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CBS television newsman Walter Cronkite interviews R. Buckminster Fuller in Fuller’s Carbondale home for segments of upcoming network series, “The 21st Century.” Fuller, SIU research professor of design, is world renowned as an inventor, comprehensive design engineer, mathematician, and philosopher.

CBS to Feature Fuller

R. Buckminster Fuller, SIU research professor of design, will be featured in a new CBS television network series, “The 21st Century,” tentatively set to start in February. Series narrator will be Walter Cronkite.

Cronkite and a CBS News crew visited Fuller at his Carbondale home and filmed an interview, to be shown in several segments. In that conversation, Cronkite paid tribute to Fuller as “the world’s only comprehensivist and futurist.”

“You’ve had a major role in establishing the outer limits of man’s future and in defining where we’ll be going in the next few decades,” Cronkite told the 71-year-old SIU design pioneer.

“The day anyone can say that Bucky Fuller is behind the times will never come. I think one of the most significant things you’ve done is to design for mankind beyond the limits of present materials.”

Burton Banjamin, executive producer for CBS News, said the new series will deal with man’s way of life in the year 2000. It will cover such topics as automation, space, computers, leisure time, the home, transportation, and education.

“It’s incredible the reputation this man (Fuller) has,” Benjamin said. “We’ve already interviewed a number of prominent Americans for the show and it seems as though everywhere we go the people ask, ‘Have you done Bucky Fuller yet?’

Fuller, who has been on the SIU staff since 1957, also maintains in Carbondale his World Resources Inventory office, the center for an international ten-year project by students in design and architecture.

Season’s Greetings
from the SIU Alumni Association,
its Officers, Directors, and Staff

Ask New Budget Of $109-Million

Forecasting a change in enrollment pressures during the next two years from underclassmen to graduate students, the SIU board of trustees has submitted to Springfield a $109,531,952 operating budget request for the coming biennium.

The total, $106,286,652 to come from Illinois general revenue and $3,245,300 from University fees and miscellaneous income, is thirty-six percent higher than that allocated by the legislature for the two-year period now drawing to a close.

In presenting the budget to the board for its approval, transmittal to the Illinois State Board of Higher Education and eventually to the governor and new legislature, President Delyte W. Morris said graduate enrollment increased forty-five percent—nearly twice the undergraduate rate—during the last two years.

“These figures underscore the University’s rapid transition toward a comprehensive graduate and upper-level undergraduate institution,” Morris said, “in full accord with the Illinois Master Plan for Higher Education.”

Enrollment projections for 1968 indicate an 11.3 percent increase over the fall, 1966, figures, Morris said. A total of 20,216 students are expected on the Carbondale campus then, with 8,435 on the Edwardsville campus.

Because of relief provided by the expanding community college system of the state, however, SIU expects the 1968 fall quarter freshman class to be smaller than the 10,045 freshman class this year.

Included in the proposed budget are funds for equipment to support a doctoral program in molecular science.
Films for Viet Nam

Educational films valued at $150,000 have been made available to SIU and Ohio University education teams in South Viet Nam by Encyclopaedia Britannica Films, Inc.

Charles Benton, the Britannica firm president, said half the films would be for use of SIU contract teams in elementary education and half for the Ohio institution, which is conducting a secondary education program in South Viet Nam.

The materials were presented through the U.S. State Department's Agency for International Development (AID), under which the contract teams work.

The SIU Foundation, headed by Executive Director Kenneth R. Miller, was instrumental in arranging the gift.

Southern has maintained rotating teams of educators in South Viet Nam under AID auspices since 1960. Team members serve both to advise native educators in upgrading the worn-torn Asian nation's elementary education system and to help strengthen the training of Vietnamese elementary teachers.

Raise GI Gift Fund

Students in the Thompson Point campus housing area are again conducting a "Spirit of Christmas" campaign to raise funds for Christmas gifts for American soldiers in Viet Nam.

Gifts again will be sent to men of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, based at Da Nang. The project was commenced last year, with the "Screaming Eagle" group chosen because of ties developed between SIU and the 101st Division—particularly in athletics—when it was stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

With $4,200 raised last year, the SIU student group sent supplies of soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, and other personal items to Viet Nam. Troops of the 1st Brigade used the items to start a personal hygiene school for children of the Da Nang area.

