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Letters from Chancellor Robert Layer to each of the 22,000 students on the Carbondale Campus and a seventeen day celebration called Alternative '71 are credited with helping keep peacefulness and tranquility at Carbondale during the spring term.

Layer's letter mailed near the end of April contained a resume of human relations progress made since the disorders of May, 1970; a look at the present plateau of understanding; and a plea for reasonable activities during the remaining weeks of spring quarter.

"I want to do everything I can to make this a place where each can 'live and let live,'" the Chancellor said. "I do not want us to add to the city's already aroused anxieties.

"We are approaching the first anniversary of the most turbulent period in the history of our University. Those of us who were here are not likely to forget either the events of last May or the intensity of emotions which characterized that nightmare."

Layer said the Carbondale Campus this year evidenced an atmosphere of rationality and good will far superior to that of a year ago. He appealed to the students individually:

"If future events threaten peace and order on this campus, I firmly believe that in the long run only the student body can save Southern Illinois University."

The letter concluded with this statement:

"The challenge to preserve your University goes beyond simple denial of support to those who would destroy it. Your commitment includes the discouragement of violence and disruption through every rational and non-violent means of persuasion. I hope it will also include your willingness to share your ideas with me for the betterment of this great University."

Alternative '71, which took place May 13-29, was a program designed to explore the alternative futures available to the people of Southern Illinois and the University.

Through informal discussions, lectures, panels, concerts, convocations and other programs, the celebration examined potential alternatives in areas of creativity, communication, religion, politics, education, environment, culture, technology, entertainment and science.

Opening day activities included a dedication of the Old Main Mall by Chancellor Layer, a demonstration by a team of firemen to signify the symbolism of Old Main burning, a poem dedicated to Alternative '71 written by poet William Sidney Cohen and a free concert by the St. Louis Jazz Quartet.

An article telling the story of Alternative '71 in pictures is up and coming in the July issue of Alumnus.
Decentralization Continues

The University Administrative Council has more than passed the two-thirds mark in consideration of decentralization of units in the Southern Illinois University System, says Clarence W. Stephens, chairman.

Twenty-nine of the approximate 50 University units formerly under central control have been assigned to the chancellors at the Carbondale and Edwardsville Campuses. Six units have been retained for further study in the central organization.

The following operational units, formerly components of University-wide functions, have been assigned to the jurisdiction of the chancellors at the respective campuses: Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency, and Corrections; Central Publications; Division of Technical and Adult Education; Health Services; Personnel Office; Placement Services; Research and Projects Fiscal Management; Air Force ROTC; Security Office; Small Business Institute; Extension Service; University Graphics; University Legal Council; Bursar Offices; Libraries; and Campus Architects.

Carbondale—Airport Operations; Center for Vietnamese Studies; Community Development Services; Film Production; Mobile Museum; Safety Office; and University Services to Carbondale.

Edwardsville—Architectural Exhibits; Manpower Development and Training; Performing Arts Training Center; Regional and Urban Development Studies and Services; University Services to East St. Louis; and Associate University Architect.

Alumni Services falls into the category of University units and functional activities for which recommendations to the University Administrative Council are being developed.

Life Science II Dedicated

Concern for the environment and man's uses of technology were main themes at a symposium celebrating the new $10 million Life Science Building at the Carbondale Campus.

Behavioral and biological scientists from around the U.S. spoke on the subject—Life Sciences and Society.

Veteran conservationist Paul Sears, emeritus professor at Yale University, said hopes for an enduring civilization may rest on a "balanced ecosystem" not unlike the single family turn-of-the-century farm. "Such a system suggests an industry that plows back enough of its income to keep itself in working condition and protect its supply of raw materials."

Chauncey Leake, University of California Medical School professor and former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said civilization must always live with the threat of total or partial extinction of all life. Leake said man has to resist his tendency to "always want more ... and adjust to a psychology of decrease."

Geneticist David Stadler of the University of Washington said he doubted that "sperm bank reproduction" would become popular even if feasible. He suggested the "prime consideration for the rest of the century be population control."

Stanford University biology education specialist Paul Hurd pledged for a "humane biology" with teams of "compassionate scientists" who feel that biology has more to offer youth than the discipline for its own sake.

