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Composition of SIU Board Altered

New SIU board members Harris Rowe (left) and Earl Walker (right) posed at the March 19 board meeting with Chairman Harold Fischer. Edwin Berry was not present at the meeting.

Campus Senate Approved

A University Senate designed as a "single voice" governing body for Carbondale faculty, staff and students has been approved in a campus-wide referendum.

A Provisional University Senate was inaugurated in March by Chancellor Robert Layer until the new body gets statutory approval by the SIU board of trustees.

Under recommendation of a campus Joint Task Force on Governance—which drafted the document that was voted on—that there are 14 general faculty, seven graduate faculty, 12 undergraduate students, five graduate students, four administrative and professional staff members, four nonacademic employees, two administration members and two alumni in the body, for a total of 50 representatives from all campus segments.

The organizational meeting was attended by representatives from the existing "constituent governing bodies"—such groups as the Student Senate and Faculty Council. The proposed University Senate would knit all these groups together to provide an overall body representing the entire campus community. It would not, however, do away with existing councils.

The governance proposal would give the senate legislative power not now held by the various single-body councils. Resolutions within senate jurisdiction would go to the chancellor, who could exercise a veto subject to a second senate referral. If the senate should override the veto, the action would be transmitted to the board of trustees.

A similar provisional body has been operating at the Edwardsville campus since July of 1970.

University School Closing

Despite efforts of concerned citizens, University School at Carbondale will be closed fall quarter. The school has operated from kindergarten through Grade 6 since 1967, after the phasing out of upper grades through high school.

Major reasons given for closing included the following: 1) The school's function as a laboratory for the training of teachers can be, and is now being discharged by 75 public school districts in a manner educationally preferable; and 2) Recent experience has shown difficulties of incorporating educationally significant research into the University School structure.

Arrangements have been made for transfer of 171 children attending the school to public school districts. Seven University School faculty members who hold tenure are slated for teacher education work with the College of Education.

Three new faces on Southern Illinois University's board of trustees have reduced the average age and changed the professional makeup of the board.

New appointees for six-year terms are Edwin Berry, 60, black businessman from Chicago and former director of the Chicago Urban League; Harris Rowe, 47, Jacksonville insurance executive and former state legislator; and Earl Walker, 37, Harrisburg physician who has completed a year's appointment on the board of trustees at the University of Illinois.

Rowe and Walker are Republican, Berry an independent.

The new members replace Lindell Sturgis, 71, of Metropolis, F. Guy Hitt, 81, of Benton and Melvin Lockard, 64, of Mattoon. All bankers, Sturgis and Lockard are Republicans, Hitt a Democrat. Their terms expired in January.

With the new appointments, the average age of the board is down from 72 to 50 and the number of banker-trustees from four to one. Occupation of board members now constitutes a range of one banker, a farm organization executive, an insurance executive, two physicians, a lawyer and an industrial executive.

The addition of Berry to the board means that the University now has a black trustee for the first time and one from the northern part of the state.

Concerning political party affiliation, the board now has four Republicans, two Democrats and one independent as compared to four Republicans and three Democrats.

Harold Fischer, Granite City, was named the new chairman of the board.
Hours, Dorm Rules Changed

Unanimous approval has been given by SIU's board of trustees to three rulings which will affect living conditions of Carbondale campus students. Liberalized housing rules, higher rates for on-campus residence halls and abolition of women's hours were measures passed by the board.

The new housing regulations, effective Sept. 1, restrict single freshmen and sophomores under 21 not living with parents or guardians to live in university owned and operated or university-approved housing. Before the new ruling, this regulation applied to all single undergraduates under 21.

Alumni Day—Saturday, June 5

Little Grassy Alumni Family Vacation Camp—Aug. 1-7, 8-14, 15-21

Reservations requests are now being accepted for the Alumni Association's annual Alumni Family Vacation Camp at Little Grassy Lake near Carbondale, which will open August 1 for three week-long camping sessions. The camp is open to all SIU alumni and faculty members who are dues-paying members of the Association. It is operated by professional staff members from the University's Little Grassy Outdoor Laboratory facilities.

