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JOLEY RETIRES

CHARLESTON -- Charles Joley can't imagine what his life would have been like had he not become a teacher.

He has spent most of his adult life in the education arena, working as a public school teacher and later as a superintendent of schools before entering higher education administration in 1970.

Joley left all that behind this week when he retired as dean of Eastern Illinois University's College of Education and Professional Studies (CEPS) after a successful 25-year career at the university.

While the work may be behind him, his fond memories of Eastern will linger.

Seated in his office in the Buzzard Education Building, surrounded by a bronze plaque of Horace Mann, the Father of Public School Education (1796-1859) and a portrait of former education chair Emma Reinhart, Joley said last week that he is "very fond of this place."

"I have loved working here and will particularly miss the students and my colleagues, as well as the many relationships I have established with public school

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teachers and administrators throughout the country. The experience I have gained from my mentors, such as Peter Moody, former vice president for academic affairs, and Harry Merigis, former dean of the School of Education, has been very valuable. I have enjoyed working with the other deans, for whom I have the utmost respect, and with the current administration, which has been very supportive," Joley said.

He added, "I am glad that my departure is at a time when the future of the college has never been brighter. There are so many dynamic and interesting things happening in the college and at the university to which a new dean can look forward," said Joley, who at 64, said it was time for someone with more energy to assume the dean's position."

Joley said he has been proud to be associated with the CEPS, which continues to be the second largest producer of teachers in Illinois.

The college's recent success has included receipt of \$11.3 million to transform Buzzard Building into a state-of-the-art facility; the establishment of the Stockman Institute, a "think tank" designed to address contemporary issues in education; the creation of Professional Development Schools, an outreach project of the CEPS, which will join the university and public schools in a collaborative education effort; and the introduction of a capital campaign to raise funds for improvements to Eastern's Human Performance Lab.

"I am proud of the fact that our college is in a strong position to move forward and hope that I have contributed to that success. I have tried to promote

open dialogue among individuals in the college and to encourage teamwork," Joley said.

In his early years at Eastern, Joley helped develop the bachelor's degree program in career occupations and oversaw the university's Center for Educational Studies, a link to the public schools. He has also been instrumental in acquiring more than \$1 million in grant funding for education and training projects, many of which have been renewed annually.

Joley said he wants to continue his association with the university and likely will serve as a consultant to the CEPS as it continues to develop the Professional Development Schools concept.

"I think I'd like to come back to school and take some classes, maybe in finance or music. I'd also like to travel, develop some property I own at the south edge of Charleston and learn how to fish," the Mill Creek Lake resident said.