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For Immediate Release:

BAKER NAMED DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS RECREATION AT EIU

CHARLESTON -- Kenneth J. Baker, an instructor/advisor at Eastern Illinois University since 1994, has been named director of campus recreation.

"Eastern is fortunate to have found someone with Ken's background in health and fitness," said Shirley Stewart, associate vice president for student affairs. "He has demonstrated his ability to teach and work closely with students in the physical education department. We are eager for Ken to begin his work in the campus recreation department."

Eastern's Department of Campus Recreation includes fitness assessments, exercise prescriptions, more than 30 intramural offerings and a 70,500-square-foot student recreation center. Baker will be responsible for the coordination and program offerings in these areas.

Baker, who received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in physical education from Eastern, has taught Fitness for Life classes at EIU since 1994, advises between 70 and 80 students, and co-sponsors the Physical Education Honors Society.

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KEN BAKER

He also has received training and certification as a fitness specialist and advanced fitness specialist at the world-renowned Cooper Institute in Dallas, Texas. He is both an instructor trainer and water safety instructor for the American Red Cross, is a National Football League referee and has served on the Governor's Council of Health and Fitness.

Baker will begin his new responsibilities Feb. 14.