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For Immediate Release:

UNITY WEEK EVENTS INCLUDE SHOWING OF "HOTEL RWANDA," FUNDRAISING

CHARLESTON – The Eastern Illinois University Student Parent Association will sponsor two showings of the movie, "Hotel Rwanda," as part of EIU Unity Week.

"Hotel Rwanda" is the real life story of Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager, who housed more than 1,000 Tutsis refugees during their struggle against the Hutu militia in Rwanda while the rest of the world ignored their cries for help from a genocidal regime.

The film will be shown at 5 and 8 p.m. Friday, April 15, in Buzzard Auditorium, with a discussion to take place at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

Although admission to the film is free, E-SPA members will be collecting funds for the International Fund for Rwanda, a joint fund begun by the individuals depicted in the film and the United Nations Foundation.

According to Aliyah Levi, an event organizer, five projects are supported through this fund: the Gender HIV/AIDS Sensitive Income Generating Project; reintegration and sustainable livelihood initiatives for returnees and genocide survivors in Rwanda; the recruitment of new doctors and nurses; the establishment of a film school at Kigali Institute of Science, Technology and Management; and support to the Genocide Orphans Living in Child Headed Households Project.

For information on the International Fund for Rwanda, visit its Web site at [www.internationalfundforRwanda.org](http://www.internationalfundforRwanda.org).