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Marge Risley Chosen Miss Southern of 1951

Coronation At Dance
Climaxes SIU Festival

Marge Risley, a beautiful Southern coed from Dalh- gren, was officially crowned Miss Southern of 1951 last Sat- urday night at the Spring Festival dance, featuring the music of Woody Herman. Miss Risley, a resident of Carbondale, was made up the Miss Southern court. Other finalists were: Pat Taylor, Khanmade served as master of ceremonies at the dance.

Activity festivals started off Fri- day afternoon in the auditorium with the Miss Southern Coronation. Also at the assembly, Dr. Charles- D. Tenney officially presented the Southern Saluki flag to the student body. Friday evening, the vaude- ville show, "Southern Scandals," held forth. Some 15 acts combined to give this original presentation.

The weather couldn't have been better for the festival period, and Saturday's list of events proved to be the best of the entire series. A parade, consisting of two marching bands, the Miss Southern finalists in their finery, 20 floats, was held Saturday morn- ing through downtown Carbondale.

The doors of Woody Herman's orchestra were opened to the general public at the first assembly day, and a large crowd filled the amphitheater to hear the delightful presentation. The dance was a grand time, and the crowd was especially appreciative of Herman's new vocalist, a lovely girl of 21, Dolley Houston.

The last assembly of the festival, said the audience, could have been arranged to be held Saturday night. The first on the program was set up by a meeting of the planning commit- tee which is to be held tomorrow. The event for the conference will be held June 4. Also featured with Herman's band was a very beautiful vocalist, Dolly Hous- ton. Herman played a one-hour concert in the auditorium prior to the dance. The entire Miss Southern coronation was broadcast over a local radio station. Joe Harding handled the radio work, and Jim-

Assembly Launches
Campus WSSF Drive

George Cvikevic, a World Stu- dent Service Fund field worker who has had experience in Ger- many, of which went to the WSSF Spoke in an assembly yesterday which launched the World Student Service Fund drive on campus.

Office of the Personnel Deans and Miss Maxine Voge- ly, director of Auxiliary Hall, held a silver coffee hour for the benefit of the WSSF and in honor of George Cvikevic, speaker at the assembly, yes- terday prior to the assembly. All faculty members were in- vited to the coffee hour.

A second feature of the assem- bly was an all-school auction, the proceeds of which went to the highest bidders. The Phi Mu Alpha Muet was auctioned off as sing- ing worker to organized houses. Auctioned off as waitresses were Audrey Mayer, Margarette Wil- liams, Mary Jo Zomer and Vera- na Striger.

Other articles on the auction list were a cake from Sobey's Bakery, piano selections by Chuck White, and Georgia Greenwood, who re- cently won the title of Miss Car- bondale.

Money collected in the WSSF drive drive on campus will be turned to the National WSSF organization which will in turn give food, clothing, books, etc. to needy college students the world over.

Muller Named Chairman Of Library Department

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees recently, Dr. Robert H. Muller, director of the university libraries, was appointed acting chairman of the library services in the College of Education.

The department of library services is taking over a part of the teaching that was formerly under the college of education. The depart- ment's function will be to teach students in high school library work for students in Southern Illi- nois.

As the in past, the department of library services will only function during the summer. This summer...
Tain't Funny

All the world is thankful to the person who can create laughter. There is something about it which sweeps away anxiety, worry, jealousy, and even disgust.

Psychologists tell us there is an element of suddenness and unexpectedness in most laugh provoking situations.

Still another theory has it that disaster almost always lurks in the center of the comic situation. In World War II, it was Bill Mauldin who made the country laugh with the immorality of death.

For example, in one of his cartoons, for example, showed a medic lighting a match for all the world to see and remarking, "All right, fellows, I'm a non-combatant!"

It is also said that comedy is fundamentally a serious thing, in which the emotions must be engaged and in which there is no place, and there seems to be no doubt but that we laugh harder when misfortune comes to someone we do not like. The Saturday Evening Post in its series of Perfect Squelettes, has taken advantage of this fact by allowing people to laugh at the pompous fool getting told off with a few choice words.

