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ARTS AND SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM SERIES ADDRESSES CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

CHARLESTON, IL.--A four-part colloquium television series sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences at Eastern Illinois University is off to a compelling start, according to English associate professor Jeffrey Lynch, producer and moderator of the series.

"I think of this series as one of the most important contributions our college can make to the well-being of the campus and the community ... It is an educational mission where the public can see the real strength of the university, which is diversity of opinion," Lynch said.

ADD 1/1/1/1 SERIES

A panel of four Eastern administrators, faculty members and local experts will be selected to participate in each of the series addressing a variety of contemporary issues, including "The Modern University," "The Arms Race," "Censorship" and "AIDS."

The participants engage in an hour-long discussion, which is taped and then aired on WEIU TV (Channel 51) Thursday evenings at 10:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. during the month.

"What we should see is a group of people passionately engaged by issues central to the lives of all people," said Lynch, who presents questions to the panel.

The second series on the arms race will air March 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27 and 31 and will address such questions as "Why is there an arms race?"; "Do nuclear weapons provide security?"; "Are nuclear weapons immoral?"; "Can the arms race be stopped?"; and "Are businesses who profit from the arms race immoral?"

Panelists include Dr. Robert Barford, philosophy professor; Dr. Dan Hockman and Dr. Wolfgang Schlauch, history professors; and Dr. P. Scott Smith, physics professor.

The series began this month with "The Modern University"--a look at the ideas, functions and goals of a university, the difference between training and education and the significance of general education.

Eastern President Stan Rives, chemistry professor David Buchanan, Dean of Arts and Sciences Jon Laible and English professor Sharon Bartling were the panelists.

ADD 2/2/2/2 SERIES

Censorship is the topic for the series to air April 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24 and 28 and covers the limits to free speech, news media regulation, national security and censorship and school, library and pornographic censorship.

The last series to be shown May 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 and 29 will focus on AIDS and the changes it has made in the sexual revolution.

Lynch said he hopes the series will be ongoing and in the future will attract scholars with state and national recognition.