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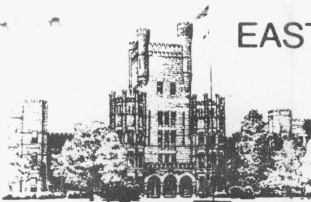
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

NEWSPAPER PR DIRECTOR TO VISIT EIU

CHARLESTON, IL.--Michael Brown, public relations director for the Chicago Daily Defender, will be at Eastern Illinois University today (Nov. 9) to present two lectures, which are free and open to the public.

He will speak at 10 a.m. in Eastern's Coleman Hall, Room 116, and again at 11 a.m. and noon in the Buzzard Building, Room 207.

Marta Ladd, assistant professor of journalism and adviser of the Daniel E. Thornburgh Chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America at Eastern, said, "While Brown's lectures are intended for students interested in the field of journalism or press relations, I think anyone will find his experiences working for the largest African-American newspaper group in the U.S. interesting." His visit is co-sponsored by PRSSA and Eastern's Journalism Department.

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Brown has traveled extensively throughout Africa and the U.S. expressing his concerns for the African-American community. He has also written several books and will have two more published next year.

He is founder of a national African-American human rights organization and executive producer and host of a radio talk show for National Public Radio. He received his master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago.