TO REPORTERS WHO COVER SIU BOARD MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University has been scheduled for Thursday, November 9, 2006, at approximately 10 a.m. or immediately following the Board committee meetings in the Conference Center, Delyte W. Morris University Center, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois.

On Wednesday, November 8, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Birger Hall, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Illinois, there will be an executive session of the Board of Trustees. The only public portion of the meeting is expected to consist of a motion to close the meeting to the public for the purpose of considering pending, probable or imminent court proceedings against or on behalf of the Board; information regarding appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees or officers; review of executive session minutes; and collective negotiating matters.

At 6 p.m., members of the Board of Trustees will have dinner at Andria's Countryside Restaurant in Edwardsville, Illinois. The gathering is social in nature.

On Thursday, November 9, 2006, at 7:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Morris University Center, members of the Board of Trustees will have breakfast with Mr. John Caupert, director of the National Corn to Ethanol Research Center, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. At the time of the breakfast, the room will be open to the public and seating will be provided for visitors, but breakfast will only be served to members of the Board of Trustees and Mr. Caupert.

At 9 a.m., the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet in the Conference Center of the Morris University Center. The meeting of the Architecture and Design Committee will immediately follow the meeting of the Finance Committee, which in turn will be followed by the meeting of the Academic Matters Committee. Upon adjournment of the Academic Matters Committee meeting, the full Board meeting will convene. A news conference will be held immediately following the meeting.

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The enclosed agenda and Board matters are provided in advance of the meeting for your convenience. Any of these matters are subject to change or may be withdrawn from the agenda.

Sincerely,

Glenn Poshard President

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Enclosure