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CHARLESTON, IL--It is customary for grade school kids--and possibly even junior high students--to write essays praising parents. It is a bit more unique when college students are invited to pen their thoughts about parents.

Eastern Illinois University's Residence Hall Association sponsored an essay writing contest--"Why My Parents Should Be Parents Of The Weekend?"--prior to Parents Weekend. Eighteen essays were evaluated and three winners were selected.

"We really didn't have any criteria in selecting the winners of the contest," states Assistant Director of Housing Patrick Bradley. "All the essays were good in their own right and no two were the same. It was real interesting how creative and original each essay was."

Willowbrook, Ill. native Barb Tomsovic was selected as having the top essay as she described "the unique relationship she had with her parents."

Second and third place honors went to Rex Rund (Pesotum, Ill.) and Susan Keele (Nokomis, Ill.), respectively.

"I think we will make the essay contest an annual event," notes Bradley. "The Parents Club and President (Stanley) Rives received it real well and thought it was a great idea."