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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

McCUTCHAN RECEIVES ROTC AWARD

CHARLESTON, IL -- Chris McCutchan, son of Dave and Mary McCutchan of Evansville, Ind., recently was recognized for his participation during Eastern Illinois University's Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) Panther Battalion field training exercises held recently at Hood's Farm in Ashmore and Fox Ridge State Park south of Charleston.

McCutchan received a Certificate of Achievement for outstanding physical stamina while negotiating the grenade assault course.

Field training exercises are held every semester and give cadets hands-on training to complement what they have learned in laboratories and in classes.

Eastern's Army ROTC battalion was recognized as one of the best programs within the U.S. Army Second ROTC Region in 1994. The Panther Battalion received the Region Resource and Cadet Management Excellence and Program Management Excellence Awards. The second region is comprised of more than 100 ROTC programs in the Midwest.

A 1993 graduate of Bosse High School in Evansville, Ind., McCutchan is a

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junior elementary education major at Eastern.

Eastern, located in Charleston, is a public, residential university that places priority on teaching excellence. More than 11,000 students are enrolled 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.