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EIU STORY IDEAS

Here is a list of some upcoming Eastern Illinois University activities, story ideas and photo opportunities you might be interested in covering. Unless otherwise noted, all events are free, open to the public and on the EIU campus. For more information on any of these or any other EIU events, please contact Vicki Woodard (581-7649 or vwoodard@eiu.edu) or Janice Hunt (581-7400 or jlhunt2@eiu.edu).

• 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22: "Brother to Sister" panel will discuss topics of interest to African-American students at EIU. University Ballroom, University Union.

• 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24: Appreciation reception with winners of the EIU Black Student Union's "Where Would I Be Without You" essay contest. University Ballroom, University Union.

• 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24: **Public viewing of Orion Nebula,** if conditions permit. Observatory tours will be available regardless of weather. EIU Observatory, between O'Brien Stadium and intramural softball fields.

• 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24: **Comedian Kareem Green**, a veteran of the historic Apollo Theater, is to perform. 7th Street Underground, University Union.

• 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25: Story time for children ages 3 to 6 and their parents. Ballenger Teachers' Center, Booth Library.

• 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25: 35th annual Miss Black EIU Pageant. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Grand Ballroom, University Union.

• 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1: Ray Syndor, a member of the Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl team in the mid-1980s, will explain how faith became his way out of deteriorating circumstances after the swift pace of an excelling football career and drug experimentation thwarted a promising future. Grand Ballroom, University Union.

• 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1: "Does This Make Me Look Fat?" eating disorders workshop. Charleston/Mattoon Room, University Union.

• 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 3, and Saturday, March 4; 6 p.m. Sunday, March 5: **EIU Dancers' annual spring concert**, "From Soul to Sole," will feature traditional forms of ballet, tap, modern and jazz to music by Missy Elliot, Bon Jovi, My Chemical Romance, Guns n' Roses, Sean Paul, John Michael Montgomery and Damien Rice. McAfee Gym.

• 9 a.m. Saturday, March 4: **2006 Peck Music Competition**, a professional-level contest showcasing some of EIU's best student musicians, including vocalists, percussionists, string and wind players and pianists performing everything from classical to jazz. Students compete for three cash prizes: \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Finalists are to perform at 3 p.m. Grand Ballroom, University Union.