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July 25, 1995

TO BE RUN AS A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

Eastern Illinois University is pleased that Gov. Jim Edgar has signed a \$58 million fiscal year 1996 operating budget for Eastern as approved by the General Assembly.

This marks the second consecutive year the Governor has fully funded the Illinois Board of Higher Education's budget request for state colleges and universities.

Eastern's appropriation reflects an increase of \$2.7 million or 4.9 percent over the previous fiscal year and represents one of the university's best budgets in years.

The new funding will allow Eastern to achieve some progress this next year, including improving the quality of education by maintaining small classes and utilizing full-time faculty for instruction.

It also will allow us to improve faculty and staff salaries, purchase library books and materials, improve our physical facilities, acquire new instructional equipment, improve university service and outreach, increase minority enrollment, and strengthen assessment activities.

We understand the difficult task members of the General Assembly and the Governor faced in adopting this budget in light of other budget constraints and are grateful they fought successfully to safeguard funding for education.

Although the Legislature did not approve Eastern's capital budget request in the spring legislative session, we are hopeful that it will be passed in the November veto session so we can begin the Booth Library renovation project and complete several deferred maintenance initiatives.

With continued state support, Eastern's entry into the second century appears promising.

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