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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU SEEKS COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO HELP PLAN HOMECOMING PARADE

CHARLESTON -- In an effort to increase community participation in Eastern Illinois University's annual homecoming parade, applications are being accepted from community members willing to co-serve with students on a parade committee.

Applications will be accepted no later than 4 p.m. Friday, March 7, in room 201 of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Those submitting applications must also sign up for an interview time, with interviews being conducted from 5 to 8:30 p.m. March 13.

Two persons will be selected. Applicants should be willing to work with university students, as well as meet on a weekly basis with the overall homecoming committee beginning this spring.

David Milberg, Eastern's director of student life and University Board homecoming advisor, said the decision to include community members in parade planning was based on survey information collected after the 1996 parade. It is believed that persons from outside the university will be able to provide added insight and ideas to make the parade a more positive experience for both the Charleston and university communities.

For information, please phone 581-5117 or 581-3829.