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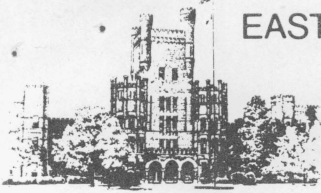
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BOARD APPROVES EASTERN ACTIONS

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University received approval to proceed with three major construction projects Thursday, May 17, from the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities at its meeting in Springfield.

The three projects are: \$6,000,000 Student Recreation Center - Addition to Lantz; Phase III of Fraternity/Sorority Housing, \$3,000,000; and a \$400,000 project to improve the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system in Lantz Building.

The Board also approved using \$68,750 in Auxiliary Enterprise Funds to purchase professional architectural services for construction of Fraternity/Sorority Court Buildings, Phase III.

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Upchurch and Associates of Mattoon will prepare drawings, specifications and bid documents; provide on-site observation during construction, and assure conformance of construction to specifications.

Phase III will consist of two L-shaped buildings which will be nearly identical to the Phase II buildings in size, building materials and construction and are scheduled to be completed for occupancy at the beginning of Fall Semester 1991.

Phase II building construction is now in process and the four houses are expected to be ready for occupancy at the beginning of Fall Semester 1990. Phase I buildings were completed and occupied at the beginning of Fall Semester 1989. Four sororities and four fraternities will occupy Phases I and II in the Fall of 1990, and four additional Greek organizations are committed to Phase III.

Rives also briefed the Board on the Study of Graduate Education now underway at the University.

Under the direction of Robert L. Kindrick, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and a ten-member Steering Committee chaired by Professor of Art Garret DeRuiter, Eastern is conducting a University-wide study of graduate programs and research.

The purpose of the study is to review all aspects of graduate education and research and to provide recommendations for improving and enhancing the University's commitment to graduate education, scholarship, and research.

Input is being sought from faculty, students, and alumni. The projected completion date for the final report is January 1, 1991. Follow-up action on the recommendations will begin in the Spring Semester of 1991. Eastern's Study of Graduate Education follows a format similar to that used in the earlier Study of Undergraduate Education.

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Rives also gave a follow-up report on his 1990 State of the University Report. The original report included an unprioritized fifty-item institutional "to do" list. Faculty and staff were invited by Rives to identify their highest priorities from among items on the list. Based upon the faculty-staff response, twenty items were identified, in priority order, as the most important things the University should focus on in the immediate future.

Also approved was the concept of construction of a \$125,000 addition to an existing parking lot located on the west side of South Fourth Street (across from Lawson Residence Hall) to provide parking for an additional 200 cars. This item must also be approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

The expansion is necessary because of the increased demand for parking in the immediate area of the new Coleman Hall Annex and the loss of some parking in the Andrews Hall area caused by construction of a new street on the south side of the campus.

Approval was also given for EIU to purchase up to 180 tons of soda ash at a cost not to exceed \$38,000 for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 1990.

The soda ash will be used in the heat plant for the flue gas desulfurization process to remove sulfur and other contaminants before the flue gas is emitted into the atmosphere.

A contract to furnish up to 1,200 tons of half-inch pebble lime for the same period, also used in the heat plant desulfurization process, was also approved.