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Better Jobs Through SIU Manpower Training Centers

More than 2,000 Southern Illinoisans have found new jobs and higher pay, thanks to the Manpower Training Centers operated by SIU's Division of Technical and Adult Education.

Manpower Training is a project of the federal government to teach new skills to the unemployed and underemployed. SIU operates centers in the Ordill area between Carbondale and Marion and in East St. Louis.

SIU efforts in job training for the disadvantaged began in 1962 under the Area Redevelopment Act and have continued under the Manpower program. An estimated 4,500 people have received job training at the two centers.

Manpower officials estimate that 475 persons will be graduated from the Ordill Center this fiscal year, while more than 360 will receive training at East St. Louis. Courses include drafting, welding, television repair, auto service, auto body repair, practical nursing, machine operations, and clerical skills.

Statistics to date indicate that 70 percent of the trainees graduate from their courses. Of these, about 80 percent are placed in jobs in the field for which they trained.

Presidents of Illinois' two largest universities will be featured speakers in Charter Day activities which launch SIU's Centennial Period celebration March 9.

President David Dodds Henry of the University of Illinois will be guest speaker at a Charter Day Convocation at 2:30 p.m. in the SIU Arena, while President Delyte W. Morris of SIU will speak then and also address alumni groups across the nation by "live" telephone hookup in the evening.

The afternoon convocation, open to the public, will serve as a kickoff for what may be the most ambitious centennial observance ever held in Illinois. The SIU Centennial Period will run nearly five and a half years, extending to July 2, 1974.

The opening and closing dates reflect the faltering start of the University a century ago. SIU was chartered March 9, 1869, but because of building delays, financial miscalculations, and an area-wide argument over which town would get the new "Normal" school, classes were not actually begun until July 2, 1874.

In addition to Dr. Henry's address, the Charter Day Convocation will feature brief greetings from the alumni body, the faculty, the board of trustees, the student body, the State of Illinois, and other colleges and universities. An array of learned societies also will be represented at the ceremony.

Richard Hunsaker '58, president of the Alumni Association, will speak for the alumni body. Others chosen at this point are Dr. George S. Counts, to represent the faculty, and Dr. Richard G. Browne '19-2, a member of the Illinois Junior College Board and former executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, to represent the other colleges and universities.

The Rev. Harold K. Graves '33, president of California's Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, will give the invocation and the benediction. Both Dr. Browne and the Rev. Mr. Graves are SIU Alumni Achievement Award winners for outstanding professional accomplishment.

President Morris' address to the alumni body will be made at 7 p.m. at a dinner in the University Center attended by those who were guests of the University during the afternoon program. His address will be carried by telephone to alumni groups meeting at various sites across the country.

A list of those areas for which meeting sites for the Charter Day program had been set at press time appears in the "Alumni Activities" column on page 4. Other meetings are planned. Meeting invitations will be mailed to alumni in all club areas where meetings are scheduled.

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Telefund Campaigns Planned

Telefund Campaigns, "alumni calling alumni," will be conducted again this year by a number of local SIU Alumni Clubs, beginning in March and continuing into May. Funds collected will go to enrich the University through a variety of SIU Alumni Association projects.

Since first undertaken seven years ago, the annual giving campaign has netted more than $43,500 in gifts from alumni. While each Telefund drive is a specific project of a local club, all represent a cooperative effort on behalf of the entire Association in support of the University.

Alumni contributions made through the Telefund program provide essential support for such projects as the SIU Alumni Scholarship Program, the Alumni Association Student Loan Fund, the annual Great Teacher Award, the Saluki Awards, individual faculty research projects, and unrestricted funds allocated where need is greatest by the Association board of directors.

Contributors may designate that their gifts go to one of these needs specifically, or may simply give to the unrestricted fund. In either case, the gifts will be used to help meet significant needs of the University not covered by appropriated funds from the state.

Pledges will be acknowledged by mail and may be paid immediately, at a later date, or on the installment plan. Contributions will be sent directly to the Alumni Office. Persons in areas where Telefund drives are not conducted also are invited to mail contributions.

European Study Tour Set

A two-month study-travel program in Europe will be offered by SIU this summer, with courses to be taught in six separate fields of study.

Cost, including tuition, transportation, and room and board, will vary from $800 to $1,400, depending upon individual study course selected. Tuition scholarships are available.

The study tour will leave St. Louis by chartered airlines jet on June 20, returning August 27. SIU students and staff members and members of their families may take the tour flight without enrolling for courses. Alumni are eligible if enrolled for a course.

Courses to be offered, all taught by SIU faculty members, are German language and civilization, Italian language, Russian language and civilization, news writing and the press systems in the Scandinavian countries, French language and civilization, and the Renaissance Athenian plays.

