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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU SPRING ENROLLMENT STEADY

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University's spring enrollment is 10,738, continuing the desired trend of a stable enrollment for the university.

Undergraduate enrollment includes 1,757 freshmen; 1,940 sophomores; 2,521 juniors; and 475 seniors. Graduate students number 1,602, up from 1,183 last spring. Women at 6,240 outnumber the 4,498 men. Last spring's enrollment was 10,820.

"The enrollment is right in line with the resources we have available to continue providing our students with a quality education," said EIU Vice President for Student Affairs Lou Hencken.

The most significant increase in enrollment is in the university's off-campus programs, which enrolled 930 students this spring compared to 841 a year ago, a 10.6 percent increase. School of Adult and Continuing Education Dean Will Hine attributes the increase in enrollment to the school's ability to offer classes at some new sites and the demand from adult students for off-campus credit programs.

ADD 1/1/1/1 ENROLLMENT

Compared to spring 1995 enrollments, minority students increased from 826 to 843, or 2.1 percent. The number of African Americans is 581, up 4.1 percent; American Indians/Alaskan Natives, 20, up 17.6 percent; Asian/Pacific Islanders, 90, down 9.1 percent; and Hispanics, 152, unchanged.

International students are up from 128 last spring to 134 this spring, or 4.7 percent.