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What Do I Recall- Memories of SIUE-June 17, 1969 –

Rudolph G. Wilson

: Recruited by John Rend leman and W. Dean Wiley to become a lecturer/professor at SIUE in the Secondary Education Department

Helped to develop the Microteaching Laboratory- a cutting edge facility to provide prospective teachers to be video tapped while teaching lessons to a audience made up of student workers and later on East. St. Louis Upward Bound Students as a result of the longest teacher strike in East St. Louis/

with support from the President, Don Keefe and I developed a graduate assistant training model to ensure graduate students had teaching competencies.

This program, even though successful, was rejected by faculty who felt graduate assistants were obtaining skills they did not have.

Edwardsville High School students were offended that a white student escorted a black woman to the Senior Prom. The community became divided on this issue. I was asked to intervene . Windows to my apartment were shattered.

The racial climate in the St. Louis metropolitan area prevented me from obtaining an apartment in the Black Jack Sub-division.

Welcome Wagon volunteers reminded African American faculty that some of the benefits would not be given to them. I was told that if I had young children who needed babysitting, no white person would do this task

Other gifts that should have been given to new faculty were not given to African American faculty'

As a member of the Episcopal Church, some parishioners refused to celebrate the Eucharist with me. Other parishioners wished me well and treated me with dignity and respect.

As a supervisor of student teachers, I was told that I would only be allowed in certain parts of the school buildings where and one school district would not accept me a university supervisor , President Rend leman notified that particular school district that no student teachers from SIUE would be allowed to student teach in that school district

To hopefully retain the African American faculty, Dr. Emil Jason, one of the major recruiters for bringing African American faculty to SIUE, asked me to help him in providing social gathering of the faculty and their families.

SIUE's Experiment in Higher Education, a program in SIUE East St. Louis Campus prepared African American students for upper level admission to SIUE. Mitchell Boyd, Art Grist, Emil Jason, Johnetta Haley, Willie Epps were the directors of this program.

Under the leadership of President Earl Lazerson, and Provost Teters, the EHE program was dissolved. Some of the faculty was transfereed to the SIUE campus; some were dismissed, and some were given creative retirement benefits

Dr. Earl Lazerson developed the SIP- supplementary Instruction Program for ^{NO} marginalized minorities and SESS, a organization the allowed African American to publish articles, develop nation-wide conferences that focused on Black American

For three years I developed and received funding for a program entitled, "Resiliency: A program to promote student success through University faculty and Public School Teachers Partnerships

With other faculty in the School of Education, participated as a trainer in the Administrator's Academy in which faculty from SIUE and Administrators from area schools became partners who helped administrators to become more efficient and knowledge about nuances of educational leadership..

Awards

The Great Teacher Award
The Teaching Excellence Award
The Hudlin Humanitarian Award
The St. Louis American- Outstanding Teacher Award
The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award
The Kimmel Leadership Award
Administrative Duties

President of the Black Educators

President of SIUE Faculty Senate

Director- Mentoring for Academic Success

Co Director—Lansdowne Jr. High Urban Academy.

Chairman- Piasa Health Care

President- Edwardsville Senior Citizens

Board Member, River Bluffs Girl Scout Council.

Chairperson, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, SIUE

Assistant Director, East St. Louis Resiliency Academy

Assistant Provost for Cultural and Social Diversity, SIUE

Chairperson, Welfare Council, Faculty Senate

Black Studies Advisor, SIUE

SIUE Search Committees

Chancellor Search Committee- Buzz Shaw

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs- Nobby Emmanuel

Headstart Director, SIUE, East St. Louis

experiences in predominately white institutors, and to provide networking with minority faculty across all discipline..

The Goshen Oaks, a social club for African American males in Edwardsville was created
Winston Brown, the first African American teacher in the intergraded Edwardsville
schools, Art Grist, Director of the East St. Louis Center, and professor in the department
of Kinesiology, SIUE, Emil Jason, Associate Provost for Minority Recruitment and
President of SESS, Rudy Wilson, assistant professor, school board member, Roy
Peterson, Associate Dean of SIUE's graduate school, and other African American leaders
in Edwardsville, This organization was vital to the African American Community. In
addition to having family gatherings, parties, this organization provided programs for the
African American youth in Edwardsville.

SIUE's Response to the Viet Nam War

L. Humphries, SIUE Sociology professor leads a group of student to the Edwardsville Post Office. A Student pulls a picture of President Johnson off the wall
Citizens from the community threaten SIUE students. President Rendleman responds with valor and ask all faculty and staff to protect out students.
Students can elect to be dropped from their classes during this crisis with no penalties.
Many students elected to complete the semester
A Morale Booster- The Streakers
Nude students would streak in classrooms causing much laughter and some healing
Mississippi River Festival- If You Can Smell It, Please Come!
The festival brings thousands of participants to SIUE

Headlines read, The First Negro elected to the School Board and first elected Negro
Official in Madison County (Edwardsville Intelligencer) Rudolph G. Wilson
In addition to serving on the Edwardsville, District #7 School board (17 years), I and
Kay Kendal were the first board members of the Edwardsville Senior Citizens. Also, I
was president of the Piasa Health Care, a Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Intervention, and
Treatment facility, board member for the Riverbend Girl Scouts, and many other
programs.

I was named the Paul Harris Rotary Fellow and the Madison County Judicial Authority as an outstanding citizen.

I became a member of the Teaching Learning Centers, a program that brought potential teachers to area schools for practice teaching, pedagogy courses, and partnerships.

I wrote a proposal entitled "Mentoring for Academic Success" a program earmarked for African American Males at SIUE. The purpose of the program was to increase the graduation rate for Black Males @SIUE