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To the Faculty, Staff and Students of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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MEMO TO: SIUE Community  
FROM: David Werner   
SUBJECT: Names for SIUE Buildings and Facilities

As we conclude the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of SIUE with the end of the '97-'98 academic year, it is appropriate to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to SIUE by continuing our designation of University facilities. Consequently, after consultation with the University Planning and Budget Council, I have recommended to President Sanders the naming of several SIUE buildings and the renaming of the Quadrangle. He has accepted my recommendations and will present them to the Board of Trustees for its approval in June.

## University Center

The University Center will be formally named the **Delyte W. Morris University Center**.

Delyte W. Morris, more than any single individual, is responsible for the existence of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He recognized the need for higher education in southwestern Illinois, and responded to that need with a vision that became reality on our 2,660-acre campus. The architectural integrity of the campus—the lakes, the paths, the forests—are testimony to his conception of what a university campus should be. By naming the University Center, the building shared by all members of the community, in honor of Delyte W. Morris, SIUE recognizes his role in its history as the University prepares to celebrate the 50th anniversary of his appointment as president.

## Quadrangle

University policy prohibits naming more than one physical facility in honor of the same individual with the exception of presidents and statesmen of the United States. Accordingly, at the time the University Center is named for Delyte W. Morris, his name will be removed from the Quadrangle and bike path to conform with the policy.

The Quadrangle, currently named for Delyte Morris, will be renamed the **William J. Stratton Quadrangle**. William J. Stratton, the thirty-fourth Governor of Illinois, served from 1953 to 1961. During his term, higher education enjoyed a period of growth without precedent in the history of the state. In June 1960, Governor Stratton was the speaker at the first commencement ceremony held on the Edwardsville campus site. He used this opportunity to inaugurate his personal campaign for passage of the \$195 million bond issue to expand higher education in Illinois, which included construction of the Edwardsville campus. Funding for the SIUE campus was made possible by his leadership in securing approval of the bonds necessary for its construction. SIUE proposes to recognize Governor Stratton's contribution to its development by naming the Quadrangle in his honor. This is particularly appropriate since it lies at the center of the buildings constructed as a result of his efforts.

### **Communications Building**

The Communications Building will be designated **Katherine Dunham Hall**.

Ms. Katherine Dunham, University Professor Emeritus, is world renowned for her contributions to dance. From the late 1960's until her retirement in 1982, she served the University as head of the Performing Arts Training Center at SIUE's East St. Louis Center. By naming the Communications Building in her honor, SIUE recognizes her contribution and service to the University, the region, and the arts.

The University named the Performing Arts Training Center for Ms. Dunham after her retirement. In view of the policy referenced above, Ms. Dunham's name will be removed from the Performing Arts Training Center when the Communications Building is renamed. This change will have the additional benefit of eliminating the confusion between the SIUE East St. Louis Center facility and the Katherine Dunham Museum, which is also located in East St. Louis.

### **SIUE Stadium**

The SIUE stadium will be named the **Ralph F. Korte Stadium**.

Ralph F. Korte, a 1968 SIUE alumnus, is an ardent supporter of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and credits his success to the availability of quality educational programs at SIUE. Mr. Korte has given generously of his time to various University and Foundation boards, committees, and projects, including the creation of the construction program within the School of Engineering.

To host the US Olympic Festival '94 track and field and soccer events, SIUE needed a new facility. Mr. Korte accepted leadership for the fundraising committee and gave unselfishly of his time and talents. He helped forge the successful public/private partnership by personally working with legislators and state officials and then soliciting community leaders in the greater St. Louis region to match his support of this project. His efforts led to the construction of a stadium and track that is a premier facility of its kind in the nation, and has become a sought-after venue for high school, collegiate, national amateur, and international athletic events.

(Note: The soccer field inside the stadium will continue to be named in honor of Robert Guelker, soccer coach from 1967 to 1986.)

As SIUE now moves toward its 50<sup>th</sup> year and enters the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is positioned to approach these milestones with enthusiasm and optimism. The individuals who have been honored by the actions described above are only a few who have made their mark on SIUE. They serve as models of the commitment and dedication that has forged this great institution.