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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BEHNKE ELECTED SIGMA PHI EPSILON OFFICER AT EIU

CHARLESTON – Michael Behnke, son of Arthur and Nancy Behnke of Wheaton, was recently elected vice president of finance of the Illinois Nu chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Eastern Illinois University. He will serve in the office until November 2005.

Behnke, a 2002 graduate of Wheaton Warrenville South High School, is a junior accounting major at Eastern.

As vice president of finance, Behnke will develop the chapter budget to meet the academic, athletic and social programming needs of the fraternity, collect dues and pay the bills for the organization. He will serve as a member of the chapter's executive committee and help to set the agenda for the chapter's activities. The treasurer of the Illinois Nu Alumni Board will serve as his mentor.

The Illinois Nu chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon is the top chapter in the Ohio Valley Conference, and is a Five-Star Chapter, earning the EIU President's Award for Fraternal Excellence in Spring 2004. The group has achieved top standing in academic performance for four semesters at EIU, and is one of Sigma Phi Epsilon's 30 largest chapters (out of 276) with 93 men.

Currently the chapter members are working to become accredited as a Sig Ep Residential Learning Center. Features of such a center include having a faculty mentor who holds office hours in the chapter facility and who assists chapter members with academic programming that emphasizes the liberal arts.

Sigma Phi Epsilon is the nation's largest college fraternity, with more men joining Sigma Phi Epsilon over the past 20 years than any other college fraternity. There are currently more than 14,000 undergraduate members, with chapters in all 50 states.