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EASTERN ENROLLMENT REMAINS STEADY

CHARLESTON, IL--Official tenth-day spring semester enrollment at Eastern Illinois University stands at 9,757 on-campus students. This is two less than the spring semester enrollment in 1991.

Included in the 9,757 total are 1,702 freshmen; 1,827 sophomores; 2,439 juniors; 2,733 seniors; and 1,056 graduate students. Undergraduates make up 89 percent and graduate students 11 percent of the total. Women represent 55.3 percent and men 44.7 percent of total enrollments. Full-time students comprise 89 percent of the total, and 11 percent are part-time students.

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The total number of returning undergraduate students is 215 compared to 224 last year, while returning graduate students number 210 this year, compared to 204 a year ago.

Eastern Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn Williams noted, "One can see that we are top heavy in seniors and that the returning students in the undergraduate level have dropped off to be matched by an increase at the graduate level."

He added, "I think it is also interesting to note that the continuing student enrollment (1991 as compared to 1992) is almost exactly what it was in the spring of 1991. There are 8,161 continuing undergraduates compared to 8,157 last year."

Williams said the number of transfer students is 293 compared to 345 last spring. However, graduate students offset this loss, increasing from 993 last spring to 1,056 this spring.

Eastern President Stan Rives said, "As we experienced in the fall, Eastern continues to be a bit more of an upper division institution this spring. We are pleased with the overall stability of enrollment."

"With higher admission standards than in the past and a non-refundable admission application fee," said Rives, "we are comfortable that Eastern is still an institution of choice for Illinois students."