Dear Members of the Campus Community:

I am writing to report to the campus my conclusions from the series of just over forty meetings I had with various groups of faculty, staff, students, & university friends from August through November. My objective was to listen & learn. The participation of so many people, about 1,000, was gratifying to me & educational for me. My sincere thanks go out to all who participated.

In the beginning of this process, the letter I sent to student leaders, the faculty, & the staff mentioned my desire for EIU to be best of class & first choice, & to discover what that would mean for us. Participants in the meetings were forthright in telling me in which areas they believed we were already arguably best of class or first choice. They were equally candid in discussing needs & areas in which they believed we needed to do better. Overall the comments made, coupled with my other observations & analyses since arriving in July, enabled me to assess strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, & threats related to Eastern’s advancement. My conclusions with regard to our values, strategic objectives, potential, priorities, & resources were drawn from the content of the meetings.

Values: The most important result of the meetings was a much better understanding on my part of the values of the Eastern community. I consistently heard a strong belief in four underlying values which are the foundation of the commitment I see every day in our activities & programs:

We value excellence, personal relationships, accessibility to an EIU education, & service.

Strategic Objectives: The four values directly support four strategic objectives which will guide our future actions:
--Uphold excellence in all we do.
--Strengthen the EIU personal experience for all members of the EIU community & all whom we serve.
--Enhance accessibility & affordability of an EIU education.
--Support service to each other & to our community, region, state, nation, & world.

Potential: Our students will upon graduation begin a lifelong learning journey, participate in a knowledge economy, serve in a volunteer society, & compete in a global arena. To prepare them, we must provide the best in academic & personal development. EIU is a strong academic institution which has traditionally provided a strong higher education experience with a distinct personal dimension for our students, & it will continue to be so. I believe that with our underlying values & directly related strategic objectives above in place, & consistent with our mission statement that affirms a student-centered campus culture, we can aspire to more:

Eastern Illinois University can be the best in the nation in the integrated academic & personal development of students.

This overall goal will be our guide & frame our actions going forward. By becoming best of all in integrating the academic & personal development of our students, best of class in this dimension is assured. As best of class, we will become first choice for those individuals seeking such an environment for their student, faculty, or staff experience in higher education. Achieving this overall
goal will take time, & it will occur program by program. We have the foundation on which to build. We have the people equal to the task. Each of us has a role to play & a contribution to make. At Eastern, everyone is engaged in making the Eastern environment one in which students can thrive.

Priorities: In order to move forward in a focused way, I am establishing five university-wide priorities in support of the academic & personal development of our students:

--Enhance support for excellence in faculty scholarship & teaching, in particular faculty-mentored undergraduate research, scholarship, & creative activities.

--Enhance service & leadership opportunities for students.

--Enhance fine arts programming & outreach.

--Enhance study abroad opportunities.

--Enhance honors programs.

The benefits of success in these priority areas will be shared by faculty, staff, & students across campus.

Resources: In several of our meetings, individuals raised the issue of resource development & investment. I heard many say we will need to invest in faculty, staff, students, fundraising, marketing, & sustainable operations. I agree, & surely success depends upon the careful investment of resources brought to bear from local, state, & federal sources, private support, grants, internal budgeting, & allocation of cost savings. Beginning this spring, we will be investing in the five program priorities listed above & in the faculty, staff, & students involved in those programs. We will be investing in fundraising for the five priorities listed above, for merit & need-based scholarships to enhance affordability, & for bricks-and-mortar projects. We will invest in marketing our efforts & results to the university’s internal & external constituents. And we will invest in sustainable operations that lead to cost savings & cost avoidance. A primary goal for me is to increase the university’s resource base to support our progress.

Next Steps: As the spring semester unfolds, the vice presidents will be working with their divisions to discuss plans, budgets, innovations, & actions in support of our overall objective of being the best in the nation in integrating the academic & personal development of students. I intend for those discussions to include individual input at the departmental level. Reaching our goal will require everyone’s contributions & efforts. I am encouraging interdivision discussions for projects or actions that will involve or be supported by individuals in more than one vice presidential area.