The off-color joke and the dirty story represent another type of humor which seems to have almost universal appeal — probably because of the primitive instinct in us which can't bear to see the crude vulgarity.

We do not feel ourselves to be prudes, but we do feel there is somewhat of a difference between humor and raw vulgarity.

Although many of the skits in Friday evening's presentation of Southern Scandals were very well done, other organizations did not take the trouble to give the components which make a situation funny.

These skits had none of the elements of unexpectedness, pathos, or play on words which would have been enjoyable if we were not able to understand or appreciate them.

What Happened?

The sun was shining; the weather was perfect. So we can't blame the lack of organization and spirit during Spring Festival on the weather this year.

It couldn't be because there weren't enough committees working on the Festival, that's for sure. If, and this is sheer supposition, each student listed on every committee did a share of the work involved, the fault could not lie there.

Lack of publicity seemed to be a big factor. Aside from one large sign over the campus gate, some posters which appeared here and there a few days before the event, and some advertising with a loud speaker car, there was little publicity. Of course, the convertible car being rained out on the Saturday before upset the schedule, since we usually depend on that for publicity.

IT SEEMED TO BE: A combination of little things which made the Festival so much of a letdown. It began with the sketchy presentation of the Miss Southern contest on Friday. Inadequate stage lighting, especially the absence of spotlighting on the Saturday before upset the schedule, since we usually depend on that for publicity.

And then there was the dedication of the Southern flag. While admirable in itself, it seemed rather out of place at the Miss Southern contest. We listened to a short autobiographical sketch of the Scott Air Base officer's life, and a few jokes, but heard almost nothing pertaining to a flag dedicated to the memory of those who gave their lives in the world war. Perhaps a special assembly all its own would have been more suitable.

For the vaudeville show we will refer you to another editorial on this page. Enough said.

Some of the parade floats Saturday morning showed a refreshing spark of originality, but the parade as a whole, compared to similar parades, such as Homecoming, was short and rather bedraggled. The fact that Festival week coincided with high school band contest made it impossible for Southern Illinois high school bands to appear. We are not blaming any Festival committee for this in the least, but are merely saying that it was unfortunate that the conflict in dates occurred, since bands paid a parade considerably.

AS FOR THE CONCERT, we think that Herman was tops, a good selection by the dance committee, and one of the best concerts of that type ever presented here. However, it does seem that for this occasion there could have been a few traces of stage decorations—a frame or setting for the band, aside from the fancy racks, which belonged to Herman. The setup was practically the same as for Maroon band practice on Thursday evening.

And why no special stagelighting here, either? Some of us paid to see Herman as well as to hear him. When the house lights were dimmed, Herman, his vocalist, and the rest of the band, performed in semi-darkness, with no spotlight used at all. Perhaps it's a policy with Woody not to use spots—a don't know about that.

Yet it has been said to be the general theme at the Festival dance, too, with the first two finalists at the convention having to stumble up to the band stand in almost total darkness, before the lighting setup started functioning.

All in all, something seemed to be missing from Spring Festival this year besides the rain. We are not accusing any individual or group, but we think that a little more organization and forethought would have produced a much better Festival. V. M.

What's next?

Faculty member scheduled in last Friday's Egyptian by artist Bill Plater was Richard C. Kohler, instructor in industrial education. Student sketch was of Jean Dilliman, next year's Obelisk editor.

SIU Exposure

7 Volumes Missing

From Book Collection

By Harry Reinert

The reprint collection was established in the library on Oct. 24 last year, and since that date—a little more than six months—a total of 71 volumes have been stolen, with a replacement cost to the library of $37.85.

Last week we were given an invitation by several members of the library staff to come over for a little chat about missing books and mutilations. The results were appalling. The item mentioned above is just one fact of the world tale.

