Eastern Welcomes Martin

Bob Martin is coming to Eastern at a time of economic uncertainty. "It's a sense of urgency that all universities are faced with," Martin said. "It means the development side is more important than ever. We have to build up an endowment for now and later years to weather this storm."

President Bill Perry announced his decision to hire Martin as vice president for university advancement Dec. 22. Martin currently serves as the assistant vice president for development at Auburn University in Auburn, Ala. He will begin at Eastern on Feb. 1. "I've got to wrap up some projects I'm working on back at Auburn," Martin said.

His first priority upon arriving at Eastern will be familiarizing himself with the school, staff and alumni. "I want to meet with all of the development staff and go over the goals and objectives for the next year," Martin said. "The main thing, though, is getting to know the alumni and students."

Financially, Eastern could be relying much more heavily on donations than it has in the past. For fiscal year 2010, Eastern has received approximately $5.7 million of the requested $30 million. Auburn recently saw a $75 million cut in state-appropriated funding. "It affected all of us in development," Martin said. "It's going to take alumni and friends to support the university."

Martin believes the state does what it can for higher education, although it is often not enough. "We went from state-supported to state-assisted," he said. "We're happy to get what we get."

Martin and his wife Donna will relocate to Charleston. Their youngest daughter, Codi, will enroll at Charleston High School. Their second daughter, Kerri, will finish her last semester at Auburn as an honors student before transferring to Eastern in the fall. Lindsey, their oldest daughter, has already graduated from college.

Martin beat out three other finalists to be Jill Nilsen's replacement. Nilsen was the vice president for external relations. She retired on Dec. 31, 2009.

Martin will be Eastern's first vice president for university advancement, a title change decision made by Perry to designate the position as one focused on philanthropy.

Perry and Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, both said the candidate pool was strong. "The search committee did not make a single recommendation," said Lord, who was also chair of the search committee. "Instead, we presented the president with a list of each candidate's weaknesses and strengths." Perry was impressed with the work of the committee. "The search committee brought four very strong candidates to campus," he said. "I'm very pleased."

Story by Sarah Ruholl at DENNews.

For another article on Bob Martin go here.
Furloughs Eastern's Last Resort

Illinois' unbalanced budget has claimed another victim. University of Illinois interim president Stanley Ikenberry announced last Wednesday that faculty and administrators will be required to take up to 10 unpaid furlough days before the middle of June. A hiring freeze was also announced as part of the effort to cut down operating costs.

The University of Illinois is still waiting to receive a backlog of $436 million from the state. The furloughs and hiring freeze is expected to generate about $82 million in savings.

"At some point, we will be unable to meet payroll and complete the academic year unless there are significant payments from the state as promised," Ikenberry said in an e-mail to faculty and all other university professionals in the state. "We have struggled this year to avoid furloughs for faculty and staff, but that is simply no longer possible. Personnel expenses represent the majority of our budget."

Chancellors, deans and other administrators, including Ikenberry, will be taking 10 furlough days. Faculty and academic staff will be required to take four furlough days.

Other universities in the state are also still waiting to receive almost all their funding as the state scrambles to borrow money to pay its bills.

Currently, Eastern has decided not to implement furloughs or layoffs. However, in order to meet the financial obligations of the current fiscal year, Eastern is taking actions to save money, including freezing hiring and equipment purchases and postponing non-safety-related maintenance and travel reimbursement. These actions were announced Thursday in an e-mail by President Bill Perry.

Richard Wandling, a political science professor, said the root of the problem is the way Illinois handles the budget. "Our budgets are done on a year-to-year basis, and the strategy seems to be to cobble something together to limp from fiscal year to fiscal year," Wandling said. "Illinois is one of the wealthiest states in the nation. We've been squandering our wealth away."

Charles Delman, a mathematics professor, believes raising taxes is the only way out of the nearly $9 billion hole the state has dug itself into. "The only fair and viable solution to this problem is the state needs to sign into legislation a progressive taxation policy," Delman said. "We have had a growing inequality over the last few decades and the wealthy are not paying their share, and that is why the state doesn't have funding."

Difficult decisions must be made, Wandling said. "The income tax is where the problem lies," he said. "We have a definite deficit with respect to political responsibility in Springfield. The legislature and governor need to sit down and act like responsible adults."

