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NOTE TO EDITOR: Attached to this news release for your information are copies of Governor Edgar's press release on the budget crisis and Eastern's "Press-Run" distributed to the faculty and staff.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN MUST CUT MORE THAN \$521,000

CHARLESTON--As a result of Governor Edgar's request to cut its budget, Eastern Illinois University is in the process of identifying at least \$521,432 in possible savings, according to EIU President Stan Rives.

This is approximately four per cent of the \$13 million requested by the Governor from the state's universities, said Rives.

In a special message Wednesday to EIU faculty and staff, Rives said "The reasons for these actions have been widely publicized in the press, essentially that state expenditures are exceeding income and the balance in the state's treasury has declined to an unacceptable level."

The Eastern president plans to take the preliminary cost reduction recommendations to the EIU Council on University Planning and Budget meeting on February 19.

Rives stressed that protection of the instructional program for EIU students will be the University's highest priority.

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