HEADLINES

BILL PERRY’S INAUGURATION WAS HELD ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, FINALLY MAKING HIS PRESIDENCY OFFICIAL

By Ashley Rueff, Senior Reporter
Reported from DEN

President Bill Perry finally got all the bells and whistles of an academic welcoming. On Friday, his inauguration took place in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Perry assumed the presidency at Eastern on July 1, but was formally honored by the university, past presidents, legislators, dignitaries and special guests at the inauguration ceremony with full academic regalia and lots of applause. "I stand humbled by the opportunity to serve as president of a university with a proud past and a bright future," Perry said. "Today, we formally observe a beginning in the life of Eastern Illinois University."

Robert Webb, chair of the Board of Trustees, did his best to place the university's medallion over the head of the 6-foot-6-inch Perry as the crowd laughed and applauded. "He is taking presidential visibility to a whole new level," Webb joked to the crowd.

Perry was named Eastern's 10th president last April after the announcement of President Lou Hencken's plans to retire July 30. Perry left his position as vice provost at Texas A & M University to return to the midwest, where he was raised. He is originally from Missouri, and he received his Master of Arts and doctorate of philosophy degrees in mathematics from the University of Illinois.

Judy Erwin, executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, expressed her happiness at having Perry back in Illinois. "Welcome back to the midwest, Dr. Perry," Erwin said. "And what better place to lay out that welcome mat than Eastern Illinois University." She applauded Perry's choice of coming to Eastern. "Your students have been and will continue to make great, significant contributions to the state economy and the regional economy in Central Illinois," Erwin said.
Join the EIU Alumni Association
Are you a graduate of Eastern Illinois University? See what Alumni Services can do for you when you join the Alumni Association. It's just $30 for an annual membership and $45 for an annual family membership! Benefits range from newsletters to ticket information for EIU events and travel discounts. The Alumni Association also recognizes the professional and volunteer accomplishments of EIU alumni. For more information, visit the web site at: www.eiu.edu/~alumni.

Brainard House
Home of the EIU Alumni Association

Homecoming 2007
Homecoming 2007 is scheduled for the weekend of October 19-21. For suggestions on area lodging, contact the Charleston Chamber of Commerce at 217-345-7041 or the LCBAS Development Office at jsjoines@eiu.edu or 217-581-7969.

Family Weekend 2008: September 26-28
Homecoming 2008: October 17-19

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21st Century Wealth
- Jeff G. Scott, Class of 1968

21st Century Wealth, a primer on the essential principles of financial planning, is designed to be an informative resource for readers interested in estate, investment, and retirement planning issues. One of the contributors is Jeffrey G. Scott, CLU, CFP, ChFC. Mr. Scott, retired Managing Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region for Sagemark Consulting, operated one of the top five financial planning firms in the

State legislators Sen. Dale Righter, Rep. Chapin Rose and Rep. Bob Flider also attended the ceremony in academic regalia to honor Perry. "The most important tradition that we can carry on here today is the tradition of outstanding leadership," Righter said. "I think Dr. Perry has made it very clear very early on that everything that happens here at Eastern is toward producing a better graduate and a better citizen." Rose reminded the audience that the university's leadership helps direct the students and their future decisions. "They come here in search of a path to independence and bright futures," Rose said. "The path before them is a tremendous one."

Sitting near the legislators on the stage were four past presidents of the university, who dusted off their caps and gowns for the ceremony. Daniel Marvin, Eastern's fifth president, hadn't worn his regalia for nearly 25 years since leaving Eastern in 1983, he said. "It's a wonderful occasion for the university," Marvin said. "I think (Perry is) just what the university needed. I don't see how they could have made a better choice."

Student body president Cole Rogers welcomed Perry and told the crowd how accessible the new president has been to the students so far. "As a student here, you don't expect to have very much interaction with the president of the university," Rogers said. "President Perry has made it absolutely clear that he is not going to be an average president, and he is not going to let Eastern be an average university."

Perry said returning to his office for work Monday might feel a little different because of the compliments and encouragement he received at the inauguration. "It'll feel a little different, and part of that's because of what people said in the ceremony," Perry said. "I'm inspired by the things people said and because I had family and friends come to support me."

