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CHARLESTON, IL--Maura Colbert and Vivian Vahling, both of Mattoon, were winners in an essay contest at Eastern Illinois University for Charleston and Mattoon high school juniors and seniors.

The competition, sponsored by the English Department, specified that the essays must be based on personal experiences. Certificates and cash stipends of \$20, \$15, and \$10 were given for the first three places in each division.

Miss Colbert, a senior, submitted a piece titled "Not Even Death." The next two places went to Amy Rogers ("Like Another Hole In My Head") of Charleston and Shelly Ghast ("Do You Remember The Icecapades?") of Mattoon.

In the junior category, Miss Vahling's entry was called "Summer of 1971." Second was Johanna Smith ("The Trip") of Charleston. Jill Hines of Mattoon earned third place honors with "Memories--The Best Gift Of All."

In the senior division honorable mention awards went to Constance Larimer, Mattoon, and Linda Malone and Tammy Veach, both of Charleston.

Honorable mentions for the juniors went to Karen Meyer and Tony Vavrock, both of Charleston, and Dale Righter, Mattoon.