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BULLETIN

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

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MEMO TO: University Community

FROM: Nancy Belck

SUBJECT: Actions by SIU Board of Trustees

At its meeting today, the University Board of Trustees granted project and budget approval for the construction of an additional 506-person residence hall, and for the continued renovation of Tower Lake Apartments. The project requires approval by the Illinois Board of Higher Education as a non-instructional capital improvement. That approval is expected at the IBHE's meeting on September 3.

The new residence hall will be located just south of the existing residence hall. Construction should begin in September and be completed by early August 1998 for fall semester occupancy. The renovation of Tower Lake Apartments will occur in phases, beginning May 1998 and ending Summer 1999. The renovations are expected to extend the life of Tower Lake Apartments by 20 years.

The additional residence hall is an exciting development for SIUE, permitting the University to accommodate growing numbers of freshmen students and providing residence hall living for sophomores and upper-division students. To ensure the success of our expanded housing opportunities, I will appoint a Housing Occupancy Management Team chaired by Vice Chancellor Nobby Emmanuel. This team, with members from a wide range of campus units, will be responsible for the coordination of plans, policies, and other matters as SIUE moves toward an increasing residential presence on campus.

Two other actions Thursday by the Board of Trustees promise exciting changes and improvements on the Edwardsville campus: the Board approved a \$600,000 addition to the Student Health and Fitness Center; and supported Phase I of the Myer Arboretum Project, estimated to cost \$300,000. Funding for the much-needed weight/cardiovascular exercise addition to the Fitness Center will come from Student Fitness Center Operations and Repair and Replacement Reserves, while funds to develop the Arboretum are from private contributions.

We appreciate the support of the Board and the campus community in helping SIUE respond to our ever-growing needs and opportunities.

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