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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BLACK HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES PLANNED

CHARLESTON, IL.--A national satellite teleconference to be broadcast on Eastern Illinois University's television station Wednesday (Feb. 1) will kick-off Black History Month activities at Eastern.

The University community will have an opportunity to participate in "Beyond the Dream: A Celebration of Black History," a live broadcast originating from Washington, D.C., that will be aired from noon-2 p.m. Wednesday on EIU's Channel 51 (Cable 29).

The program will feature a panel of distinguished experts who will discuss the contributions of Blacks to this country. Audience participants will be able to call a special toll-free number and ask questions "on-the-air."

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The conference will focus on the experiences and goals of Black Americans in education, politics, business, economics, social issues, the military, arts, entertainment and sports.

"This is a historical event since it is the first time Black History Month has had a national kick-off," said Johnetta Jones, Director of Afro-American Studies and Acting Coordinator of Minority Affairs at Eastern.

The EIU Black Student Union, University Board, Tarble Arts Center, Afro-American Studies Program, Committee on Minority Educational Concerns and the Office of Minority Student Affairs are sponsoring a variety of programs in February and early March. The theme of this year's event is "Energy and Cooperation."

The schedule of events for Black History Month is listed below. For more information, contact Jones at 581-5719.

Feb. 1-28--Debra Johnson-Jones Exhibit, "Reflections in Strata," north entrance of Booth Library.

Feb. 2--Career Seminar, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Charleston-Mattoon Room, Student Union. (Register in person at the Afro-American Studies Office, Room 327, Coleman Hall. Breakfast and lunch are provided). Comedian Bertice Berry, 8 p.m., Subway, Student Union. Admission: \$.50.

Feb. 3--Dance, 10 p.m., University Ballroom, Student Union. Admission charged.

Feb. 4--Dance, 10:30 p.m., University Ballroom, Student Union. Admission charged.

Feb. 5--AAUP Lecture: "Race, Mob Violence and Political Reform," 2 p.m., Booth Library Lecture Hall. Speaker: Johnetta Jones.

Feb. 6--Lecture/Dance Demonstration: Afro-Latin American Culture and Dance, 7:30 p.m., Tarble Arts Center. Speaker: Clyde Morgan, Professor of Dance, University of New York at Sunnybrook. Admission is free.

Feb. 8--Lecture by Jacki Fleming, research psychologist and author of "Blacks in College," 7:30 p.m., Grand Ballroom, Student Union.

Admission: General Public, \$3; Students, \$1.50.

Feb. 9--Movie: "Dread Beat an' Blood," 7 p.m., Tarble Arts Center.

Admission is free.

Feb. 10--March 4--Exhibit: William Hawkins' "Transformation,"

Tarble Arts Center. Admission is free.

Feb. 15--Reception for William Hawkins, 2-4 p.m., Tarble Arts

Center.

Feb. 16--Lecture: Dr. Gary Schwindler, "William Hawkins: Life and Works," 7 p.m., Tarble Arts Center.

Feb. 17--Amateur Night at the Apollo. Admission charged. (Time and place to be announced).

Feb. 19--Play: Shirlene Holmes starring as "Sojourner Truth," 2 p.m., Rathskeller, Student Union, Admission is free; Public reception for Holmes and Debra Johnson-Jones, 4 p.m. 1895 Room, Student Union; and Unity Gospel Choir Concert, 4 p.m., Dvorak Concert Hall.

Feb. 23--Videotape: "Sam Gilliam, Painter/Sculptor," 7 p.m., Tarble Arts Center.

Feb. 24--Concert: Rufus Reid, 7:30 p.m., Dvorak Concert Hall.

Admission charged.

Feb. 25-26--Parents Appreciation Weekend. (Feb. 25) Parents Dinner, 5-8 p.m., Rathskeller, Student Union, Admission: Adults \$8, Children, \$4.50; and Miss Black EIU Pageant: "Visions of Ebony," 8 p.m., Grand Ballroom, Student Union, Admission charged.

Feb. 28--Lecture: "Mississippi Burning: Myth or Reality," 7:30 p.m., Oakland Room, Student Union.

March 1--Percy Julian Day.