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HOMECOMING PARADE SET

CHARLESTON, IL.--More than 100 entries will be featured in Eastern Illinois University's Homecoming parade at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14.

Twenty-five floats and 10 area bands are among the entries. Illinois Secretary of State Jim Edgar, a 1968 Eastern graduate, is the parade marshal. Eastern's 1989 Distinguished Alumnus, Outstanding Young Alumnus and Alumni Service award recipients are among the dignitaries who will ride in the parade.

The bands performing include Eastern Illinois University, Charleston High School, Charleston Junior High School, Chrisman-Scottsland, Mattoon, Heyworth, Stewardson-Strasburg, Altamont, Effingham St. Anthony, Stonington and Pana high schools. The Patriots marching color guard from Mattoon will also perform.

This year's parade route will be the same as last year. Entries will form on and near Seventh Street on the east side of Eastern's campus. The parade will go north on Seventh Street, around the Charleston Square, and return south on Sixth Street, rejoining Seventh Street behind Boatmen's Bank near Lincoln Avenue, and then return to the Buzzard Building on Eastern's campus.

"Around the World" is the theme for this year's Homecoming featuring many activities for alumni and students alike. Starting Homecoming Day will be the dedication of the Alumni House, 1544 Fourth Street, at 8:30 a.m. Tours of the house will be given until 6 p.m. The house will also be open from 2-5 p.m. Friday (Oct. 13) and from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday (Oct. 15).

An alumni coffee hour from 9:30 to 11 a.m. will follow the dedication ceremony in the University (Old) Ballroom, University Union. Most academic units will greet alumni there.

An alumni luncheon open to all alumni will begin at 11 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom, University Union. The classes of 1929, 1939, 1949, 1959, 1964, 1969 and 1979 will have special tables. The 1989 Distinguished Alumnus, Outstanding Young Alumnus and Alumni Service awards will be presented. D. Ray Wilson will represent the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities at the luncheon.

A tailgate lunch, sponsored by the University Board, will begin at 12:30 p.m. at O'Brien Stadium and will precede the 2 p.m. Homecoming game against the Akron Zips.

A dinner for the Class of 1939 will be held at 6 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. During dinner, members of the Class of 1939 and previous classes in attendance will receive a pin representing their induction into the Livingston C. Lord Society. The Chuck White trio will perform for the inductees following dinner. Comedian George Carlin will perform at 8 p.m. in Lantz Gymnasium.