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CHARLESTON, IL--William B. Bails, Los Altos, Calif., was the first recipient of the Livingston C. Lord Scholarship at Eastern Illinois University.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the award, named in memory of the University's first president, and Bails, a retired Pan American pilot, was among recipients who returned recently for an honors dinner given by Eastern's president, Dr. Stanley Rives.

Certificates designating the holders of the award as "Livingston C. Lord Scholars" were presented. Following remarks by former faculty members describing the significance of the scholarship, Bails delivered the response on behalf of the 81 other recipients since 1934.

A fund was established by the Alumni Association in 1933 and the interest was used to provide the scholarship. The first scholarship paid approximately \$40. In 1984 two awards were given, each worth \$2,500.

Criteria for the award included a demonstration of academic excellence and a promise of professional success. Lord was president of Eastern from 1898 until his death in 1933.

Charles Titus, Director of Alumni Services, said "these Lord scholars have brought great credit to themselves and to the University by their accomplishments. It is entirely fitting that they be honored on the 50th anniversary of an effort launched by the Alumni Association."

The program is now administered by the Eastern Illinois University Foundation. The reunion dinner was held as part of Homecoming '84.