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Southern Illinois University is ranked as 19th largest in the U.S. in terms of fulltime students, according to a national report.

It is the fourth straight year SIU has been listed in the "Top 30" of the nation's universities, although it slipped from 18th to 19th in fulltime student enrollment. By total "student head count (which includes part-time and extension students), SIU is ranked 20th, a drop of three places from last year.

The 52nd annual "School and Society" magazine survey by Garland Parker of the University of Cincinnati shows SIU with 28,259 fulltime students and 36,325 students of all kinds at its two system campuses in Carbondale and Edwardsville.

SIU is one of two Illinois schools ranked in the "Top 30." The University of Illinois is listed eighth, with 48,778 fulltime students at its Urbana and Chicago campuses.

The "unitary" state college systems of the State University of New York and the California State Colleges continue to run one-two in the "Top 30." SIU ranks immediately behind Louisiana State University and ahead of such other large state schools as Washington, Purdue, Kentucky, Massachusetts and Rutgers.

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Derge Becomes New Carbondale President

David Richard Derge, 43, became president of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Feb. 1, following unanimous approval for the post by the SIU Board of Trustees in December.

Derge succeeds Robert G. Layer, professor of economics who had agreed to serve until a permanent president was chosen. Layer returned to his department as chairman Feb. 1.

Former executive vice president and dean for administration at Indiana University, Derge is the first permanent president of the Carbondale campus. He holds degrees from the University of Missouri and Northwestern University where he received his doctorate in political science in 1955. A teacher at the University of Washington, Northwestern University, the University of Missouri, and Indiana University, he has been the recipient of the Ulysses G. Weatherly Award for Distinguished Teaching and the Sigma Delta Chi "Brown Derby" Teaching Award, both at Indiana University. Derge is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha and Alpha Pi Zeta scholastic honorary societies and has received various research awards in social science and other fields. He is the author of four books and numerous articles in professional journals. Derge is also a member of the U.S. Advisory Commission on International Education and Cultural Affairs, a consultant on Higher Education and International Education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and since 1970 has been a White House consultant on special projects.

Derge's main goal for SIU is to create a top-notch institution for learning. Calling SIU a "magnificent institution," he said students have a great deal of power, and "The best teacher wants the best input from students—to me—that's power," he said.

Derge has said Illinois has a good and healthy atmosphere for higher education, and he will study proposed budget cuts and examine their impact on the University before taking action.

Derge's salary was set at $50,000 a year and he has been provided a residence—at least temporarily—in Carbondale. James Brown, chief of the SIU Board of Trustees staff, said that office is "still exploring the possibilities" of redesignating the University Conference Center as a residence for the president. The structure was originally designed as a combination executive residence-guest lodging facility.

Derge is a widower and the father of two children, David 18 and Dorothy 16.
Operating Budget Slashed

Recommended cuts in Southern Illinois University’s 1972–73 operating budget could mean larger classes, greater impersonalization and elimination of some programs for the sister campuses.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education has approved a $81,336,100 operating budget for SIU for the fiscal year beginning July 1. This amount is approximately $23.5 million less than that originally requested by the SIU Board of Trustees last September and about $10.4 million less than the amount approved by the trustees in November after both campus presidents made voluntary cutbacks.

Amounts approved by the IBHE in early January were $54,063,600 for the Carbondale campus, $26,824,800 for Edwardsville and $447,000 for the SIU Board of Trustees.

After voluntary cutbacks, the Carbondale campus had asked for $60,905,290 to operate during fiscal 1972–73. The IBHE cut that to the $54 million figure which is approximately three per cent above current appropriations.

Dr. Robert Layer, acting president until Feb. 1, said, “We must make the cost clear to faculty, students, parents and the public at large.” He said a second year of fiscal austerity “can only be translated into dollar level reductions in faculty and staff.

“It is a snare and a delusion to speak of innovative new programs . . . meeting more challenging social needs . . . while consistently restricting the effective resources a university has to commit to these goals. There is no doubt that we will fail to perform some of these tasks if present fiscal constraints continue to control educational policy-making.”

Layer said SIU at Carbondale will keep trying to “perform its stewardship of public funds in the most efficient and effective manner,” but he added, “there must be a real commitment of resources as well as rhetoric if the job is to be done.”

After voluntary cutbacks at Edwardsville, the campus asked for $30,861,276 to operate during the coming fiscal year. IBHE cut that to the $26 million figure which is also about three per cent above present appropriations.

Edwardsville President John Rendleman said, “SIU at Edwardsville will be seriously hampered in outreach and development and higher education in Illinois will be in difficulty for many years as a result of budget cuts made by the BHE.

“The real difficulty with the cuts,” he added, “will be the invidious kind of dismantling of higher education throughout the state that is taking place through these economies.”

Rendleman predicted that these cuts will have a “resounding effect on young people now in the first, second and third grades.”

Speaking of SIUE, he added, “We are going to be denied the opportunity for greatness which was the promise of this institution. We are simply going to be denied the ability to develop an institution of first rate caliber. We are going to be denied the opportunity to add to socio-economic development of the metro-East area.”

