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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU PRESENTS EMMY GAY

CHARLESTON -- The University Board Comedy Committee at Eastern Illinois University will present Emmy Gay at 9:09 p.m. on Friday, March 7, in the Rathskeller of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Eastern's own comedy troop, "Hello Dali," will perform at 8 p.m.

Gay is described as the next Whoopi Goldberg with a spunky style of comedy that has landed her on such shows as the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, Fox's *New York Undercover* and many New York comedy clubs.

She has performed at more than 70 universities including Harvard University, Northeastern University, and the University of Colorado, and at the Fourth World Conference for Women in Beijing.

The *New York Post* reviewed her as a "Perky MC" with hip-hop dance and juggling skills.

Gay is part of the 909 Laugh Tracks series of UB comedy. Admission is \$1 for students with I.D. and \$3 for general public.

For more information, call Cyndi Walker at 581-5117.