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EASTERN MET THE CHALLENGE IN '88

CHARLESTON, IL--In 1988, despite continued inadequate funding by the General Assembly and record enrollments, Eastern Illinois University was the place where Illinois "gets the most for its buck" and "the best-run institute of higher learning in Illinois," according to Governor James E. Thompson.

The Governor praised Eastern during groundbreaking ceremonies for construction of the new \$8 million addition to Coleman Hall, which will house the Lumpkin College of Business. The new building, the first in many years, is expected to be completed in early 1991.

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Although Eastern's record of excellence in undergraduate education is a matter of record, during 1988 the University initiated a total review of its undergraduate program. The Undergraduate Study Report contains 197 specific recommendations for further improving Eastern's excellent program and assuring it remains the best available of any public university in the state.

By the end of the Year, the University had already implemented one of the Study's key recommendations. Beginning with the Spring Semester of 1990, Eastern will enhance its freshman admissions standards by moving from one standard for the Fall Semester and another for the Spring Semester and Summer Term to a single admissions standard for all terms.

Students will also be required to meet both class standing and test score criteria for admission, with provision for an alternate admissions program for minority students. A primary goal of faculty and administrators in 1989 will be implementation of other Study recommendations.

FUNDING

According to a cost study released by the Illinois Board of Higher Education in 1988, Eastern remains the most underfunded public university in the state. The inadequate level of tax dollar support continued to create problems for the University and its students. (Illinois--once a leader in support of higher education--now ranks 46th among the 50 states in the level of its support of higher education.) Since January 1988, tuition has had to be increased a total of \$432, to allow the University to continue offering a quality education program and make up for the inadequate appropriations from the General Assembly.

ENROLLMENT UP

Compounding inadequate funding in 1988 was record student enrollments. Because of Eastern's popularity among high school graduates, the University was forced to close freshman and transfer admissions for the Fall Semester of 1989 on October 28, except scholarship and award holders.

The enrollment increase at Eastern this fall was greater than the increase at all of the other public universities in Illinois combined! Minority enrollment also increased and Eastern's student body included 657 minority students, an increase of 82 over the 1987 Fall Semester.

Eastern's Army ROTC spring enrollment was a record 164, making it second in size among Illinois ROTC Programs.

A new University enrollment record was also established for the Summer Intersession. Since 1978, intersession head count has grown from 266 to a record 1,478. Overall Summer enrollment was 3,708.

During the summer, graduate student enrollment also reached a record of 1,536 (including both on- and off-campus enrollees).

With 1,649 enrolled majors during 1988, the College of Education remains in a solid position as the second largest producer of certified educational personnel in Illinois.

More than 3,100 graduates were eligible to participate in commencement ceremonies during the year and Honorary Doctor of Laws Degrees were presented to Rex D. Cooley, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration of Marathon Oil Company, and John White, Jr., President of the Illinois Agricultural Association.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

In addition to the groundbreaking for the addition to Coleman Hall, construction is also underway on the Greek Court. Site preparation is completed and the first four fraternity and sorority houses are under construction. When completed over the next decade, the Court will provide around twenty 42-student houses and a new sense of unity among the student sorority-fraternity community.

NAME CHANGES

The dedication of Eastern's Klehm Hall, (formerly named the Applied Science Building), highlighted the 1988 Founder's Day activities. Dr. Walter A. Klehm came to Eastern in 1938 as head of the industrial arts program and he and his wife have been strong supporters of the University.

To better describe their missions, the College of Arts and Sciences has become the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and The Adult and Continuing Education unit is now the School of Adult and Continuing Education. Both changes were a result of action by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

KEY STAFF CHANGES

Dr. Charles Colbert, who joined Eastern's staff as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, has served a variety of positions at the University of Georgia and Emporia State University. Also arriving in 1988 was Dr. Thomas M. Edwards, Associate Director for Institutional Studies, who earned his doctorate at Harvard University.

New Placement Director is Shirley Stewart and Dr. James W. Krehbiel, Eastern music theory professor since 1965, was appointed Chair of the Music Department. He holds a doctorate from Indiana University. Joan Schmidt, Associate Athletic Director and member of the Eastern staff since 1970, was named Interim Athletic Director, replacing R.C. Johnson who accepted the Athletic Director position at Miami (Ohio) University. Recruiting is now in progress for a Vice-President for Development at Eastern.

In 1988, the University mourned the loss of department chair Dr. Robert Sullivan of the Lumpkin College of Business; David Dean, Director of Administrative and Planning Services; and student advisor Pamela Hill, who died during the year.

