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

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MEMO TO: The University Community
FROM: Earl Lazerson *E. Lazerson*
SUBJECT: Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Observance

The celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Day at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will take place on Monday, January 14, 1985.

The Reverend Dr. King was born January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. The contributions of this leader in the fields of civil and human rights will be honored in an address, a symposium, and artistic presentations, based on the theme, "Realizing the Dream." The entire University community is urged to participate as fully as possible in this public tribute commemorating the birthday of the late Nobel Peace Laureate.

The keynote address will be delivered by State Senator Richard H. Newhouse of Chicago (Democrat, 13th District). Senator Newhouse, an attorney, has held office since 1966. During his tenure as a legislator, he has gained a reputation as one of the principal advocates for reform and amelioration in social welfare and justice. He will speak at a public convocation in the Conference Center of the University Center at 3 p.m. Classes will be dismissed from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. to permit students and faculty to attend the convocation. When circumstances permit, supervisors may adjust work schedules so that others within the University community may attend if they wish to do so.

The Martin Luther King, Jr. observance will commence with the presentation of three scholarly papers dealing with his life and work, at a morning symposium from 10:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. in the Conference Center. Speakers and their topics will be:

Charles Joyner, professor of history, University of South Carolina, "Hagar Brown and the Peculiar Institution";

Lorenzo Greene, professor emeritus, Lincoln University, "The Lloyd Gaines and Other Landmark Cases in Missouri"; and

Billy Jones, judge of the 20th Judicial Circuit in Illinois (retired), "Desegregation--Illinois Schools and Other Facilities."

"This Troubled Hour: on Trial" is the title of the presentation by the Katherine Dunham Center for the Performing Arts dancers and the Unity Ensemble; it will highlight the luncheon from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in Meridian Ballroom in the University Center.

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Winners of the essay and poem contest will be announced, and musical selections by the SIUE Concert Chorale will be sung at the afternoon convocation. University officers and representatives of the clergy in the region will also participate in the programs throughout the day.

The birthday observance will conclude with a reception from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Goshen Lounge in the University Center. Johnetta Haley, director of the East St. Louis Center of SIUE, is general chairperson of the King Birthday Observance Committee.