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CHARLESTON, IL--Kirby Flowers is the assistant sports editor of the Daily Eastern News, the student newspaper of Eastern Illinois University.

Kirby, son of Harry and Rosie Flowers of 103 N. Main, Carrollton, is a 1981 graduate of Carrollton High School. He is a journalism major and public relations minor at EIU.

A sophomore, Kirby said he chose journalism as a career because of his participation in high school sports, saying that "journalism is a way for me to stay close to something I really like."

His career goal is to work in the sports information department of a sports related organization, such as a professional sporting team or college.

Kirby began his collegiate journalism career as a reporter for the sports staff. In 1982 he was promoted to his current position. He also works as a night sports editor.

As assistant sports editor, Kirby aids the sports editor in his duties, assigning and editing all sports stories which are published in the News.

He 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.

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.