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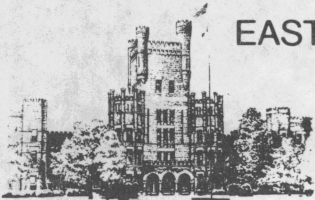
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EASTERN HONORS SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

CHARLESTON, IL--Robert Hennings of Charleston, Chairman of the Department of History at Eastern Illinois University, will receive the Livingston C. Lord Distinguished Service Award, the University's most prestigious honor, during Eastern's Founder's Day activities Saturday, June 23.

During the awards ceremony, three University service awards will also be presented to employees for their exemplary service to the University.

Hennings will be honored during an awards ceremony following a noon luncheon in the University Union Ballroom. C. Nelson Grote, a 1950 EIU alumnus and the president of Morehead State University, will be the featured speaker at the luncheon.

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SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

An open house for emeriti faculty and an EIU historical display relating to Eastern's beginnings will be held in the Grand Ballroom, with both starting at 9:30 a.m.

The public is invited to attend the luncheon and awards ceremony but must purchase meal tickets by Thursday, June 21. Tickets are \$7.50 each and are available in the University Relations Office, 111 Old Main, 581-5981.

Hennings has been at Eastern since 1962, advancing from assistant professor to professor to department chair. In 15 years as department head, he has encouraged the development of a new graduate program in historical administration. The curriculum has also expanded in history to include "Women in American History," "Afro-American History," "Military History of the United States," "Modern Germany," and "History of Russia and the USSR."

Hennings has served as chapter president of the American Association of University Professors and chairman of the AAUP lecture series, chairman of the Council of Faculties to the Board of Governors, vice chairman of the Council on Academic Affairs, member of the Committee to Revise Registration Procedures at Eastern, building captain of the United Way, and member of the University Centennial History Committee.

President of the Coles County Historical Society, Hennings has served as a member of the Coles County Historic Preservation Advisory Council and the Illinois State Historical Society.

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SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Louis Hencken of Charleston, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Housing, will be presented with the University Administration Service Award.

Hencken has been employed with the housing office for 23 years. He has played a key role in bringing Premier Boys State and Illini Girls State to campus. Hencken has served as chairman of the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee and advisor for the Illinois State Resident Assistant Conference and Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students (BACCHUS).

P. Scott Smith of Charleston, Professor of Physics, will receive the University Faculty Service Award.

Smith, who is retiring in August, is the senior member of Eastern's faculty with 38 years of teaching. He has served as president of the EIU Faculty Senate and the Eastern chapter of the American Association of University Professors. Smith was one of the charter members of the local American Civil Liberties Union.

Carol Strode of Charleston, Assistant to the Director of the Physical Plant, is the recipient of the University Civil Service/Service Award.

In 24 years of service, Strode has advanced to her present position, which serves as a central point throughout campus for maintenance and repair of the physical facilities. She has been actively involved in Eastern's annual Women's Expo and Health Fair, Camp New Hope, Special Olympics and United Way.

All the award recipients will receive special plaques.