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Four Alumni Receive Achievement Awards

Four Alumni Achievement Awards were presented at the annual SIU Alumni Day banquet June 3, one for outstanding service to the Alumni Association and the University and three for distinguished professional achievement.

Recipients of the latter award were Sylvan Owen Greenlee '35, Bret J. McGinnis '49, and Charles F. Pratt '41. Glenn W. Storme '29–2 received the award for service.

The 1967 presentations marked the tenth year for the achievement awards, given to forty-one individuals previously.

Storme, president of the First National Bank in Carbondale, is a life member of the Alumni Association and served as its president in 1962–63. He also has been Association treasurer and first vice president and a class representative on the legislative council.

He is a past president of the SIU Varsity Letterman's Club and has served fourteen years as its secretary-treasurer. He was among business executives from a three-state area named to the School of Business Advisory Council in 1965.

Greenlee, vice president and director of research and development of Guardsman Chemical Coatings, Inc., Grand Rapids, Mich., has been called “the father of epoxy resins and probably the nation's foremost authority in that area.” He has patented more than one hundred projects.

He holds a Ph.D. Degree from the University of Illinois, and was a 1953 recipient of the Carnuba Palm Award presented by S. C. Johnson and Son, Inc., for “outstanding direction of a project in the field of resin synthesis, which has resulted in great financial benefits to the company.” He was (Continued on page 2)

SIU educational missions abroad are doing an “extraordinary job” of developing practical school programs in such countries as Nepal and South Vietnam, according to Robert W. MacVicar, vice president for academic affairs.

MacVicar, just returned from a round-the-world inspection tour of SIU teams on foreign soil, cited efforts in these two countries as typical of the “hard-headed approach that is paying off.”

In addition to areas mentioned, the University now has educational mission teams operating in Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Mali under contracts with the Agency for International Development and the Ford Foundation.

In a campus news conference, MacVicar said success of SIU’s Vietnam mission—which has been in operation for six years—has been “extraordinary if one agrees that our purpose is to influence such nations to make their own decisions and have ideas.”

As a result of SIU efforts, MacVicar said, South Vietnamese educational officials will start a system of required practice elementary teaching experience for all normal school students.

“We want a practical system,” he said, “one which they need and which has proven itself because it was successful in this country. We know it works—the American education system does produce people who are responsive to the needs of their country and to their own advantage.

“We’re concerned with the kind of education which makes it possible to do things—run radio stations, build roads, repair cars, operate bulldozers. The kind of nation they need isn’t going to be built by reading Hindu poetry.”

He cited success of the University’s program in Nepal, where SIU students and faculty members set up equipment and programs for a new National Technical Education Center and helped establish a new high school.

In Afghanistan, he said, the University team is “succeeding admirably” in developing a new four-year Institute of Technology.

MacVicar’s month-long tour also took him to other world points for discussion of further SIU involvement in international education.

Possible future tie-ups, he said, may be with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome for agricultural studies in underdeveloped nations, and with the American University of Beirut, Lebanon, for a visiting professorship program.
Telefund Nears $8,000

Contributions totalling $7,824 were pledged in Telefund campaigns conducted in March and April by eleven SIU Alumni Clubs in Illinois.

The Jackson County club, which conducted the first SIU Alumni Telefund drive in 1962, led all clubs with pledges totalling $2,923. St. Clair County club pledges amounted to $1,093, followed closely by Madison County club pledges totalling $1,030.

Other pledge totals were the Bloomington Area Club, $312; the Bond-Clinton Counties club, $177; the Decatur Area club, $204; the Franklin County club, $598; the Perry County club, $188; the Randolph County club, $394; the Springfield Area club, $789, and the Washington County club, $114.

While the annual Telefund drive is a cooperative effort on behalf of the SIU Alumni Association and the University, each separate drive is a specific project of a local Alumni club.

Funds collected go to support such needs as the Alumni Scholarship Fund, the Alumni Association Student Loan Fund, the Alumni Great Teacher Award, the Alumni Saluki Award, and individual faculty research.

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the eighth person to receive the award, preceded by Frank Lloyd Wright.

McGinnis is superintendent of recreation in Cincinnati and former state director of recreation for Indiana. He was named Indiana's "Recreation Man of the Year" last year. In 1965 he received the Distinguished Service Award of the American Institute of Park Executives. Among other significant offices, he has served as state president of the Indiana Congress of Parents and Teachers.

