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Mississippi River Festival Nears

Achievement Award Winners Announced

Three Alumni Achievement Awards will be presented at the annual SIU Alumni Day banquet Saturday evening, June 14, two of them for distinguished professional achievement and the other for outstanding service to the University and the Alumni Association.

Kenneth L. Davis, who retired earlier this year after almost twenty years on the SIU Board of Trustees, will be honored for service. The professional achievement awards will go to Daryle H. Busch, professor of chemistry at Ohio State University, and Robert W. Meyer, vice president for business affairs at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Busch, a 1951 graduate, received the American Chemical Society Award in Inorganic Chemistry in 1962 and was elected chairman of the ACS Division of Inorganic Chemistry in 1967. He holds both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois.

Busch joined the Ohio State faculty in 1954 and has served as visiting professor at the University of Florida and the University of California. An internationally recognized consultant and lecturer in the field of chemistry, he is author or co-author of nearly 100 publications, including books, encyclopedia chapters, reviews, and research papers.

Meyer was graduated from SIU in 1942 and received an M.A. degree from the University of Iowa. He worked with a Chicago accounting firm before joining the Ohio Wesleyan faculty in 1948, became the university’s controller ten years later and was named to his present post in 1961.

Current president of the Central Association of College

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville becomes the entertainment capital of the St. Louis metropolitan area this month with the opening of the Mississippi River Festival. Six weeks of concerts by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra will be presented, along with performances by top rock, pop, and folk artists.

With St. Louis Symphony performances set for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, the Festival—it begins June 20—also will feature weeknight appearances by such artists and groups as Joan Baez, the New Christy Minstrels, the King Family Show, the Janis Joplin Review, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Ian and Sylvia, the Modern Jazz Quartet, The Band from Big Pink, and others.

Setting for Festival performances will be an 18-acre outdoor site on the northwest sector of campus where a grassy, wooded tract provides a natural amphitheater. An enormous tent will cover a stage and custom-made acoustical shell, and will also provide reserved seating under cover for 1,855 persons.

The Festival tent is designed so that all but two of the main masts are eliminated by use of an exterior support system. This will permit 10,000 people seated on the sloping lawn area outside the tent to have an unobstructed view of the Festival stage.

The stage will accommodate a full symphony orchestra plus a 100-voice chorus, or can be modified to suit a chamber orchestra, quartet, or small group. Food service facilities also will be located at the Festival site.

Free parking will be provided for approximately 3,500 autos on flat grass land. A shuttle bus service linking the Festival site with other University parking areas will make additional parking space available in the event of bad weather.

Honorary Degrees to Three

Distinguished men in three fields will receive honorary degrees from SIU this month, two in commencement exercises at Edwardsville and the third in the Carbondale commencement program (see “activities” column on page four for commencement schedule).

Jean Gottmann, internationally renowned geographer, will receive the honorary Doctor of Science degree at Carbondale. At Edwardsville, former U.S. Senator Paul H. Douglas will be awarded the honorary Doctor of Laws degree and Walter Susskind, music director and conductor of the St. Louis Symphony, will receive the honorary Doctor of Humanities degree.
Alumni Family Camp Opens August 3

The twelfth annual SIU Alumni Family Vacation Camp will open August 3 at Little Grassy Lake, continuing through August 23. All alumni and faculty who are dues-paying members of the Alumni Association are invited to make reservations now.

Operated by professional staff members from SIU’s Little Grassy outdoor education facilities, the Alumni Camp provides an atmosphere of relaxation in a setting of natural beauty only minutes away from the Carbondale campus. A choice of camping plans brings the cost of a family vacation well within even the modest budget.

FOOD AND LODGING

Campers who choose the complete Camp program will find the clean, single-room cabins with mattressed camp beds comfortable and conveniently located for all Camp activities. Cabins are served by central shower and toilet facilities. Those who bring their own lodging will find plenty of attractive campsites. (Sorry, there are no accommodations for pets.) Excellent food is a trademark of the Alumni Camp. Meals are served family style. Wednesday night is special—delicious steaks grilled to order and an “overseas” trip with a special meal all their own for the children. Meals served include Sunday dinner through Saturday breakfast.

