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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CELEBRATION '96 TO FEATURE INDIAN POW-WOW DEMONSTRATION

CHARLESTON -- Experiencing the characteristics of Indian culture will be one goal of Eastern Illinois University's "Celebration: A Festival of the Arts."

A demonstration of an Indian pow-wow will be held from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday in the Library Quad area. The demonstration will feature authentic Indian tee-pees and clothing, along with Indian dancers Sam Blatchford, Sterling Big Bear III and Kathy Baird.

The event is sponsored by Seventh Generation, a campus group of faculty, staff and students who meet to discuss, learn and maintain the traditions, culture and religious ceremonies of the American Indian.

Tom Leonard, founder of Seventh Generation and one of the pow-wow coordinators, said the goal of the demonstration is to let people rethink their ideas about Indians.

"The idea behind having any Indian activity is so people will walk away with a new impression about what Indians and the Indian culture is like," Leonard said.

"We want them to believe Indians are real and not the actors people see on

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television."

This is the first time an Indian demonstration has been held during Celebration. Dan Crews, coordinator for the festival, said he had considered bringing an event like Leonard's demonstration to Celebration in the past.

"Events like these are very interesting and very colorful," Crews said. "Both adults and children can enjoy them and take away a new understanding of Indian culture."

The theme for the pow-wow is "The Ira Hayes Memorial Pow Wow, Honoring All Veterans." The event will begin with the "Grand Entry," where the participating dancers are introduced. Two pow-wows will be held, one at 1 p.m. and another at 7 p.m.

Several dances will be performed, including several war dances done by the traditional men's dancers. In addition, an Intertribal dance, in which the spectators are invited to participate, will also be performed.

Celebration is an annual event featuring a variety of performers and vendors. Held on Eastern's campus, it gives students and area residents the opportunity to experience different kinds of both visual and musical art.

For more information, contact the Celebration office at (217) 581-2113.