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ENROLLMENT EXCEEDS 1958-59 PREDICTION

Educational experts had predicted an enrollment of 7250 for SIU this fall and 8100 next.

Incomplete registration figures already show an increase over next year's predictions and several hundred more are expected to register late. As we go to press, total enrollment stands at 8148. This includes 1212 at the Alton Residence Center and 618 at the East St. Louis center. Enrollment at the new residence centers exceeds the highest expectations. During the planning stages, it was predicted they would draw only 450 students this year.

President D. W. Morris said he was "very much surprised" that the high enrollments at Alton and East St. Louis failed to reduce the size of the student body at Carbondale.

"This is particularly surprising," he said, "in view of the fact that enrollments nationwide do not appear to be measuring up to expectations."

Last year’s final enrollment for the first quarter was 6255.

New Student Week got underway September 18. Patricia Dey, junior from Carbondale, and Bill Eidson, junior from Alton, were co-chairmen of a committee of almost ninety upperclassmen who worked with the Office of Student Affairs in making the week a huge success.

Some 2500 freshmen were put through a round of tests, tours and lectures. Including the residence centers, there are 3000 freshmen—another record at Southern.

Classes began September 23 and now students, old and new alike, seem to be settling down to a year of study.

Homecoming Committee Announces Schedule

It’s Salute to Southern—theme of this year’s Homecoming. The queen’s coronation will be the “royal salute”; the parade, a “musical salute”; the house decorations, a “literary salute”; the concert, the “jazz salute”; the dance, the "beauty salute”; and the coffee hours and get-togethers throughout the weekend are being designated as the “alumni salute.”

Les Brown and his orchestra will give a concert at 7:00 on Saturday night, November 9, and will play for the dance at 9:30. Tickets for the concert will be $1.50 per person if purchased in advance. Price at the door, $1.75. Tickets for the dance are $3.50 per couple in advance and $4.00 at the door. The stage shows at 7:00 and 9:00 will feature Betty Johnson, Hal Munro, the Billy Williams Quartet and Yonely, the comedian. Tickets for the stage shows, in advance, are $2.00, while at the door they will sell for $2.25.

The Alumni Office has cooperated with the various departments and organizations to make this the most eventful Homecoming in Southern’s history of reunions. More events will be announced later. Watch for your invitation. It will be in the mail later this month and will carry the complete schedule and information about making reservations.

The kickoff assembly will be held at 10:00 A.M. Thursday, November 7. The Homecoming queen will be crowned that evening at 7:30, and a reception for her will follow. On Friday evening there will be a bonfire and pep rally at 9:00. At this time house decoration winners will be announced. The Homecoming play, Lady in the Dark, will be presented at 7:00 Friday night and at 8:15 on Saturday evening.

Scheduled for Saturday morning, November 9, are: Arnold Air Society alumni coffee, W.A.A. varsity-alumni hockey game, Phi Kappa Tau alumni breakfast at 8:00; at 8:30 the A.C.E. alumni breakfast; at 9:00, the zoology department alumni coffee and the Industrial Education Club alumni coffee.

The Homecoming parade will start at 9:30. Also set for this hour are the W.A.A. alumni brunch and the Journalism Association alumni coffee. At 10:30 Alpha Gamma Delta alumnae (former Delta Sigma Epsilon) will have a brunch. From 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. the Agriculture Club will have a chicken bar-b-que on South Thompson Street. The public is invited. At 11:30 there will be the home economics coffee for alumni; at 12:30 the health education alumni coffee.

At 2:00 P.M. Southern will play Central Michigan in McAndrew Stadium. Following the football game coffees, teas and receptions will be held by Phi Kappa Tau, the Sphinx Club, Zeta Phi Eta, Sigma Kappa, Delta Zeta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Kappa Delta Pi, Johnson Hall, Sigma Sigma Sigma, the Student Christian Foundation, and Sigma Pi will have a smoker at 5:30. At 5:00 the Baptist Student Union will have an open house and chili supper.