ACTIVITIES

The Little Grassy vacationer can be as active as he chooses. Trained life guards are on duty at the beach and the lake provides canoeing and fishing as well as swimming. Horseback riding, hiking, skeet shooting, archery, handicrafts, nature study, hayrides, square dancing, group singing, and cookouts are among popular activities. Children always enjoy the Little Grassy animal farm, while many adults favor the shooting range where authentic muzzle-loading rifles are available.

Vacationing parents like the program of children’s activities, too. Grouped according to age and assigned to trained, reliable staff counselors, the children have planned activities throughout the day except at mealtime. Parents may pursue their own interests while sons and daughters enjoy their vacation with others of their own ages. A registered nurse always is on hand.

Even the younger children are cared for by Little Grassy staff members, who operate the “Playpen.” This protective area provides all the space, toys, and equipment necessary to keep toddlers happy, including a shelter with beds for mid-afternoon naps. Counselors also are available for evening babysitting at a nominal fee.

VACATION COLLEGE

A popular activity among many first-week campers is the continuing education program. Outstanding faculty members are brought to Camp for stimulating, informal discussion sessions on timely and pertinent topics. As with other activities, participation is optional with each individual. Vacation College will be featured only during the first week.

THREE CAMPING PLANS

Alumni Camp vacationers may choose one of three plans:

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Board Candidates Nominated

Four members of the SIU Alumni Association board of directors whose terms expire this year have been nominated for re-election, with a fifth candidate nominated for election to a board vacancy created by the death April 16 of Charles S. Mayfield.

Nominees for re-election are David Elder ’50, M.A. ’51; Mrs. Jane Curry Dycus ’57; Everett E. Miller ’39, and Walter B. Young Jr., ex ’47. Nominated to fill the board vacancy is Donald R. Marshall ’59, M.S. ’63.

Elder, who lives in Springfield, was named last year to a board vacancy created by a resignation. Mrs. Dycus, of Carbondale, has been board secretary since 1965, previously serving a two-year term. Miller, of Mundelein, has been on the board since 1965 and Young, of Carmi, has been a board member since 1961 and is a past Association president. All have held offices with local Alumni Clubs.

Marshall lives in Alton and is principal of the Lewis and Clark Elementary School in Godfrey. He has served as secretary-treasurer, vice president, and president of the Madison County SIU Alumni Club. He was named “Young Educator of the Year” in 1967 by the Alton-Godfrey Jaycees.

Both Marshall and his wife, the former Lynn Menard ’60, attended SIU’s Alton Center. (This makes it something of a family affair; his mother, Mrs. Helen Marshall of Jerseyville, received an M.S. degree in 1962 through her studies at Alton.) The Marshalls have a son, David, six.

Nominees were named by a three-member committee from the Alumni Association board, with the election to be held during the Legislative Council meeting on Alumni Day. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time.
1. We'll do it for you (cabin and food furnished).
2. We'll help you do it (meals furnished).
3. Do it yourself (you furnish food and lodging).

Plan 1  For those who wish the complete Camp program, with cabin, food—everything except linens, blankets, and pillows—furnished, the rates are $40 per week for adults (twelve years and beyond); $30 per week for children three through eleven, and $25 per week for children under three.

Plan 2  For those who bring their own tent or camp trailer but desire their meals in the dining hall, the rates are $60 per week for the first two family members, regardless of age, and $25 per week for each additional family member.

Plan 3  For those who provide and cook their own food as well as providing their own lodging, the rate is $30 per week for the first two family members, regardless of age, and $15 per week for each additional family member.

