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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives has officially proclaimed Oct. 14-20, as "Alcohol Awareness Week."

Student-run activities on Eastern's campus, supported by faculty and administration, will coincide with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAAW).

Students at Eastern and nationwide are promoting alcohol education, development of student decision-making skills and positive peer influence. Now in its sixth year, NCAAW is sponsored by the Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Issues, representing student affairs professionals across the country.

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"Alcohol Awareness Week at Eastern initiates a year-round emphasis on alcohol education and recognition of the individual's ultimate responsibility for decisions regarding use or non-use of alcohol," said President Rives.

"It is in the best interest of students, faculty, administrators and the community that such decision-making be responsible and well-informed. In addition, we want to encourage a partnership to prevent campus problems associated with alcohol misuse."

Alcohol Awareness Week will include workshops, displays and activities across the Eastern campus aimed at prevention through education and individual responsibility in connection with the use of alcohol. All activities are open to the public.

On Monday, Oct. 15, a tent will be set up on the Library Quad from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and soda will be served as part of an alcohol-free pledge drive sign-up.

A series of alcohol education programs during the week begin at 1 p.m. Monday in the University Union Bridge Lounge. French Fraker, EIU assistant professor of educational psychology and guidance, will present "How to Help a Friend." Eastern's residence halls are also participating in a bulletin board judging contest.

An information table will be set up in the University Union near the Sugar Shack from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16 and remain there until Friday, Oct. 19. At 1 p.m., Marjorie Hanft-Martone, EIU psychology instructor, will discuss "Adult Children of Alcoholics" in the Martinsville Room, University Union.

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, EIU staff members Bonnie Buckley, Mike Ealy and Keith Kohanzo will discuss "Alcohol and Consequences" at 1 p.m. in the University Union Bridge Lounge. At 8 p.m. that evening, comedian David Naster will perform in the University Union Subway.

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A balloon launch is scheduled for 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, on the Library Quad, followed by a presentation by Gloria Leitschuh, EIU health studies instructor, on "Alcohol and Women." The talk is at 1 p.m. in the Greenup Room, University Union.

Thursday's activities conclude with a designated driver kick-off at local establishments.

Friday is highlighted with a dance at 9 p.m. at the Wesley Foundation's Lighthouse.

For more information about any of these activities, call Eastern's Office of AIDS, Alcohol and Drug Information at 581-6435.