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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 *Nancy Belck*
SUBJECT: Best Wishes and Farewell, SIUE!

Because SIUE is a wonderful University, I have very much enjoyed being your Chancellor over three and a half years. It is with mixed emotions that I leave--while I look forward to new challenges as Chancellor of the University of Nebraska at Omaha, I shall miss the many friends and colleagues who have been an important part of my life at SIUE.

As your new school year begins, I know you will continue the major initiatives underway. I'm particularly proud of **the sense of community** we have developed. This year SIUE celebrates its 40th anniversary, with a capstone St. Louis Symphony performance on campus in April. By 2007, our 50th year, the University will be positioned as a major metropolitan university.

Also, I am excited about the significant capital package approved at the last Board meeting, including bonding that will allow SIUE to build a new 507-bed residence hall; a \$13M renovation package for Tower Lake Apartments; a \$600,000 expansion on the Fitness Center; and a \$700,000 improvement to Food Service; plus the Greenhouse and Arboretum funded through the Foundation.

With the ongoing parking and traffic improvements, SIUE will indeed be in marvelous shape as it goes into the next century. By then, the new Engineering building will be in use, and the campus deferred maintenance funding will allow state-of-the-art upgrades to existing facilities. These projects represent more than \$66 million in construction; this is the largest building program since the University began. I am also optimistic about the Science Building renovation and new addition that is in the planning stages, plus a new East St. Louis Center.

Indeed, it has been a wonderful time to be a part of the SIUE family, and I hope you are as proud of our accomplishments as I am. What makes a University great is its fine faculty, staff and students--and I shall truly miss **YOU** and the community. I anticipate keeping in touch through email, belck@cwis.unomaha.edu or:

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You have my very best wishes for your individual and collective futures. I thank you for allowing me to be your Chancellor . . . it has been a genuine pleasure. With warm regards.

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