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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

RIVES BRIEFS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

CHARLESTON, IL--During its meeting at Eastern Illinois University Thursday (July 28), the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities approved resurfacing of student parking lots near Ninth Street Hall. This will provide bituminous concrete surface over existing crushed-rock. The lots contain 209 parking spaces.

The total cost, \$65,867, will be paid from local parking user fees.

The Board was also briefed by Eastern President Stan Rives on several subjects.

Rives told the Board that as part of Eastern's Cooperative Project with Chicago's Percy Julian High School to enhance minority student educational opportunity, a Summer Experience for 45 students is currently in progress. According to Rives, the students, all between their junior and senior years, are at Eastern from July 5 to August 6.

The students are receiving an intensive introduction to college, an experience which will provide 8 semester hours of credit in escrow. Special sections of regular courses have been created for the group experience, which will be enriched with evening and weekend educational and recreational programs.

The Percy Julian staff is visiting the campus periodically during the five-week experience, which is being provided at no cost to the participating students; financial support is being provided by Eastern, Percy Julian, and contributions by Chicago business firms.

Rives also reported on the status of financial aid for Eastern students. He said changes in the levels of federal and state financial aid available to Eastern students are significant and disturbing.

According to Rives, federal aid has declined by 5.3 percent and State of Illinois financial aid by 6.2 percent. "Clearly, a higher proportion of the cost of obtaining college education at Eastern Illinois University is being shifted to the students and their parents," he said.

Rives also noted that the Eastern Illinois University Foundation will hold its annual meeting Sunday, August 28. The 100 members will celebrate the successful achievement, more than 18 months early, of the \$5 million Tenth Decade Campaign goal.

The Campaign was established to commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the founding of Eastern by the General Assembly in 1895. Total gifts from private contributions to the University and Foundation now total more than \$5,102,000. The original target date was December, 1989.

Rives said the campuswide review of needs for Phase II of the EIU Foundation's development program has been completed. The consultant firm, Ketchum, Inc., is currently completing its review of past fundraising efforts, and its report and recommendations are expected to be presented at the annual meeting.