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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EDUCATION USING WORLD WIDE WEB TOPIC OF CAMPUS LECTURE

CHARLESTON -- "Can the World Wide Web permanently change the teaching methods and traditions at universities?" is among the questions a University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana professor will confront as part of a presentation Thursday, Feb. 1, at Eastern Illinois University.

John Ziebarth, associate director for the National Center for Supercomputing Applications at the U of I, will present a lecture on "Web-based education -- Can universities ignore this in the 21st century?" at 2 p.m. Thursday in Room 215 of the Physical Science Building on the EIU campus.

Ziebarth will present a collaboration system which provides the framework for a Virtual School, including a demonstration of CyberProf(TM), an intelligent human computer interface that teaches and trains students by grading, creating and presenting physics course material, allowing students to solve complex problems while taking full advantage of exciting graphics, animation and sound produced on the Web.

Ziebarth is an Illinois native and a graduate of Eastern, earning a bachelor's degree in physics and mathematics and a master's degree in mathematics. He

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transferred to the U of I after being involved in research at the University of Alabama at Huntsville.

Ziebarth established the Alabama K-12 Supercomputing Program and developed the first curriculum for high schools in computational science. This program has been adopted by the Department of Energy for their Adventures in Supercomputing program for five states and by NASA for their Explorations in Supercomputing in four states.

Refreshments will be served prior to Ziebarth's lecture. The presentation, which is part of a series sponsored by the Department of Physics and Faculty Development, is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Donald Pakey at (217) 581-6338.