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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BURJA ELECTED SIGMA PHI EPSILON OFFICER AT EIU

CHARLESTON – Brian Burja, son of Rich and Mary Burja of Carol Stream, was recently elected vice president of recruitment of the Illinois Nu chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Eastern Illinois University. He will serve in the office until November 2005.

Burja, a 2003 graduate of Driscoll Catholic High School in Addison, is a sophomore physical education major at Eastern.

As vice president of recruitment, Burja will coordinate the recruitment of new members into the organization, including holding home interviews with prospective members and their parents throughout Illinois during the coming summer. Prospective members will be interviewed based on their records of leadership, scholastic achievement, athletic participation and community service during their high school years, and winners will be awarded a Balanced Man Scholarship of \$500 to Eastern Illinois University. Winners need not join the fraternity to accept the scholarship, however.

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.