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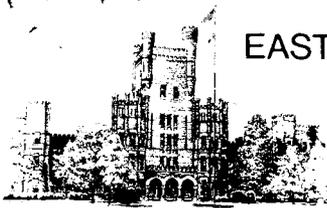
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EASTERN ENROLLMENT AT RECORD HIGH

CHARLESTON, IL--Official 1988 Fall Semester on-campus enrollment at Eastern Illinois University increased to 10,510, up 389 students over the Fall of 1987. This record high enrollment is a nearly 4 percent increase over last Fall's official enrollment of 10,121.

The increase was announced today by President Stan Rives. "While we are pleased so many students want to attend Eastern," said Rives, "we have not been provided an appropriation by the General Assembly to accommodate this enrollment increase."

"Our objective," said Rives, "was a stable on-campus enrollment. Two factors account for our increase: (1) an increase in the "show rate" of approved new applicants, and (2) an increase in the number of continuing Eastern students."

Rives has announced a plan, currently being considered in a series of faculty meetings with the President, to reduce EIU's enrollment by approximately 200 students a year over the next five years. The plan allows for reconsideration of the "downsizing" in enrollment if appropriations are provided to handle additional students. "We must," said Rives, "protect the quality of our academic programs by restricting enrollment to the number of students we can effectively serve with the resources made available to the University."

"The enrollment pressure on Eastern," said Rives, "will result in much earlier cut-off dates for undergraduates for the Spring Semester of 1989, the 1989 Summer School, and the Fall Semester of 1989. We anticipate closing the Spring Semester quite soon and the Fall Semester of next year much earlier than the December date of last year."

A significant increase in applications for the current semester resulted in Eastern closing freshman and undergraduate transfer enrollment on December 11, 1987 -- 8 months ahead of the semester's opening. Undergraduate application cut-off dates were also established, for the first time for both the Spring Semester of 1988 and the 1988 Summer Terms.

Official enrollments for all Illinois public universities are established by the number of students enrolled on the tenth class day, September 7 for Eastern. On-campus enrollments include 3,079 freshmen, 2,226 sophomores, 2,147 juniors, 2,122 seniors, and 936 graduate students. There are 119 more new freshmen than last year. The total includes 7,338 continuing EIU students, an increase of 223 over last year.

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RECORD HIGH ENROLLMENT

There are 9,520 full-time and 990 part-time students at EIU. Women outnumber men by 5,747 to 4,763, or 55% to 45%.

Enrollment in off-campus courses is still in progress. Total on- and off-campus enrollment is expected to top 11,500.