The Special Collections Research Center has digitized a collection of article and images from the *Daily Egyptian* about the history of minority campus populations.

**A Tradition of Access**

Decades before other public universities gave special attention to minorities, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale already had a tradition of access. From the beginning, we opened our doors to all students, no matter what race or ethnic origin. That tradition continues through our scores of programs for recruiting and
retaining minority students, our high percent of minority enrollment, and our selection of minority faculty and staff members for important administrative positions. The purpose of this project is to document SIU’s historical commitment to diversity. View the Online Collection. [2]

**Highlighting Diversity in Student News**

In 2006, Dr. Seymour Bryson, Associate Chancellor for Diversity teamed up with Leah Broaddus, Archivist in the Special Collections Research Center of Morris Library and undergraduate student, Brandon Smith, to begin a project to identify articles in the *Daily Egyptian* student newspaper relating to SIU's historic minority campus populations. This ongoing project entails surveying microfilm, locating and scanning relevant articles, and creating searchable transcripts for Web access. Currently, the database spans the years 1930-1960.

From its conception in the late 1800's, the *Daily Egyptian*, preserved on microfilm in the Morris Library Special Collections Research Center, contains a wealth of information about early student life. These early articles and images from the *Daily Egyptian* newspaper have never before been search-accessible online.


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