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November 8 HE-Day for Illinois Voters

November 8 is Election Day throughout the United States. It also is HE-Day for voters of Illinois—the time to cast a vote for Higher Education.

In addition to a ballot for national, state, and local officials, a separate ballot for the Universities Bond Issue will be handed each voter. This is the way the people of Illinois will decide whether or not the State of Illinois will issue bonds in the amount of $195,000,000 to pay for new buildings and improvements at the six state universities.

This is not a partisan issue. Both political parties approve it as well as leading newspapers and prominent civic, labor, business, tax, veteran, and educational groups in the state. Seventy-five statewide organizations have endorsed it.

The Bond Issue was voted down in 1958 although it received 143,253 more “yes” votes than it did “no” votes. But the Illinois Constitution provides that a bond issue must receive a majority of votes cast for the members of the General Assembly and 472,023 voters neglected to vote on the bond issue, defeating it at that time.

Is the Bond Issue just as vital now? Decidedly yes! In fact, it is even more vital now with birth rates and subsequent school enrollment rising higher and higher each year.

Baby Boom Catches Up With Universities’ Capacity

The stork has been working overtime in Illinois during the last 20 years. The great increase in the birth rate in this state has made it necessary first to build more elementary schools, then more high school buildings and classrooms.

Today the time has come when it is necessary to build more college and university buildings if Illinois’ youth is to be given an opportunity to go to college.

The 159,000 babies born in 1942 make up the bulk of the 1960 freshman college class. The 195,000 babies born in 1947 will make up the freshman class of 1965. This will mean that in five short years college enrollments in Illinois will increase by at least 60,000 students.

They will be ready for college, but will the colleges be ready for them? The only way to build needed university buildings without creating new taxes is the passage of the Universities Bond Issue on Election Day, November 8.

College Enrollments Will Increase Next 10 Years

Enrollment of colleges and universities in Illinois will increase 115,000 to a total of 300,000 by 1970. The college students of 1970 are in third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades this year.

By counting all of the children in the elementary schools, it becomes a known fact that there will be too many college students for existing university buildings unless new college buildings are put under construction at once.

Enrollment In Illinois Colleges

College enrollments will increase so swiftly during the next 10 years that as many buildings will have to be built between 1960 and 1969 as were built during the 40-year period from 1921 to 1960. Construction can no longer be delayed; it must begin immediately.
President D. W. Morris (at left) was on hand to witness a historic new high mark at SIU’s Carbondale campus when the 9,000th student—James Young, senior from Anna—was registered this fall. The two are between stacks of fall-term registration cards. SIU’s Carbondale enrollment this term had been anticipated to reach 8,525, itself a record. Final count was 9,028. Total of all three campuses is 13,332.

One Year Early

Tidal Wave of Students Hits SIU Campuses

Virtually on the eve of next month’s bond issue referendum, Southern Illinois University got a jolt—a fall-term tidal wave of students not expected for another year.

Total resident enrollment on all campuses hit 13,332 students, way beyond predictions and a convincing augury of things to come. On the hard-pressed Carbondale campus the total is 9,028, more than 500 above anticipated enrollment. The 4,304 at Alton and East St. Louis is also beyond predictions.

For SIU the surge means more of the same belt-tightening, stopgap, and make-do accommodations, crammed classrooms and non-stop scheduling that has been characteristic of the past dozen years. Because appropriated funds have been frozen this year the classroom construction slated in SIU’s budget hasn’t been possible. But when all funds are released, a large share must go for renovation and rehabilitation of old buildings. Inevitably, the enrollment pinch is going to mean more temporary houses.

At present SIU is utilizing 75 temporary buildings—old houses, barracks and the like—for academic use, compared to 18 permanent academic buildings. There are 69 temporary housing units compared to 24 permanent ones. Counting service buildings and other facilities, SIU is using 211 temporary structures. This total far exceeds any other university in SIU’s enrollment category, according to a survey by SIU Physical Plant Director William Howe.

But, as officials have pointed out, it is not only the lack of space but the KIND of space that accounts for SIU’s lagging position. Faculty members are being forced into makeshift department offices farther and farther away from their classes as classroom priorities claim almost every available room on the main campus, regardless of design.

Space-scheduling for classes this fall became a matter of counting seats. Laboratory chairs are at a critical premium, actually at the saturation point.

