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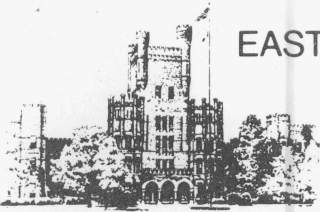
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BOARD APPROVES LUMPKIN HALL

CHARLESTON, IL.--The future home for Eastern Illinois University's Business College will be named Lumpkin Hall after the late Richard Adamson Lumpkin of Mattoon, following approval by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities at its Thursday (May 17) meeting in Springfield.

Lumpkin served as Chairman of the Board of Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company and Chairman of Consolidated Communications, Inc., until his death last year.

In 1987, Lumpkin gave \$1 million to the Eastern Illinois University Foundation to create the Lumpkin Distinguished Professorship in the College of Business which was named in his honor.

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Additional contributions by him and his organization to the Eastern Foundation, totalling more than \$800,000, were designated for program enhancement in the Lumpkin College of Business.

In 1989, Eastern honored Lumpkin with the unveiling of a life-size bust at the Tarble Arts Center in recognition of his many years of support.

"It is quite an honor to have a building named after my father. He was a strong believer in the educational process and was especially concerned with helping Eastern prepare the youth of today for leadership tomorrow," said Richard A. Lumpkin.

The \$6.23 million, four-story building, now under construction, will be located on Garfield Avenue between 4th and 7th streets south of Booth Library. It is expected to be completed this summer and will house the college of business for more than 2,500 business students, who now attend classes in six different campus buildings.

Lumpkin Hall will contain microcomputer labs, case study rooms, two auditoriums, student areas, conference and resource rooms and departmental, faculty and administrative offices.

Although it is being built with state monies, some furnishings and equipment have been purchased with private support raised through the Lumpkin College of Business' "Taking Care of Business" capital campaign.