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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CROCKER SERVING ON EIU'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CHARLESTON – Joseph Crocker, the son of Don and Rita Crocker of Mt. Vernon, is serving as the student representative on Eastern Illinois University's Board of Trustees.

Crocker is serving on Eastern's governing board as part of his responsibilities as student vice president for public affairs, a student-body elected position.

He joins seven other board members who are responsible for making policy decisions that affect Eastern's more than 10,000 students, 1,800 employees and a total budget of more than \$125 million.

"I was glad to get the public affairs position because it ties in well with what I want to do," he said. "I am meeting a lot of influential people. I'm taking things from different experiences and making the most out of it."

Crocker is a junior political science major at Eastern and a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. He graduated from Mt. Vernon Township High School in 1998.