President Emeritus Delyte W. Morris gave the opening address. He said that securing science facilities for SIU was for the College World Series of Baseball at Omaha, Nebr. as Car-

Achievement Awards to Six

Alumni Achievement Awards were presented to six recipients at the annual Alumni Day Banquet June 5, three of them honored for professional achievement and the other three for service to SIU and the Alumni Association.

Receiving the professional achievement awards were Dr. Carl E. Anderson '56, M.S. '58, vice president for student affairs at Howard University in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Aubrey C. Land '34, research professor in the department of history at the University of Georgia and author of five books; and Rear Admiral Joseph B. McDevitt ex '38, Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy.

The awards for service to SIU and the Alumni Association went to Bert Casper '27, past president of the Association, member of the legislative council for over 20 years and a member of the alumni board for 12 years; Maurice P. Clark '38, M.S. '53, past president of the Alumni Association, member of the legislative council for over ten years and a member of the alumni board for eight years; and Kenneth W. Medley '47, past president and board member of the Washington, D.C. Alumni Club and SIU's 1962 Department of Journalism Lovejoy Lecturer.

The awards were made by Miss Hilda Stein '22-2, '25, retiring member of the Association board of directors.
Dental School Program Outlined

The new School of Dental Medicine at Edwardsville has announced its professional program will be three calendar years in length.

Students will receive the Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree by going to the School 47 weeks per year for three years rather than going nine months per year for four years. Plans now call for an initial class of 24 students, to be enrolled at facilities at SIU’s Alton Center.

Discussing the new professional degree program, Dr. Frank Sobkowski, dean of the School said, “The urgent dental manpower needs of Illinois and in particular of Southern Illinois demand that we plan a program which shortens the traditional time table. We are taking advantage of using the facilities throughout the year to graduate dentists as soon as possible.”

He added the curriculum will be concerned with preventive dentistry and will emphasize total patient-care. “We are going to expect our students to understand the entire health condition of the patient, because you cannot separate dental health from general health,” he said.

The SIU school will be the first dental school in Illinois outside of Chicago.

“Facts 1971” Available

A wallet-sized summary of facts and figures about Southern Illinois University is available free of charge from SIU’s Information and Scheduling Center at Carbondale.

“Facts 1971” includes up-to-date data on such items as student fees, academic and professional units, the University calendar, staff, enrollments, physical plant and budget figures, and chief SIU officers. It covers both the Carbondale and Edwardsville Campuses of SIU.

SIU Sports

“Itchy” Jones’ Salukis took second place in the NCAA College World Series of Baseball at Omaha, Nebr. as Carbondale lost its final game to the University of Southern California 7-2. Details of the series will appear in July Alumnus.

Carbondale’s Salukis monopolized the first year of Midwestern Conference play as they ran away with nine of the ten championships. Only the golf crown, which went to Ball State, evaded SIU. Southern dominated the so-called minor sports where many of the league’s schools were weak. Unlike many of the conference’s schools, SIU has emphasized a total sports program since the late 1950’s.

SIU’s Terry Spencer finished sixth and captured a place on the United States Women’s Gymnastics team at the final trials for the Pan American Games held in the SIU Arena. Miss Spencer, a junior from Speedway, Ind., has been the top Saluki scorer for the past three seasons.

A proposal to build a track on the Edwardsville Campus has been accepted and approved overwhelmingly by the Intercollegiate Athletic Committee. The proposal was expected to be put on the July agenda of the SIU Board of Trustees.

For the second consecutive year, the Cougar golf team was chosen to participate in the NCAA college division tournament, held at Chico State College, Chico, Calif. The Cougar golfers, coached by Harry Gallatin, finished their regular season with a 22-8-1 record and were one of five schools picked to compete from the midwest district.

Four Named to Alumni Board

Four alumni have been named to the Association’s board of directors to replace members whose terms have expired. New members include:

Roger Gray ’64, vice president of the First National Bank in Cobden. President of the Union County Alumni Club, Gray is married to the former Judith K. Heck ’64.

