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The largest turnout for a campus election in Southern's history voted overwhelmingly May 15 in favor of a new Student Union Building. The students themselves will help finance the new center by a gradual increase in student activity fees. The fee, now one dollar each quarter, will be stepped up each quarter by that amount until it reaches a total of five dollars per quarter.

Long needed on Southern's fast-growing campus, the Student Union will include bowling alleys, banquet areas, food areas, terraces for dining, dancing and lounging, a large ballroom, book store, lounge areas where commuters will find quiet reading areas, game area (billiards, ping pong, chess, cards, etc.), conference areas for all organizations and a locker area. In addition, there will be a large area for parking to accommodate roughly 350-400 cars, as well as hotel rooms to take care of guests.

The estimated cost for the completed union is $4,800,000 but construction will be done as there is money for it. As funds and enrollment increase, the projected plans for the center will develop.

Have You Made Your Reservations For Alumni Day?

If you have not already sent in your reservations for Alumni Day weekend, be sure to do so at once. The deadline is Saturday, June 9.

Rooms for Friday and Saturday nights, June 15 and 16, are available in Woody Hall at $2.25 per night. The alumni banquet, to be held in Woody Hall at 6:30 Saturday evening, is $2.25 per plate. At the banquet the reunion classes (those ending in one and six) will be honored and each class will have a representative to give a short toast. The main speaker will be Judge Fred L. Wham, ex '05, who retired this spring after serving 29 years as United States District Judge.

The Legislative Council will meet Saturday morning at ten o'clock in the University School Auditorium. Class reunions will convene at three. Cars and drivers will be available during the day for those who wish to make a tour of the campus. These tours will leave from the flagpole in front of Old Main.

Other highlights of the week end include laying of the cornerstone of the Agriculture Building at 3:00 p.m. Sunday. Governor William G. Stratton will take part in the ceremony. Commencement exercises will be held that evening at seven o'clock in McAndrew Stadium. Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, president of City College of the City of New York, will give the commencement address. Dr. Gallagher is a native of Rankin.

As an alumnus of Southern, you will be able to enjoy all of the building's many facilities.
SOUTHERN ALUMNI CLUBS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At a dinner meeting held April 12 in Alton, Madison County alumni heard a talk by Dr. D. W. Morris, president of SIU. Dr. Morris is shown standing (extreme left) with the new officers of the club. Standing beside him is George T. Wilkins, '37, president. The next gentleman is James Casper, '40, treasurer. Seated (1. to r.) are Olin Hileman, '50, vice president, Mrs. A. L. Berry (Bernice Keiner, '28), secretary, and Dr. R. W. Lewis, '40, a member of the board. In addition to Dr. Lewis, other board members include Glen Deason, '37, Richard Harmon, '47, and Robert Kissack, '49.

POPE COUNTY

Elected to serve as officers of Pope County at a dinner meeting April 26 in the Legion home near Golconda were D. Millard Farmer, ex '47, president; Mrs. R. G. Trampe (Elsie Barlow, '36), vice president; Mrs. Howard Wright (Gladys Allene Rushing, '41), recording secretary, and Mrs. Merwin (Hicks) McClure, ex '44, corresponding secretary. The new board members are Mrs. Curtis Broadway (Phyllis Wardrop, '52), Lowell Trovillion, ex '36, and J. P. Willis, '31. Dr. Robert D. Facer, professor of English at SIU, was the main speaker. His subject was "A Quarter Century at Southern."

MASSAC COUNTY

At the Good Luck Cafe in Metropolis May 4, forty attended a meeting of Massac County alumni and heard Dr. William Freeberg, chairman of recreation and outdoor education at Southern, discuss "The Development of Recreational Facilities in Southern Illinois." Maurice Clark, '38, served as toastmaster.

During the business meeting the following officers were elected: Howard Keller, '46, president; Noah S. Neace, '51, vice president; Mrs. J. C. Lassiter (Wilma Dunmeier, '52), secretary, and Howard Shappard, '25, treasurer.

CHICAGO

Aubrey J. Holmes, national president of the Alumni Association and a 1935 graduate of Southern, spoke at the annual spring meeting of the Chicago Alumni Club held May 12 at Toffenettis. His speech was entitled "The Will to Live and Belong." William Price, '48, served as toastmaster.

The new officers of the Chicago organization are William J. Burns, '50, president; Mrs. Walter Hyler (Winifred Boone, '34), vice president; Lee Chones, '49, secretary; Hubert J. Loftus, '50, treasurer, and Lowell Roberts, '15, historian. Board members include Mrs. E. E. Miller (Leota Fox, ex '37); Jack Stroman, '16; Donald Babcock, '50; Mrs. J. R. Berry (Imogene Owens, ex '41); Mrs. Robert Davis (Kathryn Alley, '47); W. D. Whiteside, '50; Eugene Payton, '38, and Mr. Price.

The following committee chairmen were announced: Russell Deason, '34, picnic; George Calhoun, '36, scholarship; Rome Rossi, '51, Fine Arts Award; George W. Porter, '35, Saluki Award; Edward Steckenrider, '47, homecoming; Mrs. Hyler, dinner; Miss Chones, service, and Mr. Loftus, membership.

