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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

## EASTERN GRADUATES SATISFIED WITH THEIR EDUCATION

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University graduates are very satisfied with their academic experiences, according to a survey of graduating seniors (1989 to 1991). The survey indicates the Eastern students are generally more satisfied with their university than graduates of other schools nationwide.

The Board of Governors Universities, the governing body for Eastern and four other Illinois universities, directed its five universities to conduct the survey for academic retention studies.

ADD 1/1/1/1 SURVEY

The instrument used in the project, the Student Opinion Survey, is owned and marketed by American College Testing (ACT) and used by hundreds of colleges and universities nationally.

Those surveyed were asked more than 80 questions concerning their background, college services they received, and the college environment.

David Dodd, Eastern's director of testing services, analyzed the data and issued a report last month containing information on 13 items pertaining to academic environment.

The satisfaction level of Eastern graduates exceeded the nationwide average on 12 of the 13 items, and on thirteenth the norm was matched.

According to data, 90 percent of the Eastern graduates were "satisfied" or "very satisfied" with class size relative to the type of course.

Ninety percent also reported satisfaction with the University in general. The testing and grading system at Eastern is also satisfactory according to 86 percent of the seniors.