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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

DRUG AWARENESS WEEK BEGINS MARCH 7

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University President David

Jorns has officially declared March 7-13 as "Drug Awareness Week"

at Eastern. All events, which are sponsored by the Office of

AIDS, Alcohol and Drug Information, are open to the public.

"We have developed a program that is designed to inform

Eastern students of the dangers involved with the use and abuse
of drugs on our campus," said Terry Tumbarello, graduate assistant to the director of the Office of AIDS, Alcohol and Drug

Information. "Throughout the week, students will be promoting a

drug-free campus and learning decision-making and positive peer

influence skills."

Rep. Mike Weaver will officially begin the week's activities with a presentation on alcohol and drug issues and their influences on university life at 1:15 p.m. Monday in the University Ballroom of the Union.

"Drug Dare," a game of how much students know about drugs and their effects on those who abuse them, will begin at 8 p.m. Monday in Pemberton Hall.

Eastern's Student Action Team and the Coles County Sheriff's Department will sponsor "Duke the dog--K-9 Drug Bust," a demonstration by Sgt. Steve Darimont and Duke from the Coles County Sheriff's Department at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Union Walkway.

During "Drug Awareness Week," WEIU TV will also broadcast special programs to promote a drug-free campus, and several informational tables will be displayed in the Union.

For a complete schedule of events, contact the Office of AIDS, Alcohol and Drug Information at 581-6435.