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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU ANNOUNCES CUTOFF OF FRESHMEN APPLICATIONS

CHARLESTON, IL--To maintain enrollment at a level consistent with its appropriation, Eastern Illinois University will close admission to entering freshmen for the Fall Semester of 1992 as of 4:30 p.m. tomorrow (Feb. 18).

Last week Eastern notified high school counselors throughout the state that a cutoff of freshmen applications was imminent.

"If students are considering attending Eastern next fall, their application form and processing fee must be received by the Admissions Office by 4:30 p.m. tomorrow," Eastern President Stan Rives said.

Former students applying for readmission, graduate applicants, minority applicants, and recipients of designated scholarships and awards will not be affected by the cutoff, Eastern announced.

Transfer student applications will continue to be accepted at this time.

Eastern will hold a planned open house Monday, March 2, but will accept applications only from those individuals listed above who are exempt from the cutoff.

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

In making the announcement, Rives said, "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."

Rives noted that Eastern remains the most cost-effective of the twelve senior public universities of Illinois as measured by the annual Board of Higher Education comparative cost study.

The last time Eastern closed admission to entering freshmen, including transfer students, was Oct. 29, 1988, for the Fall 1989 Semester.