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...part of attaining one's goals is remembering how you got there.



President Lou Hencken Announces Retirement

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After 41 years at Eastern Illinois University – the last six as president – Louis V. Hencken announced that he will retire in a year's time.

"I have always been told that 'to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens,' and I firmly believe that there is a natural rhythm to academic institutions like this one – a time to begin and a time to end," Hencken said during a special meeting of the university's Board of Trustees.

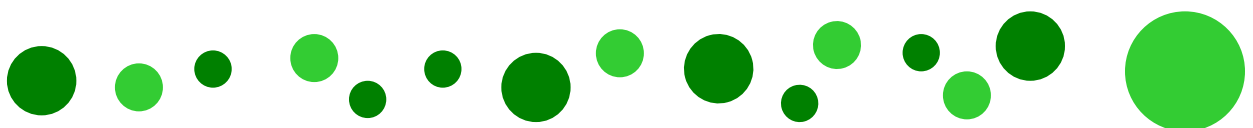
"I have no doubts that the time has come for the university to begin the search process for its 11th president." (Louis V. Hencken is Eastern's 10th president, but the ninth "sitting president.")

"The board was really hoping to hear that Mr. Hencken had decided to continue to serve as president. But while we are sorry to see him go, we certainly respect his decision to do so," said board Chair Leo Welch. "The past five years have been financially challenging ones for the university. However, Eastern Illinois University has continued to see growth -- both in enrollment and in its capital development. We owe Lou much credit for the large part he played in those successes."

Many of his primary goals are extensions of the successes Hencken has already seen during his presidency. Under his leadership, for example, the university has seen the completion of several major capital development projects, including the renovation of both Booth Library and Blair Hall, and the construction of a new Human Services building, a new wing on the Tarble Arts Center and the MLK Jr. Union Food Court.

Projects currently in progress include a \$60 million expansion/renovation of Eastern's Doudna Fine Arts Center, with a tentative completion date set for late Fall 2007, and an addition onto Lantz Arena, making room for an academic center, as well as additional classroom and office space.

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Hencken would very much like to see plans move ahead for a new building in which to house the university's Textbook Rental Service, now located in the southern wing of Pemberton Hall. The vacated space could then be used to house Eastern's Honors College and/or the new bachelor's of science in nursing degree program, which was approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education earlier this year. The program is tentatively set to begin offering courses in August 2007. The president also wants to follow up on the university's successful three-year "You Are EIU" fundraising campaign, which raised in excess of \$11 million.

In Fall 2005, the university saw its enrollment increase for the fourth consecutive year, reaching a record-breaking 12,129 students enrolled in on- and off-campus classes. Hencken, who has consistently promised to maintain the academic quality of the institution and to ensure classes are available so that students can graduate in a timely manner, will continue his focus on enrollment management.

He believes the university's commitment to quality education is what helped gain Eastern its overwhelmingly positive report from the North Central Association accreditation team, which visited campus in February 2005. "It was the best recommendation we could have received," the president said.

In total, Hencken, 62, has served Eastern in a variety of administrative positions for 41 years, beginning his career in student affairs as a graduate assistant. He advanced through the housing ranks as a counselor and both assistant and associate director prior to being selected as director in 1975.

Hencken and his wife, Mary Kay, a retired business education teacher at Charleston High School, reside in Charleston.

A "Stone"- cold GLACUHO

story by: Natalie Kuchar

Jody Stone, Assistant Director of Housing, was recently elected to be the next president of the Great Lakes Association of College and University Housing Officers (GLACUHO).

This association seeks to better prepare housing officers to meet the diverse and changing needs of the students they serve as well as the focus to advance and communicate professional knowledge and standards in the field of student housing. The Great Lakes region represents Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. There are 11 regions in the United States that make up GLACUHO's parent organization- ACUHO-I (Association of College and University Housing Officers International).

"It is an honor and a privilege to serve GLACUHO in this capacity. The stronger housing professionals we become, the better service we provide to students. It is very important to the EIU Housing Staff that we provide the best opportunities for our students to be academically and socially successful," says Stone. "Becoming GLACUHO President is a direct reflection of our department's desire to provide the best service to our students and is an indication of our commitment to our profession. Due to this, we should be proud that that the housing office has 4 individuals that serve on the GLACUHO Board."

Stone will actually be the 4th GLACUHO President from Eastern Illinois University, which is the most from any institution within the GLACUHO region. Mary Smith (1978-1979- GLACUHO founding president), Randy Johnson (1983-1984), and Patrick Bradley (1986-1987) are all Eastern alums who have served as GLACUHO President.

