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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BEABOUT TO REPRESENT EASTERN AT CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON, IL--John L. Beabout, Director of Eastern Illinois University's radio and television center, will represent Eastern at the conference, "Technology: Strategies for Rural and Small School," February 28 in Springfield.

The conference, co-sponsored by trustees for five Illinois public universities, is designed to benefit citizens involved in the delivery of educational services to students in rural and small schools. The Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities (BOG) have joined twenty organizations in sponsoring the conference.

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Beabout will be speaking on WEIU-TV's live interactive learning demonstration projects. The projects allow high school students in different locations to interact through television and telephone hook-ups.

A class in the WEIU-TV studio is broadcast live to several classrooms via television, and interaction by the other classes is possible through telephone lines.

Beabout participated in the 1988 conference and was invited back this year to the follow-up conference.

Faculty and staff from the five BOG universities will provide eight of the twenty-two presentations at the conference, whose objective is to demonstrate the uses of technology in instruction in the classrooms, in administrative tasks, for staff development, and for the adult learner in the community. Special emphasis is being placed on the implementation of distance learning to benefit rural and small schools.

According to BOG Chancellor, Dr. Thomas D. Layzell, "The topics vary from demonstration of a rural or small school providing an algebra lesson for its gifted students by satellite, to a televised graduate course on the methods of teaching reading, to word processing for handicapped students.

"All five BOG universities regularly provide services to elementary and secondary schools. It is vital to the overall quality of education in Illinois that the expertise of our university faculty and staff join with the State's elementary

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and secondary faculty and staff to improve educational services throughout the State.

"The Board is pleased to again participate with the Office of the Governor, the Illinois Farm Bureau, the Illinois Association of Superintendents of Educational Service Regions and others in offering this conference. The 1987 conference hosted more than 300 educators including teachers, administrators and school board members as well as interested persons from throughout the State."

The five universities under the BOG jurisdiction are: Chicago State University, Chicago; Eastern Illinois University, Charleston; Governors State University, University Park; Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago and Western Illinois University, Macomb. The five universities serve 45,000 students.

Registration for the conference is \$30. Lunch is included in the cost of registration. Send payments to: Rural Ed Conference, the Honorable Harold Vose, Regional Superintendent of Schools, Room 208, County Building, Springfield, Il. 62702.

For more information about the conference contact: Elsie Stoekel at (217) 525-2061.