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A Year of Building, Physically and Academically—

SIU’S REPORT FOR 1959

The uneventful shipment of a couple of office desks from East St. Louis to Edwardsville may one day stand out in Southern Illinois University's record books as the highlight of a year crowded with big doings and big names.

Late in 1959 several University administrators moved from temporary offices in a hotel to former dwellings on the site of the proposed Southwestern Illinois Campus just outside Edwardsville. Some 1,400 acres already have been acquired by virtue of a fund campaign to which 60,000 persons have contributed.

If money for buildings is provided, the populous Madison-St. Clair County region eventually may have a permanent four-year SIU branch to absorb a big percentage of the 30,000 students expected within the next generation. This fall the Carbondale campus and SIU Centers at Alton and East St. Louis registered more than 11,000 degree students, a jump of nearly 1,000 in just one year and triple the number in 1953.

On the main campus it was a year of frantic construction to provide more housing space and classrooms. Governor Stratton visited the campus in May to dedicate plaques at 17 new housing units for more than 700 residents, including married students and families. He also laid the cornerstone for a $4,600,000 University Center—currently the biggest single building project in southern Illinois—which is scheduled for first stage completion in 1961.

In September students occupied a $2,200,000 Home Economics Building while workmen put finishing touches on a Campus Lake and attendant facilities to soften the blow of an impending campus ban on all student autos.

Also at Carbondale a student body of nearly 8,000 attended classes meeting from 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. while workshops, conferences, and institutes brought another 90,000 persons to the campus during the year. SIU faculty and relief instructors taught extension and adult education classes that drew upwards of 13,000 persons in more than 100 southern Illinois towns.

To keep things on an even keel the Board of Trustees during the year approved administrative changes, tightened entrance requirements for fall term admission of students, and hiked tuition. To allow President D. W. Morris and his staff more time for educational planning and review, the board approved the appointment of Dean John E. Grinnell of the SIU College of Education as vice president of the Carbondale campus. Harold W. See had been appointed vice president of the Southwestern Illinois campus earlier.

Academically SIU made spectacular strides. One of the nation's few departments of higher education for the training of future college teachers was created at Southern. The "comprehensive philosophy" of SIU's Design Department attracted to the staff R. Buckminster Fuller, one of the great engineering pioneers of the 20th century.

Publications of the University Press and rare book collections in the Library earned the University new respect among intellectuals, including those who attended a three-day symposium here on D. H. Lawrence and James Joyce.

Visiting professorships drew such outstanding personalities as Artist Herman Cherry; Milton Shieh, consultant to Chiang Kai-Shek; Lloyd B. Sharp, national director of Outdoor Education Association; W. David Evans, coal geologist from England; Educator Harold Benjamin; and George Washington Bell, secretary of the American Economic Association.

The full-time teaching staff at Alton and East St. Louis Centers was increased by 47 per cent in the face of heavy September enrollment, and two-thirds of the newcomers had doctorates.

Researchers at Carbondale received encouragement in the form of extensive grants from outside agencies. The Rehabilitation Institute was awarded $92,000 in federal and state funds to expand campus facilities for the handicapped and $77,000 for a summer workshop for job counselors to the blind.

Psychologists Leslie Malpass and Neil Carrier received $45,000 for a study of the effects of emotional tension on child behavior, and the Special Education Department was given $31,000 for an employment training project for the mentally retarded. The National Science Foundation singled out SIU for a summer institute for high school biology teachers, college preview science courses for high schoolers, and graduate fellowships in microbiology—for which the foundation put up nearly $90,000.

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Alumni Meetings in Florida

Later this month Alumni Secretary Robert Odaniell and Field Representative Jacob King will go to Florida to attend three meetings. They will be in the Orlando area February 25, St. Petersburg-Tampa area February 26, and Miami area February 27.

Alumni living in or visiting these places are invited to attend—and to bring their husbands and wives. Mission of the two SIU alumni is to report on the University—with slides and films, question-answer sessions. Mr. Odaniell will speak.

For Orlando alumni a dinner meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M. Thursday, February 25, at D-Agostino’s Villanova, 839 North Mill, Winter Park. Forest M. Buxton ’41, Maitland, Fla. (Phone MI-7-0971) is chairman. Dinner is $3.75 per person, including gratuity, and reservations must be made.

