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Among top 5% in Federal Funds

In terms of dollars received, SIU ranked 94th among the 2,050 American colleges and universities getting federal funds from various sources in 1966, according to a new report published by the National Science Foundation.

Ranked among the top 100 institutions for the first time, the University climbed from 144th place the previous year—lowest ranking of any school among the top 100.

The NSF report shows a total of $7,815,000 granted SIU by six federal agencies. That figure reflects an increase from $973,000 as late as 1963—when SIU ranked 157th in terms of dollars received—and is more than double the 1965 total.

The University of Michigan topped the list with $66,265,000, followed closely by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford, and Columbia University. The University of Illinois ranked fifth, receiving $58,491,000.

Robert W. MacVicar, vice president for academic affairs, termed SIU's advance "a rare feat for any university as young as we are, and without a medical school or agricultural extension station."

The NSF report showed many schools in the top 100 receiving more than $4,000,000 from the Department of Agriculture, while SIU received only $62,000. Of the SIU total, $6,818,000 came from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Funds also were reported from the Atomic Energy Commission, the Department of Defense, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the NSF.

The figures were gathered and published by the NSF for the Federal Council on Science and Technology as an outgrowth of a directive by President Johnson ordering federal agencies to upgrade science and science education at potentially strong institutions while maintaining quality where it already exists.
'Intercul' Courses Planned

SIU's newly emerging "international dimension" is to be extended into the undergraduate catalog, starting with the winter quarter.

Special sections of General Studies courses labeled "Intercul," stressing the cultures and ideas of non-Western nations, will be opened to sophomores and will feature team teaching, special evening sessions, guest lectures by foreign students or faculty members from the areas covered, and perhaps a summer overseas travel program.

Winter quarter offerings will be in geography and anthropology, with "Intercul" courses in economics and government to be added during spring term. If enough students want it, a quarter of overseas study may be added for the summer.

Campus Construction Set

Contract awards for four new campus building projects were approved at the November meeting of the board of trustees. They cover a Life Science Building "addition" and second stage Physical Sciences Building construction at Carbondale and University Center completion and a Physical Sciences Building addition at Edwardsville.

As 1967 draws to a close, 12,154 alumni are supporting your University through membership in the SIU Alumni Association. If you are not a member, this is your invitation to join them in the new year. Use the coupon below to select the membership plan of your choice. Membership dues include subscription to Alumnus magazine.

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Largest structure involved is the Life Sciences project at Carbondale, contracted at $10,227,850. The four-story wing will provide research, office, and graduate studies space for the departments of microbiology, botany, zoology, physiology, and psychology.

The new Carbondale Physical Sciences wing will include faculty offices and a lecture auditorium. The Physical Sciences addition at Edwardsville will be for office space, while the University Center work there will include second floor interior completion and addition of a ballroom.

Early Admission Possible

High school juniors can get a year's jump on the college stampede under a new "head-start" admissions policy now in effect at SIU.

Under the new plan, a high school student in the upper half of his junior class can apply for admission at the end of his sixth semester. If he still ranks in the upper half at graduation time, an SIU admissions slip is approved and he can go directly through registration.

Award Nominations Due

Nominations are now being received for 1968 Alumni Achievement Awards to be presented Alumni Day, June 15. Deadline for nominations is February 15.

Achievement Awards are given annually to selected alumni who have distinguished themselves in their respective fields or who have been of outstanding service to the University, the Alumni Association, or both.

Since the beginning of the Achievement Awards program in 1948, forty-five 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 Association, University academic deans, and department chairmen are eligible to nominate Award candidates.

Nominations with supporting material should be submitted to Robert Odaniell, SIU Alumni Office, Carbondale.

Enrollment Tops 27,000

Final SIU fall quarter enrollment count reached a record 27,788 students, an increase of more than 2,000 over last fall and almost 650 more than official estimates which had been used for budget purposes.

The total includes 19,260 students on the Carbondale campus and 8,528 at Edwardsville. Each figure represents a substantial increase over last year.

Largest group is the freshman class, which numbers 9,743. The Graduate School continued its strong growth pattern, with a total of 4,414 students marking an increase of almost ten percent over a year ago.
Success of the Salukis this season may depend to great extent on performances of two sophomores, Rex Barker, left, and Bruce Butchko. Both had outstanding seasons with the SIU freshmen last year, Barker providing needed floor leadership and Butchko rewriting Walt Frazier's freshman scoring records.

New 'Hey Dog' Sought

A search is underway for a replacement for one of the most popular sights at SIU home football and basketball games—"Hey Dog," the flop-eared, dog-costumed mascot created by John Rush.

Rush made his first appearance as "Hey Dog" five years ago. He entertained thousands of spectators with his antics, performing until his graduation last June.

Student body president Ray Lenzi formed a committee to find a replacement for Rush and carry on the "Hey Dog" tradition. The committee will be responsible for selecting a student on the basis of his tumbling ability and personality in front of crowds, the talents which made "Hey Dog" popular.

Cougars in Tourney Play

Currently embarking on their first season of intercollegiate basketball competition, the SIU-Edwardsville Cougars will see holiday tourney action in a four-team meet at McKendree College December 19-20. Also involved are Eureka College and Sanford Brown College of St. Louis.

