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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).

Women's History and Awareness Month activities:

- 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 1: **"Local Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams" panel.** Women from local organizations and the EIU community are to discuss their efforts to change the Charleston community and EIU. Participants are to include Melissa Bell (Eastern Single Parent Association); Peggy Brayfield (former chairwoman of EIU's Women's Studies); Angie Hunt (HOPE); Doris Nordin (Newman Catholic Center); Althea Pendergast (Pathways to the Future/Motherlode); Rachel Vaughn (English). Lumpkin Auditorium (Room 2030).
- 7 p.m. Thursday, March 2: **"Pre-Civil War Quilts: Their Hidden Codes to the Freedom of Slaves through the Underground Railroad" lecture** by Clarice Boswell, author of "Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom." Replicas of the actual quilts that slaves used are on display. A book-signing will follow. 2020 Lumpkin Hall.
- 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 8: **"My Mother the Car? Automotive Maternity in 20th Century American Women's Fiction"** by Deborah Clarke of Penn State University's English department. Lumpkin Auditorium (Room 2030).
- 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 8: **"Global Feminism: Promises and Problems" panel discussion** with Jin-hee Lee (history), "Sex Slavery, Feminism and Colonial Legacies in 20th Century East Asia"; Jyoti Panjwani (English), "Mapping Freedom: Fighting the Problem of Dowry in India"; Mehdi Semati (communication studies), "Iranian Women's Movement in an International Framework"; Christina Yousaf (family and consumer sciences), "Literacy Among Women in Pakistan." 2011 Lumpkin Hall.
- 3:30-4:45 p.m. Thursday, March 9: **"Women, Men and Culture" course open house.** Students and the community are invited to this showcase of the Women's Studies program. 4341 Klehm Hall.

General events:

- 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.

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- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 1: **"Does This Make Me Look Fat?" eating disorders workshop.** Charleston/Mattoon Room, University Union.
- 7 p.m. March 3, 4, 6, 7; 2 p.m. March 5: EIU theater department presents the Roman comedy **"The Menaechmi,"** adapted and directed by EIU professor Jerry Eisenhower. Local cast members are Brendan Hughes of Charleston and Amanda Miller of Arcola. Tickets are \$10 adult admission, \$8 faculty/staff and senior citizen, and \$5 for students. The Village Theatre, 960 18th St., Charleston.
- 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, Guns n' Roses, John Michael Montgomery and more. 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 classical, jazz and more. Students compete for three cash prizes: \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Finalists are to perform at 3 p.m. Grand Ballroom, University Union.
- 4-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 8: **Reception to celebrate a six-figure gift to the EIU Tarble Arts Center.** The announcement will be made by EIU President Lou Hencken and other officials at 4:30 p.m. Tarble Arts Center.
- 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8: **"Spring Break for Dummies"** will teach students how to make good choices during break. Charleston/Mattoon Room, University Union.