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The March issue of Alumnus magazine will be the special Centennial issue for 1972. This year’s Centennial theme, and theme of the special issue, is “Behavioral and Social Sciences.” There are other things coming up in Alumnus which you won’t want to miss like the 1972 “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.

Ogilvie and University Budgets

The IBHE recommendations on university budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1 “would appear to be within the limits of state funds available for higher education,” Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie said at a news conference on the Edwardsville campus Jan. 11.

The governor said he saw a “very bright” future for higher education in Illinois. Last year Ogilvie attacked the BHE recommendations and reduced appropriations further.

Plan now to attend
SIU Alumni Day
Saturday, June 10

Reunions are planned for all classes in years ending in “2” and “7” as well as for the Class of ’71.
The Year in Review

Austerity, autonomy and administrative change highlighted 1971 at Southern Illinois University.

It was the year that Delyte W. Morris, senior architect of SIU's startling post-war development, retired after 22 years as president and one as president emeritus.

It was a year of thinned budgets, tightened belts and general acknowledgement by SIU's Board of Trustees and chief executives that the Morris-era scale of growth will not be seen again.

For SIU at Carbondale and Edwardsville, it was a year of newly-proclaimed identity. After a year of "interim reorganization," the two campus chancellors, Robert Layer and John Rendleman, were named presidents under the single board. Offices that had bridged the 100-mile wide system, serving both campuses, were decentralized and Board of Trustees Chairman Harold Fischer said . . . "This establishes the autonomy of SIU at Carbondale and SIU at Edwardsville."

Top-level administrative re-vamping continued throughout the year. In December the big change was announced—David Derge was named president of the Carbondale campus, replacing acting-President Layer.

The Board of Trustees itself underwent a major overhaul. Veteran members Lindell Sturgis, F. Guy Hitt and Melvin Lockard stepped out when their terms expired. Named by Gov. Richard Ogilvie to replace them were Edwin Berry of Chicago, Harris Rowe of Jacksonville and Dr. Earl Walker, Harrisburg. Berry, first black trustee for SIU, was later to resign, citing business pressures. Chosen to replace him was W. Victor Rouse, 28-year-old black management consultant-executive from Chicago.

Signs of impending operating budget cuts for the fiscal year beginning July came early. In March, Gov. Ogilvie laid down the higher education budget he said state universities would have to live with: $672 million, or nearly $200 million below recommendations by the state Board of Higher Education.

More austerity actions followed. In April, SIU at Carbondale announced a 10 per cent reduction in personnel, equipment, travel and commodities funds. Some academic units, such as the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, decreed that faculty teaching loads would be upped three to five hours. Edwardsville, too, reduced faculty, staff and civil service positions. More than 100 faculty positions were cut on that campus, most of which were part-time call staff. Physical plant and civil service cuts totalled 51. A total of 107 courses were also eliminated from the curriculum.

July . . . and Gov. Ogilvie signed SIU's appropriations bill, using his newly-constitutionalized "line veto" powers to cut it. SIU ended up with $78,728,960 of the original operating budget request of $104,320,528.

SIU prepared to go into the new fiscal year with an internal budget slashed 10 per cent off allocations for student wages.

No sooner had that been achieved, when the Board of Higher Education asked each SIU campus to submit a list of

SIU Sports

Following an 81-74 loss to Ball State which left them with a 7-7 overall and 0-1 Midwestern conference record, the basketball Salukis came back to defeat non-conference foe Central Missouri. Saluki Greg Starrick still leads the nation and teammate John "Mouse" Garrett is ranked third in free throw shooting.

Coach Bill Meade's gymnastics team put down Michigan State's Spartans for a 3-1 record. Meade hopes to "improve during the rest of the season and be able to peak by the time the NCAA meet rolls around." The Saluki swimmers lost to Michigan at Ann Arbor but came back to defeat Wisconsin and Ohio State for a 2-1 mark. Carbondale matmen stand at 3-2 after wins over Oklahoma and Ohio University.

In a letter to Board of Trustees chairman Harold Fischer, the Jackson County alumni chapter has supported the University Senate's stand to withdraw from the Midwestern Conference. The club said it supported withdrawal because of an "academic gap" and the apparently non-committal attitude of other league members about a balanced intercollegiate athletics program.

The Edwardsville Cougars won their last two games for a 2-11 mark in basketball. Larry Kristoff's wrestling team stands at 3-0 following a win over Franklin and Marshall of Lancaster, Penn. The big upset in that meet came when Jon Gitcho upset the defending NCAA collegiate division champion in the 126 lb. competition.

"low priority" programs that could be sacrificed if still another 15 per cent cut were upcoming. Layer submitted a list that added up to some $7 million while Rendleman responded by trimming $5.7 million from the operating budget request. If additional cuts had to be made, both presidents indicated that they might affect the Dental School at Edwardsville and Medical School at Carbondale.

One new building was finished and another started during the year at Carbondale. The massive $10 million Life Sciences Building II was completed and the $13 million Humanities-Social Sciences Building began to take shape on campus. An $8 million completion-addition project at the Student Center was all but complete. The only new building opened at Edwardsville was the Religious Center, privately financed.

