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Telefund Campaigns Set

Telefund campaigns will be conducted this year by more than a dozen SIU Alumni Clubs, beginning this month and continuing through April. Funds collected go to support a variety of SIU Alumni Association projects.

The campaigns have become an annual spring event since first undertaken in 1962 by the Jackson County club. The Madison County club joined the effort the following year, and since that time the list has grown steadily. Contributions have totalled some $24,000.

While each Telefund drive is a specific project of a local SIU Alumni Club, all represent a cooperative effort on behalf of the entire Association in support of the University.

Alumni contributions made through the Telefund campaigns provide needed support for the SIU Alumni Scholarship Program, the Alumni Association Student Loan Fund, the annual Great Teacher Award, the Saluki Award, individual faculty research projects, and unrestricted funds allocated by the Association board of directors.

Contributors may designate that their gifts go to one of these needs specifically, or may simply give to the unrestricted fund. In either case, the gifts will be used to help meet essential needs of the University not covered by appropriated funds from the state.

Telefund callers will supply donors with pledge cards immediately or at a later time designated. Pledge cards and contributions then will be returned directly to the Alumni Office.

Climaxing an exhaustive study of SIU athletic practices and policies, the University's specially created Study Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics is to seek opinions of alumni across the nation.

Dr. John Voigt, commission chairman, said questionnaires would be mailed to some 33,000 SIU graduates and former students early in February. Also to be polled are students and faculty members on both the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses.

The questionnaire, designed for computer tabulation of returns, calls for a sport-by-sport evaluation of the present SIU intercollegiate athletics program and opinions on such things as participation at the NCAA college division or university division level; athletic conference affiliation, and establishment of an athletics program at Edwardsville.

The athletics study commission was established by SIU President Delyte W. Morris last June with approval of the board of trustees.

"Although we believe that over the years the University has conducted a sound and effective athletic program," Morris wrote commission members then, "occasional proposals for a change in direction of emphasis suggest the need for re-examination, now and then, of what we are trying to do and what educational aims we hope to further in athletics."

Commission members have visited a number of other institutions and studied their athletic standards and financing, Voigt said. They also have explored with athletic office and coaching staff personnel their problems and needs; considered existing facilities and their coordination and administration, and studied the relation of intercollegiate athletics to instructional and research programs of the University and the position of a program of intercollegiate athletics within the University administratively.

Voigt said a precedent for the athletics opinion poll was set some years ago when alumni were questioned on the University's academic program. That poll was part of a study leading to the comprehensive General Studies program, formally initiated in 1962 as the first major curriculum overhaul in more than a quarter-century.

Opinions expressed by alumni proved highly important to that study, Voigt said.

The athletics study commission was first suggested by a fac-

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Russian Tour Planned

SIU will sponsor a ten-week Russian language study tour this summer, to include four weeks of study at Moscow State University, a two-week course in Czechoslovakia, and a tour of the Soviet Union and Central Europe.

The tour, beginning June 23, will be under the direction of Joseph R. Kupcek, associate professor of foreign languages and chairman of the Russian and Central European Studies Committee at SIU.

A certificate will be granted by Moscow State University for completion of the course there, which will include seminar sessions with leading personalities in Soviet government, education, the arts, and science.

'Carmen' Production Set

Bizet's "Carmen" has been selected as the mid-winter production of the SIU Opera Workshop, to be presented February 24, 25, and 26 under the direction of Marjorie Lawrence. "Carmen" was the first opera produced by Miss Lawrence, former Metropolitan and Paris opera dramatic soprano, after she joined the SIU faculty as research professor of music in 1960.

Miss Lawrence said the unusually large Opera Workshop enrollment of more than forty students, including a number of "exceptionally talented and experienced vocalists," should make the production "the best we've had."

You, too, can enjoy all the advantages of SIU Alumni Association membership. Coupon below is for your convenience.

Polling Alumni ... (from page 1)
Action was fast and furious throughout the SIU-Louisville game which kept an Arena crowd of more than 10,000 fans at the peak of excitement. Avenging an earlier, double-overtime loss to the Cardinals, the 53-50 victory greatly enhanced the rising national prestige of the Salukis. Louisville went into the game undefeated and ranked second in the nation.

Show Tickets Available

Mail order tickets are now available for the 20th annual Theta Xi Variety Show, a traditional highlight of SIU winter quarter activities, scheduled for March 3 and 4 in Shryock Auditorium.

Proceeds from the event go into a fund supporting worthwhile campus projects, including the annual Leo Kaplan Memorial Scholarship. This year's scholarship and the annual "Service to Southern" awards will be presented during the Friday night show.

Tickets may be obtained by writing Phil Scheurer, SIU Student Activities Office, Carbondale, no later than February 15. Tickets are priced at 75 cents and $1, and are available for either the Friday or Saturday night show.

USO Sponsors Players

An SIU theatre department group is scheduled for a month-long February tour of military bases in Greenland and Iceland with their production of the comedy play, "Come Blow Your Horn."

The Northeast Command tour, sponsored by the USO, is the second by an SIU theatre group to military installations in that area. The previous tour came in 1962.

Directing the current production is Christian Moe, associate professor of theatre and an authority on American historical drama. Students from five states are included in the cast. The play is scheduled for campus performances April 7-9 and 13-16.

Saluki Sports

By FRED HUFF

Basketball enthusiasm hit an all-time peak at SIU following the Salukis' recent win over the University of Louisville, and all indications point to a continued boom as word spreads across the country.

