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## IWU Plans Gender Issues Week Activities

March 2, 2006

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- Sponsored by the IWU Student Senate, Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA), and the Pride Alliance (IWUPA), Gender Issues Week, which will take place March 6-10, will include activities and speakers, including Debran Rowland, award-winning writer, artist and civil rights attorney. All events are free and open to the public.

**Monday, March 6**, at 4 p.m., in the Hansen Student Center, 2nd floor meeting room, (300 Beecher St., Bloomington): Sammie Robinson, assistant professor of business administration, and Venus Winters, assistant professor of educational studies, as well as student panelists, will discuss personal experiences during the program, "My Story: Growing up as an African American Woman."

**Tuesday, March 7**, at 6:30 p.m.: Elston Flowers, karate instructor, will teach a self-defense workshop in the Shirk Athletic Center Practice Gym (302 E. Emerson St., Bloomington).

**Wednesday, March 8**, at 8 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center: keynote speaker Debran Rowland, a writer, artist and civil rights attorney, will trace the history of women's legal status with a lecture titled, "The Boundaries of Her Body: The Troubling History of Women's Rights in America." Rowland has won several awards for her work as a journalist, including Best News Feature from the Chicago Association of Black Journalists in 1991. Her legal articles have been published by the American Law Reports (5th Series) and the Illinois Bar Examiner. She also volunteers at Chicago Volunteer Legal Services.

**Thursday, March 9**, at 7 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center: Hedwig and the Angry Inch will be shown. The movie is the story of a young boy in East Berlin who falls in love with an American G.I. and undergoes a sex-change operation in order to marry him and flee to the Midwest.

**Friday, March 10**, at 7 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center: "Man of the 21st Century," a poetry and prose reading, will bring to light how both men and women face gender issues. All are welcome to participate with their own works.

Other weeklong activities include "Art on the Quad," by Kappa Pi, IWU's art fraternity; a co-ed living petition by IWUPA concerning the need for co-ed living on IWU's campus; and a non-discrimination pledge by FMLA.

For additional information, contact Derrick Tillman-Kelly, the Student Senate student welfare and human relations commissioner, at (309) 556-1370.

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