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EASTERN ENROLLMENT UP

CHARLESTON, IL--Official tenth-day spring semester enrollment at Eastern Illinois University stands at 9,960 on-campus students. This is 203 more than the spring semester enrollment in 1992.

Included in the 9,960 total are 1,698 freshmen; 1,879 sophomores; 2,465 juniors; 2,826 seniors; and 1,092 graduate students.

Eastern President David Jorns said, "We are pleased that students continue to recognize Eastern as a university where they will receive a quality education at a reasonable cost. However, we remain concerned about the continued decline in our level of state funding."

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Minority students comprise 7.22 percent of the total enrollment, representing an increase over last year's figure of 6.74 percent. The most significant increase is in the number of black students attending the university, up 50 from 480 a year ago to 530 this spring.

Undergraduates make up 89 percent and graduate students 11 percent of the total. Women represent 54.8 percent and men 45.2 percent of total enrollments. Full-time students comprise 88.4 percent of the total, and 11.6 percent are part-time students.

The most significant increase in total enrollment is in the number of undergraduate and graduate transfer students enrolled this spring. Total transfer enrollment is 453, compared to 325 a year ago. The number of sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students is also up. There was a slight decrease in the number of freshmen enrolled.

Eastern Acting Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken said, "The increase in enrollment this year is the result of a lasting commitment by administrators, faculty, staff and students. Not only do students select Eastern because we are large enough to provide a total educational experience, but because we are small enough to maintain 'small school' personal qualities."

He added, "As pleasing as the statistics are, we need to continue building upon the number of students in our freshmen class. However, the outlook for next fall is good with the number of freshmen applications up 10 percent over the same period last year." Hencken said an enrollment management committee is being organized to examine issues, such as recruitment and retention.