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Trustees study reorganization in wake of University House criticism by state board

Possible reorganization of the SIU administrative setup is under study by the Board of Trustees in the wake of widespread criticism over University House, planned as a residence for the University president combined with facilities for official campus guests.

A board committee is seeking a national management consulting firm to advise it on proposed revisions in the University's fiscal policies and procedures, including changes in administrative responsibilities at the highest level.

Both the cost of University House and the manner in which it was planned and approved have been criticized by the State Board of Higher Education and others, including legislators.

Total cost of the building, excluding outside site work, utilities, landscaping, and fees, has been estimated at $590,199. Those related costs of site development and cost of furnishings would bring the total to more than $975,000.

Overhead Funds

Original plan was to pay for the undertaking with non-appropriated funds accumulated by the University from overhead allowances tagged to research and training grants. However, Chicago insurance executive W. Clement Stone has since given the University $1-million to finance the project.

The trustees and the administration have come under heavy fire from the state board for proceeding with University House without state board approval and also for failure to inform the public of decisions on the project.

Also, the state board said in a resolution passed December 2, "use of funds of this magnitude from whatever source for a project of this type is a reflection of poor judgement."

The resolution expressed "strong criticism" of the SIU board, President Delyte W. Morris, and Chancellor John S. Rendleman (who was vice president for business affairs when University House was approved), but cited "the constructive contributions to the welfare and growth of SIU" during Morris' 21 years as president and acknowledged "the value of the continued association of Dr. Morris with the University."

However, it went on to express "concern that the trustees of SIU will experience serious difficulties in their efforts to rebuild confidence while SIU is under the leadership of President Morris" as chief executive officer.

The SIU board had at its November meeting approved a new, top-level administrative post of University Director carrying broad responsibilities for financial and business affairs of the University. At the same time, it expressed "full confidence" in the present administration—a position board members have consistently reaffirmed.

The state board's resolution commended the trustees for "the spirit of their announced plan for administrative reorganization which they currently have under study." It asked that the state board be informed by February 15 of pertinent steps in that direction.

The trustees also approved a formal resolution at their November meeting stating that it has never been their intent "to disregard the policies or important responsibilities of the Board of Higher Education" and expressing regret that "our considered judgement in the matter of University House was not congruent with the interpretation of the Board of Higher Education."

The existing SIU presidential home is a house which the University remodeled in 1951. It was damaged earlier this year by a fire caused by lightning. A part of the house was walled off because of fire damage.

Both the president's home and office—also a remodeled house—stand in the center of campus and must be razed to make way for the new Humanities Building, which has been in the University master plan since 1967 and is scheduled for construction starting next year. The office will be moved to Anthony Hall.

$1,000,000 Gift

Stone, in announcing a gift of $1-million in stock to the SIU Foundation, said he hoped to take University House "out of the realm of controversy so that President Morris can proceed with his work of developing one of the greatest educational institutions in the world."

He said he first became interested in the University when he toured the Carbondale Campus after making a speech there last July. "I was amazed at what I saw," he said. "Everyone in the state should visit the school to see how our young people are being served by this magnificent institution."

Stone, himself a trustee of the University of Illinois, added that University House, "to my way of thinking, stands on its own merits as a symbol of the growth and prestige of Southern Illinois University."

Following the state board’s December 2 action, the Alumni Association board (Continued on Page 4)
Dental Quarters Set

Five buildings at the Alton Center have been designated for temporary use by the new School of Dental Medicine until permanent quarters can be constructed on the Edwardsville Campus.

Loomis Hall will be remodeled for a learning center for the dental school, with classrooms and clinical facilities to be housed in the Science Building. Health sciences research to support the program will be developed in Annex A, and two former residences will be used for offices.

Dr. Frank J. Sobkowski, dean of the dental school, says the use of existing buildings will be a major break for the SIU dental program.

“If we didn’t have temporary facilities,” Dean Sobkowski explains, “it would be five to seven years before we could admit our first class of dental students.”

The Alton Center is the former home of Shurtleff College. Buildings not used by the dental school will continue in use as regular classrooms.

Meeting Business Leaders

SIU business students at Carbondale are meeting some of the nation’s top business and industry executives this year in a series of face-to-face sessions billed as an “Executive of the Day” series.

The series, sponsored by the School of Business, is designed to bring to campus outstanding executives with whom students and faculty members may engage in intensive personal discussions of problems facing business and business education.

Scheduled through the SIU Center for Management Development, the discussions also are open to students in other fields.

Among executives appearing on campus during the year are Elmer H. Wavering, president of Motorola, Inc.; William Blackie, chairman of the board, Caterpillar Tractor Co.; Robert Gwinn, president, Sunbeam Corp.; William Karnes, president, Beatrice Foods.


