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CHARLESTON, IL --Dr. Barbara Owens today was named Dean of the School of Home Economics at Eastern Illinois University. The appointment was recommended by President Daniel E. Marvin, Jr. and approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting in Springfield.

Dr. Owens, who has been Acting Dean, succeeds Dr. Mary Ruth Swope, who retired at the end of the Fall semester. She will assume the position on May 1.

Marvin said, "I am most pleased that Dr. Owens accepted the appointment. She is an experienced home economist and administrator. Dr. Owens has the overwhelming support of the faculty in Home Economics and she certainly has the firm support of Dr. Rives (Vice President for Academic Affairs) and me."

Dr. Owens joined Eastern's faculty in 1969 as Assistant Professor, Home Economics, and Student Teacher Coordinator. In 1973 she was named program coordinator in Home Economics Education. She was Acting Dean of the School from May to August in 1976 and was named that same year as Assistant to the Dean. Dr. Owens holds the rank of Associate Professor.

She holds the B.S. in Education and M.S. in Education degrees, and the Specialist in Education degree from Eastern. She earned the doctorate from Southern Illinois University.

In May 1980 Dr. Owens served an internship with national vocational related organizations, including the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Owens is a native of Casey and was an elementary, junior high and high school teacher in that community.