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Operating Budget Slashed, Tuition Raised

Recommended cuts in Southern Illinois University’s 1971-72 operating budget will be “painful and will require internal adjustment,” in the words of SIU’s chief of board staff, James Brown. He was referring to the Illinois Board of Higher Education’s recommendation that SIU receive $88.7 million, a $15.6 million less than the original request. SIU received a larger cut in its budget recommendations than any other Illinois institution.

The proposal which will go before the General Assembly calls for $75.7 million from general revenues and the remaining $13 million from income.

Included in this income will be funds from a recommended tuition increase. The SIU Board of Trustees has accepted this hike, which was proposed by the State Board of Higher Education. This follows a recent increase effective winter quarter.

With fees added, tuition for full-time students is now $165.50 for Illinois residents and $446.50 for out-of-state students. The proposed increase effective September 1971 will up Illinois student tuition from $117 to $143 and non-resident tuition from $398 to $429. With fees added, the total quarterly tuition-fee package will be $191.50 for in-state students and $477.50 for out-of-state students.

Board member William Allen has requested a tuition study, saying that “higher education is no longer a privilege, but a right. Higher tuition makes it a privilege again.”

In other action, the Board said it hoped to name a permanent Carbondale chancellor at its February meeting or soon after.

Burnett Shryock Dies

A well-known alumnus and retired dean of the School of Fine Arts, Burnett Henry Shryock, Sr., 66, died January 13 in a Carbondale hospital following a heart attack.

He was the son of Henry William Shryock, president of SIU from 1913 until his death in 1935.

Mr. Shryock, a 1922 graduate of the University, retired in September of 1970 after devoting two-thirds of his life to teaching and performing administrative tasks at SIU.

SIU Alumni Day
Saturday, June 5
The March issue of Alumnus magazine will be the special Centennial issue for 1971. This year's Centennial theme, and theme of the special issue, is "Business and Agriculture." There are other things coming up in Alumnus which you won't want to miss like the 1971 "Moonshooter" national report, for example. This report is due in May. But you'll miss them all and more if you're not a member of the Alumni Association and don't receive Alumnus. If you're missing out, correct that problem now by completing the membership coupon and mailing it and your check today. Membership dues include cost of your subscription.

Enrollment Quotas Set

As a result of the state's master plan for higher education and a shortage of classroom space, enrollments on the two campuses of SIU have been limited.

At Carbondale, underclass enrollment has been frozen for next fall at the 1970 fall admission figure. Carbondale enrolled 11,473 freshmen and sophomores last fall, and the quota will be the same for 1971–72. Applications from new students for summer and fall quarters are now being accepted. When the 11,473 underclass spaces have been filled, on a first-come first-serve basis however, admissions for freshmen and sophomores will be cut off.

At Edwardsville, the State Board of Higher Education has received a report from its subcommittee on institutional size that would limit total enrollment to 16,240 in 1972. Admissions were limited to 13,700 last fall because of a severe shortage of classroom space. The subcommittee proposal, yet to be voted on, calls for maximum enrollment at Edwardsville of 18,401 in 1974; 20,683 in 1976; 22,993 in 1978 and 25,000 in 1980.

Academic Standards Upped

More demanding standards of scholarship can be expected by SIU students in the coming year. New policies going into effect during the winter quarter limit the options of students on warning or probation status and take most of the chance of "forgiveness" away from anyone who fails a course.

Registrar Robert McGrath said as of this quarter, students issued scholastic warning or probation notices must immediately show progressive improvement in the form of higher overall grade point averages as they accumulate hours. Otherwise they will face continued probation or suspension from school.

'70 Grads Fill Varied Jobs

1970 graduates of Southern Illinois University have accepted positions in 90 counties of Illinois, 42 other states, the nation's capital, and 14 foreign countries.

Records of the Carbondale Placement Service show that of the 4,472 earning degrees, 645 have jobs in business and industry, 918 in education, 85 in government and 12 in social agencies. Another 463 were attending graduate school, 133 are in military service and 37 did not request employment. As of Oct. 1, 1,342 were still available for employment and 1,495 had made no report to Placement Service.

Edwardsville records indicate that of the 1,686 obtaining degrees, 317 were working in business and industry, 634 in education, 53 in government and 6 in social agencies. Graduate school claimed 154, 65 went to the military and 35 did not request employment. On Oct. 1, 164 were still looking for jobs and 219 had not reported their activities to the Placement Service.

