EIU PROFESSOR SERVES ON STATE BOARD TO PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES
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Tom Nelson views his role on the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board as a link to his personal past and a bridge to Illinois residents’ futures. The Eastern Illinois University biological sciences professor was appointed to the board by Gov. Rod Blagojevich to fill the vacancy left by the death of Alan Woolf, a nationally respected scientist who served as Nelson's doctoral adviser.

Nelson, past-president of the Illinois Wildlife Society, sees his new role as an opportunity to positively impact the state's environment to minimize negative consequences to wildlife and, ultimately, to humans.

"As a biologist, obviously I’m concerned about the impacts of development and habitat change in Illinois," he said, noting that as a result of land being used for urban and agricultural uses, less than one-tenth of a percent of the state's original prairie remains.

"We're a highly changed state, and that puts pressure on the natural ecosystems," he said. "When you have species that are disappearing from the state, that's an indication that we can do a better job of managing our resources for them and for us. So I feel the responsibility of the board is an important one."

The board, created in 1972 by the Illinois Endangered Species Act, monitors the status of plants and animals in the state and identifies species that fall under two categories: "threatened," which refers to species that are on the path to becoming endangered; and "endangered," which refers to species that are likely to become extinct. The board then advises the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on courses of action to correct the problems.

Among the Endangered Species Protection Board's duties is analyzing development projects that might threaten critical wildlife habitat, and then having the IDNR negotiate with developers to modify building plans to reduce harmful biological effects.

Currently, about 500 species are considered threatened or endangered in Illinois. But, on the positive side, conservation efforts have been able to get some species off of the lists, including bobcats, river otters and bald eagles.
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The board's information comes from sources including the state's Endangered Species Technical Advisory committees, which are comprised of a variety of wildlife experts, including Nelson.

Nelson is excited about the impact his service on the board will have on his students and his research.

"As a teacher, it gives me the first-hand experience with what's going on in the environmental field, which I can then bring into the classroom," Nelson said. "As a scientist, it really helps me to network and know what other people are doing throughout the state."

Nelson, who serves as coordinator of EIU's environmental biology program, joined the EIU faculty in 1994 after teaching and serving as biology department chair at Arkansas Tech University. At EIU, he teaches undergraduate courses in ecology and mammalogy, as well as graduate courses in wildlife management, landscape ecology and the history of science.

Now that he's on the state board, his research interests will likely continue to focus on protected species, including the yet-obscurc ecology of several endangered bats, he said.

Nelson's wife, Dianne, joined him at EIU on July 1, when she became the founding director of EIU's new nursing degree program, which is slated to begin offering classes in August 2007.

FORMER EASTERN DEPARTMENT CHAIR DIES
Excerpts from Daily Eastern News, July 18, 2006
Story by Kevin Keenealy
Former botany department chair William Wallace Scott, of Charleston, died June 24 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. He was 85 years old. Although his many achievements will not be easily forgotten, Scott will probably best be remembered for his easy-going personality.

"He was a very warm, compassionate individual," said surviving wife Jeanette of Charleston. "He was truly devoted to student research. He was always there to help students and graduate students, which were many."

Scott certainly was devoted to his students. Before taking a position at Eastern, he was a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, worked as faculty at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, James Madison University in Harrisonburg and the National Science Foundation in Washington D.C. When he became chair of the botany department at Eastern in 1968, he did not want to leave the position.

"He came out here as head of the biology department, and then got a different job in Old Main, but he went back to the biology department because he missed being around the students," said son Robert Scott, of Charleston.

During World War II, Scott served in the Navy Medical Corp in the Pacific, and he later served with the United States Marine Corps in Korea during the Korean War.

Scott served as president and executive secretary-treasurer of the Phi Sigma Biological Honor Society, director of the Virginia Jr. Academy of Science, president of the ACHS (Association of College Honor Societies) and was active on the boards of the AIBS (American Institute of Biological Sciences) and the AAAS (American Association of the Advancement of Science). He was also a member of Sigma Xi and Phi-Kappa Phi Honor Societies and belonged to the Sons of American Revolution.
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

PANTHER ATHLETICS PLANS GOLF OUTINGS FOR THIS SUMMER

August 4: The Bud Light Classic at the Mattoon Country Club in Mattoon, Ill., will feature the EIU Panther football team, head coach Bob Spoo, and team staff. Lunch begins at noon with golf starting at 12:30 p.m. Carts will be provided. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Cost is $75/person for golf and dinner or $20/person for dinner and mixer only. To sign up, please complete the entry form. Entry deadline: July 31.

