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BOG APPROVES HONORING FORMER FACULTY

CHARLESTON, IL--During its meeting in Macomb Thursday (Oct. 18), the State Board of Governors approved Eastern Illinois University's request to name six buildings in the University Court complex in honor of distinguished former faculty members.

Those to be honored include George K. Cooper, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Business Education and Administrative Information Systems. He served as Chair of the department from 1962 to 1973, when he returned to full-time teaching for nine years prior to retirement in 1982.

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FORMER FACULTY

He is listed in Who's Who in America, is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Purple Masque, and was invited five times to the American College Theatre Festival Regionals.

Lucina P. Gabbard was a part-time faculty member during the time her family was growing up, and became a full-time member of the faculty in 1968. She published two excellent critical books. The first was ... and the second was ...

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FORMER FACULTY

Lawrence A. Ringenberg, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Mathematics, served Eastern for 33 years, both as Chair of the Department and as the first Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He was Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs during 1977-78.

Ringenberg was published in many journals and also authored three geometry textbooks, two of which were used in teacher education, and the other in high schools across the country. His reputation as an educator was such that in 1966 he was chosen to lead a group of consultants to East Pakistan where they conducted summer institutes in Physics and Mathematics. He was presented with the Beberman Award and the Distinguished Life Member Award by the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics. During the past year, the Department of Mathematics completed the endowment of a major scholarship in his name.

James A. Saunders retired from the Department of Journalism in 1986. He was dedicated to improving the educational opportunities offered to minority students. An organizer of Concerned Citizens of Charleston, a group dedicated to providing assistance in many ways to minority students as they attempted to adjust to the community, he was a wellspring of ideas. One example is Minority Today, a concept which he nurtured into a regular publication covering the EIU minority community and distributed to the campus at-large.