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Firm Stance Marks Fall Quarter Opening

Gwendolyn Brooks, poet laureate of Illinois, receives honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Chancellor John S. Rendleman in summer commencement exercises at SIU, Edwardsville. Dr. Brooks teaches at three Chicago area colleges and was recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for poetry in 1950. See related story on page 2.

Operating Budget at Record $113,759,046

An internal operating budget of $113,759,046 was approved by the SIU Board of Trustees for the current fiscal year, covering both the Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses.

The budget figure is $8,018,621 larger than that of last year. It was based on a projected fall quarter enrollment of 24,000 at the Carbondale Campus and 13,700 at Edwardsville. Actual enrollment figures were not yet available at press time.

In addition to enrollment increases, the higher budget reflects salary adjustments, higher costs of building operation and maintenance, and generally higher operating costs resulting from increases in prices of goods and services.

The budget shows an anticipated operating income for the year totaling $84,794,768 from legislative appropriation and tuition charges; $13,933,278 from operation of auxiliary enterprises such as residence halls, and $15,031,000 in restricted accounts, including $1,070,000 in general student activity fees.

The budget allocates $97,189,218 for education and general expenses for the year; $13,933,278 for auxiliary enterprises, $1,070,000 for student activities, and $1,566,550 for student aid (scholarships, fees, and fellowships).

With fall quarter classes opening in an atmosphere of tense quiet, SIU administrative officials have issued clear statements that disruption of University functions through protest activities will not be tolerated.

In a series of moves sanctioned by the Board of Trustees, top administrators on both campuses have warned that such disruptions will lead to immediate and firm action.

Carbondale Campus Chancellor Robert G. Layer, in material mailed to students’ parents just before classes opened September 22, pledged “to do everything I can to keep Southern Illinois University open and to protect it from those who would destroy it either from within or without.”

Layer’s communication included an “Interim Policy on Demonstrations” which upholds the right of peaceful dissent while specifically prohibiting conduct which disrupts University functions, interferes with the safety, rights, and welfare of others, or is destructive to property.

The Board also had approved at its September meeting student conduct and student rights codes and procedures for demonstrations outlining the position of the Edwardsville Campus administration and presented by Chancellor John S. Rendleman.

In brief, the conduct code spells out grounds for separation from the University by suspension, dismissal, or expulsion. Among these are the unprovoked use of force or violence; interference by force, threat, or duress with the freedom of movement of any member or guest of the University, and malicious damage to property.

On the Carbondale Campus, hardest hit by student disruptions last year, Chancellor Layer also has circulated a memorandum which expresses a policy that “in the event of student unrest or disorder, the University’s operations will remain open completely or to the maximum extent humanly possible.” The memo also warns of possible disciplinary action against faculty members violating “accepted standards of professional conduct.”

Resident Tuition Going Up

SIU tuition for Illinois residents will be boosted to $117 a quarter for full-time students, beginning with the winter term. The new figure is an increase of $50 a quarter.

The jump was approved by the Board of Trustees earlier this year, at the same time it raised out-of-state tuition to $398 a quarter beginning this fall. The latter is a jump of $158.
Robert G. Layer, professor of economics, was named Carbondale Campus chancellor in September, to serve until a permanent chancellor is selected. He succeeds Willis E. Malone, who had been acting chancellor since June and who had asked to be relieved of the post by September 1. The Board of Trustees executive committee, meanwhile, continues to interview candidates for the permanent chancellorship vacated when Robert W. MacVicar left SIU to become president of Oregon State University.

Honorary Degrees Awarded

Honorary degrees were conferred on three persons in SIU summer commencement exercises in September. Recipients were the Illinois poet laureate, Gwendolyn Brooks, and two respected scholars, Albert Craig Baird and Robert Bingham Downs.

All received the doctor of humane letters degree. Dr. Brooks in the Edwardsville Campus commencement and Baird and Downs in Carbondale exercises.

Dr. Brooks received the Pulitzer Prize in poetry in 1950 for her volume, Annie Allen. A former Guggenheim Fellow in creative writing, she also was recipient of an American Academy of Arts and Letters creative writing award in 1946.

Dr. Baird was distinguished visiting professor of speech at SIU, Carbondale, from 1959 until last year. His writings are recognized as keystones of American study of theory and practice in the field of speech, and many consider him America’s outstanding scholar in public address and rhetoric.

Dr. Downs is director of libraries for the University of Illinois and is recognized as a world authority on developing library resources for graduate study and research. His published work covers library science, bibliography, the history of great books, intellectual freedom, and American folklore and humor.

