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EIU, CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS CO-SPONSOR CONCERT

The Eastern Illinois University College of Fine Arts and Consolidated Communications Inc., Mattoon, co-sponsored the recent performance of Mel Torme and Eastern's Jazz Ensemble at Sangamon State University in Springfield.

The concert coincided with EIU's "Celebration: A Festival of the Arts." During the performance, Torme praised the EIU Jazz Ensemble as being one of the best college groups he had ever performed with. Both Torme and the Jazz Ensemble received standing ovations.

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Richard A. Lumpkin, president of Consolidated Communications Inc., said, "One of the shortcomings of life in Central Illinois, as compared with metropolitan living, is the limited availability of cultural events. EIU is a major source of what is available through the excellent programs of the College of Fine Arts and the Tarble Arts Center."

He added, "Consolidated Communications is supportive of EIU's activities in the interest of improving the quality of life available to our employees and customers throughout Central Illinois."

Prior to the program, approximately 100 alumni met at the Public Affairs Center for the eighth annual EIU Alumni Association reception.

Consolidated Communications Inc. also hosted a reception for its Springfield area customers.

"We wanted to cooperate with Eastern and since the EIU Jazz Ensemble planned a performance in Springfield, it gave our company an opportunity to do something with our Springfield area customers as well," said John R. Ady, director of Human Resources and Internal Communications at Consolidated Communications Inc.

"Based upon the success of the program at Sangamon State, the College of Fine Arts and Consolidated Communications are contemplating sponsoring a similar event next year," Ady added.