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EIU ANNOUNCES HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

CHARLESTON, IL.--Promising to create some of the "big-city's" excitement, Eastern Illinois University has picked "EIU--The Big Apple!" as its 1987 Homecoming theme.

Three full days of activities, set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday Oct. 16-17-18 include awards to six distinguished alumni and a football game between Eastern and Indiana State will highlight the special weekend. Other activities will include luncheon reunions for eight graduation classes, a play, an art exhibit, a free square dance, a parade, an Early Bird Reception, and departmental reunions.

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Parade Marshal for the 10 a.m. Saturday parade will be Burl Ives, an EIU Alumnus and internationally-known entertainer, who is also one of the six to receive a Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Others to be honored are: Rex Cooley (Class of 1959), senior vice-president, finance and administration, Marathon Oil Co. of Findlay, Ohio. Wayne Ratts (Class of 1954) of Ballwin, Mo., director of product technology for Monsanto Agriculture Products of St. Louis. James Hanks (Class of 1957) of West Lafayette, Ind., regional vice-president for State Farm Insurance. Carolyn Miller Fischer (Class of 1955) of Grand Forks, N.D. and her husband, Raymond L. Fischer (Class of 1954). Mrs. Fischer is the advanced placement English teacher at Red River High School in Grand Forks, while her husband is director of Graduate Studies at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

Ives (Class of 1931) of Montecito, Calif. was previously honored with a Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the May, 1985 Eastern Illinois University graduation exercises.

Class reunions will honor the eight graduation classes of 1917, 1927, 1937 (golden anniversary), 1947, 1957, 1962 (silver anniversary), 1967, and 1977.

Luncheons for these classes, open to the public, will be held at the Union Grand Ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Tickets at \$7.50 each may be ordered by writing Alumni Office, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Il. 61920. Checks should be made out to Eastern Illinois University.

The play, "E.R.--Emergency Room" will be presented in the EIU Doudna Fine Arts Center Friday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. Advanced tickets may be ordered through the Fine Arts Ticket Office. Prices are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens (60 or above) and students (high school and below), and \$2 for EIU students.

The Homecoming parade, one of Illinois' largest each year will have a new route that will end at the Buzzard Building on the EIU campus. The parade will begin at the corner of Seventh and Lincoln, wind its way to the Charleston square, and then return to campus.

The EIU-Indiana State football game is set for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 with a free square dance slated for McAfee North Gym that night at 7:30. EIU faculty member Bob Hussey will call the dances.

The EIU Alumni Office will hold an Early Bird Reception in the Alumni Lounge of the University Union from 1-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 for the early-arriving alumni. Snacks, coffee, and campus maps will be available.

Departmental coffee hours for all returning alumni will be held in the West Ballroom, University Union, and other departmental areas Saturday, Oct. 17 at 10:30 a.m., following the parade.

An art exhibit, "Wanderlust," featuring the work of eight contemporary photographers, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Tarble Arts Center. Jerry Griffith, a former EIU faculty member, will have a water color exhibit. The "Wanderlust" display will be on loan from the Hallmark Photographic Collection.