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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WOMEN'S HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH

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CHARLESTON, IL--The Women's Studies Council at Eastern Illinois University, along with University Board, will sponsor Women's History and Awareness Month in March. Activities, which are open to the public, will focus on the theme "Discover a New World: Women's History."

A highlight of the observance will be the Annual Women's Studies Council Awards Banquet in the 1895 Room of the University Union March 30 at 6:30 p.m. It will include presentation of the Women of Achievement Awards, and a performance by folksinger Julia Rea. Since seating is limited, reservations should be made by contacting the Women's Resource Center at 581-5947.

Faculty panelists from a variety of academic and professional areas will open the month's activities on March 1 with a discussion entitled "Discover the Voices of Women in Research." The discussion, at 7:30 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the University Union, will focus on topics relating to women's lives and professions.

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"Come Back to The 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean," a play for mature audiences by Ed Graczyk, will be presented March 3-7, 11, 12, & 14 at 8 p.m. in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. For ticket information, contact the Theatre Ticket Office at 581-3110.

Janet Benshoof, Director of the Reproductive Freedom Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, will speak on abortion rights Thursday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom. Admission is \$1 for students and senior citizens, and \$3 for the general public.

At 8 p.m. the same evening, Carlos Cortes, internationally known expert on multicultural education, will lecture on "Cultural Diversity in the Curriculum" in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium.

The celebration of Women's History and Awareness Month continues with, "Patchwork '93," a concert of music about and by women at 7 p.m., March 6 in the Union Rathskellar. Admission is \$2.

At 2 p.m., Sunday, March 7, Melinda Hegarty, professor of Art History at Eastern, will speak on "Civic Patronage in Late Quattrocento Florence," in the Library Lecture Hall.

"International Women Students: Learning in a Man's World" will be the topic of a panel discussion at 4 p.m., March 8 in the Charleston/Mattoon Room. Speakers will include women from Brazil, Bulgaria, Burma, Japan, and Greece.

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Karen Larvick Sanders, Professor of Music at Eastern, will perform a piano recital Thursday, March 11 in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Fine Arts Center. Marge Piercy, feminist writer, will lecture on women's issues at the Tarble Arts Center. Both events begin at 7:30 p.m.

Eastern students will present "Rhythm is a Dancer," a demonstration of modern, jazz, ballet, and tap dancing, in McAfee Gym March 12 and 13 at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, March 13, in Tarble Arts Center, Lynda Lowe will discuss the history of the traditional and contemporary uses of felted wool at 9 a.m., and 1:15 p.m. The discussion will be followed by a studio workshop.

"One Night Only," a dramatic expression of the arts, will premiere Tuesday, March 16 at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Playroom. For ticket information contact the Theatre Ticket Office at 581-3110.

Maya Angelou, poet/educator, will share her poetry March 18 at 8 p.m. in McAfee Gym. For additional information call 581-3829.

A panel discussion, "Discovering the Spirituality of Women," featuring area clergy, will be held March 29, at 7 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon Room.