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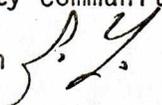
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To the Faculty, Staff and Students of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville

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MEMO TO: The University Community
FROM: Earl Lazerson 
SUBJECT: Accreditation Visit

One week from today, an eight-member evaluation team appointed by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools will begin a three-day visit to the University. During that period, Monday, April 7, through Wednesday, April 9, the team will take the opportunity to visit with many members of the University community.

A Manual for the Evaluation Visit, published by the NCA, states:

"The role of the visiting team is . . . to evaluate the institution to determine whether it fulfills the Criteria for Accreditation, and to recommend on the basis of that evaluation that accreditation be continued or denied. . . . In conjunction with its evaluation and recommendation, the visiting team offers any advice and suggestions that its members believe may help the institution to improve its effectiveness.

"The visiting team . . . is asked to exercise its collective judgment to assess an institution's clarity of purpose, organization of resources, educational effectiveness, and ability to continue to function. The team begins with the institution's own stated mission and purposes as a postsecondary educational institution and evaluates how that mission and those purposes are being realized."

University Self-Study, in which more than 350 members of the University community have participated, has produced a Final Report which makes a strong, objective case for reaccreditation. Moreover, as I suggested in my address to the University in January, I find a renewed sense of mission among my colleagues, a spirit of collegial dedication that bodes well for our continued ability to solve present problems and address emerging challenges. That sense of mission and that spirit testify to our vitality as an institution.

Copies of the Final Report of University Self-Study are located in each dean's office and in Lovejoy Library. If you have not already done so, you may wish to familiarize yourself with the report. Finally, if you have the opportunity, please help to make members of the visiting team welcome and assist them in any way that you can.