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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU MINORITY STUDENT INCREASE

CHARLESTON, IL--On-campus minority student enrollment has increased by 33 students or 5 percent at Eastern Illinois University for the Fall Semester.

Total minority enrollment for Fall 1991 is 686 students or 6.56 percent of total enrollment of 10,450. A year ago the total was 653 students, or 6.34 percent of 10,301.

"We are pleased at this modest increase in the cultural diversity of our student body, said President Stan Rives, "but we still have a long way to go toward the goal of having the student body reflect the minority population of Illinois."

The number of ethnic minorities this year and last year are: Black students (503 in 1991, 488 in 1990), American Indian (17 and 20), Asian (64 and 62), and Hispanic (102 and 83).