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SIU Board Resolves Numerous Items

The November meeting of SIU's Board of Trustees brought decisions on some agenda items that had been under consideration for several months.

The Board approved a plan to rejuvenate and enlarge the 33-year-old football stadium at Carbondale. Seating in McAndrew Stadium would be boosted from 8,408 permanent seats to 23,670. The $1.8 million project will be financed by the Stadium Development Fund built up from part of the $10 quarterly athletic fee paid by students. Improvements will include installation of artificial turf, expanded seating, a new elevator-equipped communications center, lighting refinements, a new public address system and new scoreboard.

Faculty and staff salary increases effective as of Dec. 1 were also approved by the Board. The resolution authorizes the campus presidents and the chief of board staff to grant the pay hikes at a rate and in amounts to be approved by the Board's executive committee.

Conditional approval, pending review, was also given to SIU's revised operating and capital budget requests for the fiscal year 1972-73. The total revised operating budget request for SIU is $91,923,145, a $12,963,289 reduction from the original $104,886,434 request. The capital budget request was reduced from the original request of $55,693,909 to $45,006,971.

A resolution to allow partial annexation of the SIU campus into the City of Carbondale was approved by the Board. Under the agreement, Carbondale could annex a one and one-quarter mile deep strip at the extreme edge of the SIU campus (east of Highway 51) where some 3,400 single students and 325 families live in University housing complexes. In return, SIU would pay a flat "inside" rate for all water it buys from the city. Under a new water rate ordinance, Carbondale is charging out-of-city users a water-sewer surcharge. The agreement will enable the Carbondale campus to save $141,398 a year in water billings, be exempt from new municipal taxes and vacate eight city streets and alleys on the campus.

Unanimous approval to go ahead with establishment of a law school at Carbondale was voted by the Trustees. The school will be only the second publicly supported law school in Illinois and the first in the southern part of the state.

Approval was also given for a comprehensive health care system linking the Carbondale campus and surrounding Carbondale area. The proposal, worked out with the SIU School of Medicine, would incorporate the SIU Health Service into a reorganized Carbondale health delivery system by next June.
Award Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for 1971 Alumni Achievement Award recipients, to be honored on Alumni Day next June. Deadline for nominations is February 15.

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

Nominations, including brief supporting material, should be sent to the Alumni Office at Carbondale or Edwardsville.

Plan now to attend

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in June. Reunions are planned for all classes in years ending in "2" and "7" as well as for the Class of '71.

Trend to Vocational Training

Career education is where it's at these days for the college student. That's what the twin indicators of enrollment and placement are pointing to nationwide—and the trend is showing up at SIU's Vocational Technical Institute.

Across the board, about 40 per cent of this year's college graduates with crisp new bachelor's degrees still haven't found work in their fields, according to the U.S. Office of Education, while 85 per cent with less than a bachelor's degree in college-level occupational—or vocational-technical—fields found employment in the areas for which they trained.

VTI graduates have bettered even that rosy job picture, with virtually all the 486 who earned associate degrees in 1971 at work or pursuing a planned education program.

And while enrollment figures just released show a drop of more than six per cent in Illinois universities from last fall, VTI is down less than one per cent to 1,276 this year.

"The trend to career education is going to show an even sharper increase," says VTI Dean Arden Pratt. "Most jobs opening in the next decade will require post-secondary training, but not a four-year degree. That fact of life, along with the economics of paying for a college education, will cause an influx of young people who want to get into a program that will prepare them to go to work and get them out so that they can get started making a living."

VTI, which offers associate degree programs in 22 fields ranging from aviation technology to mortuary science and electronic data processing, is the only university-connected school of its type in the state. Its students come from more than a score of other states and half a dozen foreign nations as well as from all over Illinois. Quality—of instruction, equipment and reputation—seems to be the drawing card. In a student survey last spring, 862 of 1,025 respondents said they would choose VTI over other schools offering identical programs.

VTI, like other schools offering occupational education, measures its effectiveness by the success of its graduates in the job market. Despite the current economic decline and tight employment picture, returns this year have been as good as ever.

