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CHARLESTON, IL--Despite efforts to limit enrollment through a series of cutoffs, a record-setting number of students is attending Eastern Illinois University this fall.

Official tenth-day figures peg enrollment at 10,028, an increase of 12 over the previous record set in 1981. Last fall's enrollment was 9,926.

Dr. Stan Rives, Acting President, said:

"I am surprised at the record figure because of the series of limiting measures we took to control enrollment, beginning in mid-March. This poses a bittersweet situation--we are extremely pleased that so many students wish to come to Eastern, but we are stretching the limits of our physical and academic resources."

The increase is primarily reflected in the number of transfers, up from last fall's 905 to 1040.

Dr. Sam Taber, Dean of Student Academic Services, said "A great many of the transfers are junior college transfers with more than 55 semester hours of credit. With that many hours, they needed someplace to go--and apparently they wanted to go to Eastern." Admission to the University by undergraduate applicants transferring from four-year institutions was closed in mid-March.

As in previous years, Taber said, that category of junior college transfers was not closed earlier because these students have a limited choice as to where they can continue their college careers.

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The number of new freshmen is up only 37, "and although we stopped accepting applications from this group on July 8, we did target the small increase," Taber said. The number of continuing students is down by 97.

Applications from junior college transfers with less than 55 hours of credit, along with the first-time freshmen, were stopped on July 8. The cutoff on all undergraduate applications was Aug. 12.

Recipients of designated institutional awards and scholarships were not affected by any of the limiting measures.