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Steady enrollment at SIU in recent years is visually depicted by graph. Enrollment figures used are from fall quarters and represent combined student population of both campuses.

Gold Medal to Fuller

R. Buckminster Fuller has been named recipient of the National Institute of Arts and Letters’ Gold Medal for architecture, to be presented May 28 at the annual ceremonial of the Institute and its affiliate, the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

The Institute awards two of its coveted Gold Medals each year, selecting winners from ten categories. The last award in architecture was made in 1963. Gold Medal winners last year were Katherine Anne Porter in fiction and Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., for history and biography.

The other 1968 Gold Medal will go to W. H. Auden for poetry. Auden generally is ranked with such figures as William Butler Yeats, T. S. Eliot, and Ezra Pound as a major influence in 20th century poetry.

Fuller, 72-year-old inventor of the geodesic dome and internationally renowned for his “comprehensive design” philosophies, has taught at SIU since 1956 and was given life tenure as a research professor in 1959. He maintains a permanent residence in Carbondale.

One of his most spectacular structures is the 250-foot “sky-break bubble” dome which served as the United States pavilion at Expo 67, the Montreal World’s Fair. More than 3,000 of Fuller’s geodesic domes have been erected around the world.

New Entrance Rules Hold Little Change

Tightened admissions policies to be effective a year from next fall will have only moderate influence on SIU enrollment, University officials have concluded, although there probably will be a greater demand for summer admission by lower-ranking high school graduates.

Beginning in the fall of 1969, all state senior colleges and universities in Illinois can admit during the regular academic year only those first-time entering freshmen who rank in the upper half of their high school classes. The rule, adopted by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, is part of a three-step plan to stabilize enrollment.

SIU already limits fall term enrollment to upper-half high school graduates, but has relaxed this rule for winter and spring term admission. Any Illinois high school graduate can enter in the summer quarter, but must carry at least eight hours of work and make at least a “C” average to continue in the fall.

Of 5,252 first-time freshmen who entered during the fall, winter, and spring quarters last year, only 546 were lower-half high school graduates. Slightly more than two-thirds of these were enrolled at the Edwardsville campus.

The new Higher Board ruling is the second step in its program to stabilize enrollments in the state's four-year public colleges and universities. First came an upper-half restriction for the 1967 fall term, which SIU already had imposed. The third stage, to be effective in 1970-71, will require all Illinois senior institutions to limit future freshmen and sophomore class enrollments to the same number as enrolled in the fall of 1970.

Exempted from that regulation for the time being, however, will be the SIU Edwardsville campus, the University of Illinois’ Chicago Circle campus, and two other new Chicago commuter schools, Chicago State University and Northeastern Illinois University.

Bob Hope Coming to Arena

Comedian Bob Hope will highlight Spring Festival activities at Carbondale with an 8 P.M. show at the Arena on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 12.

Tickets priced at $2.50, $3.50, $4.50, and $5 will go on sale April 24 at the University Center or may be ordered in advance from the Manager’s Office, SIU Arena, Carbondale. Make checks payable to SIU Arena.
'Moonshooter' Report Set

The 1968 "Moonshooter," a comprehensive report on the financial crisis facing our colleges and universities written from a national perspective, will be included in the May issue of Alumnus magazine.

"Moonshooter" is an annual supplement prepared by a group of alumni and alumnae editors and distributed by Editorial Projects for Education, Baltimore. Several million Americans now receive it each year through their alumni publications.

Alumnus is received bi-monthly by members of the SIU Alumni Association, whose annual dues include the subscription price.

Board Candidates Sought

A nominating committee is now considering candidates for four positions to become vacant this spring on the SIU Alumni Association board of directors. Nominees will be presented to the Legislative Council on Alumni Day, June 15.

Board terms end this year for Maurice Clark '38, M.S. '53; Roger Spear '48; Richard Hunsaker '58; and A. Gordon Dodds '38. Spear is Association president, Hunsaker president-elect, and Clark a past president. Dodds was named to the board last year to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Dr. Jack Barrow '49.

Nominating committee members are William Bracy '49, chairman; Bert Casper '25–'27, and Andrew H. Marcce '56.

