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EASTERN ENROLLMENT INCREASES

CHARLESTON, IL--Official tenth-day Fall semester enrollment at Eastern Illinois University is 10,450 on-campus students, an increase of 149 over the 10,301 enrolled last Fall.

"Our target was 10,200," said President Stan Rives, "but we are pleased that Eastern remains an institution of choice for Illinois students. The identification of EIU last Fall as one of the top 100 public universities in the nation by Money magazine's 'America's Best College Buys' guide was likely a factor in our enrollment increase."

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Included in the 10,450 total are 2,350 freshmen, 2,034 sophomores, 2,536 juniors, 2,501 seniors, and 1,029 graduate students. Undergraduates make up 90.2 percent of the total. Women represent 55.6 percent and men 44.4 percent of total enrollment. Full-time students are 89.7 percent of the total with the remainder part-time students.

Total new freshmen number 1,542, or 49 more than last year. The total of new transfers is 1,290, an increase of 259 over last Fall. The number of continuing Eastern students is 7,243.

"Occupancy of residence halls and apartments is at an all-time high," according to Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn Williams, "with 5,552 students living in University housing--an increase from 5,373 in Fall 1990 and 5,011 in Fall 1989." Lou Hencken, Director of Housing, said, "This is completely contrary to the trend across the country where schools are closing residence halls due to vacant rooms."

"I want to take this opportunity," said President Rives, "to compliment the Admissions Office, Vice President Williams, and all faculty and staff involved in student recruitment for a job well done."