Southern’s most urgent building needs—the College of Education, more library space, Industrial Education and Applied Science, Parkinson Laboratory, Physical Education, Life Science, and the School of Business—are all long-standing. The gains of the past 10 years have actually been inadequate to rising enrollments. Morris Library, for instance, is now able to seat a smaller percentage of the student body than the old library in Wheeler Hall. That’s how steeply the enrollment curve has risen.

Closing the college door will be much more than a Bond Issue campaign warning unless Illinois voters say “Yes” next month. Restricted enrollments, a denial of Illinois’ obligation to higher learning, will be a reality.

Two of the 75 temporary buildings in academic use on the Carbondale campus—above, the Education Administration and Supervision Building, and below, the Design Department.
Dear SIU Alumni,

Elsewhere in this alumni bulletin you will find more than ample justification for saying "Yes" this November 8. The arguments for approving the bond issue proposal, the consequences of further delay, are quite evident in the cold facts of higher education enrollment. Classroom shortage is critical right now; in the next year or two it could be disastrous.

Southern’s situation is particularly perilous in view of long-standing deficiencies dating back to post-war years when huge enrollment increases even then swamped all facilities. Pay-as-you-go appropriations have not been adequate to keep pace. Now, with an even bigger enrollment boom looming ahead, Southern faces a problem bordering on the impossible unless the needed buildings can be built.

I should like to commend to your attention the startling statistics on these pages, and use this space to point out what Southern’s own faculty and students have done towards realization of the Universities Bond Issue.

Early this year the faculty and staff of Southern Illinois University voluntarily contributed $27,000 toward the Bond Issue campaign. Over the past two years, dozens of faculty members have given unstintingly of their time to discuss this proposal in communities all over Illinois. Their reward—should they be successful—might be a permanent office instead of a cluttered corner in some barracks or house that is blocks from their classes. It might be the modest satisfaction of lecturing to a class in a comfortable classroom instead of a jam-packed mass in an auditorium or patchwork lecture hall.

The students have pursued their concern for Southern’s welfare in a variety of ways—speaking, writing, rallying, sometimes even pleading for a “Yes” vote with parents, friends, neighbors and fellow students. The best measure of this concern might be the students’ own decision, four years ago, to boost their own activity fees so that Southern Illinois University’s new University Center could be realized.

Now, “on the eve of battle,” Southern’s own family of graduates and friends must help with the task. In 1958 the issue failed even though more “Yes” than “No” votes were recorded. The terms of the referendum are that the Bond Issue must get a majority of all votes cast for candidates in the General Assembly. Almost 475,000 people who voted for legislators did not vote on the Bond Issue. You need to do both.

The choice before us is quite clear: either “Yes” this November or a serious blow to higher education in the critical ’60’s, a blow we can ill afford in these times of international tension.

Your University Needs You: Say “YES” in November.

Sincerely,

Delyte W. Morris
President

Statewide Support for Universities Bond Issue

A total of seventy-seven organizations throughout Illinois have endorsed the Universities Bond Issue to be voted on at the November 8 election. They represent political, educational, service, civic, professional, industrial, and labor groups.

The Bond Issue is a non-partisan issue. The 1960 state platforms of both the Republican and Democratic parties urged everyone to approve it.

Dear Fellow Alumni,

I am writing to you about the Universities Bond Issue as president of the SIU Alumni Association interested in the welfare and progress of Southern Illinois University, as superintendent of public instruction for the State of Illinois whose job it is to make the best possible education available to all students in the state, and as a long-time educator always concerned about the need and value of education in the life of every human being.

If we are to fulfill our obligations as citizens not only of Illinois but also of this wonderful country of ours and of the world, we must do everything in our power to make our educational system the very finest, the very best! This is something we can not put off until another day. The babies of World War II are now at college age. Can we deny them the way to a better life?

Through the Alumni Office, SIU alumni in Illinois have joined alumni of the other state universities in bringing the Universities Bond Issue to public attention through county committees, alumni clubs, and speakers’ bureaus. All have contributed in great part.

Now there is one more job to be done—and that is for each of you voters to X the Yes on the Universities Bond Issue ballot on Election Day, November 8. And be sure to tell all your friends and neighbors to vote yes, too.

Cordially,

George T. Wilkins
President, SIU Alumni Association

Vote "Yes" Nov. 8
WHY A BOND ISSUE?

First, what is a bond issue? It is the borrowing of money now to buy or build and then paying for these items or buildings as they are being used. In many ways it is similar to purchasing on the installment plan.

In this instance, the Universities Bond Issue, bonds would be issued in the amount of $195,000,000 to build the needed buildings and make improvements at the six Illinois state universities. The bonds then are paid off while the new facilities are being used.