Among other goals, Stone hopes to continue to provide support and resources to GLACUHO's smaller institutions so they are able to achieve their goals and maintain active participation in the organization. Stone also hopes to continue to assess GLACUHO's changes to their strategic planning process and determine if the organization is meeting the needs of a diverse and growing membership.



the oshkosh placement exchange information for you

the oshkosh placement exchange will take place from march 2nd - 4th

the official e.i.u. housing alumni social

when you go...

the time: *after* the minority and friends social

the date: friday, march 2nd

the why: reconnecting and social fun

the place: room 1300 @ the hilton

want more?

contact kelly miller at kpmiller@eiu.edu

positions available at OPE & ACPA/NASPA we're looking for candidates!!!

the positions available...

the available: resident director and associate resident directors

the where: o.p.e.— march 2nd - 4th and naspa/acpa — march 31st - apr. 4th

the why: recommend candidates to e.i.u.

the how: email kelly miller at kpmiller@eiu.edu

the acpa/naspa friends of e.i.u. social

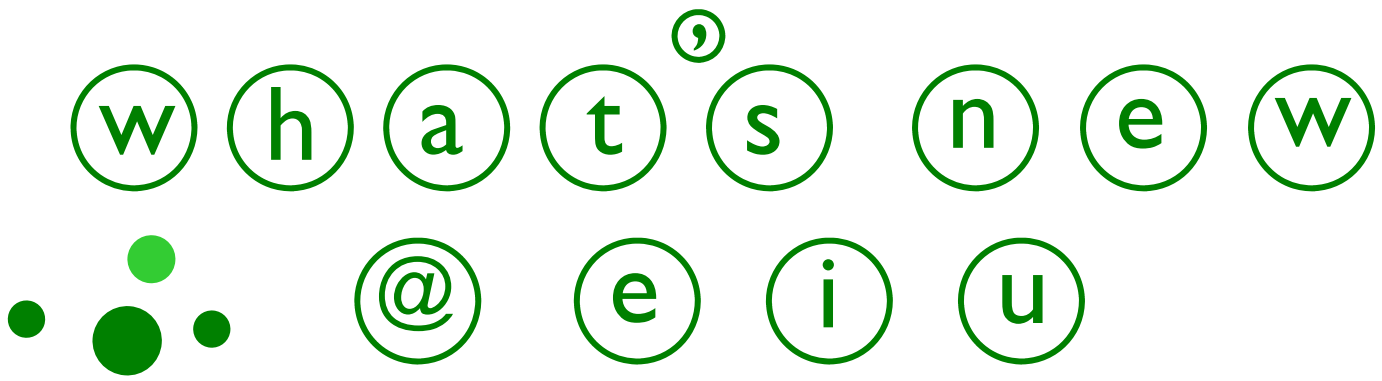
the time: 7:30-9:00 pm

the date: monday april 2nd

the why: reconnecting and social fun

the place: gaylord hotel, orlando, fl, room: emerald 5

the how: contact charles eberly at cgeberly@eiu.edu



Faculty Turn Podcasts into Teaching Tools



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Eastern's faculty professors are joining the podcast craze and using the technology as another learning tool.

With MP3 players, such as iPods, all the rage among students, instructors are utilizing their popularity to enhance education through podcasting. Podcast technology allows instructors to record and upload in-class lectures and additional supplemental materials onto the web, allowing students to download the information to their portable iPods or any other audio players that supports MP3 files.

With the growing popularity of podcasts being utilized for academic purposes, the Center for Academic Technology Support purchased an assortment of MP3 players and corresponding accessories for instructors to use and have hosted numerous podcast production training sessions geared toward assisting instructors on how to create and use podcasts.

EIU's Blair Hall Restoration Receives Top Award from Magazine

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The restoration of Eastern's fire-ravaged historic Blair Hall has earned top honors from *PM Engineer magazine*. KJWW Engineering Consultants of St. Louis, Mo., received the 2006 Excellence in Design Award from the trade publication, which judged projects on several criteria: innovation in design, customer satisfaction, ability to meet schedules, cost-efficient strategies and community improvement.

As a result, Blair Hall was featured on the magazine's November cover and a lengthy story with photos was included inside. The article detailed the renovation process and the many challenges faced by the design team as it worked to make the hall technologically advanced while keeping the historical landmark's 1913 aesthetics after a 2004 fire.

Goo Goo Dolls to perform at EIU

EIU students will soon know what its like to see the Goo Goo Dolls live in concert. University Board is brining the group to campus for a night of great music and fun. The Goo Goo Dolls have been playing together since 1986, and will surely put on a great show. The event will begin at 8pm on Sunday, March 4, in Lantz Arena. Tickets, which are priced at \$12 for EIU students, and \$17 for the general public, have been on sale since January 22. Visa and Mastercard are accepted. For ticket information, phone 217-581-5122.

