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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU STUDENTS TO PRESENT PAPER AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON – Linda Kenyon and Kimberly Kuiper, master's degree candidates in the college student personnel emphasis of the Department of Educational Psychology and Guidance at Eastern Illinois University, will present a paper, "Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs): What Will Be Their Destiny?," as part of a special panel of graduate student paper presentations at a joint meeting of the American College Personnel Association and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators in Chicago on Friday, March 21.

Kenyon and Kuiper were selected by a panel of student affairs professionals from the ACPA Standing Committee for Graduate Students and New Professionals for the honor, based on student paper submissions from throughout the United States and Canada. Only eight such papers from graduate students are selected for presentation at the convention. Senior scholars in the field will attend these presentations and give feedback to the students who, after the presentation, will be honored at a reception.

Kenyon and Kuiper's paper focuses on the advantages and disadvantages of students who attend HBCUs, legal cases surrounding HBCUs, and projections for the future of these schools in the coming century. The paper was developed from an independent study, based on a tour of 12 historically black colleges and universities in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas in June 1996.

The two will also present their paper at the EIU Graduate Student Exposition in April 1997 on the EIU campus.

Kenyon is the daughter of John and Marilyn Kenyon of Darlington, Wis. She graduated from Darlington High School, and received a B.A. in English from the University of Wisconsin--Platteville in 1993. At EIU, she is the hall counselor for Pemberton Residence Hall. She is also

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president of the College Student Personnel Association (COSPA) at EIU, and recently was honored as the Outstanding Graduate Student by the local chapter of the National Association of Residence Halls Honorary.

Kuiper is the daughter of Ron and Jeanne Breen of Kalamazoo, Mich. She graduated from Portage Central High School, and received a B.A. in business administration from Hope College, Calvin, Mich., in 1993. At EIU, Kuiper is vice president of COSPA, an association for pre-service professionals in college student affairs. She lives in Champaign, where her husband is studying for his law degree at the University of Illinois.

The EIU Department of Educational Psychology and Guidance offers master's and specialist's degrees in school counseling, community counseling, and college student personnel emphases. The focus of the department's offerings is to provide graduate education which supports the primary undergraduate mission of Eastern. There are currently 50 graduate students in the student personnel emphasis, and more than 700 alumni of the program work in colleges and universities throughout the United States.