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TRUSTEES APPROVE RECORD BOND SALE

A record bond sale of $7,600,000 was approved by the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees at its regular monthly meeting January 27.

The bonds cover a $4,600,000 fund for a new University Center and a $3,000,000 federal loan for housing. The amount is covered in three bonds, one to the Illinois state government for its share of the loan for the center, and two to the federal government, one for $2,300,000 for the center and the other for the $3,000,000 housing loan.

The joint state-federal loan for the University Center is without precedent in the United States, according to the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency. Officials in Washington said it was the first time a state had matched such a loan to an educational institution.

Housing covered by the $3,000,000 loan now is under construction at Thompson Point and on SIU's Dowdell tract. Bids are to be opened February 10 for construction of the center on South Thompson Street.

At the meeting the board re-elected John Page Wham '22-2, Centralia attorney, as its chairman; Lindell W. Sturgis, Metropolis, as vice chairman; Melvin C. Lockard, ex '24, Mattoon, as secretary.

Kenneth L. Davis '36, Harrisburg, and Harold R. Fischer, Granite City, were named to represent the University trustees on a liaison committee to the Commission of Higher Education.

George T. Wilkins '29-2, '37, Edwardsville, new Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Illinois who took office last month, attended his first meeting as a member of the SIU board.

Other members of the board are Mrs. Stella Collins, West Frankfort, and Martin F. Oehmke, East St. Louis. Mrs. Louise Morehouse is recorder.

In other action the trustees divided the Department of Secondary Education into a Department of Higher Education and a Department of Secondary Education and these will be activated in the College of Education July 1. Courses dealing with the preparation of teachers for colleges, universities, junior colleges, and the like, currently offered in Southern's Department of Secondary Education, will be offered in a Department of Higher Education.

The board also authorized the Department of Geology to offer work leading to a master's degree.

Variety of Classrooms at SIU

If variety is the spice of life, then students and faculty at SIU have a zestful lot as they meet, work, and study in a variety of buildings ranging from Quonset huts to former homes. But such surroundings are not an ideal environment for the best in education.

A survey just released by University Architect Charles Pulley shows that despite a construction gain of 23 new buildings since 1955, Southern Illinois University now is pressing into service more temporary barns, barracks, Quonset huts, and houses than ever before.

SIU now maintains 184 temporary buildings covering 608,490 square feet of space. Tagged for instruction, housing, dining, and service, these structures are located on the Carbondale, Southern Acres, and Little Grassy Lake campus sites.

During the same three-year period, new construction boosted available permanent space to slightly more than 1,189,000 square feet, a 521,000 square foot gain, virtually all of it on the main campus. The new building list ranges from Morris Library to pumphouses.

All Southern Acres (Vocational Technical Institute) campus buildings are listed as temporary, most of them being leftovers from the old Illinois Ordnance Plant location.

The inventory also reports 24 permanent buildings now under construction which, when completed, will boost classroom, living, and service space by another 316,498 square feet. Not included is the new Student Center, a projected four-story, 445-foot long building now out for bids.

Although new construction has helped ease the housing and classroom pinch in the last three years, continued enrollment pressures forced Southern Illinois to add another 121,000 square feet of temporary space during the same time. SIU's space assets totaled to date, including buildings under construction: 2,114,981 square feet. Which sounds like quite a bit but is far from enough.
An Invitation Is Extended

An invitation is extended by the SIU Alumni Association to all alumni and former students of Southern Illinois University to take part in as many of its activities as possible during the next several months.

Achievement Awards

Inaugurated in 1957, the Alumni Achievement Awards program was presented last year for the first time. Cited for outstanding professional achievement were Dr. Percival Bailey '12, Richard Browne '19-2, Charles R. Sattgast '21-2, and Judge Fred L. Wham, ex '05. Honored for service to the University and the Alumni Association were Dr. James W. Barrow '98-2, Robert Browne '13-2, Robert W. Teeter '04-2, and W. W. Vandeveer, ex '09.

No doubt you know of other alumni who should be recognized. Send your nominations with clear, concise reasons for your choice and with as much complete biographical data as possible to Robert Odaniell, Alumni Office, Carbondale. Deadline for nominations is Monday, February 16—so there is not a moment to lose.

Any alumnus or former student of Southern is eligible to nominate candidates. With the exception of members of the present faculty or board of trustees and the current president of the Alumni Association, any alumnus or former student is eligible for nomination.

Award winners will be honored at the Alumni Banquet on Alumni Day, Saturday, June 13. Awards are in the form of citations.

