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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLANS AWARDS BANQUET

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University will hold its sixth annual Affirmative Action Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6, at the Charleston Inn.

Keynote speaker will be William Gollnick, Assistant to the Chancellor at the University of Wisconsin Green-Bay.

His presentation is entitled "Contemporary American Indian Issues in Historical Perspectives." Gollnick is himself an American Indian and has received numerous awards from the Oneida Tribe for preserving their language. He recently has stepped down as Assistant to the Chancellor for American Intercultural Programming at Wisconsin Green-Bay, which he held when he was named the 1986 Wisconsin Educator of the Year.

During the banquet, \$250 awards will be presented to University departments, organizations or student groups selected by the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee for, "showing outstanding effort toward promoting the Affirmative Action goals of equality among men and women, minorities or persons with disabilities," according to Rhonda Chasteen, Eastern's Assistant Director of Affirmative Action.

Last year's award recipients were the office of the Vice-President for Student Affairs, Housing Office, and Department of Educational Administration. Award monies may be used for any purpose related to furthering affirmative action within the University.

For more information call 581-5020.