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Association Gives Awards at Alumni Banquet

A professor of English and three alumni of SIU were honored June 9 when the Great Teacher and Alumni Achievement Awards were presented at the Alumni Day Banquet.

James Benziger, professor of English, was named SIU at Carbondale's Great Teacher of 1973 by the SIU Alumni Association. The title carries with it a $1,000 cash prize.

Benziger received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University. He continued his studies with graduate work there and received the Ph.D. degree from Princeton in 1940. His teaching experience includes posts at Northwestern and New York universities and Carlton College, Minn., as well as Southern.

He came to SIU in 1950, and since has been handed teaching assignments ranging from classes on English literature to direction of a summer-long seminar for SIU students conducted on the campus of Oxford University, England. Benziger's interest in scholarship led to his assignment in the fall of 1965 as director of Southern's "Plan A" program, a special honors curriculum for academically-gifted undergraduate students.

Alumni Achievement Awards were presented to three recipients at the banquet.

Honored for professional achievement was:

David M. Aiken '39, professor in the School of Music at Indiana University and a professional singer. A graduate of IU and former student at Juilliard School of Music, Aiken achieved international fame first as a baritone and later a tenor. A guest artist in numerous opera houses in Europe, he has also been a leading soloist with many of the country's major symphonies.

Honored for service to SIU and the Association were:

Glenn "Abe" Martin '32, retired SIU associate professor after 34 years of service to the men's physical education department. Head football coach for ten years, Martin assumed the athletic directorship at SIU in 1944 and held that post until 1953. In those nine years, he officially established golf, wrestling and gymnastics and revived baseball. A member of the College Baseball Hall of Fame, Martin was honored for his 19 years as baseball coach last year when the SIU diamond was renamed Abe Martin Field.

Alice Williams '32, a long-time member of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors. A founder and past-president of the Jefferson County Alumni Club, Mrs. Williams is a former administrative assistant and executive secretary to SIU's Board of Trustees. She also served as secretary to SIU's President Henry Shryock and for nine years was administrative assistant to President Roscoe Pulliam.

Derge Addresses Alumni

One of the highlights of this year's Alumni Day Banquet was a State of the University address by President David Derge. Noting that "this has been a year of dynamic change for the University," he outlined the past year's events:

McAndrew Stadium renovation; appointment of Doug Weaver as new athletic director; opening of the SIU Information Office in Chicago; establishment of a fund-feasibility study; improvement in parking—new parking structure and perhaps a monorail; reorganization of administration; reduction of the automobile fleet by 25 per cent; reorganization of student affairs to save $150,000; recruitment and assistance to Viet Nam veterans; expanded developmental skills program; change from quarter terms to two semester system with flexible summer school set-up; charter class welcomed to Schools of Medicine and Law; VTI changed to School of Technical Careers; College of Science separated from Liberal Arts; College of Human Resources established with black dean appointed; two new degree programs established in university studies and communications area; phasing out of textbook rental system; SIU joining with four community colleges to form Southern Illinois Collegiate Common Market; decision to name a vice president for research.

"We felt these changes were necessary to get SIU on the move again toward the status of a major American university," Derge said.
Initial Class Starts Medical School

Downstate Illinois' only medical school became a functioning reality June 15, when the 48 members of the SIU at Carbondale School of Medicine's charter class began their formal orientation procedure on campus.

The event occurred nearly five years from the date of the Campbell Commission Report calling for new approaches in medical education which would produce more physicians for downstate communities at substantial savings in time and money. At that time, SIU was charged with developing a unique three-year M.D. program utilizing existing facilities on the University's campus in Carbondale and community hospitals and physicians in Springfield and Carbondale.

Richard Moy, dean of the medical school, and Willis Malone, executive vice president of SIU, officially welcomed the students.

In keeping with the School of Medicine's intent to provide more physicians for the state, all of the students are residents of Illinois. The overwhelming majority of the group is from central and southern Illinois, and most of them are residents of the state's less populous counties.

The historic group, scheduled to become the medical school's second graduating class will be the first to complete the school's three-year program. In June, 1974, the students will continue their three-year journey toward the M.D. degree in Springfield, when they will begin receiving clinical instruction in the community hospitals affiliated with the School of Medicine.

An advanced standing class of 24 students, who will begin two years of clinical instruction in Springfield in September, will graduate in June, 1975.

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Gophers Win District Playoff

The Minnesota Gophers reigned as champions over the
host Saluki baseball team in NCAA District Four play in
early June. Southern won its opener against Marshall University
5-2, but then lost to the Gophers 2-0 in the double
elimination tournament. Minnesota won the final game with
the Salukis 7-6 in 14 innings of play. Details of the meet and
a wrap-up of spring sports will appear in July Alumnus.

