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New Buildings, Programs, Deans

REVIEW OF 1962 AT SIU

A record construction boom, a new program of required general coursework, and a salary crisis: these were highlights of 1962 at Southern Illinois University.

A total of $10-million in capital improvements projects either were finished or begun during the year, with on-campus student housing heading the list of completions.

Fall term saw the doors opened on new family apartments, residence halls and small group units for more than 1,000 additional students and 144 families. They had hardly been filled when the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency announced approval of a $5.25-million loan to SIU to finance half the cost of a new student housing development—University Park—to be dominated by a 17-story women's residence hall. Construction should begin early this year.

Involving 3,300 freshmen at the outset, a broad-based General Studies Program went into effect in the fall quarter that virtually wiped out long-standing departmental requirements for graduation.

Instead of such required courses as mathematics, chemistry, English composition, and so on, all students now must take 96 hours of combined beginning courses arranged in a logical sequence for what Director John Voigt calls "a basic college education."

A main objective of the program is to broaden the academic foundation of students before they begin to specialize in the junior year. A result of General Studies has been mass lecture sessions, complete with audio-visual presentations, demonstration events (the sequence on arts and philosophy, "Man’s Insights and Appreciations," has featured live dramatic productions, a piano recital, and readings) and doorkeepers to check class cards.

Commenting on Board of Trustees' approval of $476,608 in salary increases last June, President Delyte W. Morris called it "disappointingly small," but said "we have done the best with what we have." He said the cutback of more than
$200,000 from increases in 1961 resulted from a million-dollar slash in SIU's operations budget during the last days of the General Assembly session. Said Morris, "The cutback is not what we feel is needed in fairness to our faculty and to compete in national bidding for faculty."

Meeting four months after that, the board stamped a unanimous O.K. to the University's request for $63,272,998 for operating funds during the 1963-65 biennium. Of that, $4,633,936 is tagged for salary adjustments.

"To attract and hold staff members of a caliber that will make Southern Illinois University strong, respected and able to perform its expected functions, a salary increment is required sufficient to restore the deficiency from the prior biennium and provide substantial increases," Morris said.

In addition to housing, the result of revenue bond sales, Southern's Carbondale Campus was being transformed by the first hard returns from the Universities' Bond Issue program.

Cornerstones were laid at mid-year for the $4.2-million Physical Education-Military Training Dome and the $2.9-million College of Education Building. By Christmas both were well defined: brickwork was enclosing the three-story shell of the College of Education and the first steel spans were bolted into a mammoth arch over the future arena.

A five-story, $2.8-million addition to Morris Library was well underway by year's end—and noise-free study space below it was at a premium. Anthony Hall was remodeled from top to bottom and elements of the Division of Area Services and the Extension Division moved in. A $785,000 addition to the power plant reached 75 per cent completion.

While bulldozers, steelworkers and bricklayers were adding to Southern's physique, engineers and architects were drafting the blueprints for even more expansion in 1963. Preliminary plans were approved for a Classroom Building Group big enough to hold SIU's entire enrollment of 15 years ago. Also nearing completion were plans for a School of Communications Building and a Technology Building Group, all coming from SIU's $28-million share of state bond issue funds for the Carbondale Campus.

At the Edwardsville Campus, all was ready to begin moving dirt on $25-million worth of buildings from the fund. But the University withheld bid notifications until the enactment of local zoning ordinances that would regulate commercial development on the doorstep of the carefully planned environment of the campus.

But the year's news wasn't all buildings and budgets.

A $2-million year for research added up to the biggest ever, with significant grants awarded to SIU investigators for projects ranging from agricultural marketing to the zymophagecell explorations of geneticist Carl Lindegren.

The SIU Foundation inaugurated a Small Research Grants program and the Office of Research and Projects made notable progress at pulling in outside support to broaden the financial base of research operations.

Morris Library added some 60,000 new volumes during the year and 18,000 more were acquired for the Edwardsville Campus collection. The University Press published 28 new titles during 1962.

Campus-originated educational television productions were beamed to school classrooms throughout southern Illinois and work got started on intra-campus wiring for closed-circuit television classes scheduled in spring, 1963.

The Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency and Corrections launched a study of juvenile delinquency problems through a new center in East St. Louis as a result of a $182,000 government grant, first to be authorized by the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crimes.

In the increasingly fierce competition of top-notch faculty talent, Southern scored noteworthy successes. David Ehrenfreund, psychology department chairman at Adelphi College and a specialist in learning theory, was appointed department chairman at Southern. Julian Lauchner, head of the materials research center at Mississippi State University, was named dean of SIU's new School of Technology. Henry Dan Piper, former English professor at Cal Tech, became the new Liberal Arts dean. Warren Van Bronkhorst, 36-year-old California conductor, was secured to take over the Southern Illinois Sym-
phony Orchestra and George W. Adams, former Harvard historian who resigned in 1961 to take a vice presidency at the University of Alaska, returned to his department chairmanship at SIU.

Records? Registrar Robert McGrath toted up several. The fall term began with a two-campus enrollment of 16,243. During June and August commencements, Southern awarded 1,430 bachelors' degrees, 400 masters' degrees, and 14 Ph.D.'s.

SIU design students completed a 72-foot diameter "basketry tensegrity geodesic dome," designed by Research Professor R. Buckminster Fuller proving out Fuller's plans for a mammoth baseball stadium in Tokyo. Constructed of interwoven two-by-fours, it stands near the Lake-on-the-Campus Beach.

Ten new graduate fellowships worth $6,600 apiece were awarded SIU under the National Defense Education Act. The University nominated 15 superior seniors for Woodrow Wilson or Danforth Foundation Fellowships.

The Graduate School wound up with an enrollment of 1,257 in 51 advanced degree programs, including 25 departments offering doctorates. Graduate enrollment has doubled in five years.

Even more remarkable was the growth of the student work program. Director Frank Adams listed some 4,000 student jobholders (average) during 1962, toiling part time in 166 different job categories.

Packed houses watched a winter term Opera Workshop production of "Aida" with director Marjorie Lawrence in a leading role, and the summer production of "Show Boat" under William Taylor.

A team of educational advisers in Viet-Nam, operating under a million-dollar contract to SIU from the Agency for International Development, spent a happy Christmas in Saigon, reflecting on a successful year. The group persuaded the government to update deficient Viet-Nam teaching requirements, then was selected by a pleased Ministry of Education to launch a new four-year program of training vocational-technical teachers.

Peripatetic faculty members headed to all corners of the globe for lecturing and research assignments as recipients of various grants and fellowships. Geologist Donald Bloss went to Cambridge University's Cavendish Laboratory; Guggenheim Fellows Gunther Rothenberg (history) and Carol MacClimontock (music) went to Europe; and Fulbright Fellows Archibald McLeod (theatre), Daniel Cook (English), C. Harvey Gardiner (government) and William Harris (philosophy) hied to Asia and Latin America.

W. E. Keeper, dean of the School of Agriculture, returned from a two-year assignment in Italy with the U.N. Food and Agriculture Headquarters and agricultural industrialist William Herr left for a two-year teaching and research post at the University of New England in New South Wales, Australia. Journalism's Charles Clayton came back from a year in For

mosa and geography's Robert Harper returned from a nine-months' exchange lectureship at the University of Manchester, England.

SIU Museum field workers unearthed the first prehistoric idol ever found in the mountains of northwestern Mexico and added it to a collection in which Southern is becoming front rank.

The Vocational-Technical Institute undertook a government assignment to supervise work training programs under the Area Redevelopment Act, setting up shop at the Technical Tape Plant in Carbondale and the McNair Metal Products Corporation in Murphysboro.

The Division of Technical and Adult Education reported a fiscal year enrollment of 8,537 in noncredit adult classes, a 31 per cent increase in a year's time.

The Division of Extension conducted classes in 14 off-campus communities during the fall semester, including a "full-time" curriculum for 28 handpicked inmates of Menard Prison, the only such behind-the-walls college program in the nation.

Started and almost completed during the year was a $300,000 Newman Foundation Center building for Catholic students east of the main campus. It will include an assembly area, lounge, snack bar, kitchen, offices, and a library.