Until funding for the University of Illinois comes through, its students will be feeling the effects. "On a furlough day, professors are legally required to not work, which could affect grading and lesson planning," Delman said. "Clearly this will affect students negatively."

Faculty members at the University of Illinois are non-union, which allows the furloughs to be implemented without prior notice and negotiation. Eastern's faculty belongs to the University Professionals of Illinois union; any furloughs or layoffs must be negotiated before being put into place.

President Perry said furloughs would be a last resort because of the damage they cause. "There is an individual impact and an institutional impact," Perry said. "I hope we don't get to the stage of having to institute furloughs or layoffs; those are our last resorts."

In the meantime, lobbying for higher education funding is important. "The people of Illinois need to mobilize and bring a clear message to Springfield that we value higher education and that it needs state funding," Delman said.

Story by Sarah Ruholl at DENNews.
Lumpkin Hall Repairs Under Way After Flood

Lumpkin Hall was damaged Tuesday afternoon when a burst pipe on the 3000-level sprayed thousands of gallons of water down two stories to the basement. The flooding led to the cancellation of all classes on the 1000- and 2000-level floors after 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, and the cancellation or relocation of all 1000-level classes until further notice.

The pipe burst because it was exposed to freezing temperatures during winter break. When the building was reheated at the start of the semester, the pipe thawed, leading to the flood. Gary Reed, director of facilities planning and management, said the burst was not a routine failure and FPM is currently working to determine why the pipe was exposed to freezing temperatures in order to correct it.

He said the overall damage to the building is still being evaluated, but wall surfaces in the building's northwest stairwell and some lower level wall sections are being inspected as they dry out. Preliminary assessments of equipment, he said, indicate little if any damage to electronics in the building.

Vicki Woodard, coordinator of public information, said the reason some classes were canceled instead of relocated was because they were in classrooms that contained specific computer software that could not be duplicated in other classrooms. She said they are still assessing if those classrooms will be able to resume class or if the software for those classes will need to be relocated.

One office flooded. Roann Kopel, a professor in the college of business and applied science, has an office right next to the stairwell where the flood started. She was in her office when water started pouring in, but to her knowledge, nothing was damaged other than the carpet. "When I saw the water coming in I quickly unplugged all the electronics," she said. "I took my laptop home. It wasn't nearly deep enough to get the desk." She said she was uncertain when she would be able to return to her office, but was told there was a chance they might have to go through a wall in her office to get to the leak. Reed said overall repair costs for the damage done has still not been determined.

For the full story by Collin Whitchurch, go here.

Positive expectations highlight Gosse's speech to EIU grads

More than 500 graduates participated in two commencement ceremonies held at Eastern Illinois University in Lantz Arena.

In the morning session, Jonathan F. Gosse, a 1974 graduate of the School of Technology at EIU and current editor-in-chief for American Publishers, Inc. of Homewood, led the charge to the graduating class. Gosse's words of encouragement for the new graduates focused on expectations and how expectations from those around them and from within themselves have put them where they are today and will lead them in their journey through life.

He shared a story of an assignment he received many years ago in Klehm Hall at EIU from a Dr. Strandberg. He was assigned a paper at the beginning of the semester that wasn’t due for four weeks. After a brief synopsis of all the activities he chose to embrace rather than choosing to do the paper, he shared how he put it off until the day before it was due. He said it was a long day and night completing the paper, and once he handed it in and received a C+, the instructor called him in to talk to him about it. The instructor said he had seen good things from Gosse in class and in the lab, and ultimately that he “expected more from him” in the paper.

In his closing remarks, Gosse told the graduates that the expectations from those around them that day including their fellow students, families, friends, and those at the faculty level including himself “are expecting more from you in the future. We expect more from you in the future.”

Gosse currently is the chairman of the EIU School of Technology Advisory Board.

For the full story by Dawn James go here.
Dean candidates finalized

The College of Arts and Humanities will soon have a permanent leader as the search for a new dean enters its final stages.

"The college, I think, is very anxious and ready for a new dean to be identified and appointed," Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. "They are, I think, optimistic about the future as well as a little anxious because of the changes, but we're all ready to have a new dean identified to join us." Lord, who will make the final hiring decision, said he would like to have a candidate named early in the spring semester, but the new dean will not start until July 1.

