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TRUSTEES APPROVE BUDGET REQUESTS AS ENROLLMENT INCREASES

Spiraling enrollment at Southern Illinois University has prompted the board of trustees to ask the General Assembly for 1957-59 appropriations totalling $64,583,139.

The University request includes $25,264,139 for operating expenses during the next two years and $39,319,000 for new buildings and other capital improvements.

The operations figure was increased $10,586,713 over the appropriation for the current biennium to enable the University to catch up with the financial burden incurred by recent enrollment gains and to meet an anticipated increase of 1,500 to 2,000 students during the next two years.

Southern's present student body of 6,255 reflects an increase of more than 100 per cent in four years, and it is estimated there will be 7,850 students on campus by 1958 if facilities are available to handle them.

Construction of 12 new buildings, ranging in cost from $550,000 to $4,500,000, was among the items listed in the record capital improvements budget request. President D. W. Morris told the board many of the 444 students who applied for admission last fall but did not enroll were those who could not find housing or were prevented from attending classes already filled to capacity.

Some $17,574,939 of the operating budget which will be presented to the coming session of the state legislature was earmarked for salaries. This is an increase of $2,109,000 over salary allotments for the current biennium.

Dr. Morris pointed out that Southern was having a difficult time holding on to qualified personnel and finding capable faculty members to meet the enrollment upsurge with its present salary scales.

Past legislative appropriations have enabled Southern to grow rapidly, Morris said, but the University's instructional and research programs have been hampered "by heavy teaching loads and inability to pay salaries which are competitive with other agencies employing highly trained personnel."

Morris also said the University "is doing a bigger job and in many ways doing it better, but it still has a long way to go in order to meet in full demands upon it."

These demands, he added, "have in many respects grown more rapidly than the University's ability to render services with available finances."

Outlining plans for physical plant expansion, Morris said it will be

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necessary for the state to provide a massive building program in the near future if Southern is to keep up with prospective enrollments. He noted that several new structures have been added in the past few years, but he said the space situation is actually tighter than ever because of the phenomenal growth of the student body.

The budget request includes funds for buildings which would house physical education and military training, home economics, College of Education, industrial education and technology, and a School of Business. Almost $3,000,000 will be asked for completion of unfinished buildings.

Another section of the proposed budget asks the legislature to provide stepped-up educational offerings in the Madison-St. Clair County area where an estimated 18,000 youths will be ready for college by 1970. Citizens of this area have asked Southern to assist their efforts to get a four-year educational program there.

The SIU trustees authorized the University to establish one or more residence centers in that section similar to an SIU center established at the Belleville High School in 1949. A special budget request would enable Southern to employ faculty members and plan “appropriate physical facilities” for the proposed four-year program which might eventually entail creation of another SIU campus in the Madison-St. Clair County area. Residence centers in the area would provide the nucleus of a faculty and student body if funds for another campus are appropriated.

In the 1957-59 budget request, Southern is asking for $298,000 to increase educational offerings in the two-county area, $300,000 for site acquisition, and $265,000 for architects’ and engineers’ fees.

Forthcoming issues of the Southern Alumnus will carry more detailed description of the University budget needs and requests.

ALUMNI CLUB NEWS

Macon County
The organizational meeting of Macon County alumni was held November 7 at the Hotel St. Nicholas in Decatur. Fifty-five attended the smorgasbord held prior to the meeting.

A constitution was adopted and the following officers were elected: John Reps, ’42, president; Edward Curtis, ex ’33, vice-president; Mrs. Earl Rice (Pearl Hudson, ’51), secretary; and Mrs. James Belt (Virginia McKemie, ’44), treasurer. Board members include Dr. Leslie B. Reed, ’42; Mrs. Charles Gullett (Ruby Etherton, ’09); and Robert Ernest, ex ’13.

St. Clair County
A called meeting of the St. Clair County alumni club was held November 8 at Belleville High School, with Sam Eubanks, ’50, president, in charge.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss sponsoring a scholarship to Southern Illinois University and a committee will be named in the near future to carry out the program.

Tentative date of the spring meeting of St. Clair County alumni is March 20.

St. Louis to Have Party
The St. Louis alumni club will hold a Christmas party December 27 from 6:30-8:30 P.M. in the Colonial Room of the Melbourne Hotel at 3601 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis. All alumni belonging to the club, the officers of Madison and St. Clair counties, and the Missouri students now enrolled at Southern are invited to attend.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE
Ballots for nominations to your Alumni Legislative Council will go into the mail the first week in February to all classes ending in an even number.

As provided in the constitution, the Council is composed of one represen-
SOUTHERN SPORTS

After trailing 13-0 midway in the third quarter, Southern’s grid team suddenly came to life to score four touchdowns in 12 minutes to defeat Northern Illinois 28-13 in the season finale at DeKalb November 17.

The win moved the Salukis into a three-way tie for third place in the Interstate Conference standings with a 3-3 record. Central Michigan had previously won the title with a 6-0 slate. In overall season play, Southern finished with a 4-5 mark.

Southern was really outclassed in only two games—the encounters agains Central Michigan, by far the best team SIU met this season, and Washington University. SIU played good ball against Central, jumping into an early lead before Podoley and company put their football machinery into high gear to win 32-13.

SIU's poorest performances of the season were the 21-7 loss at the hands of Western Illinois in the Homecoming game and the 27-13 defeat by Illinois Normal.

On the better side were Southern's 40-0 win over Illinois Wesleyan, the 32-0 victory over Eastern Illinois, and the 26-20 loss to Bradley University—the most exciting game of the year.

Injuries—especially in the backfield—hurt the Salukis throughout the season.

