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CHARLESTON, Ill.--Another phase of Eastern Illinois University's asbestos abatement program was approved Thursday by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities at its meeting at Governors State University, University Park.

The BOG approved a recommendation by President Stanley Rives for awarding a contract to Apple Contractors & Erectors, Inc., Taylorville, for removal of asbestos-bearing materials in the north and south boiler rooms of the heat plant. Amount of the contract is \$185,000.

Asbestos removal is a multi-phase project. The material has already been taken from student rooms in residence halls and from kitchens in the halls.

The Board also approved a request by Rives for renovation of the shower system in Lantz Gym. Existing shower units are 20 years old and leakage is causing water loss and wall damage. The push-button system to be installed is vandal resistant and an automatic shut-off feature will conserve water, Rives said.

Cost of the project is \$99,783, a bid submitted by Harshman Plumbing, Heating & Electrical Co., Sullivan. The "payback" period will be just over a year, based on water savings estimates, according to Rives.

The Eastern Illinois University Foundation's Tenth Decade Campaign has reached nearly 40 percent of its five-year, \$5 million goal, according to Rives' report to the BOG.

The campaign was started in 1985 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the founding of Eastern in 1895 by the General Assembly.

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Rives' report also indicated undergraduate applications for fall semester 1987 are up 29.3 percent over fall 1986.