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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Dr. Stanley Rives will be inaugurated as Eastern Illinois University's president during spring commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 12 at 10 a.m. Rives was appointed last October.

The investiture will be conducted by Dominick J. Bufalino, Chairman of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities. Presiding will be Dr. Margaret Soderberg, acting Vice President for Academic Affairs. Among special guests will be former presidents of the University.

Other guests include representatives of colleges and universities, primarily those in Illinois; other members of the Board of Governors, area lawmakers, Mattoon Mayor Roger Dettro, Charleston Mayor Clancy Pfeiffer, Chambers of Commerce representatives, and friends and relatives of President and Mrs. Rives.

A formal portrait of Dr. Daniel E. Marvin, Jr., Rives' predecessor, will be accepted by Rives on behalf of the University. The presentation will be made by Dr. Daniel E. Thornburgh, Chairman of the Portrait Committee.

A second commencement ceremony will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Honorary degrees will be presented to Dr. John Willingham, a partner in Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company; and Dean Fausett, a nationally-recognized artist.

Lord Scholars (awards given in memory of Eastern's first president) will be recognized, as will the Distinguished Faculty award

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recipient, Jerry Rooke. The Lord Scholars are Allen Rogers, Centralia; and Michelle Mitchell, White Heath.

Receiving degrees will be students in Business, Education, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, and Fine Arts. At the 10 a.m. ceremony, degrees will be conferred from the Graduate School, Arts and Sciences, Home Economics and Technology, and the Board of Governors degree program.

Rives came to Eastern in 1980 as Vice President for Academic Affairs. He became acting president on July 1, 1983 and was appointed president by the Board of Governors on Oct. 15. Before coming to Eastern, Rives was Associate Provost and Dean of Instruction at Illinois State University. Rives was born in Decatur. He holds degrees from Illinois State and Northwestern University.

The five preceding presidents and their years of service are Livingston C. Lord (1898-1933); Robert G. Buzzard (1933-1956); Quincy V. Doudna (1956-1971); Gilbert C. Fite (1971-1977); and Daniel E. Marvin, Jr. (1977-1983).