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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU SPONSORS CULTURAL DIVERSITY WEEK ACTIVITIES

CHARLESTON, IL-- To celebrate Cultural Diversity Week, Jan. 27-31, Eastern Illinois University will offer a variety of activities, open to the public, focusing on this year's theme, "Bringing Down the Barriers: "The Age of Unity." All activities are free unless indicated otherwise.

The week will begin Monday with an opening ceremony from 1 to 3 p.m. in the University Ballroom, University Union. Eastern President Stan Rives, Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn Williams and student government representatives have been invited to speak.

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Monday evening, Dennis Rahim Watson, described as one of the country's most dynamic motivational and inspirational speakers, will lecture on "100 Challenges Facing Administrators, Teachers, and Students in a Multicultural and Diverse Society." His talk is at 8 p.m. in the University Ballroom, and there is a \$1 admission charge. Watson currently serves as executive director of the National Black Youth Leadership Council in New York.

On Tuesday, the Italian film, "Fellini's Casanova," will be shown at noon in the University Ballroom.

Those interested in sampling ethnic foods are invited to "A Taste of the World" from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in Lawson Hall. International fashions will be modeled by EIU students following the food fair.

Wednesday is "Hispanic Awareness Day" and will feature presentations by noted poets, journalists and fiction writers Louis Rodriguez and Gregorio Gomez. They will share political and cultural poems about the Hispanic heritage from noon to 3 p.m. in the University Ballroom.

Also on Wednesday, Eastern student leaders will participate in a panel discussion on the cultural, social and educational issues that impact the existence of student organizations at EIU. Their talk, "Cultural Clubs of the 90s: Understanding Student Organizations at EIU," will be from 6 to 7 p.m. in Lawson Hall.

Thursday has been designated "African-American Awareness Day" and will feature a video presentation of African dances and dance demonstration from 1 to 3 p.m. in the University Ballroom.

At 8 p.m. Thursday, "Journey of the Drum Major," a movie about Martin Luther King Jr., will be shown in the Grand Ballroom in the University Union. Admission is \$1.

Cultural Diversity Week will conclude Friday with a closing ceremony and an awards presentation at 1 p.m. in the University Ballroom where Eastern student organizations, faculty and administrators will be recognized for their contributions to the week's activities.

Sponsors of Cultural Diversity Week include Eastern's University Board, Residence Hall Association, Black Student Union, Hispanic Student Union, United Student Union, Office of Student Activities, Office of Student Housing, BACCHUS (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students), Student Government Association, and International Student Association.