Senior Class Banquet

The annual complimentary Senior Class Banquet, sponsored by the Alumni Association, will be held Monday, June 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the University Cafeteria. Dr. Roye Bryant, director of Placement Service at SIU, will speak.

All graduates of the class of 1956 are invited. This includes VTI graduates and candidates for both the bachelor's and master's degrees for June and August commencements. Reservations are necessary and should be made with the Alumni office not later than June 6.

Twenty alumni attended the dinner meeting at Evansville, Indiana, on April 19. However, only 16 were on hand at the time the above picture was snapped by Jay King, '51, field representative for the SIU Alumni Office. Bob Odaniell, '51, alumni secretary, also attended. He is shown standing at extreme right. Dr. William J. Tudor, acting director of Area Services at Southern, was the main speaker. He is shown seated at right. During the business meeting John E. Hughes, '49, was elected president, Wallace T. Smith, ex '39, was elected vice president, and Mrs. H. G. Gregory (Bess Trombly, '35) was elected secretary-treasurer.
TRIBUTE WAS PAID J. LESTER BUFORD, '28, by alumni, friends and educators at a dinner held in his honor May 4 at Woody Hall. President of the National Education Association, Buford is superintendent of Mount Vernon schools. A scroll signed by his former May 4 at Woody Hall. President of the educators at a dinner held in his honor is superintendent of Mount Vernon National Education Association, Buford is superintendent of Mount Vernon schools. A scroll signed by his former teachers at Southern was presented to him at the dinner. President D. W. Morris, one of the speakers, announced that Dr. Buford would receive Southern's first distinguished service award at the August commencement. William Caruthers, '29, retiring president of the Illinois Education Association and superintendent of Murphysboro schools, served as toastmaster. Aubrey Holmes, '35, national president of the SIU Alumni Association, is shown congratulating Dr. Buford. Mr. Holmes presented him with a folder containing letters and telegrams congratulating the prominent educator on his achievements as president of NEA during 1955-56.

IIAC ADDS SWIMMING AND GYMNASTICS

Swimming and gymnastics will be added to the Interstate Conference athletic program as a result of the semiannual meeting of the league held at Central Michigan College May 18.

The IIAC's first swimming meet will be held at Western Illinois March 9, 1957. Four schools, Central Michigan, Illinois Normal, Southern and Western Illinois, now have swimming teams, with Michigan Normal considering adding swimming as a varsity sport next season. The other two schools, Eastern and Northern, have plans for swimming pools and hope to add it to their programs by 1960.

Gymnastics will become a conference sport during the 1957-58 school year.

In other action taken at the meeting, it was decided that the league would sponsor an IIAC Scholarship and Athletic Merit Award at each school. All seniors who have earned three varsity awards in one sport or a combination of five awards are eligible, with the winner being the one with the highest overall grade average.

In other action Northern Illinois was named winner of the 1955-1956 sportsmanship award. Other teams in order were Central Michigan, Eastern Illinois, SIU, Illinois Normal, Western Illinois and Michigan Normal.

St. Ambrose College (Davenport, Iowa) asked to enter the conference as the eighth team. Action was delayed until the December meeting but it is doubtful if the team will be added since the conference voted to try to restrict the league to state-supported institutions. (St. Ambrose is a Catholic-sponsored college.)

All conference schools were represented at the meeting.

Named Co-captains

Ray Bergfeld, Overland, Mo., and Bob Dunkel, St. Louis, have been named co-captains of the 1957 Southern Illinois University wrestling team. Both won consistently for Southern this past season. Bergfeld, in two years of college wrestling, has an overall record of 32 wins, 2 losses and 3 ties. Dunkel won the 191-pound conference championship and was second in the Wheaton tournament. SIU in 1956 had a 7-1 dual meet record and won two tournament titles.

End College Track Careers

Six SIU seniors have ended their college track careers. They are James Alexander, Herrin; Richard Blythe, Hammond, Ind.; Jack Morgan, Carbondale; Harold Perry, St. Louis; Vernon Sprehe, Nashville, and Richard Gregory, St. Louis.

Sprehe is tied for the 100-yard dash record with a :09.9 time, while Alexander holds the broad jump record of 23 feet, 7 3/4 inches, and Gregory holds the 880-yard run record with a 1:54.1 time.

