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The music of Henry Mancini (left) and John Davidson will highlight 1968 Homecoming shows at the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses, respectively. Edwardsville Homecoming is set for October 25-27, with Carbondale's to come a week later. Complete information on Homecoming activities is contained in special programs to be mailed to all alumni.

University to Receive First 'Churchill Oaks'

Six oak trees from the family estate of Winston Churchill will be presented to SIU in Homecoming weekend ceremonies, the first of the "Blenheim Memorial Oaks" to be planted in America.

The trees, about three feet tall, were grown from acorns produced by trees at the Churchill family home, Blenheim Castle. They will be presented to the University by the Kent Chapter of England's Men of Trees Society.

The gift was arranged by Mrs. Gordon Clementson, editor-in-chief of the Kent and Sussex Courier, who visited SIU for a meeting of the International Conference of Weekly Newspaper Editors and later was host to SIU President and Mrs. Delyte W. Morris when they visited England and Ireland.

"Remembering your great love of trees and all that you are doing with forestry on your magnificent campus," Mrs. Clementson wrote to Morris, "it occurred to me that it would be wonderful if SIU could have some Blenheim Oaks."

Advance preparation for shipment of the trees has been made through Great Britain's Ministry of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The young oaks must be sterilized for possible nematode infection before entering the U.S.

SIU last month presented its case for a law school at the 20,000-student Carbondale campus, arguing that it could launch the school with facilities it already has.

At a special hearing of the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Committee on Legal Education, Carbondale campus Chancellor Robert W. MacVicar cited an immediate regional need for more legal service as one major reason for establishment of a law school at SIU.

The committee was set up earlier this year to probe the need for expanded legal training in Illinois. Its findings and recommendations will be part of the Board's blueprint for development of state higher education programs during 1969-71.

Chancellor MacVicar told committee members lack of a law school at SIU amounted to "underutilization of a great University." In addition to supplying lawyers and legal education for the southern part of the state, he said, a law school at Carbondale also would enrich many related programs at the University and would provide badly-needed research and continuing education facilities for practicing lawyers in Southern Illinois and surrounding states.

The proposal cited a 55,000-volume library related to law as one of several resources that would give SIU a solid foundation for a law school. MacVicar said the library holdings meet and in many cases exceed recommendations of the Association of American Law Schools and "would be the envy of many approved law schools already in existence."

Also cited were SIU's Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency, and Corrections; the Public Affairs Research Bureau; Ph.D. degree programs in government; sociology, philosophy, psychology, community development, and other law-related fields; a major computer installation, and many faculty members trained in the law.

MacVicar proposed a six-year law degree program at SIU which would combine traditional "case book" study with behavioral "insights" and an externship program in the last year. The student would spend two terms of his final law school year in a law office, legal clinic, or court.

The curriculum would funnel students through two years of General Studies, a junior pre-legal "screening" year, then entrance into a three-year law school sequence. Those unqualified or no longer interested in law at the end of the screening year could instead complete requirements for an undergraduate degree in American law and government.

The SIU proposal emphasized the need for lawyers trained

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'Celebrity Series' Opens

"Man of La Mancha," one of Broadway's most popular musicals this year, will be the initial show in the 1968-69 SIU Celebrity Series of top musical and dramatic presentations.

Scheduled for 3:30 and 8:30 P.M. performances on Monday, October 28, it will open a series of eight Celebrity offerings set for the season. All performances will be in Shryock Auditorium. Tickets for any or all programs are now available through a new central ticket office in the University Center, Carbondale.

Following "Man of La Mancha" will be "The Apple Tree," a musical based on three stories, November 20; the play, "Cactus Flower," December 4; "You Know I Can't Hear You When the Water's Running," comprising four short plays, January 9; the National Shakespeare Company presentation of "Othello," January 17; the musical, "Fiddler on the Roof," February 3; "Funny Girl," popular musical based on the life on Fanny Brice, March 2, and an appearance by the National Ballet on March 13.

Centennial Book Offered

A special 112-page centennial volume will be published next spring by the Obelisk, Carbondale campus yearbook, as a supplement to the regular 1969 edition.

The centennial book will feature 104 pages of SIU history with the final eight pages devoted to a look at the future of the University. Binding and composition will complement the regular Obelisk.

The centennial publication will sell for $2 on campus, or $2.50 by mail. A boxed set including both the centennial book and regular yearbook may be ordered for $8. Advance orders may be placed now with the Advertising Club, SIU journalism department, Carbondale. Orders also will be taken at a special booth at Homecoming.

