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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL, Dec. 11 -- Carol Ann Gruber, 29, a native of Long Beach, Cal., completed her inaugural season as Head Coach for the Eastern Illinois University volleyball team this past fall. The Panthers finished the season with a 20-26 record, were runnerup to Lewis University for the IAW Division II title and placed third in pool play in the Midwest AIAW Division II Regionals at Milwaukee, Wis.

Gruber earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Cal-State Long Beach in 1975 and a Masters of Arts degree from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles in 1978.

Prior to her coming to Eastern Illinois last June, Carol was Head Coach at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Ia., 1978-81. Her 1980 UNI Panther squad placed fourth in the Region VI AIAW Championships. She also was Head Track and Field Coach at UNI 1978-80.

Carol holds a United States Volleyball Association Level II Coaches Certification and an International Volleyball Federation Stage II International Certification.

Her other activities include, Head Clinician at the Coaches Volleyball Camp at Wartburg College in Waverly, Ia in the summer of 1980; Swimming Specialist of the National Youth Sports Program at the University of Southern California the summers of 1976-77 and was a Graduate Assistant in the Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Department at Cal-State Long-beach in the spring of 1976, University of Southern California-Los Angeles 1976-78 and Temporary Instructor in the School of HPER at the University of Northern Iowa 1978-81.

Carol is the daughter of Lawrence and Marian Gruber, 11101 Wentworth Place, Garden Grove, Cal.

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