This is an exciting time to be at Eastern Illinois University. We are a university which honors its past & embraces its future. Each of us, day in & day out, affects the university’s future. Let us each resolve to make ourselves the best we can be as contributors to the academic & personal development of our students, & let us resolve as a university community to work together to that same end. Let us work together, confident of success, so that when asked our part in the success, each can say, “Individually, I made a contribution; together, we made a difference for our students, our university, & our society.” I look forward to working with you to advance our university.

Sincerely,

William L. Perry
New Athletic Director Makes History

Amid an overflow crowd in the 1895 room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union on Friday, March 21, 2008, Barbara Burke was named as Eastern’s ninth full time athletic director. Barbara is also the first woman to hold this position on a full time basis. Joan Schmidt served on an interim basis at Eastern for six months in 1980 and 1989.

Burke also becomes the second female AD in the Ohio Valley Conference, along with Tennessee State’s Teresa Phillips.

"First off, when I saw Barbara as a candidate, it wasn't a gender issue," said Mary Wallace, Eastern's women's track head coach, senior woman's administrator and one of the people on the AD search committee. "It was an issue of, one, she was a person of experience; two, she was a person of passion; and three, she was a leader. Her being here is not a question of gender, but a question of ability."

Burke, the deputy director of athletics and senior woman's administrator at Wyoming, beat out four other finalists for the position. Nadler said Burke impressed him when she arrived in mid-February for her on-campus interview. "How she handled herself, how well she spoke and how well she connected was very clear," he said. "While there is a business side of athletics, there's a personal and relationship side of things. She first and foremost has the student athletes in her heart."

For Burke, 49, it was a moment she had waited for since she became involved in college athletics nearly 30 years ago. It is Burke's first athletic director position after serving in athletic administration for 15 years at four different schools. Burke has spent the past 10 years at Wyoming, which has 17 sports and competes in the Mountain West Conference.

Prior to starting her career in athletic administration, Burke, a 1980 Western Michigan graduate, worked as a softball and basketball coach for 14 years at the college level, including stops at Tennessee Temple, Clearwater Christian (Fla.), Cornerstone College (Mich.), Indiana Southeast and West Virginia State College.

Burke's last day of appointment at Wyoming is April 15 or 16, she said. She plans to move to Charleston in May and start as early as June. Ken Baker, the interim athletic director, will continue to serve until Burke's first official day.

Burke was also one of five initial finalists for the vacant athletic director position at North Dakota. But she withdrew her name from consideration this past Monday, Burke said. "When the offer came (from Eastern), I had a very good feel for Dr. Perry and Dr. Nadler," she said. "It just felt right. I can't explain it. For those of you who have done job searches before, you just know. North Dakota was a wonderful opportunity, but Eastern Illinois was ahead of Dakota, and I had made a commitment to Eastern - and that was the right thing to do. I have no regrets, not one, at all."

See www.DENNEWS.com for the full story.
New campaign to bring in funds

A new fundraising campaign may bring in more than $40 million for improvement projects on campus. The Office of Philanthropy is in the process of developing tentative plans for Eastern's major comprehensive capital campaign, which is likely to raise a minimum of $40 million, said Karla Evans, director of the Office of Philanthropy.

She said President Bill Perry would put together a steering committee for the campaign during the summer, with the committee tentatively slated to meet for the first time in September.

Evans added the specific objectives of the campaign are still being developed, but said the overall objective would be to support Perry's goal of making Eastern best in class in integrating the academic and personal development of students.

Perry listed that overall goal in his January campus-wide email, which outlined what he wants achieved during his time as president of Eastern.

"Any project that comes out of this campaign will be to achieve that objective," Evans said. She said the money the campaign raises might go to capital projects around campus such as building projects. Evans added planning for the campaign is slow because the office is waiting for academic departments to develop projects for the campaign.

