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CHARLESTON, IL--Denise Skowron is the Verge (weekend supplement) editor of the Daily Eastern News, the student newspaper of Eastern Illinois University.

Denise, daughter of Robert and Medarda Skowron of 638 Newbury Place, Arlington Heights, is a 1980 graduate of Prospect High School. She is a journalism major and speech-communications minor at EIU.

She said her work on the college newspaper is her most exciting accomplishment in college. Her career goal is to write feature stories, and possibly be a columnist, for a medium-sized commercial newspaper.

A junior, Denise said journalism was not her first choice when entering college, but it won her over once she became involved. She said she was wary of it at first because of the unpracticality of relying on an intangible such as writing skill. "But I love it." she said.

Denise began her collegiate journalism career in 1981 as a reporter for the government, campus, activities and verge staffs and a copydesk editor. She moved to wire editor and in August 1982 became campus editor and night editor.

In January, she attained her current position of verge editor. The Verge is a weekly supplement focusing on weekend entertainment and features. She manages a staff of 20 reporters and is responsible for laying out the 8-page supplement.

Denise also serves as Secretary for the Student Publications Board, a student-faculty board which governs Eastern's student publications: the News, Warbler (yearbook of EIU) and Vehicle (a biannual literary magazine).

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She is a member of the Society for Collegiate Journalists, an honorary organization for college journalism students who have shown talent and desire to achieve through their work on one of EIU's publications.

Denise is also a member of the Judicial Board, Eastern's student board responsible for hearing cases and administering decisions involving the violation of the student conduct code.

The Daily Eastern News has won many awards, including an All-American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press every year since 1973 and was chosen as one of five finalists in ACP's coveted Pacemaker Award, which recognizes the best college newspaper in the country.

The Journalism Department, which sponsors the news, recently received national accreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications for excellence in their curriculum and student activities. Eastern became one of only 85 schools in the nation to be accredited out of approximately 300 schools which have journalism majors.