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The University began its 113th academic year older and deeper in debt. We had asked the state for $17.1 million more, but we got $2.8 million less. Classes were cut—and this time not just by students. There wasn't enough money to hire faculty to teach some sections, so the sections were clipped from the schedule.

Gone, too, were orders for new equipment and supplies. And long gone or almost gone were some of our best faculty members, who found better salaries and more support in other states—those that are putting more money into education than Illinois.

But it's always fair weather somewhere, and just up the road was the Du Quoin State Fair, which ran full-tilt through Labor Day.

SIUC outdid itself under our Bucky Fuller Dome. We got in our last puffs.

The University drafted a smoking policy that called for a gradual withdrawal beginning in July 1988 and a total snuff-out of ciggies by 1995.

Delta State where? We found out.
The Statesmen from Delta State University (Division II, enrollment 3,800, in Cleveland, Miss.) wiped us over our new artificial turf in the football season opener. Score them 24-16.

The second annual Great Saluki Tailgate party was wunderful, wunderful (which reminds us: WSIU-TV is rerunning Lawrence Welk). Alumni were among the many who vied for tailgate prizes through skits and other diversions.

Opening his new national tour at SIUC’s own Arena was comedian Eddie Murphy. A Marjorie Lawrence Opera Theater Gala Benefit played on the Shryock stage, and the Beethoven Society for Pianists began its concert season. September lived up to its reputation as the most entertaining month of all.

Meanwhile, back to the budget: campus groups decided to band together and fight for more state funding. Looming on the horizon was a per-student tuition increase of $101 a year.

Admissions and Records went on record with another record: 24,160 students enrolled in Fall 1987, an all-time high for SIUC.

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Play It Again

T he University opened with the month with the appointment of a new task force to study ways to attract more women as students and faculty members. Only 38 percent of students and 23 percent of the faculty are female. The task force also was charged with developing plans for minority recruitment.

WSIU-TV’s popular children’s show, The Joyo & Friends Club, was axed, a victim of the tight budget. Beruns filled the remainder of the month.

We cooled off, though, at the American International Cardboard Cup Challenge at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. Sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association, the race culminates the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta season each year.

Boozing morale in the Department of Radio-Television and the College of Business and Administration were pledges of future gifts from two SIUC alumni. Ralph E. Becker ‘55 announced a trust for Radio-Television that could yield up to $3 million. Kenneth N. Pontikes ‘63 pledged $1 million to launch a $4 million capital campaign for Business and Administration.

“Dancing in the Streets” was the theme of Homecoming, and alumni packed the grounds east of McAndrew Stadium for a free lunch: barbecue for all.

Local thrift shops did a big business selling wigs, hats, and clothes for Halloween, in which some 20,000 people took to the streets (Illinois and Grand) for some good home cooking for 25 cents. Mary Lou Trammel celebrated the silver with a 60-cent spate when she opened in 1962.

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Me Tarzan, You Jane

Richard Leaky, paleoanthropologist whiz, visited campus to discuss the origins of mankind, part of the University Honors Lecture Series. Other visitors this month included musicians John Cougar Mellencamp, Rosanne Cash, and Rattlesnake Annie, who was followed by a band called Whitesnake.

Even as the football team closed its season with a 3-8 record, it was 25-0 for Mary Lou’s Grill, a place where students have found lots of good home cooking for 25 cents. Mary Lou Trammel celebrated the silver with an 85-cent spate when she opened in 1962.

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I come from Du Quoin. I was brought up to think of gravity as a beverage.

Ken Swoford ’59, now an actor in Hollywood, about his Southern Illinois upbringing
**I'll Never Be Hungry Again**

Forestry students sold pine trees, and *A Christmas Carol* and Handel's *Messiah* were performed at Shryock. Other signs of the season: the annual Holiday Craft Sale at the Student Center, a children’s party at Stone House, and letters to Santa (“Dear Santa, How is your wife? I want a Cabbage Patch Preeme”).

Saluki basketball began, eliciting enthusiastic headlines, such as “Cage women de-claw Tigers in hot outing.”

The SIU Board of Trustees softened the blow, somewhat, of the latest tuition increase. Over 5,000 SIUC students, those who were recipients of money from the Illinois State Scholarship Commission, received waivers on the hike for spring semester.

SIUC signed an agreement to teach English and other courses at a university in Nagaoka, Japan. Nagaoka will provide the buildings and funds.

Closer to home, in Cairo, III., where Operation Enterprise is headed by SIUC’s Richard W. Poston, the results of a survey of townspeople were in. “Cairo has already changed in the past seven months” of the project, said Poston (aka “The Doctor of Sick Towns”), who came out of retirement to launch the project. “I have absolute faith in this town.”

