**HEADLINES**

**MATTOON CHOSEN AS SITE FOR FUTUREGEN**
Excerpted from JG-TC
By Herb Meeker, Staff Writer

"The Future has come to Mattoon!" said Coles Together President Angela Griffin Tuesday morning in the former Times Theater on Broadway Avenue. "What a great day for Mattoon. The eyes of the world are on us," said Griffin, a member of the FutureGen leadership team.

FutureGen Alliance will start preparing for construction to start by mid-2009 for the coal-burning, near-zero power plant. It is not just a new utility coming to a site west of Mattoon, but a working lab to perfect technology for making coal a viable, cleaner product through coal gasification and long-term underground storage of carbon dioxide emissions. The new $1.5 billion plant will be operating by the end of 2012.

Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich said not only does the energy project put East Central Illinois in the spotlight for years to come, but it will generate about 3,000 jobs through construction, plant operations and the "bubble effect" from bringing this ground-breaking technology to the state. He said all of Illinois, including Tuscola, another FutureGen finalist, can share in the economic benefits from FutureGen, especially for an estimated $116 million payroll and the establishment of related energy firms and plants. It can also mean renewed jobs in the coal industry of Southern Illinois.

Dick Lumpkin, CEO of Consolidated Communications, was smiling like a kid after Christmas as he left the Time Theater. "This is the greatest day for Mattoon in my lifetime. This will put Mattoon on the map and attract a lot of opportunities," said Lumpkin.

For the full story go to JG-TC.com December 17, 2007 article, or go to the multimedia page to watch an audio slide show from the announcement of the bid winner for the FutureGen site.
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

ALUMNI & DONORS APPRECIATED

Year End Giving:
Eastern Illinois University and the EIU Foundation appreciate our alumni and donors. You make a difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff. It is always fitting for us to pause and say THANK YOU at this time of year, for your generous gifts of time, talent, and financial resources. It is appreciated!

December is a busy time in the philanthropy office with folks making year-end gifts. We wanted to pass along the following information so that your year end giving can be done easily with you in mind. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Office Hours:
Lumpkin College of Business & Applied Sciences Philanthropy office hours: Closed Dec. 24 & 25, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1. The office will be open Dec. 21 until noon, Dec. 26-28 8 am - noon. Email will be checked regularly as well as voice mail.

Making a Year end Gift:
Online giving: The deadline to make a credit card or debit card gift online and receive 2007 tax credit is 11:59 pm on Dec. 31, 2007. This type of giving is encouraged to insure 2007 tax credit. To make a gift online, please go to: https://commerce.cashnet.com/eiualumni.

Checks: Checks dated on or before Dec. 31, 2007 will be given tax credit for 2007.

Gifts by Phone: Gifts made by phone must be made by noon, Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, to receive 2007 tax credit. You must talk to a live person to make this type of gift. You may call 217-581-3313 or 217-581-7969 to make these gifts.

Gifts of Securities/Stocks: Transfers to an EIU Foundation account must be received in the Foundation account no later than the end of business on Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, to receive 2007 tax credit. For information on EIU Foundation accounts, please contact the EIU Foundation at 581-3313 OR Jacqueline Joines, CFRE at 217-581-7969.

IRA Rollover Gifts: This is the last year that Congress has approved IRA rollovers for charitable gifts. IRA Rollover gifts MUST be received in an EIU Foundation approved account no later than Dec. 31, 2007, to receive 2007 tax credit. For assistance, please contact the EIU Foundation at 217-581-3313 OR Jacqueline Joines, CFRE at 217-581-7969.

Please feel free to contact the LCBAS Philanthropy office if you have any questions. THANK YOU!
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.

FREE FOOD EQUALS LOTS OF STUDENTS
Excerpted from DEN
By Jordan Crook, RHA Reporter

President Bill Perry took on a new position Sunday night: banana slicer. Perry, alongside several other members of the administration, took part in the Finals Feast, which offered students free food served to them by faculty and administration members. Perry said he enjoys participating in events like this that offer members of the school's administration a chance to interact directly with students because of the fun they offer everyone involved.

Perry said he thought the event was fun because it gave him the chance to not only speak with students but also let him feel almost like a student again. "One of the great things about working at a university is that energy students have about them," he said. "And sometimes some of that energy rubs off on you and it inspires you to do your best."

Some students stood in line outside of the Taylor dining center for more than 20 minutes to be served bananas, or "brain food" as Perry called them, by faculty members, though, for some, the draw of the event was the free food and the break from finals preparation it offered.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said this interaction is the most important aspect of events like these. He said the Finals Feast is an event he looks forward to every semester. "This is one of the last opportunities we have to wish everyone well," Nadler said.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining, said this is the fifth Finals Feast he has overseen and said every one has been successful because of the student and faculty involvement. Hudson said the theme of the events was "M&M's: Minis and Munchies" which was why the menu for the night included various "mini" foods. He said previous feasts had about 1,000 students attend. Hudson added many of the students who come are drawn to the event by the free food. "What could be better than free food?" he said.

For the full story go to DENNEWS.com December 10, 2007 article.

