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COLEMAN PLANS RETIREMENT

CHARLESTON, IL.--The first chair of Eastern Illinois University's Department of Industrial Technology, Wayne Coleman of Charleston, is retiring in June after 34 years of service to the University.

Coleman and other retirees will be recognized at Eastern's retirement dinner April 20. He developed the University's industrial technology program, which was recently granted full re-accreditation by the National Association of Industrial Technology.

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The long-time Charleston resident came to Eastern in 1957 and was the first industrial technology faculty member hired by then-President Quincy Doudna. He was named Dean of the School of Industrial Arts and Technology (later renamed the School of Technology) in 1970 and held that position until 1975 when he returned to full-time teaching. Since 1984, he has served as program leader for the industrial technology program. He is also faculty advisor to Eastern's student chapter of the American Society of Manufacturing Engineers.

"During my 34 years at Eastern I have seen many changes. We have moved from a teachers' college to a multipurpose university. The Fine Arts building and all the buildings south of the Library along with the Library addition have been constructed during my tenure," Coleman said.

He has served on a variety of University committees, including 30 years on the Pre-Engineering Studies Committee, and belongs to several professional organizations. He has also completed industrial training and consulting work for area companies.

Coleman and his wife, Shirley, plan to retire in northern Wisconsin. "It is my hope to be able to do a little consulting work in the quality sciences, rest a lot, tease a few fish, work in my workshop, help my wife with her genealogy research, and enjoy watching nature's wonders all around us," he said.

He will return to Eastern in the fall to teach a quality control class.

Coleman said he enjoys the contact with students. "It is always such a pleasure to learn of the successes of our graduates and to feel that maybe I had some small part in contributing to it."

He added, "I always tell prospective students that if they want a school where they can talk to their instructors and where their instructors care about them, they cannot find a better school than Eastern."

The Colemans have three children. Their daughter, Debra Brooks, will receive a degree in elementary education from Eastern this spring. Their other daughter, Krista Wood, has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Zoology from Eastern and is completing a Doctorate in Biomechanics at the University of Minnesota where she is on the Department of Physical Therapy faculty. Their son, David, is a Sergeant in the Marine Corps in Albany, Georgia.