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W. W. Vandeveer, Noted Alumnus, Dies

W. W. Vandeveer, ex '09, Hon. LL.D. '50, former president of the SIU Alumni Association and one of Southern's most distinguished and philanthropic alumni, died October 31 in Cleveland, Ohio, after a long illness. He lived in Rocky River, a suburb of Cleveland. He was 77.

Born on a farm near Haubstadt, Ind., he left Southern Illinois Normal University to become a country school teacher. In 1925, after holding positions with Western Union Telegraph Company, Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company, and American Petroleum Products Company, he and a partner founded Allied Oil Company, Inc., which merged with Ashland Oil and Refining Company, Ashland, Ky., in 1948. He was president of Allied Oil Company, Inc., at the time of the merger and was a director of Ashland Oil and Refining Company.

His gifts to SIU were many. In 1950 Mr. Vandeveer gave the SIU

A record $95,545,717 operations budget, projecting the first full biennium in year-round operation and a 34 per cent increase in enrollment, was reviewed and approved by the SIU Board of Trustees at its November meeting.

A three-year transition to a true year-round operation was completed with the summer quarter, giving the University four full 12-week quarters. Enrollment for the fall quarter totaled 20,471, an increase of more than 12 per cent over the same quarter in 1963, and is expected to continue to rise.

The four-quarter operation and increasing enrollment were two of three reasons cited by University President Delyte W. Morris for the need for a budget almost 69 per cent higher than the $56,394,523 allocated in 1963.

President Morris also said deficiencies in salaries continue to hamper SIU's search for a competent teaching staff and research personnel. Retaining present faculty members also is a problem, he said.

To New Legislature

The Illinois State Board of Higher Education will evaluate the budget and forward it to the new legislature.

Capital improvement needs, principally buildings, forecast in a companion document will be considered by the board at its December meeting.

Enrollment, which accounts for the most significant increase over amounts appropriated for the 1963–65 biennium, is expected to rise to 24,189 in the 1965–66 school year and to 27,513 during 1966–67.

Fall enrollment of 20,471 this year includes 13,847 students on the Carbondale Campus and 6,624 at Edwardsville. Carbondale Campus enrollment increased 10.7 per cent over a year ago. Edwardsville enrollment increased 16.1 per cent.

The greatest gain in enrollment this fall was the 45.3 per cent increase in the Graduate School. The Edwardsville graduate enrollment of 1,093 represents an increase of 111.7 per cent. Carbondale's graduate enrollment of 1,649 is an increase of 21.5 per cent.

Outlook Given

Summer enrollment totaled 9,380, including 1,853 freshmen. Trustees learned that a conservative projection of summer quarter enrollment for 1965 is 10,670 students and for the summer of 1966 over 12,000.

The operations budget request itemizes significant increases over amounts appropriated for the 1963–65 biennium in five areas: salary adjustments, $4,928,295; to provide for additional enrollments, $11,347,149; to meet increased costs of operation, $6,529,693; new programs and improvements in existing programs, $8,984,810; cost of opening the new campus at Edwardsville, $1,478,777.

Receipts of $4,800,000 in student fees and miscellaneous income are forecast in the budget, which asks $90,745,717 from the state general revenue sources to complete the $95,545,717 budget request.

A doctor of philosophy degree program in the physical and mathematical sciences also was recommended by the Board.
Virgil L. Seymour Dies After Surgery

Virgil L. Seymour '47, M.S. '48, assistant to the vice president for operations at the Edwardsville Campus, died October 21 in a St. Louis hospital after open heart surgery. He was 40.

A native of Ellis Grove, in Randolph County, Mr. Seymour had been a member of the University faculty since 1957, first as an instructor in sociology at the East St. Louis Center and later as supervisor of the University's evening programs at the East St. Louis Center. He was appointed assistant to the vice president in 1961.

Mr. Seymour, a resident of Belleville, served from 1953 to 1957 as superintendent of the St. Clair County Department of Welfare and also taught at McKendree College, Lebanon, and at Belleville Junior College.

He served as executive director and research director of the East St. Louis Social Planning Council and as president of the Belleville Social Planning Council.

He was a member of NEA fraternity and later was affiliated with Sigma Pi fraternity.

He leaves his wife, the former Marjorie Beare '48, and his mother, Mrs. Alma Seymour of Ellis Grove.

The Virgil L. Seymour Memorial Loan Fund has been established with money contributed to his memory. Donations to the fund may be made at the business office at either the Alton or East St. Louis Center, or at the Vice Presidents' Offices, Edwardsville.

Alumni Coffee at Sherman House

SIU Speech Department alumni attending the Speech Association of America meeting in Chicago December 27 to 30 are invited to the SIU Alumni Association coffee from 4 to 6 P.M. December 29 in the Jade Room of the Sherman House.

