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For Immediate Release:

POWER FAILURE CAUSES WEIU-TV BLACK-OUT

CHARLESTON – A campus power failure has put a temporary halt to operations at Eastern Illinois University's WEIU-TV, Channel 51.

Regular viewers will have noticed that the university-operated station has been off the air since about 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30. All of Buzzard Hall, where WEIU-TV is located, has been affected by the power outage.

Workers are currently working on restoring power to the building and anticipate accomplishing the task by the end of the work week, weather permitting.

WEIU-TV serves a 10-county area of East Central Illinois, and is available on cable systems in Mattoon, Charleston, Champaign, Effingham, Paris and Tuscola, among others.

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E astern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.