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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR ALUMNI AWARDS

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's Alumni Association is currently accepting applications for its annual alumni awards to be presented at the 1997 Homecoming, Oct. 24-25.

Anyone may submit potential alumni candidates for the awards, as long as they meet eligibility requirements. An alumnus is defined as anyone who has attended or graduated from Eastern.

The three award categories are the Distinguished Alumnus Award, the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award and the Alumni Service Award.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is given to individuals who have distinguished themselves in either academic, literary, business, professional, public service and/or service to the university and who, through their accomplishments and service, have brought prestige to their alma mater.

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Alumni nominated for the Distinguished Alumnus Award must have celebrated at least their sixth class reunion. If in the case of an alumnus who has not graduated, class year would be determined by the year he or she would have graduated.

The Outstanding Young Alumnus award is given to alumni, who within the last five years after leaving Eastern, have excelled in their new careers and/or public service.

The Alumni Service Award is given to alumni who have repeatedly displayed outstanding voluntary service to the university.

The deadline for award nominations is June 3.

Award winners will be chosen by a selection committee composed of the Alumni Association vice president, chair; two faculty members at-large; one Alumni Board member at-large; the student body president; and alumni director (ex-officio).

Nomination forms are available on campus in the Alumni Services Office in Linder House, 1544 Fourth Street. Forms also can be requested by calling the Alumni Office at (217) 581-6616 or 1-800-ALUM-EIU.