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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Ted Melvin, a 6-0, 180 running back from Elwood, IN, has signed a football scholarship to attend Eastern Illinois University, assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator Chuck Dickerson announced.

Melvin rushed for over 3000 yards the past two seasons according to Dickerson. "He's also a school record holder in the low hurdles . . . he's got good speed."

Eastern, which moved up to NCAA I-AA last season, had a 6-5 record in 1981, its fourth straight winning season.

The Panthers, who won the NCAA II national championship in 1978 and were second in '80, have a 36-14 record the past four seasons which is the best among Illinois state universities.