School of Business News
Visit our web site for current news happening in the School of Business. For the complete details, visit our web site: http://www.eiu.edu/~business/

Finance Students Provide Daily Closing Market Reports
Finance students are participating in the daily closing market reports on WEIU-FM and WEIU-TV. This opportunity allows students to give their own commentary on market-moving information and closing prices for major equity market indexes, commodities, and local stocks. http://www.eiu.edu/~business/spotlight_dailymarketreports.php

American Marketing Association Receives Top Award
The School of Business congratulates its chapter of the American Marketing Association. At the 49th Annual Marketing Conference held in St. Louis in February of 2010, EIU's AMA chapter was awarded the Dik Twedt AMA Student Chapter Award. This is the top award at the conference and recognizes the EIU American Marketing Association student chapter as outstanding in all areas, including Membership Activities; Professional Development; Communications; Community Service; Fundraising; and Chapter Planning, Organization, and Control of Operations. http://www.eiu.edu/~business/spotlight_AMAaward2010.php

Executive in Residence Program
The School of Business Executive-in-Residence Program is primarily a student motivational tool with a secondary purpose of providing an opportunity for the firm to express where they fit in the world of business, what their business expects from their professional employees, and what tools and skill sets prospective employees are expected to have.

In order for students to gain an understanding of the concepts and processes fundamental to productive business activity, the Executive-in-Residence shares the scope of activity and responsibilities of his/her position, how activity within his/her area is linked to other functional areas within the organization, and the personal background in developing the skills necessary for the position he/she holds. The program brings real-world business experience into the classroom.

Witters is an alumnus of EIU, and has acquired 14 years of experience in management, marketing and finance, having previously worked for Mobil Oil, Occidental Petroleum and Fluor Corporations. He has been involved in numerous lease and sale transactions during his real estate career.

Come join the Open Presentation by Charles W. Witters
Real Life Commercial Real Estate:
The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly
Tuesday, March 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
Roberson Auditorium, Lumpkin Hall 2030

Change In Celebration Weekend
Celebration will be earlier than when it normally falls. Please mark your calendar for April 23-25, and follow go to this site for more information. http://www.eiu.edu/~festival/
EIU once again NFL's cradle of coaches

When the Washington Redskins hired Mike Shanahan ’75 as head coach, EIU regained its spot as the "cradle of coaches" in the NFL, as we're the only school to boast three alumni in head coaching positions. Shanahan, who previously led the Denver Broncos to two Super Bowl victories, joins Sean Payton of New Orleans and Brad Childress of Minnesota.

News briefs from the EIU Alumni Association

Dates have been set for the 2010 Athletics golf outings. Be watching for more details. Graduates of Eastern Illinois State Teachers College and/or Eastern State High School, mark your calendar for Aug. 13-14, when we'll host an on-campus reunion in your honor. Details will be mailed out this spring. To make sure you're on the list, please e-mail alumneiu@eiu.edu with your name and address.

Alumni directory project under way

The EIU Alumni Association and Harris Connect are developing a comprehensive directory that will feature thousands of alumni listings, as well as highlights and photos alumni choose to share. Alumni will be contacted by Harris Connect to update their records. As always, we are committed to protecting the privacy of the information shared and ensuring the integrity of the information collected. We appreciate your support and look forward to sharing this directory with you.

Sallee gets approved for three more years at BOT meeting

Consulting contract with Stanley Consulting also approved

A one-year contract extension was awarded to girl's head basketball coach Brady Sallee at the Board of Trustees meeting last week. Sallee's contract was extended through May 9, 2013. Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, presented the extension for approval of the board based on the team's improvements since Sallee came to Eastern in 2004.

"They have succeeded extremely well under his leadership athletically," Nadler said. "Academically, they finished in the top 10 last year for grade point average nationwide in Division I women's basketball."

The Panthers finished as regular season Ohio Valley Conference champions. They also advanced to the championship game of the conference tournament for the third year in a row. President Bill Perry is offering the contract with approval of the board.

The board also approved a $328,740 consulting contract, including a $29,885 contingency, with Stanley Consulting of Chicago. Stanley will serve as a third party consultation for the Renewable Energy Center, according to Paul McCann, university treasurer. The renewable energy center will be built by Honeywell International Inc. "We want them to protect the university in its relationship with Honeywell," McCann said. The plan originally included $250,000 for third party consultation. Much of the cost is covered by a federal earmark grant. "There really isn't a lot of additional cost to the university," McCann said.

The board also approved a $290,950 contract, with a $26,450 contingency, for masonry tuck point work on Booth Library. The contract is with Evans-Mason, Inc. of Springfield.