**It’s Off To Work We Go**

Faculty and administrators of the College of Education moved their offices to the Baptist Student Center while long-term renovations continued in Pulliam Hall.

Relief from the chills of winter was available through SIUC’s Touch of Nature. Its Southern Outdoor Adventure Recreation program offered us a chance to toast our toes by backpacking in the desert near Big Bend, Tex.

Morris Library offered over 140 framed reproductions of paintings on free loan to students for the semester. A Van Gogh on the wall might offset the sight of an unmade dorm bed.

A group of 70 people stood in silence near the Student Center to protest human rights policies in Israel. Fewer than 100 people marched to the steps of Shryock Auditorium to honor the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. Meanwhile, a national study of college freshmen showed that, by almost two to one, students are more interested in earning money than in discovering a meaningful philosophy of life.

**The Right Stuff**

At last—a heart-pounding, throat-soring basketball game: our Salukis bested Drake by one point, 99-98, in triple overtime in the Arena.

Need a loan to buy tickets to future games? Try the SIU Credit Union, which celebrated its 50th birthday this month. Before the credit union was established in 1938, teachers had to go to loan sharks, who charged from 20-40 percent interest (today’s equivalent: credit cards).

Black History Month brought to campus harpist Harvi Griffin, jazz guitarist Stanley Jordan, poet Sonia Sanchez, the movie *Hollywood Shuffle*, and other special events.

The long-awaited alternative to the Ho Chi Minh trail finally opened for business. The new pedestrian overpass spanning Illinois 51 links the territory south of McAndrew Stadium to the Southern Hills residence halls.

Following a different path was head football coach Ray Dorr, who bought a one-way ticket to UCLA, leaving behind some bitter words about the state of SIUC athletics. Dorr was 17-27 in his four seasons here.

This is a kind of benchmark year in my life. My daughter Naomi is an incoming freshman at SIU.

Buzz Spector ’72, former campus radical, now a respected Chicago artist and art critic
MARCH 1988

We're Not In Kansas Anymore

Mozart's "Don Giovanni," directed by SIUC professor Richard Best, received rave reviews at McLeod Theater. And over at Shryock was the 41st Theta Xi Variety Show, sponsored by the Inter-Greek Council.

The season ended for basketball, with the men finishing 12-16 and the women 16-11. Despite the final tallies, play was exciting this year for both teams, which attracted good crowds.

But if this was the conclusion of basketball, it must mean the start of baseball. This year, for the first time, it cost us three bucks for a bleacher seat. But it's worth it. "We're good entertainers," said our venerable coach Itchy Jones. "Our kids put on a good show."

One of the big debates on campus—should the faculty unionize or not—Heated up even further with the announcement of a new committee, Faculty for Free Choice, which is opposed to unions. The vote is expected to come in the fall.

APRIL 1988

If You Need Anything, Just Whistle

April brought all things to all people as guest lecturers and special activities kept us diverted, entertained, and thinking.

Some of the events: the Mr. and Miss SIU body-building pageant, "Fiddler on the Roof," an American Red Cross blood drive, a World's Worst Film series, lectures by consumer economist Jane Bryant Quinn and radical feminist Sonia Johnson, "A Streetcar Named Desire," and The Second City touring company.

Students banded together to call for a return of Black American Studies to the general education curriculum. The Emeritus College sponsored a forum on collective bargaining. An AIDS task force was appointed. Students participated in the Carbondale Clean-Up.

SIUC's debate team came home from Colorado Springs the winner of two national titles: the sweepstakes and the final tournament championships. The trophy case cannot hold all the symbols of victory posted by the team in the past few decades.

Our collective memory improved by 43 percent, thanks to a new mainframe computer system that received the nod by the SIU Board of Trustees. The $2.8 million system was installed in June.

Our new Library Storage Building on McAfferty Road holds overflow materials from Morris Library.

Randolph Nicaise, an SIUC freshman, won the Vogue Award at the 15th Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta on campus for his "Breeze Mobile," patterned after the popular Volkswagen Bug.

SIUC President John C. Guyon welcomes new alumni at the May 1988 commencement.

MAY 1988

It's A Wonderful Life

Springfest '88 and the 15th Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta sparked a fine weekend on campus just before graduation. In the Free Forum Area was a carnival with the theme "Clown'n Around."

As students trembled in front of their books, preparing for final exams, thoughts of bigger quakes prompted the SIU School of Medicine to stage a mock earthquake emergency drill in Carbondale and on campus.

