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EIU FOUNDATION BOARD APPROVES THREE SCHOLARSHIPS

CHARLESTON, IL.--The Eastern Illinois University Foundation has created three new scholarship funds in the fields of sports medicine, journalism and elementary education.

They include the Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Heath Sports Medicine Scholarship, the Paul E. Black Community Press Scholarship and the Minnie Alice Phillips Scholarship.

Charleston residents Jerry Heath, M.D., an emeritus faculty member of Eastern who served as director of the EIU Health Service for more than 30 years, and his wife, Margery, have established the Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Heath Sports Medicine Scholarship for Eastern students interested in a career in sports medicine.

The first annual award will be presented in Spring 1989 to a varsity athlete who has shown interest in and an aptitude for the field of sports medicine, with the awardee's field of study to be preferably in pre-medicine, or in an associated field of study.

Paul E. Black of Mattoon, who received his bachelor's degree in 1984 and master's degree in 1987 from Eastern, is funding the Paul E. Black Community Press Scholarship for Eastern students majoring in journalism with a professional objective of print journalism in the community press field.

Black is a news reporter for Mid-Illinois Newspapers, Inc., publishers of the Charleston Times-Courier and Mattoon Journal Gazette, and is a part-time journalism instructor at Eastern.

"Hopefully, my contribution is a small step toward returning to Eastern a small portion of a valuable investment of time and money by the journalism department into my education," Black said.

Minnie Alice Phillips, M.D., of Mattoon, a 1912 Eastern graduate who received Eastern's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1973, has established the Minnie Alice Phillips Scholarship for outstanding elementary education students at Eastern.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to an elementary education major who plans to teach in grades kindergarten through fourth.

Dr. Phillips said in a letter to the EIU Foundation, "I wish to create this scholarship in honor and in memory of the many dedicated teachers of the Normal School, the former members of my family who attended Eastern, and of Lottie Leach Leeds, who exemplifies what I believe a teacher should be." Leeds, a 1940 Eastern graduate, taught at her alma mater from 1958-1966.

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Eastern's Director of Annual Giving, Pattie Corey, reported during a recent EIU Foundation Board meeting that Eastern's College of Applied Sciences, the first of six colleges to conduct a telefund during the 1988-89 campaign, raised \$17,161, surpassing its \$16,000 goal. The EIU Parents' Club raised \$11,105, exceeding its goal of \$8,000.

Newly appointed members of the EIU Foundation Board Nominating Committee are Herbert Alexander (chair) and Margaret Hollowell, both of Charleston, and James Hanks of West Lafayette, Ind.