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Phil Coleman, '52, set a new AAU 3,000-meter steeplechase record in one of the feature events at the 31st annual Kansas Relays April 21. Coleman, who holds the mile and two-mile records at SIU, covered the distance in 9:26.3. He was running as a member of the Chicago Track Club.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- A casualty company in central Illinois needs claims adjusters for work in Southern Illinois.
- A large chemical company in the East is advertising for personnel in plant technology, plant production, sales, research and engineering.
- An Illinois city near St. Louis has elementary school openings in library, vocal music, girls' physical education, seventh grade and eighth grade.
- A college in Ohio has an opening for an elementary supervisor. Salary $5000.
- A town in Nevada has vacancies in the elementary schools and in the fields of English-Spanish, mathematics-science, social science, commerce, athletics and home economics in high school. Salary $4100-$5900.
- A junior college in central Illinois is looking for a biology instructor. Master's degree required. Salary $3625 up.
- A large high school in Lake County needs a librarian, industrial arts, audio visual aids, girls' P.E., mathematics, physics and chemistry, vocational home economics, commerce and speech and English teachers. Salary $4000-$4000.
- A junior college in central Illinois is seeking a head basketball coach with experience in coaching and administration. Salary $5000 up.
- A school for girls in Cook County needs a general science, biology and chemistry teacher and a typing, shorthand and library teacher. Salary $3800-$4000.
- A school in Illinois needs junior accountants.
- Sales trainees are needed by an automobile company in St. Louis. Salary $331 monthly to start. Prefers someone with accounting background.
- Opportunities available for persons interested in merchandising and general management with large eastern department stores.
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, needs teachers of Indian children. Salary $3670-$5335.
- Two cities in Michigan want teachers for elementary grades and junior high. Salaries starting at $4300-$6700.
- City in Kankakee County has openings for superintendent of schools. Master's degree and administrative experience required. Salary $6505 up.
- A college in West Virginia needs a women's P.E. instructor. Salary $3700 up. Master's degree required.
- A college in Cook County has an opening for a junior high school principal and assistant superintendent. Salary $6000.

SOUTHERN SKETCHES

ROBERT F. ETHERIDGE, assistant dean of men, has been awarded one of the ten Graduate Council Fellowships at Michigan State University for the first half of 1957. Now on sabbatical leave, Etheridge will be on the Michigan State staff this summer, assisting with educational clinics for freshmen . . . . DOROTHY DAVIES, professor and chairman of physical education for women, is president-elect of the Midwest Association of Physical Education for College Women. She is also chairman-elect of the Physical Education Professional Preparation section of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation . . . . WILLIAM O. WINTER, associate professor of government, has been selected to receive an award to participate in the International Educational Exchange Program under the Fulbright Act. He will lecture in government next year at the University of Vienna, Austria . . . .

CHARLES H. LANGE, assistant professor of sociology and anthropology, has been elected a fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science . . . . JAMES CASEY, assistant professor in technical and adult education, was elected president of Sigma Lambda Chi, honorary building and construction fraternity, at the recent convention held at the University of Florida . . . . "Family Portrait," an etching by F. J. ELGART, instructor in art, is one of 11 prints selected for purchase by the University of Illinois from the exhibit, "50 American Printmakers," held at Champaign . . . . "Israeli Rhapsody," symphonic composition by ZAMIR BAVEL, native of Palestine and lecturer in mathematics at SIU, was premiered by the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra in a concert May 13 at Mt. Vernon . . . . JOYCE HASTINGS, Pi Kappa Sigma, was chosen sweetheart at Tau Kappa Epsilon's annual Red Carnation Ball held this spring at Giant City Lodge . . . . GERALD DINE PITTMAN, 22-year-old junior employed part-time in the Office of Student Affairs, received the first scholarship award presented by the SIU Women's Club at Southern's fourth annual "Women's Day" program April 26 . . . . Two seniors and three graduate students were elected last month to Phi Beta Kappa. They are RONALD C. FINCH, senior from Anna; GERALD SANNER, senior from Bunker Hill; JUDITH LARR, graduate assistant from Terre Haute, Ind.; MARTIN SCHRADE, graduate assistant from Valmeyer, and DAVID FRIEB, graduate assistant from Benton. Finch also received the Phi Beta Kappa prize awarded annually to the top-ranking junior in the College of Arts and Sciences . . . . A chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta, national honorary for freshmen women, was installed at SIU May 26. Thirty-nine students, MAXWELL VOGEL, assistant head resident at Woody Hall and faculty sponsor of the new fraternity, and DEAN MILDRUD SCHRODTBERGER were initiated. Mrs. EDNA TRAVIS, English professor, and MARY GENTISMINER, education professor, were chosen as honorary faculty members . . . .

Dr. ELBERT HADLEY, professor of chemistry, has been granted a summer appointment to the research staff of the Argonne National Laboratory, Atomic Energy Commission installation near Joliet. The appointment, first granted an SIU faculty member, begins June 18. The Argonne Laboratory is operated by the University of Chicago, and a limited number of research appointments are granted each summer to midwestern scientists. Hadley will work throughout the summer in classified areas of atomic energy research . . . .

Southern has applied to the FCC for permission to construct an FM radio station. If permission is granted, the station should be in operation by January 1, 1957 . . . . A pre-fabricated dry kiln of the latest type is being added to the facilities of the Wood Products Pilot Plant. It should be ready for use before the end of the month . . . . Effective July 1, Dr. WENDELL E. KEEPER, dean of the School of Agriculture, will be on sabbatical leave for six months in order to take a temporary appointment in Venezuela with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN to serve as an adviser to the Venezuelan government on problems of farm management and farm planning, with emphasis on livestock enterprises . . . . An all-student organization, "THE CONTEMPORARIES," has been organized at SIU to sponsor two competitive exhibits each year, establish a continuous exhibition of student works and set up a series of lectures and seminars featuring prominent artists.