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CHARLESTON, IL--The Illinois Board of Higher Education today recommended a \$9,608,000 capital projects budget for Eastern Illinois University that will boost east central Illinois economy for 1987-88.

The budget includes construction funds for a new College of Business facility and a variety of other projects.

"We are exceptionally pleased with our FY88 capital budget recommendations," said Eastern President Stan Rives, "which will provide the funds needed for high priority improvements in our physical plant."

Included in the regular capital budget recommendations for next year at EIU are:

\$6,361,100 for the Phase III addition to Coleman Hall to house the College of Business. Architectural and engineering design work is currently in process for the building under a \$230,000 FY87 appropriation.

\$200,000 for final work on the coal conversion project.

\$613,400 for asbestos abatement in seven University facilities.

\$1,798,400 for rehabilitation of the electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems in McAfee Gymnasium.

"Our highest priority," said Rives, "is the \$6 plus million needed to construct adequate facilities to house our Business academic programs. We expect these funds to be appropriated in FY88, particularly since this is also the highest capital budget priority in the five-university Board of Governors system and because the state has already invested \$230,000 in preparing construction plans for the building."

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An additional \$635,100 is recommended for Eastern under the Build Illinois program for five major rehabilitation-remodeling projects, including:

\$248,400 for a utility energy conservation project to improve the efficiency of campus air conditioning equipment.

\$87,200 for installation of ceiling insulation in the Physical Science, Buzzard, and Old Main buildings.

\$116,600 for partial costs of installation of a water pump to improve the campus water supply system. A federal Academic Facilities Grant will supply the remainder of the costs of the total \$233,100 project.

\$116,500 for remodeling of part of the heating and air conditioning system in Coleman Hall.

\$66,400 for replacement of steam valves in the Blair, McAfee, and Physical Science buildings.

"All of these capital projects," said President Rives, "must still be approved by the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor before funds are actually appropriated. Responsibility for overseeing the construction projects rests with the state's Capital Development Board."

Rives said the capital budget recommendation was the best EIU has had in the six years "since I have been at Eastern." He complemented University staff responsible for developing and describing the projects as well as Chancellor Tom Layzell of the Board of Governors and Executive Director Richard Wagner of the Board of Higher Education for their support of the projects.

"These projects," said Rives, "not only meet high priority University needs, but will also contribute significantly to the economy of the east central Illinois area."