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MEMO TO: University Community
FROM: David Wemer
SUBJECT: Founders' Day

The 1998-99 academic year marks the 50th anniversary of the inauguration of Delyte Morris as president of Southern Illinois University. In his 22 years at SIU, Morris built upon a rich, early history of an institution located in one of the poorest and most rural regions of Illinois. With the establishment of the Edwardsville campus, Morris also oversaw the expansion of the University into the second most populous region of Illinois.

A number of events and activities are scheduled throughout the year to recognize the contributions of President Morris to the University, the region and the state.

The first of these events will be Founders' Day on Thursday, October 15, in which we will honor the efforts of the community members, early employees, politicians, land owners and many others who helped bring SIUE into existence.

Here is the schedule of events for Founders' Day:

11:00 a.m. Delyte Morris Tree dedication
            Donal G. Myer Arboretum

11:45 a.m. Student reception
            Goshen Lounge
            Morris University Center

2:00 p.m. Founders' Day ceremony and reception
            Meridian Ballroom
            Morris University Center

The Founders' Day ceremony also will include the dedication of the Delyte W. Morris University Center, the William G. Stratton Quadrangle, and Founders Hall.

I look forward to seeing you at this special celebration.