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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS SLATED AT USI

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The Indiana University Soul Revue ensemble will present black music and styles from the '60s to the '90s in late February at the University of Southern Indiana, concluding the Black History Month observance planned by the USI Black Student Union.

The pop music ensemble features 14 singers, six dancers, eight instrumentalists, two rappers, and an emcee, performing under the direction of Dr. Charles Sykes of the IU Afro-American Arts Institute. The program will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, February 25, in Forum I. It is free and open to the public.

The Black History Month programs, sponsored primarily by the Black Student Union, opened February 2 with the annual Soul Food Extravaganza in which BSU joined with the International Students Club to treat USI faculty, staff, and students to ethnic foods and entertainment.

On Wednesday, February 9, BSU members will present an impromptu play, *Am I My Brother's Keeper?* at 9 p.m. in Forum I. It will be open to the public; admission is \$1.

Music and poetry will be the program at 12 noon Thursday, February 10, in the Eagle's Nest snack bar at the University Center. The free program will feature the music of the Blood Line singers and poetry readings by BSU members.

BSU and other campus groups -- Activities Programming Board, Student Government Association, Student Housing Association -- will co-sponsor the Homecoming Dance at 8 p.m. Friday, February 11, in the University Center Dining Room; tickets are \$5 per person, \$8 per couple if one is a USI student.

A Phi Beta Sigma '70s and '80s dance will be held at 10 p.m. Saturday, February 19, in the University Conference Center. Senior high school students are invited and must show high school ID. Tickets are \$2 at 10 p.m., \$3 after 10:30.

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Ms. Kathy Culmer of Evansville, a well-known professional storyteller, will be featured at 12 noon Wednesday, February 23. The free program in the Eagle's Nest will include selections by the USI Gospel Choir.

For information on any of these programs, contact Julie Dunn Crawford, USI Student Life Office, 812/465-7066.