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ENROLLMENT BOOM UPS SIU BUDGET REQUESTS

Caught short by an “unprecedented” enrollment boom, Southern Illinois University will ask the Illinois State Legislature to increase its operating budget by nearly $25 million for the next biennium and to provide $62 million for capital improvements.

The request for $47,807,889 in operating funds for 1959-61 is more than double the $22,902,139 the University received for the current biennium.

The capital budget approved by the Board of Trustees November 25 was upped substantially over the request of two years ago because of the failure of the state building bond issue at the polls November 4. President D. W. Morris had said earlier that Southern’s $41 million share of the bond issue would build only enough buildings for its current enrollment of 10,418, and 3,300 more students are expected by 1960.

Commenting on the greatly increased area interest in higher education which has resulted in new opportunities and programs at SIU, Dr. Morris pointed out that the University’s enrollment has increased by 7,267 students since the post-war peak, a gain of some 2,000 more than all the other state colleges and universities combined. While most schools across the country just now are approaching their record totals of 1948 and 1949, Southern’s student body has been enlarged by 329 per cent.

As a “new” university with obligations to an area that “has long suffered from a deficiency in higher education facilities,” Dr. Morris reported that SIU also had more than 9,000 students in over 400 extension and adult education classes off the campus last year. Another 35,600 attended non-credit workshops and conferences at the University.

The capital improvements budget Southern will submit to the General Assembly includes $20 million for new buildings on the Carbondale campus and $14 million for construction on a proposed new campus near Edwardsville. Civic leaders and alumni in the Madison-St. Clair Counties area now are conducting a fund drive to purchase the site.

The University will ask for a $6,876,030 increase in operating revenues to take care of an expected 1,700 additional resident enrollment in 1959 and another 1,575 the following year. Because enrollment for 1957-59 ran more than 2,300 over the total predicted before the last appropriations were made, $6,300,000 more is needed to put Southern’s operational level on a par with that of 1955-57, the budget states.

Another $2,663,900 will be sought for general salary increases and nearly $2 million to improve base salary levels in line with recommendations of the President’s Committee on Education and the Illinois Commission of Higher Education. The budget request notes that it will be necessary to double faculty salaries over last year’s levels by 1967 if SIU is to be in a “desirable competitive position” to attract and hold qualified personnel.

Other sizable increases in the operating budget include $1,203,200 for research, and $1,358,500 to enable Southern to extend its summer session from eight to 12 weeks. The longer summer term would permit students to graduate sooner by attending classes year-round, and thus would make more facilities available for students seeking admission to the University.

Elsewhere in the budget request, University officials point out that the majority of the 583 students who applied for admission this fall but did not enroll were unable to find housing or get into classes they needed.

In the capital improvements budget, the University lists seven buildings and additions for priority construction, including a Physical Education and Military Training Building, College of Education, and an Industrial Education and Technology Building. Some $6,600,000 will be requested for completion of present buildings, and $2,360,000 for renovation of older structures.

Initial construction on the proposed Edwardsville campus would include two classroom buildings, totaling $6 million, a Physical Education Building, a Library, Natural Sciences Building, and Power Plant. Land development and architectural and engineering planning there would require another $6 million, according to the budget request.
With Alumni Clubs

Members of the Macon County Alumni Chapter in Decatur met November 6 to hear President D. W. Morris speak on SIU matters and state legislation concerning the University. Mrs. Morris also was a guest.

The dinner meeting attended by 58 people was held in the Redwood Inn of the Scovil Country Club. Elected that evening were President C. Wayne King '50, Vice President Armeaddie Klamp Rice '42, and Secretary-Treasurer Don W. Albright '56, M.S. '57. Robert Ernest, ex '13, immediate past president and now a member of the board, presided.

Robert Odaniell '51, executive secretary of the SIU Alumni Association, and Jay King '51, field representative, attended the meeting.

Champaign

Prof. Ralph A. Micken, chairman of the SIU Speech Department, was guest speaker at a meeting November 18 of the Champaign Area Alumni Chapter. He told of the growth of the University, its various projects and its building program. Mr. Odaniell and Mr. King, of the Alumni office, also were guests at the meeting held in the Garden Room of the Urbana-Lincoln Hotel.