The money raised from the campaign might also go to endowment growth, Evans said.

She said the timeframe of the campaign is being tentatively planned, but added the campaign could last for five to seven years. Evans said, however, the timeframe will come closer to fruition in September, when the steering committee meets.

The steering committee will be comprised of around 25 individuals of influence and affluence of Eastern that will help the university raise money for the campaign, Evans said. "It's really a volunteer-driven group," she said. "It's a financial commitment. It's a time commitment, and we would consider it to be a honor to be a part of that group."

Evans added an external source might be brought in to advise the committee, and to advise the office, the deans and whoever else might be internally involved throughout the campaign as well.

"The consultant would be the expert that comes in and gives us recommendations to how to proceed," she said. Eastern's last philanthropic campaign was in 2003.

In that year, the office engineered a three-year mini-campaign, with a goal to raise $10 million. The "You are EIU" campaign, which concluded in June 2006, ended up raising $11 million.

Evans said the upcoming campaign's success depends on the effort of the entire university. She added she is optimistic that it will be successful because she feels the different constituents of the university are working well together to achieve Perry's best-in-class goal.

"We are all rowing down the river toward the same goals," Evans said. "It's an exciting time."

Story by Stephen Di Benedetto/Associate News Editor

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EIU Receives National Award for Alcohol Prevention Efforts

Eastern Illinois University is one of 10 institutions and organizations across the country to be honored for outstanding alcohol-abuse prevention efforts.

The Prevention Excellence Awards were recently presented to organizations that demonstrated their dedication to the health and safety of their students by implementing comprehensive alcohol prevention programs on their campuses.

“I am both pleased and proud that Eastern Illinois University has received national recognition for having achieved excellence in our alcohol prevention efforts,” said Daniel P. Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

Since the 2006-2007 academic year, EIU has required incoming freshman students to take AlcoholEdu. After the first year, participants said they knew far more about alcohol's effects than before, and staff reported far fewer and less severe alcohol-related incidents.

“We know that AlcoholEdu has helped us significantly improve the quality of student life at the university,” Nadler said.

EIU also offers ongoing alcohol education through its Health Education Resource Center.

For the full story go to Public Affairs.

Alumni make gift supporting EIU Securities Analysis Center

EIU alums Don & Mary (Hartke) Gher, recently made a gift naming the data display board within the new Securities Analysis Center in the School of Business at Eastern Illinois University.

“This gift is one example of how they have given generously of their time, talents & resources over the years to change the lives of our students,” said Jacqueline Joines, CFRE & director of philanthropy for the Lumpkin College of Business & Applied Sciences.

The Securities Analysis Center began operation in 2006. Students utilizing the center gain practical hands-on experience with financial markets. The EIU Foundation contributes to the learning experience by using the Applied Portfolio Management class as a portfolio manager for $100,000 of its $42 million endowment. Students invest the money, participate in a variety of markets, & experience the real-life fluctuation those markets bring.

“Don has lectured many times in these classes, & understands the impact the center has had on students,” said James Jordan-Wagner, chair of the School of Business. “Alumni like Don who support the center add credibility to the type of instruction we provide our students. His career & support demonstrate to our students that they, too, can be successful in their careers in finance.”

Don Gher, a 1973 marketing grad, is the retired Co-Founder, Managing Director & Chief Investment Officer of Coldstream Capital Management in Bellevue, WA, a $1.2 billion comprehensive wealth management services company that caters to high net worth private clients & their families. He is a former member of the EIU Business Advisory Board, a former member of the EIU Alumni Assn. Board of Directors, & currently chairs the investment committee & is Treasurer of the EIU Foundation Board of Directors. He was named the EIU School of Business Distinguished Alumnus in 2003 & a Distinguished Alumnus in 2007 by the EIU Alumni Association.

Mary (Hartke) Gher, a 1973 special education grad taught special education & learning disabilities before retiring in 1982.

