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STUDENTS CELEBRATE EDGAR VICTORY

CHARLESTON, IL.--"Edgar for Governor" signs waved in the wind, balloons soared and students cheered in front of "Old Main" at Eastern Illinois University this morning upon receiving news that 1968 Eastern graduate Jim Edgar had been elected Governor of Illinois.

As a group of happy students stood in front of "Old Main," a handful of others were on their way back to Charleston from Chicago where they spent the evening at Edgar campaign headquarters watching the poll results come in.

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Eastern President Stan Rives is also proud of the election of the former Eastern Student Body President. "We are obviously pleased that Eastern Illinois University graduate Jim Edgar will be our next governor. His election not only reflects Eastern's tradition of excellence in education, but also means that the state's next top executive is committed to supporting quality education in Illinois," Dr. Rives said.

Upon Edgar's election, EIU student representative to the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities, Brett Gerber of Kankakee, said, "Jim Edgar's election will mean a lot to Eastern in that he is an Eastern graduate and a strong supporter of education."

EIU Alumni Association President Barbara Haberer of Charleston is also pleased with Edgar's victory. "I was really happy this morning when I heard Edgar had been elected. On behalf of the Alumni Association, I'd like to congratulate the Edgar family. I know Jim will serve Illinois well."

A Charleston native, Edgar has kept close ties with Eastern and most recently participated in the University's 75th annual Homecoming parade. It was only last year that he chose Eastern as the site to announce his plans to run for governor.

Edgar enrolled at Eastern in 1965 after a short stay at Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Indiana. While at Eastern, he majored in history and minored in political science. He was very active in EIU's student government, having served as student body president (1967-68), student senate president, vice president of the Young Republicans and as a member of the History Club.

In 1982, he was named an Eastern Illinois University Distinguished Alumnus, the highest honor the University can bestow upon a former student.

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He chaired the EIU Foundation's Brighten O'Brien Campaign in 1985-86 to raise money to purchase lights for O'Brien Stadium, renovate the Press Box and install a new all-weather track for sporting events. More recently, he participated in the Alumni Association's campaign to raise money to purchase a house for its alumni.