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CHARLESTON, IL.--Gifts to the Tenth Decade fund raising campaign are up 111.6% for the 1986 fiscal year-to-date as compared to FY' 85 totals, it was reported to the Eastern Illinois University Foundation Board of Directors at its quarterly meeting recently.

The campaign total is \$1,061,293, 21.2% towards the \$5 million five year goal. In FY '86, \$653,948 has been received as compared to \$309,034 in the same time period last year, according to Chuck Ross, director of Development.

The Foundation board also approved four new academic scholarships.

They are:

* Betty Wright Downing Scholarship, named for a former graduate of the EIU Laboratory School during President Livingston Lord's tenure, which will be awarded to a graduate student preparing for a career in medicine or health related field.

* Nelle Hutchason Scholarship which will be presented to an undergraduate elementary education major who is planning a career in education.

Hutchason, a 1916 EIU graduate, was a long time Charleston public school teacher.

* William Riordan Scholarship will provide a grant to a student enrolled in Recreation & Leisure Studies. Riordan formerly was director of Intramurals and developed the recreation administration curriculum.

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* Maharg Vocal Music Scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior or transfer student who has demonstrated vocal and musical ability through an EIU department of music audition. It was named for John Maharg, retired professor of music.

The Board also established a fund to "accept gifts for the support of the Board of Governors Bachelor of Arts Degree program," Titus said.

A resolution was passed to continue financial assistance for the 1987 Women's Expo and Health Fair which will be held on campus in March. The initial 1986 event attracted over 700 people from east central Illinois.