The Ghers established the Don & Mary (Hartke) Gher Scholarship Endowment Fund in 2003.
McCollum to Receive EIU Sigma Xi Award for Teaching Excellence

Charleston Middle School science teacher Tim McCollum has been honored for his teaching excellence with an award from the Eastern Illinois University chapter of Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society.

McCollum, an EIU graduate and Charleston native, is the second recipient of the chapter’s Excellence in High School and Middle School Science and Mathematics Teaching Award.

Honorees must be high school or middle school science or mathematics teachers who demonstrate excellence in teaching, actively involve students in critical thinking and problem-solving, actively involve students in the learning process, and teach an appreciation for science and mathematics.

Last year's inaugural award went to Rochelle Epperson of Mattoon High School.

McCollum was recently the only K-12 classroom teacher appointed to the National Science Board Commission on 21st Century Education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

He is one of 30 finalists for the 2008 Central Illinois Golden Apple Award for Teaching. In 2003, McCollum received the Presidential Award of Excellence in Science Teaching for Illinois.

He currently serves as the lead teacher for the Polar Palooza National Museum Tour, which brings Arctic and Antarctic research scientists to public outreach programs and teacher workshops in museums and science centers across the country; a Toyota TAPESTRY Ambassador for Illinois; a member of the Advisory Committee for the EIU College of Education and Professional Studies; and the president of the EIU Alumni Association.

“Portion Size Me” Creator offers seconds with “Portion Size Me, Too”

In 2005, James Painter created a documentary, "Portion Size Me," which follows two Eastern Illinois University students who eat nothing but fast food for a month -- and lose weight in the process. He's now offering seconds.

"Portion Size Me, Too!" continues the work that Painter, chair of EIU’s School of Family and Consumer Sciences, presented in the original documentary. The new DVD explains how those same two students from "Portion Size Me!" lost weight and even lowered their cholesterol during their month of fast food only.

Viewers learn how to compare calories, select proper portion sizes and learn how to think "outside the bun" to make healthier fast food choices.

Information on both 25-minute videos can be found at the following Web site -- http://www.eiu.edu/~famsci/portionsizeme/PSMindex.php -- or contact the EIU School of Family and Consumer Sciences at 217-581-6076, fymagee@eiu.edu.
Edmund F. Wehrle, a professor of history at EIU, recently found himself far away from the classroom, instead, in the mountains north of Los Angeles to film an episode of the PBS series “History Detectives.”

The program typically explores a “history mystery” submitted by a viewer. Wehrle's segment involves a letter signed by President Ronald Reagan, thanking a naval officer for selecting the site that eventually became Camp David, the presidential retreat in Western Maryland.

“Years ago, as a recently minted Ph.D.,” Wehrle explained, “I researched & wrote a history of Catoctin Park for the National Park Service. Camp David is located in the park.”

Founded in 1942 by President Franklin Roosevelt, who sought a nearby refuge from the pressures of wartime Washington, D.C., the site originally was known as Shangri-la. Seeking information on how the park located in Western Maryland came to serve as the official presidential retreat, producers of the “History Detectives” contacted Wehrle.

“We chatted on the phone, & they asked if I'd be willing to appear on camera. I figured they'd come to Illinois or perhaps fly me to Maryland, but since Reagan wrote the letter, they decided to film my interview in sunny southern California at the Reagan Presidential Library. That was fine with me.”

The segment's host, Wes Cowan, one of four “detectives” who regularly appear on the program, interviewed Wehrle as the two walked the grounds of the presidential library. “You couldn't have picked a more scenic location. The Reagan Library's set high in the mountains, with a stunning view of the Simi Valley below,” Wehrle recalled.

The Shangri-la segment, which also will feature interviews filmed in San Francisco & Washington, D.C., is set to air this summer, most likely in June, Wehrle said.

The “History Detectives,” now in its sixth season, appears on PBS stations across the country, including WEIU.

