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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives joined local United Way officials and a large group of campus volunteers for the University's 1988 United Way Kick-Off Breakfast Tuesday (September 20) in the University Union.

Welcoming the group was Paul Smith, an Associate Professor at Eastern, member of the University's United Way Central Committee and Treasurer of the Eastern Coles County United Way. He stressed the importance of the drive for the area and thanked the volunteers for giving of themselves to help Eastern Coles County Communities.

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Rives also expressed his personal appreciation to the volunteers and told them that it will be their time and effort which will make the Eastern drive a success.

Adding their appreciation for the volunteers' efforts were George Dycus, President of the Eastern Coles County United Way and Secretary Virginia Davis.

Davis urged each of the volunteers to get out and visit some of the twenty-five agencies that benefit from the United Way. They range from Coles County Chapter of the American Red Cross to the Wabash Valley Goodwill Industries to the Boy Scouts to the Central Eastern Alcohol and Drug Council and the Coles County Council on Aging, Inc. She said each provides specialized service to the group they serve and each is eager to explain its operations to the public.

Carol Strode, Assistant Director of Eastern's Physical Plant and Co-Chair of the Campus Committee, provided United Way information packets to the volunteers. Each faculty and staff member will be given one and encouraged to help support the community.

Strode also introduced Rita Nielsen, a board member for the Eastern Coles County United Way and a student member of Eastern's Committee, who spearheaded a drive that raised over \$800 for the United Way last year. Nielsen then introduced John Rossini, a second student member of Eastern's Committee representative who will help her reach her goal of \$1,000 this year.

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The University's campaign has a goal of \$22,000, compared to the overall goal for Eastern Coles County United Way of \$77,020. Last year Eastern contributors gave more than \$20,500 to the area drive.

Other members of Eastern's Central Committee include Frank Fraembs, life science and zoology departments; Charles Titus, Alumni Services; Becky Dole, WEIU-FM and WEIU-TV; Art Tate, University Relations; and Calvin Smith and Frank Parcels, speech communications.

"The Eastern Coles County United Way Campaign is a group effort. We are working together to provide needed services to those who cannot provide for themselves," said Jeff Cooley, Co-Chairman of the Eastern Committee.

Eastern's drive, in support of the Eastern Coles County United Way, will go through November 23.