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SIU Budget Cuts Result in Faculty Terminations

Close to $3 million has been slashed out of SIU's 1974-75 budget by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

When the cut was announced in early December, SIU-C President David Derge affirmed at a press conference that it would mean a "sizeable layoff of some personnel."

The IBHE approved a $62,847,600 budget to operate SIU-C during the next fiscal year, an increase of some $4 million over the present one. But it calls for $2.7 million in reductions from the present base because of enrollment declines, "resource reallocations" and reduced building maintenance because of new construction.

The difference represents what the IBHE awarded SIU-C in "new" money for salary and price increases—the net effect, Derge said, being that the University "will have to absorb all salary increases and rising prices out of what we are spending this year."

The budget also includes $3,948,900 for new programs, nearly $3.5 million of that for the School of Medicine.

Derge criticized the IBHE "enrollment adjustment" cut of four per cent, based on the loss of some 4,000 students since 1970. "As far as we are concerned, there is no direct linear relationship between enrollment and the cost of doing the job right," he said.

In middle December, the SIU board of trustees approved a resolution concerning faculty terminations submitted by Derge. The resolution gave the administration power to make program and personnel cuts in response to a "demonstrably bona fide financial exigency" caused by the IBHE downward revision of SIU's budget.

On Dec. 15, 104 termination notices, effective June 30, were mailed to faculty members. Vice-President for Academic Affairs Keith Leasure said that tenured as well as non-tenured faculty were asked to leave because of Affirmative Action requirements regarding women and minorities and because of the need to eliminate or suspend the growth of some programs.

Two days after termination notices were mailed, the board of trustees filed a declaratory judgement class action suit regarding the 104 personnel. Considered the first class action suit of its type in the nation, filing was in Jackson County Circuit Court, at Murphysboro.

"The purpose of the class action suit is to immediately put to rest in one lawsuit all of the various questions that will be raised about the University's action in regard to the terminations," according to John C. Feirich, of John C. Feirich Associates, who filed the suit on behalf of the University. "Through this means we hope to provide a proper and reasonable forum for all concerned, where a single judicial determination will cover all the disputants," he said.

January Board Action

The SIU board of trustees have concurred in the revision of the SIU-Carbondale alcohol policy which became effective Jan. 15. Under the new rules, the Carbondale campus allows its students to drink beer and wine on campus for the first time in its 100-year history.

Reflecting recent changes in alcoholic beverage control laws made by the Illinois legislature, the trustees voted to permit students 19 years of age and older to drink beer and wine in University residence halls.

Commenting on the new regulations, SIU-C Dean of Students Bruce Swinburne said, "We are not supportive of the use of alcohol. But the State has made the decision to lower the drinking age. We feel that in general the University is not on good grounds to deny students a right generally accepted by society as a whole."

He said almost all of the state's other public higher education institutions have enacted similar policies on alcohol use since the law was changed by the legislature.

In other action, the trustees approved an increase for on-campus residence hall and family apartment rates. Room and board rate hikes averaging $43 a year for residence halls and $5 to $10 a month for married student apartments will go into effect this fall. The full academic year room-board rate for the three major campus residence halls area—Thompson Point, University Park and Brush Towers—will go from $1,155 to $1,198.

The trustees also voted to modify plans for a proposed SIU-C School of Technical Careers building. The board passed a resolution relocating the proposed facility from a site southwest of the SIU Arena to the SIU-C School of Engineering and Technology complex. The modifications should cut the cost of the project almost $3 million.
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**SIU MUGS**

Another new item available through the Association—a 17 oz. set of four glass mugs. These too have the chip resistant rims, weighted bottoms and baked on crest and lettering. Safe for use in automatic dishwashers. Packed for safe shipping in cartons of four. The price of only $6.95 includes handling charges, packaging, postage and tax.

**SIU T-SHIRTS**

Adults and children alike will love these easy-going cotton knits in the SIU colors with SIU imprint—and you'll love the price. Available in children's (C) sizes S, M, L and adult's (A) sizes S, M, L, X-L.

- Maroon with white letters @ $2.75
- White with maroon letters @ $2.75
- Maroon with white letters, edging @ $2.95
- White with maroon letters, edging @ $2.95

Price includes tax, postage and handling.