Fire Destroys VTI Wing

The main building at SIU's Vocational Technical Institute was heavily damaged January 21 by a late morning fire. The three-hour blaze gutted a wing of the two-story main building.

The wing destroyed, H–7, had housed 54 women in living quarters on the second floor, and class rooms and offices on the first floor. The wooden frame building was built during World War II when the VTI area was an ordnance depot.

Cause of the fire was not immediately determined. It was believed to have begun in a bedroom of the second-floor apartments. Residents said there was an exposed electrical outlet on the bedroom wall, and that a nearby storeroom contained turpentine, paint and other combustible materials.

Don Cote, an assistant professor in Water Resources Technology in the first floor said $30,000–$40,000 worth of equipment was lost and "15 to 20 years of work."

As soon as the fire was evident, students began moving supplies and belongings from adjacent wings in the four-wing structure. Fire trucks from six surrounding towns and the Fish and Wildlife Service at the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge answered the alarm. No one was seriously injured.
Dean Roger Beyler, seated, of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Carbondale, is shown with his three newly-named associate deans. They’ll have direct line authority under Beyler for the major disciplinary groups of social and behavioral sciences, humanities, and basic sciences. From left: Elbert Hadley, David Christensen, and David Gobert.

LA & S Undergoes Change

The largest academic unit on the Carbondale Campus, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, now has three associate deans to help oversee its 19 different departments.

College Dean Roger Beyler said elevation of former assistants Elbert Hadley, David Christensen, and David Gobert to associate status will give them line responsibilities for the major groupings within the College.

Each associate dean will handle such items as budget and personnel in his respective area, but will report to Beyler.

Liberal Arts and Sciences accounted for 2,685 majors at SIU this fall, 260 fewer than the College of Education. But the 9,000 underclass General Studies students account for much of the teaching time in LA and S.

Hadley has been a professor of chemistry, Christensen a professor of geography and Gobert an associate professor of French.

Volunteer Service Formed

Mobilization of Volunteer Effort (MOVE) is a new student volunteer service at Carbondale. According to David Rafter, a student from Rockville, Md. and co-ordinator of the program, MOVE is a “clearing house” where students can be informed of volunteer opportunities in community agencies and university programs.

The students will cooperate with individuals or groups doing such projects as working with children, the elderly, handicapped persons, food stamp programs, charity drives, therapy and tutoring.

SIU Sports

Paul Lambert’s Saluki cagers suffered the road trip blues losing their first three away games under the new head mentor. Three Texas teams (Texas Austin, Texas Tech and Lamar Tech) all took the team to task.

Easier-remembered games came in victories over Winston-Salem, Northern Iowa and Arkansas. Although St. Louis University and Evansville scored defeats over the Salukis, they came back to beat Indiana State and Ball State for a 2-0 Midwestern Conference and a 5-5 overall record.

The surprising Edwardsville Cougars, under new coach Jim Dudley, are romping along at a heady 11-2 clip and have area basketball fans speculating about a possible post-season NCAA college division tournament bid if the Cougars continue in their winning ways.

Concerning Edwardsville’s defense, Dudley said it has come along much faster than he had thought it would. SIU’s offense has also been impressive and fairly consistent. In thirteen games the Cougar shooters, led by Denny Throneburg’s 20-point per game average and Rich Essington’s 21-point per game clip, have been hitting at a .9692 point average while holding their opponents to a .8577 figure.

In other sports, a skeleton six-man SIU gymnastics team has a record of 3-1. Bill Meade’s crew scored double-road wins by beating North Carolina and Memphis State, but lost to Iowa State by .45 of a point.


The Saluki swimmers took several firsts in an SIU pool meet with the University of Michigan, but dropped the meet to the Wolverines 58-55.

Senior Jack Blake, outside forward for the Edwardsville Cougars soccer team, has been named an All American soccer player. Blake is the school’s first All American. He is the 15th player to receive the honor under veteran coach Bob Guelker, who had the remainder of his All Americans at St. Louis University. The Cougars built a 10-3 season behind Blake and two other players named to the 1970 All-Midwest area soccer squad, John Carenza and Tom Howe. St. Louis University edged the team 2-1 in NCAA competition and went on to take the national championship.

Centennial Volume Available

Copies of the Centennial Supplement to the 1969 Obelisk, Carbondale Campus yearbook, are available to alumni. The 112-page hard cover book tells the history of the first 100 years of SIU in words and pictures.

