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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

FRANK McCORMICK NAMED 1998 DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD WINNER

CHARLESTON -- Frank McCormick, professor in Eastern Illinois University's Department of English, has been named this year's recipient of the university's Distinguished Faculty Award.

This award is presented to a faculty member with at least four years of full-time teaching experience who excels in teaching, professional development and service. The recipient receives a small monetary award, in addition to a plaque.

McCormick, who joined Eastern's faculty in 1977, expressed his pleasure at being named this year's recipient: "I am grateful to the Faculty Senate for selecting me for this award. I am also aware that Eastern has many equally dedicated and deserving faculty members upon whom the honor might just as appropriately have been bestowed.

"One of the things that has made this campus such a special place for so many generations of EIU students is the fact that so many of our faculty members cheerfully

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McCormick has also served on numerous committees and with various associations and organizations locally, statewide and nationally. He is well-known throughout the campus community for his activities on behalf of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association. Phi Beta Kappa is the nation's oldest and most prestigious undergraduate honors organization for colleges of liberal arts and sciences.

“(McCormick) has worked tirelessly and selflessly in trying to obtain a Phi Beta Kappa charter for EIU so that our best graduates can be recognized as among the elite in the nation for their academic accomplishments,” Radavich said.

Quivey summarized McCormick’s accomplishments: “Frank, in his many years here, has consistently been the perfect department/university colleague. He has a delightful sense of humor; he is always tactful and pleasant; he is discreet; he is one of the most generous people I have ever known, always willing to contribute to good causes, always willing to lend his time, always willing to lend his books and his music . . . When I think of the very best faculty members I have known, Frank McCormick is at the top of the list. His contributions to the university are immeasurable, and he is highly deserving of this special recognition.”

McCormick will be recognized at the 5 p.m. commencement ceremony this Saturday, May 9, on Eastern’s campus.