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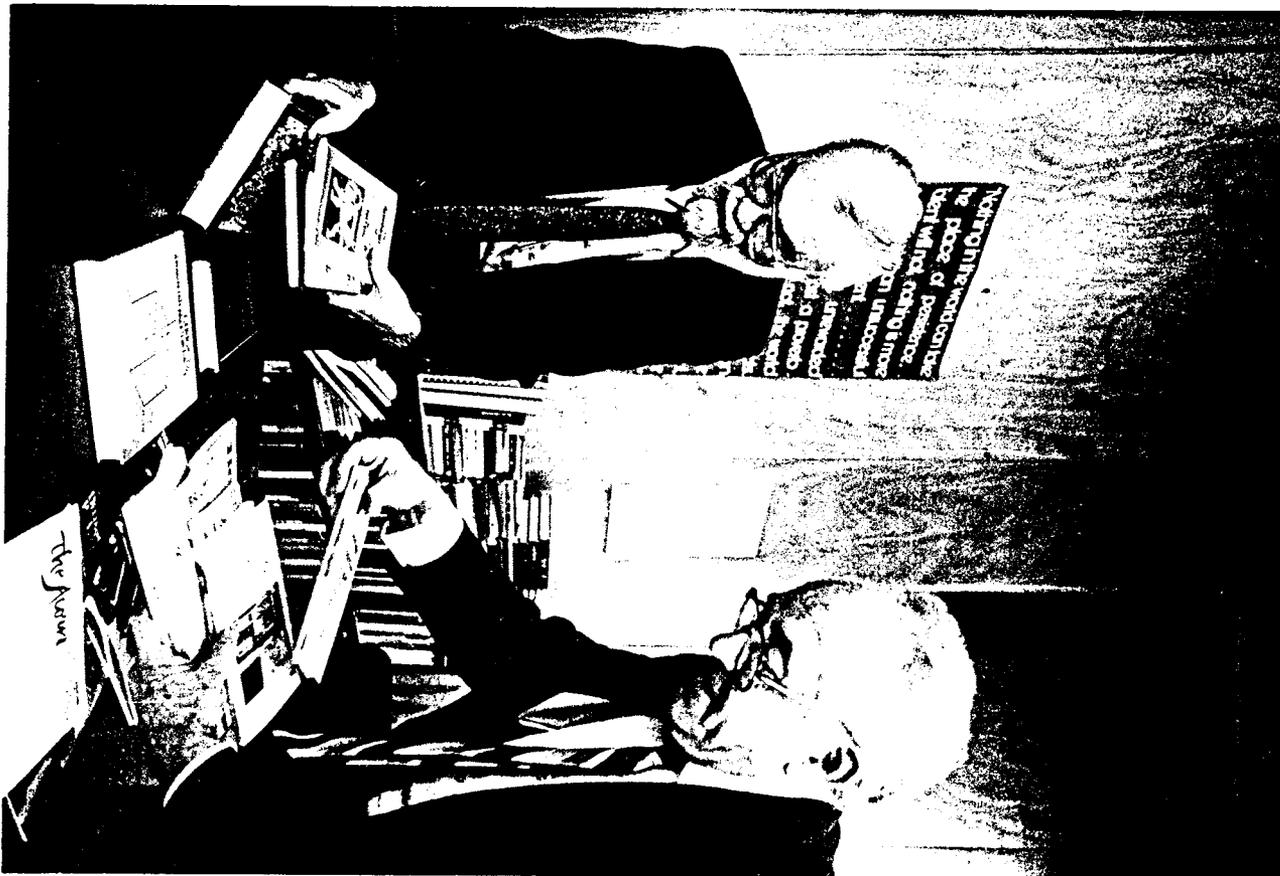
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CHARLESTON, IL.--Dr. Jon Laible (left), Dean of the Eastern Illinois University College of Arts and Sciences and Associate Dean, Dr. Leonard Durham review some of the hundreds of published writings by their faculty members, following a recent recognition reception for the authors.



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CHARLESTON, IL.--More than 120 faculty members of the College of Arts and Sciences who have published books, magazines, and other writings during the past three years were recently honored at a reception given by Jon Laible, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

A giant display of the various publications by the EIU staff members was a highlight of the special recognition.

"The publications represent many thousands of hours of work in research and creation by a large number of our 300 faculty members," praised Dr. Laible. "Even more amazing than the number of writers," he added, "is the variety of materials, ranging from textbooks to specialized books and articles."

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Also honored was Dr. Paul Kirby, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who will be retiring March 1, 1988. Dr. Kirby, currently on administrative leave, has recently published a book, "The Autobiography of Hercules."

Dr. Kirby, who joined the EIU staff in 1964, served as an instructor in foreign languages before becoming an administrator. He taught for 22 years in a variety of subjects at the junior high, senior high, and university levels.

"Dr. Kirby will be remembered for his love for the Classics and his devotion to excellence," said Dr. Laible in his tribute. "He cared about students and had a close relationship with them."

After receiving his Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Kirby did advanced study at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece. He also served in the United States Army as an information and education specialist.

In nationwide competition in 1974 he was chosen to attend the Institute on Classical Humanities in the American Republic at the University of Idaho in a program sponsored by the American Philological Association. He was named to the board of Bicentennial Lecturers by a committee of the same organization.

He has been active in a number of Classical organizations, including lifetime membership in the Classical Association of Great Britain.