New officers elected that evening are W. A. Bozarth '41, Tuscola, president; Gerald Obrecht '47, Rantoul, vice president; and Mrs. William Margrave (Mildred Kirby '34-2, '36), Champaign, secretary-treasurer. James L. O'Malley '35, Champaign, is immediate past president.

Macoupin County

The Macoupin County Alumni Chapter met November 19 at Fazio's Steak House in Benld. Guests were SIU Football Coach Al Kawal, Football Capt. Cecil Hart, of Hillsboro, and Jay King '51, of the Alumni office. Charles R. Heinz '50, Gillespie, president of the group, presided at the meeting.

Next meeting will be held in the spring, the place and date to be announced later.

St. Louis

The Missouri Alumni Chapter of St. Louis will hold its Christmas party on Saturday, December 27, at the Bel-Aire Motel, St. Louis.

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Sports at Southern

by Bill Young '54

Determined Northern Illinois University crushed the Salukis' Interstate Conference title hopes with a 17-7 win in the 1958 football finale at DeKalb.

Southern went into the game tied for first in the league with Western and Central Michigan. A victory would have brought Coach Al Kawal's team at least a tie for the championship.

While the Huskies were bottling up the Saluki attack, Western roared from behind in the second half to win undisputed possession of the crown by downing Central Michigan, 38-23. The Leathernecks trailed 7-0 at halftime, but came back with one of their nail-chewing finishes.

Southern and Central finished in a tie for second with a 4-2 record. The season mark of 7-2 was the best SIU year since the undefeated season of 1930. It also was the best year since the 1947 Conference and Corn Bowl champions who won seven, lost two, and tied one.

Three Saluki veterans were named to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics District 20 all-star football team. All-conference Tackle Houston Antwine and Guard Willie Brown, both of Memphis, Tenn., and Halfback Carver Shannon, Corinth, Miss., made the select honorary team.

Shannon; Antwine; Brown; Paul Brostrom, Chicago; Bill Norwood, Centralia; Capt. Cecil Hart, Hillsboro; Richard Carpenter, Centralia; and Lane Jenkins, Lake Charles, La., received all-IIAC recognition.

Shannon also was nominated for the Football Writers Association of America's All-American team. The football writers select the team named in Look Magazine.

Cross Country

Southern's cross country team closed its most successful season in several years with a fifth place finish in the NCAA small college meet at Wheaton.

Coach Leland P. (Doc) Lingle's runners, competing against cross country men from schools all over the country, finished fifth, 21st, 25th, 47th, 48th, and 56th in a field of 95.

John Flamer, brilliant freshman runner from Yonkers, N. Y., finished fifth in the grueling four-mile race with a time of 21:11.

Other Saluki finishers were Lee King, Pleasant Plains; Ron Dunbar, Alton; Capt. Carl Meier, Altamont; Mahlon Mahoney, Peoria; and Dale Gleghorn, Sparta.

The 1958 record: W 6, L 2.

Basketball

Coach Harry Gallatin named a 12-man varsity squad as the Salukis prepared for the season opener December 1 against Austin Peay State.

Heading the list of front line players is Capt. Seymour Bryson, Quincy. Others on the top 11 are Harold Bardo, Sparta; Don Hepler, Champaign; Randy McClary, Milltown, Ind.; Tom McGreal, Rantoul; Garrison Newsom, Shawneetown; Dick Ruggles, Quincy, Mass.; Gene Sams, Alton; and Freshman Jim Gualdoni, Herrin; Charles Vaughn, Tamms, and Gene Velloff, Alton transfer student.

Southern will open a 10-game home slate December 6. Tickets are $1.50 and are on sale at SIU ticket office.

Gymnastics

Southern's sophomore-studded gymnastics team will open its season December 6 at the Midwest Open Championships in Chicago. The Salukis then will travel to Sarasota, Fla., where they will participate in the National Gymnastics Clinic, the North-South Championships, and the Roy E. Moore Memorial Meet.

The Salukis' first home meet is January 9 against Indiana University.

Swimming

Coach Ralph Casey's swimmers open an 11-meet schedule December 6 at the University of Kansas. Last year the Salukis defeated the Jayhawks 48-38 in the SIU pool.

