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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

VASHKELIS RECIPIENT OF WASSON AWARD

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University student Lisa Vashkelis, daughter of Edward and Cynthia Vashkelis of Lockport, is the recipient of the William N. Wasson Student Leadership and Academic Award.

This award, given annually by the National Intramural - Recreational Sports Association, was established in memory of Mr. Wasson, founder of the association. Only 20 students in the United States are chosen for this award for their outstanding leadership, scholarship and involvement as a participant, employee and/or volunteer in a recreational sports department.

Vashkelis, a student employee for Eastern's Division of Recreational Sports, was recognized this spring at a recreational sports awards dinner at the Charleston Country Club.

Her supervisor, Kevin Linker, commented, "Lisa has done an outstanding job of staffing, promoting and coordinating the 20 sport-related special events held throughout the school year while maintaining a 3.9 grade point average."

Vashkelis also is involved in numerous extracurricular activities including the Association for Honors Students, Panhellenic Council and is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority.

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WASSON AWARD

A 1993 graduate of Lockport Township High School, Vashkelis is a sophomore accounting major at Eastern. She is a member of Eastern's Honors Programs.

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.