Coached by Harry Gallatin, former Saluki and professional basketball mentor, the Cougars opened the home season December 6 against Sanford Brown. Other scheduled home contests, to be played in the Edwardsville high school gymnasium, are against Park College January 8 and Northeast Missouri State February 28. Games are scheduled at Park College January 22, Northeast Missouri February 10, and Sanford Brown February 24.

The basketball schedule follows a successful first-year soccer season in which the Cougars won three of six games.

"Cougars" was heavily favored as the athletic team name in a poll of Edwardsville campus students, supported by stories about a live cougar said to have been sighted in the area during early days of campus construction.

Saluki Sports

By Fred Huff

Jack Hartman isn't predicting a repeat National Invitation Tournament championship this season by any means, but the highly-successful Saluki cage boss is looking forward to another fine year.

With only five lettermen—and just one a regular—returning from last year's standout club, Hartman and his aides, George Iubelt and Jim Smelser, have been busier than usual this fall preparing for the 1967-68 season.

After four weeks of intensive drills, Hartman indicated he was generally pleased—although far from satisfied—with progress shown.

One of the most serious problems facing this year's club is a size deficiency. During early practice sessions Hartman had Dick Garrett, the lone returnee from last year, and who is just 6-3, teamed up with 6-4 Chuck Benson and 6-4 Jay Westcott on the front line. In the back court were Willie Griffin at 6-3 and Craig Taylor at 6-1.

Since then, however, Bruce Butchko, a 6-7 sophomore, has moved into the pivot position in place of Westcott and Rex Barker has challenged Taylor for a starting guard spot. While Barker doesn't lend any support to the height situation, Butchko helps some and Hartman is counting on the jumping skills and quickness of Benson, Garrett, and Griffin for rebounding strength.

Garrett has been tremendous in early workouts and is the obvious player to fill Walt Frazier's vacancy. The former Centralia, Illinois, prep star scored 410 points last season as a sophomore and was named to the second all-NIT team. A fierce competitor who enjoys the defensive side of the game as well as offensive, Garrett could gain some All-American recognition.

Inexperience is the other factor bothering Hartman. Other than Benson, who was employed much of last season as the number one reserve, few returnees have seen much varsity action. Griffin, another potential standout, managed to get into several games late in the season but for the most part is untested.

Both Butchko and Barker had great years with the freshmen, but neither can be counted on too heavily during the early stages of the season.

Arizona and Arizona State will threaten Southern's fabulous home record prior to the Christmas holidays before Wichita State, Southwest Missouri State, Kansas State, and others invade during January and February.

Two of Southern's biggest engagements, however, figure to be on the road. The Salukis meet Michigan State, co-champions of the Big Ten last season, in a Chicago Stadium triple-header January 27 and are scheduled to meet Duke again in Madison Square Garden February 8. Alumni in the greater Chicago and New York areas, respectively, will receive ticket information by mail. Those in other areas who wish the information should write the SIU Alumni Office, Carbondale.
Southern Sketches

President and Mrs. Delyte W. Morris were guests at a White House reception last month honoring King Mahendra of Nepal. SIU operates a technical training institute in that country under contract with the U.S. Agency for International Development. . . . Carl C. Lindegren, professor emeritus of microbiology, has been invited to address the 12th International Congress of Genetics in Tokyo next summer. . . . Herman Lantz, professor of sociology, was selected by the Polish Academy of Sciences to serve as a visiting scientist at the University of Warsaw this fall. His plans also included seminars in Ireland, Great Britain, Sweden, and the Netherlands.

Dean Caldwell Honored

Oliver Caldwell, dean of the Division of International Services, has been honored by the People to People Program for his contributions to international education. He received special recognition at International Family Day activities in Berkeley, California, sponsored by the organization, a citizens' group concerned with advancement of international friendship. President Johnson is honorary president of the group, former President Eisenhower chairman of its board of trustees. . . . Robert R. Spackman, SIU athletic trainer, is author of two new books, Conditioning for Football and Conditioning for Baseball, published by Charles C. Thomas, Springfield. Both offer year-around training programs coaches can tailor to needs of individual athletes.

Humorist Gives Papers

H. Allen Smith, native Southern Illinoisan who has become one of the favorite modern American humorists, has given his collected papers to the SIU Libraries. Smith is author of thirty books and a long list of magazine articles. He made the scene in American letters with his Low Man on a Totem Pole, followed by Life in a Putty Knife Factory, Lost in the Horse Latitudes, and Lo, the Former Egyptian. More recent books include Poor H. Allen Smith's Almanac and Son of Rhubarb. Born in McLeansboro, Smith grew up in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. A New York resident in recent years, he now is building a new home in Texas. His gift to SIU includes manuscripts of his books, some working papers and galley proofs, clippings of his newspaper and magazine articles, and much of his personal library. Other material will follow.

SIU Quarterly Grows

A scholarly journal published on the Edwardsville campus, Papers on Language and Literature, will mark its fourth anniversary with a growing international subscription list. The quarterly, edited by Prof. Nicholas Joost, now goes to subscribers in Australia, Great Britain, Europe, Africa, Asia, and South America, as well as in the U.S. . . . A scholarship fund to be administered by the SIU Foundation has been established by the Johnston City Lions Club in memory of George Kee '60, M.S. Ed. '63, Johnston City high school principal and former Williamson County SIU Alumni Club officer who died last May. . . . Marvin H. Rimerman, assistant professor of Radio and Television, was one of six Americans to receive the 1967 “Executive Shield” of the International Broadcasters Society.