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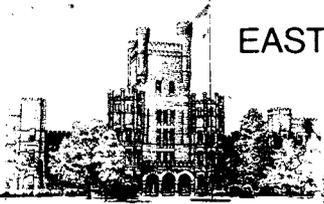
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN CONTINUES TO PROMOTE EQUALITY

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University continues its commitment to a positive and continuing affirmative action program through an Affirmative Action Awards Program that recognizes campus groups/units for their exemplary affirmative action efforts and accomplishments.

For the first time, this year an affirmative action award will be presented to a university group which has helped promote equality for students with disabilities.

Two other affirmative action awards will be presented to university groups that have contributed to affirmative action on behalf of women and minorities.

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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

Applications for the awards are available in Eastern's Affirmative Action Office at 108 Old Main (581-5020). The application deadline is Nov. 2. Any unit of the university, including student organizations, is eligible to apply.

The three \$500 affirmative action awards, funded by the EIU Foundation, will be presented during Eastern's Fourth Annual Affirmative Action Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

"The awards honor departments or organizations that have gone beyond their stated mission within the university to help promote equality for women and minorities and now students with disabilities," said EIU Director of Affirmative Action Judith Anderson.

Last year, Eastern's journalism department won the affirmative action award on behalf of minorities, while the dean's office of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences received the award on behalf of women.

Ms. Dale Brown, program manager of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, will present the keynote address to highlight the initiation of the new award category.

The public is invited to attend the banquet and may make reservations by contacting the Affirmative Action Office at 581-5020 by Friday, Nov. 11. Tickets are \$10 each.