Award Nominations Due

Alumni Achievement Awards, given annually to outstanding SIU graduates and former students, will be presented this year on June 10, Alumni Day.

Each year the Alumni Association honors alumni who have been recognized for accomplishments in their respective fields or for service to the University, the Alumni Association, or both.

Since the beginning of the Achievement Awards program, forty-two persons have been so honored.

All SIU graduates or former students are eligible for Achievement Awards, with the exception of present faculty members, members of the board of trustees, and the current Alumni Association president.

Members of the Alumni Association, University academic deans, and department chairmen are eligible to nominate Award candidates.

Deadline for Nominations is February 15, with nominations to be submitted to Robert Odaniell, SIU Alumni Office, Carbondale.

Mormon History Issued

A second edition of the University Libraries' collection of microfilm source materials on Mormon history in Illinois has been issued, aggregating some 84,000 pages of material.

Compiled by Stanley B. Kimball, associate professor of history at the Edwardsville campus, the revised and enlarged edition brings together what is reputed to be the largest collection of its kind in the world.

The collection is housed in the Lovejoy Library at Edwardsville.

Out-State Costs Up

A $50 per quarter tuition increase for out-of-state students approved by the SIU board of trustees earlier this year will go into effect winter quarter.

Under the increase, non-resident students will pay tuition and fees totaling $210.50 per quarter, compared to $80.50 for Illinois residents. The total includes book rental, activity and building fees, and welfare fund assessments.

Even with the increase, out-of-state tuition at the University will rank among the lowest in the nation, according to fee schedules reported by the Office of Institutional Research, Washington, D.C.

Under the new schedule, a non-resident student will pay $631.50 for an academic year (three quarters) at Southern. Comparative figures at other large Midwestern universities are University of Illinois, $850; Indiana University, $960; Iowa State, $930; Michigan State, $1,020; Missouri, $850; Oklahoma State, $736, and Ohio State, $1,008.
Memorial to Schmitz

A campus memorial has been established in honor of Frank Schmitz, star of Saluki gymnastics teams of the past two years who lost his life in an airplane crash earlier this year.

The work of some 250 social fraternity and sorority pledges and sponsored by the Junior Inter-Greek Council, the memorial consists of a picnic and recreation area on Lake-on-the-Campus near "Greek Row." The site is to be marked by a special memorial plaque.

Schmitz was a member of Sigma Pi fraternity. The twenty-year-old athlete was killed when the plane he was piloting crashed near Lafayette, La., his home, September 3.

He was national titlist in the trampoline and floor exercise events as a sophomore and won the long horse and free exercise competition last year, leading SIU to the NCAA national championship.

International Soccer Team

A soccer team composed of students from more than a dozen countries has been formed on the Carbondale campus, temporarily named the Carbondale International Soccer Club.

The team includes twenty-eight students from foreign lands and seventeen American students. Ian Beattie from Scotland is coach, with Frank Lumsden, Jamaica, as captain, Colin Bishop, England, as manager, and Barbara Hartnett of Scott Air Force Base, Ill., as secretary.

Also represented on the team are Bolivia, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Canada, Germany, Holland, Honduras, Iran, Kenya, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Spain, and Uganda.

Applicants Should Act

High school seniors planning to attend Southern next fall should act now, according to Admissions Director Leslie J. Chamberlin. Tentative admission can be granted in advance, subject to completion of high school work.

All Illinois high school graduates in the upper half of their classes are eligible to enroll during the fall term. Adequate scores on entrance examinations—the American College Testing Program (ACT) Test—also are required.

Fall quarter admission of out-of-state students is restricted to those in the upper forty percent of their classes, plus adequate ACT test scores.

Chamberlin said the first step in seeking admission is to write for an admissions packet. Applicants will receive additional information by return mail.

Saluki Sports

BY FRED HUFF

Southern's basketball team was idle the first weekend in December when Saluki gymnasts, wrestlers, and swimmers opened their 1966-67 season, but Coach Jack Hartman's cagers face a rugged month nonetheless. After opening at home against State College of Iowa, the Salukis meet St. Louis University and the University of Louisville, both Missouri Valley Conference members, on the road. Games with Kansas State Teachers College (Emporia) and Augustana follow prior to Southern's December 29-30 engagement in the Sun Bowl Tournament at El Paso, Texas. Other tourney participants are defending national champion Texas Western, Southern Methodist, and Drake. Southern's first win of the season will be its 600th against intercollegiate opposition, and six lettermen are available to form the nucleus of this year's squad. . . .