Room and Board Rates Set for 2008-2009 School Year

EIU’s Board of Trustees recently approved an increase in room & board rates for students living in EIU housing during the 2008-2009 school year. The rates cover increases in operations including, but not limited to, fixed costs (i.e., utilities, trash removal, etc.); student & employee wage increases; insurance; food costs; & capital projects (i.e., room renovations, fire/safety improvements & unfunded state mandates).

Rate increases will affect students living in EIU’s residence halls & Greek Court, University Apartments & University Court. According to Eastern's director of Housing & Dining Services, approximately 40% of EIU’s student body resides in university housing.

On-going multi-year projects involve room renovations, including fresh paint & new furniture, & the addition of sprinkler systems in all residence halls. Major renovation work, planned for Summer 2008, will upgrade existing toilet & shower facilities to a semi-private standard.
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**EIU starts notification via text messages**

With the shooting at Northern Illinois University just over a month ago, Eastern Illinois University officials are preparing how to handle such an emergency. Eastern has been developing new emergency response systems at the university, this week adding text message notification for students, faculty and staff, said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs. Coined “Alert EIU,” the text message emergency system sends a text to the cell phone of every registered user in the event of a life-threatening emergency on campus. Students, faculty and staff can sign up for the emergency texts on the university’s Web site.

The university already has a system to put information on its Web site during an emergency, send e-mails to everyone on the EIU system, start a phone tree throughout the university and use emergency sirens, Nadler said. Adding text messaging gives officials another option for getting information distributed immediately. A text message will only be sent in the event of a life-threatening emergency on campus, Nadler said. Something like a weather emergency will be handled via the Web site, he noted.

In the past few weeks, the system has been tested with a select group of people and Nadler said they found the text messages reached them in about a minute. The system can send 30,000 text messages in one minute, said Clay Hopkins, director of telecommunications. The way it works is that a designated person will log onto a secure Web site with a password that will allow a text message to be sent to all registered users. Nadler said they are now developing some pre-set messages to put in place for the texts so that the person sending out the text messages will not have to take time composing a message. Since a text message can only be 160 characters, Hopkins said the text will only alert users to the emergency and then they can go to the EIU Web site for more information.

Eastern chose Inspiron Logistics to provide the service, the same company that does the text messaging service for Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Nadler said. The cost to the university is $12,000, which is coming from institutional funds, so it is not coming from any student funds. The only cost to the students or staff will be the same cost as any text message they receive on their cell phone, typically 15 cents per text if a person does not have a texting package, Hopkins said. *(paraphrased from the Charleston Times-Courier)*

**TKE Reunion Planned**

Over 100 EIU Alumni members of Gamma Omega Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon are returning to Eastern with their wives on May 2 & 3 for a weekend of remembrances, golfing, & dining. The event is planned at Eagle Creek Resort on Lake Shelbyville.

Fraternity alumni members from Gamma Omega’s first scroll #1 (Belmont, CA) to scroll #599, & in between have registered for the event. Tau Kappa Epsilon established its EIU Chapter in 1951. Many of those coming have indicated they are interested in visiting the campus & sharing memories while marveling at the growth of the University since they spent their days on campus.

If you are a TKE alumni, or know of one, & are interested in “coming home” for a great week-end contact Ken Koehn, at 1918 Deer Cove Court, Normal, IL 61761, 309-452-5127, for details. Then call the Eagle Creek Resort, 800-876-3245, & reserve your “TKE Reunion Group” room for May 2 & 3.
**EUp Employees honored for continuous years of service**

Eastern Illinois University recently honored more than 230 of its employees for continuous years of service.

A luncheon was held in recognition of university employees with continuous years of service in five-year increments. Those employed at EIU for five years were eligible for a certificate; those with 10 or more years of service were honored with both a certificate and a pin.

For a full list of the honorees, go to University Communications—Media Relations.