Why a Bond Issue? There is no question about the increased birth rate in Illinois or the consequent increase in school enrollment. Now this tidal wave of youngsters is hitting college level and present college facilities just are not adequate to meet the situation.

Each of the six state-supported universities has deferred needs for buildings that extend back over a number of years. The depression made it almost impossible to provide money for building. Then World War II came along and there was no material. After the war, veterans rushed to college campuses and school administrations spent their major efforts to take care of the needs of the day.

Since that time the state has done much to provide buildings but there simply has not been enough money for all six schools to catch up with their building programs. A bond issue specifically for these six schools was presented to the voters in 1958 and defeated.

This method of paying for educational facilities is not a new and novel idea in this state. For more than a hundred years it has been used to build elementary and high schools. Without it very few communities would ever have been able to build needed schools.

Building by issuing bonds is relatively inexpensive, since interest rates on bonds are extremely low. For years business and industry have issued bonds to build new plants because it is good business procedure.

"Pay as you go" is the ideal way of taking care of the situation but the need for university building is greater than any one legislative session, or even two or three sessions, can meet without prohibitive tax increases.

The bonds for amount of $195,000,000 are to bear no more than 4 per cent interest per year and are to be paid off in a period of twenty-five years. No definite amount of money has been allocated to any one of the six schools. Any expenditure of money received from the Bond Issue must result from an act of the Illinois Legislature authorizing construction of a building.

Under the Illinois Constitution a specific tax, not necessarily the property tax, must be pledged for retirement of an approved bond issue. The 71st General Assembly, which voted the bond issue proposal, approved the measure with the intent of meeting the interest payments and principal out of general revenue and without an increase in state taxes.

To meet the requirements of the constitution, the General Assembly pledged the state property tax. However, the Universities Bond Issue will not raise local taxes and no past or present actions of the Legislature indicate any intention of levying a state property tax.

It is extremely important that everyone who votes in the general election also should vote on the Bond Issue. The Bond Issue cannot pass unless a majority of the people voting cast their ballots in favor of it. Failure to vote on the Bond Issue is the same as voting against it.
Expansion or Limitation in Illinois Schools?

Each fall schools throughout the nation, from kindergarten up through college, fight the "battle of the bulge." Despite rapid expansion of physical plants and facilities, accelerated programs, projection studies, strategic maneuvers, the campaign for more and better education in America often seems to be at a stalemate, perhaps may even seem to lose ground.

Wave after wave of young people invade the school systems while educators can only hope to meet the present critical situation and prepare for an even greater onslaught in the next decade.

The situation is no less critical in Illinois, where six state-supported schools of higher learning have waged a brave stand with the ever-increasing enrollments since World War II. But the real test is yet to come.

The great boom experienced by elementary and high schools during the last 10 years will hit the Illinois colleges and universities during the next 10 years. Today's enrollment in the state's higher schools is 185,000. In 1970 it is expected to hit 300,000.

What is the report on the SIU front? At press time the enrollment on the Carbondale campus had passed 8,400. The new student group, most of them freshmen, numbered some 3,500. Last fall registration at Carbondale was 7,938, with a total figure on all three campuses of 11,374.

The 1959 figures showed an increase of 9.2 per cent over those of 1958, a doubling since 1955, and a tripling since 1953. Southern has jumped from 100th to 41st in the nation in six years in terms of full-time student enrollment. It is second in Illinois in full-time enrollment, passing up Northwestern University to rank next to the University of Illinois.

This is the picture in 1960. By 1970 all SIU campuses probably will have a student body of 30,500.

It is a point of pride that so many young people, more and more each year, are seeking a higher education. This means a steady flow of college-trained men and women into the expanding economy of the state and growth and prosperity for Illinois.

But here is where the rub comes—the inadequacy, the limitation of present-day facilities. Each of the six state-supported schools has deferred building needs for many years—because of lack of funds during the depression, lack of materials during the war, and the onrush of students right after the war.

While the State Legislature has been sympathetic and generous with biennial appropriations, still there never was enough money for all the schools to catch up with past needs, provide for current conditions, and prepare for future expansion.

This, in part, is what brought about the Universities Bond Issue in 1958 as a solution, a remedy for the growing critical problem. The Bond Issue, defeated in 1958, again will be submitted to Illinois voters in the November 8 election.

