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*To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville*

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MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM: John S. Rendleman

At this season when it is traditional in our nation to celebrate with gratitude for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us, I would hope that we can all join together in this spirit. Over the past year we have seen periods of some anxiety here. Looking down the road, there may be moments that will not be smooth or easy. But the thing to keep uppermost in our minds is the dynamic spirit that led to our strength and growth here at Edwardsville over the past ten years. At the toughest moments, we were able to gather our forces with courage and generosity of spirit. What has been accomplished is ample reason for the tremendous gratitude I feel in my heart to everyone who has contributed in his own special way.

At this particular moment, I am happy to say that I feel a special kind of gratitude. With the help of the Lord and the advanced state of medical science, I have been able to keep active and to discharge the duties of my position at the University. Because of the many messages of support and good wishes that I have received from my confreres here, I have been able to draw on a well-spring of inspiration that has meant a great deal to me. For this I want to express my heartfelt thanks to you all. From my family and myself, I offer you our best wishes for a happy, hearty Thanksgiving holiday.