Further information on the tour and individual courses offered is available from the SIU Extension Services office, either Carbondale or Edwardsville.

Despite widely-publicized student demonstrations, college recruiting activity across the nation is closely approaching the peak of two years ago, according to reports from the College Placement Council received by SIU.

Shryock Remodeling Reset

Plans once again are underway for remodeling and expansion of Shryock Auditorium, venerable campus structure which provided largest auditorium facilities available until completion of the SIU Arena.

Work on the Shryock project initially was set to begin last spring, but no general construction bids were received. The project then was suspended until funds—appropriated by the General Assembly but frozen in a statewide budget move—were released by Governor Samuel Shapiro last month.

Building and equipment funds for SIU released by the out-going governor included $1,200,000 for Shryock renovation. In addition to extensive remodeling of the stage, audience, and lobby areas, planned work includes addition of backstage wings on either side of the building.
As 1968 drew to a close, 13,694 alumni were 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.

### SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**MEMBERSHIP PLAN OF YOUR CHOICE**

Membership is effective for one year from date of payment.

- **$4.00 1 YEAR**
- **$5.00 1 YEAR FAMILY** (Husband and wife both alumni)
- **$100 LIFE MEMBERSHIP** (Minimum annual installment payment $10.00)
- **$125 FAMILY LIFE MEMBERSHIP** (Husband and wife both alumni—Minimum annual installment payment $12.50)

Name ____________________________________________
(Married alumnae please give maiden and married name)

Address ____________________________________________

City and State ________________________________________ (ZIP)

Make checks payable to SIU Alumni Association

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In addition to Dr. Morris’ telephone address, most groups plan to have an SIU faculty member present.

Following the Charter Day events, first year of the SIU Centennial will be devoted to programs concerned with teacher training. Emphasis in succeeding years will be: 1970, science and technology; 1971, business and agriculture; 1972, behavioral and social sciences; 1973, expression and communication, and 1974, higher education.

Symposia, conferences, plays, films, exhibitions, publications—all Centennial events will be keyed to these yearly themes. The broader Centennial theme is “The University as a Creative or Innovative Force in Society.”

A Centennial symbol in the form of a hexagon—each segment representing a year of the Centennial Period—will be used on all printed material relating to the observance. A Centennial musical signature also is planned.

Charles D. Tenney, SIU vice president for planning and review and Centennial Period general chairman, has declared that the Centennial observance will concentrate on the future, rather than on the historic past.

Writing in the January issue of Alumnus magazine, Dr. Tenney said the observance “can provide a basis for planning the future, with emphasis on the creative role that a great University, dedicated to the discovery and dissemination of knowledge, can play in the reconstruction of the world.”

At the same time, he wrote, “It can remind everyone that Southern Illinois University today did not just happen, but that it has been in the making for a hundred years. It is the product of many hands, hearts, and minds—citizens, faculty members, supporting staff, students, and alumni.”

### SIU Sports

The SIU Arena will be site of one of the NCAA’s first round university division basketball tournaments March 8, marking the first time SIU has hosted a post-season basketball playoff for the “majors.” College division tourneys have been held in the Arena.

The Carbondale meet will include two games, with champions of the Ohio Valley and Mid-America conferences meeting two at-large teams selected by the NCAA. SIU is a possible candidate for one of the at-large berths.

Meanwhile, Saluki publicist Fred Huff, writing in the “Deadline Sports” pages of the January issue of Alumnus, made no bones about the longing of many Saluki fans for a return to the NIT. Huff expressed some doubts that this year’s squad can duplicate the great season of the 1967 Salukis who went on to win it all at New York. “But even a return invitation from the NIT would be close enough for many fans,” he wrote. “And who knows, it may be forthcoming if all goes well between now and February.”

(If you’ve been missing the fine “Deadline Sports” coverage of both the Salukis and Cougars in Alumnus because you’re not a member of the Alumni Association, send in your $4 membership dues today. The modest cost includes your subscription.)

Speaking of the Cougars, Coach Harry Gallatin’s boys helped their chances for a break-even season considerably with a dramatic 80–78 upset win over highly regarded McKendree College. That victory left the Cougars 6–3.

At Carbondale, while Coach Jack Hartman’s winning Saluki cages continue to hold the lion’s share of the sports spotlight, other winter teams continue to turn in outstanding performances.

Mid-January found the Saluki gymnasts 3–1 after big wins over Illinois and Iowa State, despite the loss of floor exercise and vaulting specialist Homer Sardina through injury. Linn Long’s wrestlers’ loss to nationally fourth-ranked Michigan State left them at a similar 3–1 mark in dual competition, and Ray Essick’s swimmers were 3–0 facing stiff tests against Oklahoma and Michigan.

