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BOARD RECEIVES EASTERN ILLINOIS REPORT:

CHARLESTON, ILL.--Freshman applications for the Fall of 1988 at Eastern Illinois University are up 46.9% from 1987 and up 87.6% over 1986, according to an admission application report received by the State Board of Governors at its monthly meeting in Chicago Thursday (Jan. 21) from President Stan Rives. The University has received 5,432 Freshman applications. Freshmen admissions for the Fall Semester of 1988, senior college transfer admissions and admission of former Eastern students dismissed twice from the University were closed on December 11.

Rives also told the Board that significant increases have occurred in transfer applications (up 70.2% over last year and 143.3% over 1986) and that new graduate student applications are up 34.8% over last year.

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Because of the volatility of natural gas prices on the current market, Eastern sought and received Board approval to negotiate with gas suppliers, including the local utility company, on a month to month basis, and to purchase from an acceptable supplier providing the lowest gas prices.

The University believes this is the most economically advantageous method of contracting at this time, since obtaining fair price quotations for longer than one month is not currently possible. This is primarily due to the effect on the gas market of a recent ruling by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

The Board also approved a \$11,400 Renewal Transportation Agreement between Eastern Illinois University and Mennonite Hospital of Bloomington, Illinois.

The agreement provides transportation for Peace Meal clients at a cost of \$1,000 per month less income generated. Net monthly cost is estimated at \$950 per month.

Rives gave a report of Fiscal Year 1988 Grants and Contracts. There have been a total of 33 awards, with a total value of \$2,854,800.95. Grants and Contracts of \$10,000 or more include a Corporation for Public Broadcasting Service Base Grant for \$300,421 to provide operating funds for WEIU-TV for a two year period and a CPB Television Interconnection Grant of \$13,260 to provide funds for satellite/programming interconnection cost for the station. Also listed was an Illinois Public Broadcasting Council Grant for \$52,392 for the Station's operating fund.

There was also a \$40,000 grant from the Illinois Community College Board to provide comprehensive Illinois labor market and career information and deliver training in its interpretation.

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Rives told the Board that the Eastern Illinois University Foundation Tenth Decade Campaign has now reached \$4,725,354 or more than 94% of its goal. The Campaign was inaugurated to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the founding of Eastern in 1895 by the General Assembly. It is a five-year development program with the goal of raising \$5 million in private contributions to the University and the Foundation by December, 1989.