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EIU OPENS ITS DOORS TO EMPLOYEES, STUDENTS

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's residence halls became a refuge Wednesday night for University employees and students who couldn't make it home because of the weather.

Eastern's Housing Office provided free overnight accommodations Wednesday evening to some 40 individuals--mostly food service and physical plant employees and commuter students--who were housed in vacant rooms in three campus residence halls.

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EIU OPENS ITS DOORS

"Most of the people who stayed in the residence halls were from rural areas and were unable to travel home because of closed roads," said EIU Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Housing Lou Hencken.

The influx of stranded EIU employees and students came at about 2 p.m. when the announcement of available housing was made, Hencken said.

"We were just glad we had vacant rooms we could offer to our faculty, staff and students during one of the worst winter storms we've had this year," he added.

Pemberton Hall counselor Anne Rathjen said, "We tried to make the people who stayed with us as comfortable as possible. Our students did everything they could to be of assistance."