The Universities Bond Issue provides for bonds totaling $195,000,000 to finance new buildings and other improvements at the six state schools. These bonds, on which the interest rate cannot exceed four per cent, would be retired over a 25-year period. Each allocation for each building would be approved by the Illinois General Assembly after the usual legislative procedure involving hearings at which need for the building would have to be demonstrated.

Illinois voters are asked to determine whether or not the state will issue these bonds.

They must X the Yes on the Bond Issue ballot to pass the referendum and assure a continuance of the best possible education for Illinois youngsters.
The Case of the "Continental Capers"

At SIU's Homecoming October 20-22

There's no mystery to Southern Illinois University's 1960 Homecoming. It's an open and shut case of high jinks and fun for all SIU students and alumni during the festive weekend, October 20-22.

Theme of the annual affair is “Continental Capers” with parade entries and house decorations in European motifs. Campus decorations also will reflect various European scenes.

Skitch Henderson and his orchestra will play for the Homecoming Dance Saturday evening at the National Guard Armory.

Two Homecoming Stage Shows will be given Saturday evening at Shryock Auditorium— at 7 P.M. and 9 P.M. The Kirby Stone Four and June Valli headline the stage show.

Tickets for the show are $2.50, $2.25, and $1.75. A reservation blank appears below. For stage show tickets indicate which show is to be attended—the 7 o’clock or the 9 o’clock—by checking the appropriate box. Also indicate how many tickets are ordered in the box before one of the three prices.

Also order dance, play, and football tickets with the coupon below. Write checks or money orders to Homecoming, SIU.

Since all Homecoming events usually are sellouts before Homecoming weekend, alumni are urged to order tickets immediately from SIU Alumni Office, Carbondale.

Thursday, October 20
7:30 P.M. Coronation of Homecoming Queen, Shryock Reception for Queen following Coronation, Woody Hall Formal Lounge

Friday, October 21
8:00 P.M. Southern Illinois Symphony Concert, Shryock

Homecoming Play, “Our Town,” Southern Playhouse

ALUMNI HOMECOMING RESERVATIONS
Name
Address

Enclosed is check or money order made payable to Homecoming, SIU, for $ for Stage Show
☐ 7 P.M. show
☐ 9 P.M. show
☐ $2.50 each
☐ $2.25 each
☐ $1.75 each

Dance
☐ $4 per couple

Football Game
☐ $2.50 each for reserved seats in Alumni Section

Play—$1 each
☐ Friday night
☐ Saturday night

Saturday, October 22
7:30 A.M. Phi Kappa Tau Alumni Association Breakfast, Chapter House
8:00 A.M. Zoology Department Coffee, Life Science 204
W.A.A. Varsity-Alumnae Hockey Game, Upper Field, Stadium

9:00 A.M. Homecoming Parade, University Avenue
10:00 A.M. W.A.A. Alumnae Brunch, Women’s Gym Recreation Room

10:00 A.M. School of Home Economics Coffee, Family Living Laboratory, Home Economics Building
to noon

10:00 A.M. Botany Club Open House, Life Science
to 2:00 P.M. Third Floor

11:00 A.M. Health Education Department Brunch
to 1:00 P.M.

11:30 A.M. Business Alumni Banquet, University Cafeteria

11:30 A.M. School of Agriculture Bar-B-Q (Public Invited), Agriculture Auditorium and Arena
to 1:00 P.M.

11:00 A.M. Homecoming Football Game, SIU vs. Illinois State Normal, McAndrew Stadium

4:00 P.M. Wesley Foundation Coffee, Wesley Foundation
Woody Hall Tea, Woody Hall

Student Christian Foundation Coffee Hour, Student Christian Foundation

Sigma Kappa Coffee Hour, Chapter House

Geology Club Coffee Hour, Agriculture 180

Tri Sigma Alumnae Tea, Chapter House

Kappa Delta Pi Coffee Hour, Climatology Laboratory, Agriculture Building

Geography Department Coffee Hour, Agriculture 223

Sociology Club Coffee Hour, 601 West Mill
Delta Zeta Coffee Hour, Chapter House
 Theta Xi Coffee Hour, Chapter House
 Sigma Pi Coffee Hour, Chapter House
 Sigma Tau Gamma Coffee Hour, Chapter House
 Phi Sigma Kappa Coffee Hour, Chapter House
 Phi Kappa Tau Alumni Tea, Chapter House
 Iota Lambda Sigma Coffee Hour, Barracks B
 Fine Arts Department Tea, Allyn Building

Homecoming Stage Show, featuring Kirby Stone

Four and June Valli, Shryock Auditorium

Homecoming Play, “Our Town,” Southern Playhouse

Homecoming Dance, Skitch Henderson and Orchestra, National Guard Armory

9:00 P.M.

