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Awards Given at SIU Alumni Day Banquet

A professor of government and three alumni of SIU were honored June 8 when the Great Teacher and Alumni Achievement Awards were presented at the Alumni Day Banquet.

Orville Alexander '31, professor of government, was named SIU’s Great Teacher of 1974 by the SIU Alumni Association. The title carries with it a $1,000 cash prize.

Alexander received his bachelor's degree from SIU and then went on to obtain his master's and doctor's degrees from the State University of Iowa. In 1936, he returned to Carbondale as part of the government department staff and was elevated to chairman of the department in 1950. He stepped down from that position 18 years later to return to full-time teaching.

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

Honored for professional achievement was:
Fred Basolo '40, professor of chemistry at Northwestern University and former chairman of that department. Basolo is an authority in the field of inorganic chemistry for which he received an award from the American Chemical Society. He has published more than 200 scientific papers and is the co-author of two books.

Honored for service to SIU and the Alumni Association were:
Clarence Stephens '33, retired professor of secondary education and former chairman of the SIU administrative council. Stephens served on the SIU faculty for 19 years. He has also served as vice-president for operations at the Edwardsville campus and as special assistant to the chancellor at Carbondale.

Walter Young Jr. ex '47, carrier for the U.S. Postal Service. A past president of the SIU Alumni Association and the White County Alumni Club, member of the SIU Alumni Board of Directors for 12 years and the Legislative Council, he has served on and chaired numerous committees of the alumni board. Through the years, he has given his time freely to area club work and other alumni programs.

Also designated to receive an achievement award was Walt Frazier ex '67, pro basketball star of the New York Knicks. All achievement winners must be present at the banquet, however, and due to a conflict in scheduling, Frazier was unable to appear. Presentation of the award will be made at a later date.

The banquet at the Student Center was attended by about 250 persons, including SIU alumni, administrators, faculty, retired faculty and friends of the University.

Lesar Addresses Alumni

One of the highlights of this year's Alumni Day Banquet was a State of the University address by President Hiram Lesar. Recounting the past year's events and noting predictions for the future, Lesar outlined the following:

1) Enrollment at SIU is about 19,000 now and should be approximately 18,000 next year. The University's enrollment is expected to level off at the 18,000 figure. 2) Law and Medical Schools were started this year and now have a combined enrollment of 153 students. 3) There are 3,000 students enrolled in 60 master's and doctorate programs at the University. 4) Enrollment at the School of Technical Careers is up. 5) SIU is offering flexible study programs (University Studies, Project Capstone, President's Degree). 6) The University continues to have a balanced program in all sports. 7) McAndrew Stadium renovation is underway. 8) A proven fund-raiser—Curt Simic—is now at SIU and an annual giving program is being planned. 9) The University's budget base has been cut the last three years. And it will be trimmed until SIU meets a student-teacher ratio acceptable to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

"We have a lot going for us," said Lesar. "There are many able and hard-working teachers, students and alumni doing their best for the University."
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Here’s a new item also available only through the Alumni Association—small drinking glasses. A 7½ oz. set of eight glasses with chip resistant rims, weighted bottoms and baked on crest and lettering. Safe for use in automatic dishwashers. Packed for safe shipping in cartons of eight. The price of only $6 again includes handling charges, packaging, postage and tax.

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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.

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SIU Admissions Data

Information on admissions to SIU may be obtained simply by writing the Director of Admissions, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill. 62901. If you are considering returning to school or know of a prospective student, you need only drop a letter to the above address, and the data will be mailed to you.

Five Named to SIU Alumni Board

Five alumni have been named to the Association's Board of Directors. Three of the five were past members eligible for re-election, while two are new to the Board. Those selected include the following persons:

The Rev. Jack Adams '53, St. Louis, has been active in alumni work and has completed a term on the Board. A Methodist minister, he has a pastorate in St. Louis County.

Fred Meyer '40, Park Forest, is a past president of the Chicago Alumni Club and vice president of personnel for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Co.

Bill O'Brien '47, Carbondale, is chairman of the department of recreation at SIU. He was recently named to the search committee to find a president for the University.

Keith Sanders '61, '62, Carbondale, is associate professor of speech at SIU. He is a past-president and board member of the Jackson County Alumni Club and has served a term on the Board of Directors.

Albert Shafter '48, '49, Harrisburg, is the director of A. L. Bowen Children's Center. He has completed a term on the Board as president-elect and is the new president of the SIU Alumni Association.

Those members retiring from the Board of Directors this year are: Jo Rushing Koeneman '54 of Chester and Andrew Marcec '56 of Carbondale. The Association extends its sincere appreciation for their years of service to the University and its alumni.

FRIDAY, August 9
Summer Commencement
Alumni Reception for Graduates
Southern Sketches

SIU's Board of Trustees has approved the establishment of a Graduate Residence Center by the Carbondale campus at Kaskaskia College in Centralia. The action, which came during the board's May meeting, authorized the center to begin operation at the beginning of the fall semester, Aug. 27. All courses offered will be taught by members of the graduate faculty of the College of Education as part of their regular teaching load. The trustees also approved a statement of the board's position on state-wide college tuition changes which will be forwarded to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The board took the following major positions: --The State of Illinois should examine its position on subsidies for private higher education. The IBHE should --examine the question of whether higher education is a right or a privilege, and formulate policy to make higher education "equally available to all citizens of Illinois." --examine the responsibility of society to provide higher education and whether it is the responsibility of society or of the individual to pay for higher education.--look at changes in the law which affect community college enrollment and Illinois State Scholarship Commission policies toward public and private educational grants.--recommend reciprocal tuition agreements between Illinois and adjoining states. This would allow students in border metropolitan areas to take fullest advantage of available educational facilities.--explore the possibility of a "step-by-step" transition to a system of tuition-free higher education in Illinois.

Shelby Named Dean of Liberal Arts

Medieval history professor Lon Shelby, a member of the faculty since 1961 and a former associate dean of the University's graduate school, is the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Shelby, 38, was named to succeed Roger Beyler, who had announced a year ago that he wanted to return to his teaching professorship in the department of chemistry and biochemistry. Beyler has been dean since 1966. Shelby will take over as dean July 1. The College includes 14 academic departments and the Center for English as a Second Language.

Another appointment effective July 1 is that of Gilbert Kroening '59, '60 as the new dean of the School of Agriculture. Kroening will succeed Wendell Keepper, the School's only dean, who will retire after 24 years as head of the SIU agriculture programs. Kroening has been on the SIU faculty since 1969 when he returned to his alma mater as assistant dean for research and associate professor of animal industries in the School of Agriculture. He was promoted to the rank of professor last year... Robert House, director of the School of Music, is the new president-elect of the Music Educator's National Conference, North Central Division. The Division has approximately 20,000 members. House will take office as president for a two-year term in 1976-78... Thomas Brooks, professor in family economics and management, has been elected member-at-large of the executive board of the newly organized Illinois Consumer Education Association.

Plans for Parking Garage Approved

Perennial central campus parking problems may be on the way toward a solution. SIU's Board of Trustees has approved preliminary design plans for a two-floor, 365-car parking structure which should help ease the parking woes. The design calls for construction of the parking structure along Lincoln Drive in the vicinity of Parkinson Laboratory and the Faner Humanities Building. Two new members have been elected to the SIU Foundation's Board of Governors. They are Ray Burroughs ex-'58, president of the City National Bank of Murphysboro and Clyde Brewster of Herrin, automobile dealer.