Federal Funds to Students

More than $1.5-million in federal funds is expected to be paid to SIU students during the 1968—69 school year, over half of it in the form of part-time employment wages.

A report released by the SIU Office of Student Work and Financial Assistance lists National Defense Loans, Educational Opportunity Grants, and Federal Work-Study Program wages as the three big sources of such funds. All are funded by the U.S. Office of Education.

Last year, 2,877 students on both campuses were aided by some type of federal funds.

The Federal Work-Study Program is expected to provide about $825,000 in student funds to SIU, but will still pay only a portion of the student wages. A total of $4,446,000 was paid to part-time student workers last year, only $701,000 of which was from federal funds.
Idyllic Little Grassy campsite which has proved popular with alumni families for past eleven summers will be available to weekend campers this year for two dates in October.

**Weekend Camp Planned**

This year for the first time, a weekend family camp at Little Grassy is planned by the Alumni Association to take advantage of the beautiful outdoor surroundings created by fall color.

The family camping program will be operated the weekends of October 11-13 and 18-20, with cabins, shower house, play nursery, and dining hall all heated. Activities of the same types conducted during the annual summer camp will be available, including supervised recreation for the children.

Camp price is $15 per person for those 12 or older, $10 per person for those under 12. Prices include two nights lodging (Friday and Saturday) and six meals (Friday dinner through Sunday lunch), with campers to provide their own bedding. For those who wish to live in their own trailer or tent, the price is $12 each for the first two family members and $8 for each additional one.

Reservations will be on a first come, first served basis and should be made immediately. A deposit of $5 per person should accompany reservation requests. The camp program is limited to Alumni Association members and their families.

**Learn by TV Instruction**

Some 43,000 Southern Illinois school children are now receiving television instruction as part of their regular classroom work through programs produced by the SIU Broadcasting Service under auspices of the Southern Illinois Instructional Television Association.

Entering its eighth year last month, the SIITA programming now includes for the first time color productions. The instructional programs are carried over WSIU-TV at Carbondale and the University's new outlet, WUSI-TV, Olney.

Letters from viewers have indicated that the new Olney station, Channel 16, provides exceptionally strong signal reception for an ultra-high frequency facility. WUSI-TV, which began broadcasting August 19, carries programs originated in Carbondale.

**SIU Sports**

Although they have yet to win in three meetings with Youngstown University, the Salukis will have one thing going for them when they meet the Penguins at Homecoming time November 2: big Homecoming wins over highly-rated teams in each of the last two years.

Coach Dick Towers would like nothing better than to see his boys duplicate last year's upset win over Tulsa or the 1966 victory over East Carolina. As in the past, however, it will take a good effort on the part of the Salukis to pull off another Homecoming victory.

Youngstown, which ranked among the nation's leaders statistically last year despite a 4-5 season, opened the 1968 campaign with eighteen of last year's twenty-six lettermen returning. Among them is Dave DelSignore, a fast end who snared twenty-three passes for 441 yards and six touchdowns as a sophomore last year. Defensively, the Penguin line returned almost intact.

While football holds the Homecoming spotlight at Carbondale, soccer will be the center of attention for sports fans at Edwardsville campus Homecoming activities a week earlier. Coach Bob Guelker's Cougars, playing their second season of intercollegiate competition, will meet Greenville College on the new SIU soccer field adjacent to Bluff Road.

Guelker landed an outstanding assistant this year when Pat McBride, captain of the St. Louis Stars professional soccer team, accepted a graduate assistantship at SIU. He will assist Guelker, his former coach at St. Louis University, with soccer coaching duties and also help direct the intramural program.

McBride was twice an All American soccer selection at St. Louis and was named most valuable player in the NCAA soccer playoffs in 1965.

Back to the Salukis, St. Louis area fans are reminded that the SIU-Southwest Missouri game in Busch Stadium on November 22 has been changed from the scheduled 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. The game is the first of what could become an annual affair for the Salukis, who already are scheduled to play Drake in a Saturday contest in Busch Stadium next year.

Florida area fans will have their best chance to see the Salukis in action November 16 when SIU invades Tampa Stadium for its first meeting with the Spartans of the University of Tampa. A 200-seat reserved section has been set aside for SIU alumni, and the Tampa-St. Petersburg Area Alumni Club is planning special activities in conjunction with the game.

