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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

UNIVERSITY CLUB INVITES NEW MEMBERS

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University President Stan Rives and his wife, Sandy, are hosting the first event of the year for the University Club, Eastern's social organization for EIU employees living in Charleston and the surrounding area.

Faculty and staff new to the University are especially encouraged to attend the membership reception at the president's home in Charleston from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 27. Former members are also welcome, as are spouses of employees and EIU retirees.

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Individuals interested in attending the reception should make reservations by calling Janice at 581-3616 by noon, Aug. 26.

Judy Hofstrand of Charleston, University Club president, said all age groups are invited to participate in the club, which provides an opportunity to renew acquaintances with former colleagues, as well as make new friends and exchange ideas.

University Club member Fran Wittenberg of Charleston, a secretary/receptionist at EIU, said, "The club has given me an opportunity to meet individuals from across campus. Meeting new people has not only given me personal satisfaction, but has made my job easier. I especially like the comradery among club members."

EIU Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn Williams said, "The University Club provides an excellent opportunity for faculty and staff to interact on a free and open basis, which brings us closer as a University community."

The group sponsors socials each month, featuring refreshments, and special events throughout the year. Activities this year will include football and basketball tailgate parties, Halloween party, Christmas dinner dance and sing-a-long, and St. Louis Symphony trip.

Special interest groups such as a Great Books discussion, bridge lessons, or a singles group will be offered if sufficient interest is expressed.

Annual dues are \$28 per person. Individuals may join on a semester basis for \$14. For more information about the club or to join, call Hofstrand at 581-3526.