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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Women's Advocacy Council is encouraging area residents to nominate women who have made significant contributions to their community and/or to Eastern for the annual "Women of Achievement" Awards. These awards will be part of the celebration of Women's History and Awareness Month in March.

EIU students, faculty, civil service employees, administrators and women in the community are eligible to be considered for an award. This year the council especially encourages nominations of outstanding women student leaders.

Awards will be given to women who meet any combination of the following criteria: acts as a role model worthy of emulation; helps in advancing the progress of women's causes; participates in women's professional and/or community organizations; demonstrably defends women's rights and champions the cause of equity; and makes outstanding contributions in service to the university and/or community.

Anyone is eligible to nominate women who have significantly improved the quality of women's lives and advanced the status of women in the area. Each nomination letter must include an explanation of the nominee's contributions and achievements and list her address and

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telephone number, as well as the address and telephone number of the nominator. Letters of support (no more than three) should accompany the nomination.

Letters of nomination, including letters of support, should be sent to Karen Taylor, Department of Foreign Languages, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, IL 61920, by 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13.

For more information, contact Taylor at 581-5213.

In 1997 the "Women of Achievement" awards were presented to Jackie Bacon, a Coles County community leader, and Linda Coleman, a faculty leader in women's studies at Eastern.

This year's recipients will be guests of honor at the Women's Advocacy Council's annual awards reception at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at the Tarble Arts Center.

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