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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

ACTIVITIES PLANNED TO WELCOME STUDENTS

CHARLESTON, IL--New students at Eastern Illinois University are being welcomed to campus this fall with a variety of special activities beginning this weekend.

A "Welcome Back" social, sponsored by Eastern's Office of Student Orientation and Residence Hall Association, will be held from 3:30 to 8 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 19, south of Eastern's Tarble Arts Center in the open field between 7th and 9th Streets.

All students are invited to attend the social, which includes music by Eastern's Jazz Quintet, led by Mark Maegdlin, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., and by The Perfect Liars band from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Food booths will be open and Student Orientation schedules will be distributed.

Other events include the University Board Special Events Committee's "Nuts and Bolts" party Saturday, Aug. 18, at 8 p.m. in the Subway in the University Union. There will be free food, music, and refreshments. Admission is \$1.

"BYOB - Bring Your Own Banana" ice cream social is being sponsored by Eastern's chapter of BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students) Monday, Aug. 20, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Campus Pond, south of Lantz Gymnasium.

Following the ice cream social, Eastern President Stan Rives will welcome students during an information session from 6:30 to 9 p.m., in Lantz Gymnasium.

Eastern's Director of Career Planning and Placement Shirley Stewart, Director of Student Activities David Milberg, Diana Zuhone from Judicial Affairs, Barb Conforti from the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service, and Crime Prevention Officer Mike Ealy will make presentations.

On Tuesday, Aug. 28, Silais Purnell, Director of Ada S. McKinley Community Services, Inc., Chicago, will present a special session for new minority students on "Why Am I Going to College?" at 7 p.m. in the University Union Charleston-Mattoon Room.

Another program for minority students deals with social life at Eastern and will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 30, in the University Union Charleston-Mattoon Room.

A variety of activities will continue through September, highlighted with the University Union Fall Open House Tuesday, Sept. 18. During the open house, students will be invited to tour EIU student organization information booths.

In addition to these special activities, Eastern offers other programs to new students to help them make a smooth transition into college.

"Team EIU" is a leadership program whereby returning students serve as team leaders to organize time for their team members to attend events together.

The "Rookie Runner" program is designed to help freshmen and new transfer students make the initial adjustment to college life. This weekend, the Rookie Runners will help new students move into the residence halls, conduct campus tours, and direct students to various campus activities.

Another program, the Peer Helper, provides assistance and guidance to incoming minority students.

For more information about any of these programs, contact Director of Orientation Sandy Gallion at 581-6435.