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Board Studies Extension Center Sites

Shurtleff College at Alton, due to financial difficulties, has asked that Southern Illinois University take over the facilities and continue operation of the school as part of Southern's extension program. According to Robert Levis, treasurer of Shurtleff, the school will not be able to continue operations after June 30.

A private institution supported by the Baptist Church, Shurtleff has a capacity of roughly 500 students but lacks the acreage for expansion that might be necessary for a state-supported university.

At the meeting of the SIU Board of Trustees January 17, Shurtleff College and the East St. Louis High School were approved as locations of SIU residence centers. At the same time, the board indicated that neither site would be suitable as the permanent location of a full-fledged university such as residents of Madison and St. Clair counties have been seeking for that area.

The board agreed, however, to accept invitations to lease both sites, if state appropriations for operating residence centers are approved. Terms of the Shurtleff lease have not been worked out, but the East St. Louis Board of Education has offered its present high school to SIU at SI a year after its new high school building is completed next September.

The Madison-St. Clair county area will have a potential 18,000 college students by 1970. Residents of the bi-county area have petitioned Governor Stratton for a four-year college program, proposing that SIU establish a branch university there.

The SIU board was informed that the East St. Louis High School, which has enrolled as many as 2,000 high school students, is not big enough for an adequate schedule of four-year college level offerings. On the other hand, University officials consider the building too large to heat and maintain as a residence center operation. The board is awaiting action on its request to lease only the newer portion of the high school, taking an option on the rest for possible future use.

Mount Carmel Proposal

Also presented at the recent board meeting was a proposal by a delegation from Mount Carmel. This delegation offered the board a building and tract of land in return for establishment of an SIU residence center at Mount Carmel.

The offer provided a building worth $150,000 to $200,000 and a 20- to 40-acre site. The building would be a gift or available to rent at $1 a year. The delegation also offered a pool of professional geologists and agriculture experts as part-time instructors to help staff the proposed center.

No formal action was taken by the board but studies to determine more closely what is needed in that area were authorized, with reports due at the February 19 board meeting.

To Ask for Loan

The board also authorized the University to ask for a federal housing loan to build up to 200 apartment units on the Dowdell property. Due to the increase in married students, need for additional housing to accommodate them was brought to the board's attention. The 200 units would be the first stage of an eventual 470 units. If all 200 are built, they would probably include 10 one-room efficiency, 50 one-bedroom, and 140 two-bedroom apartments.

Construction dates will depend, said Dr. George Hand, vice-president in charge of business affairs, on the outcome of loan negotiations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Ballots for nominations for Legislative Council members are being prepared and will be mailed soon. Eligible classes are those ending in an even number.

If you are not a member of the Alumni Association but are a member of an even class or would have graduated in one you should send in your dues promptly in order to assure yourself a vote in the election of these class officials.

ALUMNI DAY SET FOR JUNE 15

Mark this important date on your calendar — Saturday, June 15 — and make plans to be on campus for this big day. Graduating classes ending in two and seven will hold reunions. Complete details will be announced later and special invitations will be mailed to all alumni.

ALUMNI LOUNGE AT STATE TOURNAMENT

An SIU alumni lounge will be open at the Inman Hotel in Champaign during the Illinois High School Basketball State Tournament, March 21, 22, and 23. All alumni are invited to make this their headquarters at tourney time.

SEVEN NEW SALUKIS

Orah Farouk, female half of a pair of purebred Salukis presented as mascots to Southern last fall by W. W. Vandeveer, ex '09, has given birth to a litter of seven, two males and five females. The proud sire is Burydown Datis, the other mascot.

Dr. Robert A. Scott of Southern's chemistry department keeps the Salukis in kennels at his home. Dr. Scott witnessed the births.
ELIZABETH ABBOTT

Elizabeth Abbott, a novel of life in southern Illinois in the mid-thirties, was published December 13 by Exposition Press of New York. The author is Mae Trovillion Smith, assistant professor of English at Southern.

Elizabeth Winters, a teacher from Minnesota, marries Jacob Abbott, a wealthy stock farmer. The story is her struggle to adjust herself to her new environment. Because of her strong personality she has influence on everybody with whom she comes in contact. Tragedy, love, humor, and eventual happiness run through the book. To quote the final paragraph of comments which the publisher makes on the jacket blurb, "The heart of Lincolnland is here portrayed with its beauty in rolling hills and historical significance. It is here that Elizabeth Abbott's story unfolds—a story of restless human emotions and the search for love and happiness."

