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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

SEMINAR TO FOCUS ON POLITICS OF AGRICULTURE

CHARLESTON, IL--A political scientist who is one of the leading authorities in the study of the politics of agriculture will lead a seminar at Eastern Illinois University's 15th Illinois Political Studies Conference this week.

Rickart Althaus, associate professor of political science at Southeast Missouri State University, will discuss "Agricultural Trade and Technology: Challenges to the U.S. Political System," at 6:30 p.m. April 11 in the Effingham Room, University Union. The public is invited.

He will examine GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) concerns, agricultural trade issues with Mexico and Japan, the risk of the pesticide Alar and biotechnology such as Bovine Somatotropin BST, designed to increase milk production in cows.

The April 10-12 conference, sponsored by Eastern Illinois
University and the University's Political Science and Journalism
Departments, focuses on political change and the world-wide shift
toward democracy.

For more information, call EIU conference directors Thomas Scism at 581-2217 or James Tidwell at 581-2812.