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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

UNIVERSITY TO HOLD RECEPTION FOR MINORITY STUDENTS, PARENTS

CHARLESTON -- Minority students, parents and counselors are invited to an informational reception from noon to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 17 at The State of Illinois Building, 100 W. Randolph, Chicago.

The reception, sponsored by Eastern's Office of Minority Affairs, will offer parents and students information concerning minority admissions procedures, financial aid, academic majors and general description of life on the Eastern campus.

Kim Hollingsworth, coordinator for the reception, said the event is an opportunity to get a better idea of what Eastern has to offer.

"This will be a personal, up close look at Eastern; as close as you can get without actually being here," Hollingsworth said. "We're trying to represent all areas minority students would need information about student life, financial aid, admission requirements, minority affairs, etc."

This reception is the first to be held by the university for minority students.

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Hollingsworth said the reception is designed to give students who were not able to attend the March 4 open house the chance to find out more about Eastern.

"This will be good for parents because they won't have to take a day off from work in order to attend the event," she said. "Parents need information as much as the students do."

Refreshments will be served at the event.

Individuals interested in attending the reception will not need reservations. For more information, contact Eastern's Office of Admissions at 1-800-252-5711.

Eastern, located in Charleston, is a public, residential university that places priority on teaching excellence. More than 11,000 students are enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs. Non-traditional and part-time students are enrolled in programs at both on- and off-campus sites. University faculty are involved in a wide range of research and public service activities.