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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

RECIPIENT OF STUDENT/MENTOR AWARD

CHARLESTON, IL--Joe Thompson of Olney, assistant baseball coach at Eastern Illinois University, is the recipient of a Student/Mentor Award from the Illinois Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD).

He received the award for his research paper titled "Philosophies of McIntosh and Aristotle Applied to Sportsmanship in Collegiate Baseball." Thompson, who graduated from Eastern's College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation this summer, presented the research at IAHPERD's fall convention.

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Scott Crawford, EIU associate professor of physical education, served as his mentor.

Thompson's study was designed to determine if the circumstances of a particular situation in college baseball had any influence on the degree of sportsmanship attributed to that act. The results of his research supported the hypothesis that actions should be judged sportsmanlike or unsportsmanlike only after circumstances are evaluated. Recommendations, based on Thompson's research, can be made for educators, coaches and parents.

Thompson is a 1983 graduate of Harrisburg High School. His wife, Stacey, is also an EIU graduate.