EARLIEST LESSONS LAST, EDGAR SAYS
Excerpts from Times Courier article
By Amber Williams, Staff Writer
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Former Gov. Jim Edgar learned his first lesson in politics when he was only in eighth grade. That was the first election Edgar would ever lose, although it would not prove to be the last. It was then that he learned one of the many important lessons that he would absorb during his time in Charleston. "Never be unprepared. Never take anything for granted when running for a political office," Edgar said. However, Edgar would get his chance to be a member of student government later in high school and then at EIU, where he eventually became student body president. Edgar attributes much of his success in his political career to this early start in politics.

Edgar is the first speaker to come to Eastern for the lecture series he and his wife Brenda started this year with a $150,000 gift to the university. The Edgar Lecture Series is designed to bring in two speakers to the university each year, one in the fall and another in the spring, to speak on a topic relating to government or history. Edgar offered himself as the first speaker for the series, with wife Brenda following in the spring.
Lincoln Financial Advisors distribution system.

The book is available for purchase at the discounted price of $24.95 plus shipping and handling. To request a copy, e-mail biharrell@LNC.com. Prepayment is required by personal or corporate check.

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Boomtown USA
-Jack Schultz, CEO of Agracel

Jack Schultz, CEO of Agracel, Inc., and past president of Eastern Illinois University’s Foundation, has recently published a book focusing on small towns that thrive while other small towns are failing.

Order a copy of Boomtown USA: The 7 1/2 Keys to Big Success in Small Towns by calling 1-800-600-8085 or visiting www.boomtownusa.net.

Pemberton Hall
National Historic Site

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More Country Music for Laughin' Lovin' and Livin' It Up
-Gene Newport, Class of 1957

Gene Newport, an EIU business alumnus ('57) and 1977 Distinguished Alumnus from the EIU School of Business, has written another book that may interest EIU alumni. Newport, author of Management Up, Down, and Inside Out, is a professor of management and dean emeritus at the University of Alabama.


Edgar's speech the end of October, was delivered to a standing-room-only crowd at the Buzzard Hall Auditorium at EIU, which was a mix of students, alumni and state politicians. His lighthearted speech often brought laughter from the packed crowd. Instead of focusing on his time in the governor’s mansion, Edgar said he wanted his speech to be about the lessons he learned living in Charleston and getting an education at Eastern that have helped him throughout his life.

One of those lessons he had to learn the hard way while living in Charleston and completing his first run for state representative. While Edgar knew he had an impressive resume to take with him while he was campaigning, his opponent in the primary was Max Coffey, a county board member who had never worked in Springfield and thus didn’t have the same experience in the government. When the primary results were in, Coffey had won and went on to be state representative. The next time Edgar decided to run for state representative, he knew to campaign more like Coffey. “You always learn a lot more losing than winning,” Edgar said.

As he ascended the ranks in state politics from state representative to secretary of state and eventually governor, Edgar said he never forgot his ties to Eastern Illinois University. As secretary of state, he would like to hire Eastern graduates and Central Illinoisans as members of his staff. After being elected governor, he knew he had to come to Eastern to hold a rally. He planned for the last parade he would ever march in as governor to be the Eastern homecoming parade, which was also the first parade he had ever marched in. “I look back at growing up here at Eastern Illinois University as one of the defining moments of my life. I wouldn't be here without it,” Edgar said.

HISTORY DEPARTMENT FIRST TO BE NAMED 'FIRST CHOICE GRADUATE PROGRAM'
By Ashley Mefford, Activities Reporter, DEN

The history department has made a little history of its own by being named the University's initial First Choice Graduate Program. The First Choice designation is awarded by the Graduate School to departments that meet specific criteria that show their programs are worthy of being graduate students' first choices.

Programs that are awarded First Choice status will retain the designation for three years. During that time, they will be eligible to receive additional funding from the Graduate School to further strengthen their status. There are seven other graduate programs currently under consideration for the designation. At this time, the history department offers two graduate programs: a master's degree in history and a historical administrative option.

Full story »
Newport has generously arranged to donate proceeds from the purchase of *Country Music...* by EIU alumni and friends to benefit the Theodore W. Ivarie Leadership & Innovation Fund.

