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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

MORE THAN 1,500 ELIGIBLE TO GRADUATE IN EIU SPRING COMMENCEMENT

CHARLESTON, IL.--More than 1,500 Eastern Illinois University students completing undergraduate and graduate degree programs will be honored at the 1988 89th annual Spring Commencement Ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 14 on the Library-Union Quadrangle (Lantz Gymnasium in case of rain).

Graduates of the Colleges of Education, Fine Arts, Applied Sciences and Arts and Sciences will participate in the 10 a.m. ceremony.

A 2 p.m. ceremony will be held for graduate students and graduates of the Colleges of Business and Health, Physical Education and Recreation and the Board of Governors program.

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EIU President Stan Rives will make remarks and confer the degrees on the graduating class. Mrs. Nancy Froelich, chairman, will provide greetings on behalf of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, EIU's governing board.

EIU alumnus Rex D. Cooley of Findlay, Ohio, will receive an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

Cooley is senior vice president for finance and administration of Marathon Oil Company and is one of five senior executives who are members of the Marathon Board of Directors.

He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Eastern's Lumpkin College of Business in 1985 and the University's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1987.

Also to be honored at Commencement are Dr. Michael Goodrich, zoology professor, and Dr. Richard Keiter, chemistry professor, who have been chosen as the 1988 Distinguished Faculty Award winners.

Dr. Goodrich and Dr. Keiter were selected by a committee composed of faculty, students and alumni. Criteria for the award, which includes a certificate and stipend, include excellence in teaching, professional growth and service to the University community.

Dr. Goodrich, who teaches courses in entomology and animal behavior, has been on the Eastern faculty for 24 years. Besides being active in undergraduate zoology organizations and serving as adviser to the Phi Sigma Biological Honorary Society, he manages the Life Science Vivarium on Seventh Street in Charleston.

Dr. Keiter, who came to Eastern in 1969, is known worldwide for his work in inorganic chemistry. He is also the only Eastern faculty member who has published with a Nobel laureate (Ernst Otto Fischer of West Germany).

The faculty marshal for the morning ceremony is Dr. Ronald E. Gholson of the College of Education. Dr. Gholson, who joined the Eastern faculty in 1976, is a professor in the Department of Secondary Education and Foundations.

Dr. Robert N. Sullivan from the Lumpkin College of Business will be faculty marshal for the afternoon session. Dr. Sullivan, professor and chairperson of the Department of Business Education, joined the Eastern faculty in 1964.

Each will carry a mace, traditionally a symbol of the place of honor accorded a marshal in commencement ceremonies. The walnut mace was fashioned by Dr. Robert Sonderman, professor, School of Technology, and first used at the 1985 Fall Commencement.

The student marshals chosen by the deans of Eastern's six undergraduate colleges and Graduate School are as follows: Carol Boecker of Marengo and Patricia Light of Greensboro, N.C., College of Arts and Sciences; Ruth Edwards of Marseilles and Keith Lichay of Chicago, College of Applied Sciences; and Tim Borries of Tuscola and Tracy Morgan of Windsor, College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Also, Eric Hoover of Wilmette and Twila James of Effingham, College of Fine Arts; Crystal Pastrovich of Litchfield and Robert C. Schmitt of Peoria, Lumpkin College of Business; Angela Janssen of Raymond and Randy Voss of Aviston, College of Education; and Tricia Setzke of Chicago Heights and Harold Wissell of Carlinville, Graduate School.

During the Commencement ceremonies, six Eastern students will be awarded the Livingston C. Lord Scholarship, the University's highest award for scholarship.

These awards are made each year to outstanding juniors or seniors, one from each undergraduate College of the University, who have demonstrated superior academic achievement while Eastern students.

Students earning the Lord Scholarships include Frances M. Cavanaugh of Charleston, a Home Economics major from the College of Applied Sciences; Craig Titley of Mattoon, a Business/Management major from the Business College; and Susan Zarley of Peoria, an Education/Special Education major from the College of Education.

Other recipients are Dawn Kimball of Tuscola, an English major from the College of Arts and Sciences; Angela Hoffek of Sherman, a Physical Education major from the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation; and Kimberly Peterson of Palos Heights, a Music major from the College of Fine Arts.

In the morning Commencement ceremony, Jean Wright, representing the College of Arts and Sciences, will make a presentation on behalf of the 1988 Students for Excellence Committee. Steve Black, representing the Lumpkin College of Business, will appear on behalf of the committee at the afternoon session.

The committee, composed of 10 students from various areas of the University, has raised more than \$6,000 in pledges from the Class of 1988.

The money raised will be used to support two projects at Eastern, including Panther Cat '88, the on-line computer system linking Booth Library with other libraries throughout the state, and the Moving on the Verge of Excellence (MOVE) Scholarship.

A reception will be held for graduates and their families after each ceremony in the West Ballroom of the University Union. A table will be set up for students and alumni who wish to make donations to the Students for Excellence Campaign.