Nominee suggestions from Association members are welcomed. They should be sent to Robert Odaniell, executive director. All suggestions will be forwarded to the committee.

Great Teacher Ballots Due

Ballots for selecting the Alumni Association's 1968 Great Teacher were distributed to Association members with the March issue of Alumnus magazine, with a May 15 deadline for return to the Alumni Office.

A Great Teacher has been named by the Association annually since 1960. The signal honor—bestowed solely on the basis of excellence in classroom teaching—carries with it a $1,000 cash prize made possible through gifts from alumni.

Only Alumni Association members are eligible to cast Great Teacher ballots. However, graduates and former students of the University who are not currently members still can join in time to vote if they do so immediately.

Telefund Results Promising

With approximately $2,500 in contributions pledged in the first two club areas alone, the 1968 Telefund drive now underway apparently will be the most successful in the seven-year history of the annual alumni giving campaign.

Five area campaigns have been completed, with a half-dozen more set this month (see Alumni Activities calendar on page 4). The Chicago area drive was conducted in February, followed by March campaigns in the Springfield and Champaign areas and in Madison and St. Clair counties.

While all Telefund Campaign drives are conducted by local' SIU Alumni Clubs, all funds go to the Alumni Association for support of the University. Alumni living outside the Illinois areas where drives are conducted may give by mailing contributions directly to the Alumni Office.

Gifts may be designated as support for academic scholarships, the student loan fund, the Great Teacher Award, Saluki Athletic Awards, research grants, or an unrestricted fund to be used where need is greatest. Checks should be made payable to the SIU Alumni Association.

Alumni Camp Plans Complete

Plans are complete for the 11th annual Alumni Family Vacation Camp at Little Grassy Lake, set for August 4–31.

Detailed information on this year's camping program will be given in a brochure to be mailed soon to all members of the Alumni Association. Only Association members are eligible to participate.

The brochure also will contain a reservation form, which should be returned immediately.
Saluki Sports

Opening with a September 21 home game against the Louisville Cardinals, the football Salukis will face six of last year’s opponents again this fall on an abbreviated, nine-game schedule which includes five dates in McAndrew Stadium.

Major newcomer to oppose Coach Dick Towers’ squad will be the University of Tampa, replacing East Carolina on the SIU schedule. Returning from last year, in addition to Louisville, are Tulsa, Dayton, Drake, and Youngstown. Lamar (Texas) State, Southwest Missouri State and Northern Michigan complete the opposition.

Having ended the season last year with a big win over Drake—in a game in which they regained some of the spirit of their Homecoming upset of highly-favored Tulsa—the Salukis will field a 1968 squad built around a strong nucleus of returning lettermen.

The veterans, coupled with some promising new talent, are the basis of Towers’ optimism for a “good year” in his second season as head coach despite the formidable strength expected of some of this year’s competition.

If a few pressing squad personnel questions can be answered in spring practice sessions, the Salukis could open fall workouts with some depth at key positions.

Meanwhile, Coach Towers and his staff have been highly successful in recruiting outstanding high school talent—especially in Illinois and especially since the board of trustees earlier this year gave the green light for expansion of the SIU athletic program as a whole.

The 1968 schedule is presented below in clip-and-save form for your convenience.

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Sports Expansion Approved

A systematic expansion of the SIU intercollegiate sports program has been approved by the board of trustees, which authorized “whatever action is reasonable and proper regarding increases in student fees and other means of financing” to implement the policy.

Board action followed presentation by President Delyte W. Morris of a recommendation adopted unanimously by the University Council, prime advisory body to the administration. It followed months of study by various University agencies, outside consultants, and a specially constituted Advisory Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics.

In brief, the board’s action authorizes a gradual expansion through necessary construction and student fee increases to provide facilities and scholarships for increased emphasis in all sports. While mentioning football as a sport to be strengthened, the trustees cautioned against penalizing other sports.

“In line with recommendations of the University Council, we feel the University should embark on a program of growth and development of all sports which is consistent with the growth and development of the rest of the University,” Morris told the board. “We also feel that this expansion must not penalize either the academic growth of the University or its support of any particular sport.”

