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At its meeting of July 12, 1955, the Board of Trustees decided that a statement of the objectives of Southern Illinois University should be drawn up and placed in the General Library. A committee consisting of Mr. Aubrey J. Holmes ('34), representing the Alumni; Honorable Vernon L. Nickell, representing the Trustees; and Professor Charles D. Tenney, representing the University staff, was named to prepare the statement. At its March 8, 1956, meeting the Board of Trustees approved the statement of objectives as you see it on the inside of this folder. In the library, it appears in metal letters, porcelain filled, on a background of gray Southern Illinois marble.
Objectives
OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

TO EXALT BEAUTY
IN GOD,
IN NATURE,
AND IN ART;
TEACHING HOW TO LOVE THE BEST
BUT TO KEEP THE HUMAN TOUCH;

TO ADVANCE LEARNING
IN ALL LINES OF TRUTH
WHEREVER THEY MAY LEAD,
SHOWING HOW TO THINK
RATHER THAN WHAT TO THINK;
ASSISTING THE POWERS
OF THE MIND
IN THEIR SELF-DEVELOPMENT;

TO FORWARD IDEAS
AND IDEALS
IN OUR DEMOCRACY,
INSPIRING RESPECT FOR OTHERS
AS FOR OURSELVES;
EVER PROMOTING FREEDOM
WITH RESPONSIBILITY;

TO BECOME A CENTER OF
ORDER AND LIGHT
THAT KNOWLEDGE MAY LEAD
TO UNDERSTANDING,
AND UNDERSTANDING
TO WISDOM.
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President

DELYTE WESLEY MORRIS

extends a welcome and an invitation:

"All of us at the University are pleased to welcome our friends throughout the state, nation and world. It is a privilege to have you on the campus and to share with you our plans for higher education based on these objectives.

"We invite you to join us in our efforts to achieve these objectives. Your ideas, suggestions and constructive criticism are earnestly solicited as we work together. These are the ideals we seek in pursuit of excellence in education."

THE PHOTOGRAPHER

Reinhard Rutenbeck, 26, Schalksmuehl, Westphalia, western West Germany, was graduated from Hamburg University in the spring of 1958 with a degree in Business. In the fall he came to Southern Illinois University as a Fulbright exchange student and served as an assistant in the Department of Foreign Languages. Some of the photographs illustrating the University Objectives were made as an assignment in a course in portrait photography. The other pictures followed as he sought to symbolize university learning and living in Carbondale and to express his appreciation for a year in the United States.