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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

LEAR MEMBER OF EIU MARCHING BAND

CHARLESTON -- Jodi Lear, daughter of Jane A. Dickerson of Dahinda and Christopher B. Lear of Saukville, Wis., is serving her fourth 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.

Directed by Joseph Manfredo, the 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.

Lear, a 1991 graduate of Galesburg High School, is a senior speech communication major at Eastern.

Eastern, a residential university with an enrollment of 10,500 on-campus students, places its highest priority on teaching in its classrooms and laboratories complemented by strong academic support services.