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CHARLESTON, IL--Special programs to meet the needs of varied students and distinguished visiting professors workshops are factors leading to a 10-year record high summer school enrollment at Eastern Illinois University, according to Dr. Charles Switzer, Director.

Final figures just released show 3,533 students, up 249 from last summer. The increase was approximately eight percent.

Seniors and graduate students showed the biggest hike over 1985, 262 and 152, respectively. Other categories showing substantial increases were continuing students (124) and former students (100).

Switzer said many of the special courses and workshops attracted both teachers and members of other professions. Persons in both groups returned to update and sharpen skills, the director said.

Special courses were in the fields of literature, social science, mathematics-science, American urban history, introduction to automated drafting, microcomputer interfacing in technology, education and home economics.

Workshops conducted by visiting distinguished professors drew an average of more than 60 students. Joan Embery the international goodwill ambassador representing the San Diego Zoo, presented a workshop that attracted more than 150 persons.

Summer school enrollment has increased by 822 students since Switzer was named director in 1978.