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1987--A GREAT YEAR FOR EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

CHARLESTON, IL.-Achievements, accreditations, and alumni were three key factors in making 1987 one of the best in the history of Eastern Illinois University. Although EIU was the most underfunded school in the Board of Governors (BOG) System, its programs, faculty, and graduates continued to set the pace for other universities.

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EIU's reputation for excellence in undergraduate education resulted in a record enrollment for the Fall 1987 semester (10,121) and caused the cutoff of applicants for Spring and Fall 1988 enrollment to be the earliest in recent history. Because of limitations imposed by underfunded budgeting, EIU was forced to close Spring admissions on Nov. 20 and applications for Fall enrollment were cut off on Dec. 11.

However, working to make the best even better, Eastern has designed and initiated an extensive study of the quality of its undergraduate education programs.

A study by Dr. Robert Meier, Department of Management and Marketing, documented EIU's direct annual economic impact of \$120 million on the local community and considering the multiplier effect, an indirect impact of \$240 million.

A recorded increase of 240 declared enrolled majors over Fall of 1986 indicates Eastern's College of Education is keeping pace with current state and national emphasis on teacher training. The University remains the second largest producer of certified educational personnel in Illinois.

In 1987, more than 3,000 students were eligible for graduation and three Honorary degrees were awarded. Errett Warner ('25), Lawrenceville, and Wang Tih-wu, Chairman of the Board, United Daily News Enterprises, Taiwan, were awarded the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Howard E. Brown, President of Richland Community College, Decatur, received an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service degree.

Early in 1987, the BOG approved renaming the College of Business as the Lumpkin College of Business in recognition of the long-standing support of EIU by Mr. R.A. Lumpkin and his family of Mattoon and their contributions to the economic and social well-being of East Central Illinois. This was also the year the College celebrated its 50th Anniversary as an academic unit.

In the Fall, the Board approved renaming the Applied Sciences Building "Klehm Hall" in recognition of more than 50 years of service and support to the University by Dr. Walter Klehm, dean emeritus.

#### ACCREDITATION

The year also saw the School of Home Economics (third largest in the state) reaccredited by the American Home Economics Association and the Industrial Technology Program in the School of Technology reaccredited by the National School of Industrial Technology. In addition, the Art Department received accreditation in its first application with the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

With the continued endorsement of its pre-engineering program by the University of Illinois, EIU students continue to have the highest success rate of all students who transfer to the U of I School of Engineering.

#### COMMUNITY

EIU has hosted programs which have benefited over 50,000 elementary through high school-age learners, audiences and participants both on and off-campus.

More than 15,000 participants attended 65 summer camps and conferences, with ages ranging from 10 to 80 years. Included were 2,000 youths participating in the Illinois Boys and Girls State Programs.

There was a successful summer leadership camp for minority students and more than 18,000 people attended the 11th annual Celebration, a three-day Fine Arts extravaganza produced by the College of Fine Arts.

A Mathematics Conference for Regional Elementary and Secondary Education Teachers had over 500 attendees and the 1987 Academy of Science Convention brought 300 participants to the campus. Other visitors included 150 participants from throughout the United States at the Annual Interdisciplinary Conference of the Society of Education and Scholars and 140 Illinois Educators attending the "Effective Schools: Agenda for the 1990's Seminar."

In 1987, Eastern established its Health Studies Council, consisting of ten outside individuals employed in various health facilities. The Council was formed to enhance relationships between the EIU Department of Health Studies and the local Health Business/Industry.

The Tarble Arts Center celebrated its 5th anniversary and is approaching its 100,000 visitor milestone.

FACULTY/STAFF

Dr. Robert Kindrick, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Carol D. Pyles, Dean, College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; Vic Robeson, Director of Physical Plant, and Drayton Justus, Director of Human Resources, were among new faculty and staff who joined the EIU "family" during 1987. Mr. James D. Dean, Director of Administrative Services, undertook the additional role of Acting Director for Planning and Budget.

Several of the EIU "family" received special honors during 1987: Dean Charles Joley of the College of Education was re-appointed to represent higher education on the State Teacher Certification Board and Dean Vaughn Jaenike of the College of Fine Arts was chosen President-elect of the International Council of Fine Arts Deans.

In addition, Dr. W.C. Hine, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education was elected vice-president of the Association of Adult and Continuing Education.

Dr. ~~June~~ Krutza (Ceramics) and Dr. John David Reed (Journalism) were awarded the University-wide Faculty award for excellence in teaching. Dr. Jay Knott, Director of Career Planning and Placement, who has been on the EIU staff for 31 years, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Illinois Association of School, College and University Staffing.

Also honored were Dr. Janet Norberg, Professor, Speech Communication, who received a Distinguished Alumnus Award from Sioux Falls (SD) College; Marta Ladd, Journalism Instructor who received a Teaching Fellow Scholarship to attend a National Workshop at Indiana University (one of 16 persons selected); and Michael Strader, Director of the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program, who is the new President of the 600-member National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Program.

Ronald Amyx, Chief Broadcast Engineer for WEIU TV-WEIU FM, was named Civil Service Employee of the Year. Elda Hall, Purchasing Agent for EIU, was named Civil Service Supervisor of the Year.

In addition, Sandy Rives, wife of EIU President Stan Rives, was named a gold medal winner by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). She was honored in Washington, D.C., for her volunteer work on behalf of the Women's EXPO and Health Fair at Eastern.

