



# the alumnus

## alumni newsletter

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## Alumni Notes:

### Volunteers Needed to Represent EIU

The Alumni Services and Undergraduate Admissions Offices are looking for alumni volunteers to help recruit the best and brightest students to EIU!

We're looking for enthusiastic, articulate alumni to help represent EIU at upcoming college fairs taking place throughout the state of Illinois. If you think you fit the description contact Assistant Director of Alumni Services Chelsea Frederick '06 at 217-581-7030, or by e-mail at [alumeiu@eiu.edu](mailto:alumeiu@eiu.edu), to volunteer or request more information.

### Move-in Day 2011 Photos and Videos

With two months of classes behind us, the students have settled in for the long haul. Now you have a chance to look back at their first moments at EIU. Check out the links below to view photos and videos from this year's Move-In Day. See if they spark any memories from your days at EIU.

**PICS:** [www.facebook.com/eiuhousing](http://www.facebook.com/eiuhousing)

**VIDS:** [www.youtube.com/user/IAMEIU](http://www.youtube.com/user/IAMEIU)

### We want to hear from you!

We hope this has been helpful to you and welcome your contributions, comments and suggestions concerning the *Alumnus Newsletter*.

Additionally, if you would like to let us know what you're up to these days, we would love to include your information in upcoming issues of the *Alumnus Newsletter*.

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## Housing Staff Alumni Returned to Campus this Past Summer

This past summer the city of Charleston was overtaken by some familiar faces as EIU played host to its first Housing Staff Alumni Reunion.

Panther's from the 70's, 80's and 90's, as well as some from just a few short year's ago, gathered together to rekindle their college friendships. Those in attendance were given the chance to tour their college hangouts, eat in the newly renovated Stevenson Tower Dining Center, learn about the University's future plans, and even got in a little golfing.

Many memories were shared, and hopefully some new ones were made.

Catch up with other housing staff alumni and check out some of the reunion photos at [www.facebook.com/eiuhousingreunion](http://www.facebook.com/eiuhousingreunion).



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Of the many events offered to returning alumni was a Four O'Clock Club hosted at the recently renovated Marty's Bar & Grill.

## Perry Starts the Year Off with a Blog

President Bill Perry launched his new blog, Eastern Ways, just prior to the onset of the academic year.

The blog has allowed Perry to engage the college community and the general public in an easily accessible and informal manner.

"Within this blog, you'll hear about examples of EIU students, faculty and staff getting involved in academic programs, student life, and community engagement," said Perry in his first post.

Subsequent posts have focused on a variety of topics including a recent meeting between Perry and a representative from a Chinese university, campus 9/11 remembrances, volunteerism, and the importance of alumni support.

Follow Perry's blog at [www.eiu.edu/president/blog.php](http://www.eiu.edu/president/blog.php).



**PICTURED ABOVE:** William L. Perry began serving EIU as president on July 1, 2007, following 36 years of service to higher education in Texas.



## EI&U: The Campaign for Eastern Illinois University

EIU has a long history of helping students defy expectations to become the people they dreamed they might be. But you know this - you're part of our history. You know from experience that Eastern changes lives. You also know that the first step to changing a life is to insist that it be based on excellence.

EI&U . . . Continued on-line at [iameiu.com/](http://iameiu.com/)

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## GAME DAY TAILGATE



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Keaton Titus, poses with his father, Dave, at the annual University Housing & Dining Services tailgate and football game.



## Matt Brown Welcomed to Associate Director Position

This past August, University Housing and Dining Services welcomed Matt Brown as its newest Associate Director of University Housing and Dining Services for Residential Facilities. In this position Matt is responsible for overseeing the operations, maintenance, delivery of services, and capital improvements of University Housing and Dining Service's buildings, equipment and grounds. He comes to us from Northwestern College and Bethel University, both near St. Paul, Minnesota, where he collectively served the campus communities for the past 10 years. He is a member of the National Association of Sports Officials, and an Honor Graduate of the Jim Evans Academy of Professional Umpiring.

