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# BULLETIN

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

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MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM: Nancy Belck *Nancy Belck*

SUBJECT: Appointment of Vice President for Administration

It is a pleasure to announce the appointment of Kenneth Neher to the office of Vice President for Administration, effective August 1, 1994. The appointment has been approved by the Chancellor and is subject to ratification by the Board of Trustees. Mr. Neher will succeed Brian Donnelly, Executive Director of University Park, who has served as acting Vice President for Administration since January 18. The University deeply appreciates Mr. Donnelly's commitment and services to SIUE.

Mr. Neher is an Air Force officer with 27 years of experience in leadership positions. His background that relates directly to the University's needs is impressive. He has a wealth of experience in complex organizations dealing with areas similar to those in the vice president's job responsibility. We are very fortunate to attract a leader with his qualifications and demonstrated abilities as a team player and consensus builder.

Mr. Neher has most recently been chief of staff of the headquarters unit at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base near Tucson, with about 700 employees supporting field units and 70,000 personnel. He formerly served as base commander of Hahn Air Force Base in Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany, the second largest Air Force installation in Europe. In that position, he was in charge of administrative services, information management, physical plant operations and maintenance, capital improvements, food programs, residence halls, law enforcement and security, human resources, recreation programs, social services, emergency services, and others.

In another assignment in Europe, Mr. Neher was chief operating officer of a military, retail business providing food service, hotels, recreation programs, child and youth development programs, and mortuary affairs programs for all Air force installations in Europe. The business had gross revenues of \$214 million and supported approximately 200,000 persons in more than 10 countries.

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At SIUE, Mr. Neher will be responsible for five major units in addition to the administrative functions of his functional area: Human Resources, Financial Affairs, Information Technology, Environmental Safety and Security, and Facilities Management.

Mr. Neher is leaving the Air Force with the rank of Colonel. He is a graduate of Michigan State University and completed a master's degree in human resources management at the University of Utah in 1975. He and his wife, Mary, are planning to relocate to the Edwardsville area in early August. They have three sons, Ryan, 23; Brady, 20; and Chris, 9.

I look forward to working with Mr. Neher as we continue to pursue excellence at the University.