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CHARLESTON, IL--The Marathon Oil Company has given \$1,000 to Eastern Illinois University.

George E. Lowe, Jr., Manager of the company's Illinois Refining Division, Robinson, made the presentation to President Daniel E. Marvin, Jr. Lowe said use of the money was unrestricted, but was intended to further the educational programs of the University.

Lowe said Marathon "has a policy that allows us to support those universities we feel have supplied us with excellent graduates who are now in our employ. That's our philanthropic philosophy."

Marvin said the money would be administered through the EIU Foundation's fund for the improvement of undergraduate instruction.

The president said "I am deeply appreciative of his gift. I believe it symbolizes the high regard that Marathon Oil Company has for Eastern through its general reputation for excellence and through the high quality of our graduates employed by Marathon."

The fund in the Foundation, Marvin said, functions as an endowment through which earnings can be applied directly to enhancing the quality of the University's instructional activities.