Story by Sarah Ruholl, DENnews
Best Buddies Extends the Hand of Friendship

You've got a friend in Best Buddies. The program pairs Eastern students with people with intellectual disabilities for the academic year to establish friendships.

After four years of being in the program, Kelly Diekemper, a senior communications disorder and sciences major, said the buddy she has had for three years is more than just a friend. "She's like family to me, I miss her when I don't see her for awhile," Diekemper said. Diekemper is the associate director for the non-profit organization, where the goal is to give back to the community and establish friendships.

The 50 student buddies are required to contact their buddies once a week and take them out once a month over the course of the yearlong program. The buddies have mild to moderate intellectual disabilities and live in group homes in the area, some of which are through the Charleston Transitional Facility. The group also holds monthly social outings on campus, where members are encouraged to socialize with others.

Ellen Lacher, a senior special education major and Best Buddies director, described the organization as a method of extending the circle of friends an intellectually disabled individual has. "Our goal is to fill that last circle so they have larger social network," Lacher said.

Under the bright lights of a disco ball and with carefully assembled outfits, detailed down to the matching pink nail polish or cowboy hat, members of the Best Buddies program took to the dance floor Saturday evening. A formal dinner took place on campus as part of Best Buddies Month last March. However, this year the event coordinators moved it off campus to further the movement to connect the group and the community.

Ben Johnson, a junior elementary education major, and his buddy, Brett Hackett, spent the beginning of the night playing bingo for donated prizes, teasing each other with the ease of a comfortable friendship. They chatted about the upcoming dance, Hackett bragging about his moves, as people walking by stopped to compliment him saying, "he looks good."

Loretta Phillips, a manager at the Miller's Banquet Hall, helped coordinate the event, which provided the location free of charge. "There's not enough of this for them," Phillips said.

The Millers Banquet Hall, along with What's Cookin' and a disc jockey, volunteered their services to the group free of charge.

Lacher said besides helping to foster community interaction, the event provides a social atmosphere. "(We) make it all about them for a night," Lacher said.

And while neither Johnson nor Hackett know who ended up winning the dance competition, both of them know the value of a friend. "You meet a ton of nice people," Hackett said.

Best Buddies will team up with the Special Olympics March 31 to stop the use of the word "retarded" to demean others. Lacher has seen the negative effect of the word on people close to her, growing up with a neighbor who had mental disabilities. "If I can advocate for them I will do it in a heartbeat," Lacher said.

Members of Best Buddies will be on the quad asking people to pledge to stop using the word for the Spread the Word to End the Word campaign and instead use "person first language." "Call someone by who they are, rather than their disability," Lacher said.

Story by Emily Steele, DENnews
Work on New Facility Nearly Complete

The construction work on the new Textbook Rental facility, located on Edgar Drive, is complete. The building is scheduled to be available for students before Fall 2010. The facility is expected to be completed as a whole by April 1, and some of its benefits are a software program to inventory textbooks and facilitate their distribution, a 24-hour drop box outside the building, a close location to student housing and off-street parking. The purpose of the facility is to eliminate the space constraints of the current facility, which is currently attached to Pemberton Hall. Stephen Shrake, associate director for design and construction, said the process of substantial completion lasted nine months.

On Sept. 8, 2009 the Board of Trustees unanimously approved $415,000 to finance the construction of the new facility. "A notice to proceed was issued to the contractors on Jan. 6, 2009, and substantial completion was achieved in November," Shrake said. "The shelving was installed in January and the automated check-in/check-out system started later in January."

The deadline expectation never changed; the latest update on the construction side of the facility indicates that the building will meet the April 1 deadline. "The construction work is complete," Shrake said. "The contractors have just performed some warranty work on the plumbing system and floor finish that required us to temporarily move some of the shelving. The shelving is currently being placed back in the correct position."

Linda Moore, who has a leadership role in the Radio Frequency Identification project, said that during the spring semester, staff was hired to install the RFID tags. "All of the books that are currently being held by Textbook Rental have the RFI tag installed in, and we created a highly-enhanced student employment force that work from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., two shifts a day, six days a week this semester and they were able to put the RFID tags in all the books that we currently have," Moore said. "The majority of the books are out because students have them, but we've got through everything that we currently have in inventory in the building and that is a major accomplishment."

Shrake said the remaining work of the new Textbook Rental project consists of installing furniture, finalizing the automated check-in/check-out system - which is being coordinated with the ITS department - and seeding and landscape work, which depends on the weather.

Story by Pablo Rodriguez, DENnews.