Undergraduate Student Government announced that most people would support a mass transit system on and around campus. About 84 percent of student respondents would support a $15-per-semester fee to finance the system. Non-students would be charged a fare to hitch a ride. The USG was expected to bring the plan before the SIU Board of Trustees.

But transit wheels were moot points to thousands of seniors and graduate students who received their degrees this month. As the birdies left the nest, they flew up, up, and away to new lives.
The University hired a new football coach, Richard E. (Rick) Rhoades, on March 24, replacing Ray Dorr, who joined the University of Southern California as receiver coach.

"Coaching," says Rick Rhoades, "is the only thing I ever wanted to do." If 100 football coaches told you this, you'd doubt 99 of them. You don't doubt Rhoades. He played offensive guard at Central Missouri State on a scholarship, and he describes his collegiate gridiron prowess modestly: "To put it in the kindest way possible, I was an average player. In my junior and senior years, I was a part-time starter, so I got to stand around a lot and learn a good deal about football."

Rhoades' coach at Central Missouri was Howard Mahanes, a successful junior college coach who came to a school without much previous pigskin success. What Rhoades says he learned from Mahanes is "the impact of a good coach on a program."

Apparently, Rhoades has learned his lessons well. Wherever he has coached, his teams have been very successful.

He first coached nine years at the high school level in Alabama, where Paul "Bear" Bryant was an institution and where the rivalry between Auburn and Alabama is the gridiron equivalent of good versus evil or evil versus good, depending upon your point of view. Rhoades' prep career reached its pinnacle at Mountain Brook High School in Birmingham where as head coach he compiled a 14-0 record and won the state championship in 1976.

Then, after stints as offensive coordinator at the University of North Alabama and as defensive coordinator at Troy State University, Rhoades took over as head man at Troy State in 1985.

He won the conference championship in 1986 and 1987. And last year Troy State went on to win the Division II national championship. Rhoades was named national Division II coach of the year as selected by the American Football Coaches Association, Chevrolet, and The Football News.

Now he's faced with the challenge of Southern.

No question about it, Rick Rhoades is a winner, but an hour's discussion with him convinces you that winning is not the only measure of this man.

Asked what would constitute a successful season for next year's Salukis, Rhoades doesn't hesitate. "The terms of success are the same for every team I've been around: to play as well as we can. If we win two or three games with maximum effort, that's something to build on. If we win eight games with 66 percent effort, we haven't accomplished anything."

The job of the coaches in the Rhoades scheme of things is to create the kind of environment in which the player will choose to listen to the coach and not to his tired legs.

Don't get the impression that Rhoades is an athletic Pollyanna. His old-fashioned athletic idealism is tempered by a thoroughly modern coaching realism. "I want to win every game," he says. "And, honestly, I have to win a certain number to stay employed. The best way to do this is to recruit the best athletes but not compromise your integrity."

Integrity of the academic variety was one of the things that attracted the search committee to Rhoades in a field of 70 applicants. Some 20 out of 24 players from his 1987 Troy State national championship team graduated, and two others are continuing their educations.

He plans the same academic approach with his Southern players that was successful at Troy State. "It's an attitude and not a program," he says. "What I believe in is discipline by state of mind, not by rules. We'll have study hall, monitor the players' progress and encourage them. But the bottom line is that they've got to see the wisdom of spending some time now to set the stage for the next 50 years of life."

After months of deliberation, SIUC President John C. Guyon announced on July 5 his choice for permanent director of intercollegiate athletics.

James W. (Jim) Hart '67—for former pro quarterback for the St. Louis Cardinals—was the odds-on favorite for the role, particularly among alumni. Hart is a partner in the Dierdorf and Hart restaurants in St. Louis and is the on-air color commentator with Dick Butkus for the Chicago Bears' radio network.

Enrolling in SIUC from Niles West High School in Skokie, Ill., Hart became one of the most prolific passers in SIUC's history. He was MVP in 1965 and team captain in 1964.

He joined the Cardinals as a free agent in 1966. After his rookie season, he returned to Carbondale to complete his bachelor's degree in physical education.

Nicknamed "The Apple-Cheeked Killer," Hart was the master of the two-minute drill at the end of the game, leading his team to so many late comeback victories that they became known as the "Cardiac Cards."

He remained very supportive of Saluki athletics and regularly took part in special sporting events. He received an Alumni Achievement Award from the SIU Alumni Association in 1982.

Hart has signed a five-year contract with SIUC. Hart replaced Charlotte West, acting director for 10 months. West was a finalist for the A.D. position.

