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## BIRCH HONORED

CHARLESTON, IL--Regina Birch, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Rider live in Dongola, has been named an Outstanding Senior in Education at Eastern Illinois University. She has been recognized for outstanding leadership and academic ability in the field of home economics. She and her husband, Harold, live in Paris.

A 1985 graduate of Dongola Unit School, Birch is currently a senior at Eastern majoring in Home Economics Education.

She was President of the Student Home Economic Association for two years, Officer in Kappa Omega Phi, and a Giffin Scholarship winner, which recognizes creativity, achievement and leadership qualities of undergraduate students enrolled in academic programs administered through the School of Home Economics. She has also been named to the Dean's List and Dean's Advisory Council, and was a Graduation Marshal for the Fall 88 Commencement. She is a member of Enon Baptist Church and Baptist Young Women.

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