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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HUGHES RECEIVES CHEMISTRY HONOR

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University senior chemistry major Kevin Hughes, son of Walter and Linda Hughes of Mt. Zion, is the recipient of the Merck Index Award in recognition of his outstanding scholastic achievement in chemistry.

A 1989 graduate of Mt. Zion High School, Hughes will receive a personalized copy of the Merck Index.

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