**SIU SWEATSHIRTS**

Now you can also purchase sweatshirts with SIU imprint and colors through your Alumni Association. These long-sleeved easy-to-care-for cotton and polyester sweatshirts may be machine washed and tumble dried. Available in children's (C) sizes S, M, L ($4.95) and adult's (A) S, M, L, X-L ($5.50). Be sure to state maroon with white letters or white with maroon letters. Price includes handling charges, packaging, postage and tax.

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Make checks payable to the SIU Alumni Association
**Alumni Dues Increased**

Because of rising operating expenses, the Association is forced to increase dues—both annual and life. So now is the time for you to cash in on a real bargain—purchase your membership before the April 1 deadline and save!

We think some of you may be confused about whether or not you are members of the Association. The difference between member and non-member services depends on dues paid to the Association. If you have not paid dues, then you are not a member. You have probably seen before a list of some of the services available to our dues-paying members. They include: a subscription to the SIU Alumnus magazine (28 pages of University news, features, sports and news notes on alumni); copies of the Alumni News bulletin; participation in alumni tours at reduced rates (we've been to Hawaii and plan to take other group tours); discounts on SIU Press and University Graphics books; voting privileges in the SIU Alumni Association; notices for Homecoming and Alumni Day; eligibility for office-holding membership in alumni clubs and constituent societies.

And we can offer you all this right now for $5 a year or $6 if both husband and wife are alumni. However, you must act now, because starting April 1, dues will be raised to $8 for the single annual membership and $10 for the family annual membership. Join now before the rates are increased.

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**Alumni Board Members Sought**

The SIU Alumni Association is requesting recommendations for nominees for five positions on its board of directors. The positions will become vacant this spring when the designated terms expire.

After names have been received, selection of candidates will be in the hands of a nominating committee which will present its slate to the Legislative Council on Alumni Day, June 8. Members of that committee are: Jack Murphy '54, M.S. '57, Ph.D. '71, chairman; Madge Presley ex '42; and Paul Schoen '67.

Board terms expire this year for: Rev. Jack Adams '53, Jo Rushing Koeneman '54, Andrew Marcec '56, Keith Sanders '61, M.S. '62 and Albert Shafter '48, M.A. '49, president-elect. Mrs. Koeneman and Marcec are the only ones of the group whose terms are not renewable.

Suggestions for the board of directors should be sent to Robert Odaniell, Association executive director, at the Alumni Office in Carbondale. All suggestions will be forwarded to the nominating committee.

**Puerto Rico Trip Scheduled**

Due to extenuating circumstances, the Alumni Association has had to cancel the charter tour they had planned to Water Island in the Caribbean. However, another trip—to San Juan, Puerto Rico—has been scheduled for March 17–24 in its place.

Considered America’s gateway to the Caribbean, Puerto Rico has an average temperature of 73 degrees from November to April. And San Juan, the capital, is really two distinct cities in one. New San Juan is a sun-drenched combination of posh hotels, curved beaches, international casinos and restaurants and late night excitement. Old San Juan takes you back four centuries along narrow streets through colonial buildings restored to house galleries and stores. (You have a $100 per person duty free allowance.)

Accommodations will be at the Racquet Club Hotel which features eight all-weather tennis courts and a king-size, racquet-shaped swimming pool. Water sports are available and there are two golf courses nearby.

Transportation will be via regular scheduled airlines from St. Louis and the price of $394.88 based on double occupancy, includes air fare, accommodations for seven nights, a Rum Swizzle Party, transportation from airport to hotel and hotel to airport, all taxes, gratuities and handling.

We must accept reservations on a first-come, first-served basis until space is filled, so please mail your reservation deposit check for $100 per person today to the Alumni Office, SIU, Carbondale, Ill. 62901. Make checks payable to B and A Travel. A project of the SIU Alumni Association, this tour is open only to members of the Association and their immediate families.

See you on board!!!
Obelisks Now Available

Alumni who purchased a 1973 Obelisk, but did not receive it before leaving school may have the yearbook mailed to them by sending in their address and receipt of purchase. Those who did not order a book may buy the annual now for $4. Past Obelisks are also available at $1.75 per book. All prices include postage.