Giving Fund Tops $15,500

Contributions and pledges totalling $15,558 have been received thus far through the SIU Alumni Association’s 1969 Annual Giving program, including response to Telefund Campaigns conducted by sixteen local alumni clubs.

Such gifts help enrich the University in areas not covered by state appropriations, or where state funds are not sufficient to meet the needs. Specific examples are scholarships, student loan funds, athletic awards, the annual Great Teacher Award, and faculty research projects.

Nine local clubs have each collected $500 or more through Telefund Drives, as follows: Chicago Area, $1,317; Detroit Area, $522; Franklin County, $724; Jackson County, $3,298; Madison County, $2,328; St. Clair County, $1,622; Springfield Area, $537; Washington, D.C., Area, $594; and Williamson County, $1,036.

Those still wishing to contribute in 1969 should make checks payable to the SIU Alumni Association and mail to the Alumni Office, SIU, Carbondale, Illinois 62901.

Basic Freedoms Listed

Southern Illinois University recognizes two basic campus freedoms: the right to demonstrate responsible dissent and the right to go about one’s business without interference.

So states the University’s “policy statement on demonstrations” filed in November with the office of Illinois Governor Richard Ogilvie and with the Illinois Board of Higher Education as required by House Bill 1894 of the 76th General Assembly.

Text of the two and a half-page statement is taken from two documents drafted more than a year ago and now assumed to be common knowledge on all campuses of the University.

“The University is a community dedicated to intellectual development by the process of rational thought and to the freedom of expression of ideas and opinions,” the statement declares. “It is a community that not only tolerates dissent; it welcomes responsible dissent and discourse on the issues of our time.

“Freedom to protest by lawful means must and will be protected by all the authority available to the University. However, when actions of individuals or minority groups interfere with the legitimate rights of others and are directed at the disruption of the normal processes of University life, they must and will be resisted.”

Turning to measures which will be taken to insure regard for these freedoms, the policy statement quotes from an interim statement issued in May, 1968:

“Interference with the normal function and proper conduct of the University forces the University to take appropriate disciplinary action, including suspension and expulsion when University regulations are disregarded, and to invoke legal action by civil authority when the laws of the State of Illinois are broken.”
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As 1969 draws to a close, more than 14,000 alumni are 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 this coupon to select the membership plan of your choice. Membership dues include subscription to Alumnus magazine.

Award Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for 1970 Alumni Achievement Award recipients, to be honored on Alumni Day next June. Deadline for nominations is February 15.

Robert Odaniell, SIU Alumni Association executive director, said all SIU graduates and former students are eligible for Achievement Awards, with the exception of present faculty members, members of the Board of Trustees, and the current Association president.

Achievement Awards have been given annually since 1958 to alumni selected for distinguished achievement in their respective professional fields or for outstanding service to the University, the Alumni Association, or both.

Any Alumni Association member may nominate Award candidates. Nominations also may be made by University academic deans and department chairmen.

Nominations and brief supporting material should be sent to Odaniell at the Alumni Office, Carbondale.

Out-of-state Tuition Up

An increase in out-of-state tuition fees, effective with the fall quarter of 1970, has been approved by the SIU Board of Trustees to implement recommendations of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Tuition for full-time non-resident students will be increased by $34 per quarter, from $206 to $240. Those students taking less than five quarter hours of studies will pay $80, and those taking six to ten quarter hours will pay $160.

The state board has recommended a policy whereby out-of-state tuition will be increased by $100 per year until tuition and fees are equivalent to the observed cost of undergraduate instruction.

Tuition for Illinois residents, $67 per quarter for full-time students, was not affected.

SIU Sports

Congratulations are in order to Coach Bob Guelker and his Edwardsville Campus soccer team. The Cougars, in their second season of intercollegiate competition, remained undefeated in regular season play and received a bid to the NCAA Midwest Regional post-season playoffs. There they lost the opener 4-0 to St. Louis University, one of the nation's top collegiate soccer powers. In two seasons, the Cougars have compiled a remarkable record: 20 wins and one tie in regular season play, with the St. Louis match their only loss.

The Saluki football team finished the year 5-5, which has to be considered disappointing in light of the high pre-season hopes. Three of the losses were by four points or less, however, and Coach Dick Towers' squad was really outclassed only once, by Tampa. Sophomore back Bob Hasberry gained a total of 1,178 yards to top the old season mark of 996 set by Amos Bullocks in 1960, and the fact that he will be joined next year by some sophomores Towers feels may be good enough to battle him for a starting spot is an indication of things to come.

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A bus trip to the Saluki-St. Louis University basketball game February 17 is available to alumni, with deadline for reservations February 6. The bus will leave Carbondale at 3 P.M. and go directly to the Arena in St. Louis. Price is $15 per person, which includes transportation, admission ticket, and a pre-game steak dinner at the Arena Club, Call David Erthal, Carbondale (457-8188), president of the Jackson County Alumni Club, for information and reservations. St. Louis area alumni can get tickets in the same section through the St. Louis University ticket office, 3672 W. Pine, St. Louis. Make checks to St. Louis University, ask for tickets in the SIU alumni section, and enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Deadline is February 10, and orders should be placed as soon as possible.