Also honored at Edwardsville was Dr. Robert Lynn, Alton physician, who received the SIU Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Lynn was cited for his outstanding civic work, including his leadership role in obtaining the Edwardsville Campus site.

Alumni Dues Increase Set

Alumni Association dues will be increased January 1 for the first time since 1957, the additional income going to support the new Constituent Society program.

Under the new rate, an individual annual membership will increase from $4 to $5 and the annual family membership will go from $5 to $6. An individual life membership, now costing $100, will be increased to $125. A family life membership will increase from $125 to $150.

Life memberships still will be available on an installment plan, with minimum annual payments of $12.50 on the individual life membership and $15 on a family life membership.

All membership applications received before January 1 will be processed at existing rates.

Four New Buildings Coming

SIU construction projects to total an estimated $15.6-million in cost are among those cleared by Governor Richard Ogilvie this summer and now ready for undertaking by the Illinois Building Authority.

Included are the first permanent academic building at the Vocational-Technical Institute, two structures on the Edwardsville Campus, and the first stage of a Humanities-Social Sciences Building at Carbondale.
SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIP PLAN OF YOUR CHOICE

Membership is effective for one year from date of payment.

☐ $4.00 1 YEAR

☐ $100 LIFE MEMBERSHIP
(Minimum annual installment payment $10.00)

☐ $5.00 1 YEAR FAMILY
(Husband and wife both alumni)

☐ $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

More than 500 persons now are paid life members of the SIU Alumni Association, with an additional 741 currently making installment payments toward life membership. After December 31, as you will see in an article elsewhere in this issue, the cost of life and family life memberships will be increased. This is your invitation to become a life member at the current rate, before the cost goes up. Installment plans started now will continue at the present rate until paid in full. Benefits begin immediately. Life membership payments go into a permanent endowment, the interest supporting alumni activities in perpetuity. Write the Alumni Office for details.

Disorder Talks Concluded

Faculty and administrative representatives from the Carbondale Campus completed in September a statewide series of meetings to tell parents what SIU has done to avert campus disorders.

The frank, give-and-take sessions were described by participants from the University as “informative” and revealing for everyone concerned.

Teams of speakers visited thirty-four communities from Waukegan to Metropolis. In essence, they told parents that SIU is placing renewed emphasis on quality teaching for undergraduates and making it harder for students to regain good standing or re-admission after being suspended for disciplinary or academic reasons.

Also, they described the formation of a “Crisis Management Committee” established to set up guidelines for dealing with campus unrest.

An estimated 3,500 persons attended the meetings, which were set up by the chancellor’s office and registrar through personal invitations to parents in communities throughout the state.

SIU Sports

Although football and soccer hold the current SIU sports spotlight, basketball fans are eager for the approach of December and the opening of another cage season. Both the Salukis and the Cougars face the 1970-71 schedule under the direction of new coaches.

Paul Lambert, who came to Carbondale in July from Harding-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, will guide the Saluki campaign which opens December 2. In his four years at Harding-Simmons, his Cowboys were known for their scoring talents, ripping the nets for an average 86 points a game.

“We probably will play a little faster game than SIU has in the past few years,” Lambert told his first SIU press conference. “We won't just run up and down the floor, however. If we have to run a bit more we will. If it's time to be a little more conservative, then we will be that too. The object of the game is to win and that's why I'm here.”

With all five starters back from last year's 13-10 team, prospects for the 1970-71 Salukis look bright.

The Cougars of SIU, Edwardsville, open December 1 under new varsity coach Jimmie Dudley. Dudley came to SIU after three highly successful seasons at Lake Land Junior College in Mattoon. (Both Dudley and Lambert have been introduced previously in "Deadline Sports" columns of Alumnus magazine.)

The Cougars face a beefed-up, 25-game schedule, including eleven home games. Five new opponents have been added to replace five previous foes lost because of scheduling conflicts.


