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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SPRING SEMESTER ENROLLMENT AT EIU UP

CHARLESTON, IL--Spring enrollment at Eastern Illinois University has hit a record high this year.

Enrollment for the current semester is 10,055 on-campus students, marking the first time in Eastern's history that spring enrollment has hit the 10,000 mark.

The enrollment represents an increase of 95 students over spring 1993 and 298 over spring 1992.

A breakdown of the total enrollment is 1,799 freshmen; 1,862 sophomores; 2,391 juniors; 2,850 seniors; and 1,153 graduate students.

Eastern President David Jorns said, "The record enrollment for the spring semester is a further indication that Eastern is seen as one of the most desirable public institutions in the Midwest."

To accommodate the larger than anticipated entering freshman class that enrolled this past fall, Eastern has increased the number of sections of general education courses offered this spring.

Eastern Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken said,

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"It's important to note that our enrollment is up despite the fact that our fall graduating class was the largest in the history of the institution; Eastern appears to be resisting the national trend of declining enrollments."

He also pointed out that a reduction in state support for education over the past few years has made enrollment management challenging.

Hencken said the most significant increase in the current enrollment is in the number of graduate students--1,153--compared to 1,092 in 1993 and 1,056 in 1992, noting that many undergraduates who have not been able to find employment are opting to continue their education.

The number of continuing undergraduate and graduate students is also up from last year, which Hencken says is reflective of the university's strong dedication to student retention, as well as its personal approach.

In other areas, Hencken said there were no surprises. Full-time students--8,890--continue to outnumber part-time students--1,165. Women--5,499--also outnumber men--4,556. Undergraduates--8,902--make up 89 percent of the total enrollment, while graduate students--1,153--make up 11 percent of the total.

He added that an increase in enrollment over the past few years reaffirms the institution's popularity among students and is indicative of continued efforts by faculty and staff from all areas of the university to recruit and retain students.

Another factor in drawing students to Eastern may be the fact that the university has ranked well in surveys which measure institutional quality and quality relative to cost. According to

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a 1993 survey by the College Board, Eastern's tuition and costs are 10 percent below the average for public residential colleges. Student room and board costs are the second lowest for Illinois public universities.