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EIU PRESIDENT'S CLUB ADDS NEW MEMBERS

CHARLESTON, IL.-- Eastern Illinois University's Tenth Decade Campaign initiated in 1984 to raise \$5 million in private support in five years has produced more than \$6 million.

Private giving to the University through its Foundation has reached \$6,069,815, EIU President Stan Rives reported at the annual President's Club dinner held recently.

The President's Club membership is composed of 114 individuals who gave \$1,000 or more and five corporations who gave \$5,000 or more annually.

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Among the new President's Club members are Wilton J. Aebersold, New Albany, Ind.; Paul E. Black, Mattoon; Tim and Vickie Burke, Evanston; Lois E. Elliott, Charleston; Raymond and Carolyn Fischer, Grand Forks, N.D.; John D. Forsythe, Wheeling; Al "Sonny" Greco, Springfield; Emma Chenault Kelly, Charleston; and Dr. Robert L. and Carolyn Kindrick, Mattoon.

Also J.R. Livesay II, Mattoon; Sue McKenna, Charleston; Ronald P. Monge, Taylorville; Nikolas and Judy Peacock, Elk Grove Village; Minnie A. Phillips, M.D., Mattoon; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Roberson, Champaign; Capt. Howard H. Skidmore, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif.; Dr. Walter Sorge, Charleston; Mrs. Lester VanDeventer, Charleston; Thomas M. Woodall, Charleston; and Dr. Marian Wozencraft, Charleston.

Rives said the Foundation has now begun the next phase of its development effort, the Second Century Campaign, with the appointment of Vice President for Development Stephen Falk, formerly of Central Michigan University.

Falk is currently planning a feasibility study for a larger major fundraising campaign. "I think we have found a marvelous match between Steve Falk and the needs of the institution," Rives said.

Rives emphasized that Eastern is a publicly-assisted, not a publicly-supported institution. He said a steady decline in state support of education has made the need for private support "more and more important to Eastern to maintain our education."

Mrs. Nancy Froelich of Lake Bloomington, Chairman of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, brought greetings from the Board and congratulated the Foundation on successfully raising its \$5 million goal of the Tenth Decade Campaign in May 1988, 18 months ahead of schedule.

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PRESIDENT'S CLUB

President's Club member Allan Heath of Robinson was honored for his \$100,000 contribution to kickoff the EIU athletic department's Magic Million endowment fund drive to raise \$1 million for men's and women's scholarships.