Don Hertz, supervisor of the program in mortuary science and funeral service, reports three job offers for each of his 18 graduates. In automotive technology, supervisor L. D. Willey says he "could place five or ten people for every one of the 46 graduates this year." Electronics technology supervisor Paul Caldwell M.S. '65 reports "three or four hot job prospects" for each of the 26 completing that two-year program. Even with an influx of returning service-trained veterans into an industry that's doing quite a bit of belt-tightening, supervisor E. A. DaRosa reported jobs for all the 52 graduates of aviation technology who were looking. All other VTI divisions reported similar feedback from '71 grads.

The consensus is that good students can still pretty well pick and choose. Those with poorer records have to scratch harder, but the jobs are there.
SIU Enrollment Drops

A sharp drop in first-year students accounted for the bulk of a fall term enrollment decline at Southern Illinois University, according to Loren Jung '49, M.S. '51, Ph.D. '69, director of institutional research.

Total resident enrollment for SIU at Carbondale and SIU at Edwardsville is 35,238, a decrease of 2,305 from fall of 1970. It is the first time in 20 years that SIU has had fewer students at the beginning of a new school year than the one before.

Jung's breakdown shows a drop of 1,390 freshmen for SIU at Carbondale (4,538 compared to 5,928 in 1970) while SIU at Edwardsville lost 777 freshmen (3,167 compared to 3,944). Sophomore class enrollment dropped 210 at Carbondale and 166 at Edwardsville, and the Graduate School declined slightly more—249 at Carbondale and 213 at Edwardsville.

SIU at Carbondale gained 439 seniors and lost 43 juniors in the comparisons while SIU at Edwardsville picked up 314 students in both classes.

The lower-class decrease for SIU was most pronounced in the General Studies division. At Carbondale all other academic units gained undergraduates except the School of Agriculture (off 13) and the School of Business (off 104).

At Edwardsville, all other academic units lost undergrads except the Divisions of Fine Arts (up 48) and Nursing (up 16). Most other units fluctuated between 18 and 90 students lost while the Division of Education decreased by 190 students.

Overall totals for the system are 22,382 for SIU at Carbondale and 12,856 for SIU at Edwardsville.

The last time SIU showed a fall-to-fall enrollment decline was in 1951, when 2,798 students were registered at Carbondale. That was a drop of 343 from 1950.

SIU Sports

Construction of track and field facilities at Edwardsville for an estimated cost of $81,500 has been approved by the SIU Board of Trustees. A quarter-mile, eight-lane, rubber-asphalt oval track will be built west of the soccer field. Plans also call for construction of a steeplechase pond, and high jump, long jump, javelin, shot put, discus and pole vault facilities.

Funds for the project will come from the Athletic Fund-Physical Facilities account, a restricted fund which does not involve tax monies. Full-time students pay $10 per quarter to the athletic fund as a part of their student activity fee.

The campus has never had facilities for track and field events for physical education classes, intercollegiate athletics or general recreation purposes.

Carbondale's football Salukis finished with a 6-4 mark. Central Michigan provided the final win as the Salukis outscored them 35-8.

Coach Dick Towers now has two consecutive winning campaigns and four straight without a losing record.

For the third year in a row, the Cougars will play St. Louis University at SIU's Cougar Field in NCAA Midwest regional competition. Edwardsville's Cougars carry a 10-1-1 record into the game. The winner of that contest will participate in Orange Bowl activities in Miami Dec. 28. Full coverage of the regional game and possible Miami encounters will appear in January "Alumnus".

Carbondale's basketball Salukis will be playing in the Las Vegas Classic Dec. 28-29. The holiday tournament will be held in the Las Vegas Convention Center and tickets for all games may be purchased there. Games begin at 7 and 9 p.m. Rocky Mountain Time.

Shurtleff Title Expected

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville expected to take title to the former Shurtleff College campus in Alton around the first of December, Dr. B. D. Hudgens '48 reported in late October.

Gov. Richard Ogilvie released $300,000 appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly to complete purchase of the property which SIU has been using as a teaching center since 1957.

The University entered into a lease purchase agreement with the trustee of the Shurtleff College Property Trust in 1957. At that time the property was appraised at $718,500. The agreement called for payment of seven per cent of the appraised value annually, with half of that amount to apply against the $718,500 purchase price. Payments on the agreement began in 1959.

