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CHARLESTON, IL--Fall semester enrollment at Eastern Illinois University was 9,918 at the close of the formal registration period Tuesday, August 25, fewer students than in 1980 but still more than the target number.

President Daniel E. Marvin, Jr., said the planned enrollment figure was 9,800, about 200 students less than the 9,989 enrolled last fall.

He said adjustments would be made in the final figure over the next few days as some students register late and others drop out.

During the year, Eastern initiated a series of steps to reduce its enrollment. The reduction had been recommended by the Illinois Board of Higher Education as a means to improve the University's level of funding.

To achieve the reduction, Eastern cut off new student applications for the Fall Semester in February, stopped reinstating students dropped for academic reasons, and ceased to accept transfer students from four-year senior institutions.

Marvin said the Fall Semester enrollment figures were a "surprise" to him.

"We were concerned that our cut-off on applications early in the year might drop our enrollment by more than 200 students, particularly in view of the restrictions placed on scholarship assistance and loans for this school year," he said.

He attributes the limited loss in numbers to the ongoing demand by students to enroll at Eastern.

"Through 1980, our enrollment had increased every year since 1974, even while others were losing students; and that continuing demand is a reflection of the support which the citizens of the state are giving Eastern."