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CHARLESTON, IL--Women's History and Awareness Month, a three week celebration of events focusing attention on the achievements and concerns of women, will begin March 1 at Eastern Illinois University.

This is the 4th year this has been held at EIU, and coincides with the nationwide observation of Women's History Week (March 2-7) and the worldwide observance of International Women's Day (March 8).

"The local celebration was conceived and implemented by the Women's Studies Council," said Peggy Brayfield, professor of English and program coordinator, "and is intended to offer opportunities to increase the awareness of women's contributions to society and to human civilization globally."

Events will commence with the all day Women's Exposition and Health Fair on March 1 at the University Union. Workshops and clinics addressing women's issues and concerns are expected to attract in excess of 300.

More than a dozen events are scheduled, two of which feature EIU faculty Victoria Hutchinson and Catherine Smith in "An Evening of Music and Dance, Creativity of Women" and an English Department/Illinois Arts Council sponsored fiction reading by noted Illinois writer-in-residence Mary Gray Hughes.

The "Evening of Music and Dance" will be a combined program of music by women composers choreographed with the style of famous women dancers. This will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 16 in the Dvorak Concert Hall. Tickets are \$2 and \$1 at the door.

Mary Gray Hughes, a recognized writer of quality short stories and fiction who twice has had her works included in the Best Short Story of the Year publication, will close the celebration with a reading at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 19 in the Tarble Arts Center.

Other events open to the public during the month are listed chronologically as follows:

- *Area Women Artists Juried Exhibit, 4-6 p.m. Saturday, March 1, Tarble Arts Center (Show opens Feb. 25-March 30).
- *Peggy Brayfield, AAUP lecture on "Florence Nightingale, Empress of the Scavengers," 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2, Booth Library Lecture Room.
- *Exploring PMS (Premenstrual Syndrome) with psychologist Melanie Rawlins, gynecologist K.T. LaVeck and registered nurse Peggy Zopf, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, Wesley Foundation Lounge, 2202 4th Street.
- *A life skills seminar on "Contraception" with Susannah Buchanan, M.D. Noon, Wednesday, March 5, Arcola Room of the University Union.
- *The Goddesses in Every Woman, a workshop by Leota Didier, coordinator of Women's Studies at Parkland CC, 7-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 10, Wesley Foundation.
- *A life skills seminar on "Date Rape" with Bonnie Buckley, of the Coles County Women Against Rape, 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, University Union (room to be announced).
- *"The American Businesswoman, An Historical Revision," a keynote women's history address by Dr. Juliet Walker, University of Illinois professor and noted author writing women back into history, 7-9 p.m., Thursday, March 13, Grand Ballroom of the University Union.
- *Panel discussion on "Women in Non-Traditional Roles" with Reverend Carol Pagelsen, Neoga; Rochelle Funderburg, Mt. Vernon attorney; Vicki Starwalt, Coles County probation officer; Susan Accord, Illinois State Police Officer; 7-9:30 p.m., Monday, March 17, Grand Ballroom of the University Union.
- *A life skills seminar on "Women as Scientists" with Dr. Eleanor McCabe and women science faculty, Noon, Wednesday, March 19, Arcola Room of the University Union.