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MEMBERSHIP IN PRESIDENT'S CLUB CONTINUES TO GROW

CHARLESTON, IL.--Now in its fourth year, the President's Club of the Eastern Illinois University Foundation acquired 41 new members in 1987, bringing its total membership to 128.

Since the President's Club was created by EIU President Stan Rives in November 1984, its membership has grown annually. In 1984, the Club had 43 members; in 1985, there were 82 members; and in 1986, there were 114 members.

The Club, composed of those individuals who have donated \$1,000 or more and those corporations who have given \$5,000 or more annually, is an integral part of the fundraising effort of the EIU Foundation.

Rives told members attending the annual President's Club dinner held recently on the EIU campus that while the monetary goal of the Tenth Decade Campaign will be met soon, not all of the campaign projects will be completed.

"Make Room for Art," a capital campaign to raise \$350,000 to build badly needed studios for the Department of Art, has raised \$184,739. The EIU Foundation will continue its efforts on behalf of the project and will not consider the Tenth Decade Campaign complete until adequate funds for the art studios are available.

Rives expressed his appreciation to all President's Club members for their support, past, present and future and said EIU is currently engaged in a campus-wide needs assessment for Phase II of its Foundation's fundraising efforts.

Special guest at the dinner was Secretary of State Jim Edgar, who urged private support of EIU. Edgar is a 1968 Eastern graduate.