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CHARLESTON, IL--As the disclaimer goes in a work of fiction,

"any resemblance between these characters and actual persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental."

With that understanding, here's what happened:

Cars driven by Terry Vickers, 8817 Cherry Road, N.E., Hodgesville, Iowa and Dana U. Ivy, Draketown, Mo., collided at the intersection of Justice and Eagle streets in Hodgesville.

Before the accident, Ivy had attended a party hosted by Sandy Hearst where alcohol was served. After the crash, Ivy pleaded guilty to running a stop sign and driving under the influence of alcohol.

Vickers was hospitalized for treatment of a broken arm, bruised leg and ribs, and lacerations. In Superior Court, District of Iowa, Civil Division, Vickers is suing Hearst for \$10,000 in compensatory damages, claiming Hearst was negligent in serving Ivy alcohol.

That's where 16 Eastern Illinois University students get involved. They will participate in a mock trial involving Sandy and Terry at Drake University (Des Moines) on Feb. 28 and March 1.

Divided into two teams, the pre-law students will argue for both the plaintiff and the defendant and will also serve as witnesses. To be determined is liability and damages. Students will be judged on their performance.

Fifty-five colleges and universities throughout the U.S. will be represented. Eastern's team, under the direction of Dr. Peter Leigh, pre-law adviser, won the event in 1985, its first year to participate.

Representing Eastern on Team A will be: Ron Lewis, Pontiac; James Bass, Zion; Allison Hubbart, Springfield; Kelly Norton (captain)

Martinsville; Lori Cowdrey, Divernon; Bob Bolen, LaSalle; Mike Bradle, Glendale Heights; Herb Klein, LaSalle.

Representing Eastern on Team B will be: Marsha Combs, Charleston; Maureen Donahue, Chicago; Jeff Conley, Charleston; Jeff Nowakowski, Woodridge; Sue Wahl, Channon; Craig Brown, (captain) Naperville; Dawn Barr, Mt. Prospect; Steve Mack, Decatur.

On Tuesday, Feb. 10, Eastern's team will stage a public competition of the case in the Coleman Hall Auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m. Three local attorneys will judge the competition.

In both the local mock trial and in the one at Drake, students will be judged on legal merits and on the quality of presentation. Each team from each school will present the case four times at Drake University.