Alumni Club Workshop

This month—on Saturday, February 21—the second annual Alumni Club Officers' Workshop will be held on the Carbondale campus.

A panel of University personnel, with President D. W. Morris presiding, will brief the club officers on the state of the University, its programs and plans.

Panels on promoting alumni club attendance, holding regular meetings and special events, how alumni can help with legislative activities, programming, and other topics pertaining to clubs are scheduled.

A conducted tour of the campus will show how SIU has grown and continues to grow. Luncheon and an evening banquet will be held in the University Cafeteria. On Saturday evening delegates and guests will attend the Southern-Central Michigan basketball game.

An agenda of the workshop has been mailed to all alumni clubs, together with reservation blanks. Make reservations as quickly as possible and state how many are to be made for the luncheon and the banquet and whether game tickets are desired.

Club Meetings

On the spring calendar are the following club meetings:

- March 7—Springfield
- April 10—White County
- April 17—St. Clair County
- April 27—Madison County
- May 5—Macon County
- May 9—Chicago

The Alumni Association will have an alumni lounge in the Inman Hotel in Champaign during the Illinois High School State Basketball Tournament March 20-21.

Alumni Day

Alumni Day is Saturday, June 13. Scheduled are campus tours, teas, receptions, and, of course, time for general visiting and reminiscing.

Reunions held that weekend will be for all classes ending in four and nine, plus the youngest group of alumni, the Class of 1958. All reunion classes will be notified and given the opportunity to help plan their programs.

The Alumni Banquet is held in the evening of Alumni Day. The Alumni Achievement Awards will be presented, as well as association life membership certificates, and 50th anniversary alumni certificates.

The Alumni Association Legislative Council, composed of one member of the association from each class of graduates, will hold its sixth regular meeting on June 13. It will elect three members to the Alumni Board of Directors. Lists will be sent to members of the even-numbered classes for nominating their representatives, first alternate, and vice alternate to the council. Be sure to vote.

Summer Camp

For the second year the SIU Alumni Association will hold its Alumni Family Vacation Camp on the shores of Little Grassy Lake, 15 minutes from the Carbondale campus. Dates are August 16 through 22 and August 23 through 29.

The camping week extends from Sunday evening through Saturday breakfast. Rates for adults are $27.50; for children under 12, $22.50; and for children under three, $12.50. These rates include meals.

All types of outdoor activity will be available, and recreation is supervised.

The camping program is open to all members of the Alumni Association and their families. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, July 15. More detailed information will be given later.

Two Requests

Notice to alumni archivists who have been saving copies of the Southern Alumnus—if you have any copies dating back before July of 1955 and you would like to discard them, the Alumni Office would like to receive them for purposes of binding them in complete volumes.

Second request—any alumnus in the travel, resort, or recreational fields is asked to send information and pictures concerning his business to the Alumni Office. A directory is being compiled and will be published for the information of other alumni traveling or vacationing throughout the country.
New Football Coach

Carmen Piccone, M.S. '57, has been named Southern’s new head football coach, succeeding Al Kawal who resigned. The appointment was announced at the January 27 meeting of the SIU Board of Trustees.

Piccone, 29, came to Southern along with Kawal from Temple University, Philadelphia, in the fall of 1955. At Temple Piccone was backfield coach to Kawal for two years.

Before joining the Temple staff, Piccone was an outstanding quarterback for the Owls. At South Philadelphia High School, he was a prep football star, earning recognition on the All-Public Schools team.

Kawal, whose teams at SIU won 20, lost 15, and tied two, probably will remain on the Southern Physical Education staff. After graduation from Northwestern University in 1935, he coached at Boston University until 1941 when he joined the staff at Michigan State. He went to Drake University in 1947 and to Temple two years later.

The remainder of the 1959 coaching staff will include Bob Franz, M.S. '53, line coach; Andy Vaughan, end coach; and Harry Shay, quarterback coach.

Sports at Southern

by Bill Young '54

Coach Harry Gallatin’s fast-break offense began to move in high gear last month as the Salukis hit their stride with five wins in a row to move into second place in the Interstate Conference.

Southern’s youngsters could have been in first place in the league, but the use of an ineligible player caused the forfeiture of an earlier win over Western Illinois. The Salukis had to give up a 94-92 decision taken from the Leathernecks at Macomb.

Southern then hit the defending league champs with a 91-86 setback on the home court to move to a 3-2 conference mark. Seven league games remain on the docket.

Charlie Vaughn, sweet-shooting freshman from Tamms, continues to pace the Salukis in scoring. The rookie forward has pumped in 370 points in 15 games for a 24.7 point average per game.

