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Student Center Plans
Open House Dec. 13-14

Plans for new organized activities at the Student Center are shaping up fast according to the Center

Committee members are Doris Schwinn, Wilma Beadle, Lowell O’Daniel, Bob McCabe, Betty Ne-

bogher, Bill Davis, Jim Walker, Paul Neogi, Bob Cooper, Earl Cox, Al Pitman, with Dean of Women Leah Farr and Assistant Dean of Bob Roberts e-

blished as faculty sponsors. Also on the committee are Harvey Gardner and Alice Wiedemann, who are in-

managing the Student Center.

First on the agenda for activities at the Center will be an open house which will be held for two days, Dec. 13 and 14. Time of the open house will be announced later.

According to Dean Farr, the committee hopes to start a series of bridge and dancing classes in Student Center in the near fu-

ture. Dean Farr announced that students interested in such classes should contact Mr. Sloan, the head of the office of the Student Center. De-finite plans for the classes will be announced at a later date.

Chapel Singers To Give
"Babe of Bethlehem"
Cantata Tuesday Night

"The Babe of Bethlehem," a Christmas cantata composed by Hamblicl, will be presented by the Baptist foundation chapel singers Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m.

The public is invited to attend this fourth annual cantata and a special "Christmas for Christ" which will be presented in conjunction with the cantata by the Women's auxiliary of the Baptist foundation chapel.

Eugene F. Quinn, professor of music at the foundation, will direct the 40-voice choir which will fea-

ture the following soloists: Soprano.—Betty Weeks and Freda Thompson; Alto—Mildred Peebles; Tenor—Stanley Benson; and Bass—Bob Cole.

Ellie Ellington will accompany the singers at the piano.

Chapel singers, who have their own offices, sing in various churches and in church revivals during the school year in addition to mak-

ing a tour in the spring and making recordings for a Gospel Time program broadcast by WSIU.

After the Young Women’s auxiliary has presented its special pro-

gram, a Little Mix Christmas of- fering for world missions will be taken.

It is an offering taken in honor of Miss Louise Moon who in early days of mission work spent her life in China as a missionary.

Dr. Mauritus Kesnar

To Observe Special
World Mission Days
Tuesday, Wednesday

Claude Picketts, who has been a missionary to China for several years, will be the main speaker at a special Christian World Mission days observation here next Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 12 and 13.

Picketts will speak in the Little Theatre from 12:30 to 12:50 both Tuesday and Wednesday. His talks will be open to all students. Wed-

nesday night he will speak to the International Relations club.

In addition to speaking, he will give personal interviews to those interested in church or religious work. (Those wanting appointments should call the Student Christian foundation.)

Purpose of the special days is to acquaint students with world Christian missions and give professional advice to those interested in this type of work.

REV. ELWOOD W. Wylie, head of the SCE, said many mission boards now have short two or three year terms for students who would like to go to foreign missions. He said missions are looking for people who will serve in short mission fields for short times to teach agriculture, trade, etc. He added, "Many students don’t understand the wide variety of fields in mis-

sion work."

Since 1926, Picketts has worked with foreign mission boards from English congregations in Hankow and Ichang, as well as assisting Chinese mission boards. He left his position as Canton of St. Paul’s cathedral in Hankow to return to the United States in June of this year.

Student chairman of the special observance is Don Fearhley.

LATE LEAVE FOR
WOMEN STUDENTS

According to an announce-

ment made by Miss Louise Fart, Dean of Women, all female students who participate in the WSC Christmas dance Saturday night may have 1 a.m. curfew, but they will not be counted as being among the regular late leaves allotted stu-

dents each term.

This also marks the fifth per-

formance here under the direction of Dr. Fart.

Sloans for the performance in-

clude Miss Carolyn Blacklesie, pro-

fessor of voice at the University of John Tufts, tenor; and Bruce Foote, bass.

Miss Blacklesie, a graduate of the Southern School of Music and later received her master’s degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music. She has also studied in Rome and the Italian provinces, giving performances in 15 stacts, and sing- ing leading roles in performances by Opera Players Inc. last summer. Miss Blacklesie will be joined by the Baltimore symphony Jan. 3 and 7. She has made solo appearances with the Chicago Symphony, as well as various stations in New York City. She also has had ex- tended training in oratorio work and for several years was soloist with the New York Flashing Oratorio society.