FOOD AND LODGING Clean, single-room cabins with mattressed camp beds, comfortable and conveniently located. Cabins served by central shower and toilet facilities. Also plenty of attractive campsites for tents and trailers. Good food a camp trademark. Family style meals with children's cookout and steaks to order for adults every Wednesday evening. Sunday dinner through Saturday breakfast served.

ACTIVITIES Swimming (beach with trained life guards), boating, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, skeet shooting, archery, handicrafts, nature study, hayrides, square dancing, group singing—and many more. Be as active or as lazy as you choose! Full program of planned children's activities directed by reliable staff counselors. "Playpen" for small children. Animal Farm. Evening baby sitters available. Faculty-alumni discussion groups for first-week campers.

New this year is the Underway program which is part of an international educational concept known as Outward Bound. The intention of Underway is to provide individual and group challenges, both physical and mental, in an outdoor setting to help people better understand themselves and their environment. The program includes map and compass use, woodmanship, rope handling, first aid, rock climbing, waterfront activities and more. Entire families or individuals may participate in this optional activity.

THREE CAMPING PLANS

1) Complete camp program with cabin, food—everything except linens, blankets and pillows—furnished: $40 a week for each adult (12 and older); $30 a week for each child three through 11 and $25 a week for each child under three.

2) Bring your own tent or camp trailer but take your meals in the dining hall: $60 a week for first two family members, regardless of age; $25 a week for each additional family member.

3) Provide your own food and lodging: $30 a week for first two family members, regardless of age; $15 a week for each additional family member.

RESERVATIONS Accommodations limited; first-come, first-served. Only full-week reservations requests can be accepted. Requests must be accompanied by deposit for one-fifth total cost. Sorry, no accommodations for pets.

NAME OF ALUMNUS

CLASS

NAME OF SPOUSE

ADDRESS

PHONE

NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN (INDICATE NICKNAMES TO BE USED AT CAMP):

Please indicate first and second choice of weeks and the plan you wish:

August 1-7 ☐ August 8-14 ☐ August 15-21 ☐
Plan 1, (Everything furnished) ☐
Plan 2, (Meals furnished) ☐
Plan 3, (You furnish everything) ☐

Enclosed is my deposit of $_________ (one-fifth total cost; if Alumni Association membership is not current, include $5 dues.) Make checks payable to SIU Alumni Association.

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, ENTIRE DEPOSIT IS FORFEITED.

Act now! Return reservations request coupon with your check, payable to SIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, to Alumni Office, SIU, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.
Wrap-up on Campus Disruptions

As a result of campus disruptions that closed down SIU at Carbondale for several weeks last spring, 323 students were charged by civil authorities with breaking city or state laws. Of those, 106 were convicted in the courts and 166 were disciplined by SIU for violating the University’s disciplinary code. Code violation charges were dropped against the same quarter, 60 per cent of all students were getting as-

1) Average family income for code violators was $12,000, compared to $9,600 for the parents of the average SIU student.
2) Only 19 per cent of the 166 were financially self-supporting. The average for all students is 28 per cent.
3) Only 47 per cent of the violators were receiving any kind of financial aid during the spring quarter. During that same quarter, 60 per cent of all students were getting assistance.
4) SIU draws 40 per cent of its undergraduate students from the seven counties that cradle Chicago. But 50 per cent of the students arrested and/or disciplined were from that area. Six violators came from other states.
5) Only one black student was among the 166. Says the report, “There was little or no participation on the part of the University’s black students in the May disruptions.”
6) As was true nationwide last May, the SIU students charged with law or code violations were not below average, academically. In fact, they had slightly higher grade averages than the “mean” for all students.

Proficiency Tests Save Money

Students took approximately 8,000 proficiency examinations at Southern Illinois University last year and enough of them passed to represent over a half-million dollars in classroom savings.

