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CHARLESTON, IL--Steve Binder is the managing editor of The Daily Eastern News, the student newspaper of Eastern Illinois University.

Steve, son of Robert and Barbara Binder of O.S. 403 Florida Lane, Winfield, is a 1980 graduate of West Chicago Community High School. He is a journalism major and speech-communications minor at EIU.

A junior, Steve said he picked journalism as a career because his high school advisor got him interested and started him writing for his school paper. Steve said he feels good that he can inform people about events or activities of interest that they don't already know about. He also said he enjoys journalism because he gets to meet and work with a variety of people.

He said his career goal is to be a reporter, then a copy editor, on a large commercial newspaper.

He began his collegiate journalism career as a sports and general assignment reporter. He was awarded the Outstanding Freshman Journalist by the News that year.

At the beginning of his sophomore year, Steve was promoted to sports editor, and in April 1982 he became managing editor.

As managing editor, his duties are to oversee the production of each day's paper, insuring that every paper is professionally done before it is printed.

Steve 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.

He won third place in the SCJ sports news writing contest in 1982. The contest judged from entries submitted from throughout the country

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and based awards given on excellence.

The Daily Eastern News has won many awards, including an All-American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press every year since 1973, and was recently chosen as one of five finalists for 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.