STUDENTS

Mike Riordan was elected Student Body President and Patty Kennedy is Eastern's new student member of the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities.

The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs conducted a five-week on-campus course experience for 45 minority students pointed toward the enhancement of desire to attend college upon graduation. The in-class experience included weekend educational trips and supplemental speakers.

Students and their organizations also received recognition. Phi Gamma Nu, a professional business fraternity, was selected once again as the top campus chapter in the United States. Senior accounting majors taking the American Institute of CPA's examination scored in the top one-third of all U.S. students taking the exam and the Upsilon Gamma chapter of Sigma Tau Delta International received an Outstanding Chapter Award.

Adult students (ten percent of the total undergraduate enrollment) organized a self-support group, OASIS, (Organization of Adult Students, Informal and Supportive) to promote the academic and social welfare of adult students.

The Placement Office began development of a new computerized resume service for graduating students, which will allow them to formulate a personal resume with the style and quality of a letter-press presentation.

Although Eastern is one of the "safest" campuses in the country, the Security Office intends to keep it that way. They conducted crime and attack prevention programs in the residence halls, that reached over 2,000 students in one month.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Eastern provided a variety of support to its neighboring communities, including more than \$22,000 contributed to the Eastern Coles County United Way.

The Adult and Continuing Education Programs supported a record 8,000 students and enrollment in the Board of Governor's bachelor of arts degree program stands at 1,000. Since 1973, 1,460 adults have received the BOG/BA degree from Eastern.

Eastern's College of Fine Arts' 12th annual "Celebration: A Festival of the Arts" was attended by more than 18,000. It was rated among the top festivals in the United States, by author Kathleen Thompson Hill in her book Festivals U.S.A.: The 1,000 Best Festivals.

The College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation's First Annual "Wellness Fair" attracted more than 2,800 from four different states. Area organizations participated with informational displays and various health screenings and testing.

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YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

More than 1,300 women from Illinois and neighboring states participated in the third annual Women's Expo & Health Fair. Participants were treated to a variety of workshops, geared to women's concerns, as well as exhibits, health screenings, and a fashion show.

Eastern also published "Nature of Language" by Gertrude Hendrix, the first issue of its new Research and Review Series. The series was funded in part by a gift to the EIU Foundation from Dr. Chenault Kelly, Emeritus Professor.

Eastern's College of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation hosted the Area Special Olympics, supported by approximately 1,000 Eastern students and involving more than 425 participants. It also co-hosted the Illinois High School Association Boys' and Girls' State Track meets and hosted preliminary competition for four sports of the 1988 Prairie State Games.

Cooperation through resource sharing enabled Eastern's Booth Library to lend materials to other libraries and borrow from other collections for local users. A total of 28,320 Interlibrary Loan transactions were processed: 16,025 items loaned; 12,295 items borrowed. There was full-scale cooperation as it added 13,820 volumes to the collection, bringing the total number of volumes to 569,437.

The year ended with festive cooperation as Booth Library provided the setting and organizational support for the Community Holiday Party sponsored by President and Mrs. Stan Rives, with more than 1,000 attending.

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YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

The University held three successful blood drives for the American Red Cross, with more than 3,400 pints collected.

The Tarble Arts Center continued its role as a regional cultural facility, with community groups utilizing it for the presentation of public cultural events.

ACCREDITATION/NEW PROGRAMS

The State Teacher Certification Board considered Eastern's Tenth Year Report and recommended that the University be found in compliance with all standards, and all Eastern Teacher Education programs were completely approved by the State Board of Education.

Among the other programs reaccredited were the School of Home Economics, the Industrial Technology program, and the Recreation and Leisure Studies' bachelor's degree program. Eastern's Pre-Professional Practice Program for candidates in the Masters of Science in Home Economics-Dietetics Option degree program became one of eight approved by the American Dietetic Association and the Specialist in School Psychology was approved as a new program for the Department of Psychology in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The College of Education completed the major task of revising all curricula in elementary and junior high school education, updating the Early Childhood Option. This action was designed to meet the needs of school districts for personnel who are specifically trained and certified in the area of Early Childhood Education. The Illinois State Teacher Certification Board examined the revisions and approved the option for issuance of the new Early Childhood (type 04) Certificate.

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YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

The Center for Economic Education was officially approved, by the Joint Council on Economic Education and the National Association of Economic Educators. It will serve school districts and teachers in the thirteen counties in eastern Illinois, as well as providing economic information to the general public.

