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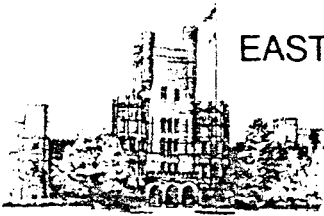
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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University on March 2-6 will host a foreign language proficiency project funded by the U.S. Office of Education's Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program.

Aim of the project is to provide training workshops for Illinois college and university teachers in oral proficiency interview and rating techniques.

Dr. Leo Kelly, of Eastern's Foreign Language Department and the on-site coordinator, said approximately 30 teachers will participate.

Other participants will include high school students from Milford and Eastern students enrolled in foreign language classes. Kelly said area adults who speak French or ^{Spanish}~~German~~ may volunteer to take part in the workshop. Also participating will be faculty members Luis Felipe Clay-Mendez, Richard Dulka, and Stan Harris.

The program is a two-stage training course consisting of the five-day workshop conducted by nationally-recognized trainers and a three to four month practicum. In the latter, trainees will conduct tape recorded interviews with students on the home campus and rate their proficiency level. A trainer assigned to the teacher evaluates skill development.