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LOOKING AHEAD

Our next meeting will be held on October 4 in the Neal Welcome Center.

8:30 - Coffee, tea, & conversation

9:00 – Business Meeting followed by a presentation from EIU President Bill Perry.

MEETING DATES COMING UP

EIUAA MEETINGS: (8:30 am)

Nov 01 – Neal Welcome Center

Jan 21, 2008 – Annual Luncheon

EUIAA EXEC. COMMITTEE MEETINGS: (9 am)

Sept 27 – Neal Welcome Center

Dec 06 – Neal Welcome Center

PRESIDENT'S VIEW

A New Chapter in the Distinguished History of EIU, “Best of Class” and “First Choice”

All of us have concluded our careers at Eastern, and for most of us they have been highly rewarding. Eastern provided memorable years when we applied our talents, expertise and convictions which remain an integral part of our lives. While we no longer are part of the day to day functions of the University, our experience and knowledge will define us as we use them to help family and friends. I know I enjoyed what I did in my 38 years career in academic administration and it will continue the rest of my life.

We all will have an opportunity to share our experiences at our EIUAA October 4th Chapter Meeting in the

Neal Welcome Center when President Bill Perry (pictured) joins us. Among other goals he is focusing to enhance the university's "Best of Class" and "First Choice" status. He is planning to meet with every segment of the university to receive suggestions on how best these goals, can be accomplished. I believe EIU annuitants can provide that advice in a most comprehensive manner. Collectively, we represent the entire university with combined years of services more than any other segment and as annuitants, our questions and suggestions are not self interest specific. By our participation at the October 4th meeting, we will be able to make significant contributions to deliberations. Following is the letter I received from President Perry in this regard.



"Office of the President

July 2007

Dear Dr. Baharlou:

July first marked my start at Eastern Illinois University, and in the very short time I have been here, I have experienced a warm welcome from the university and community. I've met many people and am looking forward to meeting many, many more. I feel right at home here, look forward to serving EIU as president, and want to enhance EIU's relationships with the region.

This summer and fall I will hold a series of meetings with members of the university community regarding two overarching goals I mentioned during the interview process. These are for Eastern Illinois University to "Best of Class" and "First Choice". I want Eastern to be known as the best regional university in Midwest and among the best in nation, and I want Eastern the first choice of students desiring to learn; the first choice of faculty wanting a fulfilled career of teaching, scholarship, and student mentoring; the first choice of staff who want to bring their skills to bear in a noble enterprise of higher education in service to society. The goals of these conversations will be to define how we can achieve these goals.

Eastern Illinois University is a great institution of higher education and our partnerships with our friends, such as schools, community colleges, the area communities and businesses, alumni, and others are important to our success. Therefore, I plan to initiate meetings and communications with those constituencies as well. The emphases of these meetings will be to:

- Understand how EIU is regarded now, and potentially, as a partner with our constituents
- Obtain comments on the general goals of best of class and first choice
- Build further confidence in EIU's programs, directions, and collaborations

I look forward to arranging a time that I can open this conversation with the Annuitants.

A preliminary report of these discussions will be delivered to the university and our partners in this process prior to a late fall retreat with the Board of Trustees. After sharing the preliminary report with the Board of Trustees, I will report back to the university community, and subsequent to that, I will report conclusions broadly and publicly.

The outcomes of this process will focus our planning, budgeting, and fundraising activities for the next several years. The goals, I believe, are worthy; the efforts to achieve them, I know, will be strenuous; of success, I am confident. We stand on the strong foundation of Eastern Illinois University's proud traditions of excellence, service, devotion to students, and hard work. We will remain true to those values that have sustained and led us to this point. We have the people devoted to taking the university to the next level of achievement. I look forward to working with you in the coming years to further shape the destiny of Eastern Illinois University.

Sincerely,
Bill Perry
William L. Perry
President"

Please join us at the October 4th meeting.

Alan Baharlou, President

CHAPTER NEWS

At our chapter meeting on June 7, Allan Rathe, Coordinator of EIU's award winning recycling program made a presentation. EIU is doing very well in this regard and Allan suggested ways we can do our part in the recycling and environmental efforts.

The EIU Annuitants Association has recently received more donations to the EIUAA Scholarship. We would like to thank and recognize donations from: Hanna Eads, Trudy Schaefer, Nancy and Vaughn Page. We would sincerely appreciate more donations to this scholarship that could benefit your child, grandchild, or great-grandchild. It has also been arranged for annuitants to donate through monthly payments as a direct transfer from your bank account into a Foundation account, such as the EIUAA Scholarship. Please contact Alan Baharlou or go to the EIUAA Web page for more information.

Applications are currently being accepted for this scholarship, and the criteria and application form is attached to this newsletter or can be accessed from the EIUAA web page. Please encourage any eligible students whom you know to apply.

We will be presenting our first scholarship at the January 2008 luncheon. Contribution checks should be made payable to EIUAA Scholarship and sent to EIU Annuitants Association, Brainard House, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston IL 61920. Two plaques will be placed in the Neal Welcome Center. One will list the donors of \$100 or more and the other will list the recipient and year of award. Please be generous and send your contribution now.

