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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BURKE IN "QUEEN OF HEARTS" CAST

CHARLESTON, IL--Melissa Burke, daughter of Dr. Thomas Burke of St. Joseph and Carolin Rouse of Tolono, has been chosen for the role of "Paula Burgess" in Eastern Illinois University's upcoming production of "The Real Queen of Hearts Ain't Even Pretty."

The comedy by Brad Bailey depicts the backstage view of the 1976 Winston County High School Beauty Pageant. Set in a small Alabama town of Double Springs, this show centers around four girls and their different views of small-town high school drama popularity, peer pressure, friendships and many other issues, some not so funny. ADD 1/1/1/1

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The Eastern production is directed and designed by C.P. Blanchette, director of theatre and design and professor of theatre arts at Eastern.

Burke, a 1987 graduate of Unity High School, is a senior English/theatre arts major.

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