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FOUNDER'S DAY FOCUSES ON ATHLETICS

CHARLESTON, IL--The history of athletics at Eastern Illinois University will be celebrated at its 96th birthday on Founder's Day, Saturday, June 22.

Founder's Day is an annual event celebrating the birthday of Eastern and is a part of Eastern's Centennial Celebration, which will continue through the University's 100th birthday on May 22, 1995. The theme this year is "Eastern Illinois University: Athletics Through the Years."

Some 20 to 30 panels and displays will make up the general exhibit area, which will be open for viewing by the public from 9 to 11:30 a.m. in the University Union Grand Ballroom. "Pop Lantz" and "Pat O'Brien" will be featured in the exhibit.

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A luncheon will follow the exhibition at noon in the west section of the Ballroom. Thomas Woodall, EIU professor of Physical Education, will speak at the luncheon about the history of intercollegiate athletics at Eastern.

The luncheon will also include the presentation of University Service Awards, which are given to faculty, civil service and administrative members, and the Livingston C. Lord Distinguished Service Award. There will also be a plaque presentation by former residents of the "Panther Lair," which was the first men's housing unit on Eastern's campus, established prior to World War II.

"It's a chance for those who participated in the history of Eastern to be able to relive it," said Daniel E. Thornburgh, chairman of the Centennial Celebration Committee.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person for the exhibition and the luncheon, both of which are open to the public. They may be purchased by sending a check payable to the Founder's Day Committee, c/o Eastern Illinois University, Old Main 111, Charleston, IL 61920, no later than June 17.