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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Jan. 21, 1987)

CHARLESTON, IL.--Dr. STAN RIVES, president of Eastern Illinois University, has been elected to serve a four year term as the Division I-AA Central Region representative on the NCAA Presidents Commission.

RIVES was elected at the NCAA January convention in San Diego. He previously was elected last summer to fulfill a six month term for a retiring member. He will now serve until January 1, 1991.

The NCAA Presidents Commission is a 44 person committee composed of university and college chief executive officers. The committee is empowered to propose legislation and encourage courses of action beneficial to NCAA and its member institutions administration of intercollegiate athletics.

"This is certainly an honor for President Rives and the University," said R.C. Johnson, EIU athletic director. "Through his strong support of our intercollegiate athletic program, he is quite knowledgeable in this area.

"Therefore he will definitely be a positive contributor to the Presidents Commission which has taken the lead in recent financial and academic reforms taking place in intercollegiate athletics."

In his third year as President at EIU, Rives previously served as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. He held faculty and administrative positions at Illinois State for 22 years where he was Associate Provost and Dean of Instruction.

He has also been on the faculties at West Virginia University, Northwestern University and Elmhurst College, and was a visiting professor at the University of Hawaii.