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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

WOMEN'S HISTORY AND AWARENESS MONTH

CHARLESTON, IL--The Women's Studies Council at Eastern Illinois University will join other campus organizations in the celebration of Women's History and Awareness Month in March.

Activities across campus will focus on the theme "Women's History: A Patchwork of Many Lives" and are open to the public. Most events are free.

Blandina Ramirez, director of the Office of Minorities in Higher Education at the American Council on Education, will begin the women's history month program with a talk on American trends and values at 7 p.m., Feb. 27 in Eastern's University Union Grand Ballroom.

On Feb. 29, women in history will come to life during the 2 p.m. performance of "Living History" in the Doudna Fine Arts Center." Historical characters such as Helen Keller, Betsy Ross and Eleanor Roosevelt will be portrayed by theater students in costumes. Area teachers interested in having them visit their classrooms may call 581-5947 for more information.

"Crimes of the Heart," a play by Beth Henley, will premiere at 8 p.m., Feb. 27 in the Tarble Arts Center. There is also an 8 p.m. performance Feb. 28 and 29, and a 2 p.m. showing March 1.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY

The film "Hearts and Hands" about the role played by women and their textiles in the 19th century will be shown at 3 p.m., March 1 in the Booth Library Lecture Hall. A quilting presentation by Zora Moore of Oakland will follow the movie.

On March 3, Karen Sanders, EIU professor of music, will perform a piano recital at 7:30 p.m. in Dvorak Concert Hall in the Fine Arts Center.

"The Revolutionary Mrs. Adams," a play about the life of Abigail Adams, will be performed at 8 p.m., March 4 in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

Contemporary adult issues about one woman's search for her identity through her career and personal relationships will be the focus of another play titled, "Burn This," which runs March 4-8 and March 11-15 in the Fine Arts Center. Sunday performances will be at 2 p.m. and all others at 8 p.m.

"Eleni," a film based on a number one selling novel about the 1948 civil war in Greece, will be shown at 7 p.m., March 5 in the Library Lecture Hall.

"Folk Fest," March 7, will feature musicians playing and singing music about and by women. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the University Union's Rathskeller.

On March 8, EIU assistant professor of mathematics Jonell Comerford will speak on "Expanding Girls' Horizons to Include Mathematics and Science Careers" at 2 p.m. in the Library Lecture Hall.

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WOMEN'S HISTORY

"Women and Spirituality" will be the topic of a panel discussion by area clergy at 7 p.m., March 9 in the University Union's Charleston/Mattoon Room.

"My Brilliant Career," an international film based on a true story depicting the conflict of an Australian woman who is torn between independence and tradition, will be shown at 7 p.m., March 11 in the Library Lecture Hall.

"One Night Only: An Evening of Theater," a series of monologues written and performed by women and directed by assistant professor of theatre arts Majorie Duehmig, will be held at 8 p.m., March 18 in the Fine Arts Center.

The 1987 Best Foreign Film "Babette's Feast" will be shown at 7 p.m., March 19 in the Booth Library Lecture Hall.

"Eleemosynary," a play by Lee Blessing, will premiere at 8 p.m., March 20 at the Charleston Alley Theatre. There is also an 8 p.m. show March 21 and 5 p.m. show March 22.

There will also be a month-long display in Booth Library of quilts by area women.

The month will end March 31 with the Women's Studies Council annual awards banquet at 5 p.m. at the Charleston Inn. Featured speaker is Molly Hall, WCIA TV Springfield Bureau Chief and an EIU alumnus.