Interim dean Jeffrey Lynch will finish his one-year appointment, which began after dean James Johnson retired on June 30, 2009.

An initial search was conducted last year, but did not yield a candidate Lord thought was right for the university. The second search brought six final candidates to Eastern's campus for two days of interviews late last semester. "There were approximately 60 individuals that turned in applications, and 45 of them met the stated qualifications," Lord said. "I believe it was a stronger group overall than last year, and I'm looking forward to being able to make an appointment from this group."

Interviews concluded on Dec. 17, and the search committee, led by Dr. Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences, presented its information and feedback to Lord on Dec. 18.

"I'm sifting through all that now," Lord said. "It's a matter of finding a candidate that I think brings a skill set, a vision and a temperament to be the very best we can have for this college at this moment. It's a lot of qualitative judgments that go into that." Lord said he is looking for a candidate who will help pull the arts and humanities together. "I'm not looking for a dean to make wild changes," said Lord. "I want someone to help us consolidate what we already have and move us to the next level in accomplishment."

For the full story by Sarah Ruholl, go here.

How To Start A Business Workshop

When: 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 3
Where: Greater Effingham Chamber of Commerce, 903 N. Keller Dr.
Materials Fee: $25/person, $35/couple
Register online here.

This program will cover key concepts that must be considered before beginning any business.

♦ Analyzing Your Personal Financial Situation
♦ Evaluating Your Business Concept
♦ Establishing Operational Strategies
♦ Key Points in Making Your Small Business Successful
♦ Skills that an Entrepreneur Must Possess
♦ Understanding a Business Plan and Financial Statements
♦ Obtaining Necessary Funding

A second workshop will also be held.
When: 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25
Where: Charleston Chamber of Commerce, 501 Jackson Ave.
Materials Fee: $25/person, $35/couple
Register online here.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

GRAPHIC DESIGNER ASSOCIATE (WEB DESIGNER ASSOCIATE) More information is available [here].

PUBLIC INFORMATION SPECIALIST (WEB COPYWRITER) More information is available [here].

WEBMASTER (WEB DEVELOPER) More information is available [here].

GRAPHIC DESIGNER (SENIOR GRAPHIC DESIGNER) More information is available [here].

Applications for the above jobs are available in person at Eastern Illinois University’s Human Resources Office (Old Main, Room 2020), Charleston, IL 61920 or online [here]. Applications must be returned in person or by e-mail to eiu_employment@eiu.edu. Eligible candidates will be scheduled to take a civil service examination.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, BUDGET AND INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

For a complete list of qualifications, including additional information about the position, please go to this [Web site].

EXHIBITS AT BOOTH LIBRARY

African-American Literature. Selected works featuring African-American authors are on display in the Reference Hallway through January. Stacey Knight-Davis is the curator.

“I Have a Dream” sets the stage for the “Dream Team.” In commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, images are on display in the Reference Hallway featuring an excerpt from King’s “I Have a Dream” speech (delivered on Aug. 28, 1963), in which he called for racial equality and an end to discrimination. Some 45 years later, Barack Hussein Obama II, the junior U.S. senator from Illinois, is photographed alongside his “Dream Team” as the first African-American to hold the office of president of the United States. The curator is John Kofi Kuma.

Winter Olympics. Reproductions of posters from past Winter Olympiads are on exhibit in the Marvin Foyer. Books on the Olympics and winter sports are also featured in this display. Stacey Knight-Davis is the curator.

DOUDNA FINE ARTS


JANUARY

31 Minneapolis Guitar Quartet

FEBRUARY

6 Frederick Douglass: In the Shadow of Slavery
10 Girlyman
12 EIU Jazz Festival
14 EIU Choral Ensembles: Songs of Love
19 EIU Percussion Ensemble

Go [here] for further information.
EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY
11 Panther Basketball Watch Party, Chicago
20 “Homecoming North” Journalism Alumni Party, Chicago
20 President’s Reception, Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ
27 BSC’s New Consultant Connections Peer Networking Group. Many unemployed, retirees, recent graduates without jobs and professionals who would like to consult on a part-time basis are exploring the life of consulting. Let’s get together to learn how to get started, network to collaborate on larger projects and share best practices with each other. The formation meeting of the Business Solutions Center (BSC) Consultant Connections Peer Networking Group will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, at Cody's Roadhouse Restaurant, located at I-57 and Hwy 16 in Mattoon. The only cost to you is an $8 meal. Please reserve your seat by Jan. 22 here.