To order *Country Music...,* priced at $12.50; *More Country Music...,* priced at $9.50; or *Momma Used To Say...,* priced at $9.80, contact Jackie Joines at jsjoines@eiu.edu or by calling 217-581-7969.

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**McAfee Gym National Historical Site**

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**Wellness: Piece by Piece**  
*Pat Sullivan, Class of 1975*

Pat Sullivan, creator of the best-selling ACT® software, has authored a book chronicling his struggles with chronic illness and offering advice and encouragement to those who also struggle with persistent health issues. His book, *Wellness: Piece by Piece*, is available from your local bookseller or through Amazon.com.

Also, Pat Sullivan has established a health information network, Jigsaw Health. The website offers nutritional foods, dietary supplements, and resources on illnesses and treatments.

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**ENews Sources**
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**Arts & Entertainment**

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**At Tarble Art Center**  
**The Faculty Art Exhibit**

Beginning October 20, 2007, through January 6, 2008

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**Exhibition: Common Threads: Southwestern and Mexican Weavings and Potter**

Location: Tarble Arts Center, Brainard Gallery  
Through December 20, 2007

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**Modern Art from the Collection**

Location: Tarble Arts Center, West Main Galleries  
Through January 6, 2008

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**Visiting Scholar Lecture by Eric Palazzo:**  
**The Celebrated Function of Illustrated Manuscripts In the Middle Ages**

November 27, 2007, 7 pm

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Tuesday-Friday: 10 am - 5 pm  
Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm Saturday  
Sunday: 1 - 4 pm  
Closed Monday and major holidays  
Admission and visitor parking are free.  
For information: 217-581-ARTS (2787)  
http://www.eiu.edu/~tarble/exhibprog.html

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**Events Calendar**

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**December**

**1**  
12:00 Chicago Tapas Cooking Class (11:30 am check in). Northshore Cookery, Port Clinton Square, 600 Central Ave., Suite 130, Highland Park, IL. To order tickets fill out and return [this .pdf form](#) or call 1-800-ALUM-EIU
15  8:00 pm - Wicked, The Untold Stories of the Witches of Oz. Fox Theatre, 527 N Grand Blvd.St. Louis, MO. Reception 6-7:30pm at The Jazz Bistro, (Main Dining Room/Second Floor Balcony), 3536 Washington Ave., St. Louis. Hors d’oeuvres will be provided and a cash bar will be available. Ticket cost is $55. To order tickets, please call 1-800-ALUM-EIU or fill out and return this form with payment. Tickets will be mailed one week prior to the event.

16  Tony Romo Watch Party, Dallas Texas. Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.

January

TBA  Connections in Business Networking Reception and Social, Chicago Southwest Suburbs, details TBA Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.

11  Join alumni and friends to see Eastern alumnus Matthew Polenzani in the role of Alfredo in the classic opera La Traviata at Chicago’s Lyric Opera. Reception 5:30-7 pm, Lloyd’s Chicago, 1 S Wacker Dr, Chicago. Hors d’oeuvres and a host bar will be available. 7:30 pm La Traviata, Lyric Opera of Chicago, 20 N Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL.

February

7  EIU Alumni Night, Lantz Arena, Charleston. Details TBA. Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.

9  Scottsdale Alumni Reception, Scottsdale, AZ, Details TBA. Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.

12  Annual Lincoln's Birthday Alumni Social. San Francisco, CA. Details TBA. Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.

April

3  Bolingbrook Alumni Reception, Bolingbrook, IL. Details TBA. Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.

19  The View From Here to There: The Aesthetics of Travel in the Rural Midwest. This exhibition open in the Brainard and eGalleries, Tarble Arts Center

24  IASA Conference Hospitality Reception, Springfield - details TBA

Watch your mailbox for information on these and other upcoming events in your area. For questions, call 800-ALUM-EIU (800-258-6348) or the LCBAS Development Office at 217-581-7969.
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

VICKI HAMPTON RECEIVES IBM FACULTY AWARD

Well deserved congratulations go to Vicki Hampton, who has won a 2007 IBM Faculty Award. The IBM Faculty Awards program is an annual worldwide competitive cash awards program that fosters collaboration between researchers at leading universities and those in IBM research, development, and services organizations. It also promotes courseware and curriculum innovation to stimulate growth in disciplines and geographies that are strategic to IBM. Awardees are nominated by IBM employees. The criterion for the award is: "Candidates must have an outstanding reputation for contributions in their field or, in the case of junior faculty, show unusual promise."