Although SIU's fame as a basketball power has been on the rise for a number of years, particularly since Jack Hartman's program began paying dividends, not even back-to-back second-place finishes in the NCAA college division tournaments in 1965 and 1966 attracted as much attention as this year's club.

First hint of the current SIU whirlwind was the season's opener when Hartman's speedsters handed State College of Iowa, a team which a few nights earlier had pushed Iowa State to a one-point decision, a 93-58 setback.

It took a 10-point, 69-59 win over St. Louis University, however, to excite area fans. When the Salukis followed that up three nights later with a narrow double-overtime loss to Louisville, ranked among the nation's university division leaders, other heads began to turn.

Victories over Kansas (Emporia) State and Augustana (S. Dak.) allowed the Salukis to take a 4-1 record into the Sun Bowl Tournament at El Paso, Texas, where a 59-54 win over defending national champion Texas Western further shocked the basketball world.

Southern stumbled momentarily in the championship game when it dropped a 66-64 squeaker to Southern Methodist University, but the Texas Western haymaker already had served its purpose.

As if their early-season scheduling was not enough, the Salukis launched the new year by meeting Indiana State, Evansville, Louisville again, Southwest Missouri State, and Kentucky Wesleyan within a 10-day period. Results were great.

Indiana State, beaten only once—by Columbia in the Steel Bowl tourney at Pittsburgh—bowed reluctantly, 72-69, before a 9,000-plus crowd in the SIU Arena. Evansville, in the midst of a shaky season but fresh from a slim 68-66 loss to unbeaten Kentucky Wesleyan, went down 55-41.

That set the stage for the thriller at home with unbeaten Louisville, and the Salukis rewarded more than 10,000 screaming fans with a well-earned 53-50 win over the nation's second-ranked team.

A one-point triumph over solid Southwest Missouri State and a 52-51 win over defending college champ Kentucky Wesleyan followed.

Headliners in Southern's success have been Walt Frazier, Dick Garrett, Clarence Smith, and Ralph Johnson, with three others, Ed Zastrow, Roger Bechtold, and Chuck Benson, also playing vital roles.

Frazier is the team's leading scorer with a 16.5 average and tops his teammates in rebounding as well with an average of 12 per game.
Cadet Museum

A Cadet Museum in which to display objects of military historical interest has been undertaken at SIU, to be housed in Wheeler Hall along with headquarters of the University Air Force ROTC wing.

Such items as unit patches, insignia, medals, and decorations are to be sought from official military sources, particularly the Air Force. Planners hope individuals will donate such souvenirs as enemy battle flags and appropriate photographs.

Initial item for the museum collection, a German battle flag, was given by Brig. Gen. Oscar Koch, U.S.A., Ret.

Alumni Activities

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
New York Area Alumni Club.

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

FEBRUARY 22-23
Randolph County Alumni Club Telefund campaign.

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

MARCH 6-9
Madison County Alumni Club Telefund campaign.

MARCH 7-8
Springfield Area Alumni Club Telefund campaign.

MARCH 28-29
Washington County Alumni Club Telefund campaign.

APRIL 4-5
Bloomington Area Alumni Club Telefund campaign.

APRIL 10-12
Jackson County Alumni Club Telefund campaign.

APRIL 26-27
Decatur Area Alumni Club Telefund campaign.

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Southern Sketches

An unusually heavy demand for new teachers in both elementary and high schools of the nation is reported by the SIU Placement Service, which already has scheduled appointments for representatives of more than eighty-five school systems—from as far away as Florida and Hawaii—to send interviewers to campus through mid-March. The peak of school recruiting usually runs through February, March, and April, according to past Placement Service records. . . . Applications for admission to SIU’s graduate program in psychology are running far beyond those of any previous year, with more than 800 applicants seeking openings this year. The department admits twenty to twenty-four master’s degree and doctoral candidates to study each year, and carries a total of some eighty graduate students. Psychology was the first SIU department to launch a Ph.D. program.

Center Completion Set

Completion and expansion of the University Center at Carbondale is scheduled for bidding late in June, with construction time estimated at some two and one-half years. The proposed project includes a 200-foot-long, two-story addition to the south side of the present structure and completion of the building’s upper floor interiors. . . . Sir Linton Andrews, described as Britain’s “elder statesman of the press,” will be a visiting professor in the SIU journalism department during the spring quarter. . . . Fifteen students from the Edwardsville campus have been selected to appear in this year’s edition of Who’s Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities. . . .

Geographers Edit Book

Robert A. Harper, SIU geography professor, and Jean Gottmann, former visiting professor, are joint editors of a new book, Metropolis on the Move, published by John Wiley and Sons, New York. The 220-page book includes material presented at the SIU Conference on Urban Sprawl two years ago, and contains a dozen essays by authorities appearing on the conference program. Gottmann, University of Paris scholar and internationally acclaimed authority on urban geography, was a visiting professor at SIU during the winter quarter of 1964 and the spring quarter of 1965. The urban sprawl conference upon which the new book is based was arranged in honor of his service on the faculty. Harper formerly served as chairman of the SIU department, is author of several elementary school textbooks and has edited and supervised the writing of others.

Fuller Work Expected

Buckminster Fuller’s long-awaited Synergetics, a book describing the mathematical system upon which much of his life work is based, is expected to be completed this year. Fuller, 71-year-old research professor and design pioneer who invented the geodesic dome, has received a $15,000 fellowship grant from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, Chicago, to help assure completion of the book. . . . Robert Lawrence Rands, an authority on the ancient Mayan art and civilization of Yucatan, has joined the SIU Museum staff as curator of Mesoamerican archaeology.