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BOARD APPROVES EASTERN ACTIONS

CHARLESTON, IL--An update on the accomplishments of Eastern Illinois University's College of Fine Arts was among the topics presented by Dr. Robert Kindrick, Eastern's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, at the January 19 meeting of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities at Chicago State University.

According to Kindrick, the arts units in the College are a major cultural resource in east central Illinois. The artistic expertise of Eastern students has been recognized in such national arenas as the American College Theatre Festival at the Kennedy Center in Washington and the Collegiate Jazz Festival at Notre Dame University.

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Recognition of faculty excellence in the College is exemplified by the selection of four music faculty to direct the honor ensembles at the conference of the Illinois Music Educators Association in 1989. One of these same individuals (Daniel Goble) was selected to perform at the World Saxophone Congress in Japan this past summer.

Recent private donations to the College from both individuals and corporations are making it possible for the College to have guest artists perform, to recruit talented students, and to improve facilities of the College. A major example of private support is the establishment of the College's Fund for Excellence in the Fine Arts with a \$250,000 donation from Jan Tarble. The Tarble Arts Center itself was created as a result of a \$1 million dollar donation from the late Newton Tarble, a former EIU student and founder of Snap-on Tools.

Academic programs in the College of Fine Arts are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music and by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. The leadership of the College is provided by Dean Vaughn Jaenike, Jim Johnson (Chair, Department of Art), James Krehbiel (Chair, Department of Music), E.T. Guidotti (Chair, Department of Theatre Arts), and Mike Watts (Director, Tarble Arts Center).

Kindrick, representing President Stan Rives, also provided an update on Eastern's Tenth Decade Campaign. The drive was established to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the founding of Eastern by the General Assembly in 1895.

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The Board also approved the purchase of furniture for the Greek Court at a cost of \$144,957.50 to be paid by the bond revenues which are also financing the construction. Site preparation is completed and the first four fraternity and sorority houses are now being constructed. When completed over the next decade, the Court will provide around twenty 42-student houses and a new sense of unity among Eastern's student sorority-fraternity community.

Adden Furniture Inc., Lowell, Massachusetts, was the low bidder on the purchase which will include 170 each student desks with attached pencil drawers, book shelves and lights, night stands; 85 each bunk beds with ladders and under-bed storage units, delivered, assembled and set in place.

In addition, Kindrick also briefed the Board on three other purchases which have been approved by the Chancellor since the last Board meeting. They include: Removal and disposal of boiler waste for the six-month period beginning January 1, 1989, with the option to renew for one additional year, Kleenwel Disposal, Inc., Charleston, Illinois, not to exceed \$21,200; Television Film ("The Eastenders") License Agreement, Lionheart Television International, Inc., Los Angeles, California, \$15,000; and Replacement tubes for Studio Cameras, Televisual, Springfield, Illinois, \$22,491.00.