The Shurtleff campus has been used for a variety of SIU academic programs. At present it is the home of the University's new School of Dental Medicine.
Transcripts Available

Graduates and former students of SIU may obtain transcripts of university work by writing their respective campuses. Carbondale alumni should direct requests to the Office of Admissions and Records, Transcript Department, while Edwardsville alumni may write to Registrar’s Office, Transcript Department.

Each alumnus is entitled to a free transcript. Every one after that costs $1. Requests for six or more transcripts carry special rates.

Normally, a transcript request is sent out the day after it is received unless it comes at the end of a quarter. If it arrives during this peak period, it may take two weeks for the request to be processed.

Alumni Activities

SATURDAY, January 8
Belleville Regional Club Officers’ Workshop.

SUNDAY, January 9
Lincoln Regional Club Officers’ Workshop.

SATURDAY, January 15
Marion Regional Club Officers’ Workshop.

SATURDAY, January 22
Carbondale Regional Club Officers’ Workshop.

MONDAY, February 14
SIU alumni breakfast in conjunction with American Association of School Administrators meetings, 8 a.m., Cork Room A., Howard Johnson’s Restaurant, Atlantic City, N. J. Advanced reservations at $5.25 required. Send checks to Carbondale or Edwardsville Alumni Office.

TUESDAY, February 15
Illinois universities joint social hour in conjunction with AASA meetings, 4:30-6 p.m., Crystal Room, Dennis Hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

FEBRUARY 15-16
Springfield Area Telefund Campaign.

FEBRUARY 22-24
Bloomington Area Telefund Campaign.

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 3
Chicago Area Telefund Campaign.

MARCH 7-9
Champaign Area Telefund Campaign.

MARCH 14-16
Evanston Area Telefund Campaign.

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Southern Sketches

John Flamer ’65, cross country coach at Edwardsville, has been elected president of the Illinois Intercollegiate Cross Country Coaches Association . . . Newly elected chairman of the academic council of the Academic Affairs Conference of Midwestern Universities is Howard Olson, professor of animal industries at Carbondale . . . Robert McGrath, dean of admissions and records at Carbondale, has been named president-elect of the Illinois Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers . . . Arthur Grist, assistant to the president at Edwardsville, has been selected as the national chairman of the Black Caucus of health workers.

Faculty Appointments Announced

Luther Bradfield is the new chairman of the department of elementary education at Carbondale, succeeding Fred Sloan who will remain on the faculty . . . The director of the Missouri Bureau of Dental Health, Dr. Ralph Knowles, Jr., has been named to the faculty of the School of Dental Medicine. He will serve as chairman of the department of health management in the Division of Health Services. Knowles has held faculty appointments in community dentistry at Washington University and was a clinical assistant professor at the University of Missouri at Kansas City . . . Dr. George Shevlin has also been named to the faculty of the dental school. He will serve as an assistant professor with the department of fixed prosthodontics . . . John Baker, assistant to Carbondale President Robert Layer has been named to head a new Office of Planning, Development and Review for the Carbondale campus. He was formerly an associate professor in the department of government . . . Chester Johnston, long-time faculty member of SIU’s Vocational Technical Institute, has been appointed assistant to the VTI dean . . . Gov. Richard Ogilvie has appointed Dr. Lucille McClelland, dean of the Nursing Division at Edwardsville to the State Comprehensive Health Planning Advisory Council . . . Carbondale Professor Emeritus Madeleine Smith has been named Chevalier in the Ordre des Palmes Academiques by the French government. The award is made annually to “outstanding American educators who have distinguished themselves in disseminating French culture, literature and thought in the U.S.”

SIU Potpourri

The Division of Extension and Adult Education at Carbondale has been renamed the Division of Continuing Education . . . For the second consecutive year a film produced for the Edwardsville campus has won a Silver Cindy award from the Information Film Producers of America, Inc. . . . Some trees scheduled for terminal surgery at Carbondale were donated instead for a transplant operation to the city. They were used in a campaign touched off by the Carbondale Foundation for a Better Environment to spruce up four highway entrances to the city . . . The International Student Teaching program at Edwardsville will take on a national approach starting winter quarter as prospective teachers will have the opportunity to teach on an American Indian Reservation in Pine Ridge, S.D. . . . George Gass, professor of physiology, and Germain Marion, chairman of the department of animal industry, have received a grant to test and study contraceptive drugs developed on the Carbondale campus. The drugs were developed at SIU by Gass and Roger Beyler, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.