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A real, live cougar for the Edwardsville campus arrives at the St. Louis airport from the University of Houston, which has the same mascot. Accompanying the animal is Walter Parrill, chairman of the campus cougar committee. In their first year of intercollegiate competition, Cougar athletic teams compiled respective 3-3 and 5-5 records in soccer and basketball and are playing baseball and golf schedules this spring.
Alumni Day Plans

Alumni Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 15, at Carbondale, with day's activities to be highlighted by a meeting of the Legislative Council, class reunions for classes ending in "3" and "8," and the annual Alumni Banquet Saturday evening.

The traditional Alumni Banquet program includes presentation of the Great Teacher Award and Alumni Achievement Awards and installation of new Association officers.

Alumni Activities

APRIL 2–3
Bloomington Area Telefund Campaign.
Bond-Clinton Counties Telefund Campaign.

FRIDAY, April 5
Franklin County Alumni Club meeting.

APRIL 8–10
Jackson County Telefund Campaign.

APRIL 15–16
Franklin County Telefund Campaign.

THURSDAY, April 18
White County Alumni Club meeting.

FRIDAY, April 19
Perry County Alumni Club meeting.

SATURDAY, April 20
Alumni Association board meeting.

APRIL 23–24
Decatur Area Telefund Campaign.

FRIDAY, April 26
Wayne County Alumni Club meeting.

APRIL 30–May 1
Washington County Telefund Campaign.

FRIDAY, May 3
Champaign Area Alumni Club meeting.
Jackson County Alumni Club meeting.

SATURDAY, May 4
Chicago Area Alumni Club meeting.

WEDNESDAY, May 8
Bloomington Area Alumni Club meeting.

THURSDAY, May 9
Randolph County Alumni Club meeting.

SATURDAY, May 11
Denver Area Alumni Club meeting.
Peoria Area Alumni Club meeting.

TUESDAY, May 14
Evansville Area Alumni Club meeting.

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Southern Sketches

After fifty-three titles published since 1962—all in print and going strong—new volumes in the SIU Press' Crosscurrents/Modern Critiques published March 25 feature a new jacket design. The five spring selections examine the writers of the thirties, the modern feminist novelist Anais Nin, the development of the novel from Sir Walter Scott to F. Scott Fitzgerald, and the poetry of Dame Edith Sitwell. The Crosscurrents series is edited by Harry T. Moore. . . Robert H. Dreher, assistant professor in the Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency, and Corrections, has been appointed by Gov. Otto Kerner to a new state committee to study mental illness as a defense in criminal trials.

In State Physics Project

Both campuses of SIU will conduct programs under the Illinois State Physics Project, a cooperative statewide endeavor to help physics teachers develop better teaching methods. The project, supported by more than $270,000 in grants from the National Science Foundation, will consist of six-week summer institutes and continuing in-service training programs at each campus of SIU and at four other institutions. . . Eugene J. Brutten, professor of speech pathology and audiology, has been named a Fellow of the American Speech and Hearing Association. Only 172 other speech pathologists around the world have been so honored, including President Delyte W. Morris and Prof. Herbert Koepp-Baker of SIU.

New Committee Assignment

Ralph W. Ruffner, vice president for student and area services, has been named to the International Affairs Committee of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. Before coming to SIU in 1964, Ruffner was U.S. deputy permanent representative to UNESCO and first secretary to the American Embassy in Paris. He had previously served as chief educational officer for U.S. foreign aid programs in India, and directed the Agency for International Development's staff unit concerned with technical assistance. He has traveled in forty-five nations.

One of Ruffner's primary interests since coming to SIU has been to develop for the University a larger role beyond the boundaries of the U.S. A graduate of the University of Maryland with a master's degree and doctorate from George Washington University, he was assistant dean of education at George Washington before going to India in 1956.

Music Program Honored

A radio program produced by Station KFVO, St. Louis, featuring John D. Kendall of the Edwardsville campus music faculty has won the 1968 Ohio State Award for excellence in the field of fine arts and humanities. Entitled "Listen and Play," the program explained the Shinichi Suzuki method of playing the violin. . . . Robert A. Allen, veteran police and prison administrator and former task force director for the federal Commission on Correctional and Manpower Training, has been named faculty chairman of the new Vocational-Technical Institute law enforcement and corrections program. The two-year program offers training for police, prison, and probation personnel.