1:00 A.M. Midnight
Presentation of Homecoming Queen and Court at Homecoming Dance

Midnight
Alumni Club News

As alumni clubs throughout the state and the nation swing into their 1960-61 programs, fall meetings are being planned and arranged by officers and committees.

Here is information concerning a few October and November meetings—
Washington County—A fall meeting in conjunction with the Washington County Teachers' Institute will be held Friday, October 21, at a noon luncheon at Nashville High School. Prof. Ralph Micken, chairman of the SIU Speech Department, will speak.

Perry County—Alumni of Perry County will meet Tuesday, October 25, at Carl Weinberg's cabin at Du Quoin City Lake, five miles north of Du Quoin on Route 51.

Randolph County—Friday, October 28, is the date for the fall meeting of Randolph County alumni, starting at 6:30 P.M. at Dreamland Cafe, Sparta.

Macon County—George Wilkins '29-2, '37, SIU Alumni Association president and Illinois State Superintendent of Schools, will be guest speaker at the Macon County Alumni Club meeting Tuesday, November 1, Decatur.

Champaign Area—On Wednesday, November 16, Champaign Area alumni will hold a meeting at Wheat's Steak House, 1904 East Main, Urbana, starting at 6:30 P.M.

Jackson County Smorgasbord

Two smorgasbords have been held at the Carbondale Elks Club by the Jackson County Alumni Club and two more are on tap. These are held from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. before home football games. The next two will be on October 8, when SIU plays Western Illinois, and on October 29, Eastern Michigan game.

No reservations are necessary for the smorgasbord. Alumni are invited to bring guests. Tickets are $2 per person.

There's no problem in parking at the stadium. Buses run between the Elks Club and McAndrew Stadium at 7 P.M. and 7:30 P.M., 40c fare per person for round trip ticket. Games start at 8.

Sports at Southern

by Fred Huff

The Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference football championship—an elusive item as far as SIU gridders are concerned—may be decided early this season.

Coach Carmen Piccone's outfit, co-favorite for the league crown along with Northern Illinois and Western Illinois, plays both of these top-ranking teams during the first half of the season while several important non-league games highlight the second half of SIU's card.

The Salukis, who drubbed Missouri School of Mines 34-14 in the season's opener and Ohio Wesleyan 30-13 in second game, meet Northern's Huskies at DeKalb October 1 and entertain Western's defending IIAC champions here October 8.

A pair of victories in their first two conference games would put the Salukis in excellent position to grab their first grid title since the present IIAC setup was formed in 1950.

Piccone feels his current squad has all the tools to win the blue ribbon. An all-returning backfield, consisting of Ron Winter, Carmi, at quarterback, Clarence Walker, DeQuincy, La., and Amos Bullocks, Chicago, at fullback positions, and Tom Bruna, Thayer, at fullback, may prove to be the best in the league.

Good reserve strength also is available as Bob Stone, San Francisco, is an able quarterback as well as Ernie Wheelwright at fullback and Dennis Harmon and Charles Lerch at halfback.

Veteran linemen are plentiful, too, as the Salukis appear to be three-deep at virtually every position on the for-ward wall. Big guns are Paul Brostrom, Gardy Seeker, Houston Antwine and Gene Williams, but at least half a dozen more are just a half-step behind.

Hartzog Opens Up Soon

Lew Hartzog, newest member of Southern's classy coaching staff, soon will make his competitive debut as his cross country runners are preparing to meet Western Illinois here October 8.

Hartzog, who comes from Northeast Louisiana State College, is generally considered one of the nation's finest young track coaches. His past successes border on the sensational side and SIU's overall outlook is likewise bright.

Several of Hartzog's recruits are among the finest youngsters in the nation and he has hopes of competing on a national level within the near future.

Wrestlers to Meet NCAA Champs

Wrestling, a sport which is growing rapidly in prominence at SIU, continues its climb upward this year as the Salukis meet two of the country's finest teams—Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

Oklahoma captured the NCAA crown last year, although Oklahoma State is perennially the nation's toughest. Coach Jim Wilkinson's grapplers are scheduled to meet Oklahoma there while Oklahoma State will come to Carbondale.

Meade Returns From Rome

SIU gymnastic coach Bill Meade returned home from the 1960 Olympics recently with word that the United States enjoyed its finest showing ever in gymnastic events. Although Southern's Fred Orlofsky, first student-athlete to qualify for the Olympics from here, did not finish among the leaders in final individual standings, he nevertheless performed well, according to Coach Meade.