Alumnus Jim Hart has returned to Carbondale as SIUC's new director of intercollegiate athletics.
Say "Yes!" to the future of Southern Illinois University. Say "Yes!" to the SIU Alumni Association as we continue our services to students and the faculty. Say "Yes!" to fellow alumni as they ask you to join with them as members of the Alumni Association.

Your membership includes a subscription to an attractive, informative quarterly magazine, Alumnus. You will have the opportunity to join the SIU Credit Union, offering banking, loan, investment, and credit card services. Members also receive reduced rates to Alumni Association events.

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Budget Shortfall for Third Straight Year Deepens Program Cuts

n unprecedented statewide effort of alumni volunteers failed to convince Illinois Speaker of the House Michael Madigan to support a tax increase for education. Of the new revenue that would have been generated by the tax increase, $18 million was slated for SIU.

SIUC administrators and staff reacted to the news on June 29 with anger and frustration. "This will affect the whole future of education in Illinois," predicted SIUC President John C. Guyon. "It will affect our ability to plan long-term. It will have an almost devastating effect on Morris Library and will add to our loss of faculty and staff."

Richard Small '58, MS'65, of Springfield, current president of the SIU Alumni Association and a strong advocate of SIU in the capital, also expressed displeasure at Madigan's decision. "I'm very disappointed that the tax increase didn't pass, and I'm very disappointed in the political system. We had agreements for the tax increase from everyone in leadership, everyone except Madigan. This will be a dismal year for all of education."

Madigan refused to allow the tax issue to come to a vote in the legislature, despite statewide surveys that showed as many as two-thirds of Illinoisans favored a higher tax rate to benefit education and other human services in the state. The rate has remained unchanged for the past 19 years.

To support the tax increase, graduates of state universities manned phone banks, donated money to an advertisement campaign, and wrote thousands of letters to legislators. For the first time that anyone could recall, all state university alumni associations coordinated their efforts in a common cause.

The overall need was too great to ignore. State funding for higher education in the 1980s had provided little more than maintenance, and Illinois has declined in comparison with other states. The crisis came last year. Even as enrollments burgeoned, the state cut higher education's budget by 4 percent, joining West Virginia as the only two states in the country to cut funding to education.

The effects occurred across the board. All state universities experienced staff and program cutsbacks, little or no salary increases, closed classes, inability to hire replacement faculty, and lack of funds to purchase new equipment.

Keith R. Sanders '61, MS'62, dean of SIU's College of Communications and Fine Arts, was tapped to head the higher education lobby by the chief officers of the four state university systems (SIU, the University of Illinois, the Board of Regents, and the Board of Governors).

As part of his lobbying campaign, Sanders worked with alumni association directors and presidents to mobilize an estimated 500,000 Illinoisans who are graduates of state universities. Leading the volunteer effort of the SIU Alumni Association were Small and Paul Comi '72, MBA'74, of Glen Elyn, immediate past president.

One result of that mobilization was a "fly around" on April 5 by state university alumni volunteers, who held press conferences in six cities in the state.

A second cooperative effort was staged on May 18 in Springfield for face-to-face lobbying with four key legislators and Governor James R. Thompson.

Alumni initially were encouraged. Senate President and Majority Leader Philip J. Rock said legislators were "painfully aware" that the necessary money for education couldn't be found without a tax increase. "There's just not enough fat in the budget," Rock said, to trim costs elsewhere and funnel more to education. Similarly, Representative Barbara Flynn Currie told the group, "A starvation diet for education simply isn't palatable."

A third aspect of the lobbying campaign was the formation of Citizens for an Educated Illinois (CEI). Funded through private contributions, CEI placed newspaper and television ads in the Chicago and Springfield areas. The campaign used the theme "Put 'our
Money Where Your Minds Are.
Support Education

In the past two years, SIUC has been unable to fill many civil service and administrative/professional positions as they opened up due to attrition and retirement. Positions undoubtedly will remain vacant this year, as well.

In addition, over 40 faculty members have left the University in the past two years, and as of May the SIUC deans had identified about 75 other faculty members who were at risk of leaving.

"The word is getting out about our state's reputation," said Russell R. Dutcher, dean of the College of Science, last April. "We won't be able to attract new faculty, and we won't be able to keep good faculty."

John S. Jackson III, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said, "We're losing our established stars and our younger faculty who are building good reputations, especially minority and female faculty. If the state wants to be serious about hitching on to the high-tech drive, it has got to be serious about paying the going high-technology salaries."

The state's refusal to pass a tax increase may mean that SIUC will turn away students in certain departments and cut curricula and programs.

With Your Help,
We Will Continue to Lobby

We asked for your support, and you responded. Your letters and phone calls to state legislators, your donations of time and money, and your letters to local newspapers are helping to call the attention of other Illinoisans to the value of education.