McGinnis holds a master's degree and Ph.D. from Indiana University. Before assuming his present post in Cincinnati, he held similar posts in Missouri and Indiana cities as well as the Indiana state post.

Pratt is executive vice president of the Studebaker Corporation, a position he assumed last fall after being elected to the firm's board of directors in April, 1966. He was named a vice president of Studebaker in 1964 and also held the title of assistant to the president.

Pratt, an SIU honor graduate, joined Studebaker in 1951 as manager of property and government accounting and in 1959 was appointed assistant to the vice president in charge of diversification. Since 1963 he has headed a management team which successfully accomplished the sale and conversion of the firm's automotive establishment. His work in the company's intensified diversification program has been cited as an important factor in Studebaker's recent upturn.

Sixth Building Started

Construction started last month on the sixth major building for the Edwardsville campus—a three-story, $3,500,000 General Offices Building which will house key administrative, student services, and business offices.

The structure, designed by Gyo Obata of the firm of Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum of St. Louis, is expected to be ready for use by the end of 1968.

It will be built of the same materials as the existing five structures—plum-colored brick, precast pink aggregate panels, tinted glass, and dark anodized aluminum. However, the service towers which break up horizontal lines in the other buildings will be located in the rear of the General Offices Building.

Many of the functions to be located in the new building now occupy space in former residences on the 2,700-acre campus.

Offices of the president, vice presidents, legal counsel, University architects, treasurer, and the SIU Foundation will be located on the third floor of the building. The two lower floors and basement will accommodate some fourteen other business and student service functions, including offices of the registrar and bursar, the student affairs office, the housing office, the student work and financial assistance office, and post office.
New SIU head football coach Dick Towers opens spring practice session. Himself a former football and track star, Towers previously served as offensive backfield coach for the Salukis. Before that he coached high school and junior college football in Kansas and spent two years as an assistant on the coaching staff at Kansas State University.

Summer Musicals Planned

Forty-two collegians from ten states, representing fifteen colleges and universities, have been selected on the basis of auditions for membership in the SIU Summer Music Theatre company.

Four Broadway musicals are scheduled for production by the company during the 1967 summer season. One, “On the Town,” will be produced with high school performers from the Music and Youth at Southern summer music camp. Performances are set for July 28 and 29.

Others are “Kiss me Kate,” scheduled for June 30, July 2, and July 7–9; “Carousel,” July 21–23 and August 5–6, and “Carnival,” August 18–20 and 25–27.

During the week of August 20–26 master classes in staging and acting technique will be conducted for members of the company by Ross Allen, Indiana University opera stage director.

The Summer Music Theatre is directed by William Taylor.

Chicago Students Tops

Students from West Chicago Community High School have been rated number one scholastically in an analysis of fall term grade averages for new SIU freshmen.

An evaluation was made by the registrar’s office, covering ninety-five Illinois senior high schools represented by ten or more students in last fall’s entering freshman class.

In addition to West Chicago, the top ten ranked schools were, in order:

Chicago South Shore, Rockford East, Nashville Community, McLeansboro Community, Trico Community Unit (Campbell Hill), Pekin Community, Metropolis Community, Salem Community, and Elverado Community Unit (Elkville).

Saluki Sports

BY FRED HUFF

It's tournament time again and SIU will be the scene of the NCAA championship meet June 12–17 when more than a hundred of the finest collegiate tennis players in the nation invade Carbondale. While Coach Dick LeFevre’s Salukis may not be in position to challenge for the team title, the week-long event promises to provide exciting action for area fans.

Top team entries are expected from defending champion Southern California, U.C.L.A., Miami, Mississippi State, Georgia Tech, Utah, Rice, Arizona, Pan American, and Tennessee. Top players from virtually every team will be bidding for individual honors.

While perhaps not in the same category as the above-mentioned clubs, the Salukis figure to score with the likes of Mike Sprengelmeyer, Al Pena, Johnny Yang, and possibly Jose Villarete.

Villarete, although sidelined late in the season with illness, is a likely participant. He won nine of eleven matches prior to his sickness to lead the Salukis to eleven straight wins.

Sprengelmeyer, playing in the number two position until the loss of his teammate, has a fine 9–4 record, while Pena was unbeaten through Southern’s first dozen matches and Yang had a nifty 11–2 mark.

Tennis isn’t the only national championship scheduled for June. Coach Lew Hartzog’s track and field team will be competing in the NCAA classic at Brigham Young University with several entries ranking among the favorites. Top SIU representative will be Oscar Moore in the distance events. Moore has been a standout, despite being sidelined for a time, throughout the regular season.