Southern's book thieves have varied interests—and some evident and some palpable. The list of books reported missing from the reprint shelves in the six-month period includes 12 different titles—range from three novels by Enikie Caldwell to a copy of John Calvin's "Institutes of the Christian Religion." On the Caldwell titles, incidentally, was "The Sure Hand of God."

Missing books on the sexy side include "Love Without Fear," two books on childhood and baby care, and two books containing the kinsey report. In the field of politics, copies of the "Communist Manifesto," and Mr. "Capital" disappeared, as well as histories of the United States, "Roosevelt and Hopkins," and books dealing with military history, uniforms, and Napoleon.

In the field of the arts, several volumes of Shakespeare, and a number of late novels have also been stolen.

This is only a smattering of what students steal. The reprint collection has been serving its purpose wonderfully—an average of 25 book orders are received each week. But if the cost of maintaining the collection continues to run so high, either a closer check of students leaving the shelves will have to be made, or else the collection will have to be removed.

Not much more need be said. It should seem self-evident that the collection should be preserved if at all possible. But a few sticky-fingers can completely destroy this valuable plan for the rest of the students.

This is not all of the talk. In the next column we shall tell what happens to more than $500 every year that could be spent for late fiction, but isn't.

Notable quote: The man who would steal a book would rob a bank.

SIU Course in First Aid

Saves Housewife's Life

Shortly after completing a first and course at Southern, a Carbonate housewife used what she had learned to save her own life.

Mrs. Rose Snyder, a member of the university's householder organization, accidentally dropped a milk bottle and cut the artery in her right leg. She immediately applied pressure on the femoral pressure point to control bleeding and applied a constricting pressure bandage to the wound as she was taught in the course.

Since Mrs. Snyder was unable to get a doctor immediately, she called Mrs. Ruth Rushing, a university nurse, who took her to the hospital for further care and treatment. Mrs. Snyder probably saved her life by knowing what to do promptly, Mrs. Rushing said.

FREEBURG SPEAKS AT SPRINGFIELD CONFERENCE

"Present Status of Camping in Illinois" was discussed by Dr. William H. Freeberg, assistant professor of men's physical education at Southern Illinois University, at the Illinois Camping conference, Saturday in Springfield. The conference was sponsored by the American Camping Association.

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Applications must be made to the Office of the Dean of Women not later than May 7.

GAMMA DELTA SENDS DELEGATES TO MEETING

Gamma Delta, Lutheran student organization, sent three representatives to the Midwestern Convention of the organization at Rolla, Missouri, last week-end.

New officers of Gamma Delta are as follows: Erwin Brickman, president; Victor Oberheu, vice-president; Jean Walls, secretary; Bill Neuwinger, treasurer; and Irma Strelow, reporter.

Another course to be offered by Dr. Harlan which will be of interest to graduate students is a seminar in social psychology. Sociology 565, a four-quarter hour course devoted to an examination of the most recent trends and research developments in the field of social psychology, with special attention to theories of human nature and the development of personality.

Career Day Idea Was Dean Shuman’s

Dean of Women Helen A. Shuman, who died last week while on leave of absence from Southern, deserves credit for originating the ideas of holding a Hospitality Week-end and a Career Day, according to Leah Farr, acting dean of women.

Dean Shuman’s idea for a Career Day was developed just this year when Southern held its first Career Conference. Tentative plans are to make the Career Conference an annual affair.

While here at Southern, Dean Shuman’s main objective was to build an outstanding personnel program. Her greatest concern was the welfare of individual students.

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Music Festival Will Be Held at SIU May 12

School children from the fifth grade through high school will join with SIU groups and musicians throughout the area to present the second annual all-Southern Illinois Music Festival here May 12. Directed by Floyd V. Wakeland, associate professor of music, the program will be held in McAndrew Stadium.

An elementary chorus and band, consisting of top performers from grade schools, combined high school bands and choruses, and the Southern Illinois Symphony orchestras are slated to participate in the festival.