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Doudna Fine Arts

**25**  7:30 p.m.  •  Dvorak Concert Hall, Celtic Crossroads.  Celtic Crossroads has been critically acclaimed as "the most exhilarating and authentic show to come from Ireland in decades — not to be missed." This explosion of youthful energy and dazzling musician ship abounds with fusions of traditional Irish music, bluegrass, gypsy and jazz, along with the exciting rhythms of Irish dance percussion. Admission: $15; $12 for seniors and EIU employees; $7 for students. Reserved seating.

**26**  7:30 p.m.  •  Recital Hall, Girls’ Night Out: The Music of Clara Schumann and Cécile Chaminade  In this music department guest recital, performers Kerry Walters, soprano (Bradley University) and Denise Parr-Scalin, piano (West Texas A&M University) perform the music of two often-overlooked women composers. Free admission.

Go here for further information.
EXHIBITS AT BOOTH LIBRARY

Nutrition Education Exhibits  Students enrolled in Nutrition Therapy through the School of Family and Consumer Sciences demonstrate the importance of nutrition in exhibits titled Dash Diet, Taking Grapes to the Heart, Healthy Chocolate, Soy and Heart Health, Galaxy of Antioxidants, Got Breakfast, and IBS. The exhibits will be on display through March in the Marvin Foyer.

Andean Mythical Representations  An exhibit consisting of artisans’ works from northern Argentina is on display in the Reference Gallery through March. The curators are Allen Lanham, Jose Deustua and Pamela Ortega.

Centennial Celebration of Dr. Nkrumah  Located in the South Lobby of Booth Library, this display depicts the Centennial Celebration of Kwame Nkrumah, the first president of Ghana. The exhibition honors his contribution as a member of the Non-Aligned Movement of the sixties and a founding member of the Organization of African Unity (African Union). Klevor Abo and Johnson Kofi Kuma are the curators.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT - Ongoing Exhibits

MARCH
21, 3pm, Atrium, Violinist Elaine Fine and pianist John David Moore will present this concert as part of EIU's Women's History and Awareness Month celebration.
23, 7pm, Atrium, Ellen Bruno: Filmmaker  Ellen Bruno is a documentary filmmaker whose works have won more than 25 national and international awards. A recipient of both the Guggenheim and Rockefeller Fellowships, Bruno has focused her attention on issues at the forefront of human rights — homelessness, Burmese prostitution, Tibetan nuns, health care in Cambodia — and has been an artist-in-residence at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts. This event is organized by and sponsored with the EIU English Department.
27 - May 30, Brainard Gallery, Fer découpé: Haitian Steel Drum Sculpture and More  Vintage metal works from the 1950s and 1960s by Haitian master sculptor Georges Liautaud and his artistic descendants including contemporary artists from the village of Croix-des-Bouquets. Curated by Laurie Beasley, owner of Ridge Art in Oak Park, Ill. Many of the pieces are from the collection of the late legendary Haitian art dealer Issa El Saieh.

APRIL
3 - 25, Main Galleries & eGallery, 2010 Graduate Art Exhibition  A group thesis exhibition of works created by current students in the MA Studio Art program.
April 4, Closed for Easter
April 11 @ 2-4pm, Atrium, Graduate Art Exhibition Reception
April 15-17 @ 7:30 pm, April 18 @ 2pm, Charleston Community Theatre: The Odd Couple  Written by Neil Simon, this female-cast version of the comedy classic is directed by Cathy Sheagren and co-sponsored by the Tarble Arts Center. Admission: $10, $8 seniors, $6 students.

MAY
1 - 23, 28th Children’s Art Exhibition, Main Galleries  Art by area school students, selected by their teachers, representing approximately 40 area school programs taught by certified Art teachers.
May 16, 1:30-3:30pm, Children’s Art Exhibition Awards Reception

The Tarble Arts Center is on Facebook! Click now to become a fan and get the latest in Tarble news and updates.
EVENTS CALENDAR

April 8 President’s Reception, Effingham: Join your fellow alumni, university administrators and local community leaders at our upcoming Effingham-Area reception. In attendance from the University will be President William Perry, Vice President for University Advancement Robert Martin and Alumni Association Executive Director Steve Rich '06. Thursday, Apr. 8, 6-8 pm, Hilton Garden Inn - Truman/Roosevelt Room, 1301 Avenue of Mid-Amercia, Effingham, IL 62401. Hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar will be available. Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 6 by calling 1-800-ALUM-EIU or emailing alumeiu@eiu.edu.