Nine Named to SIU Alumni Board

Nine alumni have been named to the Association’s Board of
Directors. Two of the nine were past members eligible for re-
election, while seven are new to the Board. Four of the seats
were vacant as a result of Association decentralization with the
Edwardsville campus. Those selected include:
The Rev. Jack Adams ’53, St. Louis, has been active in
alumni work and served as president of the White County
club. A Methodist minister, he recently accepted a pastorate
in St. Louis County.
David Elder ’50, M.A. ’51, Springfield, is a legislative aide
and a past-president of the Alumni Association. Elder has
completed one term on the Board of Directors.
Robert Hardcastle ’63, M.S. ’64, Chesterfield, Mo. is cur-
cently acting president of the St. Louis Alumni Club. He is
vice-president of International Travel Advisors, a world-wide
travel charter organization.
Mrs. Jack Jungers (Jo Ann Cunningham) ’52, Alton, is an
elementary vocal music teacher and has served as a board
member and president of the Madison County Area Alumni
Club.
Patrick Mudd ’55, M.S. ’59, Dupo, is superintendent of
schools of the unit district in Dupo. He has served as presi-
dent and a board member of the St. Clair County Alumni
Club.
Jack Murphy ’54, M.S. ’57, Ph.D. ’71, Herrin, is assistant
superintendent of schools in the Herrin unit district. He has
served in various offices including president and board mem-
er of the Williamson County Alumni Club.
Eugene Payton ’38, Chicago, is a program officer with the
Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He has been
active in and served as an officer of the Chicago Area Alumni
Club.
Keith Sanders ’61, M.S. ’62, Carbondale, is associate pro-
fessor of speech at SIU. He is a past-president and board
member of the Jackson County Alumni Club.
Ted Taylor ’44, Washington, D.C., is a physicist at the
Naval Ordnance Laboratory at White Oak in Silver Springs,
Md. and the immediate past-president of the Association.
Those members retiring from the Board of Directors this
year are: Jane Curry Dycus ’57, M.S. ’58, Carbondale;
Everett Miller ’39, Mundelein; and Walter Young ex ’47,
Carmi. The Association extends its sincere appreciation for
their years of service to the University and its alumni.
Association Helps Finance SIU Feasibility Study

A Chicago consulting firm has been hired by the University to study ways of developing the school's first general endowment fund.

The SIU Alumni Association and SIU Foundation are paying for the study, at a cost not to exceed $8,000.

SIU’s Board of Trustees approved the hiring of Ketchum, Inc., a firm recommended after screening by University, Association and Foundation representatives. The company is now on campus completing the eight-week study.

The University has already set up a centralized recording system for all gifts and grants coming into the University and has also given approval to transfer records of alumni and former students of SIU from addressograph to computer. These steps are fundamental to the fund-feasibility study as well as to other aspects in the total alumni operation.

Placement Services

If you’re seeking a job or desire to change positions, SIU Placement Services might be able to help you. As former students of SIU, alumni are entitled to the same placement aids offered to students. Alumni may re-activate their files simply by notifying Placement Services.

Upon notification, they will send a résumé to be updated. On request, they will also send your file to prospective employers and will recommend jobs to you as they become available. After your file is updated, a bulletin listing teaching vacancies may be obtained by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

Inquiries should be directed to:
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Southern Sketches

Nearly 2,000 undergraduate students at SIU-C were recognized for outstanding scholastic achievement at the school’s annual Honors Day ceremony May 13. It was the largest honors group in SIU-C history. About 4,000 students graduated at spring commencement. Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is the fourth largest producer of four-year technology graduates in the nation, according to data from a 1971–72 survey of technology degrees by the Engineering Manpower Commission. Of 80 schools offering bachelor’s degrees in technology, SIU-C followed Western Michigan, Purdue and Kansas State Teachers College.

Groundbreaking for a $8,900,000 student recreation center may take place this summer on the Carbondale campus. Campus architect Willard Hart said construction bid proceedings are being scheduled to send contract proposals to the SIU Board of Trustees at its July meeting. The building is being financed from a Student Welfare and Recreational Facilities Fund which has been built up over the past eight years through $15 quarterly student fee assessments. “Fast-time” construction, according to Hart, could finish the main job in 24 months.

Roger Beyler to Resign as Dean

Roger Beyler, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, will resign next year. Beyler, a professor of chemistry, said he hopes to return to teaching at SIU-C and re-establish a research-team connection with George Gass, professor of physiology.

The two had been working on cancer inhibiting agents when Beyler was appointed dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 1966. The old LA and S college was broken up into two separate academic units—science and liberal arts—on January 1. Walter Robinson has resigned as director of Black American Studies and returned as full time assistant professor in the Rehabilitation Institute. Robinson became director of BAS in 1970. Nine SIU at Carbondale faculty members including one who retired last year have been named winners of 1972 $300 Good Teacher Awards. The select group received cash awards through a grant from the Standard Oil Foundation, set up to single out faculty members for excellence in undergraduate teaching. The nine won in student-faculty ballooning conducted throughout the University’s major academic units. The winners, by units, were: College of Communications and Fine Arts—London Branch, instructor in music; College of Education—Bruce Swinburne, associate professor of higher education; College of Liberal Arts—Ronald Schmeck, associate professor of psychology; College of Science—Kenneth Johnson, assistant professor of physics; School of Agriculture—William Herr, professor of agricultural industries; School of Business—Jon Booker, assistant professor of accounting; School of Engineering and Technology—Herman Stoever, emeritus professor of engineering technology; School of Home Economics—Brent Barlow, assistant professor of child and family; VTI—Helen Richey, instructor, secretarial and accounting.

"Bibliography of Southern Illinois Books" Available

The Southern Illinois Studies Committee of SIU at Carbondale has announced its first publication, a “Bibliography of Southern Illinois Books,” free to interested persons. “We realize that the listing is incomplete, and we urge that persons knowing of other volumes that should be listed send the information to us so that it can be included in supplementary bibliographies,” Marion Mitchell ’58, M.S. ’63, chairman of the committee, pointed out. Copies may be requested by writing to: Marion Mitchell, Chairman, Southern Illinois Studies Committee, Woody Hall C-8, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.