FACULTY-STAFF RECOGNITION

Numerous members of Eastern's faculty and staff received recognition. Marvel Y. "Mickey" Carrell, a Data Processing Controller, is Eastern's Civil Service Employee of the Year. John B. Mann, Food Services Administrator, is the Civil Service Supervisor of the Year.

President Rives joined 14 other college presidents for an American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Mission to Australia for the purpose of stimulating faculty and student exchanges between the United States and Australia.

Dr. Verna L. Armstrong, Vice President for Administration and Finance, was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Association of University Administrators and Dean Larry Williams of the Graduate Office serves on the Board of Directors of the Council of Graduate Schools - a twelve member board elected by representatives of 400 of the leading graduate schools in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada.

Dean Vaughn Jaenike of the College of Fine Arts, was elected Vice President/President Elect of the International Council of Fine Arts Deans, which includes 200 members from North America, Europe, and Australia. Dean William Hine of the School of Adult and Continuing Education was elected Vice President of the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education.

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YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Two faculty members in English received Fulbright lectureships for 1988-89: Dr. Walter Lazenby to teach in Rumania and Dr. John Kilgore in the Philippines. Michael Strader, Director of Eastern's Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program, was re-elected President of the National Association of Nutrition and Aging Services Programs and Dr. Larry D. Helsel, School of Technology, was elected to a three year term on the National Association of Industrial Technology Board of Accreditation. Helsel will represent Illinois and six other midwest states.

Dr. Joyce Crouse, Chair of the School of Home Economics, was one of ten national recipients of the 1988 American Home Economics Association Leader Award.

Dr. Wayne Coleman of the School of Technology was honored by the National Association for Industrial Technology as the 1988 Outstanding Industrial Technology Professor.

A short story written by Mary McDaniel, an English instructor at Eastern since 1982, was the winner in the Hemingway Days Festival in Key West, Florida. The short story contest included 580 entries from the United States, France, and Switzerland. Dr. Hannah Eads, Professor of Art, was designated by the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts to join the U.S. delegation of a major international cultural exchange with Hong Kong and the People's Republic and Dr. Allen W. Smith's Understanding Economics has become the nation's best-selling economics textbook for high school students.

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YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

For the first time, Eastern will have the honor of sending four of its music faculty to be guest conductors at the 1989 Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Conference to be held in January in Peoria. Director of Bands Thomas Brawner; Robert Hills, a member of EIU's Vocal/Choral staff; Allan Horney, Director of Jazz Studies and the Jazz Ensemble; and Dan Goble, a member of EIU's Jazz Studies faculty will conduct.

Dr. Robert Augustine is the new president of the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association, a professional organization with a membership of approximately 1,800 and Dr. Martin Reed has been appointed to the Physical Development and Health Education Assessment Committee at the State Board of Education.

Eastern President Stan Rives said, "Despite a year in which overall state appropriated funding to Eastern continued to be less than adequate, Eastern's faculty members and administrators continued to excel. It is a compliment to their sense of professionalism and dedication to their fields."

Two Eastern music groups also earned special recognition. Eastern's Concert Choir performed in New York City in the spring. Twenty-five choir members and Dr. Robert E. Snyder joined five other choirs, for a command performance in Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall. Eastern's Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Allan Horney, won the acclaim of a panel of judges made up of six professional jazz artists at the 30th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival at Notre Dame and received the coveted "Outstanding Performance" commendation.

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CAMPUS VISITORS

Many top educators and other officials visited Eastern in 1988. The Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates were invited to the University by President Rives and Vice President Elect Dan Quayle spoke to students and area residents. Senator Paul Simon also addressed a gathering of students.

Others appearing at Eastern included Emmanuel Pelaez, Ambassador from the Republic of the Philippines; Richard Carlson, Director of the Voice of America radio network; Harvard University Mathematics Professor Y.T. Siu; Richard Schacht, a well-known Nietzsche scholar; and educators from Australia, Japan and China.

"Ethics and Social Responsibility: An American Crisis" was the special theme for Summer 1988, with five distinguished visiting professors.

CONFERENCES

Eastern hosted a wide variety of conferences and other activities, bringing thousands of educators, other professionals, and students from a wide area of Illinois and surrounding states to the campus.

The Department of Music hosted the Illinois Music Educators Association District V Festival, including 1,050 high school students and 100 directors. Approximately 1,000 Illinois high school boys were hosted for the American Legion's Premier Boys State program and more than 570 girls for the Legion Auxiliary's Girls State Program. Governor Thompson, most of the other constitutional officers of Illinois, and several members of the General Assembly made presentations to both camps.