TENOR JOHN TUFTS, who appeared here as soloist in the recent orchestra concert, has also performed numerous presentations of “The Messiah” in Carbondale. After completing his work with Miss Blacklesie, Tufts studied in New York City. He ser-

ved in the Army Air Corps for a short period of time, then there went to Washington univer-

sity, where he received his degree two years ago. Tufts is professor of voice at the University of Illinois, and is featured on station WGN, Chi-

cago. In addition to this, he has done radio work and will sing the bass arias.

A chorus of over 230 voices will be present at this event, in addition to an orchestra of 35 pieces. Phillip Olsen, university music director, will be the trump-

et obligato for the bass arias. “The Trumpet Will Sound.” This also marks Olsen’s second year as director of music. The principal director is Robert E. Mueller, instructor in music at Southern Illinois University.

PURSUIT by hand-operated crowd havers have attended “The Messiah” con-

certs. In order to give more people an opportunity to enjoy the im-

pressive oratorio, a performance of “The Messiah” was presented in Centralia last year. This year, the Southern Illinois symphony and chur-

con will be given at Harrisburg in the high school auditorium at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 27. Con-

certs. Miss Taylor, a Southern alumna, Carbondale, will sing soprano soloist at this pres-

ervation. Mrs. Taylor was a soloist in the Southern Illinois symphony and is director of the University Baptist church. She appeared as soloist with the orchestra in its final concert last spring.

NEWMAN CLUB MEN ATTEND BREAKFAST

Seven members of the SIU New-

man club attended a Men’s ac-

tional breakfast Sunday, Dec. 3, at St. Andrew’s gym in Murphys-

boro. The breakfast was sponsored by the WSC Christmas dance Saturday night may have 1 a.m. curfew, but they will not be counted as being among the regular late leaves allotted stu-

dents each term.
Souther's students took one of their worst beatings in SIU's history. The grades dropped from that week and teachers seemed to engage in a free-for-all to see who could emerge with the lowest class grade average.

Teachers from nearly all departments engaged in the bitter conflict which saw A's—usually acclaimed as the highest grade a student may obtain—almost become non-existent. When the fray was finally over and results were posted throughout the campus, students' complaints almost reached a mad level:

We made a tour of the casualty lists earlier this week and agree that many of the complaints were justified.

First, let's examine one of Southern's largest departments—Education. There the grades undoubtedly were the worst in years, probably in history.

Here's an example: An English 101 class—no A's, no B's, 11 C's, 5 D's, and 4 E's. That's an overall average of 2.5.

Although English 101 class just about gets first place. In the class of 22, there were no A's, 10 B's, 6 C's, 8 D's, and 7 E's. And—get this—-although the C's were asterisks under a footnote which explained that those students should register for a faster section.

We doubt if the English department can divide students into sections which rate no A's and B's. We think many students in English classes are stuck on a loop-sided curve system and were not given grades solely on their ability.

Some other English examples: No A's, 2 B's, 9 C's, 9 D's, and 9 E's. 3 A's, 2 B's, 21 C's, 2 D's, and 3 E's.

Although we didn't figure averages on all the departments, from general observation it appeared that the chemistry and business administration departments were far above the top in the low grade departments.

Government, math, history, physical education, sociology, and others were low, but about average compared to other departments. Education department's grades were high in comparison.

Most chemistry grades were posted without the names of either the courses or the teachers. Only one teacher dared sign his name to the shocking reports.

In one chemistry class—or group of grades—there were 25 E's out of 67 grades. There were 14 D's, 12 C's, and somehow 4 lucky persons got A's. On one spot on the list there were 13 B's. They didn't copy.

That represents a 2.34 average for the class. (Who said C was average?)

Overall grade average of the chemistry grades
353 grades (not including 10 incompletes)—listed on the chemistry bulletin board was a staggering 2.82. And we presume that this list includes both freshman and advanced classes.

(If it is any wonder why university officials have refused to give out the number of persons on probation?)

A's and B's were about as scarce as palm trees in Siberia in recent English and Business Administration departments. Even B's were conspicuous for their absence in some classes.

