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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HIV/AIDS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AT EIU

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University students will launch an HIV/AIDS campaign on Monday, Jan. 31 that will include speakers, fund-raising activities and a unifying display of red ribbons.

Denise Schindlar, campaign chair, said events have been scheduled through Feb. 4 to raise awareness, consciousness, compassion and education about HIV/AIDS. "We are inviting others to join us in showing support for all those whose personal lives have been affected by HIV/AIDS," Schindlar said.

All activities will be held on the EIU campus and are open to the public. Most events are free.

On Monday, Jeanne White, an educator on AIDS through "The Ryan White Story" of her own son's experiences, will speak at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Union. The lecture, sponsored by the University Board Lectures Committee, is \$1 for students and \$3 for the general public.

Also on Monday, one man will speak candidly about his life with AIDS at 8 p.m. in the Taylor Hall Dining Center on the EIU campus.

On Tuesday, Eastern's Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will

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sponsor a "Jump Rope for Life" jump-a-thon at 7 p.m. in the University Ballroom in the Student Union. There is a \$5 entry fee/groups of 4. To enter, contact Mo at 345-3415. All proceeds will go to local HIV/AIDS efforts.

A talk, "Sexual Assault: As if it Wasn't Bad Enough: AIDS," will be presented by Bonnie Buckley of the Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service housed on the EIU campus, at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Weller Hall.

On Wednesday, Schindlar will team up with Jim Pearson to present "The 3 C's of Safer Sex and HIV: Choices, Communication and Condoms" at noon in the Arcola/Tuscola Room in the Student Union. Their presentation is sponsored by Eastern's Counseling Center.

Also on Wednesday, Lance McNamara of Eastern's Stevenson Hall Council will talk about "HIV in Sports: What You Need to Know" at 8 p.m. in the Stevenson Hall Lobby.

Facts about HIV/AIDS will be presented in a game format in "HIV/AIDS Jeopardy" at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Taylor Hall Lobby. The event, hosted by the Taylor Hall Council, is sponsored by Eastern's BACCHUS chapter, a student organization that supports responsible decision-making concerning the use or non-use of alcohol by college students.

Cathy Reynolds of the Coles County Health Department will talk about "HIV Testing: What You Can Expect" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Lawson Hall Lobby.

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On Friday, Eastern's Thomas Hall Council will present a movie, "And the Band Played On," which deals with the political and personal progression of AIDS, at 7:30 p.m. in the Thomas Dining Center.

Throughout the week, information tables will be set up in the Student Union and Student Recreation Center, and videos will be shown in the walkway lounge in the Student Union. Residence hall residents will also participate in a decorating contest, and all members of the campus community will be asked to wear red ribbons to show their support for those with HIV/AIDS.

The week's events have been planned by the university's HIV/AIDS Awareness Committee and coordinated by Eastern's Office of Orientation/AIDS, Alcohol and Drug Information.