Vicki Hampton has been teaching in the Lumpkin College of Business for ten years. Prior to that she taught adjunct for the college and was employed in Information Technology for twenty years. "I feel very honored that IBM would nominate me for this award," says Hampton. "I'm ecstatic to get this award and to be able to reach out to others."

The COBOL language is very much in demand in the business sector. Eastern Illinois University is one of the few universities offering coursework in the language. In order to offer this same competitive advantage to others, the course that Ms. Hampton will create offers students and other faculty the necessary means to learn the COBOL language and subsequently with the use of a mainframe hub (via the IBM Academic Initiative) be able to write, test, and debug COBOL programs.

"We're very pleased that the Lumpkin College of Business at Eastern Illinois University is moving forward with the development of its Business Programming in COBOL course. With billions of lines of COBOL code being used today, COBOL continues to play a dominant role for today's Fortune 1000 firms," says Kathy Pfeiffer, IBM Academic Initiative Manager, System z. "IBM mainframe clients seek students who have the ability to design, code, debug and maintain COBOL programs. This course will provide the framework for learning how to solve business problems with the COBOL language, including learning COBOL logic and structured programming techniques through hands-on lab exercises on a mainframe system."

Further info can be found at:

A list of award winners can be found at:
TIM FIX SCHOLARSHIP FUND HOLIDAY CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

All proceeds from the sale of these holiday cards will go directly to the Tim Fix Scholarship Fund.

Tim, along with Joe Bee, were Eastern Illinois University wrestlers and college roommates of Matt Hughes. Both Tim and Joe died in a tragic drowning accident at EIU in May 1996. Tim's parents created a scholarship fund in their son's memory to benefit college students. Each year, Tim's parents give out from fifteen to twenty $500 scholarships. The students are selected not necessarily by their academic performance, but by whom Tim's parents feel their son would have chosen to receive the scholarship. To date over $100,000 has been raised and distributed. This is the 7th year the cards have been sold. Tim's aunt, Sue Shanahan, an artist and illustrator, creates each year's card in memory of Tim and Joe. The cards are $20 for a package of 10. They can be purchased by going to www.SueShanahan.com.

DONATIONS FOR INDIAN STUDENT

This fall, two of our EIU Indian students were involved in a tragic car crash. Nishanth Etala was killed and Suresh Penchala remains hospitalized in a come in Chattanooga, Tennessee. International Programs recently encouraged everyone to support the EIU Indian Student Association in their efforts of fundraising for Suresh Penchala's family. An event was held Sunday, November 11, 2007, from 11am to 7pm in Robertson Auditorium in Lumpkin Hall. To receive information regarding alternate methods of donating to the cause, please email Roja at rperumandla@eiu.edu.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Application deadline: Review begins immediately and continues until filled. Apply to: Dr. Abdou Illia, Screening Committee Chairperson, at busrecrt@eiu.edu.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FINANCE
Application deadline: Review begins November 26, 2007, and continues until filled. Apply to: Dr. Richard Whitaker, Screening Committee Chairperson, busrecrt@eiu.edu.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY - Digital Printing and Imaging
Application deadline: Review begins immediately and continues until filled. Apply to: Dr. Mahyar Izadi, Screening Committee Chairperson, mizadi@eiu.edu.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY - Education and Training
Application deadline: Review begins immediately and continues until filled. Apply to: Dr. Mahyar Izadi, Screening Committee Chairperson, mizadi@eiu.edu.
ALUMNI EVENTS COORDINATOR
Application deadline: Review begins November 5, 2007 and continues until filled. Apply to: Jonathan McKenzie @ jrmckenzie@eiu.edu.

DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
Application deadline: Review begins January 2, 2008 and continues until interviews are complete. Apply to: Mary Anne Hanner c/o rbpaige@eiu.edu.

SPORTS NEWS

PANTHERS TO MAKE ESPNU TELEVISION APPEARANCE
Panther athletics recently released its television schedule for the 2007-08 men's and women's basketball seasons. WEIU will broadcast all 12 regular-season home men's games, along with six additional home women's games. The men's squad will also make their second straight season appearance on ESPNU when they take on Tennessee State on Jan. 19. In addition to WEIU's coverage of home basketball, all home and road Ohio Valley Conference games this season can also be seen via live Internet streaming at www.OVCSports.tv.

