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CHARLESTON, IL--A month-long series of events has been scheduled in April in conjunction with the May 12 inauguration of Dr. Stanley Rives as the sixth president of Eastern Illinois University.

The "Toward 2000 Inaugural Symposium" will include lectures, workshops, demonstrations and cultural activities, concluding with Celebration '84, the annual festival of the arts.

"Can We Hope For A Year 2000?" is the title of the opening lecture on Wednesday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Booth Library Lecture Hall. Dr. George Schweitzer, Alumni Distinguished Professor, University of Tennessee, is the speaker.

Schweitzer, who was a distinguished visiting professor at Eastern in 1981 and 1983, holds doctorates in chemistry, philosophy, and the history of science, and the master's degree in religion.

Among other lectures will be "How Reagan Failed In Lebanon" by Loren Jenkins, 1983 Pulitzer Prize winning reporter for the Washington Post; and "The Nature Of Work In The Year 2000" by Robert Nielson, AFL, Washington, D.C.

Bonnie Consolo, who has gained national recognition for her adeptness despite being armless, will speak on "A Day In The Life Of Bonnie Consolo" on Friday April 6 at 7 p.m. in Dvorak Hall.

In addition to Jenkins, Journalism Week, April 9-13, will feature Jim Roberts, an Eastern alumnus and current president of the National Newspaper Association.

Rives' inauguration will be part of the spring commencement ceremony at 10 a.m. A second graduation program will be at 2:30 p.m. and will include presentations to honorary degree recipients, distinguished faculty, and Lord Scholarship winners.