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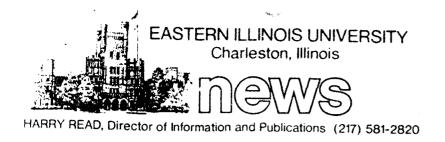
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CHARLESTON, IL--Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Secretary of State Jim Edgar and two Coles County women by Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives at the 2nd annual President's Club dinner.

Edgar, Mary Ann Uphoff, Dorans, president of the Foundation, and Marge
Hutton, Charleston, past president of the Foundation, received certificates "for
their outstanding contributions to fund drives during the first year of the Foundation's
\$5 million Tenth Decade Campaign," Rives said.

Edgar chaired the Brighten O'Brien fund drive which reached its goal of \$440,000 in cash and pledges.

Mrs. Uphoff and Mrs. Hutton were cited for "their leadership and direction in making the first year of the campaign a definite success," Rives said.

Rives told the 96 members of the President's Club that \$878,992 had been raised by the Foundation through December 31.

Jim Roberts, Fairbury, vice-president of the Foundation and Chairman of the Tenth Decade Campaign, and Charles Ross, EIU Director of Development, also received appreciation certificates.

Membership in the President's Club is open to any individual who donates \$1000 annually or any corporation which gives \$5000 annually. Money is utilized for various purposes. "Most is donated for individual projects within the Foundation," Rives said.

"We had 44 charter members join in 1985. Thirty seven of 42 members from 1984 repeated their donation this past year so as of December 31 we have 81 active members in the President's Club," he said.