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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's efforts to reduce somewhat its enrollment level has resulted in a slight decrease from the record-setting 10,016 of a year ago.

Official tenth-day figures set the 1982 fall semester enrollment at 9,926--90 fewer than in 1981.

John Beacon, Director of Admissions, said "the plan to limit enrollments through an early application cutoff was effective this fall, and is in line with a request from the Illinois Board of Higher Education to reduce the number of students."

In both 1981 and 1982 Eastern in February began cutting off applications from new students and transfers from senior colleges. Last April the Admissions Office cut off applications from junior college transfers with less than 55 semester hours completed.

Despite the cutoff in 1981, a higher-than-expected number of students returning pushed the 1982 enrollment over the 10,000 mark for the first time in the University's history.

President Daniel E. Marvin said the application cutoff was necessary "to ensure a 1982 fall enrollment level that is consistent with efforts to maintain the quality of academic programs. We simply could not allow the number of students to outstrip our academic and physical plant capability."