Mail to: W. Manion Rice, School of Journalism, SIU, Carbondale, Ill. 62901.

Alumni Activities

FEBRUARY 19-21
Bloomington Area Telefund Campaign—contact Bill DeVore at 452-7921
FEBRUARY 25-28
Chicago Area Telefund Campaign—contact Jerry Nordberg at 485-8692
MARCH 5-6
Champaign Area Telefund Campaign—contact Carl Wolfinbarger at 356-7404
MARCH 11-12
Union County Telefund Campaign—contact Charles Roberts at 833-7245
MARCH 11-13
Madison County Telefund Campaign—contact Mrs. Ernie Flota at 462-3267
MARCH 12-13
Evansville Area Telefund Campaign—contact Dan Worden at 477-7307
WEDNESDAY, March 13
Bloomington Area Cheese and Wine Tasting Party—contact Bill Devore at 452-7921
MARCH 19-20
Washington County Telefund Campaign—contact Paul Daniels at 485-6423
SATURDAY, June 8
SIU-C Alumni Day

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Southern Sketches

The two-campus system of Southern Illinois University has dropped out of a national “Big 30” ranking of U.S. universities by enrollment size for the first time in five years. The so-called “Parker Report” by Garland Parker of the University of Cincinnati lists SIU’s total full-time enrollment on the two campuses at 23,896—ahead of Cincinnati, Brigham Young and Wayne State in the “Big 30” fulltime list. A change in policy for admitting out-of-state and transfer students was approved by the SIU board of trustees at their January meeting. Present requirements limit out-of-state admittees to those in the upper 40 per cent of their high school class, and admit those in the upper half of their class but not in the upper 40 per cent to summer conditional enrollment only. In-state students are admitted if they are in the upper half of their high school class, or are accepted for summer conditional enrollment if they fall below that rank. The new resolution eliminates the difference between criteria for out-of-state and in-state admission and restricts summer conditional enrollment to in-state students. A speedy go-ahead on construction of the second phase of SIU-C’s School of Medicine teaching facilities in Springfield has been asked by the board of trustees. They recommended that the Illinois Capital Development Board award contracts totaling $6,383,094 for the stage-two building. The first stage is complete except for some inside finishing. SIU science students have organized an Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry chapter on campus.

Development Director to Coordinate Fund Raising

Curtis Simic of Memphis, Tenn. became Director of Development at SIU Feb. 1. Simic, age 32, had served in a similar position with the University of Tennessee Medical Units at Memphis since 1971. In making the announcement of the appointment, T. Richard Mager, Vice-President for Development and Services, said Simic “has had experience in every aspect of development and is known for his high principles and integrity. The University is fortunate to attract a young man with such a successful record in a field that is integral to our needs during this era of higher education.” The position calls for directing and coordinating all private fund-raising, including gifts of donation and property for the University. “The work will include coordinating and directing all fund-raising activities in the University Foundation and Alumni Services,” Mager said. The position falls under Mager’s jurisdiction. “Operating of the Foundation and Alumni Services will remain with present directors Joseph Goodman ’63 and Robert Odaniel ’51, respectively.” Simic is a native of Gary, In. He received a B.S. in English and physical education at Indiana University in 1964. From graduation to 1971 he served as Director of Alumni Funds for the Indiana University Foundation. Robert Gallegly ’39, board treasurer, has retired and Robert Dean Isbell ’47, M.S. ’70, former assistant treasurer, has been approved as acting treasurer. Richard Bradley, a former member of the College of Education faculty, is now director of the SIU-C Division of Continuing Education. Bradley, associate professor of guidance and educational psychology, succeeded Raymond Dey who retired Oct. 1. Dale Knight was approved as controller at SIU-C and is responsible for the University’s accounting and financial reporting functions. John Guyon, chairman of the department of chemistry at Memphis State, will become dean of SIU-C’s College of Science July 1. Also effective on that date is the appointment of William Lewis, professor of zoology, as chairman of the department of zoology. Harold Hodson, Jr. associate professor of animal industries, is now chairman of the department of animal industries.