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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--"Genetic Engineering Technology in Agriculture" is the topic of the first in a series of public lectures at Eastern Illinois University sponsored by the campus chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

Dr. Russell Carlson, Associate Professor, Chemistry, will speak on Sunday, Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Booth Library Lecture Hall. There is no admission charge.

While completing his Ph.D. in biochemistry, Carlson became interested in agricultural research and was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Colorado. Carlson then worked as a senior research chemist at Monsanto Agricultural Products Co. in St. Louis.

His research was focused on understanding some of the molecular aspects by which plants can be regenerated from tissue culture--how plants can be cloned. Carlson came to Eastern in 1979 and started his present research project in the area of biological nitrogen fixation. His long range goals are to identify the genes and their functions which are required in order to establish the nitrogen-fixing symbioses with legume plants.

The public lecture series is starting its 33rd season.