You were with us right down to the wire. We hope you remain with us as we continue the fight for better education in the state.

Our university depends on you for many concrete things, such as gifts for scholarships, faculty support, and a strong athletic program, as well as time spent on alumni-related activities.

We also depend on something that cannot be seen or easily measured. We depend on your goodwill and on your willingness to speak out with other alumni as a lobby for higher education in general and for SIU in particular.

Many Illinois legislators have told us that your support makes a difference in their ability to stand firm on the issue of more revenue for education. Your voice was clearly heard. We do have friends in the capitol. And those people, and others, need to keep hearing from you. I thank you for understanding our needs and responding so positively. I assure you that the members of your board of directors, whose names are listed elsewhere in this publication, are equally as grateful.

The University is still alive. The doors are still open. The students still come here, and the good work goes on. Yet none of us will give up the effort to be better than we are. Your clear, strong, positive voice in support of higher education eventually will be heard.

C. Thomas Busch '71
Executive Director
SIU Alumni Association

Taxes have to go up—the only question is which taxes.
Spending has to be cut—the only question being which spending.

Consumer economist
Jane Bryant Quinn, speaking on campus on ways to avoid a recession in 1989
OCTOBER

1
Carbondale. Football v. Arkansas State, McKendree Stadium, 1:30 p.m. Parents’ Day. Butch Thompson and the New Orleans Ragtime Orchestra, Shryock Auditorium, 5 p.m.

2
Bloomington, Ill. Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, Miller Park.

8
Charleston, Ill. Tailgate party, 4:30 p.m., before football game v. Eastern Illinois University, 6:30 p.m. Co-sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association and the Saluki Boosters Club. Shryock Auditorium, (618) 453-2408 or 536-5566 for information.

9
Orlando, Fla. Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, Lake Kola.

15
Carbondale. Great Saluki Tailgate at McKendree Stadium before football game v. Indiana State, 1:30 p.m.

21
Carbondale. Class of 1938 and 1938 football team, 10 a.m. reception for football coaches and 1938 football team, 3 a.m. to noon. Student Center, co-sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association and Intercollegiate Athletics. Football v. Northern Illinois, 1:30 p.m. Post-game party, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Egyptian Sports Center, Old Illinois 13 south of University Mall, co-sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association, the Saluki Boosters Club, and the SIU Foundation. Homecoming reunions include Student Programming Council, 4-6 p.m., Student Center, and activities for Radio TV, Student Life Advisors, and Glee Club. Miss Etonosis Pageant, 8 p.m., Shryock Auditorium. (618) 453-2408 for information.

N O V E M B E R

5
Springfield, Mo. Football v. Southwest Missouri State, 1:30 p.m.

12
Youngstown, Ohio. Football v. Youngstown State, 12:30 p.m.

13
Carbondale. Men’s basketball exhibition, Australian National Team, SIU Arena, 2:35 p.m.

17
Carbondale. Women’s basketball exhibition, French National team, SIU Arena, 7:35 p.m.

19/20
Seattle, Wash. Women’s basketball, University of Washington Tournament.

F E B R U A R Y

17/20

D E C E M B E R

2
Carbondale. Women’s basketball v. Purdue, SIU Arena, 7:35 p.m.

3
Clarksville, Tenn. Men’s basketball, Arne Boot Bowdowntown at Austin Peay State University, 6 p.m. both days.

4
Bowling Green, Ky. Women’s basketball v. Western Kentucky.

5
Carbondale. Men’s basketball v. Western Kentucky, SIU Arena, 7:35 p.m.

6
Carbondale. Women’s basketball v. Murray State, SIU Arena, 7:35 p.m.

7
Carbondale. Men’s basketball v. University of Kentucky, 6:30 p.m. (618) 453-2408 or 536-5566 for information.

9
Carbondale. Women’s basketball v. Northern Iowa, SIU Arena, 7:35 p.m.

12
Peoria, Ill. Men’s basketball v. Bradley University, 6:30 p.m.

14
Carbondale. Men’s basketball v. Bradley University, 8:05 p.m.

19
Carbondale. Women’s basketball v. Western Illinois University, 7:35 p.m.

21
Carbondale. Men’s basketball v. University of Southern Mississippi, SIU Arena, 7:35 p.m.

23
Knoxville, Tenn. Women’s basketball v. University of Tennessee.

J A N U A R Y

2
Normal, Ill. Women’s basketball v. Illinois State.

5
Carbondale. Men’s basketball v. Northeast Missouri State, SIU Arena, 7:35 p.m.