THE COUGAR SCHEDULE: Dec. 1, at Missouri, St. Louis; Dec. 3, at McKendree; Dec. 5, at Blackburn; Dec. 8, Missouri, Rolla; Dec. 12, Concordia Seminary; Dec. 18, Tennessee, Martin; Dec. 21, at Illinois, Chicago; Dec. 22, at Wisconsin, Milwaukee; Dec. 23, at Wisconsin, Kenosha; Jan. 1, at Tennessee, Martin; Jan. 5, Illinois, Chicago; Jan. 12, at Harris Teachers; Jan. 16, Missouri, St. Louis; Jan. 20, at Tennessee State; Jan. 23, Culver-Stockton; Jan. 30, Tennessee State; Feb. 3, Harris Teachers; Feb. 5, at Concordia Seminary; Feb. 6, at Northeast Missouri; Feb. 8, at Missouri, St. Louis; Feb. 13, at Quincy; Feb. 17, at Lincoln University; Feb. 24, McKendree; Feb. 25, Wisconsin, Milwaukee; Feb. 27, Wisconsin, Kenosha. (Home games will be played in the Edwardsville Senior High School gymnasium.)
Summer Enrollment
More Than 19,000

Summer enrollment on both SIU campuses totaled 19,053, an increase of more than 900 over the summer of 1969.

University officials said 10,737 students were enrolled on the Carbondale Campus, a drop of 131 from the record summer enrollment of a year ago. However, the Edwardsville Campus total increased by more than 1,000 students to a record 8,316.

Students working toward advanced degrees made up the largest category of the summer (4,961), while undergraduates with senior status formed the second largest (4,532).

Alumni Activities

OCTOBER 9-10
Dedication activities for James W. Neckers Building (housing the physical sciences), Carbondale Campus.

FRIDAY, October 16
Washington County Alumni Club noon luncheon, Nashville High School.

MONDAY, October 19
Union County Alumni Club dinner, Elks Club, Anna, 6:30 p.m. Chancellor John S. Rendleman, speaker.

TUESDAY, October 20
Randolph County Alumni Club meeting.

OCTOBER 23-25
Homecoming, Edwardsville Campus.

OCTOBER 29-31
Homecoming, Carbondale Campus.

SUNDAY, November 8
Evansville Area Alumni Club dinner, Executive Inn, Evansville, 6:30 p.m. Reservations at $3.60 each to Harold V. Black, 3051 W. Indiana, Evansville.

NOVEMBER 19-21
Illinois Health, Physical Education and Recreation Association meeting, Chicago. There will be an SIU alumni coffee, time and place to be announced.

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Southern Sketches

Larry Sumner, Edwardsville Campus student body president, has been named co-chairman of a task force on the draft and national service for the 1971 White House Conference on Youth. . . . One of Italy’s outstanding organic chemists, Fernando Montanari, will spend half of next year at Carbondale as a senior foreign scientist on a National Science Foundation Fellowship. . . . A bachelor of science degree in Administration of Justice now is offered through the SIU Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency, and Corrections. . . . The new Edwardsville Campus radio station, WSIE-FM, began broadcasting in September.

New Illinois Book Published

A book which is expected to become a standard reference volume on Illinois is among new publications of the SIU Press. It is the Illinois Fact Book and Historical Almanac, compiled by Chicago newsman John Clayton and sponsored by the Illinois Sesquicentennial Commission. . . . The 1970 Mississippi River Festival drew 117,663 patrons to thirty concerts on the Edwardsville Campus, an increase of more than thirty percent over last year. . . . Prof I. Clark Davis of the Carbondale faculty has been named chairman of the education committee of the President’s Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. . . . The SIU Transportation Institute has been transferred from Carbondale to Edwardsville.

Dean Ernest Simon Retires

Ernest J. Simon retired September 1 as dean of Technical and Adult Education after twenty years at SIU. Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie proclaimed the day as “Dean Ernest J. Simon Day” in Illinois in recognition of the occasion. Simon developed the University’s technical and adult education program, which includes the Vocational-Technical Institute. The division also has provided adult education classes in communities throughout the southern two-thirds of Illinois; short courses and workshops drawing participants from all over the nation; job training through Manpower Training Centers at East St. Louis, Ordill, and the Illinois State Penitentiary at Vienna, and faculty to develop technical institutes in South Vietnam and Afghanistan. Simon began his career as an instructor in industrial education in 1918, and was state director of vocational education for Illinois before coming to SIU in 1950.

Library Holdings Enlarged

A total of 102,771 volumes were added to the collection of Lovejoy Library, last year, bringing its holdings to 483,706. In addition, the library subscribes to 4,500 periodicals and has almost 400,000 documents, records, maps, and other miscellaneous archival material. At Carbondale, Morris Library reported addition of 156,698 volumes during the fiscal year ending June 30, bringing the total to 1,270,534 volumes. . . . John Gardner, Carbondale English professor, is author of a novel, The Wreckage of Agathon, published September 23 by Harper & Row. . . . A series of films on “Basics of Family Living” produced at SIU has been purchased by the New York public aid department for use in training of case workers.