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BOARD APPROVES GREEK COURT CONSTRUCTION

OAK BROOK, IL--Construction bids for four fraternity/sorority houses in two complexes on the Eastern Illinois University campus were awarded September 9 by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities.

Construction is planned to begin immediately, with completion and occupancy planned for Fall Semester 1989, according to EIU President Stan Rives.

The Fraternity/Sorority Court was approved as a non-instructional capital improvement project by the Board of Governors on September 14, 1987, and by the Illinois Board of Higher Education on January 5, 1988.

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The successful bidders were: General Contract, Murphy Builders, Inc. of Harrisburg, Ill., at \$1,122,500; plumbing and sewerage contract, Paul H. McWilliams and Sons, Inc. of Champaign, Ill., at \$181,800; electrical contract, Effingham Electric Shop of Effingham, Ill., at \$140,110; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning contract, Merz Sheet Metal, Inc. of Effingham, Ill., at \$187,850. President Rives said the University was especially pleased that the bids were so competitive and that the total of the bids was \$1,632,260.

The Board also approved the awarding of the honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Mr. John White, Jr., at Eastern's Fall Commencement December 11, 1988, and the honorary Doctor of Public Service degree to Miss Celeste Holm at the Spring Commencement May 13, 1989.

Mr. White is President and CEO of the Illinois Farm Bureau, serving in that capacity since 1983.

Miss Holm is a distinguished American actress and singer with a celebrated career spanning almost fifty years on the stage, in the movies, and on television. She is a dedicated supporter of the arts and a humanitarian nationally recognized for her efforts as a private citizen.

In addition, the Board approved the position Vice President for Development in the central administrative organization of Eastern Illinois University. Eastern currently has three Vice Presidents: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Administration and Finance, and Vice President for Student Affairs.

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Recruitment for the fourth vice president will begin immediately, with a target date of February 1, 1989, for appointment of an individual to the position, said Rives.

Eastern is in Phase I of its development effort, the Tenth Decade Campaign, to raise \$5 million in private funds to help support excellence at the University. The \$5 million goal was accomplished 18 months ahead of the scheduled December of 1989 completion of the Phase I plan.

Phase II of the development effort, tentatively called the Second Century Campaign for Eastern, is currently in the planning stage.

President Rives also told Board members that Eastern's College of Education remains the second largest producer of certified educational personnel in Illinois.

In addition, the College of Education has completed its periodic Tenth-Year Review of programs by The State Teacher Certification Board and received continuing entitlement authority for issuance of certificates for educational personnel.

The Certification Board commended the COE for its thorough self-study document, its competent, professional staff, its commitment to quality, professional teaching and training, and its commitment to minority concerns as evidenced by involvement in the Percy Julian High School collaborative project.

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Rives also noted that since the Board last met, the University has received 16 contracts and grants with a total value of \$1,166,336. Research grants include \$10,400 to Dr. Kip McGilliard from the American Lung Association to study the effects of caffeine and related drugs on the respiratory system of newborn rats, \$30,320 to Dr. Kipp Kruse from the Illinois Department of Conservation to assess the Department's catchable trout program; and \$20,000 to Dr. T. Howard Black from the American Chemical Society for continuing molecule research.