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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BOG TO RECOMMEND \$62.8 MILLION BUDGET FOR EIU

CHARLESTON, IL.--The Illinois Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities will consider approval of a \$62.8 million 1991-1992 operating budget for Eastern Illinois University at its regular meeting Thursday, Sept. 13, in Springfield.

The BOG recommendation represents a 20.5 percent increase over Eastern's 1990-91 operating budget of \$52.1 million.

Eastern President Stan Rives said, "We are very pleased with the Board's budget recommendation and appreciative of its recognition of Eastern's budgetary requirements to maintain its tradition of excellence in education."

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ADD 2/2/2/2 BUDGET

Among the major capital projects recommended for 1991-92 are \$10,410,000 to remodel and restore Eastern's Buzzard Building; \$998,800 to plan the expansion and remodeling of Booth Library; \$3,633,100 to remodel McAfee Gymnasium; and \$3,557,600 to upgrade the University's Energy Management System.

Following approval by the Board, the budget recommendation still must be approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the General Assembly, and the Governor.

Aside from operating and capital budgets, the Board is also being asked to approve a \$558,305 contract to Ne-Co Asphalt Company of Charleston for site work for Phase III of Greek Court.