The Supplement may be ordered directly from the Obelisk Office, Bldg. 0869-A, SIU Carbondale at $2.25 per copy. This price includes postage for mailing the book anywhere in the U.S. Make checks payable to the Obelisk.
Alumni Activities

SATURDAY, February 20
Madison County Alumni Club meeting, 8 P.M., Holiday Inn, Edwardsville.

Washington, D.C. Area Alumni Club meeting.

MONDAY, February 22
SIU alumni breakfast in conjunction with American Association of School Administrators conference, Traymore Hotel (Club Room), Atlantic City, N.J., 8 A.M. Reservations at $3.75 required. Mail to SIU Alumni Office, Carbondale.

FEBRUARY 22–26
Madison County Alumni Club Telefund Campaign.

FRIDAY, April 3
SIU special education alumni and friends luncheon, Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., 12:15 P.M. Reservations at $5.75 required. Mail to Dr. James Crowner, Special Education Department, Carbondale.

FEBRUARY 23–25
Bloomington Area Alumni Club Telefund Campaign.

FRIDAY, February 26
SIU alumni breakfast in conjunction with Illinois Education Association meeting, Sheraton Chicago Hotel (Lake Erie Room), Chicago, 7:15 A.M. Reservations at $4.50 required. Mail to SIU Alumni Office, Carbondale.

MARCH 1–3
Chicago Area Alumni Club Telefund Campaign.

MARCH 8–11
St. Louis Area Alumni Club Telefund Campaign.

MARCH 9–11
Champaign Area Alumni Club Telefund Campaign.

MARCH 16–18
Bond-Clinton Counties Alumni Club Telefund Campaign.

Evansville Area Alumni Club Telefund Campaign.

MARCH 18–20
SIU Alumni Headquarters for Illinois High School State Basketball Tournament, Ramada Inn, Champaign.

MARCH 23–25
Washington County Alumni Club Telefund Campaign.

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Southern Sketches

Sixteen per cent or 3,355 undergraduates were posted to the fall quarter Dean's List for academic achievement at Carbondale. . . . Maurice Clark, former president of the Alumni Association, took office as president of the Illinois Association of School Administrators in January. . . . The Edwardsville Campus has presented service awards to four long-time faculty and staff members. Charles Butler, '50, and William Tudor were honored for 20 years of service, and Mrs. George Arnold, M.S. '62, and Herbert Rosenthal received 15-year awards.

New Department Chairmen

Associate Professor JoAnne Thorpe will become chairman of the SIU Department of Physical Education for Women June 1. Miss Thorpe joined the SIU faculty in 1958 and has currently been elected vice president of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation. She will succeed Dorothy Davies, who is retiring to full-time teaching. . . . Dr. Thomas Nelson, Jr. has been appointed chairman of the Department of Pharmacology in the School of Dental Medicine at Edwardsville. He comes to SIU from the faculty of the University of Texas. . . . Also named to the School of Dental Medicine is Dr. J. B. Whitten, Jr. who will be chairman of the Department of Pathology. Previously he was on the faculty at Indiana University in Indianapolis.

Book On George Counts Published

A new book, entitled The Educational Theory of George S. Counts, has been written by Gerald Gutek, an associate professor of education at Loyola University. The book, published by Ohio State University Press, contends that Counts, who has been a professor of education at SIU since 1962, consistently demonstrated his basic argument that the process of education is a reflection of the value and goals of a particular society at a particular time and should be structured to meet current social needs in an efficient manner. . . . A Historical Dictionary of Panama, written by Basil and Anne Hedrick, has been published by the Scarecrow Press, Inc. as volume 2 in its series of Latin American Historical Dictionaries. Hedrick is director of Southern Illinois University's Museum. . . . College and University Student Work Programs: Implications and Implementation is the title of a book by Frank Adams, M.S. '51, Ph.D. '62, and Clarence Stephens, '33. Dr. Adams is currently director of Student Work and Financial Assistance at Carbondale, and Dr. Stephens, a past director of work programs at SIU, is currently head of the University Administrative Council. The book was released by the Southern Illinois University Press.

Sculpture To Be Unveiled

An 18-foot-high abstract sculpture, "Nature's Life," is scheduled for presentation in late April on the Carbondale campus. The bronze work by SIU fine arts graduate George Chiou, '65, is a gift by him and two other alumni, James Nichols '65 and his brother Thomas '67, to their alma mater. Three outdoor sites are being considered for the work.