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EIU HOMECOMING FEATURES MOVIE THEME

CHARLESTON -- Watch closely and a person might see Bogie and Hepburn float by on the African Queen. Or Roy Rogers may ride up on his wonder horse. The Duke. Chaney. Grant. Which ones will you see when Eastern Illinois University celebrates Homecoming 1996 on Saturday, Oct. 19?

"Legends of the Silver Screen," this year's theme, will doubtlessly bring some of Hollywood's brightest and most beloved stars to the streets of Charleston during the annual Homecoming parade, scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Dorothy Ives, wife of the late Burl Ives -- balladeer, actor and Eastern alumnus -- will serve as parade marshal.

She will be accompanied by Randy Sparks who, in addition to serving for 30 years as Mr. Ives' writer and opening act, founded the world-famous New Christy Minstrels.

The parade will follow its traditional route north to the Charleston Square via Seventh Street, returning south to Old Main on Sixth. The 1996 EIU Alumni

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Association award recipients will be featured, along with the Alumni Association president and representatives of Eastern's new Board of Trustees.

Graduates of the Class of 1946 will have reserved seating provided at the corner of Seventh and Lincoln to view the parade.

Other Homecoming events have been scheduled, as well.

All alumni are invited to stop by Linder House (1544 Fourth Street), home of the Alumni Association, for coffee and danish before the parade. An open house will also take place all day Saturday. (For early arrivals, Linder House will be open at 3 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18. Campus maps, information and refreshments will be available.)

Alumni are also invited to tour Alumni Tent City between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the O'Brien Stadium tailgate area. Departmental representatives and various campus entities will be present to talk with alumni about current happenings at EIU. Food may be purchased at a tent near the stadium.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (and also from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 20), Eastern's Tarble Arts Center will open its 1996 Art Faculty Exhibition to the public. The exhibit features recent works by artists of Eastern's art department, faculty emeritus and adjunct faculty. Also featured will be an exhibit of Pre-Columbian ceramics from Panama, consisting of urns, cups, bowls and effigy vessels, primarily from the Cocle Culture (c. 500-800 AD), on loan from Southern Illinois University -- Edwardsville.

Eastern's annual Homecoming football game will begin at 1:30 p.m., and will -more-

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feature the EIU Panthers vs. the Murray State Racers.

To round off this year's celebration, an EIU Alumni Association Board of Directors Brunch has been scheduled for 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Ramada Inn, Mattoon. Cost for the buffet is \$8.95 per person, plus tax. All alumni are invited to attend. The brunch will be followed at 11 a.m. by the Board of Directors' annual meeting.

The EIU Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Roger Sebby, '68, will perform at 3 p.m. in Dvorak Concert Hall at the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Sebby, a retired lieutenant colonel in the United States Air Force, has conducted/commanded USAF bands worldwide. Katherine Terrell, '74, an opera and Broadway vocalist, will be the guest artist for the concert and will perform with the EIU Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Tickets cost \$20, with all proceeds going toward the purchase of new band uniforms. Phone (217) 581-3010 for reservations/information.

This year's Homecoming play, "Fashion," by Anna Cora Mowatt, will be presented at 8 p.m. Oct. 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18 and 19, with a special 2 p.m. performance on Sunday, Oct. 20, in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Admission for the play, described as "a social satire and comedy of manners set in 1845 America," is \$8 for adults; \$6 for senior citizens, faculty and staff, and \$3.50 for students. Call (217) 581-3110 for reservations and ticket information.