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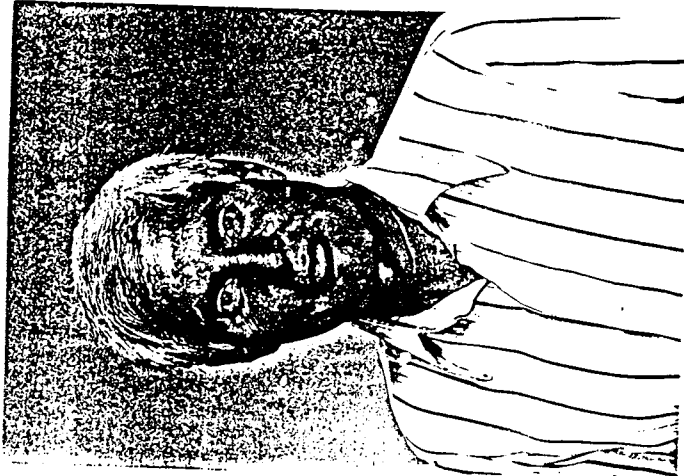
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

COLLINS NAMED SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR

CHARLESTON, IL--Based on his exemplary job performance, Jon Collins of Charleston has been named Eastern Illinois University's Supervisor of the Year.

Collins, also Eastern's Supervisor of the Quarter, has been superintendent of grounds since 1987. He oversees a staff of 11 full-time and six seasonal employees who are responsible for landscaping and maintaining Eastern's 316-acre campus. Their work includes preserving the University's athletic fields, lawns, trees and flower beds and boxes. Equipment maintenance and snow and ice removal are also part of the job.

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Collins earned his bachelor's degree in botany from Eastern and worked in the area of pesticide regulation with the Illinois Department of Agriculture before joining the University's physical plant staff in 1982.

"I have always enjoyed working outdoors and have a special interest in plants. Horticulture is both a hobby and career," Collins said. His other hobbies include biking, jogging and photography.

Upon receiving the award, Collins said, "Although I am very honored to receive this award, it really goes to my employees who work very hard all year to keep the grounds looking good and well maintained."

Gary Hanebrink, Collins' supervisor, said, "I have found Jon to be an enthusiastic individual who uses his knowledge to improve the landscape of Eastern's campus. The way our campus looks makes a lasting impression on visitors. Jon has many cost-effective ideas and always has safety in mind, particularly when it comes to Eastern's player fields."

Collins and his wife, Lynn, have three children: Josh, 13; Jeremy, 12; and Joel, 11.