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BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM SLATED AT EIU

CHARLESTON, IL.--Black History Month will be observed next month at Eastern Illinois University with a variety of events sponsored by Eastern's Afro-American Studies program and University Board/Student Activities Office. The public is invited to all events, most of which are free.

The month will begin with an art exhibit, "Afro-American Prints From the Ruth Waddy Collection," at the Tarble Arts Center. The exhibit, representing 26 artists who are printmakers, will be displayed the entire month, as will a "Black Leaders in History" exhibit at Booth Library.

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On Feb. 10, Wilbert Davis of the Illinois State Admissions Office, formerly director of the Pontiac Prison Program for Illinois State University's College of Continuing Education, and Carlos Dee Gully, deputy director of field services for the State Correctional Program, will discuss "Prisons and the Plight of the Black Male in Education." Their talk is at 7 p.m. in Eastern's University Union Charleston-Mattoon Room.

Lisa Jones, who wrote the movie "Do the Right Thing" with Spike Lee, will discuss contemporary race relations at 8 p.m., Feb. 11, in the University Union Grand Ballroom. Admission is \$1 for students and \$3 for the general public.

On Feb. 14, Darlene Blackburn, an expert in African and Caribbean dance, will lead her dance troupe in a 7:30 p.m. performance in the University Ballroom, University Union. She will also conduct a dance workshop earlier in the day.

Soprano Felicia Lively, a Temple University and Curtis Institute of Music graduate, will perform a variety of songs by African-American composers at 8 p.m., Feb. 18, in Eastern's Dvorak Concert Hall. She will be accompanied by Beverly Gartin, assistant dean of Eastern's College of Fine Arts.

The Black Student Union is sponsoring the annual Miss Black EIU Pageant, "Ebony: Elegant Visions of Success," at 7 p.m., Feb. 22, in the University Union Grand Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. Admission is \$1.50 for children 12 and under.

Blandina Cardenas Ramirez, director of the American Council on Education's Office of Minorities in Higher Education, will be a guest speaker for Eastern's "One Nation: Many Voices" lecture series at 7 p.m., Feb. 27, in the Grand Ballroom.

Other activities planned during the month include a student essay contest sponsored by the The Daily Eastern News and career workshops through the Afro-American Studies program.

The University Board, the student-programming board for Eastern, will also show five movies during the month: "Boyz in the Hood" Feb. 5 and 6; "Cooley High" Feb. 13; "Jungle Fever" Feb. 20-21; and "Ricochet" Feb. 24-25. All movies will be shown at 8 p.m. in the University Union.

For more information, call Eastern's Office of Afro-American Studies at 581-5719 or Student Activities at 581-3829.