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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION '97 BRINGS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO EIU

CHARLESTON -- Between 150 and 200 students from 10 area high schools have the opportunity to display classroom activities/projects, compete for awards, and tour Eastern Illinois University and its School of Technology as participants in Technology Exhibition '97, scheduled to take place Thursday, April 24.

Participating schools include Effingham, Salem, Teutopolis, Beecher City, Lovington, Bethany, Oakland, Breese, Danville and Arcola.

Areas being judged include group projects, individual projects, technical papers and problem-solving. Judging in the group project category will be based on a sample project, related project materials (design plans, models, simulation cells, photographs, videos, fixtures, etc.), and a five-minute presentation about the project by one or more of the students involved.

Individual projects must fall under one of six categories: construction, drafting, electronics, graphic communication, manufacturing and transportation. Technical papers describe the resources, technical process, application and impacts of a chosen topic. They will be evaluated on content, neatness and grammar.

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In addition, the problem-solving portion of the exhibition will allow students to compete, as a school team(s), in contests dealing with such areas as mechanical drafting, package construction, a glider carrying a load and bridge construction.

Technology Exhibition '97 will begin at 8 a.m. with registration, and continue through 2 p.m., with an awards ceremony scheduled for 1:30. The general public is invited to come view student projects/competition between 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 1 and 2 p.m. Events will take place in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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MEDIA NOTE: Dr. Howard Nelms, professor of industrial technology and this year's exhibition coordinator, indicated that the press is welcome to attend the exhibition. For information, contact him at (217) 581-6266 (work) or at (217) 348-8042 (home).