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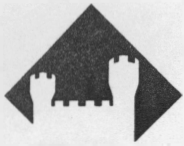
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For Immediate Release:

EIU DANCERS TO PRESENT ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

CHARLESTON – The Eastern Illinois University Dancers will present their annual spring concert, titled “Music in Motion,” this Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24.

The concert will begin at 7:30 each evening in Dvorak Concert Hall, located in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Admission is free and open to the public.

The concert will feature traditional forms of modern, ballet, tap and jazz to varied musical artists such as Enigma, Janet Jackson, Cindy Lauper, U2 and Garbage, and to selections from “Footloose,” “Les Miserables” and “My Fair Lady.”

The EIU Dancers – a recognized student organization – is sponsored by the Department of Physical Education and operates under the direction of Nancy Nordtvedt and Jeanna McFarland. This year’s group is composed of 30 university students, both male and female, with many different majors.

The annual spring concert has taken place annually since 1932. Originally, performances consisted of modern dance only. Under the leadership of Nordtvedt, beginning in 1981, the performances have expanded to include various dance forms, including traditional ballet, jazz and tap.

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 10,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern’s pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

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Nordtvedt studied dance in Kansas, Missouri and California, and danced professionally in Wichita, Kan. She taught for four years at Montana State University, where she also had a dance group, before coming to Eastern.

McFarland, a graduate of Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, furthered her dance studies in New York City at different studios, including those of Martha Graham, Merce Cunningham, Finus Jung and Luigi. She came to Eastern in 1991.

Both Nordtvedt and McFarland are faculty members in Eastern's Department of Physical Education.