Here's an example of business administration: Accounting 251—2 A's, 4 B's, 12 C's, 7 D's, and 8 E's. That's an average of 2.6 for a class which, unlike many freshman courses, should appeal almost exclusively to those interested in the business field.

Our chief complaint is that grades doled out to a student are seemingly not based on individual's real merits and abilities but on an arbitrary ruling sent down from the powers that be. A student is not competing only with other students. He is, at the same time, fighting a losing battle with a system which has an arbitrary number of A's in a class by the number of people it contains.

We feel very strongly that a student should receive the grade that he works for, and no other. He should never be told “You really deserve a B, but since there are only seven in your class, I'll have to give you a C.”

The only thing we would say to SIU as an “easy mark” for good grades: we would like to see it branded as unfair.

We think that Southern's teachers should take the time to re-examine their grading system. J. K. W. M. & B. H.
Pi Lambda To Prepare Special Careers Book

Pi Lambda, honorary society for women in education, has started compiling a Careers booklet which they hope to have completed by next spring.

Mrs. Alice Rector, chairman of the project committee, delegated to each member three departments about which the member is to gather information concerning vocational outlets in that field.

The booklet, to be called, “Careers at Southeast” will be available to county sponsors and high school and college counselors in this area.

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University President D. W. Morris spoke at a joint meeting of the Rotary and Lions Clubs in Paducah, Ky., Dec. 5.

Siu Society
Johnson Hall
Holds Open House
by Dott Bush

SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA sorority will have a Christmas party tonight at the house for members and their dates. . . tomorrow morning Tri Sigma will have formal initiation for fall term pledges as Virginia Strangr, Connie Constanter, Joan shredded, Carolyn Field, and Jean Rosch . . . Sunday, sorority members will attend the Christian church with the new initiates . . . Sunday evening the Tri-Sig Mothers' club will give a dinner for sorority members and their families . . . Monday night there will be the winter rush party and the girls will go caroling . . . as a social service project the sorority is sending a Christmas surprise package to a group of mountain children in Virginia . . . Jane Kennedy has been appointed as acting captain of the bowling team of which other members are Runette McCarthy, Kathy Goodwin, Jane Barco, and Connie Constanter . . . Shirley Doffles was married to Ed Lunde, Chi Delta, Wednesday, Nov. 22, in Benton. Judy Gurley, sorority sister of the bride, was soloist at the wedding and Sue Ewing served as maid of honor.

DELTA SIGMA EPSILON held their winter rush party last Wednesday night. Christmas was the theme for the party. Formal pledging will be held Monday evening in the new office that has been installed to replace Marilyn Martell, former president, and Chlodene Milletta, former treasurer, who have transferred to the University of Illinois. Dolores Hamp is the new president and Joan Foley is the new vice-president; Barbara Ames is to fill the treasurer’s position and Sue Smith is the new recording secretary. The recording secretary vacancy was made when Ann Erwood withdrew from school . . . Next Thursday night has been set as the date for the Delta Sig Christmas party; plans are also being made for their winter formal to be held in January.

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SIU Photo Service
Gets Equipment
by Phyllis Alverson

Everything from four foot murals to miniature photography is rolling out of the production room of Southern's photographic service. They make them big and they make them small. The new equipment which flooded the department's limited space this summer is paying off with better service to the university.

New studio camera equipment enables the photo lab to turn out public relations portraits and to do copy work for many departments. The portable, able unit, equipped with photoelectric timing, gives a little time to recharge and as quickly as the photographer can change film the tube is ready to flash again. The studio strobe units are used for taking portraits. A semi-portable unit, equipped with photoelectric cells for topping, will be used to supplement the portable unit for night football games and for basketball.

A set of color processing tanks is due to arrive soon. The department hasn't been able to process their own color work up until now.

BILHORRELL of the photographic service gives students some tips on taking portraits in the photo lab located on the first floor of the journalism building.

SIU Speech Dept.
Offers New Service
To Area Residents

Speech correction and therapy are now being offered as a new service to the people of Southern Illinois by members of the speech department of Southern Illinois University.

A speech correction clinic was established last year as a result of these services to the people of the university. Its purpose was to help university students with speech problems. The services of the clinic are now being extended to the entire Southern Illinois area.

