Dwight Vaught Letter to Beverly Boyd McDavitt

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Beverly Boyd McDavitt
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9944 E. State Road 32
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Dear Beverly:

Greetings from the Doudna Fine Arts Center at Eastern Illinois University. I am sorry we did not get a chance to meet when you and your guests stopped by the Doudna recently, however I was given your information and a brief history of your family's association with EIU. Since I am new to the EIU family, I was not aware of the rich background you have with the University and specifically the Music Department.

Mr. Barry Houser, Director of Bands, provided me with a very interesting folder containing information about the EIU Fight Song and historical records of Earl Boyd, your father and the composer of the Fight Song. The folder was originally given to Dr. Milt Allen, who has left EIU for another appointment and placed this treasure trove of information in the EIU Band historical records.

I understand the EIU Fight Song is to be displayed in the building, and we will work toward archiving the entire folder and making a decision about how best to display the information for the enjoyment and edification of all. As needed, I'd like to consult with you through the archiving and display process or follow-up with you once the project is completed.

Thanks again for stopping by the Doudna and I apologize that we were not able to meet or have this project completed upon your arrival. Please let me know if you have any questions. Beverly, I hope we will have a chance to meet soon.

Sincerely,

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