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To the Faculty and Staff of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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President John S. Rendleman was pronounced dead at 10 a.m. today at St. Joseph's Hospital in Highland. A victim of cancer, he had been a patient at the hospital since Feb. 19.

The president's body was taken to St. Louis for cremation, and his ashes will be buried in Murphysboro beside the remains of his mother, Jean Rendleman, who died in 1966. Interment will be private.

SIUE Vice-President and Provost Andrew J. Kochman has announced classes will be cancelled all day Tuesday and offices will be closed except for necessary and emergency services. A University memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. in Meridian Hall of the University Center. Participants in the service will include the campus ministers, the University Concert Chorale, and Vice-President Kochman, who will deliver a eulogy.

The president's career with SIU spanned nearly a quarter-century, beginning with his appointment as an assistant professor of government and acting legal counsel at SIU-Carbondale in 1951. He was named chancellor of the Edwardsville campus in 1968 and president in 1971 when the campus became an autonomous university.

Vice-President Kochman has directed the lowering of the United States and State of Illinois flags on campus to half-staff for a seven-day period as a public display of respect and mourning for the president.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the John S. Rendleman Memorial Endowment Fund, which friends and family have established in the SIU Foundation at Edwardsville.

The president's survivors include his wife, Lenora; five children, Charles Matthew of Carbondale, Jean Farrin, a student at SIUE, and John S., Mary Elizabeth and David Scott, all at home; his father, Ford L. Rendleman of Anna; a brother, Dr. David Rendleman of Carbondale; and a sister, Mrs. Mary Jo Bankoff of Atlanta.
