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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: C. "Scully" Stikes, Vice-President for Student Affairs

SUBJECT: Student Affairs Reorganization

The Office of The Vice-President for Student Affairs at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has been reorganized into three basic functional and service areas:

Educational and Student Services, under the direction of Warren Brown, assistant vice-president and dean of students, including New Student Orientation; Student Development Services; Health Services; Placement; and Student Work and Financial Assistance;

University Community and Minority Affairs, under the direction of Jessellyn Saffold, assistant to the vice-president, including Student Activities; Housing; Foreign Students; and Black Students; and

Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation, under the direction of Eldon Bigham, assistant to the vice-president, including Men's Intercollegiate Athletics; Women's Intercollegiate Athletics; and Recreational Programs.

All of these functions and services are interrelated, and collectively, they comprise an educational thrust to complement the traditional academic process.

Student Affairs is concerned with the persons, organizations, and issues in the total environment that affect the general welfare and positive development of students from the time they are recruited until they find their place after leaving the University.

Staff personnel in the area of Educational and Student Services assist in the recruitment and admissions process, orient students to the classroom experience, explain the role of student services, familiarize students with the various organizations on campus, and assist generally in preparing students for successful college experiences.

Through the Placement Office, career development services are offered to familiarize students with the options available when they leave the University, the relationship of majors to various careers, and the changing labor force.

Student Development Services promotes general mental development, assisting students in getting appropriate advice relative to their personal and academic problems.

Financial concerns are central and dominant to the education of students today, and the mission of the Student Work and Financial Assistance Office is to help students with these matters.

The mission of University Health Services may appear obvious, but of equal importance to its remedial function is the unit's educational role in teaching students how to maintain their health, enabling them to participate to the fullest in other services and classroom experiences.

The persons who work in the University Community and Minority Affairs area are concerned with promoting community development, inter-group relations, inter-cultural programming, human relations skills, and the prevention and resolution of conflict in an educational setting. They are also concerned with educational consulting with faculty, student organizations, and others to promote a viable environment.

The Student Activities unit assists student government, fraternities and sororities, and other organizations to program effectively for their constituencies. A major constituency on campus is foreign students, and through the Foreign Student Advisor's Office, the educational and social/cultural issues facing this group are considered. Black students are another major constituency, and the persons primarily responsible for black student advising and the development of social/cultural programs relative to the black experience are located in the Student Affairs Office.

Promoting and generating the kind of psychological climate that encourages an educational atmosphere is also vital in the residential community, and it is to this end that the Housing Office provides for the physical and social needs of residents.

The Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation area seeks to promote through sports and recreational activities a union of educational development and personal/social growth. This area is concerned with competitive intercollegiate athletics for both men and women, and it is concerned with creating programs that teach students how to more effectively use their leisure time. It provides a necessary component to the total university community development, and it also provides a means through which students, faculty and the community can effectively identify with Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville as an outstanding institution.

A student's tenure at this University can be positively supported through the various services offered in Student Affairs. Questions and participation are encouraged.