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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University will present an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, to Harold D. Hoopman, President of Marathon Oil Company, at spring commencement on May 15.

The degree was authorized by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities at the request of Dr. Daniel E. Marvin, Jr., Eastern's president.

Hoopman, a member of the Board of U. S. Steel, has been president and director of Marathon since 1972 and chief executive officer since 1975.

Under his leadership, Marvin said, "Marathon Oil Company has made significant contributions to Eastern Illinois University and its School of Business. Eastern alumni are numerous among the corporate staff at Findlay, Ohio and the company has given extensive support to the business program.."

Hoopman joined Marathon in 1946 as a petroleum engineer in Cody, Wyoming, following service in World War II as a naval officer. He served in various engineering, drilling and production capacities until 1955 when he was named superintendent of other minerals for the Casper division.

Two years later he was transferred to Guatemala to manage operations there. He returned to the United States in 1962 and served first as manager of the operations department, Eastern Hemisphere division, and then as manager of the division and vice president, Marathon International Oil Company.

Hoopman held this position until 1967, when he was named assistant to the president of Marathon Oil. He was elected vice president of production operations, United States and Canada, in 1968. The following year he was placed in charge of marketing in the U. S.

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He is a director of the American Petroleum Institute and a member of the National Petroleum Council and the Society of Petroleum Engineers. He is also a director of Owens-Illinois, Inc.

Hoopman, a native of Kansas, holds the Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering. He has attended the advanced management program at Harvard University.

A second honorary degree recipient will be Ray Livesay, Mattoon, IL, President and General Manager of the J.R. Livesay Group which operates radio stations in Illinois, Ohio and Florida.