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EIU PUBLISHES ANNUAL CONSUMER REPORT

CHARLESTON, IL--Despite tough economic times, Eastern Illinois University graduates are finding jobs and are significantly more satisfied with their university than graduates of other schools nationwide, according to Eastern's recently published 1992 Consumer Report.

The report is designed to provide information about Eastern Illinois University for students and prospective students, their parents and the general public.

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Eastern leads the Mid-Continent Conference in student-athletes graduated. Based on 1983 and 1984 freshman classes, 86.1 percent of athletes who competed through their final year of eligibility received degrees. The national average, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education study, was 68 percent.

Survey results indicate that alumni overwhelmingly feel good about their experience at Eastern, believe they were trained well for their careers and were positively influenced socially, mentally and physically. The majority say they would encourage their children or other young persons to attend this university.

From a cost standpoint, Eastern's tuition and fees are 6 percent below the average for public four-year institutions in Illinois. Student room and board costs also compare favorably with other Illinois institutions.