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 alums. Newport, author of Management Up, Down, and Inside Out, is a professor of management and dean emeritus at the University of Alabama.


COMMENCEMENT: 'ANXIETY, EXCITEMENT'
As reported by DEN
By Logan Richardson, Staff Reporter

For some students, their college careers came to an end on Saturday, December 15, 2007, when two graduation ceremonies took place.

The first ceremony was for Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences and the College of Arts and Humanities. The second ceremony was for the School of Continuing Education, the College of Education and Professional Studies and the College of Sciences. Actual diplomas will not be handed out until all grades are confirmed, but the ceremony took place to honor students' hard work.

"The ceremony is a celebration of their achievement for the graduates and their families," said Martha Hackler, of the commencement staff.
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.

**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 web site offers nutritional foods, dietary supplements, and resources on illnesses and treatments.

**ENews Sources**
The ENEWS is a publication of the Lumpkin College of Business & Applied Sciences Development Office. Much of the text is obtained from the University Newsletter, Media Relations, and the Alumni Newsletter. Other sources for campus news include the PANTHER ATHLETICS, the DAILY EASTERN NEWS, and the CHARLESTON TIMES-COURIER.

Behind the scenes of graduation were many volunteers, such as Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining. He has helped with graduation for the past seven years. "Parents return to see their child cross the stage, which symbolizes a major accomplishment for the student as well as for the family," Hudson said. "Everyone is so excited. It is the best symbol of why we work in higher education, and the moment where the student shows he or she is ready to take on the world."

For the full story go to DENNEWS.com December 10, 2007 article.

**EASTERN WORKS TO LOWER TUITION COSTS**
As reported by DEN
By Sara Cuadrado, University Reporter

An ongoing debate has questioned the affordability and rising costs of higher education, and Eastern is not exempt from this debate.

"Unabated rises in tuition rates will make higher education less affordable for many people," said Eastern President Bill Perry. Perry said enhanced state funding for public universities leads to the moderation of tuition rate increases. Perry said Eastern is working to raise scholarship money and practice cost avoidance.

Eastern is saving money by conserving energy and water, recycling programs to minimize the need for extra dollars, utilizing a textbook rental program which is highly regarded throughout the state and through scholarship money. Eastern has established more than 100 new student scholarships over the past five years and raised money to support annual operations and capital improvements.

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations said, "We are working with our state legislature to carry forward the message that higher education is educating the next generation of teachers, business leaders, (and) healthcare providers, and that investment in higher education is an investment in the future of the state of Illinois".

For the full story go to DENNEWS.com December 6, 2007 article.

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**At Tarble Art Center**
**The Faculty Art Exhibit**
Through January 6, 2008

**Modern Art from the Collection**
Location: Tarble Arts Center, West Main Galleries
Through January 6, 2008

**Carved Marble Sculpture**
Location: Tarble Arts Center, Brainard Galleries
January 6 - March 2, 2008
Ben Whitehouse: Revolution
Location: Tarble Arts Center, Main Galleries
January 12 - February 24, 2008

World fusion guitar virtuosos to perform at the Tarble Arts Center
January 20, 3pm, Fareed Haque & Goran Ivanovic, the next Chamber Music Series concert. For admission price or more information, phone 217-581-2787 or email tarble@eiu.edu.

Tuesday-Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm Saturday
Sunday: 1 - 4 pm
Closed Monday and major holidays
Closed for Christmas-New Year's Holidays · December 22 - January 1
Admission and visitor parking are free.
For information: 217-581-ARTS (2787)
http://www.eiu.edu/~tarble/exhibprog.html

EVENTS CALENDAR

January
8 Harlem Globetrotters, 7pm, Lantz Arena. Tickets now on sale at the Lantz Ticket Office in room 2024 from 9-4 daily. Phone 217-581-2106 or purchase online at www.eiupanthers.com
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

HARLEM GLOBETROTTER TICKETS NOW ON SALE
From the EIU Athletic website

The Harlem Globetrotters are coming to Charleston. They will appear at Eastern Illinois University's Lantz Arena at 7pm, Tuesday, January 8. Tickets are currently on sale at the Lantz Ticket Office in Room 2024 from 9-4 daily (217-581-2106) and online at the athletic website www.eiupanthers.com. Three off-campus locations are also selling tickets, Charleston TruValue and First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust in Charleston and Mattoon.

There are 100 courtside VIP seats available for $42 per person. Reserved seats are priced at $24. The reserve seating locations are the west floor chairbacks, east floor and east balcony chairbacks. The general admission ticket price is $16 for seating in the north, south and west balconies.

"The Globetrotters continue to offer an evening of great family entertainment at reasonable prices. This is the fourth time the Globetrotters have entertained in Lantz Arena but their first visit since 2000 so when they inquired if we were interested in hosting a performance again, we thought it would again be a good event for Charleston and Mattoon along with the other surrounding communities," said Dave Kidwell, EIU Assistant Athletic Director. "We also believe Globetrotter tickets would be an excellent Christmas gift so hope area fans take advantage of the timing of this game right after the holidays and purchase tickets while good seats are still available prior to December 25."
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 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.

