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Achievement Award Winners Announced

Two Alumni Achievement Awards will be presented at the annual SIU Alumni Day banquet Saturday evening, June 15, one for distinguished professional achievement and the other for outstanding service to the University and the Alumni Association.

Miss Hilda Stein, long-time SIU faculty member and an Alumni Association director since 1963, will receive the service award. The professional achievement award will go to Fred W. Banes of the corporate planning staff of Enjay Chemical Company, New York-based affiliate of the Esso Research and Engineering Company.

Miss Stein received a two-year degree from SIU in 1922 and a B.A. degree in 1925. She also holds a master's degree from the University of Illinois. She retired in 1963 as an associate professor of zoology after thirty-three years on the faculty.

A life member of the Alumni Association, Miss Stein has served that organization in various capacities. She also is a past president of the Illinois division, American Association of University Women, which named a fellowship fund in her honor. She organized the first sorority on the SIU campus (Delta Sigma Epsilon, later Alpha Gamma Delta). The Bowyer Club, an organization of Alpha Gamma Delta alumnae, established a scholarship in her honor in 1963.

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A limited, experimental program in which the only grades given will be “pass” or “fail” will be launched next fall in the SIU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

To be tried for two years, the program could then be extended to other schools, colleges, and divisions on both the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses if proved successful.

Students enrolled in certain classes under the project will receive credit toward graduation if they pass, nothing if they fail. No negative grade points will be involved and grade averages will not be affected.

David Christensen, assistant Liberal Arts and Sciences dean, says the pass-fail grade option will be limited to elective courses only. No student can take such a course in his major or minor subject or in any required General Studies course.

“The object is to encourage students to broaden their education by taking courses outside their special fields—courses they might otherwise hesitate to take because of grade competition with majors in the class,” explains Christensen.

He says most of the Liberal Arts and Sciences departments have earmarked certain courses for pass-fail registration. The physics department, for example, will list all of its courses except General Studies 101. All 300 and 400 level foreign languages courses will carry the pass-fail option.

Various kinds of pass-fail grading systems have been tried and are being tried at other U.S. colleges and universities as a means of making undergraduate programs more flexible, Christensen notes.

The SIU proposal, which has been approved by the Faculty Council and has the blessing of Robert W. MacVicar, vice president for academic affairs, was first advanced by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Advisory Committee last spring.

The program will be open only to undergraduate students with overall grade point averages of 3.25 or better, with total pass-fail course credit counting toward graduation limited to 16 quarter hours. Of these, no more than eight may be taken in any one department.

Students enrolled in other academic units may apply for Liberal Arts and Sciences pass-fail courses with consent of their respective deans. Those who get “pass” grades in 300 and 400 level courses can apply the hours earned toward the 64-hours senior requirement as well as to overall degree requirements.

At the end of the two-year experimental period, the pass-fail system will be thoroughly studied before University officials decide whether it is to be continued.
Bob Hope quips during crowning ceremonies for the 1968 "Miss Southern" titlist, Murphysboro sophomore Phyllis Green. Miss Green was crowned during a Mother's Day show in the Arena by the famed comedian and his troupe which climaxed traditional SIU Spring Festival activities at Carbondale.

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As a teacher, Miss Stein was noted for her fondness for field trips. A colleague once remarked, "She has hiked over a considerable portion of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Tennessee." She is credited with a long list of zoological finds in Southern Illinois.

Banes, a 1940 graduate, holds a Ph.D. degree from the University of Illinois. He joined Esso Research and Engineering in 1943 as a research chemist, his work leading to sixty U.S. patents and several technical publications. His present responsibilities include development and coordination of a long-range planning program encompassing the U.S. chemical business of Standard Oil of New Jersey.

His early experience with the Esso firm included direct activity and supervision in exploratory, process, and applications research areas on projects related to plastics, elastomers, industrial chemicals, additives, fibers, and new organic chemicals. He became the company's associate director of chemicals research in 1947.

Banes was named to the Enjay staff in 1960. As part of the corporate planning staff, his responsibilities also have included the screening and developing of potential new business ventures and coordination of research activities for the affiliated Esso Research and Engineering Company.

**Women's Hours Relaxed**

In a Spring quarter experiment which may become permanent if it works well, "hours" for junior and senior SIU coeds in good standing have been eliminated.

Under previous regulations, all single, undergraduate women had to be in their quarters by 11:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday, 2 A.M. on Friday and Saturday, and midnight on Sunday. Now, with parental consent, they are free to determine their own hours.

The more liberal rules affect some 1,300 coeds. Each must have written consent from parent or guardian and agree to assist in an evaluation of the experiment before she can participate. Recommendations for a permanent plan will be made by a faculty-student committee after study of grades and any disciplinary problems from the trial period.