**Arts & Entertainment**

- **2008 Graduate Art Exhibition**—April 5—April 27, Artists’ Reception—April 6, 2-4pm
- **Chamber Music Series**: Caswell Sisters/Jazz—Sunday, April 13, 3pm
- **The Tarble at 25—Keynote Address**: Dr. Earl A. Powell, III—April 22, 7pm.
  An address by the Director of The National Gallery, Washington, D.C., to commemorate the Tarble Arts Center’s 25th anniversary.
- **The View from Here to There: The Aesthetics of Travel in the Rural Midwest**—April 19—June 22, Brainard Gallery & eGallery. Opening reception April 19, 2-4pm.
- **26th Children’s Art Exhibition**—May 3-25, Main Galleries. Awards Reception May 18, 1:30-3:30pm.
- **Charleston Community Theatre: Sing-a-long-a-Sound of Music**—April 25-27.
- **Celebration: A festival of the Arts**—April 25-27, EIU Library Quad.
- **Classes & Workshops for Children**—June (date tba)
- **2007-2008 Cultivating Creativity: Consolidated Communications Children’s Art Exhibit**—through August 21. Contact the Tarble Arts Center for the complete tour itinerary.

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**APRIL**

- **12**  School of Business Student Awards Ceremony, 10am Roberson Auditorium
  Beta Gamma Sigma Initiation, 1pm LH 2030
- **14**  Graduate Expo Week, Lumpkin Hall, CEI
  International Spring Awards Banquet, 5:30pm MLK, Jr. Grand Ballroom
- **17**  Distinguished Graduate Student Awards, 3:30pm MLK, Jr. Grand Ballroom
  School of Business Faculty Awards Luncheon, 11:30 Atrium
- **18**  EIU Philanthropy Endowment Tea, 3pm (location TBA)
- **19**  School of Technology Advisory Board Meeting
  School of Technology/NAIT Golf & Goat event, Meadowview Golf Course, Mattoon
  27th Annual Military Ball, Richards Farm, Casey, IL
- **20**  Annual EIU Alumni Event at Busch Stadium. 1:15 pm start time—St. Louis Cardinals vs. San Francisco Giants. Ticket ($55 each) includes a seat in Redbird Row Suites, food and beverages. Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU.
- **Board of Trustees Meeting**
- **Tarble Arts 25th Anniversary Event, 7pm. For more information, call 217-581-2787**
- **24**  Accountancy Advisory Board Meeting
- **28**  SCORE District Meeting, 12 noon, Bloomington, IL
- **30**  St. Louis Area Mid-week Alumni Mingle. 5-7:30pm, J Buck’s Restaurant, 315 St. Clair Square, Fairview Heights, IL. Hors d’oeuvres will be provided. Cash bar. Please RSVP by calling 1-800-ALUM-EIU or emailing alumeiu@eiu.edu.
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MAY
1 St. Louis-Area Alumni Get Out & Wine Down. 5 - 7:30 pm, Vinter's Cellar Winery, 1017 Century Drive, University Pointe II, Edwardsville, IL. Hors d’oeuvres and an array of specially selected wine samples will be provided. Cash bar. Please RSVP by calling 1-800-ALUM-EIU or emailing alumeiu@eiu.edu.
3 Spring 2008 Commencement ceremonies will take place at 9am, noon, 3 & 6 pm. Springfield Alumni Reception. 5-7 pm. Pasfield House Inn, 525 S Pasfield St., Springfield, IL. Hors’ oeuvres will be provided. Cash bar. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 13 by calling 1-800-ALUM-EIU or emailing alumeiu@eiu.edu.
22 Decatur Alumni Reception. 5 - 7 pm, Decatur Beach House, 2301 ELake Shore Drive, Decatur, IL. Hors’ oeuvres will be provided. Cash bar. Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 20 by calling 1-800-ALUM-EIU or emailing alumeiu@eiu.edu.

