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#### 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, October 9, 2003, at approximately 10:30 a.m., in Ballroom "B," of the Student Center, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.

On Wednesday, October 8, 2003, at 3:30 p.m., Stone Center, Carbondale, 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 or dismissal of employees or officers; acquisition of real property; review of executive session minutes; and collective negotiating matters.

At 6:00 p.m., members of the Board of Trustees will have dinner at Stone Center. The gathering is social in nature.

On Thursday, October 9, 2003, at 7:30 a.m., Stone Center, members of the Board of Trustees will have breakfast with Peter Alexander, Dean, School of Law, SIUC. 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 Dean Alexander.

At 9:00 a.m., the Finance Committee will meet in Ballroom "B" of the Student 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. Ten minutes after the adjournment of the Academic Matters Committee meeting, the full Board meeting will convene. A news conference will be held in the Video Lounge 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 Any of these matters is subject to change or may be withdrawn from the agenda. Board Agenda Item O, Project and Budget Approval and Authority to Award Contracts: HVAC Modification and Humidity Control, Residence Halls, SIUE, is not included, but will be provided prior to the Board meeting.

Sincerely,

James E. Walker  
President

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Enclosure