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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Twelve teams will be represented in the Eastern Illinois University women's track invitational at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lantz Fieldhouse.

Besides the Panthers, others participating are Arkansas, Bradley, Chicago Circle, Illinois State, Indiana State, Loyola of Chicago, Southeast Missouri, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Southern Illinois-Carbondale and Washington (MO) University. There are no team scores.

"From an overall standpoint we'd like to be doing better but we're right in the ballpark and I'm pleased with our progress," said Coach John Craft. "We're right on schedule."

Eastern has already qualified two individuals for the AIAW National Indoor Championship, March 11-13, at Cedar Falls, Iowa. Those two are Gayle Brandon (Danville) in the long jump (19-11) and Gail Stephens (Evanston) in the 300 yard dash (35.2).

The 880 yard relay of Sonya Brown (Chicago-Dunbar), Liz Greathouse (North Chicago), Brandon and Stephens also qualified with a school record 1:40.6.

Denise Macon (Chicago-Kenwood) continues to improve in the shot as she broke her own record with a 40 foot throw in the EIU Open last Saturday. Her previous record was 38-9 1/2.

"Last Saturday's competition was just the second of the season for Sonya (Brown) and Gail (Stephens) and they showed to us just how exceptional they are to our program."