April 15 Annual EIU Alumni Hospitality Reception at IASA: You’re invited to join fellow alumni and friends at our EIU annual alumni hospitality reception held in conjunction with the 2010 Illinois Association of School Administrators Annual Conference. In attendance from campus will be John Dively, department chair and assistant professor; and various other members of the EIU Educational Leadership faculty. Thursday, Apr. 15, 5 pm, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Capital View Room (12th Floor), 3000 S. Dirksen Pkwy Springfield, IL. Hors d’oeuvres and 2 drink tickets will be provided. A full cash bar will also be available. Reservations not required. Hosted by the Department of Educational Leadership and sponsored by the EIU Alumni Association.

May 1 EIU Academy of Lifetime Learning: Explore the Missouri Botanical Garden
Your educational experience at EIU doesn’t have to end with a degree at commencement. The EIU Alumni Association and the School of Continuing Education are excited to announce the debut of our Academy of Lifetime Learning tour, a traveling academic series specifically designed for alumni 50 years of age and older. Join us when we bring the EIU Academy of Lifetime Learning to the Missouri Botanical Garden. See link below for details. Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63110. Tickets are $17, with $5 going to support Presidential Scholarships. To purchase tickets, call 1-800-ALUM-EIU or complete and return this form (via mail or fax) with payment. Payment must accompany reservation form.

May 2 Annual EIU Alumni Cardinals Outing: Join fellow alumni and friends for our annual day at the ballpark to see the St. Louis Cardinals take on the Cincinnati Reds. $65 per person includes a seat in the Redbird Row Party Suites (right field level 2) plus all food and beverages. Five dollars from each ticket will go towards Legacy Scholarships. See link below for details. To purchase tickets, call 1-800-ALUM-EIU or complete and return this form (via mail or fax) with payment. Payment must accompany reservation form. Tickets will be mailed prior to the game. First priority will be given to Alumni Association members. Limit of 6 tickets per person.

May 15 EIU Alumni Professional Development Seminar: You’re invited to join us for a morning of rapid interactive workshops designed to provide you with the knowledge and tools essential to strengthening your career-related skills. Attendance is free, however pre-registration is required. To register for one or more sessions, please call 1-800-ALUM-EIU or e-mail alum@eiu.edu by Thurs., May 13. See link below for details. Multi University Center-Oak Brook, 1010 Jorie Blvd. Suite 200, Oak Brook, IL 60523.
Go to http://www.eiu.edu/~alumni/events.html for details on all of the events.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

None at this time.
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

WEIU-TV METEOROLOGIST TAKES THIRD IN NATION! Congratulations to Kevin Jeanes, third-place winner in this year’s Broadcast Education Association Student Media Awards in the category of television weathercaster. The awards contest chair said the competition was extremely rigorous, with nearly 900 entries in this year's festival! Other institutions receiving awards include Arizona State University, Penn State University and the University of Alabama. This year’s BEA convention in Las Vegas will be held April 14-17. The Student News Competition Awards ceremony is Thursday, April 15.

Robert C. Wiseman was the second-place winner in the Outdoors Illinois magazine's photo contest. The picture of Lincoln Log Cabin was published in the February issue.

William C. Hine, dean, School of Continuing Education, received the Past Presidents’ Award for Outstanding and Continuous Service to the Illinois Council of Continuing Higher Education at its annual conference in Chicago on Feb. 11, 2010.

How to Start a Business Workshop
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

Price: $25 per person or $35 per couple. Make checks payable to SCORE.

Registration is considered complete when your check is received at the Business Solutions Center. If registering within 48 hours of the event, please call the BSC at 217-581-2913. Please send your registration fee to: Eastern Illinois University -- Business Solutions Center, 600 Lincoln Ave, 3011 LH, Charleston IL 61920.

Sullivan, IL, 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 8
First Christian Church (Located off Route 121; see Web site for directions.)
Instructor: Dave Arseneau

Casey, IL, 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 25 -- Casey
Casey/Westfield High School, 306 E. Edgar Ave., Room 108 (located in new addition)
Instructor: Ted Ostrem

John Jurkovic to host April 10 Spring Fling!
At Panther Club’s annual Spring Fling, many generous supporters of EIU Athletics gather to celebrate the accomplishments of and raise money to support 430+ EIU student-athletes. This year’s event will begin at 6pm on Saturday, April 10, 2010! The Spring Fling committee has set the goal of breaking records left and right with an attendance mark of 375 Panther fans and a fundraising goal of $50,000, an increase of $13,000 over last year’s event!

EIU Alum, past Green Bay Packer and Jacksonville Jaguar defensive tackle and current ESPN Radio 1000 host John Jurkovic has stepped forward to emcee the event. He’s sure to make an already exciting event unforgettable!