An alumni group tour during 1969 is under consideration by the Alumni Association board, with possibilities including a week in Acapulco or the Bahamas in February, March, or April or three weeks in Europe in the summer. Since wishes of the alumni body are of primary importance in such considerations, all alumni who might be interested in any such tour are urged to write the Alumni Office immediately.
Art Students Aided

Because of a teacher's concern, three large industrial firms are lending a helping hand to SIU art students.

Thomas Walsh, assistant professor of sculpture, wrote some letters explaining the hardship students encounter in paying for the expensive materials used in sculpture and asking if contributions could be made.

In response, Inland Steel gave almost four tons of high quality Corten steel plate for use in making castings, Alcoa donated 200 pounds of ingot steel and promised 8,000 pounds more, and Dow Chemical Company contributed a boxcar load of "Styrofoam" for use in fabricating sculptures and in casting.

Walsh said at least one of the firms will provide more material "if our student work proves fruitful, and we feel sure it will." He said all the industries asked in return was pictures of the students' work for use in their company magazines.

Alumni Activities

SUNDAY, October 13
Detroit Area Alumni Club meeting.

WEDNESDAY, October 16
Evanseille Area Alumni Club meeting.

THURSDAY, October 17
Randolph County Alumni Club meeting.

TUESDAY, October 22
St. Louis Area Alumni Club meeting.

OCTOBER 25-26-27
HOMEOMING, Edwardsville campus.

OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 2
HOMEOMING, Carbondale campus.

SATURDAY, November 16
Florida area alumni activities in conjunction with SIU-Tampa game. Watch for details in the mail.

SUNDAY, November 24
Houston Area Alumni Club meeting.

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Southern Sketches

A new faculty of mass communications has been organized in the Division of Fine Arts, Edwardsville campus, to offer instruction and conduct research in radio and television, film, and journalism. Chairman is John R. Rider, director of Broadcasting Service. . . . Oxford University Press, London, last month published the fifth edition of China, a book by Ping-chia Kuo, chairman of the Carbondale campus history department. The book was published in 1963 and has since been translated into four languages. . . . A 55-acre tract of land near Sparta has been given SIU for use as a nature preserve. Mr. and Mrs. William Krotz of Sparta presented the gift through the SIU Foundation.

Geographers Exchange Posts

Geographers John F. Rooney of SIU and Mark Blacksell of the University of Exeter, England, have exchanged posts for nine months, beginning this quarter. Rooney is an economic geographer specializing in resource management, while Blacksell is an urban geographer who has done research on the geographic effects of World War II bombing on German cities. . . . Concerns of a Conservative Democrat by Charles Sawyer was published September 30 by the SIU Press. The book covers Mr. Sawyer's long career in public service, with particular emphasis on the vital years of the 1940's and 1950's. The author was Secretary of Commerce under President Harry S. Truman. . . . Charles D. Neal, director of student teaching at Carbondale since 1948, has resigned as department chairman to devote more time to teaching and writing.

Lincoln Original Received

After more than a century, a prized piece of Lincolniana has returned to its native Illinois—appropriately during the state's Sesquicentennial celebration—to remain as a permanent addition to SIU's collection of rare library materials. The prized item is the original manuscript of a lecture on American youth of his time given by Lincoln at Illinois College in Jacksonville in 1859. The 14-page address in Lincoln's own handwriting was presented the University by New York industrialist Alfred C. Berol. On the last page of the speech are handwritten notes by a Lincoln friend, Dr. Samuel H. Melvin, and Lincoln's law partner, John T. Stuart, attesting to the document's authenticity. A facsimile edition of the manuscript, with notes by John Y. Simon, SIU historian and executive director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association, will be published by the SIU Press as a scholarly contribution to the University's centennial observance, 1969-1974.

National Participation Seen

Nationwide participation is expected in an Institute of Housing, Urban Renewal, and Code Administrators to begin next month at the SIU Alton Center. An initial group of sixty participants will attend a two-week session, followed by additional groups at similar sessions. The institute will continue through next March. . . . Printed copies of Vice President Charles D. Tenney's eulogy to Robert D. Fauner, late Carbondale campus English department chairman, still are available from the Alumni Office. . . . Robert J. Ellis Jr. has been named director of the Small Business Research Bureau, replacing Arthur E. Prell. The latter resigned to become dean of the School of Business at California State College, Long Beach.