, has been consultant for the regional event and will serve as mistress of ceremonies for both the 3:00 and 7:30 p. m. performances in Shryock auditorium.

(Admission will be 20c for school children and 35c for adults).

Among the groups appearing in the Festival will be the Folk Valley singers from the Chicago area, La Guianne singers from Prairie du Rocher, and a Lithuanian Folk Dance group for East St. Louis.

The Jackson County Rural Youth group will present a charivari, SIU Sing and Swing club members will entertain with a husking bee, and Carbondale Girl Scouts will offer riddles and riddle songs. Included also will be Indian dancers from the Egyptian Council of Boy Scouts, Negro spiritual singers, and Lincoln School (Carbondale) youngsters performing rope skipping and singing games.

Norman Caldwell of the University history department will tell how cities and towns of the area got their names. Southern's students from foreign countries will present "Folk Songs from Other Lands."

David McIntosh, folk music specialist in the SIU music department, will render ballads and folk songs. He will play shepherd's pipes which he made as a hobby. John Allen, well-known Southern Illinois historian who is on the University faculty, will speak on some "Legends and Tall Tales" from the area, and he will be in charge of craft and art exhibits to be held in conjunction with the Festival.

ATTEND MEETING

Robert Odaniell, alumni director, and Mrs. Betty Bowen Wiggs, alumni editor, attended the annual district meeting of the American Alumni Council in Chicago December 8-10.

Odaniell presided over a session on "Public Relations and Alumni Relations." Mrs. Wiggs presided at a discussion on "What Do You Know About Readership Interest In Your Alumni Magazine?"

Tuition Increase Starting Fall Term

Tuition at Southern will be increased to \$34 per term, including book rental and activity fees, beginning next September when a record 5500 students are expected to be in residence.

The Board of Trustees has approved raising tuition for Illinois students from \$15 to \$20 a term. Tuition for out-of-state residents will be doubled, going from \$25 to \$50 a term.

Included in the new \$20 tuition fee will be about \$3 in incidental expenses. The activity fee will be hiked \$1 to a total of \$10.50, and the graduation fee will be increased from \$10 to \$15.

The book rental fee will stand at \$3.50 for students on the Carbondale campus and will be \$1.05 for extension students and those at the Belleville Residence Center.

Area residents taking University extension courses will pay \$3 instead of \$2 per quarter hour next year, and students in the Belleville Residence Center will be charged \$4 instead of \$3 per quarter hour. Those enrolled in the Technical and Adult Education program will be assessed 30 instead of 20 cents per contact hour.

Part-time students working for eight hours credit or less during the term will be charged half tuition and half the book rental fee.

Alumni Board Holds Special Meeting

Budget askings of the University were presented by President D. W. Morris and Vice Presidents Tenney and Hand at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association on January 15. A resolution was passed by the Board giving its unanimous approval to the budget askings.

President and Mrs. Morris were hosts to the Board members and their guests at a dinner following the meeting. The group later attended the Central Michigan-Southern basketball game.

Attending the dinner and game were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Curtis, Pana; Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey J. Holmes, Springfield; Dr. and Mrs. Guy W. Lambert, West Frankfort; Dr. and Mrs. John S. Lewis, Carbondale; Mr. and Mrs. William T. Davis, Carbondale; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ede, Cobden; Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Pleshe, Herrin; and Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Odaniell.

Job Opportunities

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

★ Several accounting firms will be on campus in February to interview for job openings. The representatives will be from Illinois and Missouri.

★ A city in northern Illinois will be hiring for the 1955-56 school year a large number of elementary teachers for grades 1 through 6. Salary ranges from \$3250 for a Bachelor's Degree to \$3550 for a Master's Degree.

★ A large department store in St. Louis is sending a representative to the campus on March 24 to interview for positions in retailing.

★ An investigation agency in Chicago is looking for typists and secretaries by February 1, 1955. Salaries range from \$2950 to \$3410.

★ A small high school in northern Illinois has an opening for English and Biology (or Library). Salary is \$365 a month. Woman preferred.

★ Two English positions and two Girls' Physical Education positions are open for second semester in a Macoupin county high school.

★ A Math and Social Studies position is open now in an Illinois town near metropolitan St. Louis. The position pays \$3504 up.

★ An oil company in central Illinois is looking for a male typist, salary \$300 a month.

★ A paper products company in south central Illinois is in need of an office manager, salary \$60 a week.

★ A Chicago suburb will have openings February 1, 1955, in Junior High for two Social Studies and English teachers and one E.M.H. teacher. Salary is \$3200-\$4000 for Bachelor's Degree and \$3500-\$4300 for Master's Degree.

★ Several Cook county communities have openings now for third grade positions. Salaries good.