Parking space remained a priority topic in campus conversation. But despite an increase of 1,300 in student enrollment at Carbondale, 46 fewer student parking permits were issued. Total number of student permits for the year was 5,001.

In athletics, Southern's three-man team of Brian Turner, Bill Cornell, and Jim Dupree pulled off a surprising fourth-place finish in the NCAA championships. SIU captured second place in the NCAA gymnastics finals and sixth in wrestling. In Coach Harry Gallatin's final appearance, the Salukis won third place in the NCAA college division basketball championships. In its first year as an independent and facing a slate loaded with major opposition, the football team won four, lost six.

William Fenwick, a Chicago business student, was elected president of the student body.

And the Old Main cannon was re-styled by freelance decorators an estimated 165 times during the year.

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**Sports at Southern**

By Fred Huff

Hoping to maintain fast starts in all four winter sports, Southern's athletes have another month of regular-scheduled action prior to entering post-season tournaments.

In the first month of competition Southern's cagers knocked off major opponents St. Bonaventure (73-66), Western Michigan (83-78), Oklahoma (66-63) and Fordham (68-60); Saluki swimmers surprised Oklahoma in a dual meet (59-36) and fared well in a pair of open meets; wrestlers claimed five individual championships in the Illinois Invitational; and SIU gymnasts were outstanding in copping the Midwest Open and performed well in holiday meets in Arizona and Florida.

During February Coach Jack Hartman's outfit has a busy home schedule with games against Central State of Ohio on the eighth, Austin Peay on the ninth, Western Kentucky on the 25th and Ball State on the 26th; Coach Ralph Casey's tankers entertain North Central College on the ninth and travel to Indiana on the 16th; Coach Jim Wilkinson's grappling meet Oklahoma State on the sixth and Coach Bill Meade's gymnasts take on Ball State on the second, the University of Illinois' Chicago Branch on the ninth and Michigan State on the 25th.

Key performers have been Dave Henson and Paul Henry in basketball, swimmers Ray Padovan and Jack Schiltz, wrestlers Ken Houston and Larry Kristoff, and gymnasts Fred Orlofsky and Rusty Mitchell.

Gar O'Quinn, member of the 1960 U.S. Olympic squad and now a graduate assistant at Southern, emerged from recent Pan-Am trials as the top all-around gymnast in the country. O'Quinn, a West Point graduate who has assisted Coach Bill Meade here for the past two years, topped 400 of the nation's top gymnasts while Fred Orlofsky ranked third. Orlofsky, who hopes to lead Southern to its first NCAA sports championship in university competition this spring, was also an Olympic teammate of O'Quinn.

An attractive 10-game football schedule has been approved by the athletic council, although Homecoming date for 1963 has not yet been selected.

Coach Carmen Piccone's gridders, who this year finished with a 4-6 mark after losing narrow 14-13, 14-10, 14-9, and 14-7 decisions, will open on the road against Evansville College September 21 before entertaining Bowling Green at home the following week. The Salukis then play at Louisville prior to a three-week home stand against Lincoln University (Jefferson City, Mo.), Northern Michigan, and Ft. Campbell.

Only a home date November 9 with North Dakota State provides any rest for the Salukis in the latter stages of the season when they challenge Tulsa November 2, Toledo November 16, and North Texas State November 23, all on the road.

Dennis Harmon, standout defensive halfback for the past two seasons, became the first SIU football star to play in the Senior Bowl game held annually at Mobile, Ala. Harmon, a Watseka product, forfeited his final season of track eligibility in order to play in the game.

Harmon, however, had previously signed a professional contract with the Chicago Bears after being an eighth-round draft choice. Although a member of the losing North team in the all-star game, Harmon, nevertheless, picked up a check for $600 for his part in the affair.

Larry Tucker, four-year pitching veteran for Coach Glenn (Abe) Martin, has been selected as one of 18 players who will represent the U.S. in the Pan-Am Games this spring. Tucker, the Interstate Conference's most valuable player last season when the Salukis chalked up their fifth straight league crown, is currently finishing up work on his degree, but will report in mid-April for a week's training before leaving April 22 for Sao Paulo, Brazil.