This is Mrs. Smith's fifth book. Her previous published works are Number Five Cheyne Row, a play; Your Friend Lucy, a co-ed's fictitious letters; Famous Dogs of Famous People, and Famous Pets of Famous People.

The author was reared and educated in Bloomington, Indiana, and earned her B.A. and A.M. degrees at Indiana University. Born in Norris City, Illinois, she was head of the English department at Herrin High School before joining the staff at Southern in 1919.

ALUMNI CLUB NEWS

Many of the alumni clubs are planning spring meetings, and a number of board meetings have been and are being held in this connection.

The Massac County board met January 16 at Boswell's Cafe at the edge of Paducah, Ky. In addition to making plans for a spring meeting, a slate of officers was chosen, subject to the approval of those attending the spring meeting.

On December 3, a committee met at the Webster school in Benton to plan a meeting of the Franklin County club on April 12 and to nominate a slate of officers. The committee also drew up a constitution and voted to make a gift to the University.

Western Kentucky's board met January 24 at Kentucky Lake Lodge and plans were discussed for future club projects.

On January 21, in the office of Dr. Quenton Wilson, ex '39, at Eldorado, the Saline County club's board met and made plans for a meeting this spring.

The Missouri club held a board meeting January 23 at the Stifel Realty Company offices in St. Louis.

On January 29 at the Rosiclare grade school the Hardin County Steering Committee met to prepare for the organizational meeting of a Hardin County club.

Plans are underway for the organization of an alumni club in Macoupin County. The Steering Committee met January 31 at the Chamber of Commerce office in Gillespie.

At the office of the Bracy Insurance Company in Herrin, the Williamson County board will meet February 12 to make plans for a spring meeting and to concentrate on increasing club membership.

Meetings scheduled so far with definite dates incude St. Clair County, March 20; White County, April 5; Evansville area, April 9; Pope County, April 11; Franklin County, April 12; Randolph County, April 25.

LIBRARY MOVES BOOKS DURING HOLIDAYS

Another Christmas holiday found members of the library staff and student employees in the process of moving books. Because of moving operations, the library remained closed until January 7, a week after the start of the winter term.

The 70,000-volume social science divisional library was moved to its newly completed quarters on the first floor of the new library building. For the past year it has shared space with three other divisions.

This move means enlarged shelving and study areas for the science and humanities libraries in the vacated basement area and the transferring of nearly 50,000 volumes from temporary storage on the unfinished second floor of the building into open stacks in the reading areas. These were interfiled with more than 100,000 volumes already in open stacks. The library's central card catalog and bibliography also moved to the new first floor area. Nearly 30,000 of the stored volumes went into the social science shelves.

Only files of bound newspapers and government documents have been left in storage in the unfinished portions of the new building.

SIU RECEIVES GRANT

A grant of $118,000 has been given SIU by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare for the first phase of a long-term research study on development of educational training methods for mentally retarded children. Under terms of the grant, the University has agreed to support the research with staff personnel and equipment.

Dr. I. P. Brackett, director of the Speech and Hearing Clinic, said that although the initial phase of the study will deal with testing and classification, it has ultimate implications into the development of a standardized test and educational training system for all mentally retarded children. "Further government support will hinge on the results within the next two years," he said.

The first work, already underway, involves combing the files of school, area, and state agencies for children to use as subjects for the study. Formally established to explore "Perceptual and Response Abilities of Mentally Retarded Children," the project will be carried out in a new visual and auditory perception laboratory on the campus.

NAMED QUEEN

of the AFROTC at the annual Military Ball, January 26, was Marie Holifield of Brookport.

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SWIMMERS WILL HOST THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY

By Bill Hollada, '51

WRESTLING AND SWIMMING

 Shooting for their best season in history, Southern's wrestling and swimming teams opened their seasons with a combined total of seven straight wins (as of January 25).

Coach Bill Heusner's swimmers won their first four meets, edging Grinnell (Iowa) College 45-33, sinking Bradley University 65-21, nosing out Washington University 44-41, and blasting Beloit College 57-28.

Meanwhile, Jim Wilkinson's wrestlers tripped Great Lakes twice, 18-15 and 19-14, before running over Eastern Illinois 23-10. The Eastern win was the eighth straight dual meet victory for the wrestlers, while the Saluki swimmers are one jump ahead with nine consecutive triumphs.