Go here to see some of the items being auctioned off.
EIU basketball teams finish strong

Congratulations to the EIU men's and women's basketball teams -- each had an outstanding season culminating in hosting the Ohio Valley Conference tournament semifinals and then advancing to the Final Four in Nashville.

The women's team, which won the OVC regular-season title, lost to Austin Peay in the OVC tournament championship; the young Panthers will represent the OVC in the Women's NIT. The Panther men won a program-record eight consecutive games on their way to their OVC semifinals berth, ending with a loss to No. 1 Murray State.

EIU to Carry Internet Baseball/Softball

3.19.2010 | Baseball, Softball—Eastern Illinois athletics will offer a limited number of home baseball and softball games broadcast via the internet this season as the Panthers prepare to open the home season for both sports next week. EIU is scheduled to broadcast a minimum of eight home baseball and eight home softball games with the first broadcast taking place on Tuesday, March 23. For the full story go here.

Panthers Lose Back & Forth Game with Ohio State

3.19.2010 | Baseball—WINTER HAVEN, Fla. -- Zach Borenstein connected for a three-run homer and Eastern Illinois baseball rallied to tie the game twice in the late innings, but No. 27 Ohio State scored in the bottom of the eighth to defeat the Panthers, 7-6, Friday morning in spring break action at Chain of Lakes Stadium. For the full story go here.

EIU's Season Ends with WNIT Loss at Marquette

3.18.2010 | Women's Basketball—MILWAUKEE, Wis. – Marquette held the three true Panther post players to a combined two points and Eastern Illinois women’s basketball also committed a season-high 30 turnovers, suffering a season-ending loss in the first round of the WNIT, 85-56, Thursday evening at the Al McGuire Center. For the full story go here.

Army Uses Long ball to Roll Past Panthers

3.16.10 | Baseball—LAKELAND, Fla. -- Ben Thoma homered twice and recorded a career-high five RBIs, but Army hit four long balls and put together a trio of four-run innings to defeat Eastern Illinois baseball, 13-6, Tuesday morning in spring break action at Henley Field. For the full story go here.

Men's Soccer Moving to the Summit League in 2011

3.16.10 | Men's Soccer—ELMHURST, Ill. – Eastern Illinois men's soccer will rejoin The Summit League (formerly the Mid-Continent Conference) in time for the beginning of the 2011 season. The Panthers have been an affiliate member of the Missouri Valley Conference since 1996 and will close out their tenure in the MVC this fall. For the full story go here.

Student Athlete of the Week

Jaymie Voorhees is the Student-Athlete of the Week after shooting four consecutive rounds in the low 80s as EIU women's golf posted two quality finishes in Florida. She finished tied for 11th thanks to rounds of 84 and 80 at the NIU Snowbird Intercollegiate. She also helped the Panthers win the Spring Fling at Mission Inn with consecutive rounds of 82, finishing tied for third.
**UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS**

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**LAST WEEK RESULTS & RECORDS**

**Baseball (3-10)**
- L 2-8 at Indiana State
- W 7-6 at South Florida
- W 11-9 at South Florida
- L 5-8 at South Florida

**Women's Golf**
- Placed 5th of T3 at Northern Illinois Snowbird
- Placed 1st of 3 at Saint John's Spring Fling

**Men's Tennis (3-9)**
- L 1-6 at Michigan State

**Women's Tennis (3-6)**
- W 5-2 vs IUPUI

**PREVIOUS WEEK RESULTS**

**Men’s Basketball (19-12, 11-7 OVC)**
- W 68-61 vs. Eastern Kentucky (OVC 1st Round)
- L 51-55 vs. Murray State (OVC Semifinal)

**Women’s Basketball (23-10, 16-2 OVC)**
- W 73-56 vs. Tennessee State (OVC 1st Round)
- W 65-51 vs. UT Martin (OVC Semifinal)
- L 60-69 vs. Austin Peay (OVC Championship)

**Indoor Track**
- Competed at NCAA Last Chance Meet
- Men’s 4x400 relay broke 32-year old school record

**Baseball (1-8)**
- L 2-9 at UAB
- W 12-6 at UAB
- L 3-4 at UAB

**Softball (6-7)**
- W 5-3 vs. Iowa State
- L 1-9 (6) at Arkansas
- L 2-6 vs. Southern Mississippi
- L 0-11 (5) vs. No. 19 Louisiana Lafayette
- L 0-3 vs. Drake

**Men’s Tennis (3-8)**
- L 3-4 at Bradley
- W 4-3 vs. IUPUI