The trial plan was recommended by Ralph W. Ruffner, SIU vice president for student and area services, as a compromise between existing regulations and a relaxation of hours for all women students as requested by the Student Senate.

**New VTI Plan Approved**

A master plan to provide new facilities for at least 2,500 students at the Vocational-Technical Institute has been approved by the SIU board of trustees. VTI now has an enrollment of about 1,500 and occupies buildings which once housed World War II ordnance plants.

Work on the new VTI structures is to be done in stages so that operations can continue without interruption. The buildings now occupied are to be phased out over a period of some ten years. They have housed VTI since it opened in 1952.

University Architect Charles Pulley said he hopes the first phase of construction can be put up for bids in October. Money for the project has been authorized through the Illinois Building Authority.

The plan includes eventual construction of a classroom and office complex with a student center wing, new buildings to house the electronics, graphics, health, and engineering technology programs, and a learning resources library, among other structures.

**Conservation Area Opened**

A 1,400-acre conservation education area on Little Grassy Lake has been opened by SIU, which will operate it under agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and area sportsmen's organizations.

Planned as a "teaching and training laboratory," the area eventually may include the entire 44,000-acre Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge.

Refuge and SIU officials say it represents the first linkup between a university and the Fish and Wildlife Service for purposes of educating the public—school children and adults alike—about natural resources and conservation.
Candidates Nominated

Four members of the SIU Alumni Association board of directors have been nominated for re-election, while a fifth appointed last month to a newly created vacancy also will be up for election on Alumni Day, June 15.

Nominees for re-election are Roger Spear '48, current Association president; Richard Hunsaker '58, president-elect; Maurice Clark, '38, M.S. '53, immediate past president, and A. Gordon Dodds '38, who was appointed to a board vacancy last year.

David Elder '50, M.A. '51, past president of the Springfield Area SIU Alumni Club, will be eligible for election to the year remaining on the term of Stewart Williams '29, whose resignation was accepted by the board last month. Elder was appointed to the vacancy until the election.

The election will be held during the Legislative Council meeting on Alumni Day, with nominations from the floor accepted. Other items of business will include annual reports of the Association president, treasurer, and executive director.

Campus Facilities Named

Six former faculty members and three historic Illinoisans have been honored by the SIU board of trustees in the naming of new buildings and other facilities at the Carbondale campus.

Two new 17-story residence halls were named in memory of William B. Schneider and Mae Trovillion Smith, both late members of the English department faculty. Both Schneider Tower and Mae Smith Tower are part of the previously-named Brush Towers complex, which also includes a commons building which the board named Grinnell Hall in honor of John Grinnell, retired vice president.

The Brush Towers complex is located east of the older campus area, across U.S. Route 51 and the Illinois Central Railroad tracks. It will be formally dedicated in a ceremony scheduled for 11 a.m. on June 7.

The board also named the office-classroom wing of the Arena Lingle Hall after the late Leland (Doc) Lingle, longtime SIU track coach. Studio Theater in Pulliam Hall was renamed Cisne Theater in memory of Willis Cisne, late principal of the University training school.

A switch from the work-scholarship athletic aid program to standard NCAA “full ride” scholarships, supported by increased student activity fees, was approved by the SIU board of trustees May 17. Full information will be reported in later issues of Alumnus and Alumni News.

Saluki Sports

BY FRED HUFF

Coach Dick Towers was pleased with the final intra-squad game of spring football drills, but was quick to point out several weaknesses in SIU’s overall program. “The 47-0 win showed our ‘white’ unit (the first team) was capable of taking advantage of breaks and their opponents’ mistakes, but we still need to do a lot of work on our passing game,” Towers said.

John Quillen was the offensive standout of the game as he scored the first three touchdowns, one on a 99-yard return of the opening kickoff. Challenging Quillen’s performance for top efforts, however, was the all-around defensive play of ends Greg Johnson and Dave Krisman. Both have good size and are tough. It should be Southern’s strongest position when the Salukis open at home September 21 against Louisville.

SHORTS: Johnny Yang, one of Coach Dick LeFevre’s top tennis stars for the past two years, is closing out a fantastic collegiate career this spring. He’s 17-0 going into the season’s finale. He also carries a neat academic record which is around 4.50... In the only home track meet of the season, seniors Mitch Livingston and Rich Ellison established new SIU records in the high jump and pole vault, respectively. Livingston jumped 6-9¼, Ellison 15-½... Coach Lynn Holder’s golfers have enjoyed their best season ever—20-7.

