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CHARLESTON, IL --The \$250,000 fund campaign for construction of the Tarble Arts Center at Eastern Illinois University topped the \$150,000 at the end of 1980, according to Kenneth E. Hesler, coordinator of the campaign.

Hesler announced the figure in conjunction with a ceremony in which the Blaw-Knox Construction Equipment Co. of Mattoon gave a part of the firm's \$7,000 pledge. Bruno J. Getz, Blaw-Knox President, presented the check to Dr. Daniel E. Marvin, Eastern's President.

Hesler, Director of University Relations at Eastern, said "the campaign is on schedule."

Construction contracts are expected to be signed in January. Cost of the project is expected to be approximately \$1.4 million. The \$250,000 is needed above the original gift from the late Newton E. Tarble, an Eastern alumnus.

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Bruno J. Getz, Blaw-Knox President, presents a check for the Tarble Arts Center to Eastern's President, Dr. Daniel E. Marvin, Jr.