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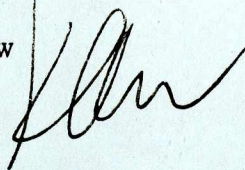
To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM: Kenneth A. Shaw

SUBJECT: Commencement



In recent years, the number of graduates taking part in the commencement ceremonies has been about one-half of those eligible to participate. This may be due in large part to the fact that diplomas are prepared and mailed to students after the quarter in which they complete their degree requirements. We have found that many students who complete their requirements in December or March do not choose to attend the June ceremony.

Accordingly, during the Spring of 1977, administrative and constituency group reviews of the commencement situation were requested. These reviews culminated in University Senate action on April 8, 1977--as follows:

"The University Senate recommends that August Commencement be eliminated and that students within one quarter of graduation be allowed to take part in commencement ceremonies the previous June."

I subsequently approved this Senate recommendation.

Therefore, the 1978 Commencement will be held on Friday, June 9. Students completing degree requirements during the Summer of 1978 will receive their diplomas by mail, and may participate in the June 9, 1978 Commencement if they so desire.