Dale Wolf attended the SUAA Annual Meeting on June 13 in Springfield. Some interesting facts were presented, i.e. there are 72,000 active and 65,000 inactive participants in SURS; there are 40,000 benefit recipients; 69% of SURS recipients receive \$2600 or less per month; 76% of retirees live in Illinois. One ominous note is that the call for a Constitutional Convention narrowly passed in the state legislature. This is a big concern because it could change our pension regulations that are guaranteed by law right now. Membership is still of great concern. Many schools have membership less than 25% of their potential. EIUAA is doing fairly well at approximately 55%.

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

The School of Adult and Continuing Education is initiating a new program, "Academy of Lifetime Learning." If any annuitant wishes to offer courses as part of this program, please complete the Academy of Lifetime Learning Course Proposal Form which is attached to this newsletter.

Mark your calendars – EIU Homecoming is October 19-21. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Tent City at 11 a.m. Watch the Panthers take on Tennessee-Martin at 1:30 p.m.

Dr. Gail Richard received the 2007 College of Sciences' Ringenberg Award. She is Chair of the Dept. of Communication Disorders and Sciences and has taught at EIU since 1981.

Lou Hencken's portrait has joined the portraits of EIU's former presidents in the corridor of Old Main. Portrait artist Gilbert Early completed Hencken's portrait as well as those of Fite, Rives, and Jorns.

NEWS FROM YOU

We are looking for a current address for Robert Saltmarsh. If anyone has this information, please contact Pat Hill at 217-345-6064. Thank you!

RON AMYX and his wife Kay of Charleston celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on May 28. Ron retired from WEIU-TV and Radio and currently volunteers as the assistant director of Coles County ESDA. Kay works in EIU's School of Business. They have three children and four grandchildren. Congratulations!

VIRGIL BAKER and his wife Berniece of Mattoon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 23. Both are retired, but Virgil continues as pastor of Maranatha Baptist Church and she is pianist. They are the parents of six children and have 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Best Wishes!

MARGARET BIGGS and her husband Don of Ashmore celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on May 30. Congratulations!

TERRY COFFEY and his wife Bev of Ashmore celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on June 18. Terry retired in July after 30 years as carpenter. Bev is an employee of the Charleston school district. They have two children. Best Wishes!

WANDA COFFEY and her husband Kenneth of Ashmore celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 29. Wanda retired from EIU after serving 27 years and Ken is retired from farming. They are the parents of five sons (including Terry – above) and have 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Congratulations!

JANET and WENDELL CORNELL of Toledo celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 17. Both are retired from EIU. They have two daughters and six grandchildren. Best Wishes!

EVERETT DIEHL and his wife Annette of Charleston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18. Everett is retired from EIU and Illinois Consolidated and Annette is employed in the Recreation Administration Dept. at EIU. They have three daughters and eight grandchildren. Congratulations!

RUTH DOW and her husband Chuck continue as volunteer nutrition teachers for Alfarit International, Inc. in many Latin American countries and recently in Africa. They work directly with mostly limited resource folks of all ages in many settings, as well as prepare those who teach them. They also promote gardening and solar cooking – teaching making and using simple, foldable solar cookers they designed from cardboard boxes with aluminum foil glued inside (cost \$1). Most foods are cooked with only the sun, thus saving money, conserving wood, reducing deforestation, soil erosion, and smoke pollution in the air, houses, lungs and eyes. In 2006-07, they taught in the Dominican Republic, Liberia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Portugal, Angola, Mozambique, and Peru. In August 2006, they moved to Naperville, Illinois, after celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Best wishes in your work and on your special anniversary!

DAVID EBDON and his wife Priscilla of Charleston celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 9. David retired as associate dean of the College of Sciences and Priscilla is an attorney in Charleston. They are the parents of three children and have eight grandchildren. Congratulations!

SNOWDEN EISENHOUR and his wife Helen of Charleston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16. Snowden taught in the physics department for over 30 years and Helen retired from teaching private piano lessons. They have two sons and three grandchildren. Best Wishes!

GENE GILL of Mattoon celebrated his 85th birthday on August 23. He retired from EIU in 1996 after serving 22 years as a building service worker. Gene is a member of the VFW and is a disabled veteran who was awarded the Purple Heart. He and his wife have two daughters, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Happy Birthday!

ANN INGRAM of Charleston celebrated her 85th birthday on June 20. Ann retired from her position in the MLK Jr. Student Union. She has two children, two granddaughters, and two great-grandchildren. Happy Birthday!

HAROLD NORDIN and his wife Barbara of Charleston celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on July 15. Hal retired as a professor of economics. They are the parents of two children and have two grandchildren. Congratulations!

ROBERT PIERCE and his wife Wanda of Charleston celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on August 19. Bob retired in 1998 after 30 years as a kitchen laborer, and Wanda is retired from The Bank. Best Wishes!