Don’t forget the stage shows, the play, the concert and the Homecoming dance on Saturday. From 9:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. Sunday supper will be served at the University Cafeteria.
A Message From Your Alumni President

Dear Fellow Alumni:

September might mean “back to school” to some places but in dear old Southern Illinois it’s “on with Southern.” Yes, the extraordinary progress at SIU continues!

Growth brings added responsibility. The University is meeting the challenge that accompanies size. Quality has kept pace with the “quantity.” This is as it should be.

What about the Alumni of Southern? How about the Alumni Association? Where do we come into this bright picture? How separate can we be from the University itself? As one of your servants for this next year, I dare you to try and discount or ignore your own personal responsibility to yourself, your friends, and to Southern. Growth and progress are not automatic, be it at SIU or anywhere else. Our leaders and our supporters had to be doing things on purpose.

There are some tangible matters that you and I can take care of on purpose that will help Southern continue to move ahead; that will help the Alumni Association keep pace; that will help Southern be a dominant force for good throughout the wide area it is now serving.

1. Plan now to be at Homecoming on November 8 and 9 to witness the physical growth of Southern.
2. Act now to be a dues-paying member of the Alumni Association.
3. Attend your local alumni group meetings.
4. Let us know if you want to help organize a local alumni group in your area if none exists.
5. Call upon the University for area services and let your community know that Southern is an area institution.

Yes, with your active support we can expect continued progress — outward and upward.

Humbly,

Donald L. Bryant

Alumni Club News

Evansville

Uncertain weather made the “prophets” at the Evansville (Ind.) picnic September 12 decide to hold it in the basement of the N. W. Rosers (she was Opal Marlin, ’32). Of course it didn’t rain, but everyone enjoyed the bountiful meal.

It was Field Representative J. W. King’s birthday so they sang “Happy Birthday” as special thanks for his help in arranging the get-together.

C. E. Crawford, ex ’40, president of the club, made a few brief announcements and led discussion on plans for a group visit to the SIU campus.

Adults present put their names in a “hat” and three came up with prizes. Dean Lentz’ book, Seventy-Five Years in Retrospect, went to Mrs. Crawford (Kathryn Pell, ex ’41). Ray Hallam, ex ’47, took home a gift box of Southern Illinois apples, and John Hughes, ’49, and his wife won tickets to a football game at SIU, courtesy Alumni Services.

Plans are being made for a spring meeting, to be held at the Montgomery Tea Room on U.S. Highway 60, a few miles east of Henderson, Ky.

Chicago

The annual fall family picnic was held September 15 at Mannheim Woods, with 144 enjoying games for both adults and children, as well as lots of good food.

Russell Deason, ’34, was in charge of arrangements.

Campus representatives included Alumni Secretary Bob Odaniell, ’51, and Field Representative J. W. King, ’51.

Plans were announced for the spring meeting, to be held May 10, 1958. A special program from the campus is being arranged.

Chosen to co-chairman next year’s picnic were Bill Burns, ’50, and Ed Steckeneider, ex ’47.

Meetings Scheduled

White County picnic, September 29, Norris City Park; Macoupin County picnic, October 6, Beaver Dam Park; Randolph County dinner, October 10, gym of St. Mary’s Church in Chester; Washington County, October 17, Nashville High School; Pope County dinner, October 22, American Legion Home, 2 miles west of Golconda; Saline County, November 2, Junior High School in Harrisburg.

A number of other meetings have been tentatively scheduled throughout the entire year. When definite dates have been set, announcements will be made through the Alumnius, as well as by personal invitation.

Sponsoring Players

The Franklin County Alumni Club is sponsoring the Southern Players who will appear in Christopher on November 28. The Players will give two performances of She Stoops to Conquer, one for the high school pupils and one for adults, and will present Sleeping Beauty for elementary grades.