The first home meet is slated January 17 with Missouri Mines.

Wrestling

The Salukis will be shooting for another undefeated wrestling season December 5 when they travel to Champaign for the Illinois Tournament. Last season Southern placed third in the meet and then compiled a 9-0 record.

Southern will open the dual season at home December 13 against Central Michigan.
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A representative for the Cook County schools will be on campus January 26 to interview applicants for positions in that system. Vacancies exist in all grades.

An opportunity for a woman in YWCA work in central Illinois—job is that of program director of health, physical education and recreation.

U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service seeks candidates for border patrol work on the Mexican border. Grade GS-7; salary, $4,980.

High school librarian in Will County needed for second semester. Salary, $460 per month.

Opening for women's physical education instructor in Cook county junior college. Master's degree required. Open February 2.


Large industrial feed company in midwestern city wants a press relations executive. Must have degree in journalism, agriculture, or communications with aptitude for speaking or writing.

Positions now open for chemists in chemical company in southern Illinois.


Teachers—from kindergarten through sixth grade—needed for December by large city in Kane County. New building. Salary, $4,200.

Wanted by pharmaceutical company in Indiana—organic chemist, woman chemist, associate pharmaceutical chemist (male), starting January 15. Salary open.

Sales-advertising position is listed by central Illinois newspaper for now or second semester.

Mathematics and English instructor wanted for junior high school in a northern Illinois city.

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

SOUTHERN SKETCHES

At the annual conference of the Industrial Design Education Association at Georgia Tech University this fall, Harold L. Cohen, associate professor of design and chairman of SIU’s two-year old department, was elected chairman of the mid-western region. Before joining Southern’s faculty he and David Pratt, another faculty member, had the Chicago design firm, Designers in Production . . . Dr. Roye R. Bryant ’28-2,’30, Placement Service director, is president of the Midwest College Placement Association, a group of 850 college and university placement directors and business and industrial personnel directors from nine states.

A federal grant of $38,606 has been given Southern for continuing employment training for mentally retarded children—the only project of its kind connected with a university. The grant came from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, which already had contributed $30,649. The University will add $24,980 to the federal funds to operate the program until November of 1959 . . . In April famed violinist Joseph Szigeti will be on campus to assist in string instruction for area teenagers. A $2,000 Rockefeller Foundation grant has made possible the visit of Mr. Szigeti, who also will appear in a public solo recital and perform with the Southern Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

Harry F. Truitt, Vandalia banker, has been re-elected president of the Educational Council of 100, an organization of community leaders and school people working to improve education at all levels in southern Illinois. Robert Krebs, druggist and president of the board of Mt. Vernon School District 80 and past president of Illinois Association of School Boards, was named “School Board Member of the Year” for 1958 by the council.

Southern Illinois University is a new member of the Association of Urban Universities, becoming eligible because of the extent to which its residence centers have been developed in Madison and St. Clair Counties. AUU membership includes university presidents and chief executive officers of off-campus divisions and represents the largest public and private urban universities in the nation.

Eight coeds are enrolled in the University’s Women’s Air Force ROTC program, making it one of the largest WAF enrollments in the country. The training wing was started here in September of 1956 as one of 10 pilot programs in the nation. First graduate, Lt. Carol Cockrum Walker ’58, is on active duty at Harlingen, Texas, Air Force base, where her husband is stationed . . . Two of the 22 works by SIU faculty and student artists were prize winners in the Tri-State Art Exhibit at Evansville, Ind., Museum of Arts and Sciences.

Two members of the faculty recently were given honor awards at the annual banquet of the Illinois Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Cited for outstanding service were C. C. Franklin and Helen Zimmerman, both of the Physical Education Department.

Nearly 2,000 persons participated in Southern’s 1958 camping program, a 30 per cent increase over last year. Recent completion of a new camp for the handicapped, called “Little Giant,” will provide facilities for even more campers next year. Two new programs were conducted during this past summer—family camping for alumni and a two-week camp for cerebral palsied adults . . . The Symphony Orchestra is celebrating its 10th season with a series of concerts featuring major works by Beethoven. This is the second season for Conductor Carmine Ficocelli.