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For Immediate Release:

HANNER NAMED DEAN, COLLEGE OF SCIENCES, AT EIU

CHARLESTON – Mary Anne Hanner, a graduate of and 20-year-plus employee of Eastern Illinois University, has been named the institution's newest dean of the College of Sciences.

"Dr. Hanner has served the university with distinction for many years, most recently as the acting dean of the College of Sciences," said Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "After a full national search, we determined that we had the best person for the job already doing it.

"I am looking forward to having her continue as the dean of the college and know that, under her leadership, it will continue to achieve the excellence for which it is already known."

Hanner officially will assume her permanent position July 1, 2002. She has served as acting dean since September 2000 when the former dean, Lida Wall, was named acting provost/vice president for academic affairs.

"I am honored to accept the position of dean of the College of Sciences," Hanner said. "The college has a rich history of productivity and excellence established with the leadership of the previous deans, Dr. Laible and Dr. Wall. I look forward to continued collaboration with the department chairs, faculty and staff members to advance the mission of the College of Sciences."

Hanner, who received her bachelor's degree in speech pathology and audiology and a master's degree in speech pathology from EIU, began her career at the university when she

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was named to the faculty of the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences in 1981. Four years later she assumed the role of director of Eastern's Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic – a post she held for 13 years.

During her career, Hanner also has served as acting associate dean of the COS and chair of the CDS department. Prior to her return to Eastern, she spent nearly 10 years in the Illinois public school system as a speech-language pathologist.

She also later attended Indiana State University where she received her doctorate in educational administration in 1994.

Hanner's professional credits include a long list of publications, including two videotape series (co-authored), designed to provide preclinical observation experiences for students in training, and a language processing kit/test (co-authored) which continues to be a popular guide/assessment product used by speech-language pathologists and other personnel who work with language-learning disabled students.

In addition, Hanner has given numerous professional presentations throughout the state and the country, and has actively served on numerous university committees since joining EIU's faculty.

She has remained active with several community affiliations over the years, including the Coles County Historical Society, the Oakland Community Unit School District #5 Board of Education and the Coles County Sheriff's Merit Commission.

Hanner also served as a member of the Speech-Pathology and Audiology Board, Department of Professional Regulation (1990-2000), having been appointed by Gov. Jim Edgar. She served as vice chair of the board from 1990-1999 and as chair from 1999-2000.