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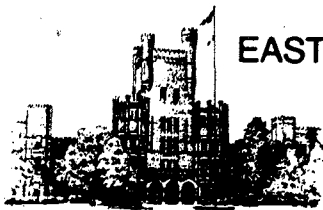
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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--A proposed new College of Business facility at Eastern Illinois University will be constructed between Coleman Hall and the Applied Sciences building and connected to both by an overhead enclosed bridge.

The site selection has been approved by Eastern's Council on University Planning and Budget. Planning and site preparation funds of \$230,000 had previously been approved for the project as part of the General Assembly and Gov. Thompson's Build Illinois program.

The next step, according to Judy Hofstrand, Assistant to the Dean for Administration, is an architect's design of the building which will house the College of Business operations now located in Blair Hall. Plans include one sub-grade level and three stories above.

Ms. Hofstrand said the facility, located immediately south of Garfield Street, will be "slightly higher" than Coleman Hall and the Applied Sciences Building.

Eastern's President Stanley Rives, said "The site selection is a big step forward toward a building needed to match the skills and dedication of our business students and faculty.

"The current facilities available for our business programs are among the worst in the midwest, not only by our own assessment but also by a series of knowledgeable visitors to our campus. The new structure will make possible a more unified and efficient operation."

Funds for construction of the building are expected to be \$6.2 million. Funding was not included in the state's fiscal year 1987 budget, however a

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University official said it is expected the money will become available in 1988.

Rives added that "an investment in this project will be an investment in the most cost-effective public university in Illinois. Providing well-educated College of Business graduates is absolutely essential to the economic development of Illinois."

Business classes originally were housed in Old Main. After outgrowing the space there, the program was moved to Blair Hall.

Continued growth and development reached the point that in 1975 the Department of Marketing and Management was moved to Coleman Hall. That location will still be used for part of the operation when the new structure is completed.

Since that time University enrollment has increased 40 percent and enrollment in the College of Business has increased more than 140 percent.