Capt. Seymour Bryson, Quincy, is in second place with 290 points—a 19.3 average. Bryson also is the top rebounder with 151. Vaughn is a close second with 142 grabs.

The Salukis make their first appearance in the Chicago Stadium February 7 against Wheaton College, fifth-ranked among the nation’s small schools. The Southern-Wheaton clash is the second half of a double header in the stadium. First game is between Loyola of Chicago and Marquette.

Francis Florian, freshman guard from Orient, suffered a sprained ankle on the Salukis’ Michigan trip and sat out the Eastern Illinois contest. Freshman Jim Gualdoni, Herrin, picked up the slack.

Swimming

The Saluki swimming pool now resembles a meeting of the United Nations. Two swimmers from opposite sides of the world are giving Ralph Casey’s splashers the look of conference champions. Norbert Rumpel, breaststroker from Schweinfurt, Germany, and Jim Fountain, free stylist from Melbourne, Australia, paced the Salukis to three straight wins at the beginning of the term to bring their record to 3-1.

Walt Rodgers, Landover Hills, Md., freshman, and Verne Wilhelm, Chicago freshman, did their bit as the swimmers set records every meet. Against the hapless Missouri Miners, Southern cracked 12 marks—six school and six pool records.

Rumpel was only three-tenths of a second off the American and National Collegiate marks as he swept to victory in the 200-yard breaststroke in 2.24.7.

Conference strokers will gather at Southern March 6-7 for the league championships. Southern and defending champs Central Michigan rate as early favorites.

Wrestling

The wrestling Salukis remain undefeated with 18 in a row and five straight this year. Their last defeat was in February, 1957, at the hands of Indiana.

The addition of Co-captain Herman Ayres, Harvey, IIAC 157-pound champ, and Jim Bledsoe, Granite City, league 123-pound champ, gave Jim Wilkinson a chance for another undefeated season.

With four remaining matches after the Illinois-Indiana bouts, Southern is pointing for the league championships here. The Salukis meet defending champs Northern Illinois in the final meet before the championships. Southern finished second to the Huskies last year.

Gymnastics

Coach Bill Meade’s gymnasts took it on the chin twice from Michigan and Michigan State before tackling Big Ten titlist, Illinois, in a home meet.

John Taylor, junior from West Palm Beach, Fla., is the top performer for the first three matches. The all-around competitor has scored 37 points in the high bar, side horse, free exercise, and parallel bar events.
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A caseworker is needed in a Madison County town for a Co-ordinated Youth Service organization. A psychology background is necessary.

A high school in a northern town is looking for a person to be head of its Home Economics Department, starting in the fall of 1959. Salary $5,000 up.

A time study engineer is needed by a company in a central Illinois town. Salary $6,000 up.

A commercial teacher is needed for second semester in a Madison County town. The position calls for shorthand, typing, bookkeeping.

A grocery company in the Granite City area is seeking a home economist for home demonstration work.

A prominent steel company in the East is looking for business management trainees, treasury trainees . . . starting in Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Cleveland.

A nationally-known soup company has employment opportunities for trainees in marketing, purchasing, personnel, accounting, production, and industrial engineering.

An industrial home and service for the blind in Cook County is looking for a teacher of industrial arts and crafts. Position open now. Salary is $4,644.

Salesmen are needed by an insurance company in southern Illinois. Salary open.

Opportunities for Librarian II and Librarian III in the State of California are open. Salaries range from $395 to $530. Final date for application is February 20, 1959. California residence not required.

A counselor is needed by a high school in Rock Island. Applicant must be a woman with three to five years' experience. Master's degree preferred. Position open now. Salary $4,800 up.

Opportunities are available to persons in health education work with the Illinois Tuberculosis Association. A representative will be on the campus February 18 to interview candidates.

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

SOUTHERN SKETCHES

SOME 30 students are enrolled in Southern's first adult night class in Russian. Believed to be the first non-credit adult class of its kind in the Midwest, the 12-week session meets for two-and-a-half hours once a week. Two-thirds of the class are mechanical and chemical engineers from Olin Mathieson Corporation's Ordill plant. The class was scheduled after their suggestion for such a course in order that they could read Soviet technical journals. During the spring term a follow-up course will cover "technical" Russian. Prof. Anna Neufeld, of the Department of Foreign Languages and teacher of Russian here the last two years, is instructor for the adult class . . .

Prof. William C. Westberg, of the Psychology Department, is the 1959 president of the Carbondale Community Council. He had served as vice president last year . . .

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2605, Carbondale, presented the ROTC a flag given it by the U. S. Navy, one flown in battle by a ship of the "Missouri" class . . .

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