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BOARD APPROVES EASTERN ACTIONS

CHICAGO, IL--Construction bids for Phase II of the Greek Court of Eastern Illinois University were approved Thursday (Dec. 7) by the Board of Governors of State Colleges and Universities in its meeting here.

The \$2,084,801 project will include two complexes composed of four fraternity/sorority houses, with construction planned to begin immediately. Completion of the four new Greek houses is scheduled for Fall 1990. These units will be similar to the Greek Court Phase I units which were completed and occupied Fall Semester 1989.

The construction will be funded by Auxiliary Enterprise Funds with no tax dollars involved. The general contractor will be Standerfer Construction of Mattoon.

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The Fraternity/Sorority Court was approved as a non-instructional capital improvement project by the Board of Governors on September 14, 1987, and by the Illinois Board of Higher Education on January 5, 1988.

The Board also approved Eastern President Stan Rives' request for purchase of a Touch Tone Registration System for the University.

Beginning in 1991, Eastern students will be able to register for classes using their touch tone telephones. The University's current registration system has been in place since 1982 and no longer serves the needs of the University's students and staff.

Rives told the Board the Touch Tone Registration will be a substantial improvement. He noted that the system is successfully being used by nearly 100 other universities in the country, including Loyola and Bradley in Illinois.

An ad hoc committee, comprised of representatives from various departments, was appointed by the President's Council a year ago to begin developing plans and making recommendations for the new system.

In addition, the Board also approved Eastern's use of Auxiliary Enterprise Funds to engage professional architectural services from Rettberg-Gruber Architects of Champaign for construction of a student recreation facility. No tax dollars are involved in this project, which will be funded by student fees.

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The architectural work will include the preparation of drawings, specifications, and bid documents; on-site observation during construction work; and insuring conformance of construction to specifications for the facility.

The recreation facility was approved as a non-instructional capital improvement project by the Board of Governors on Nov. 13, 1989, and by the Illinois Board of Higher Education on Dec. 5, 1989.