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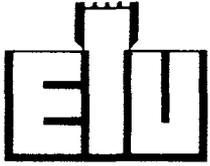
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THREE AREA RESIDENTS ON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD

CHARLESTON--Three area residents are serving in leadership positions on the Eastern Illinois University Alumni Association Board of Directors.

They are Jacqueline Clapp of Mattoon, vice president; Brian Leonard of Lerna, treasurer; and Nancy Owen of Mattoon, chair of the Finance and Under House committees.

The board provides the means through which alumni, both graduates and former students, can contribute to the welfare of EIU. At the same time, the board helps foster a sense of loyalty and fraternity among its 60,000 alumni located around the globe.

Clapp, who has served on the alumni association board since 1992, said, "I became a member because Eastern was a wonderful experience for me and helped launch my career in public service-related activities. I wanted to give something back because I believe in Eastern and want others to have an equal experience."

Her board activity has been that of representing non-traditional adult education students and encouraging their involvement in the alumni association.

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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

She is currently director of volunteer services at Sarah Lincoln Bush Health Center in Mattoon. She is the daughter of Robert and Freida Clapp of Newman.

Leonard, who has also served on the alumni association board for two years, said he became a member to "contribute to the ongoing success of the university, to be a part of the university after graduation and to help promote Eastern as an outstanding university."

He is currently a public affairs representative with Central Illinois Public Service Company in Springfield. He and his wife, Twanika, have two children, Brian and Natasha.

Owen, who has served on the alumni association board since 1985, said she became a member because she believes "that a strong alumni association is a benefit both to Eastern and to its alumni." She added, "Service on the board is a chance to give back to Eastern, through service, a small part of the benefits that I have received from EIU."

She was Coles County state's attorney for 12 years before she began a private law practice in Mattoon.