Of the top 50 men on the squad, only four are seniors: tackle Gene Krolak, Chicago; end John Gelch, Sesser; and guards Tim Bowers, Murphysboro, and Jim McCann, West Frankfort. Also missing next year will be tackle Ed Hayes, who has used up his four years of eligibility.

Unless grades or transfers take away some players, Southern should have its entire backfield returning next year, with the possible exception of Calvin Fearn of East St. Louis, who is about to be drafted.

Outstanding player of the year was Carver Shannon, Corinth, Mississippi, sophomore, who was one of the nation’s top ten scorers with 90 points in eight games (he missed one because of injury) to set a new SIU season scoring record. He tallied 75 of those points in conference tilts. In 99 carries Shannon picked up 694 yards—an average of seven yards a try—a new total rushing record for Southern.

BASKETBALL

Season tickets entitling a person to reserved seats for the 11 home games are on sale at $9.00 each—a savings of more than 40 cents per game. Ticket orders should be addressed to SIU Ticket Office.

WRESTLING

Dec. 8—Great Lakes Here*  
Dec. 15—Univ. of Illinois Tournament at Champaign  
Jan. 12—Great Lakes There  
Jan. 19—Eastern Illinois Here**  
Jan. 25—Western Illinois Here**  
Feb. 2—Illinois Normal There  
Feb. 9—Indiana Univ. Here**  
Feb. 15-16—Wheaton Tournament  
Feb. 23—Ritenour YMCA Here*  
Mar. 9—IIAC Championships at Illinois Normal  
Mar. 16—Ozark AAU at St. Louis  
Mar. 29-30—NCAA at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
*—2 P.M.  
**—7:30 P.M.

SWIMMING

Jan. 5—Bradley Univ. There  
Jan. 12—Washington Univ. There  
Jan. 19—Beloit College Here*  
Jan. 26—Western Illinois There  
Feb. 2—St. Louis Univ. Here*  
Feb. 9—Air Force Academy Here*  
Feb. 15—Illinois Normal Here**  
Feb. 16—Missouri Mines Here*  
Feb. 23—Loyola Univ. There  
Mar. 9—IIAC Championships at Western Illinois  
Mar. 23—NAIA Regional Championships at Carbondale  
Mar. 28-29-30—NCAA Championships at Univ. of North Carolina  
*—2 P.M.  
**—4:30 P.M.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A Spanish-library position will be open for second semester in a Madison County high school. Salary $3500 up.

An airline company in Chicago is advertising for stewardesses, management trainees, passenger agents, accountants, clerks, sales trainees, and engineers.

A large city in Winnebago County in northern Illinois has several elementary openings for teachers now and in January.

A supervisor is wanted for a laboratory school on a college campus in Michigan. Unified studies—master’s degree and experience required. Salary $5000 up.

A high school in Cook County has openings available to teachers of English, business education and girl’s physical education. Master’s degree required. Salary $4195 up.

A representative from the San Diego, California, city schools will be on campus February 21, 1957, to interview anyone interested in elementary or secondary positions.

An educational director is needed in a state hospital and school in Iowa. A Ph.D. is desired and experience required. Salary $4500 up.

Physicists and mathematicians will be interviewed on campus March 29 by a large aircraft corporation. Salary good.

There are opportunities for equipment engineers and business trainees with a large electrical company out of Chicago.

Applications for positions as claim adjusters, field representatives, accountants and examiners will be considered by an insurance company in central Illinois.

A laboratory technician is needed by a plant in Southern Illinois. Two years of machine shop training required. Salary good.

For further details, write Placement Service, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.

SOUTHERN SKETCHES

DR. H. M. KAPLAN, chairman of the physiology department, is author of “The Rabbit in Experimental Physiology,” published recently by The Scholar’s Library, 1640 York Avenue, New York, New York. Price from the publisher is $2.50. . .

STEFAN POSSONY, military intelligence expert for the U.S. Air Force and professor of international relations at Georgetown University, spoke November 13 at SIU on “Recent Development in the U.S.S.R.” The lecture was sponsored by the International Relations Club. A native of Austria, Possony is author of a number of books and has been in military intelligence for more than 13 years.

AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE of Southern Illinois school and civic leaders has endorsed plans for moving the College of Education from crowded barracks into a proposed three-story building. Southern will request a $2,225,000 appropriation for the building at the next session of the state legislature. If funds are available, construction could begin late next year. . .

DR. WILLARD GERBSCHER, professor of zoology, has been appointed co-ordinator of the University’s health science curriculum, one of the few programs of its kind in the country. The four-year undergraduate program is geared to a rising demand for professional workers in public health laboratories and sanitary science. A feature of the course is a semester of field training in state public health laboratories, hospitals, city and state health departments or other agencies whose functions correspond to the student’s study area.

The program was inaugurated at the urging of public health officials in Illinois and neighboring states. Dr. T. W. Abbott, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, says “The demand for qualified graduates is continually increasing and placements are virtually automatic.” . . .

THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT has expanded its office space to the first floor of Parkinson Laboratory. A brochure, “Opportunities in Chemistry,” is being sent to the 260 chemistry alumni. Dr. J. W. Neckers, department chairman, says he will be glad to send the booklet to other interested alumni.

DR. PAUL HUNSINGER, associate professor of speech, was elected president of the Illinois Speech Association at an executive meeting of the ISA held in Champaign November 3. . .

PAT ELDER OF ELDORADO WAS VOTED Dolphin Queen from 31 contestants at the final performance of the first annual Dolphin show held November 8, 9, and 10 at the University School. More than 70 students took part in the show, which featured the swimming team, comedy diving, the Aquettes and diving demonstrations. The queen’s attendants were Pat Dey, Carbondale, and Barbara Liebig, Mascoutah.