Fred Huff ex ’62, DuQuoin, director of public relations and special events with Hayes Fair Acres, Inc. Huff recently resigned his position as SIU sports information director after 11 years service.

Mrs. Carl Presley (Cassandra Madge Murphy) ex ’42, West Frankfort, has served on the Franklin County board of directors and is a past president of that alumni club.

Paul Schoen ’67, Carbondale attorney. Schoen was recently appointed to one of two alumni seats on the Carbondale Campus Provisional University Senate. He is married to the former Janice Sirles ’68.

Those members whose terms expired this year were: William Bracy ’49, Herrin; J. Lester Buford ’24-2, ’28, Mt. Vernon; Bert Casper ’25-2, ’27, Cobden; and Miss Hilda Stein ’22-2, ’25, Carbondale. The Association extends its sincere appreciation for their years of service to the University and its alumni.
Alumni Authors' Library

The SIU Alumni Association invites its alumni and friends to see the Alumni Authors' Library located in the Alumni Office in Carbondale at Forest Hall.

The Library contains scores of books written and edited by graduates and former students of the University.

If you have written a book or know of an alumnus or alumna who has been published, please drop us a note in care of the publications editor. If we do not have the publication, we will get in touch with the author or publisher and request a copy for our permanent collection.

Speakers' Bureau Provided

Community clubs, churches, schools and other organizations in Illinois can now bring the world into their meetings.

Visiting International Student Association at Carbondale provides a speakers' bureau, whereby any Illinois resident can request lectures, slide presentations and dramatic performances by natives of more than 40 nations represented at SIU.

A non-profit, non-political organization comprised of some 850 international students at SIU, VISA aims at promotion of international understanding through exchange of cultural information at the grassroots level.

Requests for services, which are free of charge, should be sent to VISA, International Student Services, Woody Hall-C, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

Alumni Family Camp

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Southern Sketches

Three Carbondale business students who vied in a national marketing program contest have made the SIU Department of Marketing $1,000 richer. The three competed in Ford Motor Company's Pinto Project, in which they took student opinion polls on what was wanted in a "mini" car. They beat out nine colleges and universities to win the regional competition. . . . Thirty Canadians studying at Carbondale have organized a Canadian Student Association. Canadians are the fourth largest "foreign colony" among international students at SIU. . . . George Camille and James Peters, both juniors majoring in government, have been elected student body president and vice president, respectively, at the Carbondale Campus. New student body president and vice president at Edwardsville are John Phillips, a senior in sociology and business, and Dave Smith, a junior in mass communication.

Academic Units Broaden Titles

Reorganization of the School of Technology and the Department of Chemistry at Carbondale has resulted in name changes for both academic units. The former is now officially the School of Engineering and Technology and the latter is the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry. . . . Harvey Fisher, chairman of the Carbondale Department of Zoology since 1955, will resign that position July 1. Fisher, well known for his definitive study of Laysan Albatross or "gooney birds," will remain in the department with research and graduate student responsibilities. . . . David Ehrenfreund, chairman of the Department of Psychology at Carbondale since 1962, was inaugurated as president of the Midwestern Psychological Association in May ceremonies in Detroit.

SIU Foundation Assets Upped

Assets of the SIU Foundation have risen more than a million dollars during the past year. As of March 31, current assets totaled $10,940,616. . . . Southern Illinois University students are the beneficiaries of a bequest from the late Edna Cox Morey of Urbana, wife of Lloyd Morey, former comptroller and for a time president of the University of Illinois. Mrs. Morey bequeathed one-eighth of her estate to the SIU Foundation as a permanent endowment fund, the income to provide scholarships for worthy students. The Moreys had lived in Carbondale during the spring of 1958 while he was a visiting professor in economics at SIU.

Alumni Club to Form

Former members of the Marching Salukis band are encouraged to help in the formation of an alumni club. Mike Hanes, director of the Marching Salukis is requesting addresses from all alumni of the band. Future plans for the group include a presentation at the Homecoming game. Current addresses and phone numbers should be sent to Hanes at the School of Music on the Carbondale Campus. . . . Members of the Edwardsville Concert Chorale leave for Europe this month where they will make a concert tour. The group's month-long tour will include 10 formal concerts and visits to at least eight countries.