Coach Lynn Holder’s golfers will be in action in the NCAA college division tournament at Paducah, Ky. Gary Robinson has been the squad’s leader much of the season, but is receiving fine support from Steve Heckel, Jack Downey, and Jim Schonhoff. Schonhoff, particularly, has been impressive in recent outings and claimed medalist honors at a 14-team meet at Murray State in mid-May.

The Saluki baseball team closed a successful season by hosting the NCAA District Four regional meet won by defending national champion Ohio State. With six of the seven games decided by one run, the four-team field also included Western Michigan and Valparaiso. Post-season play ended for SIU with a 1–0, twelve-inning loss to Western Michigan, bringing the season record to 29–8–1.

Leading batsmen for Coach Joe Lutz’s squad were Paul Pavesich with a .325 mark, Dwight Clark at .290, and Barry O’Sullivan at .284. Leading pitchers were Howard Nickason with a 6–2 record and 1.18 ERA, Don Kirkland with a 9–4 record and 1.96 ERA, and Skip Pitlock with a record of 7–1 and an ERA of 2.96. Sophomore shortstop Rich Hacker, named most valuable player, led in hits with thirty-five.
Spring Enrollment

Spring quarter enrollment at both SIU campuses totals 24,558 students, including 17,321 at Carbondale and 7,237 at Edwardsville.

The total figure represents an increase of 755 students over spring enrollment last year. It does not include registrants in non-credit adult education courses offered throughout the area.

Assets Increase

Assets of the SIU Foundation increased by $1.8-million during the past year and now total $3,324,000, according to the organization's annual report.

The Foundation is a philanthropic corporation which assists the University through stewardship of loan and grant funds. It also handles patent and marketing details for faculty inventions and acquires real estate needed for University expansion.

Alumni Activities

FRIDAY, June 9
SIU Foundation Board of Directors meeting, Renaissance Room, University Center, Carbondale, 12 noon.

Commencement exercises, Edwardsville campus, 7:00 p.m., followed by President's reception honoring 1967 graduates and their parents.

SATURDAY, June 10
Reception honoring Carbondale Class of 1967 and parents, President's home, 4:00 p.m. (University Center in event of rain.)

Commencement exercises, Carbondale campus, Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Southern Sketches

President Johnson's National Advisory Council on Extension and Continuing Education, a twenty-member body serving under the U.S. Commissioner of Education, held a regularly-scheduled meeting on the SIU Edwardsville campus in May. William J. Tudor, special assistant to Vice President Ralph W. Ruffner, is a member of the council.

John E. King, former college president who has just completed a term as head of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, is serving as a visiting professor in the College of Education for the spring quarter. He has been president of both the University of Wyoming and Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia.

Don Ihde, assistant professor of philosophy, has been awarded a Fulbright grant for research at the University of Paris.

Dibden Heads College

Arthur J. Dibden has resigned as professor of higher education and philosophy to become president of Johnson State College in Vermont. He will assume his new post this month.

The Metropolitan Opera National Company performance of La Traviata was a featured program in the SIU lectures and entertainment series last month.

Fremont A. Shull, professor of management, has been named president of the Midwest Business Administration Association.

SIU has been awarded a two-year, $59,400 grant from the National Science Foundation for research on Mayan ecology and trade. The study will be headed by Robert L. Rands, professor of anthropology.

Irish Honor SIU Poet

Thomas Kinsella, SIU poet-in-residence, has won Ireland's highest award for poetry, the Denis Devlin Memorial Award. The award, which includes a cash prize of about $1,000, is frequently compared to America's Pulitzer Prize. Kinsella won the honor for his volume, Wwood, which was selected as the best book of poetry in English by an Irish citizen published during the period 1964 to 1966.

The Devlin Award is made every three years by the Arts Council of Ireland. Kinsella already had gained notice as one of Ireland's ranking young poets when he accepted his present SIU position in 1965. He is a member of the Irish Academy of Letters and won the 1958 Guinness Poetry Award for a selection from his book of poems, Another September.

Art Collection Given

An extensive art and literary collection has been presented to the University by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen Moe of Riverdale, N.Y. Included are a great number of books which will be placed in the University libraries and eighty-five art works which will be added to the permanent SIU collection. Moe is former president of the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation.

The U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research has awarded Marisa Canut-Amoros of the School of Technology faculty a $39,965 continuation grant for her X-ray studies in crystallography. The grant continues a previous Air Force contract with Mrs. Canut-Amoros for ferroelectric studies.