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CHARLESTON, IL--Everett Alms, director of the physical plant at Eastern Illinois University, has announced his plans to retire, effective August 31.

Alms will begin a six month leave on February 28. He has been head of the physical plant since 1965.

He joined the EIU staff that same year as Supervisor of Trades and eight months later was appointed to his current position.

Alms previously was employed at U.S. Industrial Chemical Corporation in Tuscola.

"I've never worked with a better group of people . . . faculty, students and staff," he said. "I don't believe anyone's enjoyed a job more than me . . . there's been a lot of self-satisfaction."

"Mr. Alms has been with Eastern Illinois University for more than 20 years. He will be missed," said EIU President Stanley Rives.

"The beauty of the campus grounds and efficient operation of University buildings are due in large part to his round-the-clock interest in maintaining a quality physical plant."

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