Please enroll me as a member of the Alumni Association.

☐ $4.00 One Year Membership
☐ $100.00 Life Membership (Minimum Annual Installment Payment $10.00)

☐ $5.00 One Year Family Membership (Husband and wife both Alumni) (Minimum Annual Installment Payment $12.50)

☐ $125.00 Family Life Membership (Husband and wife both Alumni)

Name ____________________________________________ (Married alumnae please give maiden and married name)

Address ____________________________________________

City and State _______________________________________

Occupation _________________________________________

Checks should be made payable to SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.
“Will the line be strong enough to support the backfield?” is the big question facing the Southern football team this year.

There is no lack of experience or depth in the backfield, as seven of the thirteen returning letter winners are backs. Heading them is Carver Shannon, junior from Corinth, Miss., who last year scored 90 points and gained 694 yards in 99 carries for two all-time SIU records.

Other backfield lettermen are quarterbacks Bill Norwood, Centralia, and Dave Wheeler, Chicago; halfbacks Cecil Hart, Hillsboro, and Ranette Lewis, East St. Louis, and fullback Charles Hamilton, Herrin.

Hamilton, reserve fullback last season, was the big gun in the backfield as Southern opened its season with a 25–12 win over Austin Peay State College at Clarksville, Tenn., Sept. 21. Hamilton gained almost 100 yards from scrimmage and scored one touchdown.

The center of Southern’s line held up well against Austin Peay, with Coach Al Kawal giving special praise to center John Abromovitch, Haverhill, Mass., and guards James Lynch, Benton, and Willie Brown, Memphis, Tenn.

“Tackle slots need some work,” said Kawal, but he added that the tackles were the least experienced members of the team and were working hard. Tackle Richard Carpenter, Centralia, was the only freshman in the SIU starting lineup against Austin Peay. He is being pushed for the first string position by Houston Antwine, Memphis, Tenn.

Southern opened its conference play against Western Illinois at Macomb Oct. 4, playing six straight conference games before closing the season at Great Lakes Naval Training Station Nov. 23. The Salukis’ Homecoming game will be Nov. 9 against Central Michigan.

Cross Country
Southern’s cross country team, headed by veteran coach Leland P. Lingle, opens its season by hosting Western Illinois October 12.

Other meets: Oct. 16—Southeast Missouri, here; Oct. 19—at Eastern Illinois; Oct. 26—Illinois Normal, here; Oct. 30—at Southeast Missouri; Nov. 2—Illinois State Meet at Macomb; Nov. 9—Conference Meet at Macomb.

Heading the list of returning lettermen is Captain Carl Meier, sophomore from Alton.

FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF. SIU’s head football coach Al Kawal, extreme left, talks with other members of his staff: Bill Bleyer, assistant coach; Jerry Hart, graduate assistant and junior varsity coach; Carmen Piccone, head backfield coach; Bob Franz, head line coach; and John Gelch, graduate assistant.

RECEIVING ROSCOE PULLIAM MEMORIAL ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIPS are Bill Eidson (left) and Carl Midjas. Making the presentation is Bob Ondianiell, ’51, alumni secretary. The scholarships are valued at $150, to be spread over a period of three terms. Eidson is a junior from Alton; Midjas, a senior from Carbondale. Alumni wishing to contribute to this alumni scholarship fund should make checks payable to the Roscoe Pulliam Memorial Alumni Scholarship Foundation and mail them to the Alumni Office at Carbondale.
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There will be a girls' physical education position open mid-term in a high school in central Illinois. The teaching combination could be English, speech, or social studies.

In 1958–59, more than 300 teachers will be needed in 37 overseas countries as exchange teachers on the elementary, secondary, and junior college levels.

A radio station in Montgomery County is advertising for an announcer. Salary, $80 for a 44-hour week.

A consultant in elementary education is needed by a Federal agency in the state of Connecticut. A doctor's degree is preferred, with supervisory experience and 10 years in the educational field. Salary, $8340 up.

