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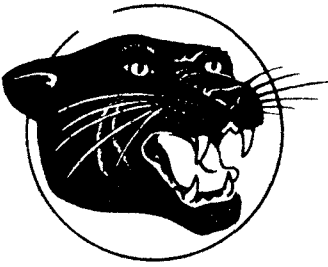
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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Two distance runners have signed scholarships to compete in cross country and track at Eastern Illinois University.

Bruce DeRuntz of Granite City North HS is a transfer from Spoon River Junior College. Jim Barsella prepped at Gordon Tech HS in Chicago.

DeRuntz finished 22nd in the national JC cross country championship last fall in 25:16, and was fifth nationally indoors in the three-mile in 14:29.

Barsella was the MVP at Gordon Tech also earning all-district and all-Catholic League cross country honors. He finished 44th in last fall's state meet.

This winter he won the Catholic League indoor two mile in 9:35, and ranks in the top ten in the state in that distance. His best times indoors are 4:29 in the mile, 4:06 in the 1500 meter run and 2:00 flat in the 800 meters.