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EASTERN CLOSES FALL UNDERGRAD ADMISSIONS

CHARLESTON, IL--Due to an unprecedented high number of applicants, a record current enrollment, and in conjunction with a planned enrollment reduction over the next five years, Eastern Illinois University has imposed a cutoff of freshmen and senior college transfer admissions for Fall Semester 1989 effective Friday, October 28.

Eastern has a fall enrollment of 10,510, nearly 4% over last year and freshmen applications for admission for Fall Semester 1989 are 83 percent above the number received at this time last year.

"We regret the need to close undergraduate admission for the Fall Semester," said President Stan Rives, "but we are pleased that more students want to attend Eastern than we have the resources or facilities to accommodate."

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In a letter dated September 14th to all high schools and public community colleges in Illinois, the University had announced the possibility of an early cutoff for the Fall Semester of 1989.

Affected by the cutoff for Fall Semester will be beginning freshmen and undergraduate transfers except those transfers from Illinois Public Community Colleges.

However, Eastern officials caution that it may be necessary to close enrollments for Community College transfer students at sometime in the future. This would be the first time Eastern has had to consider closing enrollment for Community College transfers.

Other categories exempt from the closing include former students applying for readmission, graduate applicants, minority applicants, and applicants who are recipients of designated institutional scholarships and awards.

President Rives said, "...we have no alternative to reducing future enrollment to a level that we can effectively serve with the resources available to us. The alternative is certain deterioration of the quality of our educational program ... something we cannot allow to happen to our University.

Without increased funding, Rives said Eastern will admit approximately 200 fewer students a year over the next five years. He said the University must maintain flexibility to adjust the figure upward or downward depending on actual appropriations and protection of Eastern's future vitality.

"Put simply," he said, "we cannot continue to offer a quality academic program by serving more students with less state support."