A prominent grocery company in the midwest has listed openings for traveling auditors. Salary, $6000 up.

A southern Illinois industry has job opportunities for draftsmen and design engineers.

A large brewing company in Wisconsin has an opening for a bacteriologist. Salary good.

Two supervisory trainee positions are open with a large packing company in southern Illinois. Salary good.

Positions as time study engineers are open with a large shoe company in St. Louis. Opportunities would be in Illinois and Missouri.

Persons with agricultural training or agricultural background may apply as sales representatives for the Illinois Agricultural Association in northern Illinois. Work would be in insurance.

An oil company in 'Madison County has listed an opening for a technical librarian in its research laboratory. The candidate should be a woman with a degree in chemistry.

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

SOUTHERN SKETCHES

The newly-appointed director of choral activities is Robert Hines, who has been for the past five years director of music and choral director for General Motors Corporation. A visiting professor from the University of Michigan and Detroit Institute of Musical Art, Mr. Hines has been called "one of America's great young choral directors" . . . Dr. Bruce W. Merwin, professor of education, has retired. On disability leave since late 1950, Dr. Merwin served eight months as president of Southern (from April, 1944, to January, 1945, following the death of President Roscoe Pulliam) . . . Miss Julia M. Barber has also retired. Former assistant professor of English, Miss Barber began teaching at Southern in 1936 and has been on disability leave since November, 1949.

Southern's new co-ordinator of student activities is Miss Elizabeth Mullins, a native of Minnesota. She replaces Miss Elizabeth Greenleaf who resigned to become associate dean of students at San Jose (Calif.) State College. Miss Mullins did her graduate work at Miami University in Ohio and received her master's degree in counselling and guidance at the University of Illinois. She has taught high school in Cincinnati and was formerly on the dean of student's staff at Indiana University.

Miss Mullins will co-ordinate such events as New Student Week, Homecoming, Parents Day, Hospitality Week End, High School Guest Day, and Spring Festival. She will also serve as adviser for student government activities . . .

An $11,000 grant for yeast research from the American Cancer Society and the National Science Foundation has been awarded Dr. Maurice Ogor, associate professor in Southern's Biological Research Laboratory. In the cancer investigation, he will seek evidence to test the theory of German scientist Otto Warburg that cancer occurs when cells lose the ability to breathe. He will try to determine what effects substances that produce cancer in animals have on the respiration of yeast cells and whether substances known to be injurious to yeast "breathing" can cause cancer. Ogor's study for the National Science Foundation involves phosphorous compounds and yeast. He is trying to determine if yeasts store these compounds as a reserve source of energy . . .

Teaching Elementary School and Social Studies, a book by two SIU professors, has been published by William C. Brown Company. The authors are Dr. Victor R. Randolph, '35, and Dr. Clarence D. Samford, '26. The book is designed for college students planning to become teachers . . .

Carmine Ficocelli succeeds Dr. Maurits Kesnar as director of the Symphony Orchestra. The new conductor is a former pupil of Serge Koussevitsky and Pierre Monteux. He is founder and served as conductor of the Youngstown Symphony Orchestra; he was conductor of the Mansfield (Pa.) Symphony, and has served on the faculty at Indiana University and Mansfield State College. A brilliant violinist, he has been a member of the Indianapolis Symphony, Evansville Philharmonic, and the Corning Philharmonic. According to Dr. Henry A. Bruinma, chairman of Southern's music department, Ficocelli "brings to SIU a vision of great music with an energy and idealism which augurs well for the future here" . . .

In ceremonies held on the SIU campus September 21, 135 women were initiated into Alpha Gamma Delta, national social sorority. Ninety-six of this number were alumnae who were formerly affiliated with Delta Sigma Epsilon. The other forty were student members of Nu Delta Sigma, local sorority at Southern occupying the former Delta Sigma Epsilon chapter house at 800 South University Ave.