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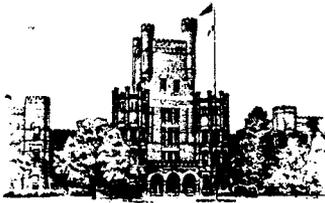
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CARR TO HEAD DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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Student Hometown News Bureau

CHARLESTON, IL--Amy Carr, a 1985 graduate of Eisenhower High School, has been named editor-in-chief for the Daily Eastern News for the fall semester.

A junior journalism major at Eastern Illinois University, she is the daughter of Mike and Marie Carr of Decatur.

Carr will continue in her present job, editorial page editor, until she becomes editor-in-chief in early November.

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"I was very pleased being named editor-in-chief. All my hard work has paid off. I'm looking forward to it," she said.

Carr began her work at the Eastern News her freshman year as a government reporter. She next moved up to administration editor and wire editor.

"This will give her exposure to what it's like to manage a small publication with a circulation of about 8,100," said John Ryan, editorial advisor for the Daily Eastern News.

Carr earlier took a semester off from school to be acting Mattoon bureau chief for the Decatur Herald & Review and will return to that paper to do her internship this summer.

"The internship will make her a lot stronger editor. She will learn what it really takes to run a paper and keep people motivated to put out a newspaper," said Ryan.

Carr said she has some new ideas for the Eastern News. "I would like to give a more modern look to the paper," Carr said. She would like to use more graphics and increase the beat system.