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CHARLESTON, ILL.--Two Eastern Illinois University faculty members will participate in a statewide conference on "Technology: A Vision for Rural and Small Schools" in Springfield on Thursday, Sept. 17.

Aim of the conference is to assist elementary and secondary school educators in the delivery of services to students in rural and small districts. Faculty and staff at the five Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities (BOG) schools will be presentors. Site of the session is the Prairie Capitol Convention Center.

Karl Konrad, Associate Professor of German at Eastern, will discuss video technology in foreign languages and international studies.

John Beabout, Director of the Radio and TV Center, will serve on a panel which will discuss educational television. Topics will include classroom instruction, support materials, classroom management and integration with curricular objectives.

Among conference committee members are John Perkins, manager and Mark Myers, assistant, Education Service Center No. 15, Charleston.

Specific topics to be covered include software and micro-computer applications, video exchange, satellite communications and library information transfer.

Nancy H. Froelich, Chairman of the BOG who lives in Lake Bloomington, said:

"There are some school districts out there that are really

struggling and their staffs are looking for new and inventive ideas in teaching. University participation in these projects is good for Illinois because the needs of students have a greater chance of being met as a result of such initiatives."

Registration for the conference is \$30. Payment should be sent to Rural School Technology Conference, Harold Vose, Regional Superintendent of Schools, Room 208, County Building, Springfield, Ill. 62701.