The dollar estimate is by Robert McGrath, dean of admissions and records at Carbondale, who bases it on average costs of $1,000 a year to educate undergraduates.

Proficiency examinations may be taken to satisfy course requirements without actually taking the course. The big majority attempted at SIU are in the basic General Studies curriculum required of all students.

At Carbondale, 7,531 examinations were given for a total of 20,597 quarter hours and a classroom savings representing half-million dollars. On the Edwardsville campus, 420 examinations were given for 1,296 quarter hours. Amount of classroom savings at Edwardsville was not available.
Alumni Activities

APRIL 20-22
Randolph County Alumni Club Telefund.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23
Bloomington Area Alumni Club Meeting.
Champaign Area Alumni Club Meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24
Springfield Area Alumni Club Meeting.

APRIL 26-28
Franklin County Alumni Club Telefund.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29
Decatur Area Alumni Club Meeting.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30
Wayne and White Counties Alumni Club Meeting.

SUNDAY, MAY 2
Chicago Area Alumni Club Meeting.

THURSDAY, MAY 6
Union County Alumni Club Meeting.

FRIDAY, MAY 7
Jackson County Alumni Club Meeting.

MAY 10-12
Washington, D.C. Area Alumni Club Telefund Campaign.

DETROIT AREA ALUMNI CLUB TELEFUND.

TUESDAY, MAY 18
Randolph County Alumni Club Meeting.

SATURDAY, JUNE 5
Alumni Day
FRIDAY, JUNE 11
Carbondale Commencement.
Edwardsville Commencement.

Southern Sketches

In the past 20 years, the average annual salary of teachers who graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale has tripled. . . SIU's designer-philosopher R. Buckminster Fuller and English research professor Harry Moore are listed in "Who's Who in the World," a new international directory. . . Southern Illinois University's opera company has been renamed the Marjorie Lawrence Opera Theater, honoring the former Metropolitan and Paris Opera dramatic soprano who has been professor of voice and opera director at the Carbondale campus since 1960.

New VTI Dean Named

Arden Pratt, a native of Clarksburg, W.V., will become dean of the Vocational Technical Institute July 1. Recently a staff specialist with the American Association of Junior Colleges at Washington, D.C., Pratt succeeds Albert Caskey, associate professor of chemistry, who has been appointed chairman of a new Committee on Pollution Control at Carbondale.

Alumni Receive Awards

Goebel Patton '38, superintendent of the West Frankfort Unit Schools, has been presented a State of Illinois award for a decade of outstanding service to the teaching profession. Patton was recipient of the SIU Alumni Achievement Award in 1963 and has served two decades as a member of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors. . . . The Southern Illinois School Press Association presented its Adviser of the Year Award to Mrs. Dolores Hamp Lienesch '52, M.S. '64. Mrs. Lienesch has been associated with the Harrisburg High School yearbook for 14 years and the publication has consistently ranked among the top 10 in the area during her tenure as adviser.

Book Traces Evolution of Libel Laws

Clifton Lawhorne Ph.D. '68, has written a book, Defamation and Public Officials: The Evolving Law of Libel, which is being published by the SIU Press. Lawhorne is presently chairman of the department of journalism at Texas Christian University. The book deals with the 300 years of court battles which led to the landmark decision in 1964 (New York Times vs. Sullivan) that journalists have a Constitutional right, in the absence of actual malice, to publish even defamatory falsehoods about public officials. . . Volume III of the projected 13-volume series, The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant, has been published by the SIU Press. John Simon, SIU associate professor of history, is editor of the Grant series. . . Two pieces of outdoor sculpture by Jerome Bloom, a former graduate fellow in art, have been installed on the Carbondale campus in a new approach of taking art to the students. One piece has been placed on the shore of Lake-on-the-Campus, while the other is between the Allyn Building and Shryock Auditorium.