MADRIGAL SINGERS from several schools will combine to present a group of numbers. An interpretative dance and a folk dance will be performed by members of the university women’s physical education department.

Outstanding musicians of Southern Illinois will be honored at the festival. Miss Helen Spann, star of television, concert, and radio, will be the featured soloist.

All jewelry that was ordered before Feb. 10, 1951, by seniors, has arrived at Higgins Jewelry Co., 114 N. Illinois Ave., Carbondale, according to Paka Nordmeyer, senior class president.

Asbestos, a good insulator and fireproof, is being used extensively in the new buildings of the university. It is being used in the Student Christian Association building, the new women’s residence hall, the new gymnasium, and several other buildings.

In Waterville, Maine, there is always a friendly gathering of Colby College students at the Colby Inn. And, as in college campus haunts everywhere, ice-cold Coca-Cola helps make these get-togethers something to remember. As a refreshing pause from the study grind, or when the gang gathers around—Coke belongs.
Tracksters Lose Big Meet to Eastern State

For the first time in the history of Southern track; the Eastern Panthers defeated the Southern Maroons on local cinders. The score was 70-60. The Linglemen, plagued by low grades, just couldn't keep up with the visitors.

The Maroons placed seven first places, six second spots and eight third places. Alexander clipped off the high hurdles in 16.3 seconds, the centurion romp with a very slow to win that event. Barber had seven points. Barber won the discus throw with a win of 200 yards, 13.3 seconds. Schmulbach won the javelin, first in the high jump, first in the shot put, first in the pole vault, and in the discus. Alexander took the broad jump.

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Normal's Shut-Out SIU Netters, 6-0

Normal's high-flying Redbirds romped to a shut-out victory over Southern's netters last Saturday at Bloomington, when they won every match of a six match meet, 6-0. The seventh match, the No. 2 doubles, was called on account of rain.

Southern's Omar Winters, Jack Norman, Stan Cooper, Bob Binar, and Jim Solliday went down to defeat in the singles. Then Winters and Cooper bowed in the No. 1 doubles to make the victory complete for Normal.

However, SIU injuries entered into the picture. Even Winters and Bob Pisark had been bitten with a bad back and wasn't able to give the IJC champion, Bob Pisark, much of a battle. Several times he was called on account of time.

Both Schmulbach and West were called on second basemen. Jim McGraw's error to Bob Em's ground ball, Don Campbell ended the inning by fielding the first baseman.

The Maroons got off to a 1-0 lead in the third inning. Pitcher Darrell Thompson was safe on a hit, but was covered by an error in basemen and was out.

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Baseball Team Splits Panther Doubleheader

By Don Duffy

Three unearned runs gave Southern a 5-4 victory in Friday's game, the opener of a two game series against Eastern Illinois State. This was the second victory for the Martinville team.

The Maroons jumped off to a two run lead in the first inning on one hit and two in field errors. Custer Fielder Jim Schmidt lined the ball across the plate. Edgar Johnson, the catcher for the first out. Jerry West was up and tore the No. 2 singles. Chuck Valier was safe on an error by the Eastern pitcher. Joe Jones grounded out, pitcher to first to move the runners to second and third. Both Schmulbach and West were called on second basemen. Jim McGraw's error on Bob Em's ground ball, Don Campbell ended the inning by fielding the first baseman.

Eastern came back to tie the score in their half of the inning. McMullen led off with a single, which was caught off the center field fence. After McMullen flied out, Bob Ems grounded to second doubled. Thurman issued successive passes to drive 3 home runs. Both teams were held to one hit apiece until Southern scored 4 runs to break the game wide open, with an Eastern error again figuring in the scoring. Ed Coleman reached first on a single through the middle, which was caught off the left field fence. A walk to West put runners on first and second in the fifth, with one out. Baker Em was hit by a pitch ball to drive 3 home runs. Darrell Thompson was safe on a fly to left field.

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