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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

GUERNSEY NOMINATED FOR CASE PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR

CHARLESTON, IL--English professor Bruce Guernsey of rural Charleston has been nominated by Eastern Illinois University for the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) 1993 Professor of the Year Award.

The national awards program recognizes outstanding professors who display an extraordinary commitment to teaching. CASE will select one U.S. National Professor of the Year and Professors of the Year in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Winners will be announced in September.

The U.S. Professor of the Year will receive a \$10,000 cash award contributed by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and will be invited to Washington, D.C., to accept the award and lecture at the Smithsonian Institution during the 1993-94 academic year.

One of Guernsey's top honors includes being named the 1992 Board of Governors Universities Distinguished Professor, the most prestigious honor in the five-university system. He has also received four Faculty Excellence Awards from Eastern, two Fulbright lectureships to Greece and Portugal, four Illinois Arts

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Council literary fellowships and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Most recently he was appointed to a three-year term on the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, a private agency responsible for the administration of the Fulbright scholar program.

Guernsey has taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses at Eastern since joining the English faculty in 1978, including Honors Programs classes for talented students.

He has also had two books of poetry published and has finished a third. His poems have been published in magazines, such as The Atlantic and Poetry. He has also given talks on Abraham Lincoln's poetry before local historical groups and has spent time with teachers in the community sharing ways to teach poetry to their students.

Guernsey received a bachelor's degree in English from Colgate University, a master's in English from the University of Virginia and a master's in creative writing from The Johns Hopkins University where he was a teaching fellow. He earned a doctorate from the University of New Hampshire.