TRUDY SCHAEFER writes that she really enjoys getting "New Horizons" to keep her in touch with EIU and Charleston. The heat and humidity is back on the Gulf Coast of Florida; she lives in Clearwater. Her son Marty and his wife Cynthia live nearby in Crystal Beach; his family lives in Clearwater, St. Petersburg, and Brooksville. Her daughter Kay Freeland lives in Morehead, Kentucky and recently retired as county superintendent of schools; her husband retired from Morehead State University. They are enjoying leisure and traveling. Her other son Alan lives in Lake Barrington, Illinois. He and his wife Judy Bard Schaefer are both lawyers and have a son

Alan, age 13.

CARL WILEN and his wife Jacquelin of Charleston celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 18. Carl retired as a professor of art where he taught painting and drawing, and Jacquelin retired from the Coles County Regional Planning and Development Commission where she was a graphic technician and historic preservation specialist. They have two children and seven grandchildren. Congratulations!

REMEMBERING FRIENDS

ALAN R. AULABAUGH, age 81, of Estes Park, Colorado passed away on July 15 of complications related to Parkinson's Disease. He is survived by his wife Marilyn (an EIU annuitant), one son and twin grandsons. He retired from the music department in 1986. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the American Parkinson's Disease Association, Inc. or a charity of one's choice.

Adele Bryden, age 4, of Seymour, Indiana, passed away on May 10. She is the granddaughter of EIU annuitant Ewen Bryden and his wife Mary Ellen of Charleston. She is also survived by her parents, Bill and Lois Bryden, and a sister. Memorials may be made to the Addie Bryden Memorial Fund at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Seymour, Indiana.

Judith Coleman, age 66, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, passed away on June 7. She is the daughter of EIU annuitant Jessie Clark of Toledo. She is survived by one daughter and one grandchild. Memorials may be made to the Parkview Home Health Care and Hospice.

Peggy Corbin, age 64, of Charleston, passed away on June 28. She retired from EIU as a building service worker. She is survived by two children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild

Earnest "Gabby" Gabbard age 87, of Houston, Texas, passed away on June 15. He retired in 1984 from teaching theatre and directing plays. He and his wife Lucy, who passed away in 2006, moved to Chicago after they retired where they were professional actors and appeared in many productions in theater, movies, commercials, and print ads. He is survived by two sons and four grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Glendon Gabbard Theatre Arts Scholarship at EIU Foundation.

Maranda Glosser, age 16, of Windsor, passed away on June 20. She is the granddaughter of EIU annuitant Kenneth Glosser and his wife Reba. She is survived by her parents, Ken and Michele Glosser, and one sister.

ETTORE T. GUIDOTTI, age 74, of Ashland, Oregon, passed away on June 9. He was an Army veteran and retired from EIU after teaching in the theatre department. He is survived by a daughter and a grandson.

Elizabeth Hamerski, age 75, of Holmen, Wisconsin, passed away on July 8. She is survived by her husband, EIU annuitant Julian Hamerski, six children, five grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association or the Arc of Iroquois County.

CAROL V. HENDRIX, age 84, of Mattoon, passed away on August 9. She is survived by one daughter, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She was a secretary at EIU for more than 20 years before retiring. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Zion Hill Cemetery.

Myrtle Kincade, age 90, of Charleston, passed away on July 28. She is the widow of EIU annuitant Ivan Kincade who passed away in 2000. Survivors include one son, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Lincolnland Hospice.

JULIA KILPATRICK of New Eagle, Pennsylvania, passed away on March 17.

Lois McPheron, age 85, of Mattoon, passed away on June 6. She is the wife of EIU annuitant Walter McPheron who survives. She is also survived by two children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church or donor's choice.

Anna L. Nickles, age 88, of Reno, Nevada, formerly of Charleston. She was the widow of EIU annuitant Ralph Nickles who passed away in 2002. She is survived by two sons, four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild. Memorials may be made to the Old State Road Christian Church which she and Ralph were founding members.

Irma Rice, age 79, passed away on August 14. She is the widow of EIU annuitant Vernon Rice who passed away in 2001. She is survived by eight children, nineteen grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Charleston Christian Academy.

Doris H. Robinson, age 91, of Charleston, passed away on August 4. She retired from the non-academic personnel office after fourteen years. She is survived by three children, four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter. Memorials may be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church.

Sharon Robison, age 68, of Charleston, passed away on July 27. She is survived by three children, eight grandchildren, and fourteen great-grandchildren. She retired as a food service supervisor at EIU. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Lincolnland.

E. Eugene Rogers, age 78, of Charleston, passed away on July 9. He is the brother of EIU annuitant Barbara Waltrip. He is survived by his wife Cora, two daughters, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Paul McVey Post 1592 of Charleston.

GERTRUDE L. SIMS, age 86, of Charleston, passed away on July 30. She retired from EIU after serving 35

years as a food service worker. She is survived by two sons, five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and a brother, EIU annuitant Walt McDade.

Lou Ann Waskom, of Charleston, passed away on June 2. She retired from EIU after working in several departments. She is survived by her husband, EIU annuitant Tom Waskom and a daughter. Memorials may be made to the Tom and Lou Ann Waskom Scholarship Fund Account #2860646120 and mailed to the School of Technology, EIU.

**To find out more information about the EIU Foundation, check out their web page at:
www.eiu.edu/~found/**