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CHARLESTON, IL--"Alumni and Athletes in Action" is an art exhibition in the University Union Bridge Lounge at Eastern Illinois University.

R. Garey Hodge, Springfield, an Eastern alumnus, has recreated in paintings the success of Eastern's football team, national champion in 1978 and runner-up last year. The showing extends through October. The works are of acrylics with mixed media, watercolors and charcoal highlighting.

Hodge first exhibited his sports paintings in 1973 at Eastern for his M.A. degree. His style was influenced by Dr. Carl Shull and Dr. Walter Sorge, art professors.

The artist has won acclaim at other sports/art shows, featuring such athletes as Olga Korbut, Billie Jean King, Marlene Floyd, Virginia Wade and the St. Louis football Cardinals and the St. Louis Blues.

His work won a 1976 award at the United States Hockey Hall of Fame and was featured in 1975 at the Fifth biennial of Sports of Fine Arts in Barcelona, Spain. Other stops have included London, Chicago, New York and St. Louis.

A native of Moweaqua, Garey graduated from Eastern with a B.S. in Art Education in 1961, before returning for his masters in 1973. He has also studied during the summer months at Harvard University. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa and Artists Equity, two professional societies.

Recent exhibitions include the Grand Prix, United States Hockey Hall of Fame, Eveleth, MI (1976); Fifth Biennial of Sports in Fine Arts, Barcelona, Spain (1975); Who's Who in American Art (1973); One-Man Exhibition, Eastern Illinois University (1971) and Cover Painting Selected for the November issue of "LaRevue Moderne," Paris, France.