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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BENSON NAMED 1995 LIVINGSTON C. LORD SCHOLAR

CHARLESTON -- Cheryel Benson of White Heath is one of five recipients of Eastern Illinois University's 1995 Livingston C. Lord Scholarships, Eastern's most prestigious academic scholarships.

The scholarships, presented at Eastern's Centennial Commencement on May 6, were established by the EIU Alumni Association in memory of Livingston C. Lord, Eastern's first president, who served from 1899 to 1933.

Lord Scholars receive a substantial stipend and a medallion.

Benson, a senior in the Board of Governor's Bachelor of Arts Degree Program, will graduate in 1996.

A part-time student, Benson works full time in the Office of Women's Programs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

In 1994, Benson received the Everitt-Hatch Award for Outstanding Support of Volunteer Illini Projects, Community Service and Volunteer Efforts.

Benson is the daughter of Ervin and Catherine "Kitty" Benson of White Heath. She has one daughter, Amanda, a fifth grader at White Heath Grade School.

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Eastern, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1994-95, is a comprehensive university with more than 10,500 students and 46 undergraduate and 27 graduate degree programs. It is a teaching institution which prides itself on the quality and affordability of its undergraduate program.