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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SCHWEERS ELECTED SIGMA PHI EPSILON OFFICER AT EIU

CHARLESTON – Brandon E. Schweers, son of Gary and Linda Schweers of Manhattan, was recently elected vice president of programming of the Illinois Nu chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity at Eastern Illinois University. He will serve in the office until November 2005.

Schweers, a 2003 graduate of Peotone High School, is a sophomore communication studies major at Eastern.

As vice president of programming, Schweers will oversee the social, philanthropic, academic and athletic programming for the fraternity over the next two semesters. He will chair the Chapter Cabinet meetings of all committee chairs, and coordinate group activities to be consistent with the missions of the fraternity and EIU. He also will represent the fraternity to the public when the chapter president is unavailable.

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.