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YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

The College of Education co-sponsored and hosted two significant professional conferences for state educators and the Eighth Annual Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional High School Mathematics Contest attracted more than 400 students from seventeen high schools.

The History Department sponsored its ninth conference for high school and junior high history teachers and twenty-eight of the finest high school marching bands in Illinois competed in the Thirteenth Annual Marching Band Contest.

SPORTS

Eastern ranked third among the ten schools in the Gateway Conference, with 55 student-athletes selected for the league's academic honor roll for achieving a 3.20 or better grade point average last spring. Dan Callahan, an assistant Southern Illinois University coach, was named head baseball coach.

Eastern's women's basketball team won the Gateway Conference Tournament championship and the Panther men's track and soccer teams won the Association of Mid-Continent Universities championship. The softball team won the Gateway Conference regular season championship and Jim Maton, track star, won the first Division I national title in Eastern's history.

YEAR OF THE ALUMNI

Three major alumni projects were initiated in 1988 and several alumni received national recognition.

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YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

Eastern's Alumni Association has accepted a challenge from a Charleston charitable organization to raise \$35,000 in matching funds in order to purchase a house for its membership.

Eastern's Alumni Directory, a compilation of the most current data available on more than 42,453 alumni, is nearing completion. In addition, Eastern, working with Champion Federal Savings and Loan Association, is offering its alumni VISA and MasterCard credit cards at a special interest rate.

Eastern's alumni continued to excel in all professions. Peggy Allan ('71), a social studies and language arts teacher at Greenville Junior High School, was selected 1988 Illinois Teacher of the Year.

Alumnus Burl Ives, folk singer and internationally-known actor of stage, screen and television, has been named distinguished alumnus of the year by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

Joan Allen, Eastern student during the 1970's, received the 1988 Tony award for best actress in a play for her portrayal of a bereaved dancer in Lanford Wilson's Burn This.

Former Eastern basketball standout Kevin Duckworth, now with the NBA Portland Trailblazers, was chosen the National Basketball Association's Most Improved Player and Eastern baseball player Stan Royer of Charleston was chosen by the Oakland Athletics in the first round of the Major League Baseball Draft.

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Herbert T. Gaffigan, Jr., of Decatur was elected new president of the Alumni Association.

PRIVATE FUNDING

The volume of externally sponsored grants at Eastern Illinois University increased to more than \$3.7 million, an increase of \$140,000 from the previous year. These private funds provided some relief from the inadequate state appropriated funding. The success of the entire University in funded projects was highlighted by several individual, departmental and college achievements. The College of Education was responsible for obtaining over one million dollars in FY88 grant dollars.

The Peace Meal grant, sponsored by the College of Applied Sciences, and the School of Home Economics, provided approximately 400,000 meals for area senior citizens.

The Chemistry Department received \$127,350 from the National Science Foundation for a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer to be used in faculty and student research and in the advanced teaching laboratories.

Dr. Howard Black, assistant chemistry professor, received a grant from the Frederick Cottrell Research Corporation, an organization set up to encourage young faculty. Grants usually go to private school faculty and this is the first to Eastern.

Also on the positive side, the Tenth Decade Campaign, started in 1984 to raise \$5 million in private contributions to Eastern, was accomplished 18 months ahead of time. Eastern has also tripled the endowment in the University Foundation.

ADVANCEMENT IN TECHNOLOGY

Eastern has initiated action to provide specifications for a Touch Tone Registration System. When completed, it will allow students to register for courses and check their registration status by using a standard Touch Tone telephone. In addition, Computer Services successfully modified and installed an On-line Transcripts System from Brigham Young University on the IBM system at Eastern. When modifications are made, it will provide a complete student record on-line so advisors can counsel based upon current transcript information. The Uniform Campuswide Area Network Services are also being implemented. Access to three large computer systems is provided, in addition to the typical file sharing and printer sharing services on a local area network.

The manual work order system is also being automated to improve efficiency of the maintenance and upkeep schedule of campus facilities.

ONE OF THE TOP 350

Eastern Illinois University's reputation for excellence was further documented when Eastern was listed as one of the 350 "...most recognizable and prestigious undergraduate universities" among the 1,500 four-year colleges in the United States, according to a 1988 publication by the College Research Group of Concord, Massachusetts. Top American Colleges, published by Simon and Schuster, Inc. (New York) puts Eastern in the prestigious company of such universities as Yale and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.