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EIU TO PRESENT ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's faculty and staff will come together for the 5th Annual "Puttin' on the Hits" variety show, at 7 p.m., May 4, in Eastern's Dvorak Concert Hall.

John Coffey, an EIU academic advisor who originated the event in 1987, said, "The purpose of the show is simply to have fun." It is open to the public and admission is free.

According to Coffey, the show gives University employees an opportunity to work together as a group and to pool their unique talents. He adds, "It gives everyone a chance to enjoy themselves. I tried to create something where faculty, staff, students and the community could have clean, safe fun."

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ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW

Elmer Pullen, a counselor in EIU's Financial Aid Office, is a veteran who has performed since the show's creation. He said, "I get enjoyment out of working with other faculty and staff. It's a pleasure to watch everyone having a good time."

This year's event will feature more live vocal and dance routines including the "Mattoon Cloggers" and a dance group from Indianapolis.

One of the show's highlights will be its elaborate costuming for acts such as "Puttin' on the Ritz."

Last year, 55 performers participated in the show. Coffey expects to see many new faces this year, including employees from the Financial Aid Office, who will perform "King Tut."

Interested campus groups and individuals still may participate and are invited to a rehearsal at 7 p.m., April 18, in the Union Gallery. Everyone is welcome.

Interested persons may call Coffey at 581-2313/2314 for further information.