A children's clinic will be housed in the university's new training school building. Children from kindergarten through high school ages will receive help in overcoming speech defects at this clinic. Adults and university students will be treated in a separate clinic.

Dr. Anderson came to SIU this year from Ohio State University. While attending Ohio State, he was a clinical assistant and did therapy work in speech. He is especially interested in the training of the deaf and in speech problems of an organic nature.

Forty university students are now receiving help with speech problems in addition to the people from surrounding cities who are treated at the clinic. At the present time, lessons in voice improvement and articulation are being given in addition to the treatment which is administered to stutterers and cerebral palsy cases.

I: THE FUTURE, the clinic will treat organic speech defects such as cleft palate, laryngectomy, and aphasic conditions. Work with deaf persons is also in the future plans for the program.

Other plans for the future include the building of a traveling clinic. The clinic will tour Southern Illinois area.

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Sculpture Exhibition Closes This Afternoon

Today marks the closing of the sculpture exhibition by Adelia Mitchell Mills, which has been on display for the past two weeks in the Little Gallery, second floor of Old Main.

Mrs. Mills, an alumnus of SIU and a former resident of Carbonado, now resides in Memphis, Tenn. She has contributed a number of her interpretive figures carved from stone. Her guest of honor at a reception Monday night, Nov. 27, in the Little Gallery.

Places of sculpture on exhibit are a variety of materials, such as bronze, stone, and mahogany. A favorite at the show is "Jungle Queen," a piece 29 inches high, in bronze.

"Standing Figure," a carving in mahogany, is evidence of the skill and sensitivity in the cutting-away approach to sculpture.

In speaking of the difficulties the sculptor faces today, Mrs. Mills stressed the fact that modern society "does not encourage the artist to choose work in a field offering so many physical problems." She went on to speak of the problems of adequate work and storage space for equipment and materials, and the lack of sympathetic assistance by craftsmen, and the scarcity of complex facilities for casting.

TO DECORATE AG LOUNGE
Leon Mayer will head the Agricultural club winter term as a result of elections held Nov. 21.

Other winter term officers: Dave Cowan, vice-president; Robert Wieland, secretary; George Von Tangeron, treasurer; Leon Lubow, reporter; and Robert Aaron, sergeant-at-arms.

Plans for decorating and furnishing the lounge for all agriculture students were discussed. The decorating of the lounge, located in the south agar classroom at 1311 Thompson, will be financed by profits made on the recent all-schallon Harvest Dance.

It was announced at the meeting that plans are underway for the annual agriculture club banquet later this term.

All majors and minors are eligible to join the club which meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

SIU Offers Tour Of Gulf Coast

Southern students will have the opportunity of taking a university-sponsored trip to the Gulf Coast during the Christmas holidays.

This tour will also be open to persons not affiliated with the university, according to Dr. Floyd Cunningham, chairman of the department of geography and geology and director of university tours.

Points of interest during the trip will include Memphis, Tenn., Biloxi, Miss., and a cruise to Ship Island at Jackson, Miss. While in New Orleans, the tour members will visit the French Quarter and other show places of the city.

The tour will leave Carbonado on Dec. 26 and will return on Jan. 1. The group will travel on the streamliner, the "City of New Orleans."

Approximate cost of the tour will range from $315 to $415, depending upon the overnight accommodations desired. These rates include expenses for transportation, hotels and meals.

Persons interested in the tour should contact Dr. Cunningham at the university.

Over 2,600 Register For Winter Quarter By Wednesday Noon

Enrollment for winter term had reached 2,602 by Wednesday noon, according to university officials, but is expected to fall short of the expected total of 2,819 total figure of New Years.

Of those who entered registration is completed.

There is always a normal drop between fall and winter enrollment, a drop accentuated this year by the Korean war situation. Fall figures for this term will be announced later.

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 Holderness Hope to Get Hot in Cold Climate This Week

Lynn Holderness' quarterbacks devised their long wear underwear early this morning when the cold front moved in from the far north for games this week and with Central Michigan and Calvin Normal. Meeting the Central boys on Saturday night, the baskets will then journey to Topeka for a contest Monday evening.