He currently resides in Charleston with his wife Missy, their three children, Tesa, Isabelle and Jonathan, and a goldfish named Bubbles.



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Matt Brown's first day of employment at EIU was Aug. 9, 2011.

## MOVE-IN DAY HELPERS



**PICTURED ABOVE:** EIU President Bill Perry (Left) and Vice President for Student Affairs Dan Nadler (Right), take a break to pose for a photo while helping people unpack their cars outside of Taylor Hall on Move-In Day.



## EIU Moves Up in U.S. News & World Report's Annual Rankings

EIU has moved up in the U.S. News & World Report's annual ranking of higher education institutions.

EIU is ranked 51st among all Midwestern universities offering a full range of undergraduate degrees and some master's degree programs. Among public universities on the list, EIU ranks 12th in its class in the 12-state region. Among Illinois public universities, EIU ranks second.

The rankings are based on academic reputation, student selectivity, faculty resources, graduation and retention rates, financial resources and alumni giving.

**RANKINGS . . .** Continued on-line at [eiu.edu/stories.php](http://eiu.edu/stories.php)



## Panther Dining Making Strides in its Sustainability Efforts

In an effort to reduce costs and increase their sustainability efforts, three of EIU's four residential dining centers have gone trayless.

The program, now operational in the Carman, Taylor and Thomas Dining Centers, eliminates the use of dining trays in an effort to reduce the amount of water, cleaning chemicals and energy used in the washing of trays. The reduction in water usage is expected to be measurable in the hundreds of thousands of gallons.

EIU is not the first university to go trayless. Many other public Illinois universities, including: ISU, WIU, and SIU-C offer trayless dining to varying degrees. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has been trayless in all of its residential dining centers since the 2010 Fall Semester.

As an added benefit, trayless dining can reduce food waste, as students no longer

have a tray to over fill, and simply choose not to go back for seconds.

The trayless program isn't the only step Panther Dining has taken in its efforts to be more sustainable. Three years ago a Reusable Bottle program was initiated to cut down on paper cup usage. At that time it was estimated that Panther Dining went through roughly half a million paper cups a year. With each meal plan holder receiving a free 32 ounce reusable bottle at the start of each academic year, paper cups were able to be removed from all four residential dining centers, and are now only available in the University Food Court and Java Beanery & Bakery.

Panther Dining continues to experiment with other green projects including a pilot program that was launched just this past semester to research the effects of replacing disposable to-go containers with reusable ones. The results of the program are currently under review.

## Calendar of Events

### October 21-23, 2011

Eastern Illinois University Homecoming at Eastern Illinois University

### October 22, 2011

Homecoming Housing Alumni Social at Eastern Illinois University, 11:30am (Sponsored by NRHH)

O'Brien Stadium's Tent City  
Grant Avenue Entrance  
Charleston, Illinois 61920

### March 1-4, 2012

Oshkosh Placement Exchange at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh

Gruenhagen Conference Center  
208 Osceola Street  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901

### March 2, 2012

EIU Alumni Social at the Oshkosh Placement Exchange, 9pm

Comfort Suites  
400 S. Koeller St.  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902

## What are your plans for Homecoming '11?

Homecoming 2011: *Greatness in Blue*, scheduled for Oct. 21-23, is the perfect excuse to return to EIU.

Come on down, break out the school spirit and cheer on the home team. The EIU Panthers will take on the UT Martin Skyhawks at this year's Homecoming Football Game on Saturday, Oct. 22.



Plus, you're all invited to join us for a little tailgating before the game. Starting at 11:30am, National

Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) will host its annual tailgate in O'Brien Stadium's Tent City. Grab a good meal, drink some hot apple cider, and catch up with old friends.

Details, including a schedule of events and lodging information, are available at [eiu.edu/homecoming](http://eiu.edu/homecoming).

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