A third SIU representative, Athletic Director Donald Boydston, also enjoyed the Olympic competition and turned in a fine report on Orlofsky's showing.

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Central Illinois utilities company has opening for home economist.

Indiana technical school needs electronics instructor. Salary $5,000.

California school system wants curriculum consultant for kindergarten through eighth grade. Salary $7,580-$8,855.

U.S. Navy seeks college personnel for career work with Navy Intelligence. Starting salary $5,685 up. Candidates must have degree and citizenship.

Large industrial firm in Wisconsin needs technical librarian.

U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has announced Teacher Exchange Opportunities Abroad for 1961-62. American elementary, secondary, and junior college teachers in all subject fields may apply for about 400 teaching positions abroad. Qualifications include B.S. degree, three years' teaching experience, U.S. citizenship.

St. Louis farm equipment firm has opening for trade guide editor and administrative assistant. Salary $400.

Challenging opportunities exist for young men and women as career officers in Foreign Service of the U.S. Today about 60 per cent of positions designated for Foreign Service officers are in foreign countries; most of remaining 40 per cent are in home office in Washington, D.C. Many functions performed during period of probation or apprenticeship are not glamorous. However, advancing steadily to positions of greater importance, Foreign Service officers will receive interchangeable assignments between Washington and foreign countries. Foreign Service needs Class Eight officers specializing in economics, language and area studies, international labor affairs, public and business administration, and in general political reporting and negotiation. Applicant must be American citizen for at least nine years.

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

SOUTHERN SKETCHES

Construction should begin by December 1 on SIU’s new $8.1 million housing project to be financed by a $4.2 million loan approved last month by the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency and $3.9 million from commercial agencies. Included in the project will be nine more apartment buildings for 144 student families at Southern Hills; five more residence halls for 600 single students at Thompson Point; six small residence halls for 270 students in the small group housing area on Campus Lake; and an addition to double the size of Lentz Hall dining center at Thompson Point. The FHHFA loan will be self-liquidating through revenue from the housing.

Microbiologist Studies at Pasteur Institute

Maurice Ogur, SIU associate professor of microbiology since 1953, is the Fulbright research scholar in biological sciences for France during this academic year. He is studying at the Pasteur Institute in Paris and at a laboratory of the National Center for Scientific Research in nearby Gif-sur-Yvette, doing research in biochemistry of inheritance. At Southern his research in this field has been supported by U.S. Public Health Service, American Cancer Society, and National Science Foundation. While in Europe he also plans to visit laboratories in England, Italy, Copenhagen, Stockholm, and possibly Israel. He will return to SIU in June . . . The one hundred and forty bankers who attended the 10-day Illinois banker’s school for development of junior executives included 66 second-year students and 74 “freshmen.” They studied courses in investments, public relations, and safety deposit operations . . .

SIU physicist Otis B. Young has received a $9,800 grant from National Science Foundation for a two-year research study of cosmic radiation. Director of SIU’s Co-operative Atomic and Capacitor Research Laboratory, he is studying bombardment of heavy atomic rays in relation to solar activity, neutron intensity and other phenomena.

Southern Players Ready for Banner Season

Southern Illinois University Players open the 1960-61 season at Homecoming with Thornton Wilder’s Pulitzer Prize winner, “Our Town.” Included on the playbill are the mystery “Laura” in December; “Wingless Victory,” an American tragedy by Maxwell Anderson, in February; the gay comedy, “Thieves Carnival” by Jean Anouilh in April; and Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” in May . . . SIU’s chapter of Sigma Kappa sorority, Gamma Kappa, won the National Scholarship Award at the national sorority convention last summer at Sun Valley, Idaho . . .

During the fall quarter English classes will be meeting every class hour from 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. Mondays through Fridays with 18 sections meeting Saturday mornings. Scheduled are 102 sections of freshman English, with 20 to 22 students per class . . . Twelve tennis courts are being built on the Carbondale campus for use in the physical education program and for inter-collegiate matches. These will be located east of Route 51 and south of the Applied Science Building. The three-court unit behind the Student Union will be removed to make way for a campus loop road . . .

Tragedy struck the campus before fall classes convened. During New Student Week John Hunter, Highland Park, was shot and killed after a drinking session in downtown Carbondale with three other students. As a result the SIU Board of Trustees granted University officials the right to place taverns off limits to students and the Carbondale mayor warned tavern owners to take more precautions in serving minors.