★ Elementary and secondary overseas positions in Japan, Okinawa, Austria, Germany and France will be available for the 1955-1956 school year. The requirements are a bachelor's degree, not less than two years teaching experience and an age limit of thirty years old. Interviews will be held in Chicago March 1 through 5 and in Nashville, Tennessee, March 14, 15, and 16.

SOUTHERN SKETCHES

The following members of the mathematics department recently attended the annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in St. Louis: **Morton Kenner**, **W. C. McDaniel** (chairman), **Chalmer Gross** and **Mary Entsminger**. **William J. Shackelford** has resigned as instructor of sociology and anthropology to assume a ninth partnership in a venture which is digging for uranium in Utah, Wyoming, and New Mexico. Shackelford and his wife are living in Moab, Utah. **W. Neal Phelps**, professor of guidance and special education, and **Maude A. Stewart**, associate professor, met with members of the State Board of the Illinois Guidance and Personnel Association in Springfield on Jan. 7 to make plans for the annual meeting of the Board in Carbondale next October. **David S. McIntosh**, associate professor of music, represented SIU at the annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Music in Los Angeles in December. **Harves Rahe**, associate professor of business administration, is the newly elected vice president of the National Business Teachers Association. He attended a meeting of the association's executive board in Cincinnati Jan. 21-22. **Floyd Cunningham**, chairman of the geography and geology department, is preparing papers on the "Oil Industry in Egypt" and the "Economic Geography of the Siwa Oasis." Cunningham did field work for the studies when in Egypt last year for the U. S. Education Foundation. **J. Charles Kelley**, director of the Museum, participated on the program of the American Anthropological Association meeting in Detroit the end of December. **Jesse Kennedy**, lecturer in history, attended the Collegiate Conference of the United Nations in Chicago in December. **William H. Freeberg**, chairman of the recreation and outdoor education department, was recently made a member of the publications committee for the American Recreation Society. The society is composed of 2200 professional recreation leaders and administrators. **William Andrew**, assistant professor of agriculture, discussed SIU irrigation trial results at a meeting of the Illinois State Vegetable Growers in East St. Louis on Jan. 5. Andrew and **Fred W. Roth**, assistant professor of agriculture, participated on the program of the Southern Illinois Vegetable Growers meeting in Anna in December. **Otis B. Young**, director of the atomic and capacitor research program at Southern, delivered a paper at the convention of the American Association of Physics Teachers in New York on Jan. 29. **Noble H. Kelley**, chairman of the psychology department and director of psychological services, attended the first meeting of the advisory committee to the Illinois Psychiatric Research Council in Chicago on Jan. 14. **John I. Wright**, associate professor of history, has announced that he again will be candidate for Carbondale mayor in the April city election. Wright is presently serving his second term as mayor. **Milton Edelman**, assistant professor of economics, spoke to participants in the Advanced Personnel Officer Course at Scott Air Force Base on Jan. 11. **William M. Lewis**, assistant professor of zoology, addressed the annual winter meeting of the Illinois Technical Forestry Association at Crab Orchard Sportsmen's Club Jan. 19-21. **Roswell D. Merrick**, assistant dean of the College of Education, has been named acting chairman of the department of health education. Merrick replaces **Ralph Boatman** who recently resigned. A biographical sketch of **Maurits Kesnar**, professor of music, is included in the 1954 edition of Kurschner's German Music Dictionary. Kesnar is director of the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra. The Journal of Educational Research has accepted an article on the reading interest of children by **W. A. Thalman** and William E. Vandament. Thalman is acting chairman of the guidance and special education department and director of the SIU Child Guidance Clinic. **Paul Hunsinger**, assistant professor of speech, addressed a meeting of the Midwest College Counselors and Directors of Admission in Elgin in December. **Vernon Morrison**, acting chairman of the economics department, addressed a recent meeting on taxation sponsored by the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce. **Vera Peacock**, chairman of the foreign language department, is the newly elected president of the Illinois Modern Language Teachers Association. **Madeleine Smith**, associate professor, is vice-president. **Lewis A. Maverick**, professor of economics, has published a booklet entitled "Productivity: A Critique of Current Usage" which is the outgrowth of research done during his recent sabbatical leave. **Willard D. Klimstra**, associate professor of zoology, and **Thomas G. Scott** are co-authors of an article entitled "Report on a Visit to Quail Management Areas in Southeastern United States" which appeared in a recent issue of the AMERICAN FIELD magazine. **Charles Paterson**, assistant professor at University School, is author of an article appearing in the December issue of "The Lyons Band News." **Guy W. Trump**, chairman of the business administration department since 1952, has resigned to accept the deanship of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, Long Island. He will leave at the end of the winter term, March 12.