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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EASTERN PARTICIPATES IN DRUG AWARENESS WEEK

CHARLESTON, IL.--Eastern Illinois University students are joining students nationwide in celebration of National Collegiate Drug Awareness Week.

A variety of student-run activities have been planned this week that promote drug education, develop student decision-making skills and encourage positive peer influence.

"These activities are part of Eastern's continuing emphasis on drug education and recognition of the individual's ultimate responsibility for decisions regarding drugs," said Sandy Gallion of Charleston, coordinator of AIDS, Alcohol and Drug Information at Eastern and advisor to the University's BACCHUS chapter (Boost Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students).

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BACCHUS, one of several sponsors of this week's events, recently received the "Outstanding Chapter of the Year" award at the national BACCHUS General Assembly in St. Louis. Eastern also received the "Outstanding GAMMA Programming Award" for its specialized drug and alcohol prevention programs related to the campus Greek community.

Throughout the week, there will be special presentations on drug related subjects, including one by EIU graduate student Kevin Elliott of Charleston, who will discuss "Progress and Perspectives" at noon Friday (March 8).

Individuals can also tour informational displays that will be set up in the University Union through Friday.

Earlier in the week, David Leschke of the national BACCHUS organization kicked-off Eastern's activities with his presentation, "Everything I Needed to Know They Never Taught in Kindergarten."

The week concludes with a non-alcoholic dance at the Lighthouse at the Wesley Foundation beginning at 9 p.m. Friday.

The activities are sponsored by CHAPS (Creating Healthy Attitudes and Peer Support); Office of AIDS, Alcohol and Drug Information; Office of Student Housing; Department of Health Studies; Taylor and Carman Halls; Eta Sigma Gamma; BACCHUS; and the Wesley Foundation.