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EIU HONORS KLEHM

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University will recognize more than 50 years of outstanding service and support by renaming its Applied Science Building in honor of Dr. Walter A. Klehm.

The Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities approved renaming the building as Klehm Hall at its meeting Thursday in University Park.

Dr. Klehm came to Eastern in 1938 as head of the industrial arts program. Under his leadership it grew to become the state's leading producer of industrial arts educators. He became Dean of the School of Industrial Arts and Technology in 1967 and retired in 1970.

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Since then, he and his wife Lucille have remained strong supporters of the University. Last month, they created the first EIU Foundation trust agreement. The trust put Eastern's Tenth Decade Campaign over the \$4 million mark. It will provide funds for scholarships to Home Economics and Technology majors in the College of Applied Sciences.

Eastern President Stan Rives also gave the board an update on the fund-raising campaign, which was inaugurated in December 1984 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the founding of Eastern in 1895 by the General Assembly.

The five-year development program, with the goal of raising \$5 million in private contributions to the University and Foundation by December 1989, reached 82.8 percent of its goal as of Oct. 31, he said.

On another subject, Rives stated that admission applications and acceptances for the Fall 1988 semester are 19 percent ahead of last year as of November 1. For the first time, EIU has closed admissions for the upcoming Spring semester.

The University, he said, has also notified high school and community college counselors throughout the state that the Fall 1988 undergraduate admissions will be closed in the near future.

Despite the growing enrollment pressure, Rives told the board that "the University is not making adequate progress in increasing minority student enrollment."

To assure that Eastern meets its stated objective of increasing minority student enrollment, Rives said that affirmative action is required and indicated that the University will keep admission of minority students open after admission is otherwise closed.

In other business, Rives reported to the board on the demolition of two University-owned houses. Although the Board had approved a \$10,400 contract to have the houses demolished, Eastern was able to save the money through an agreement with the City of Charleston and the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute.

The structures were used by the city for fire training, he said. The demolition was completed at no cost to the University. The lots were cleared by the EIU Physical Plant staff and the vacated space is now providing badly needed parking, he said.

Rives also indicated, as a result of the student referendum, the proposed student recreation facility addition to Lantz will not be constructed. The student referendum defeated the proposal by a student vote of 484 yes votes to 1,911 no votes. "The issue has been decided through the democratic process, and no further action by the Board is recommended or required on the matter," he said.