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BALANCED MAN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED BY SIGMA PHI EPSILON

CHARLESTON -- Eastern Illinois University freshman Joshua Renken, son of Tom and Kim Renken of Auburn, is one of two recipients of the third annual Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship Awards.

The awards, sponsored nationally by Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, are given to college freshmen based on their outstanding high school accomplishments in academic, athletic and leadership activities. One does not need to pledge Sigma Phi Epsilon to receive a scholarship.

Recipients received a \$250 stipend and a certificate of recognition.

Renken, who is studying zoology at Eastern, was among nine finalists who were nominated by their high school principals on the basis of their outstanding accomplishments.

He graduated from Auburn High School with a 4.0 G.P.A. He was a member of the National Honor Society and was a three-sport athlete, participating in football, basketball and baseball.

In basketball, he was captain of the team, was selected as an all-conference

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player twice and received recognition as the State Journal Register's "Scholar Athlete of the Week." In football, he received a number of individual awards, including all-conference second defensive back.

He served on the Student Council for four years, was an officer of four extracurricular clubs, was a member of Students Against Drunk Driving, was active in the Trinity Lutheran Church youth group and volunteered as a tutor for junior high student athletes.

Founded in 1901, Sigma Phi Epsilon, the nation's largest college fraternity, has 15,600 members in chapters on 274 college campuses across the nation.

EIU's Illinois Nu chapter was installed in November, 1992. Although it is one of the newest fraternities on campus, it has received numerous awards for its academic, athletic and extracurricular activities.

Eastern, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1994-95, is a comprehensive university with more than 10,500 students and 46 undergraduate and 27 graduate degree programs. It is a teaching institution which prides itself on the quality and affordability of its undergraduate program.