

Eastern Illinois University

The Keep

1988

Press Releases

5-4-1988

05/04/1988 - EIU Student Represents BOG at Media Event in Springfield

University Marketing and Communications

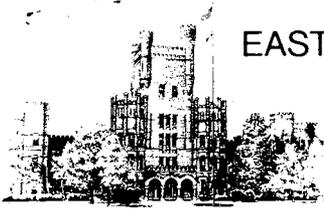
Follow this and additional works at: https://thekeep.eiu.edu/press_releases_1988

Recommended Citation

University Marketing and Communications, "05/04/1988 - EIU Student Represents BOG at Media Event in Springfield" (1988). 1988. 199.

https://thekeep.eiu.edu/press_releases_1988/199

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Press Releases at The Keep. It has been accepted for inclusion in 1988 by an authorized administrator of The Keep. For more information, please contact tabruns@eiu.edu.



EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
 Charleston, Illinois

news

ART TATE, Assistant Director, University Relations
 Office: (217) 581-5981 - Home: (217) 348-7553

88-234

May 4, 1988

FILE COPY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EIU STUDENT REPRESENTS BOG AT MEDIA EVENT IN SPRINGFIELD

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's newly elected Board of Governors representative Patty Kennedy participated in a news conference Wednesday (May 4) in Springfield as part of a continuing effort to make the public aware of the funding crisis in education.

Kennedy and students from the University of Illinois, Sangamon State University and Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, who have state scholarships, met with media in the Capitol Building to voice their support of a tax increase to fund education.

Kennedy, a sophomore English major, said, "I would not be in college right now if I was unable to receive any type of financial aid. An Illinois State Scholarship fully pays for my tuition at Eastern."

She pointed out that if there is not additional funding, education is going to suffer "tremendously."

"In the English department at Eastern, there are two teachers who are leaving their current jobs because another university has offered them a substantial salary increase," Kennedy added.

She emphasized that although Eastern imposed a \$96 tuition increase in January, the quality of education has remained unchanged.

"I am proud of my school," said Kennedy, "and do not want other people's attitudes to be critical because my University just simply does not have enough money to maintain its level of excellence.

"I have accepted that I must pay for my education even after I am done, but I do not want to see it get worse. It is bad enough that I will be in debt, but if there is no more funding, the quality of my education will get worse ... Illinois is already 42nd in funding for education and I do not wish to see it deteriorate any more."

Also present at the press conference was Larry Matejka, executive director of the Illinois State Scholarship Commission, who emphasized the effects Governor James R. Thompson's proposed budget for fiscal year 1988, if approved, would have on the Illinois State Scholarship Commission's monetary award program.