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KREHBIEL NAMED CHAIR OF MUSIC DEPARTMENT

CHARLESTON, IL.--Dr. James W. Krehbiel, music theory professor at Eastern Illinois University since 1965, has been appointed chairman of the Music Department.

Krehbiel, who served as acting chair before his recent appointment, has 28 years experience as an educator and has seen a period of growth in the Music Department during the past 20 years.

The number of Music Department faculty and students majoring in music has been steadily increasing and a new option in music--Jazz Study-- has been introduced.

The Music Department, which is in the College of Fine Arts and is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, offers several options at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

An option in Performance is offered at the undergraduate and graduate levels in voice, keyboard and orchestral/band instruments. Keyboard accompanying is offered at the undergraduate level.

The Music Education option (for teacher certification) is also offered at the undergraduate through graduate levels with specializations in instrumental, vocal and general music, and keyboard accompanying, as well as composition.

Two other options, Theory-Composition and Jazz Study are only offered at the undergraduate level, while another option, Instrumental and Choral Conducting, is only offered to graduates.

Two undergraduate music minors are also offered--one for students pursuing non-certification programs and one for teacher certification in music.

There are 27 music faculty and 150 music majors at Eastern, many of whom participate in instrumental and vocal ensembles which perform locally and regionally.

"We have a very active recruiting program," Krehbiel said. "The easiest way to recruit is to bring students on campus."

Eastern hosts numerous summer music camps and also arranges auditions for high school students interested in music, art or theatre.

Throughout the year, The Doudna Fine Arts Center is the hub of musical activity at Eastern. The main performance hall, Dvorak Concert Hall, seats 600 and is used for recitals and concerts. Operas and musicals are presented in both Dvorak and the Fine Arts Theatre.

As chairman of the Music Department, Krehbiel said he hopes to continue developing the level of performance and degree of professionalism within campus music organizations.

Before joining the faculty at Eastern, Krehbiel taught music at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas and Indiana University and directed a high school band and chorus. He also played third French horn in the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Symphony and French horn and trumpet in the Navy Bands aboard the USS Iowa.

He received a doctorate of philosophy, music theory degree from Indiana University and studied music and French in Paris, France.

Krehbiel is an ex officio member of the Music Department Curriculum, Personnel and Graduate committees and numerous other university committees. He was editor for the Illinois State Music Teacher's Association Journal and is a member of the Society of Music Theory. One of his compositions has been performed by the EIU Women's Chorus.

Besides his musical accomplishments, Krehbiel is a self-taught computer programmer.