SIU alumni section tickets for Saluki games at Evansville (January 14), Marquette (January 17), and Indiana State (February 2) also are available from those institutions. These tickets are limited, however, and should be ordered well in advance. Write the Alumni Office, SIU, Carbondale, for details.
Alumni Activities

SUNDAY, December 28
SIU alumni reception in conjunction with National Speech Association Convention, Statler Hilton Hotel, New York City, 5–7 p.m. Contact Dr. Ralph Micken.

SATURDAY, January 10
Regional Club Officers’ Workshop for Bond-Clinton Counties, Macoupin-Montgomery Counties, Madison County, Monroe County, St. Clair County, St. Louis Area, and Washington County alumni clubs, Augustine’s Restaurant, Belleville.

SUNDAY, January 11
Regional Club Officers’ Workshop for Bloomington Area, Champaign Area, Decatur Area, Peoria Area, and Springfield Area alumni clubs, Holiday Inn, Lincoln.

SATURDAY, January 17
Regional Club Officers’ Workshop for Evansville Area, Richland County, Saline County, Wayne County, and White County alumni clubs, Two Tony’s Restaurant, Carmi.

SUNDAY, January 18
Regional Club Officers’ Workshop for Franklin County, Jackson County, Jefferson County, Massac County, Paducah Area, Perry County, Randolph County, and Williamson County alumni clubs, Elks Club, Herrin.

FRIDAY, January 23
SIU alumni coffee in conjunction with Illinois Music Educators Conference, Pere Marquette, Peoria, 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, January 31

THURSDAY, February 5
Williamson County Alumni Club meeting.

FEBRUARY 9–12
St. Clair County Telefund Campaign.

FRIDAY, February 13
New York Area Alumni Club meeting.

SATURDAY, February 14
Washington, D.C., Area Alumni Club meeting. Madison County Alumni Club meeting.

MONDAY, February 16
SIU alumni breakfast in conjunction with American Association of School Administrators conference, Traymore Hotel (Club Room), Atlantic City, N.J., 8 a.m.

FEBRUARY 18–19
Springfield Area Telefund Campaign.

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Southern Sketches

An SIU Film Productions movie on the world population explosion, originally made in 1965, has been reproduced in an updated version for use by the United States Information Agency. The USIA will add soundtracks in Spanish and Portuguese, and possibly other languages. . . . Peggy Parkinson, senior Carbondale Campus voice student from Centralia, will appear as soprano soloist in the St. Louis Symphony’s Christmas oratorio. . . . Dr. Frank J. Sobkowski, dean of the SIU School of Dental Medicine, has been named to the Illinois Board of Higher Education’s dental education advisory committee.

East St. Louis Office Opens

An “Area Services to East St. Louis” office has been opened by SIU in that city, to handle community requests for information about and services of the University. The office is located in the Illinois Building. . . . R. Buckminster Fuller, SIU university professor and renowned philosopher-inventor, has been named “Humanist of the Year” by the American Humanist Association. Fuller delivered the annual Nehru Memorial Lecture in New Delhi, India, in November at the invitation of Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi. . . . W. G. Kammalade Jr., associate professor of animal industries, is serving as Fulbright professor at the University of Novi Sad, Yugoslavia. . . . The SIU Foundation is accepting contributions in memory of Prof. Herbert F. A. Smith, who died August 30 in Nepal, where he was on assignment as an educational advisor. He had taught at both Carbondale and Edwardsville.

New Graduate Dean Named

Herbert H. Rosenthal, professor of history on the Edwardsville Campus, is new dean of the SIU Graduate School. The dean is charged with directing graduate studies programs on both the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses. He succeeds William Simeone, now on sabbatical leave, and Lon R. Shelby, who had served as acting dean in the interim period. Rosenthal came to SIU in 1955 as lecturer in history at Carbondale, moving to the Edwardsville Campus in 1958. He has served previously as acting dean of instruction at Edwardsville and as head of the Social Sciences Division. A native New Yorker, he received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia and a doctorate from Harvard University. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the author of a book on the Progressive movement in New York State.

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passed the following resolution: “The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association of Southern Illinois University regrets the public attention given the controversy surrounding University House, which has grown far out of proportion to that merited by the facts. Furthermore, the board reaffirms in full measure its support of Delyte W. Morris as president and the University trustees, and commends their efforts toward orderly progress in the inevitable growth of the institution. We are profoundly grateful to W. Clement Stone for his generous gift and the confidence it expresses in our University and its leaders. Our faith in the future of SIU is undaunted; we stand ready to assist in any way possible as it moves toward continued greatness.”