Southern, which started swimming as a varsity sport in 1955, won its first meet less than a year ago. Since that first victory, the SIU tankmen have lost only once.

Among the SIU swimming standouts are Robert Montgomery, Grafton, in the freestyle distance events; Laurence Benjamin, freshman from Highland Park, in the butterfly; Roger Counsil, Wood River, and Bruce Coleman, West Frankfort, in diving; Terry Lockman, West Frankfort, backstroke; John Huber, Hoopston, breaststroke; and the 400-yard medley relay team composed of Lockman, Huber, Coleman, and Captain Joe Barry, Edwardsville.

Heading the matmen have been Ed Hayes, Carbondale, who twice came through with wins in the final bout to give Southern wins over Great Lakes; John Orlando, veteran wrestler from Overland, Mo.; Lee Grubbs, also an Overland product, who by the time he is a senior could become Southern's greatest wrestler; Roy Fowley, Carbondale; John Caynak, Racine, Wis.; Herman Ayres, Harvey; Captain Bob Dunkel, St. Louis; and J. B. Williams, O'Fallon.

SIU's wrestlers and swimmers will receive stiff tests with home meets Saturday, February 9. On that date the SIU swimmers will host the Air Force Academy in the University pool at 2:00 P.M., while the wrestlers take on Indiana University at the Southern gym at 4:00 P.M. (The wrestling meet will be free; admission to the swimming meet will be 75 cents.)

BASKETBALL

A February schedule which lists only conference games confronts the SIU cagers who set the stage for a winning season with a good early season record—winning eight of the first twelve games.

Southern's victories were over Beloit College, Millikin University, Baker (Kansas) University, North Dakota University, Midwestern (Texas) University, Fort Leonard Wood, and two league foes, Northern Illinois and Eastern Michigan.

SIU jumped into second place in the IIAC race, but fell to fourth after dropping engagements to Illinois Normal and Western Illinois in road contests in mid-January.

Western Illinois, IIAC champions the past two seasons, in mid-January was the only undefeated college team in Illinois with a 13-0 mark and appeared to be well on the way to another title. The battle for second in the IIAC, however, is wide open, with all the other league teams having a good opportunity to cop the runner-up spot. Southern took second last year with an 8-4 loop slate.

High scorer for the Salukis is Larry Whitlock, 6-5 center from Mount Vernon, who is averaging 18 points per game. Pacing the rebound department is Seymour Bryson, 6-4 sophomore forward from Quincy, who is averaging 14 rebounds per game.

SPORTS BRIEFS

The football rules committee of the National Federation of High School Athletic Associations and the Junior College Athletic Associations have approved an Interstate Conference ruling which permits a player to confer with the coach during timeouts.

Pushed by SIU Coach Al Kawal, the IIAC used this rule last year with favorable results. The rule has been used in professional football for some time, but the IIAC is believed to be the only college conference to employ the regulation.

An SIU alumnus, the late B. C. "(Bud) Doolen, '21, former West Frankfort High School coach, was recently honored at Tucson, Ariz., when the Catalina Junior High School was renamed as Bryan C. Doolen School.

Doolen was head basketball coach at the Tucson High School for more than 20 years. He died February 13, 1955.

BULLETIN

The SIU-Illinois Normal game set for Southern's gym Friday, February 22, has been designated "Pinckneyville Night."

The game will honor all present and past SIU basketball players from Pinckneyville. Three of the present varsity squad—Warren Talley, Arlen Hill, and Marion Rushing—are former Pinckneyville prep stars.

Quarter of a ton of muscles and beef collide in an SIU wrestling practice session, with heavyweights Ed Hayes (left), Carbondale, and Kent Werner, Belleville, supplying the action. Hayes, who weighs 240, and Werner, who tips the scales at 265, are both better than the heaviest heavyweight at most midwestern colleges.
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A high school in Lake County has openings for teachers in mathematics, mathematics and science, English, speech, and vocational electricity. Salary $4200 up.

Several elementary positions in kindergarten, first grade, second grade, sixth grade, and one for high school English are open in Nicaragua for 1957. Salary $3400, plus transportation from the United States.

There are opportunities for draftsmen, design engineers, and stenographers with a large nuclear company in the Midwest. There are also openings for chemists and physicists. Salaries good.

Executive trainees are needed by several chain companies in the Midwest and South. These positions would be in retailing. Opportunity for advancement.

