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For Immediate Release:

PUBLIC INVITED TO SPECIAL VIEWING OF MARS FROM EIU OBSERVATORY

CHARLESTON – Those who miss this weekend's special viewing of Mars will have to wait 18 years for a similar opportunity.

The red planet comes into view every two years, but it's relatively rare, in human terms, for it to be as visible as it will be this weekend, said Jim Conwell, Eastern Illinois University physics professor.

The public is invited to view the red planet from EIU's physics observatory starting at 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28.

If it's cloudy or rainy on Friday, the observatory will instead open at 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

The observatory houses a state-of-the-art, computer-controlled, 16-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope. A dome can open and rotate to provide views of all parts of the sky.

The building is located in the southwestern corner of campus between O'Brien Stadium and the new intramural softball fields.

Those who attend may park their vehicles in the lot north of Wesley United Methodist Church and then walk to the observatory site.

For more information, call the physics department at 581-3220.