#### FOREIGN ACADEMIC INTERCHANGE

In 1987, President Stan Rives visited the Agricultural and Teachers University in Siedlce, Poland and the University of Frankfort in Germany. Eastern has a student exchange program with Frankfort and a faculty exchange program with Siedlce. Rives also met with EIU English Professor Pat Wright, who was assigned as a Fulbright Lecturer at the University of Warsaw.

As part of Eastern's exchange program with Seidlce, Leonard Durham, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, completed a three-week lecture trip to Poland.

At the invitation of the Chinese government, Dr. Glenn D. Williams, Vice President for Student Affairs, represented EIU on Chinese National Day and at the 30th Anniversary celebration of Northwestern Polytechnical University's (EIU's "sister school") founding in Xian, China.

Dr. Nancy P. Taitt, Assistant Professor of Math and Faculty Development Coordinator, participated in a series of seminars and exchanges, sponsored by the Chinese Mathematics Society and the China International Conference Center for Science and Technology.

Also involved in international exchange was Dr. John Ebinger, Professor of Botany, who presented a series of lectures at the International Botany Congress in West Berlin. In addition, Dr. Suhrit Dey, Mathematics Professor, addressed the Third Annual Conference On Numerical Methods at the University of Nis, Yugoslavia.

#### BENEFACTORS

During 1987, two endowed professorships were established. The Lumpkin Distinguished Professor of Business endowment was established by a \$1 million grant from the Lumpkin Foundation. As a result of a \$50,000 grant from the Marathon Oil Company Foundation and additional support by former students, faculty and staff, friends and the business community, the Bertrand P. Holley Distinguished Professor of Social Responsibility in Business Endowment was established. (Holley retired in 1987, after 41 years at EIU.)



In addition, the College of Education received a gift of \$250,000 from the estate of Ray and Evelyn Duncan of Robinson, to provide scholarships for needy Crawford County students who want to become teachers. Through support by Rex and Nancy Cooley and the Marathon Foundation, four four-year scholarships were established for qualified needy freshmen majoring in Business.

The College of Fine Arts is half-way toward raising necessary funds to build studio space for the Art Department in its "Make Room for Art Campaign."

The first trust for the EIU Foundation was established by Walter and Lucille Klehm to provide scholarships for Technology and Home Economics students.

Private industry sources also donated approximately \$370,000 worth of equipment to the School of Technology, including industrial robots, communications and graphics design equipment.

In 1987, the Eastern Illinois University Foundation Tenth Decade Campaign reached 94.5 percent of its goal, with \$4,725,354. The Campaign was inaugurated to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the founding of Eastern in 1895 by the General Assembly. It is a five-year development program with the goal of raising \$5 million in private contributions to the University and the Foundation by December, 1989.

### SPORTS

Jim Maton, a junior from Shelbyville, was an All-American in the 1,000-yard run indoors and 800-meter run outdoors. He is a legitimate candidate to qualify for the '88 U.S. Olympic Team in the 800-meter run.

The 1987 women's basketball team came within three points of earning a trip to the NCAA tournament, as it lost by two points in the Gateway Conference Tournament championship at Southern Illinois. However, they avenged the defeat in December by defeating the Salukis for the first time ever.

In 1987, the men's track team won both the Mid-Continent Indoor and Outdoor track championships and the softball team won the Gateway Conference regular season championship for the second straight year. The soccer Panthers also won the Mid-Continent championship and recorded their 15th winning season in the last 16 years.

### ALUMNI

EIU's outstanding alumni made news in numerous areas. Dr. C. Nelson Grote ('50) was inaugurated as eleventh President of Morehead (Kentucky) State University. Music Alumnus Rex Rund ('85) received the John F. Kennedy Peace Corps Volunteer of the Year Award and Art Alumnus V. Gene Myers ('72) was presented the prestigious Charles Schultz Award for Promising Cartoonists by the Scripps Howard Foundation.

Eli Sidwell ('58), a prominent Charleston businessman and public servant, received the 1987 Lumpkin College of Business Distinguished Alumnus Award and EIU presented six other Distinguished Alumnus Awards in the Fall. Recipients were Burl Ives, entertainer; Raymond L. and Carolyn Miller Fisher (joint award), both educators in Grand Forks, North Dakota; James L. Hanks, State Farm Insurance Companies, Indiana offices; Dr. K. Wayne Ratts, Monsanto Agricultural Company, St. Louis; and Rex D. Cooley, Vice-President, Marathon Oil Company, Findlay, Ohio.

#### OTHER EVENTS

Planning for a \$6.2 million addition to Coleman Hall was nearly completed, with funding anticipated in Fiscal Year '89 and construction during 1990. Installation of a digital telephone system was completed and implementation was initiated for a data communications Local Area Network to link the entire campus. The Personnel and Employee Relations Office was renamed the Human Resources Division and now includes the Payroll Office.

Competing with 650 college newspapers, the Daily Eastern News received the Midwest Regional Pacemaker Award from the Associated Collegiate Press, the top award presented to a student newspaper. Also, in 1987, the local unit of Phi Gamma Nu, a professional business fraternity, was again judged the number one campus chapter in the United States.

Although quality undergraduate education continued to be Eastern Illinois University's number one mission, its faculty, its students, and its alumni continued to excel in thousands of activities throughout the United States and around the world.