Leila V. Partee ’50, 321 West Amelia, Tampa, is in charge of the St. Petersburg-Tampa dinner meeting Friday, February 26, at 7 P.M. at the Hillsborough Hotel, Downtown, Florida Avenue, Tampa. Reservations must be made for the dinner, $2.50 a person.

Spring Meetings

Fieldman Jay King reports these spring meetings of alumni clubs:
- February 17—Bond-Clinton Counties, Carlyle
- March 25—Perry County at Du Quoin
- April 8—Saline County at Harrisburg Junior High School
- April 9—Springfield Area
- April 21—Randolph County at Sparta
- April 23—Franklin County at West Frankfort
- April 28—Richland County
- May 7—Chicago area; Missouri Chapter at St. Louis
- May 9—Peoria Area.

Alumni Day

Alumni Association President Martin

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Rejoins Alumni Staff

It was like old home week around the Alumni Office last month when William F. Price ’48, M.A. ’49, rejoined the staff as a field representative. He had served in that post in 1949 and 1950 before heading for upstate Illinois to study law and become a barrister.

A native of Texico, Bill had been a campus leader while attending SIU before and after World War II (he saw duty with Naval Intelligence and the Submarine Service in the Pacific). In 1950 he went to Springfield to attend Lincoln Law School and work as farm director for Radio Station WMAY. Later he went to Chicago to study at DePaul Law School. He was admitted to the Illinois Bar in 1955 and stayed in Chicago to practice until last month.

In 1952 he married the former Holly Chones ’47 and they have a four-year-old daughter Debra. Mrs. Price was a psychiatric social worker with Cook County Welfare Department’s Division of Child Welfare in Chicago.

Bill joins Jay King ’51, field representative since 1955, in organizing and strengthening alumni clubs and the alumni program.

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Sports at Southern

by Bill Young ’55

Coach Harry Gallatin’s basketball Salukis turned into the homestretch of the Interstate Conference race tied for the lead with Northern Illinois. Both SIU and the Huskies stand at 5-1, .03 percentage points ahead of second-place Western Illinois, with six league games remaining.

Charlie Vaughn continues to be bad news to Saluki foes. Big Charlie, switched to guard when Capt. Dick Ruggles suffered an ankle injury, has netted 451 points in 17 games—a 26.5 average—to lead the Salukis to a 12-5 season record. Vaughn also is top rebounder, averaging 10.8 per game.

Rounding out the top five in scoring are Don Hepler, 206; Tom McGreal, 180; Jim Gualdoni, 152, and Randy McClary, 105.

The flu bug laid a heavy hand on the varsity, but fortunately the bad luck came during a two-week lull in the schedule. Vaughn spent two days in the hospital; McGreal and Hepler came down with milder cases of the virus.

Willie Brown, Southern’s all-star guard and linebacker the past four seasons, signed a professional football contract with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League. He can vote and can be elected. Send in your dues immediately and be eligible.

Other Alumni Events

The third annual Alumni Club Officers Workshop will be held Saturday, March 12 in conjunction with a meeting of the SIU Foundation. The workshop will be at University School, with registration starting at 9 A.M., and luncheon at Woody Hall. Jay King is in charge of the workshop.

Secretary Robert Odaniell will be host at the SIU Lounge in the Inman Hotel during the Illinois State High School Basketball Tournament in Champaign March 17, 18, and 19.

SIU wrestlers lost their first dual match in over two years January 16, falling to Oklahoma State’s defending national champions, 31-3, at Stillwater. Coach Jim Wilkinson got his team back on the winning track with a 31-2 triumph over Ritenour YMCA of St. Louis to run the SIU record to a 2-1 for the year. Southern will defend its Interstate Conference title March 4-5 at Western Illinois.

After four years and six trips, the Saluki gymnastics team finally whipped the powerful Big Ten Champions from Illinois, 58½-53½. In the same meet Coach Bill Meade’s squad swamped the Air Force Academy 82-29 to make the Salukis a definite threat in the NCAA, where they finished seventh last year. More Big Ten competition is on tap as Michigan, Michigan State, Illinois, and Minnesota pay calls. SIU was 5-1 going into the Michigan meet January 29.