A junior high school in Winnebago County has two positions open, one for an English teacher and the other for a foreign language teacher. A Champaign County school has reported an opening for a psychologist and counselor.

There are a number of opportunities for administrative trainees in business administration with a prominent insurance company in Chicago. A representative will be on campus March 12 to interview candidates.

A federal agency out of Chicago is in need of accountants. Salary $4060 up.

There is a position open in southern Illinois in the field of administration for a superintendent of a high school and junior college. The candidate must hold a doctor's degree in the field of school administration. Salary open.

A large city in Michigan has mid-year openings for elementary, junior high, and senior high teachers. The secondary positions are in the fields of mathematics, girls' physical education, auto shop, driver training, and speech correction. There are also openings in a college for auto technicians, draftsmen, mathematicians, and metallurgy. Bachelor's degree $4425 up and master's degree $4725 up.

Positions as trainees in traffic in the sales and service division of a large railroad company are now open. Training would be in St. Louis.

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

SOUTHERN SKETCHES

A reception was held December 20 in St. Petersburg, Fla., for Irvin Peithmann, SIU research assistant in recreation and outdoor education. Seminole Indians constituting the entire population of a remote village in the Everglades were among the guests. The reception was given in connection with Peithmann's new book, The Unconquered Seminole of Florida, which tells for the first time the Indian side of the Seminole story in its entirety. Widely known for his knowledge of Indian lore, Peithmann is also author of Echoes of the Red Man, a book on Indian cultures in Southern Illinois. . . .

Mrs. E. G. Lentz, wife of Dean Emeritus Lentz, is author of a children's Christmas book, A Ride with Santa Claus, published in December by Exposition Press. Although the story is fiction, it is based on the Christmas story in the Bible and tells about the cattle in the stable the night of the Saviour's birth. Illustrated by Marjorie Johnston Dennis, graduate assistant in art at Southern, the book is on sale at the Baptist Book Store in Carbondale. . . .

According to Dr. Roye R. Bryant, director of placement, 47 job offers were listed at the Placement Office for every SIU graduate of 1955-56. A total of 586 students with bachelor's degrees and 202 with master's were graduated from Southern between October 1, 1955, and September 30, 1956, and employment opportunities in education, business, and industry totaled 27,557, representing a 60% increase over the previous year. . . .

Dr. Wayne Rowland, assistant professor of journalism, has been named assistant to the editor of The Quill, official publication of Sigma Delta Chi. Rowland joined the journalism staff in June, 1955, after receiving a master's degree from the Missouri School of Journalism. At Southern he specializes in teaching community journalism, having edited and published several weekly newspapers. He is a past president of the Ozark Press Association.

There was at least one Democrat on hand last month for the inauguration of Dwight D. Eisenhower as President of the United States. Barbara King, sophomore from Johnston City, received the coveted invitation from her aunt, Mrs. Fay King Imhoff, ex '24, who writes the invitations for the inauguration. Miss King rode in a black car in the parade, wearing a white dress and coat. . . .

Following an appeal by Fahmi Dahdah, International Relations Club president at Southern, the Student Council voted to allot $200 to the new SIU Refugee Student Fund. . . . Student Union Tournament Week was held last month at Southern, during which time student unions all over the nation sponsored tournaments in bridge, table tennis, pinochle, chess, checkers, and billiards. . . .

William Moll, sophomore from Sikeston, Mo., will play Romeo during the week of February 11. Scheduled to play the role of Juliet on alternate nights during the six-night run are Jane Herr, sophomore from Warrensburg, and Louise Ritter, a Carbondale graduate student. Romeo and Juliet is the third production on the Southern Players' current playbill. . . . The seventh annual Kappa Alpha Mu Photo Fair will be held February 23-24. Sponsored jointly by KAM and the journalism department, the competition is open to both amateur and professional photographers. Fair entries must be received no later than February 15 to be eligible. . . .

Dr. W. E. Keeper, dean of the School of Agriculture, returned to the campus early last month after serving six months in Venezuela as a farm management consultant for the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization. Keeper and his working collaborator, Dr. Francisco Gomez Quiroga, prepared a farm account book as a tool to help Venezuela and its farmers gain more information about their farm businesses. He spent a greater part of his time in Caracas and visited various agricultural areas of the nation the rest of the time, studying farming progress and practice. He was one of five assigned to the agricultural economics subdivision of the Venezuela Department of Agriculture's Planning Division.