C. Horton Talley, Dean of the School of Communications, said there are about 70 Speech Department alumni teaching in colleges and universities. About 60 persons are expected to attend the coffee, he said.

ALUMNI CLUB MEETINGS

| January  | 15 | Kansas City Area |
| February | 12 | New York Area |
|         | 20 | Washington, D.C., Area |
| April    | 3 | Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla., Area |
|         | 10 | Springfield Area |
|         | 29 | Evansville, Ind., Area |

Alumni Awards to Be Given June 12

Outstanding SIU alumni will be honored Saturday, June 12, when the SIU Alumni Association's Alumni Achievement Awards are presented at the Alumni Banquet.

During the seven years the awards have been presented, 33 alumni have been recognized for accomplishments in the business and professional fields or for service to the University, the Alumni Association, or both.

Eligible for the awards are graduates or former students, with the exception of the present faculty, members of the Board of Trustees, and the current Alumni Association president. Alumni Association members, University academic deans, and department chairmen are eligible to make the nominations.

Members are invited to nominate their candidates by sending in as complete a biographical sketch of them as possible, including specific details as to the reason for nomination.

Send nominations to Robert Odaniell, SIU Alumni Office, Carbondale. Deadline is February 15.

From the names submitted for the awards a committee of five persons, appointed by the University and Alumni Association presidents and the Association executive director, will make the final selection.

Champaign Chapter Elects Officers

Robert D. Walker, ex '49, of Urbana, is the new president of the Champaign Area Chapter of the SIU Alumni Association. He succeeds Gerald T. Yaxley '51, of Champaign.

Joseph Piland '55, M.S. '56, of Rantoul, was elected vice president, and Odell Moseley '41, of Champaign, was elected secretary-treasurer.

New officers were elected at a meeting in Champaign in November. Kenneth R. Miller, Executive Director of the SIU Foundation, was the guest speaker.

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from the SIU Alumni Association
Officers, Directors, and Staff

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Winter Sports Schedule

BASKETBALL
- December 1 Oklahoma State
- 2 North Dakota State
- 5 At Southwest Missouri State
- 7 At Kansas State
- 11 Tennessee Tech
- 12 State College of Iowa
- January 6 Washington University
- 9 Indiana State
- 11 At Wichita
- 15 Kentucky Wesleyan
- 20 At Evansville
- 25 At Tennessee Tech
- 26 At Tennessee State
- February 1 At Central Missouri
- 6 Ball State
- 8 At Kentucky Wesleyan
- 10 San Francisco State
- 13 Toledo
- 15 Tennessee State
- 20 Ohio University

GYMNASTICS
- December 4-5 At Midwest Open (Chicago)
- 11 Denver
- 12 At Iowa USGF Invitational
- January 16 Iowa State
- 26 Colorado
- 29 At Mankato State
- 30 At Minnesota
- February 13 At Ohio State
- 15 At Michigan State
- 18 At Arizona
- 22 At Wichita State
- 27 At U. of I. (Chicago)

SWIMMING
- December 5 North-South Collegiate Meet
- 12 Evansville
- 19 Mankato State
- January 9 At Big 10 Relays
- 15 Nebraska
- 23 At Cincinnati
- 30 North Central
- February 5 At Indiana
- 6 Iowa State
- 26 At Southern Methodist
- 27 At Oklahoma (Air Force Academy also competing)

WRESTLING
- December 5 At Illinois Invitational (Champaign)
- 11 Bloomsburg State
- 21 At LaGrange Invitational
- January 15 At Miami of Ohio
- 29 At Oklahoma State
- February 12 At Hazelpark (Michigan) Invitational
- 24 Indiana State
- 26 At Moorhead State
- March 6 Iowa State

Three of the four winter sports coaches are (left to right) Bill Meade, gymnastics; Jim Wilkinson, wrestling; and Jack Hartman, basketball. Ralph Casey again coaches the swimming team.

Challenging Oklahoma State, Toledo, Ohio University, and Evansville in basketball, Denver, Michigan State, and Iowa State in gymnastics, Indiana, Cincinnati, and Southern Methodist in swimming and Oklahoma State, Iowa State, and Miami of Ohio in wrestling, SIU’s winter sports teams are assured of top-flight competition this season.

The Cowboys, coached by U.S. Olympic leader Henry Iba, are pre-season favorites in the Big Eight Conference cage chase while Toledo, Ohio U., and Evansville all three administered setbacks to Coach Jack Hartman’s Salukis a year ago when they won 16 of 26 games.

Coach Bill Meade’s gymnasts will be going into their dual meet season with 27 consecutive victories behind them, but are facing several of the strongest teams in the country.