ADENIJI WINS OVC OFFENSIVE HONOR
From the EIU Athletic website

Eastern Illinois learned its post season fate on Sunday afternoon as the Panthers were selected into the NCAA FCS Playoff field. Earlier in the day senior running back Ademola Adeniji was selected the OVC Offensive Player of the Week.

Adeniji helped carry the Panthers offense in the playoff clinching win versus Samford with a 170 yard effort. It was his fifth game over 150 yards in the last six outings. Adeniji scored three times in the win to give him 15 touchdowns on the year. He also finished the regular-season with 1,178 yards, the 10th best single season effort in Eastern Illinois History.

The Panthers will make their 12th NCAA FCS playoff appearance on Saturday afternoon against No. 4 national seed Southern Illinois. Kick off is set for 1:30 pm in Carbondale between EIU (8-3) and SIU (10-1).

ADENIJI, RIORDAN NAMED ATHLETES OF THE MONTH
From the EIU Athletic website

The EIU athletic department has named its male and female student-athlete of the month for October. Winners are seniors Ademola Adeniji from football and junior Carrie Riordan from women's golf.

Athletic Adeniji, a senior from Springfield, IL, carried the bulk of the load for the Eastern Illinois football team during the month of October as he rushed for 619 yards for the month as Eastern Illinois went 3-1 and moved up to No. 21 in the FCS Coaches rankings. Adeniji had three games of more than 150 yards with a career-high 197 coming against Murray State. He averaged 154.8 yards for the month scoring six touchdowns.
Riordan, a junior from Spring Valley, IL, had one of the most successful months ever for an EIU women's golfer as she carded three Top 3 finishes in four tournaments played during the month of October. Riordan tied for second at the Butler Fall Invite and UMKC Tournament while posting a third place finish at the Austin Peay Intercollegiate. Riordan had six rounds in the 70's with a low round of 72 at Butler.

**UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS**

November 16 - Men's Soccer, TBA, at MVC Championships (Semifinals Opponent TBD), at Omaha, Neb  
**November 17 - Football, 1:30pm, Samford at O'Brien Stadium**  
November 18 - Men's Soccer, TBA, at MVC Championships (Championship Round Opponent TBD), at Omaha, Neb  
November 24 - Women's Basketball, 6pm, at Toledo, Toledo, OH  
November 20 - Women's Basketball, 7pm, at Illinois-Chicago, Chicago, IL  
November 20 - Men's Basketball, 7pm, Western Illinois at Macomb, IL  
November 24 - Men's Basketball, 7:05pm, Arkansas State at Jonesboro, Ark  
November 27 - Men's Basketball, 7:05pm, UW Green Bay at Green Bay, Wisc  
November 27 - Women's Basketball, 7:05 pm at Bradley, Peoria, IL  
**November 29 - Women's Basketball, 7pm, Indiana State at Lantz Arena**  
November 30 - Men & Women's Swimming, All Day, at House of Champions, Indianapolis, IN  
November 30 - Men's Basketball, 5:45pm, Rice (Hawkeye Classic) at Iowa City, Iowa  
December 1 - Men & Women's Swimming, All Day at House of Champions in Indianapolis, IN  
**December 1 - Women's Basketball, 7pm, Loyola (Chicago) at Lantz Arena**  
December 6 - Women's Basketball, 5pm, Tennessee Tech at Lantz Arena  
December 6 - Men's Basketball, 7:15pm, Tennessee Tech at Lantz Arena  
December 8 - Women's Basketball, 5pm, Tennessee State at Lantz Arena  
December 8 - Men's Basketball, 7:15pm, Tennessee State at Lantz Arena  
December 8 - Men & Women's Indoor Track, time TBA, Indiana State at Lantz Indoor Fieldhouse

For a complete listing of sporting events contact [www.EIUpanthers.com](http://www.EIUpanthers.com).

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**SPORTS RESULTS**

None at this time

* - Ohio Valley Conference or Missouri Valley Conference (soccer) game  
All times central  
Home events in caps