In indoor track, freshman cross country sensation Gerry Hinton, undefeated last fall in dual competition and fifth in the NCAA finals, has been joined by another outstanding freshman, Australian distance runner Alan Robinson. With the season barely underway, the Saluki trackmen promised some exciting performances—despite lack of indoor facilities to train on.
TV Subjects Needed

SIU television’s “Spotlight on Southern Illinois” is looking for interesting people. Telecast each Thursday evening on both WSIU-TV, Carbondale, and WUSI-TV, Olney, the program has covered county fairs, town meetings, important visitors, Olney, the program has covered county fairs, town meetings, important visitors, and a variety of other things of interest in Southern Illinois.

“This season,” says producer C. P. Harding, “we’re trying to do something different.”

Alumni Activities

THURSDAY, February 6
Williamson County Alumni Club meeting.

FRIDAY, February 21
Detroit Area Alumni Club meeting.

TELEFUND CAMPAIGNS
March 4–5, Williamson County.
March 17–18, Franklin County.
April 1–2, Bond-Clinton counties.
April 7–8–9, Jackson County.
April 22–23, Decatur Area.
April 29–30, Washington County.

CHARTER DAY, March 9
Champaign Area: Colony Room, Urbana Lincoln Hotel, Urbana.
Chicago Area: Stouffers Oak Brook Inn, Oak Brook Shopping Center, Oak Brook.
Evansville Area: Granada Room, Ramada Inn, 600 Walnut, Evansville.
Denver Area: Executive Room, Heart-of-Denver Motor Hotel, 1100 E. Colfax, Denver.
Detroit Area: Richard L. Moore residence, 34736 Esper Drive, Sterling Heights.
Jackson County: University Center, Carbondale.
Miami Area: Airways Motel, 5055 NW 36th, Miami Springs.
Peoria Area: Kewanee Hotel, 12 N. Chestnut, Kewanee.
Springfield Area: Ramada Inn, South Highway 66.
Monroe, Madison, St. Clair, Bond-Clinton, and Macoupin-Montgomery counties and St. Louis Area: University Center, Edwardsville.
Bloomington, Decatur, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Tampa-St. Petersburg, and Washington, D.C., areas: plans incomplete.

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Southern Sketches

A year-long Mahatma Gandhi centennial celebration is in progress on the Carbondale campus, to be climaxed with a special observance of the 100th anniversary of the birth date of the famed Indian statesman and humanitarian next October 2. Underway is a series of lectures by Indian and American statesmen, philosophers, and educators. A book, Gandhi and America’s Future, will be published by the SIU Gandhi Centennial Committee and a $4,500 prize is offered for the best original play written about Gandhi. . . . SIU is among thirteen top universities at which the Pan American Petroleum Foundation will sponsor scholarships this year in petroleum engineering, geophysics, and geology.

Loan, Awards Fund Given

Student loans and special awards for academic excellence in business administration on the Edwardsville campus will be provided by a $10,000 gift from Mrs. Owen J. Sullivan of St. Louis. She made the contribution in memory of her late husband, who was a long-time executive in the National Stockyards National Bank, National City. . . . Marisa Canut, associate professor of materials science in the School of Technology, has received a $42,903 grant from the U.S. Air Force for research on the electron density of atoms and molecules. . . . John S. Rendleman, Edwardsville campus chancellor, is teaching a junior-level course on Illinois government this quarter. . . . SIU Film Production received a 1968 “Golden Eagle” award from CINE, a committee of top film experts who select American films for international festival showings, for its 40-minute film of the 1967 NCAA gymnastics championships held at SIU.

Voice Student to Met

Raeschelle Potter, Carbondale campus graduate music student from Gulfport, Mississippi, has been awarded a $2,000 Metropolitan Opera Company scholarship and a vocal teaching position with the Met’s training program for young singers starting next fall. A voice student of Marjorie Lawrence, SIU Opera Workshop director and former Metropolitan and Paris opera dramatic soprano, Miss Potter is a workshop assistant to Miss Lawrence. She has spent three summers in the summer opera workshop for SIU students conducted by Miss Lawrence at her Hot Springs, Arkansas, ranch, and last summer served as workshop assistant there. She also is a graduate assistant to voice instructor Marla Waterman, teaching a voice class and two private voice students. Miss Potter, daughter of a Baptist minister, developed musical talent early and as a high school student was assistant organist in her father’s church in Gulfport. She is a graduate of Xavier University.

New Degrees Approved

Two new SIU degree programs were approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education in January. A new master’s degree program in computer science will be offered at Carbondale, while a master of fine arts degree was approved for Edwardsville. . . . An intensive program in French for twenty academically talented freshmen was inaugurated at the Edwardsville campus this year. Participants carry a total of ten quarter hours of French instruction each quarter.