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The recommendation by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education concerning the independence of Indiana State University Evansville has been released today. The Commission report calls for the ties between Indiana State University Evansville and Indiana State University Terre Haute to be cut and an interim board be created to govern the Evansville campus for two years. The board should study community needs and then recommend how these needs can best be met.

In the past year the commission staff and task forces studied in depth various alternatives and in their findings have concurred with the urgings of the Evansville community and recommendation of the President and Board of Trustees of Indiana State University for the separation of the Evansville Campus.

The Commission held public meetings in Evansville area to hear the community leaders comment on the need for Evansville Campus independence. After these public hearings, and the work of civic and political leaders the Commission announced it would deliberate with these community concerns in mind.

This recommendation represents an orderly initiation of the implementation of their master plan for higher education in the state of Indiana.

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Alan C. Rankin, President of Indiana State University, noted in the Centennial celebration of the University that was held in 1970, that in addition to academic program offerings the University provided service to state through development of two campuses. The Terre Haute campus participated in the development of Eastern Division of Normal School which has developed into Ball State University, as an equal partner in higher education in Indiana.

Following the theme of the Centennial Year, Excellence in New Dimensions, President Rankin and the Board of Trustees recommended to the Commission that the Evansville Campus assume autonomy.

Indiana State University Evansville began in 1965 and is beginning its eighth academic year in the Evansville community. David L. Rice is President of the Evansville Campus.

The recommendation for separation will be presented to the 1973 state legislature for their deliberation and action.