BOTH EVENTS are conferencetils—the first two loop contests of the yet infant seasons. The Michigan squad proxies will get off to an early start by putting victories in these important meetings. Both teams however, are reputed to be tough competitors. Michigan Normal has

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ERNIE BOZARTH, SOUTHERN, prepares to shoot while his teammate, Hollopeter (No. 39) looks on. Note the strained expressions on the faces of the Louisiana players. Southern won the game, 68-67, in an overtime thriller.

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'Ehrren Touch' Adds to Maroons' Second Win

Against a brilliantly dressed, but otherwise unimpressive Cape Girardeau basketball team, the Southern Maroons romped to an easy 74-46 victory Wednesday night in the Men's gym. The solid addition of a "Herrnouch," namely Dick Henley, a sophomore transfer student. This boy is really rough under the boards, and has a pretty eye. He could come a long way this season, and be a real star. And there are a large number of younger players, Henley, Eaves, Miller, and more, who will be pushing the first stringers for their jobs.

This kind of competition adds for the making of a strong basketball club. And Bob Nickolaus, a boy who we

Cagers Eke Out 78-77 Victory in Opener

Upholding their basketball tradition, and keeping their home court victory record intact, the 1950-51 edition of Southern Illinois University basketball came from behind to score a fast-second, 78-77 overtime victory over the Southwestern Louisiana Lions last Saturday night in the Men's gym.

In the initial contest of the season, the Maroons of Lynn Holder showed flashes of the brilliance which brought them conference co-champions honors last year.

Trailng 56-54 at halftime, and 65-59 late in the final period, the Maroons fought to a 72-72 deadlock in the last 35 seconds. Dick Henley, former "B" squad member from last year, knotted the score with a long one-hander with less than a half minute remaining. This marker provided the ammunition to send the Maroons into the overtime period.

CAPTAIN TOM Milliken, who led the Southern scorers with 15 points, added the first bucket in the overtime. Henley sank a free throw for the Lions, but Horst and Hollopeter each got two pointers. With approximately 15 seconds remaining, the Maroons took the ball out of bounds and stalled out the remaining time.

S.E.L. Captain "Red" McElvey was high-point man for the night as he popped the cords for nine field goals and a free throw for 18 points. Milliken dropped in 15, and transfer student Hollopeter getting 12 and Bob Johnson, of Pinckneyville high fame, got 15.

Kahmann Korner with Jim Kahmann

Quite a bit of action has filled the odds and ends department since the last Korner. Illinois buried their bowl hopes in the snow, most of the football lettermen received "B's" in varsity football, and Southern has won its first basketball game of the season. We can't do too much about the first two odds, but we would like to make a comment or two on the latter.

After viewing the initial cager tilt of the season, most of the roundball fans had a very dark picture of SIU's conference chances. The general feeling was that the Maroon basketeteers have a long way to go before they stamp themselves as conference contenders. But, as usual, we have a different train of thought along these lines.

We'd like to go out on a limb and prophesy that this year's team will be no exception to the usual Holder powerhouses of the hardwood courts. For the first game, and without a great amount of preparation, and with three varsity men out of action via injuries, we feel that the roundball showing was fairly impressive.

Most of the fans don't take into consideration the fact that Bill Garrett, a potential 15 or 20 pointer in every game, didn't even play due to a sprained ankle. Then too, Dave Davis, a great defensive player, a ball hawk, and a pretty fair point-getter, was on the sidelines. And Bob Nickolaus, a boy who we thought looked like a real comer in pre-game workouts, has a fractured wrist, and wasn't able to see action. Take these three men like this off any ball club, and you're bound to see the difference.

Garrett may be a week or two in rounding back into shape, and Nickolaus will be out for a long time. But wait till Garrett and Davis are both in there, and then comment. It's true, all the teams in the BAC will be stronger this year, and Eastern may be practically unbeatable, but still we look for a good Southern showing.

We were particularly impressed by the play of Jerry Hollopeter, a sophomore transfer student. This boy is really rough under the boards, and has a pretty fair eye. He could come a long way this season, and be a real star. And there are a large number of younger players, Henley, Eaves, Miller, and more, who will be pushing the first stringers for their jobs.

This kind of competition adds for the making of a strong basketball club, and the kind of ball club we'll have in 1951. Bob Johnson, Hollopeter, Eckert, etc., will all improve to give Southern what we think will be a winning ball club. Wait and see.

No Formal Complaints . . .