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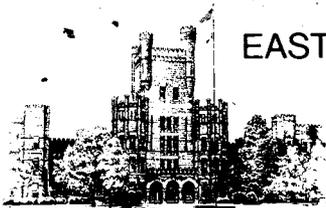
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EIU MOST COST EFFECTIVE

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University is not only the most cost-effective public university in the State, but also enrolls students with the youngest average age (22.4) and has the highest percentage (85.2) of full-time, "traditional" students enrolled.

These are a few of the highlights in the 1988 "Data Book," published by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Of the twelve public universities, Eastern puts the highest percent of its human resources into faculty positions. Faculty positions make up 61.9 percent of all positions at Eastern, as compared with an average of 53.2 percent at all public universities. It also has the lowest room and board rates of all public universities (\$230 below the average).

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Students at Eastern in the Fall of 1987 totaled 10,761, of which: 10,056 were on-campus students and 705 were off-campus students. The 10,761 includes 9,498 (88%) undergraduate and 1,263 (12%) graduate students. Of the six residential public universities, Eastern remains the smallest.

According to Eastern President Stan Rives, 1986-87 salaries for his faculty averaged \$29,300, second lowest among the public universities. Average full-time, nine-month faculty salaries by rank at EIU were \$35,000 for Professors, \$29,300 for Associate Professors, \$25,800 for Assistant Professors, and \$20,500 for Instructors. Sixty-one percent of Eastern faculty members are tenured.

The total instructional cost per credit hour at Eastern was \$37.84 dollars less than the average cost of \$162.95 per hour at all Illinois public universities.

Ranked in terms of cost-effectiveness, instructional costs for the twelve public universities ranged from Eastern's low figure to a high of \$212.01 per hour at Sangamon State University.