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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CAROL HELWIG NAMED CHAIR

CHARLESTON, IL.--Carol Helwig of Charleston, a professor at Eastern Illinois University for 21 years, has been named chair of Eastern's Department of Elementary and Junior High School Education.

Helwig has served as acting chair of the department since March 1, 1989, and oversees 1,000 majors and 20 faculty members in the department. Elementary Education majors at Eastern can enroll in one of three options, early childhood, intermediate, and comprehensive. Eastern also has a Junior High School major.

Helwig has been a professor in the Department of Elementary and Junior High School Education since 1969. She also coordinates Eastern's elementary education program offered at Danville Area Community College and Olney Central College and has directed Eastern's Reading Center, which offers reading tutorial and other services to University students.

She has also served in various other administrative capacities and has coordinated a special off-campus elementary and special education program at Urbana, Decatur and Mattoon public schools.

Helwig received a bachelor's degree in education from the State University of New York at Cortland and both her master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana.

Prior to joining the Eastern faculty, she worked in the U of I Department of Elementary Education, and before that as a fifth grade teacher in Danville and Long Beach, Calif.

At Eastern, she has played a key role in elementary and junior high curriculum revision. She also chaired the "Reading in the Mall" program for two years and served as president of the East Central-EIU Reading Council. She is the recipient of Eastern's Outstanding Faculty Merit Award.

For more than a decade, she has been co-sponsor to the Student Branch of the Association for Childhood Education, which has allowed her to work closely with students who will be future teachers.

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She has participated in a variety of professional activities both within the University and the department and in professional organizations at the state level, particularly the Illinois Reading Council.