Having matched by mid-May the 29 wins recorded by last year’s baseball club, Coach Joe Lutz’ 1968 edition had an excellent chance of becoming the winningest sports team in SIU’s history. The Salukis needed a win in either of two late-season games, although they appear to be in line for a berth in the NCAA’s post-season district four tournament and could add to their total then. The tourney field, to be comprised of the Big Ten and Mid-American Conference champions and two at-large teams, was to have been selected May 26. Winner of the four-team double-elimination meet will advance to the Collegiate World Series scheduled for Omaha, Nebr., June 10-15. With five front-line hurlers and a well-balanced lineup boasting six regulars with .270 batting averages, Lutz feels his club could make it to Omaha.

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The inner and outer loop roads circling the campus were named after Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas, respectively. Another road leading to the Southern Hills family housing area was named for General John A. Logan.

A planned new humanities and social sciences building will be named after the late Robert Faner (see related story in “Southern Sketches” on page 4).
Library Gets Papers

Personal papers of Dr. Francisco Vazquez Gomez, revolutionary leader and one-time vice president of Mexico, have been presented to SIU's Morris Library.

Donor is Dr. Ignacio Vazquez Gomez of Cuernavaca, son of the man who was vice president during the first term of the revolutionary government of Francisco I. Madero and minister of public information under Mexican ruler Porfirio Diaz.

The extensive collection covers the years 1907 to 1919.

In addition to letters from Madero and other leaders of the revolution, it includes handbills and documents, a file of daily and weekly newspapers published during the period, and a microfilm collection of important related papers and letters.

Alumni Activities

SATURDAY, June 1
Monroe County Alumni Club meeting.

FRIDAY, June 7
Brush Towers Dedication. Spring Commencement Exercises, Carbondale.

SATURDAY, June 8
Spring Commencement Exercises, Edwardsville.

FRIDAY, June 14
SIU Alumni Association board of directors meeting.

SATURDAY, June 15
Alumni Day
All Day—Alumni registration, main lobby of the University Center.
10 a.m.—Alumni Association Legislative Council meeting, Morris Library auditorium.
11 a.m.—University Center cafeteria open for lunch to 1 p.m.
1 p.m.—Campus tours originating at the University Center to 4 p.m.
2 p.m.—Class reunions and elections for all classes ending in "3" and "8" and the Class of 1967, Roman Room, University Center, to 4 p.m.
6:30 p.m.—Alumni Banquet and program, University Center Ballroom.

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Southern Sketches

Floyd F. Cunningham, who retired as professor of geography and director of the Climatology Laboratory at SIU in 1966 after nineteen years on the faculty, has been named Western Kentucky University's first distinguished visiting professor of geography. . . . Boris Musulin, associate professor of chemistry, has been elected fellow of both the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Institute of Chemists. . . . A chapter of Psi Chi, national honor society in psychology, was installed last month on the Edwardsville campus. . . . William Evans, professor of English, has been named chairman of the Conference on English Education, a nationwide wing of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Seismic Unit Presented

A trailer-mounted seismic recording unit of the type used extensively in petroleum exploration has been given the geology department by Shell Oil Company for use in class instruction and research. The $37,000 unit is designed to record seismic shock waves generated within the earth by explosives. . . . Spring quarter enrollment totals 26,976 students, nearly 2,500 more than were enrolled at the same time last year. Included are 18,578 at Carbondale and 8,398 at Edwardsville. . . . Irish poet Thomas Kinsella, professor of English, has been awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for study abroad during 1968-69. He will spend the year in his native Dublin.

King Named Chairman

A former college president who joined the SIU faculty in the spring of 1967 has been named chairman of the department of administration and supervision, College of Education. He is John E. King, former president of both Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia and the University of Wyoming. King is a past president of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education and currently the American Council on Education representative on the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO. He is scheduled to go to South Vietnam this month to aid in selection of a Vietnamese educator to be trained at SIU for a greater role in education in his native country. That activity is part of an AACTE program to assist in teacher improvement around the world. King holds degrees from North Texas State and the University of Arkansas, with a Ph.D. from Cornell University.

Faner Memorial Fund

Establishment of a loan fund in memory of Robert D. Faner, English department chairman who died December 14, has been announced by the SIU Foundation. The fund provides for non-interest loans to new faculty members and graduate students in the English department, a need which Dr. Faner had often met personally. Also, the board of trustees has voted to name the planned new humanities and social sciences building at Carbondale Faner Hall in his honor. A limited number of printed copies of Vice President Tenney's eulogy of Dr. Faner are available. A copy may be obtained by writing the SIU Alumni Office, Carbondale. Contributions to the memorial fund should be sent to the SIU Foundation.