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HAWKER ELECTED OFFICER OF ICTM

CHARLESTON, IL--Cheryl Hawker of Charleston, associate professor of mathematics at Eastern Illinois University, has been elected president-elect of the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics--one of the largest state mathematics organizations in the nation.

Hawker will lead a membership of nearly 4,000 K-12 teachers who meet regularly to exchange ideas and views regarding the teaching of mathematics and related disciplines.

Mathematics Department Chair Ira Rosenholtz said, "Professor Hawker is a person of tremendous energy and enthusiasm. Her election as ICTM President is both a testimonial to her and a great honor for Eastern."

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ICTM was organized more than 40 years ago to encourage an active interest in all areas of mathematics and mathematics education and to further the study of problems related to the teaching of mathematics and computer science.

An affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, ICTM conducts four annual regional and one statewide professional meeting for its members. It also sponsors an annual high school mathematics contest at six regional sites followed by a state mathematics competition.

Hawker will serve as president-elect of ICTM during the 1991-92 academic year; as president during 1992-93; and as past-president in 1993-94.

As president-elect, she will oversee the selection of outstanding mathematics teachers in the state as part of ICTM's Presidential Awards Program, serve as conference chair for the Annual Leadership Conference and coordinate the Annual Presidential Awards Banquet.

During her tenure as president in 1992-93, she will serve as ICTM's representative to the the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Delegate Assembly. She will also work actively with the Illinois State Board of Education and other organizations concerned with the improvement of mathematics education.

She has been an active member of ICTM since 1971, serving as the program chair of its 41st Annual Meeting in 1989 and as the conference director of its 42nd Annual Meeting in 1990.

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At Eastern, she played a key role in organizing the recent "Expanding Your Horizons in Math and Science" conference for 7th and 8th grade girls.

Hawker is also the faculty advisor for Circle K International, a campus service organization affiliated with Kiwanis International, and is spearheading the development of a special club for elementary education majors which will emphasize mathematics education.

For the past five years, she has been an active participant in Volunteer Pioneers, Inc., doing first-person historical interpretation at Lincoln Log Cabin. She regularly donates more than 125 hours a year to this community activity.