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CHARLESTON, IL --Eastern Illinois University's pre-engineering program is described by the Assistant Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois as "the best program of its kind in the State as evidenced by my personal observations of students who have transferred from there (Eastern) and from the success rate..."

The success rate referred to by Dr. Carl S. Larsen is this:

During the past nine years 194 students enrolled in the pre-engineering program have transferred to the U. of I. Of those 194, only two have been dropped because of poor scholarship. This is a one percent drop-rate, compared with a 10.6 percent drop-rate from students transferring to Illinois from other colleges and universities.

These figures were included in a report presented Thursday by President Daniel E. Marvin, Jr. to the Board of Governors at Park Forest. The report also included a letter from Larsen. He said "this (the drop-out rate for Eastern transfers) is considerably better than the drop-out rate of our own juniors...and represents the best overall transfer record of any school which has sent more than ten students to us during the last seven or eight years."

The letter stated "I personally have had a number of Eastern Illinois University transfer students in my class, and have always found them to be excellently prepared in their math and science backgrounds."

Dr. William Cloud chairs the faculty Pre-Engineering Studies Committee. The U. of I. College of Engineering is currently ranked as the second leading engineering college in the United States. The only institution ranked higher is the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Dr. Donald Walters, the Board's Executive Director, said the Illinois Board of Higher Education has recommended a Fiscal Year 1983 operating budget of \$32,347,300 for Eastern, a 10.2 percent increase over FY82. The recommended increase is the highest among member schools.

The capital budget recommendation for Eastern is \$1,106,500.

In other action, the Board approved Marvin's recommendations for the purchase of computer equipment, elevator modifications in Carman Hall, Andrews Hall and Stevenson Tower, kitchen unit replacements in University Apartments, lock sets for Ford, McKinney and Weller Halls, and lounge furniture for the University Union.