September 1: The Ironhorse golf course in Tuscola, Ill., will host the 4th Annual EIU Men's Basketball golf outing and fundraiser. Lunch begins at noon with golf starting at 1:00 p.m. Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. in the clubhouse. The day will end with an auction at 7:00 p.m. Cost is $85/person for golf, dinner, and auction or $25/person for social, dinner, and auction only. To sign up, please complete the entry form. Entry deadline: September 25.

September 30: The Bud Light Tournament at Meadowview Golf Course in Mattoon, Ill., will feature the EIU baseball team and staff as fellow players. The day begins with lunch at noon and golf starting at 1:00 p.m. A social is planned for 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Cost is $75/person for golf and dinner or $20/person for social and dinner only. To sign up, please complete the entry form. Entry deadline: September 25.

For more information on Panther Club Golf Outings please contact Panther Athletics at 217-581-2319 or visit them online.

ALUMNI DAY AT AT&T PARK

The Alumni Association has scheduled an alumni day at AT&T Park on August 19 to watch the San Francisco Giants take on the LA Dodgers. Tickets for the 6:05 p.m. game (in Rows 14-16, section 304) are $29 each, and $5 from each ticket goes towards Presidential Scholarships. The ticket price also includes the 4:00 p.m. pre-game party at Amici's East Coast Pizzeria, located at 216 King Street in San Francisco. To order tickets, fill out this form and mail or fax with payment. Tickets will be mailed prior to the game.

PANTHERS VS. FIGHTING ILLINI TAILGATE

Join your fellow alumni and fans to cheer on the Panthers as they face the University of Illinois in the first game of the 2006 football season. Prior to the September 2nd game, the Alumni Association will host a tailgate outside of Memorial Stadium. Tickets to the game are $42 while tailgate tickets are $15 or $20 depending on the package you select. To order tickets, fill out and return this pdf form.

TRAVEL WITH THE EIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni can sign up for 2006 travel opportunities with Alumni Association members to the Italian Riviera, Ireland, Greece, and Germany. Details of each trip are below.

Greece -- September 11-22, 2006
This excursion will feature the Greek Isles, including a tour of the ancient monuments in Athens, one of the Western World's most historic capitals. For more information, please contact the Alumni Association.

Germany's Holiday Markets -- November 27-December 5, 2006
This river cruise on the Main River will feature ports of call around Germany, including Miltenberg, Wertheim, Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Bamberg, and Nuremberg. For more information, please contact the Alumni Association.
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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.

His newest book is More Country Music for Laughin', Lovin' and Livin' It Up. More Country Music... contains even more country music song lyrics for more country songs that may someday be written than his previous book, Country Music for Laughin', Lovin' and Livin' It Up.

Newport has generously arranged for a special offer for EIU alumni and friends, allowing proceeds from the purchase of Country Music... to benefit the Theodore W. Ivarie Leadership & Innovation Fund.

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

EVENTS CALENDAR

August
4 Panther Club Golf Outing - Mattoon, IL. Mattoon Country Club. Lunch: 12:00 noon. Golf: 12:30 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Cost: $75/person; $20/person dinner & mixer only. Please complete the entry form by July 31.


September
1 Panther Club Golf Outing - Tuscola, Ill. Ironhorse Golf Course. Lunch: 12:00 noon. Golf: 1:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Auction: 7:00 p.m. Cost $85/person; $25/person social, dinner, & auction only. Please complete the entry form to sign up.

2 Alumni Event - Football Game. EIU Panthers vs. Fighting Illini at Illinois. Alumni Association tailgate: 4:00 p.m. Kickoff: 6:00 p.m. Tailgate will be held outside of Memorial Stadium in Champaign, Ill. Game tickets: $42. Tailgate tickets: $15 - $20. To order tickets, fill out and return this .pdf form.

6 Beta Gamma Sigma International award presentation for Jack Schultz. More details TBA.

30 Panther Club Golf Outing - Mattoon, Ill. Meadowview Golf Course. Lunch: 12:00 noon. Golf: 1:00 p.m. Social: 5:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Cost $75/person; $20/person for social & dinner only. Please complete the entry form by September 25.