Oscar Moore, Southern's top candidate for 1968 Olympic honors, established another in a long string of cross-country records when he won the Central Collegiate Conference meet at Chicago in mid-November. Moore's time was 24:48.2 over a five-mile course. Previous record-holder was John Lawson, Kansas, in 25:07.7.

Much attention was focused on Coach Bill Meade's gymnasts as they opened their season in Chicago. The Salukis, defending NCAA titlists, are expecting one of their best teams ever. . . . And for the second time in three years, SIU will host the NCAA national championship meet. The extravaganza is set for the SIU Arena March 31-April 1, the second national championship meet scheduled for Southern's campus during the present school year. The NCAA tennis meet will be held here June 12-16.

Coach Jim Wilkinson's wrestlers got underway at the Illinois Invitational in Champaign and Coach Ray Essick's swim squad opened in dual competition here with Iowa State. . . .

While Southern's basketball team is out-of-town competing in one of the nation's top holiday tournaments, sixteen prep teams will converge on the SIU Arena for the third annual tourney sponsored by Carbondale Community High School. Included in the field will be the host Terriers, Wood River, Collinsville, Herrin, Decatur (Eisenhower), Cahokia, West Frankfort, Pinckneyville, Jacksonville, Olney, Marion, Alton, Harrisburg, Du Quoin and St. Patrick's of Chicago. . . .


While rookies Willie Griffin, Detroit; Dick Garrett, Centralia, and Creston Whitaker, Jacksonville, are standout challengers on this year's varsity basketball team, several more sophomores may be bidding for starting assignments next season. Although barely underway, frosh coach Jim Smelser has good reports on several individual team members including Bruce Butchko, Crete, Ill.; Mike Dixon, Champaign; Rex Barker, Norris City, and Juarez Rosborough, Houston, Tex.
Assets Climb

Assets of the SIU Foundation have passed the $3-million mark, an increase of almost $1-million since its annual report last April 30. Foundation holdings are derived from gifts, grants, and scholarship and loan funds contributed to the University. Assets include investments, real estate, and cash. Foundation officials are scheduled to meet December 13 in St. Louis with the staff of the Danforth Foundation to discuss possible avenues of cooperation. Nine SIU students now hold Danforth fellowships.

Spring meeting of the Foundation board has been set for April 13 at the Southern Illinois Golf and Country Club, Marion.

Alumni Activities

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20
Tampa Area Alumni Club.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
Miami Area Alumni Club.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
New York Area Alumni Club.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
Alumni Breakfast, American Association of School Administrators Conference, SIU headquarters suite, Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
Open House, American Association of School Administrators Conference, SIU headquarters suite, Traymore Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Washington, D.C., Area Alumni Club.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Alumni Association Board of Directors meeting, Carbondale.

(Now is a good time to make plans to attend Alumni Day, Saturday, June 10, 1967.)

Wieman Papers Deposited

Papers and collected works of Henry Nelson Wieman, American theologian and philosopher and for the past ten years distinguished visiting professor at SIU, have been presented to the University Libraries. Included are some thirty volumes written or co-authored by Wieman, unpublished manuscripts, and autobiographical materials. Other papers and publications will be added in the future. Wieman, 82, “retired” a second time this fall, having come to Southern after twenty years as professor of the philosophy of religion at the University of Chicago and faculty posts at three other institutions. He now is working on a number of new books, including a philosophy of history. Last June the University conferred upon Prof. Wieman the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Home Economics Dean

Grace M. Henderson, dean emerita of the College of Home Economics at the Pennsylvania State University, has been appointed visiting professor in the School of Home Economics, where she will serve as acting dean January 15 to June 1. She will hold the latter position while Dean Eileen E. Quigley is on sabbatical leave for travel, study, and writing. . . . Vice President Robert W. MacVicar has been named to head a team of consultants studying possible university status for East Carolina College, Greenville, N.C. The team is to make recommendations to the North Carolina Board of Higher Education.