Saluki swimmers defended their Central AAU title January 29-30 in Chicago. Coach Ralph Casey’s men set three records last year to edge North Central College 70-68 for the team title at the meet. Southern faces dual meets with Loyola University, Eastern Illinois, Illinois State, Washington University, Chicago, and North Central before defending its IIAC title March 4-5 in league championships at Western Illinois.
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Large department store in Chicago area seeks trainees for food services, including work in home economics, institution management, dietetics, and restaurant management.

Position open in Cook County for chemistry teacher at high school and junior college level for February 1. Master's degree required.

An Indiana teachers college lists openings for persons under 45 with doctorate degrees in fields of business education, education, library science, mathematics, science, and social science.

State university in New York state needs instructors in banking, insurance, and real estate for a technical institute. Master's degree and some teaching experience required. Salary $6,500 up.

U.S. Air Force Dependent Schools will need 100 secondary teachers next year. Candidates will be interviewed in St. Louis at Missouri State Employment Service, Broadway and Washington, February 26-27, 8 A.M.-4 P.M.

California college needs an activities adviser, female, between 25 and 35, for work, including being social chairman and editing New Student Handbook. Personal visit required. Salary $4,980 up.

Large feed company in St. Louis area needs publications trainer with agricultural and writing background.

Museum in large Ohio city wants a planetarium curator.

St. Louis area metal corporation seeks sales engineers, engineering supervisor trainees, welding engineers, and draftsmen.

Boys school for emotionally disturbed children needs male teacher for seventh and eighth grades. Applicant must be mature, stable, athletically inclined. Salary open.

American Red Cross is recruiting for recreation workers, social workers, and assistant field directors for U.S. and abroad.

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

SOUTHERN SKETCHES

Twenty-six men students from SIU are traveling to Murphysboro by bus once a week during the winter term for a P.E. course in ice skating at the Murphysboro Ice Rink. Robert Magnus, graduate student from Wisconsin, is in charge of the class. Next winter women students also will be able to take the course.

Two books in the 1959 fall series published by the SIU Press are among the 23 winning entries in the Fourth Midwestern Book Competition, “Benjamin West and the Taste of His Times,” by Grose Evans, and “University Portrait: Nine Paintings,” by Mrs. Carolyn Gassen Plochmann were the two winners. The SIU Press has won an award in each of the three years it has entered this competitive show.

Royal Society to Hear Moore

Harry T. Moore, professor of English, during a trip abroad next summer, will speak to the Royal Society of Literature, in which he is a fellow. He is one of the few Americans ever invited to speak to the RSL, whose members include W. Somerset Maugham, Dame Edith Sitwell, Graham Greene, Sir Winston Churchill and other British writers. He will speak to the group June 16 in London on the contemporary American novel. He also will lecture at a D. H. Lawrence Exhibition at the University of Nottingham during the early summer at the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the novelist's birth. At end of August he will read a paper on prose style before the Eighth Congress of the International Federation for Modern Languages and Literatures at Liege, Belgium.

Next month Sheldon Steinberg, assistant professor of health education, starts a leave of absence which will extend to September 1961 to serve as state director of public education for the Illinois Division of the American Cancer Society. He will direct the development of cancer education programs in schools and universities, the medical profession, industrial, labor, rural, and lay groups. His office will be in Chicago. Professor Steinberg has been at Southern since 1956. John F. Kelly, former research assistant at Michigan State University and University of Wisconsin and agricultural research assistant for Campbell Soup Company, has been named vegetable crops specialist in School of Agriculture's Plant Industries Department.

Spectre Gallery and Dionysian Theater

Southern art and drama students and other interested people in the area have organized groups to expand their activities and gain experience. A couple of blocks from campus a group of artists, including SIU art students, have opened a privately-supported co-operative art gallery, the Spectre Gallery. It was started under the guidance of Visiting Art Professor Herman Cherry of New York. Featured are paintings, drawings, prints, weaving, pottery, and jewelry of the 23 members. A juried show for regional artists is planned for next month. The Dionysians, an amateur actors' group organized recently, have given two performances in a local hostelry—"27 Wagons Full of Cotton" by Tennessee Williams and "And We Were Young" by Ken Swofford, one of the leading members of the Southern Players.

The annual national convention of Kappa Alpha Mu, photojournalism fraternity, will be held on the Southern campus March 25-26-27. Annual SIU Photo Fair will be held March 27; a display of winning pictures in the annual College Photo Competition will be shown in Morris Library for two weeks after the convention.