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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU PLANS TO CLOSE FRESHMEN APPLICATIONS SOON

CHARLESTON, IL--To maintain enrollment at a level consistent with its appropriation, Eastern Illinois University has notified high school guidance personnel across the state that a cutoff of new freshmen applications for Fall Semester 1993 will be announced in the near future.

The exact date of the cutoff has not been established, but will be implemented without further notice, Dale Wolf, Eastern director of admissions, said in a letter to high school guidance personnel. Wolf said guidance personnel will be notified by a follow-up letter as to any ensuing action regarding applications.

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Wolf said since Monday, March 1, applications for freshmen are being closely monitored on a day-to-day basis. "Due to an impending cutoff, we encourage your students to submit their application and fee immediately if they are considering attending Eastern," Wolf stated in the letter.

He said that any applications on file prior to a cutoff will be considered once the appropriate transcript and/or test scores are received by the Office of Admissions. All applications must be accompanied by the \$25 processing fee.

Eastern President David Jorns said, "While we regret having to cutoff admissions, we cannot continue to accept more students than we have the resources to accommodate. Because of the anticipated level of state appropriations, we have no alternative but to restrict the number of students we serve to maintain the quality of our educational program."

As in previous years, Wolf said that former students applying for readmission, graduate applicants, minority applicants and recipients of designated scholarships and awards will not be affected by an early cutoff. Transfer student applications will continue to be accepted at this time.

Last year, Eastern closed admission to entering freshmen for the 1992 Fall Semester Feb. 18.

For more information, call Eastern's Office of Admissions at 217-581-2223 or 1-800-252-5711.