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THREE FACULTY TO BE HONORED AT EIU COMMENCEMENT

CHARLESTON, IL.--Three Eastern Illinois University faculty will receive 1989 Distinguished Faculty Awards at Eastern's Spring Commencement Ceremonies Saturday, May 13, on the Library Quad (Lantz Gymnasium in case of rain).

Recipients of the University's highest honor bestowed upon faculty are Dr. Lawrence Barrie Hunt, zoology professor; Dr. Robert B. Sonderman, professor, School of Technology; and Dr. James Quivey, professor and chair of the Department of English, who will be honored during the 2 p.m. ceremony.

The 2 p.m. ceremony is for graduates of the Board of Governors-Bachelor of Arts degree program and the colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Fine Arts, and Applied Sciences.

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Graduates from the Graduate School and the colleges of Business, Education, and Health, Physical Education and Recreation will participate in the 10 a.m. ceremony.

"This is the first time since the award was initiated in 1977 that three individuals have received this distinguished honor," said Dr. Kipp Kruse, chairman of the Distinguished Faculty Awards Committee.

Drs. Hunt, Sonderman and Quivey 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 academic community and community-at-large.

Hunt, who has taught at Eastern since 1967 and will retire in August, has authored seven journal papers in pesticide-wildlife relationships and breeding bird studies. He is a volunteer for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Illinois Department of Conservation and Illinois Audubon collecting data on bird nesting, migration and population. He is also a member of several honorary, professional and conservation organizations.

Sonderman, who joined the Eastern faculty in 1956, is completing his 33rd and final year as a faculty member at EIU. He designed the walnut mace that is carried by the faculty marshals leading the faculty at commencements.

In the Summer of 1987, he volunteered his time to organize and provide the workshop, "Teaching Elementary Children Awareness of Technology," for elementary children from Charleston public schools. He is a life member of the American Council on Industrial Arts Teacher Education and serves on numerous other professional and university committees.

Quivey, who came to Eastern in 1969 as director of English Composition, has chaired the English Department since 1974. His teaching specialty is Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century English Literature and Satire.

He currently serves on the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Search Committee for Associate Dean and the College's Dean Advisory and Executive committees, among numerous other university and departmental committees.

Also to be honored at Commencement is Miss Celeste Holm, Oscar-winning actress, star of Broadway and television, humanitarian and lifelong contributor to the arts. She will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Public Service degree at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

Miss Holm, who recently played the role of Tom Selleck's mother in the top box-office grosser "Three Men and a Baby," has been in Salt Lake City, Utah, filming "Nora", a Christmas story scheduled to be released in December. Her television credits recently included "Falcon Crest" and "Magnum P.I."

During Commencement, 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 and will return next year.

Students earning the Lord Scholarships include Tracy Butler of Peoria, a senior elementary education major from the College of Education; Anjanette Dietrich of Benton, a junior art education major from the College of Fine Arts; and Jeff Mandrell of Hindsboro, a junior physical education major from the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Also, Sherry McCoy of Martinsville, a senior accounting and finance major from the Lumpkin College of Business; Judy McNally of Wheaton, a junior home economics education major from the College of Applied Sciences; and Sarah Williams of Charleston, a junior speech pathology and audiology major from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The student marshals chosen by the deans of Eastern's six undergraduate colleges and Graduate School are as follows: Amy Tharp of Lombard and Bruce Earl Williams of Danville (Graduate School); Michelle Graham of Wellington and Randall Sims of Charleston (Business); Linda Gerlach of Champaign and Gail M. Huels of Carlyle (Education); and Connie Bierman of Dieterich and Eric Soneson of Naperville (Health, Physical Education and Recreation).

Also, Michael D. Herlacher of Rye, Colo., and Margaret Ann Taylor of Champaign (School of Adult and Continuing Education); Anjanette Dietrich of Benton and Blair Nuccio of Summit (Fine Arts); Tammy Bear of Paris and Mike Dolan of Catin (Liberal Arts & Sciences); and Donna McDonald of Charleston and Anthony Ventimiglia of Oak Forest (Applied Sciences).

Marshals representing Eastern's Honors Programs are David Braddock of Bluford, Sheila Gainey of Peoria, Andrea Englebright of Paris and Tim Schmitz of Charleston.

In the morning ceremony, Kathy Gajewski, graduating senior from Richview, will make a presentation on behalf of the 1989 Senior Challenge Committee. Michelle Michals, a graduating senior from Lisle, will appear on behalf of the committee at the afternoon session.

The committee, composed of 11 students from various areas of the University, has raised more than \$11,000 in pledges from the Class of 1989 for the EIU Foundation.

The money raised will be used for book acquisitions for Booth Library and for the Moving on the Verge of Excellence (MOVE) Scholarship.