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

WALTERS NAMED THIRD TEAM ALL-AMERICAN
From the EIU Athletic website

Eastern Illinois junior defensive end Pierre Walters was named a third team All-American by the Associated Press during the release of the 2007 FCS All-American teams. Walters ranked sixth on the Panthers team this season making 47 tackles. He was the team leader with four sacks while his 6.5 tackles for loss were third highest on the team. He was also credited with two pass breakups, two quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. Following the Panthers season he was named a first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference member. Walters is from Forest Park, IL, where he prepped at Westchester Saint Joseph. Walters is the only EIU player on this year's Associated Press team and one of five players from the Ohio Valley Conference. For a list of other honorees, see the website at www.eiupanthers.com.

THREE PANTHERS NAMED ALL-MIDWEST REGION
From the EIU Athletic website

After leading Eastern Illinois men's soccer to a 12-win season, Mick Galeski, Brad Peters and Adam Gartner have been named All-Midwest Region by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Galeski and Peters were Second Team selections for the second year in a row. Gartner, meanwhile, was a Third Team pick. The 1989 season marked the last time EIU had three All-Region selections.
The Midwest Region for the men's side of NCAA Division I is comprised of teams that compete in the Missouri Valley Conference, Conference USA and Summit League. Coaches from those leagues select the All-Midwest Region teams.

As an upperclassman, Galeski captained EIU to first consecutive 10-win seasons since 1988-89. He enjoyed a career year this fall, recording personal bests in goals (8), assists (12) and points (28) while also leading the team in minutes played (1,948). His 12 helpers were tops in the conference and the second-highest single-season total in program history. The englishman scored the game-winner in EIU's MVC Tournament opening-round victory against Drake and was a three-time Conference Player of the Week. He finished his career ranked third in program history in assists.

Peters led the league with 11 goals for the second year in a row, becoming the first player in the program's Valley era (1996-present) to post back-to-back seasons with 10-plus scores. Six of his 11 goals this year proved to be game winners, as the junior established another MVC era record. Early in the season he scored the game-winning goal in three straight contests and took home MVP honors at the UMKC Invitational. Peters - who was also an iron man forward, ranking second on the team in minutes played (1,888) - will enter his senior season as the conference's active leader in goals and points.

Gartner recorded a career-high nine assists while splitting time as a midfielder and defender. He started every game for the second year in a row and ranked third on the team in minutes played (1,868). The junior ranked second to only Galeski among the league leaders in assists. Gartner has also enjoyed the highest level of dual excellence in the true spirit of a student-athlete. He is a two-time All-Conference honoree on the field, and a two-time Academic All-District and MVC Scholar-Athlete Team recipient in the classroom.

Besides the consecutive 10-win seasons, Galeski, Peters and Gartner have also led EIU to three straight MVC Tournament berths for the first time since joining the league. Peters and Gartner are two of the eight starters expected to return for the 2008 season.

**BASKETBALL AVAILABLE ON OVCSPORTS.TV**

From the EIU Athletic website

Fans not wanting to miss out on any of the Eastern Illinois men's and women's Ohio Valley Conference basketball action can now sign up to watch all the games via their computer at OVCsports.TV. Every Eastern Illinois home men's and women's basketball game will be available on the internet stream along with each of the Panthers road Ohio Valley Conference contests.

You may go to www.eiupanthers.com to read more regarding this option and the different packages available, or log onto http://www.OVCsports.TV.
UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

December 21 - Women's Basketball, 6pm Eastern Kentucky at Richmond, KY
December 27 - Men & Women's Swimming at Ft. Lauderdale College Swim Forum & East/West Meet (thru 1/5), Ft. Lauderdale, FL
December 29 - Men's Basketball, 6pm, Bowling Green State at Bowling Green, Ohio
January 3 - Women's Basketball, 5pm, Murray State at Lantz Arena
January 3 - Men's Basketball, 7:15pm, Murray State at Lantz Arena
January 5 - Women's Basketball, 5pm, Southeast Missouri at Lantz Arena
January 5 - Men's Basketball, 7:15pm, Southeast Missouri at Lantz Arena
January 7 - Women's Basketball, 5:15pm, Austin Peay at Clarksville, TN
January 7 - Men's Basketball, 7:30pm, Austin Peay at Clarksville, TN
January 10 - Women's Basketball, 5pm, Tennessee Martin at Lantz Arena
January 10 - Men's Basketball, 7:15pm, Tennessee Martin at Lantz Arena
January 11 - Men & Women's Swimming, 5pm, Millikin at Lantz Natatorium
January 12 - Women's Basketball, 5pm, Eastern Kentucky at Lantz Arena
January 12 - Men's Basketball, 7:15pm, Eastern Kentucky at Lantz Arena
January 19 - Men & Women's Swimming, 1pm, at Valparaiso
January 19 - Men & Women's Indoor Track, TBA, EIU Mega Meet, Lantz Indoor Fieldhouse
January 20 - Men's Tennis, 1pm at IPFW, Fort Wayne, IN

For a complete listing of sporting events contact www.EIUpanthers.com.

*** 2007-8 Basketball Season Tickets Now On Sale ***
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