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CHARLESTON, IL--A month long schedule of activities focusing on guest speakers, films, exhibits and musical events will educate and entertain during February's Black History Month observance at Eastern Illinois University.

"It's a way to spotlight our contribution to American history and American society," said Johnetta Jones, head of EIU's Afro-American Studies and assistant professor of sociology-anthropology.

The four week celebration began Saturday night with the crowning of Charlean Hines, freshman from Chicago (Kenwood HS), as Miss Black EIU.

A jazz festival featuring 36 bands and guest soloist Gary Foster will be held in Dvorak Concert Hall, 9-5:30 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22. Foster will perform at 4:30.

As part of an Affirmative Action Day luncheon, Dr. Reginald Wilson, director of Minority Affairs for the American Council on Education will speak at the concluding event on Friday, Feb. 28.

Poet Nikki Giovanni will speak at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 5, in the University Union Grand Ballroom. Admission is \$1.50 for students, \$3 for the public.

An exhibit "Black Women Against the Odds" will be on display the entire month in the North entrance of Booth Library.

Other events in chronological order are:

*Dr. Jean Morris, professor of education and Early Childhood Education coordinator at Illinois State, speaking on "Issues in the Education of Black Children," 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, (Feb. 4) in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the University Union. Admission is free.

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*The movie, "Cotton Club," will be shown at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesday (Feb. 4) in the University Union Grand Ballroom. Admission is \$1.

*A general meeting, open to the public, on "Minority in Residence Program" will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday (Feb. 5) in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the University Union.

*Dr. William Thomas, superintendent of schools in Carbondale, will speak on "Education and the Black Child in the 1990s" at 7:30, Tuesday (Feb. 11) in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the University Union. Admission is free.

*A videotape, "The State of Black America: 1984," will be shown free at 7 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 13) in the Booth Library Lecture Hall.

*A videotape, "Forum on Black America: 1985" will be shown free at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday (Feb. 18) in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the University Union.

*Dr. Norris Clark, associate professor of English at Bradley University, will speak on "The Color Purple and the Black Male" at 7 p.m., Wednesday (Feb. 19) in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the University Union. Admission is free.

*The movie, "A Soldier's Story," will be shown at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Friday (Feb. 21) in the Ballroom of the University Union. Admission is \$1.

*Dr. Mary Davidson, director of social welfare at Southern Illinois University, will speak on "Desegregation: Success or Failure" at 4 p.m. Monday (Feb. 24) in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the University Union. Admission is free.

*Two videotapes on "The Race for Mayor in Chicago" and "Farakhan" will be presented at 7 p.m. Wednesday (Feb. 26) in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the University Union. Admission is free.

*A panel discussion on "The Vanishing Black American Family" will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday (Feb. 27) in the Booth Library Lecture Hall. Admission is free.