Professional Opportunities

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY UNION

The MLK Jr. Union is looking for a full-time assistant director. Responsibilities include assisting in the direction of the operations of the union; assisting in implementing the objectives, philosophies and goals of the union; supervision of staff and students; and facility management and scheduling of university events. Position will require some evening and weekend work. Benefits include paid vacations, sick leave, health and life insurance, retirement program options, and tuition waivers. This position requires five years experience in the management of a housing and conference unit OR a university degree with a major in management, personnel, marketing or related fields, plus two years in the management of a housing and conference unit or any combination of experience and university training (in areas outlined above) that totals five years. Candidates with conference facility management preferred. Eligible candidates will be required to take a civil service examination. AA/EEOE. To apply, send letter of application and resume by April 15, 2008, to:
Department of Human Resources – Employment Eastern Illinois University Old Main, Room 2020 Charleston, IL 61920

People in the news

Former teacher at EIU, Helen Devinney passed away on January 22, 2008. She had joined EIU’s Home Economics faculty in 1942 & retired in 1975. Her major areas of teaching were textiles, clothing & household equipment. She was an active member of the Kappa Omicron Nu honorary society & Delta Kappa Gamma in addition to being active in Delta Zeta sorority. Her dedication to home economics is well known & appreciated by many hundreds of students as well as faculty colleagues.

Commander USN (ret.) & Emeritus Associate Professor Waldo Born was passed away on December 15, 2007. Waldo had a 30 year career in the Navy. He received his PhD in Finance from University of Texas at Austin. He then taught at Texas A&M’s Real Estate Research Center & EIU. Waldo wrote & published articles & papers in addition to continuing to fly. He was involved in Train a Pilot Program which encourages young people to embrace a career in aviation. Ten high school age competitors have benefited from this program which gives the students the opportunity to receive their private pilot’s license. Waldo also served as Elder in his church.
Dr. Donald L. Moler, 90, passed away on Sunday, March 30, 2008. Dr. Moler received his PhD in 1951 from the University of Kansas. He was a Master Sergeant in the Army during WWII. He was a University Professor & in 1961 he became the Chairman of the Educational Psychology & Guidance Department at EIU where he served until his retirement in the 1980’s. In 1974, Don received the C.A. Michelman Award for outstanding contributions to guidance in Illinois from the Illinois Guidance & Personnel Association.

Alyssa Obradovich (communication studies) has been selected as the 2008 Women’s Studies Student. She was selected in recognition of her many achievements in the areas of academics, campus/community service & political activism.

This year the Women’s Studies Program has named two 2008 Women of Achievement; Ann Fritz (Biological Sciences) & Angie Hunt (H.O.P.E. of East Central Illinois). The Woman of Achievement Award recognizes Fritz’s and Hunt’s exemplary leadership in defending women’s rights and promoting women’s equality.

McAfee Gym
National Historic Site

Enews Sources
The Enews is a publication of the Lumpkin College of Business & Applied Sciences Philanthropy Office. Much of the text is obtained from the University Newsletter, Media Relations, and the Alumni Newsletter. Other sources for campus news include Panther Athletics, The Daily Eastern News, and the Charleston Times-Courier.

Sports News

2008 Hall of Fame Class Announced EIU athletic department will induct 6 new members into the Hall of Fame Class of 2008 at the Panther football home opener on Sept. 13 vs. Indiana State.

All 6 former student athletes are: Beth Aussin (soccer), Gayle Brandon (track), Linda Ellsworth Gruntner (basketball), Mike Heimerdinger (baseball), Kyle Hill (basketball), & Matt Hughes (wrestling).

Athletic Academic Banquet EIU athletics hosted its annual academic awards banquet to recognize the academic accomplishments of Panther student athletes over the past year.

