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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU'S AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION CONTINUES

CHARLESTON -- Activities ranging from a play on stage to play on a basketball court highlight Eastern Illinois University's third week of celebration in honor of African American heritage.

Members of the Indigo African American Theatre Society, a student group and offshoot of Eastern's African American Studies Department, will present special excerpts from the play, "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When The Rainbow Isn't Enough," at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, and Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7 and 8.

The contemporary play examines the rite of passage for today's African American young women. Admission to the shows, which will take place in the Library Lecture Hall at Booth Library, is free and open to the public. Seating, however, is limited.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, EIU's Black Greek Council will

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sponsor Black Greek Council Unity Talks. Admission to the series of talks, scheduled to take place in the Arcola/Tuscola and Charleston/Mattoon rooms of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, is free and open to the public.

Topics to be discussed include "The Darker the Berry, the Sweeter the Juice," "Sister, Why Don't You Like Me When We Are Both Sisters," "Brothers, Stop Hurting Each Other. We Need You," "This is a Black-Owned Business," and "I'm Beautiful, Damn It."

At 7 p.m. Sunday, the Black Greek Council will also sponsor a faculty/student basketball game in Eastern's McAfee Gymnasium. Members of the BGC will challenge the Faculty/Staff All-Stars, consisting of Jerome Rodgers, Brian Jenkins, and David Cason, athletics; Michael Stokes, housing; John Craft, physical education; Harold Harris and James Williams, university police; John Coffey, Angie Coker, Mona Davenport, and Lucy Gomes, academic advisement; Ceci Brinker, student life; Tina Leonard, counseling center; and Malia McGee, building services.

Admission to the game, which is open to the public, is \$1. Ticket-holders will be eligible for door prizes such as t-shirts and tickets to this year's African American Heritage Dinner and Concert, and can participate in the event's half-time free-throw contest and three-point shoot-out.

Meta Micken-Baker, a State Farm Insurance representative, will present "Dress for Success" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the Effingham Room of the

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University Union. The presentation will focus on interview skills, appropriate dress, and resume's.

Admission to this event is also free and open to the public.

To end the week of activities, the University Board Comedy Committee will present comedian Fabian Shepard at 9:09 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, in the University Union's Rathskellar. Admission is \$1 for students with ID and \$3 for the general public.