There will be no other mailing on Alumni camp this year. Below is a reservations request form which should be returned to the Alumni Office immediately. Only full-week reservations can be accepted. Facilities are limited, reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. All reservations must be accompanied by a check in the amount of one-fifth of the total cost for the family.

USE THIS COUPON TO MAIL YOUR CAMPING RESERVATIONS TODAY!

Name of Alumnus: ___________________________  Class: ____________

Name of Spouse: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________  Phone: _______________

Children—names and ages (at beginning of camp): ____________________________

(Indicate first name or nickname by which child would like to be called at camp)

Sorry—no pets permitted

Check week and plan you wish below:

( Please indicate first and second choice of weeks)

August 3-9 ☐  August 10-16 ☐  August 17-23 ☐

Plan 1, Complete program (Everything furnished) ☐

Plan 2, Do-it-yourself (Meals furnished) ........... ☐

Plan 3, Do-it-yourself (You furnish everything) .. ☐

Enclosed is my deposit of $ ______ (one-fifth of total cost for entire family; if your Alumni Association membership is not current, include $4 membership dues. Make checks payable to SIU Alumni Association).

Cancellations: There is a charge of 10% of the total deposit for cancellations 15 days or more prior to camp. If cancellations are made less than 15 days before camp, the entire deposit is forfeited.

SIU Sports

While most people concern themselves during the spring and summer with baseball and other sports more appropriate to the season, there are two men around SIU who are thinking almost exclusively these days about the sports scene of next September.

That would be Dick Towers and Bob Guelker, coaches of the football Salukis and soccer Cougars, respectively. And both of them have good reason to be somewhat eager for the coming of their 1969 seasons. Both have a wealth of material returning and expect to produce winning records.

Towers’ footballers compiled a good 6-3 record last fall, the Salukis’ first successful season on the gridiron since 1961. With two dozen returning lettermen, eleven junior college transfers, and a number of excellent sophomores to work with this year, the coach and his staff hope to better last year’s mark.

For Guelker, improving on last year will be somewhat difficult. In only their second season of intercollegiate competition, the Cougars finished a perfect 10-0 in 1968. And, believe it or not, there wasn’t a senior in the entire starting lineup!

Both the soccer and football schedules appear on page four in clip-and-save form.

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Ticket prices range from $5.50 for boxes to $1.50 for lawn seats for all performances except the Joan Baez concert, for which the top price will be $2. Season tickets at reduced prices also are available.

The Festival, organized last October by SIU and the St. Louis Symphony Society, is similar in format to programs conducted by the Boston, Philadelphia, and Cleveland symphonies.

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and University Business Officers, he also has served as president of both the Ohio and Midwest associations of college and university business officers. In addition to his duties at Ohio Wesleyan, he has been a member of the Delaware, Ohio, city council and president of the chamber of commerce.

Davis, a Harrisburg educator and businessman, would have completed twenty years on the SIU Board of Trustees on July 1, but resigned in January because of ill health. He had been board chairman since August 1965.

A 1936 graduate of SIU, he holds a master’s degree from the University of Tennessee. A Saline County teacher and coach and two-term school superintendent before going into business as a sporting goods dealer, he was appointed to the SIU board by Gov. Adlai Stevenson and reappointed by governors William G. Stratton and Otto Kerner. He helped govern the institution during a period in which enrollment increased ten-fold and the physical size increased from a small central campus of eight buildings at Carbondale to today’s multi-campus operation.
Southern Sketches

Alumni Activities

TUESDAY, June 10
7 p.m.—Commencement Exercises, Edwardsville Campus, followed by President's reception honoring 1969 graduates and their parents.
WEDNESDAY, June 11
Commencement Exercises, Carbondale Campus (3:30 p.m. for graduates A-K, 7:30 for graduates L-Z.)
FRIDAY, June 13
1:30 p.m.—SIU Alumni Association board of directors meeting, University Center, Carbondale.
SATURDAY, June 14
Alumni Day, Carbondale:
All day—Alumni registration, main lobby, University Center.
10 a.m.—SIU Alumni Association Legislative Council meeting, Morris Library Auditorium.
1 p.m.—Campus tours, with special tour trains originating at the University Center until 4 p.m.
2 p.m.—Class Reunions and Elections for all classes ending in “4” and “9” and the Class of ’68, Roman Room, University Center, until 4 p.m.
6:30 p.m.—Alumni Banquet and Program, Ballrooms, University Center.

