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EASTERN ENROLLMENT REMAINS STEADY

CHARLESTON, IL.--Official tenth-day Spring Semester enrollment at Eastern Illinois University stands at 9,759 on-campus students. This is 78 less than the Spring Semester enrollment in 1990.

Included in the 9,759 total are 1,708 freshmen; 1,986 sophomores; 2,512 juniors; 2,560 seniors; and 993 graduate students. Undergraduates make up 90 percent and graduate students 10 percent of the total. Women represent 55.5 percent and men 44.5 percent of total enrollments. Full-time students comprise 88.5 percent of the total, and 11.5 percent are part-time students.

ADD 1/1/1/1 SPRING ENROLLMENT

The total number of returning undergraduate students is 224 compared to 239 last year, while returning graduate students number 204 this year, compared to 184 a year ago.

Eastern Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn Williams noted, "One can see that we are top heavy in juniors and seniors and that the returning students in the undergraduate level have dropped off to be matched by an increase at the graduate level."

He added, "I think it is also interesting to note that the continuing student difference (fall 1989 as compared to 1990) is exactly what it was in the fall - 120. There are 8,157 continuing undergraduates compared to 8,277 last year."

While the number of lower division undergraduates has declined, Williams said a slight increase in the number of transfer students has helped make up some of the difference. The total number of new transfers is 408 or 18 more than last spring.

Eastern President Stan Rives said, "As we experienced in the fall, Eastern continues to be a bit more of an upper division institution this spring with more transfer students and fewer freshmen."

"With higher admission standards than in the past and a non-refundable admission application fee," said Rives, "we are comfortable that Eastern is still an institution of choice for Illinois students."