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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's coal conversion project is scheduled for testing beginning April 1, President Stanley G. Rives reported at the Board of Governors meeting today (January 16) in Chicago.

"The conversion project includes state-of-the-art pollution control devices," said Rives. "Charleston residents can expect no air pollution as a result of the University burning coal rather than gas at its heat plant."

Consolidated Coal Company of Des Plaines will supply high test coal beginning April 1. Its bid of \$41.50 per ton was approved by the board.

Once the testing period is completed the Des Plaines-based Zeigler Coal Company was awarded the bid for coal with sulfur content less than 3% at \$34.65 per ton.

"I'm rather certain we'll start on that date (April 1)," said Dr. Verna Armstrong, vice president for administration and finance. "If all goes well, it (the coal conversion project) could be turned over to us in three weeks. There's no reason to expect problems...all has gone well so far.

"The testing period is scheduled for April 1-June 30 but it shouldn't take that long."

The basic project, which is to switch the heating and cooling systems from natural gas to coal, is to reactivate three coal-fired boilers and modify two existing gas-fired boilers to burn either oil or gas.

Dr. William F. Buckellew, 55, has been selected as the Acting Dean of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), effective March 1.

He replaces Dr. Walter Lowell, who will begin a six month leave on that date prior to retirement.

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Buckellew is currently Coordinator of HPER Graduate Studies. He previously served as chair for the Department of Physical Education. He joined the former EIU Laboratory School staff as an assistant professor of physical education in 1962.

Buckellew earned his undergraduate degree at North Dakota State, a masters from the University of Illinois and a doctorate at the University of Arkansas.

In other action the Board approved a bid of \$19,707.23 from Illini Pella of Terre Haute for purchase of 52 window units in the Ninth Street Residence Hall.

Additionally, a bid of \$11,642 was accepted by Britt Airways for a charter flight for the EIU football team for a September 13 game against Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

A \$15,758 bid was approved for Harshman Plumbing, Heating and Electrical Company of Sullivan, Ill., to furnish and install an air conditioning system in the Radio/TV transmitter room in Buzzard Building.

This remodeling project will accommodate the television transmitter for WEIU-TV, which is scheduled to begin over-the-air programming this summer.