October
7 Family Weekend 2006.

21 Homecoming Weekend 2006.

November
3-5 Black Alumni Reunion. 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

Rodney K. Marshall, communication studies, has published an article titled "An Instrument to Measure Information Competency" in the July issue of the Journal of Literacy and Technology.


Terry A. Barnhart, history, participated in the National Endowment for the Humanities "American History and Culture" workshop for community college faculty held July 14 at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus. The title of his presentation was "Cultural Interactions in the Ohio Country from the 17th through the 19th Centuries: Native Americans, Europeans, and Americans."
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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.

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.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Office Systems Specialist II
The School of Business has an immediate need for an Office Systems Specialist II. This person provides administrative support for the associate chair/coordinator of Graduate Business Studies in the School of Business, and interacts primarily with prospective and current MBA students. Duties include tracking data, maintaining reports, providing support for MBA events, updating and maintaining the MBA Web site and portions of the School of Business Web site, taking minutes at committee and advisory board meetings, and working in a team environment for School of Business planning. Position requires high school graduation AND two years of experience performing duties as an Office Systems Specialist I or in other positions of comparable responsibility. To apply, bring or send letter of application and resume by July 26 to the Department of Human Resources, Employment Office, 600 Lincoln Ave., Old Main, Room 2020, Charleston, IL 61920. AA/EOE/ADA

Assistant to the Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies
EIU is inviting applications for the position of assistant to the dean, College of Education and Professional Studies. The assistant to the dean has primary responsibility for assisting and advising the dean on essential management services within the college, particularly as they relate to budget and personnel. Qualifications: Earned bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university is required. Preference will be given to applicants with budget and personnel experience. Application Procedure: Applicants should send a letter of application; resume; names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references; and unofficial transcript(s) by July 31 to Diane Jackman, Dean, College of Education and Professional Studies, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, IL 61920 (dhjackman@eiu.edu). Review of applications will begin on July 31. Position is open until filled. The Web site for the College of Education and Professional Studies is http://www.eiu.edu/ceps. AA/EOE/ADA

Department of Physical Education
Full-time position as an annually contracted faculty member in the Department of Physical Education for Fall 2006. Responsibilities: Serve as coordinator of clinical education for the Athletic Training Program and teach undergraduate courses in athletic training, plus professional and activity courses. Educational Requirements: Master's degree in physical education, athletic training or related major required, and must be athletic training certified. Send letter of interest: A current resume with names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of three references, and an unofficial copy of transcripts should be sent, by Aug. 1, to Phoebe Church, Department of Physical Education, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, Ill. 61920-3099. AA/EEO/ADA

Dietetics
Position: Tenure-track assistant professor position in Dietetics within the School of Family and Consumer Sciences. Responsibilities: Teach undergraduate and graduate-level courses in dietetics with an emphasis in nutrition. Courses may include physiological nutrition, nutrition services management, nutrition in the life cycle and community nutrition. In addition, conduct research/scholarly activities and provide professional service. Qualifications: ABD status required, earned doctorate in FCS-related field preferred. Registered Dietitian (RD) required, with successful college-level teaching preferred. Affiliations with professional organizations, such as the American Dietetic Association and Society for Nutrition Education are desirable. Starting Date: August 2007. Appointment contingent upon availability of funds. Applications: Send application packet, including a letter of application, vita, three letters of reference and official transcripts, to Karla Kennedy-Hagan, PhD, RD, LDN, School of Family and Consumer Sciences, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Ave, Charleston, IL 61920; fax (217) 581-6090; e-mail kjkennedyhagan@eiu.edu. Review of applications begins Sept. 25, and will continue until position is filled. For more information, please see http://www.eiu.edu/~civil/description/f001fcs-dietetics-fy07.htm AA/EEO/ADA
LINNEA UTECHT NAMED ASSISTANT COACH
Linnea Utecht, a former First Team All-Mid-Continent Conference performer and later assistant coach at Oakland University, has joined Kim Schuette's Eastern Illinois softball staff as an assistant coach. "I am pleased to have Linnea join our Panther softball program. She is a very outgoing, kind, young professional who is eager to learn," Schuette said. "She has great passion and energy for this game that I believe will be very contagious with our team, recruiting and in the Charleston community."