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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

DRAKE ASSUMES NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

CHARLESTON -- Lynette Drake, Eastern Illinois University's director of orientation and coordinator of AIDS, alcohol and drug information, will become Eastern's Health Service director on July 1.

Drake will manage approximately 20 Health Service employees, including all staff except the physicians, who will be directed by Dr. Richard Larson, who has served as both Health Service director and medical director.

"Lynette will assume Dr. Larson's administrative responsibilities concerning the management of the Health Service, allowing him to spend more time supervising Health Service physicians and practicing medicine," said Shirley Stewart, director of student services and career planning and placement.

"Lynette brings to the Health Service over 10 years of administrative experience and a strong philosophy of customer service which is paramount to the student affairs division. Because of her background in health education, the university will be in a better position to create greater public awareness about the role of the Health Service and its services and further develop a customer-driven

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approach to serving students," Stewart said.

In addition to serving as Health Service director, Drake will continue to oversee the AIDS, alcohol and drug information education programs. Her office will be located in the Clinical Services Building on 7th Street.

The duties for student orientation will be reassigned on Aug. 1 to Shelly White, a member of Eastern's housing staff. White will continue to serve as the Lincoln Hall counselor in addition to her orientation duties. The orientation office will remain housed in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Health and prevention education fits nicely under the umbrella of the Health Service and complements the clinical services currently provided. An educational component will enhance the services and availability of current health and prevention information," Drake said.

She said her immediate goals are to heighten awareness about the Health Service, strengthen prevention efforts on campus by expanding the educational focus of the Health Service and establish a peer health educator program.

"I will rely heavily on the expertise of the Health Service staff to work as a team in the overall educational and clinical focus of the Health Service. As a unit, we will ensure that students receive the best possible service and most current information available and that they feel comfortable visiting our facility," Drake said.

Drake joined Eastern in 1985 as a hall counselor and became director of

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orientation and coordinator of AIDS, alcohol and drug information in 1991. In between positions, she spent two years at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks where she was an area director for housing.

She holds a master's degree in guidance and counseling with an emphasis in college student personnel and administration from Eastern.

She and her husband, Mike, a consultant geologist, have a 1 1/2-year-old daughter, Hannah.

Drake is the daughter of Don and Jeanette Baer of Decatur.