SIU, Carbondale
1969 Football Schedule
Sept. 20 at Louisville
Sept. 27 at Youngstown
Oct. 4 at Tampa
Oct. 11 at Lamar Tech
Oct. 18 Indiana State
Oct. 25 (Homecoming)
East Carolina
Nov. 1 at Bradley
Nov. 8 Ball State
Nov. 15 Drake
Nov. 22 at Southwest Missouri
SIU, Edwardsville
1969 Soccer Schedule
Sept. 22 Blackburn College
Sept. 26, 27 at Akron University tournament (SIU, Akron, Indiana)
Oct. 4 at Lewis College, Lockport
Oct. 11 at Quincy College
Oct. 15 Harris Teachers
Oct. 18 at Greenville College
Oct. 21 Eastern Illinois
Oct. 28 Washington Univ.
Nov. 1 (Homecoming)
Illinois (Chicago)
Nov. 8 at Missouri (St. Louis)

Miss Stein Honored

A distinguished research grant for American humanists has been awarded to Paul A. Schilpp, professor of philosophy at Carbondale, for the third consecutive year. The $10,000 grant, awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, supports Schilpp’s work in editing for publication the multi-volume series, The Library of Living Philosophers. . . . A historic stone carving from St. Bride’s Church in London, “the birthplace of English journalism,” will be enshrined in the new SIU journalism department quarters now under construction. . . . Leonard Van Camp, director of choral activities for SIU at Edwardsville, has been named Illinois state chairman of the American Choral Directors Association.

WSIE Radio Approved

The Federal Communications Commission has approved “WSIE” as call letters for the University’s new Edwardsville campus FM radio station scheduled to go on the air this fall. A construction permit for the station was granted by the FCC in January. . . . Ali Moslemi of the SIU forestry department faculty has been allocated a $10,200 grant from McIntire-Stennis Act funds administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The grant will support research in utilization of low grade hickory timber. . . . Charles V. Matthews, director of the SIU Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency, and Corrections, has been named to an 11-man advisory committee on law enforcement education programs by U.S. Attorney General John Mitchell.

Miss Stein Honored

A $3,000 fellowship honoring Hilda Stein has been established by the Illinois State Convention of the American Association of University Women. The stipend will be awarded for 1970-71 to a woman “showing distinction in the field of scholarly work,” preferably someone who wishes to study at one of the Illinois universities. The fellowship will be administered by the national organization’s educational foundation in Washington, D.C. Miss Stein, SIU zoology professor emeritus and a member of the SIU Alumni Association board of directors, has long been active in the AAUW and served as state president from 1945 to 1949. A 1968 Alumni Achievement Award winner, she retired from the faculty in 1963. She has since maintained her home in Carbondale, though spending much of her time at her former home in Belleville. A scroll commemorating the fellowship was presented to Miss Stein at an AAUP luncheon last month.

Enrollment Stabilizing

Spring quarter enrollment at SIU totalled 30,557, a jump of 3,581 over the same term a year ago. University officials say the record spring figure represents a stabilizing trend in quarter-to-quarter enrollment, showing respective drops from the fall of only 4.6 percent at Carbondale and 3.5 percent at Edwardsville. . . . A memorial scholarship fund honoring Charles S. Mayfield has been established through the SIU Foundation. Mr. Mayfield, an Illinois Agricultural Association executive and a director of both the Foundation and the SIU Alumni Association, died at his home in Bloomington April 16. . . . The Foundation sponsored a concert last month benefitting the Robert D. Faner Memorial Loan Fund.

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