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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

*Announcements*

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MEMO TO: The University Community  
FROM: Kenneth A. Shaw *KAS*  
SUBJECT: Appointment of Earl E. Lazerson as Vice-President and Provost

I am happy to announce that Earl E. Lazerson has accepted appointment as Vice-President and Provost at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He will assume his duties immediately, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

The University community is well acquainted with Mr. Lazerson, who joined the faculty as an associate professor of mathematics in 1969. He was named chairman of the department of mathematics in 1972 and was promoted to professor and appointed dean of the School of Science and Technology in 1973.

Mr. Lazerson was named acting vice-president and provost on March 17, 1976 after Andrew J. Kochman was named acting president following the death of President John S. Rendleman on March 4, 1976.

Before his association with SIUE, Mr. Lazerson served on the faculties of Washington University, Brandeis University and the University of Michigan. He is a former researcher for the Institute for Defense Analyses in Princeton, N.J. and has participated in numerous projects and research activities in his field of specialization.

Mr. Lazerson is a native of Detroit and earned his bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University and a master of arts from the University of Michigan. He is a former Fulbright Scholar at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, and his studies and research have been the basis for many advanced publications and papers in mathematics.

It is with deep appreciation that I express thanks to the Search Committee for Vice-President and Provost for a job well done. After receiving more than 200 applications and nominations for the position, the Committee carefully screened 13 of the top-ranked candidates for interviews at the St. Louis Airport, and 5 candidates were selected for on-campus visits. Ultimately, three finalists were recommended for my consideration.

Speaking for the entire University community, I want the Committee to know it deserves the highest commendation for its professionalism and objectivity. The members gave diligently and tirelessly of their time and talents in arriving at their final recommendations.

With the appointments of vice-presidents now completed, I am looking forward with renewed vigor and enthusiasm as we strive together to make Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville the best of its kind. The response of the University community has been extremely gratifying, and I know that despite challenges and set-backs beyond our control, our goal is within reach. Thanks to everyone who is helping make our dream come true.