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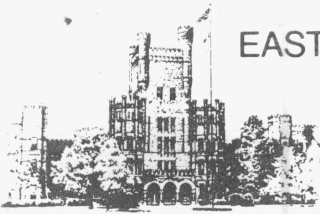
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HENNINGS TO RETIRE

CHARLESTON, IL--Robert E. Hennings, Professor of History and Chair of Eastern Illinois University's History Department since 1974, will retire in June.

Hennings came to Eastern as an Assistant Professor in 1962.

After receiving his bachelor's degree in history from Oberlin College in 1950, he earned both his master's and doctorate in history from the University of California at Berkeley in 1957 and 1961 respectively.

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A member of Eastern's chapter of the American Association of University Professors, Hennings served as president of that group from 1967 to 1968. He served as chair of the Council of Faculties of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities from 1971 to 1972 and was a member of Eastern's Council on Academic Affairs from 1979 to 1982.

He has been active in the Coles County Historical Society since 1977, serving as president from 1988 to 1990. He also sat on the Coles County Historic Preservation Advisory Council from 1977 to 1985.

Hennings said that he has worked under four presidents at Eastern and each one has operated in very different ways.

One of his many publications focused on changes in Eastern's administration under past University President Quincy Doudna.

Among his professional memberships are the American Association for State and Local History, American Historical Association, Illinois State Historical Society, and the Organization of American Historians.