MARCH
6 President’s Reception, Naples, Naples, FL
8 Student Affairs Graduate Program Reception at NASPA, Chicago

MAY
2 Annual Alumni Cardinals Outing, St. Louis

Go to [http://www.eiu.edu/~alumni/events.html](http://www.eiu.edu/~alumni/events.html) for details on all of the events.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT - Ongoing Exhibits

2009-2010 Cultivating Creativity: Consolidated Communications Children's Art Exhibit.

Dec. 5 - Feb. 21, eGallery, Children’s Book Illustrations from the Mariann Younger Collection. Original art by noted children’s book illustrators titled “Children’s Book Illustrations from the Mariann Dana Younger Collection”. Some illustrations are from well-known stories, including Rumpelstiltskin and Moses, and holiday classics such as “Frosty the Snowman” and “The Night Before Christmas.” The artworks were created using watercolor, oil, acrylic, graphite drawing, pen and ink, pastel, collage, linocut, lithography, and mixed media. The art is on loan from EIU alumna Mariann Dana Younger, who graduated with a degree in education. Now living in Findlay, OH, Younger is a volunteer for The University of Findlay’s Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books. Younger was awarded an honorary doctor of fine arts degree from the University of Findlay in 2008. The exhibition is presented with the assistance of the Dr. Jerry J. Mallett Institute; Mazza Museum of International Art from Picture Books; University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio; and is funded in part with support from Mariann and Charles Younger.


The Tarble Arts Center is on Facebook! [Click now to become a fan](http://www.eiu.edu/~tarble) and get the latest in Tarble news and updates.
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

'Heartland Highways' hosts film from EIU locations. The hosts of WEIU-TV's "Heartland Highways" — Lori Casey and Kate Pleasant '06 — will use various EIU locations as backdrops during its eighth season, which begins Feb. 5 on WEIU (and March 1 on the national RFD-TV cable channel). The series introduces viewers to interesting people and places in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri. Be sure to watch later this spring when a profile of EIU gardener Larry Shobe '67 provides a look at the beautiful EIU campus.

Whaleback Systems recently named service provider veteran Joseph Dively to its board of directors. Dively, who has nearly 20 years experience in the carrier space, brings a new level of service provider expertise to help guide Whaleback into 2010 and beyond. Dively is senior vice president for Consolidated Communications Holdings Inc., a family of companies that provides advanced communications services to residential and business customers in Illinois, Texas and Pennsylvania and offers various services over its IP network including local and long distance telephone, digital phone, high-speed Internet and digital TV. Dively is responsible for Local Exchange Carrier and CLEC operations, including customer service, marketing, sales, business systems and directory operations. Dively holds a bachelor of science degree in business from EIU and remains active in university affairs, having served as president of the Alumni Association and chairman of the Business School Advisory Board.

As commander of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Hurricane Protection Office, Col. Robert Sinkler '83 is one of the leaders of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System, a multi-billion dollar project being built to reduce the risk of storm damage in the greater New Orleans area. Since receiving a commission from the EIU Reserve Officer Training Corps program, Sinkler has obtained several degrees, served in a variety of engineer positions, and taught at the U.S. Army Engineer School. Read more here.

UPCOMING ACADEMY OF LIFETIME LEARNING WORKSHOPS

Book Club -- Invisible No More: Secret Lives of Women Over 50 will be presented by Mary May from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, in Blair Hall, Room 2116. The cost to attend is free, but book purchase is required.

Psychology of Aging will be presented by Janna Overstreet from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 and 23, in Blair Hall, Room 2116. The cost to attend is $30 for Academy members and $50 for non-members.

For information and/or to register for the workshops, contact the School of Continuing Education at 581-5114.

News briefs from the EIU Alumni Association

Advance tickets for Alumni Day at Busch Stadium on May 2 are now available for purchase by Alumni Association members.

Near Chicago? Join us the Panther Basketball Watch Party at Trinity Bar to watch EIU take on Morehead State on Feb. 11. Wear your EIU blue and enjoy drink specials and bottomless appetizers!