Recognized at the banquet were seniors Jordan Campanella, Kellie Floyd, Tim Kelly, Jake Larson, Amy LeJeune, Meghan Ryon & Jon Towner with Presidential Awards who each maintained a GPA of 3.75 or above. Also recognized were a grand total of 158 student athletes with a 3.00 or greater GPA for the most recent school year. 48 athletes were honored at University Award Winners (3.75-4.00 GPA), 33 Eastern Award Winners (3.50-3.74 GPA), & 77 honored as merit award winners (3.00-3.49 GPA).

Two awards were handed out to the top academic sports teams. Men’s Golf held a 3.38 team GPA & was recognized with the Obed & JoAnn Henderson Perpetual Award Plaque. Women’s Golf posted a 3.45 team GPA & was recognized with the Paul & Jean Seitsinger Perpetual Award Plaque.

Student Athletes of the Month Jeff Rutherford from men’s tennis & Sarah Coppert from softball have been named the EIU student athletes of the month for March, 2008.

February 2008 Athletes of the month were Jake Byrne (M basketball) & Kandace Arnold (W track).

January 2008 Athletes of the month were Obe Eruteya (M track) & Rachel Galligan (W basketball).

Former Panthers square off in AFL Former EIU players Nick Allison & John Moyer will each start on defense for their respective teams as the Chicago Rush visit the Orlando Predators this Sunday at 2pm CST.

During his career at EIU, Allison recorded 59 tackles and three interceptions. During Moyer’s EIU career, he was a second team all OVC selection during the Panther’s inaugural season in the conference.

For the full story go to www.DENNEWS.com.
Upcoming Sports Events

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APRIL
10—Softball, at Butler, Indianapolis, IN  1pm**
10—M & W Tennis, at Murray State, Murray, KY, 2:30pm
11—M Golf, at Illinois Invitational (thru 4/13), Urbana, IL (Stone Creek GC) All day
12—Baseball, at Murray State, Murray, KY, 1pm**
12—Softball, Tennessee Tech, Williams Field, 1pm**
12—M & W Track, Lee Calhoun Classic, Macomb, IL  TBA
12—M & W Tennis, Austin Peay, Darling Courts, 10am
13—Baseball, at Murray State, Murray, KY, 1pm
13—Softball, Tennessee Tech, Williams Field, Noon
13—W Tennis, at Southeast Missouri, Cape Girardeau, MO, 2pm
15—Baseball, vs. Illinois, Grimes Field, Mattoon, 6:30pm
15—Softball, at Indiana State, Terre Haute, IN, 3pm
16—Baseball & Softball, at St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, 3 & 4pm**
18—M & W Track, Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN, TBA
18—M & W Tennis, at OVC Championships (Thru 4/20), Nashville, TN  TBA
19—Baseball, Jacksonville State, Coaches Stadium, 1pm**
19—Softball, at Jacksonville State, Jacksonville, AL, 1pm**
19—M & W Track, Vanderbilt, Nashville, TN, TBA
20—Baseball, Jacksonville State, Coaches Stadium, 1pm
20—M Golf, at OVC Championship (thru 4/22), Paducah, KY, All Day
20—Softball, at Jacksonville State, Jacksonville, AL  2pm
22—Baseball, vs. Missouri, O’Fallon, MO, 6pm
22—Softball, at Ball State, Muncie, IN  2pm**

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LAST WEEK RESULTS & RECORDS

** Baseball (9-13, 3-3 OVC)**
L 3-1 vs. Southern Illinois
L 8-3 at Tennessee Tech
L 1-0 at Tennessee Tech

W 7-5 (11) at Illinois State
W 1-0 (8) at Tennessee Tech

** Softball (10-13, 5-3 OVC)**
L 7-2 at Southeast Missouri
W 9-1 vs. Southern Illinois

L 7-6 at Southeast Missouri
W 5-4 (10) at Tennessee Martin

** Men’s Tennis (10-6, 4-1 OVC)**
W 5-2 at Morehead State
W 6-0 vs. Tennessee State

** Women’s Tennis (10-4, 3-2 OVC)**
W 5-2 at Morehead State
W 5-1 vs. Tennessee State