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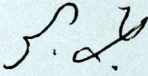
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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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MEMO TO: The University Community
FROM: Earl Lazerson 
SUBJECT: NCAA Division I Championship

In the true spirit of the season, the soccer Cougars of SIUE have presented the University community with the finest present it was in their power to give--the NCAA Division I Championship. I am sure I speak for everyone at SIUE in extending our heartiest congratulations to all who were involved in this superb success.

Soccer is a game that demands stamina, determination, style and grace. The path to the Championship is long, hard and challenging. From the outset of the season, the Cougars had to overcome trying circumstances. It is surely fair to say that lesser spirits would not have been up to the task.

Under the dedicated leadership of Coach Bob Guelker and with the able assistance of Assistant Coach Rick Benben, the Cougars improved with every game. Along the way many records were broken and numerous outstanding performances delighted the faithful fans who supported the team so well. The final triumph brings the University an accolade of which we can be proud. The Cougars stayed the course in a way that serves as an inspiration to all.

Our congratulations to everyone who contributed to this signal moment in the history of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.