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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

KOON MEMBER OF EIU MARCHING BAND

CHARLESTON -- Mark Koon, son of Al and Pearle Koon of Monticello, is serving his second year as drum major for Eastern Illinois University's Panther Marching Band.

The marching band is one of many performing band organizations at the university that performs at each Panther home football game, pep rallies and in exhibition for the EIU "Panther" Marching Festival, a competition featuring more than 30 of the finest high school marching bands in Illinois.

Directed by Joseph Manfredo, the 135-member marching band combines traditional music and choreographed maneuvers with the best contemporary drill techniques and current popular music. Members come from all academic disciplines within the university.

Koon is a 1992 graduate of Monticello High School where he was a drum major. He is a senior finance major at Eastern.

Eastern, located in Charleston, is a public, residential university that places priority on teaching excellence. More than 10,500 on-campus students are enrolled

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in undergraduate and graduate programs. Non-traditional and part-time students are enrolled in programs at both on- and off-campus sites. University faculty are involved in a wide range of research and public service activities.