Indiana’s swimmers have been among the nation’s leaders for several years and are anticipating another outstanding year while Cincinnati won the Missouri Valley Conference title and Southern Methodist the Southwest Conference crown. Nevertheless, Coach Ralph Casey feels his club, which won six of seven meets last season, may be capable of handling most opponents this year.

Coach Jim Wilkinson suffered heavy losses in wrestling and may have trouble handling his card, which includes the national champion Cowboys from Oklahoma State and third-place Iowa State, with his young team.
W. W. Vandeveer—Continued

Foundation stock in Ashland Oil and Refining Company valued at $114,000, the largest gift ever received by SIU from an alumnus. Dividends support the Vandeveer Chair of Economics in the School of Business now held by C. Addison Hickman, dean of the School of General Studies at North Carolina State College. It was the first and is the only endowed chair established at SIU.

In 1956 Mr. Vandeveer gave the University two rare Salukis, the mascots paraded at athletic events and other SIU functions.

He presented two Landrace hogs to the School of Agriculture in 1958 to be used for research and class purposes.

Mr. Vandeveer gave the Diamond Jubilee Commencement Address at SIU in June of 1950 and received the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree. His was the first honorary degree given in the history of the University.

A gold-tipped bronze bust of Mr. Vandeveer, the work of Adella Mitchell Mills, was unveiled at the 1951 Alumni Banquet. The bust now stands in the office of Alumni Services.

An honorary life member of the Alumni Association, Mr. Vandeveer was a member of the board of the SIU Foundation from 1948 until his death. He was presented an Alumni Achievement Award in June, 1958, and was named Alumnus of the Week by the Alumni Association in February, 1963.

He served on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association and was association president from 1949 to 1951. As president he issued a challenge to graduates and former students in a published pamphlet, Where Are We Going?

Mr. Vandeveer owned the Wilda Ruth Farm at Medina, Ohio, and brought his horses to Du Quoin each year for the Grand Circuit harness races.

He leaves his wife, Wilda Ruth; a son, James W. Vandeveer of Dallas, Texas, president of Vanson Production Corporation and Vanstates Oil Corporation; and a daughter, Mrs. E. Arthur Basham of Dayton, Ohio.

SOUTHERN SKETCHES

A Russian language study tour of the Soviet Union sponsored by SIU is planned for next summer. Brochures describing the tour have gone out to colleges and universities throughout the country. The program will include six weeks of intensive Russian language and history study at the University beginning June 21 and a three-week study tour of the Soviet Union beginning August 2. The study tour will cost about $900 per person, including air travel and the three-week bus tour of the Soviet Union and Central Europe.

A grant of $2,000 was given to SIU by the National Science Foundation for support of a project begun last summer by David G. Rands, associate professor in chemistry at the East St. Louis Center. Mr. Rands is investigating the electrical properties of water-alcohol solutions of nickel salts.

Novel to Be Published

Harrisburg junior honor student Janet Hart has received a contract for publication of a mystery novel which she wrote as an English class project at Carbondale last spring. Her book, File for Death, will be published in July by Boardman Company, Ltd., of London, England. She wrote the book as a project for a course taught by Kenneth Hopkins, British journalist and novelist who spent two quarters at SIU last year as visiting lecturer. He urged her to submit the book to the London publishers. As an added tribute she was unanimously elected to membership in the Crime Writers' Association, a British group which includes on its roster such notables as Erle Stanley Gardner and Baby Jane author Henry Farrell.

Selling Southern Illinois

More than 300 persons from Southern Illinois and Indiana gathered at Carmi recently to hear SIU President Delyte W. Morris outline a plan for selling Southern Illinois to industry and tourists. He emphasized a number of area assets, methods of salesmanship, and Southern Illinois’ rich history. Walter B. Young, Jr., ex '47, president of the SIU Alumni Association, was master of ceremonies. Carmi and White County civic clubs sponsored the dinner meeting. Mr. Young, of Carmi, was presented a surprise citation by the Carmi Chamber of Commerce for his work with the Alumni Association and the University as Association president. The White County Alumni Chapter sponsored a reception before the dinner.

Inter-Fraternity Blood Bank

Eight social fraternities at SIU will operate an Inter-Fraternity Blood Bank for use by all SIU students and Carbondale area residents. Jim Hansen, a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, is coordinator of the program. So far 210 members of the fraternities have volunteered to donate blood. When the need for blood arises, students having the required type will be notified and will be driven to hospitals by SIU Security Police.

The SIU Library at Edwardsville has published a 76-page catalogue of its extensive microfilm collection of the history of the Mormons in Illinois. The collection includes 85 rolls of microfilm and 21 file folders, which amounts to about 75,000 pages of material related to the period when Joseph Smith and his followers lived at Quincy and Nauvoo.