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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

TOP EIU OFFICIAL TO VISIT EFFINGHAM

CHARLESTON, IL.--Dr. Verna Armstrong, Eastern Illinois University Vice President for Administration and Finance, will be a special guest at the Thursday, April 14 meeting of the Effingham Kiwanis Club.

Armstrong will address the financial crisis in education, especially higher education, in Illinois at the 6 p.m. dinner meeting at Rexroot's Distinctive Dining in Effingham.

The fiscal year 1988 budget, which resulted in an actual reduction in funding for the Board of Governors universities for

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the first time in 22 years, has had a severe impact on undergraduate students.

At each of the BOG institutions, one of which is Eastern, classes have had to be cancelled, the number of students in each class has had to be increased to accommodate the students seeking particular courses and there has been a serious shortage of equipment for instructional purposes.

Armstrong is among a group of top EIU officials who will be making presentations to area service clubs in the next three months to rally support for increased funding for education.

The speaker's bureau is organized through the University Relations Office at Eastern. Any club or organization representative who would like to request a speaker may contact University Relations at 581-5981.