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CHARLESTON, IL--The St. Louis football Cardinals will hold their summer training camp at Eastern Illinois University for the third straight year, it was announced Friday by club owner William Bidwill and EIU President Stanley G. Rives.

The Cardinals and Eastern signed a one year agreement. Terms of the contract were not disclosed.

Camp is scheduled to open when rookies and selected veterans report on Monday, July 16.

The remaining veterans report a few days later with everyone departing on Friday, August 17.

"We're extremely pleased to renew this contract with the Cardinals," said athletic director R. C. Johnson. "Besides benefitting the University, it attracts equal attention to the Charleston-Mattoon area. We think it's a real plus for this part of the state.

"The Cardinals are a very professional organization. They work well with the university staff as well as cooperating with the general public. I think a good feeling continues to exist between everyone involved so we're happy to have them back for this six week period."

In making the announcement, Bidwill said, "The Cardinals have been well received by everyone associated with Eastern Illinois University and the surrounding communities.

"The positive attitude and support displayed by the university and Charleston-Mattoon communities is most beneficial to a successful operation, and the atmosphere and facilities offer a proper training site."

As before, the team will be housed in Stevenson Tower and will utilize O'Brien Stadium, Lantz Gym and the practice fields south of the complex.

Tentative plans call for two-a-day practice sessions six days a week with Sunday normally an off-day.