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CHARLESTON, IL--Nominations for honorary degrees to be awarded by Eastern Illinois University in 1986 are being sought, according to Dr. Virginia Vogel, Honorary Degree Committee Chairperson.

Dr. Vogel said the committee is looking for nominations from faculty, staff, students, alumni and other friends of the University.

Eligible for consideration are "persons who have achieved a record of major distinction at the state or national level in such areas as education, public service, research, humanities, business or the professions."

In exceptional circumstances, she said, honorary degrees may be granted to persons who may not be nationally known, but have made significant contributions to higher education or to Eastern.

Forms and supporting materials must be in Dr. Vogel's office, Home Economics, Applied Sciences Building by March 22, the nominating deadline.

Forms are available in the Alumni Services office in Old Main, the Home Economics office, and from committee members. The committee will make its recommendations to President Stanley Rives by April 5 and the recommendations will then go to the Board of Governors.

The degrees will be awarded during spring semester 1986 commencement ceremonies. Recipients of this year's degrees are James Flexner, historian; and Burl Ives, entertainer an Eastern alumnus.

Other members of the Honorary Degree committee are Dr. Walter Sorge, art; Dr. Wolfgang Schlauch, history; Jeffrey Lynch, English; and Charles Titus, Alumni Services.

Dr. Vogel said she hoped more nominations than in past years will be made, and that more will be of persons with state or national reputations.