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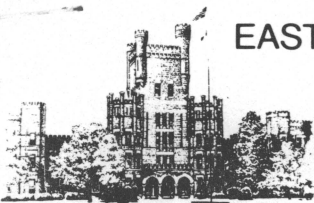
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AMOS SCHOLARSHIP

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University's Geology/Geography Department faculty have established an endowment fund in honor of Dewey Amos of Charleston, founder of the geology program at Eastern.

The Dewey H. Amos Geology and Earth Science Award, created with donations from Amos' present and former students and colleagues, will be awarded annually to upper level students in geology or earth science.

Recipients will be selected based on scholarship and participation and leadership in departmental field trips, clubs, lectures and similar academic activities.

Referred to as "the father of geology" at Eastern by geology/geography chair Alan Baharlou, Amos retired in December from the geology branch he initiated and developed in 1965.

"The geology/geography department faculty believed that the best way to honor such an extremely dedicated and knowledgeable colleague was to establish a scholarship in his name. So, we initiated a fund drive at his retirement dinner," said Baharlou.

Vice President for Development Stephen Falk said, "The creation of an endowment fund signifies the genuine respect individuals have for Dr. Amos and Eastern's continuing commitment to attract academically talented students to its programs."

Not only did Amos develop all of the courses and curriculum for Eastern's geology program, but he is known among geologists for his origination of maps of Southern Missouri and Kentucky, according to Baharlou.

"During his 34 years at Eastern, Amos was always excited about what he was doing. He had an unrepented love for students and to this day follows them and their careers," he said.

The recipient of Eastern's Excellence Award in Research, Amos received a bachelor's degree in geology from Marietta College, and master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois.

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He has more than 40 years' experience in his field, having worked as a military geologist for the Corps of Engineers and geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey and Missouri Geological Survey. He also taught at Southern Illinois University.