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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LASKY ELECTED NATIONAL ASSOCIATION VP

CHARLESTON -- Herbert Lasky of Charleston, director of the Honors Programs at Eastern Illinois University, has been elected vice president of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC).

Lasky's first task as vice president of the 1,200-plus member association will be to organize an annual issues forum co-sponsored by the Kettering Foundation of Dayton, Ohio. He will help to organize the 1996 annual meeting of honors faculty, directors and students in San Francisco and is responsible for the overall organization of the 1997 meeting held in Atlanta.

A member of NCHC for 13 years, Lasky currently serves as the chairman of the association's investment task force and co-chairman of the finance committee. He also is the managing editor of two NCHC publications, The National Honors Report and The Forum for Honors.

NCHC is a professional organization composed of faculty, administrators and students dedicated to the encouragement of undergraduate honors learning. The

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nationwide membership of NCHC includes both public and private two-year and four-year colleges and universities.

The council provides its members with information about the latest developments in honors education, encourages the institutional use of learning resources, fosters curricular experimentation and supplies expertise and support for institutions that are establishing honors programs or that are seeking to maintain, revise or evaluate existing programs. It also institutes educational experiments of its own.

Lasky's commitment to honors education, particularly in identifying and encouraging academically-talented students to meet their potential and in creating a welcoming environment for them, earned him the NCHC vice-presidency.

Since he founded Eastern's Honors Programs in 1982, enrollment has more than tripled. This year's enrollment of more than 400 students set a record.

"Our honors students have done extraordinary things. Their success has given our programs a national reputation for excellence," Lasky said.

"We couldn't have accomplished what we have without the support of the Eastern administration and the honors faculty," Lasky added.