If you're looking for new employees, don't miss the opportunity to recruit EIU students at our Feb. 10 Spring Career Network Day.
**Eastern Overcomes Slow Start for Big Win at EKU**
1.14.2010 | Women's Basketball, RICHMOND, Ky. -- Dominique Sims (17) and Ta'Kenya Nixon (16) teamed up to score 33 points and Eastern Illinois women's basketball overcame an early 15-2 deficit on the way to defeating Eastern Kentucky, 60-50, in a key early-season Ohio Valley Conference game Thursday evening.

**Hot Shooting Colonels Slip Past Panthers**
1.14.2010 | Men's Basketball, Eastern Kentucky shot 56 percent from the field including hitting 11-of-26 from 3-point range as the Colonels (12-6, 5-2 OVC) slipped past Eastern Illinois, 67-59, on Thursday night in Richmond. Tyler Laser led the Panthers with 21 points hitting five 3-pointers.

**Panthers to Host Instate Foes WIU & Millikin**
1.14.2010 | Men's Swimming, Women's Swimming, CHARLESTON, Ill. – Following six-weeks of training and competition down in Florida and Mississippi over winter break, both the EIU men's and women's swimming squads return to the pool this weekend, hosting instate rivals Western Illinois and Millikin on Friday and Saturday afternoons, respectively.

**Panthers Win Three Of Four Track Honors**
1.12.10 | Men's Indoor Track, Women's Indoor Track, Eastern Illinois men’s and women’s indoor track will return to action on January 23 when they host the EIU Mega Meet but on Tuesday afternoon three Panther athletes were recognized by the Ohio Valley Conference for their performances from the EIU Early Bird in December

**Derbak Named to the All Ping! Preseason Team**
1.12.10 | Baseball, OMAHA, Neb. – Back for his senior season after batting .417 and pitching in a team-high 25 games in 2009, Richie Derbak of Eastern Illinois baseball has been named to the All Ping!Baseball Preseason Team.

**Schuette Unveils 2010 Panther Slate**
1.11.10 | SOFTBALL, CHARLESTON, Ill. – Four early-season tournament and four Ohio Valley Conference weekend series at Williams Field highlight Eastern Illinois softball’s 2010 schedule, as announced by head coach Kim Schuette today.

**Hollowell Wins Weekly OVC Freshman Award**
1.11.10 | MEN'S BASKETBALL, Eastern Illinois redshirt freshman James Hollowell had the break out game of his career last Monday night in an overtime win against Tennessee Tech and this Monday was named the Ohio Valley Conference men’s basketball freshman of the week.

**Student Athlete of the Week**
Lauren Zillmer earned her first career 'Student-Athlete of the Week' honor after leading all Panther swimmers at the two-day Tunica Invitational last weekend. She touched the wall first in both the 50-Free sprint and 200-Free, while also anchoring the winning 400-Medley Relay unit. The senior also earned second place honors in the 100-Free and a third place finish as the final swimmer of the 400-Free Relay. The Panther women ended the squad's winter training session by finishing in a strong third place at the six-squad event held down in Mississippi.

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UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS
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RECENT RESULTS & RECORDS

**LAST WEEK RESULTS & RECORDS**

Men’s Basketball (10-5, 4-1 OVC)
- W 97-83 (ot) vs. Tennessee Tech
- W 88-68 vs. Southeast Missouri

Women’s Basketball (8-8, 4-1 OVC)
- W 79-68 vs. Tennessee Tech
- W 67-39 vs. Southeast Missouri

Swimming
- Men placed 3rd at Tunica Invite
- Women placed 3rd at Tunica Invite
- Lauren Zillmer won two events for women, Kelli Dicano won one event
- Joe Ciliak won one event for men

**PREVIOUS WEEK RESULTS**

Men’s Basketball (8-5, 2-1 OVC)
- W 63-60 at Belmont
- W 100-40 vs. Franklin College
- L 42-60 at Saint Louis
- W 50-48 vs. Jacksonville State

Women’s Basketball (6-8, 2-1 OVC)
- L 56-62 at Illinois-Chicago
- L 66-82 vs. Illinois State
- L 78-85 at Miami (Ohio)
- W 85-48 vs. Jacksonville State