Beyond the facts-and-figures stuff, SIU could point to solid progress in what Trustee Ivan Elliott called the "Third Era" of growth—academic excellence. The American Dental Association granted "accreditation eligible" status to Edwardsville's Dental School. A new masters degree program in city and regional planning and a bachelor of science degree in sanitation technology were also approved. The first graduates of the master of business administration program offered at Military Airlift Command bases received degrees last year. Ground was broken for Carbondale's new School of Medicine campus in Springfield and the Board unanimously approved and sent to the BHE a proposal for the School of Law.
Alumni Activities

FEBRUARY 15-17
Springfield Area Telefund Campaign
FEBRUARY 22-24
Bloomington Area Telefund Campaign
FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 3
Chicago Area Telefund Campaign
SATURDAY, March 4
Williamson County Alumni Club Meeting, St. Mary's Gym in Herrin at 6:30 P.M. Reservations for ravioli dinner at $2.50 per person must be in by Feb. 26. Dean Richard Moy of SIU's Medical School is the featured speaker.

Bloomington Area Alumni Club reception at 1 P.M. Horton Field House 220 A, preceding SIU-ISU basketball game. For reserved seat tickets call Al Smith in Bloomington at (309) 663-2739 after 5 P.M.

MARCH 7-9
Champaign Area Telefund Campaign
MARCH 14-16
Evansville Area Telefund Campaign
MARCH 16-18
SIU Alumni Headquarters for Illinois High School State Basketball Tournament, Ramada Inn, Champaign.
MARCH 21-22
Washington County Telefund Campaign
MARCH 28-30
Williamson County Telefund Campaign
APRIL 3-6
Jackson County Telefund Campaign
APRIL 11-13
Randolph County Telefund Campaign
APRIL 18-20
Saline County Telefund Campaign
APRIL 24-26
Franklin County Telefund Campaign
FRIDAY, April 28
Wayne-White Counties Alumni Club meeting
SUNDAY, May 7
Chicago Area Alumni Club Meeting
SATURDAY, May 13
Jackson County Alumni Club Meeting
FRIDAY, June 9
Carbondale and Edwardsville spring commencements
SATURDAY, June 10
SIU Alumni Day
FRIDAY, September 1
Carbondale summer commencement
SATURDAY, September 2
Edwardsville summer commencement

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Southern Sketches

Twenty-one per cent or 4,162 undergraduates were posted to the fall quarter Dean's List for academic achievement at Carbondale. This figure represents the most ever singled out for academic excellence on the campus . . . The Edwardsville campus has presented service awards to long-time faculty and staff members. Those honored for fifteen years of service were David Bear, Wilma Boron and Howard Davis . . . Looking for a job? Try registering with Placement Services on either campus. If you're already registered you may update your folder and request activation of your file. For more info, write Placement Services at Carbondale or Edwardsville.

Alumni and Faculty Author New Books

A new introductory textbook on agricultural marketing by Prof. Walter Wills, chairman of the agricultural industries department at Carbondale was released in January. The book, "An Introduction to Grain Marketing," is intended primarily for use in high school, junior college and adult education classes. Wills has been a department chairman in the School of Agriculture since 1956 . . . The failure of Cairo, Ill. to fulfill its destiny of a great city and the story of its decline to its present state are the subject of the book "A Community in Search of Itself: A Case History of Cairo, Illinois" by Herman Lantz, professor of sociology at Carbondale . . . Associate professor of psychology at Edwardsville Frank McMahon is the author of a book entitled "Psychology, The Hybrid Science." An introductory psychology text, the book contains a section listing experiments that can be conducted by the student in his home, using familiar equipment to demonstrate scientific phenomena . . . "G2: Intelligence for Patton," a book that refutes the impression that the German attack that brought about the Battle of the Bulge in World War II was a surprise, has been written by Robert Hays '61. A former editor of SIU alumni publications, Hays wrote the book with Brig. General Oscar Koch who was Gen. George Patton's intelligence officer in World War II . . . Beth Sulzer, an assistant professor in the department of guidance and educational psychology at Carbondale is co-author of "Behavior Modification Procedures for School Personnel," a book designed to help education personnel motivate students and provide more effective classroom management and instructional techniques . . . Clyde Browning '40, an associate professor at Millikin University in Decatur is the author of the first complete book on Illinois Amish, "Amish in Illinois." . . . "Dick Gregory's Political Primer" by Dick Gregory ex '56 was released in January. In his book, the noted comedian offers, with double-edged humor, his analysis of the political process.

Appointments Announced

Charles Matthews, director of the Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency and Corrections at Carbondale, has been appointed to the National Advisory Task Force on Education, Training and Manpower Development . . . Alice Rector '35, M.S. '46, associate professor in counseling and testing at Carbondale, has been appointed a member of the American Association of University Women committee on fellowships to American women . . . Leo Cohen, a professor of economics at Edwardsville, has been selected to serve on the Illinois Advisory Committee on School Finance.