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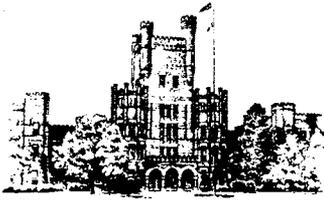
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EASTERN GIVES GIFT OF LIFE

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CHARLESTON, IL--"Give a gift from the heart, give blood," was the theme for the Spring semester blood drive held recently at Eastern Illinois University, and so the school gave a gift, 1,689 pints of blood.

"The drive was a tremendous success," said Vickie Rumohr, blood services consultant.

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Also, volunteer loaders carry the boxes containing the blood to the trucks after each day of the blood drive.

Delta Tau Delta fraternity had their active members all contribute as loaders. Their pledge members worked as volunteers in the donor room, as part of the fraternity's philanthropy. The Delta Taus were also the winning organization for having the highest percentage of members donating, with about 62 percent of their chapter participating.

"It's really the greatest feeling," said Bob Gerecke, chairman in charge of the loading and a member of Delta Tau Delta.

Eastern holds a blood drive every semester and during the summer.

Gary Rachford has volunteered for three consecutive blood drives and will be the overall chairman next year. "I really like working on the drive. It's growing on me. I was very happy we met our goal," said Rachford.