HEADLINES

EASTERN STILL RETAINS U.S. NEWS RANKING

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Eastern Illinois University remains in the top half of the best Midwestern universities granting master's degrees, according to U. S. News & World Report, but its position has slipped from years past. The magazine's annual edition of "America's Best Colleges" ranks EIU at 47 among 142 Midwestern schools offering undergraduate and master's degrees. In 2007, Eastern ranked in the top 40 at 47.

Among Midwestern public universities, Eastern ranks 14th, but that, too, is lower than where it has been in the past. Last year, it was 10th. "One thing we noticed is that our overall score remained the same," said Janice Hunt, university spokeswoman. "So, (the ranking) doesn't reflect our performance. We're still doing well." Eastern's overall score was 43, the same as in 2007. The scores are calculated from 15 weighted indicators of academic excellence, according to U. S. News & World Report.

Admissions staff say the rankings are helpful because students and parents do ask about them, Hunt said, but numbers are only a part of the university's assessment. "Students receive great opportunities here," Hunt said. "Our study abroad program has greater participation than any Illinois public university. Our honors program is prospering. While numbers are important, they don't tell our whole story."

Hunt highlighted other positive marks, such as a 16:1 student-faculty ratio and only 5 percent of classes with 50 or more students. EIU also has the highest freshman retention rate and highest graduation rate of all Illinois public universities in its class, she said.

"Eastern Illinois University consistently ranks well among our peers, and for good reason," said EIU President Bill Perry. "The dedication of the faculty and staff makes students' experience here an overwhelmingly positive one, and I'm confident we're all going to work together to make this already great institution even better in the coming years."

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EASTERN MARKS 50 YEARS OF UNIVERSITY STATUS
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The anniversary passed quietly this month with nearly as little fanfare as the occasion itself. Fifty years ago, Gov. William Stratton signed a bill making Eastern Illinois State College a university, giving the institution its fourth and current name - Eastern Illinois University. Sen. Robert Lyons of Oakland introduced the bill on May 2, 1957, and the change became official July 5 of that year. At the time, no immediate changes, except for the name, were planned. "For the present at least, the change is nothing more than in name," President Quincy Doudna was quoted as saying.

That's how students and staff remember it, too. "I remember when it happened, but it didn't create much of a stir amongst the students," said Clare (Roeslein) Dye, formerly of Litchfield, now of Las Vegas, a junior at Eastern in 1957. Dye posed for a picture for the July 24, 1957 issue of the Eastern State News (predecessor to the Daily Eastern News), acting like she was painting over a sign that read "Eastern Illinois State College." "It's nice to be reminded that this is the 50th anniversary of the name change," she said. "That's neat."

Harold Marker, who taught at Eastern part time beginning in the '50s, said bigger changes occurred 35 years before when the school changed from Eastern Illinois State Normal School to Eastern Illinois State Teachers College. "It really wasn't much different," Marker said of the school becoming a university.

About the only hubbub surrounding the name change came in July 1957 when 75 prospective graduates petitioned the administration to put "Eastern Illinois University" on their summer diplomas. Administrators decided to charge the graduates $2 for the change as the diplomas already had been printed with the "Eastern Illinois State College" name.

Still, the name change may have come at a time when the school was on the cusp of bigger things. "The school was growing rapidly at that time," Marker said. Whether Eastern deserved the designation of university was debated briefly on the school newspaper's editorial page. "What a university should consist of is a matter of definition and whether or not Eastern meets the requirements can be debated also," an editorial stated. "Eastern is growing, and sometime in the near future, it will probably be able to meet the requirements of a university ... The most important thing to strive for is to make Eastern, whether it be a 'college' or 'university' in name, a great institution of learning."

Along with Eastern, Western Illinois University received the university designation in July 1957. Northern was made a university earlier that year. Southern became one in 1947 and Illinois Normal (now Illinois State University) was a university from its beginning. According to the Illinois Board of Higher Education, a university offers graduate programs, and Eastern had taken that step in 1944.

What followed the name change was a time of growth for the university, both in enrollment and buildings. In 1957, almost 2,000 students were enrolled, and Booth Library, now in the middle of campus, was the south edge of campus. Today, enrollment surpasses 12,000 and the university campus stretches to Terrace Lane on the south, to University Drive on the east and to Ninth street on the west.

Current President William Perry said the university can be proud of its accomplishments. "Eastern Illinois University has a proud history, forged by dedicated individuals over a 110-year period, of providing an education of quality second to none," he said. "In the coming years we will continue to pursue excellence and meet the needs of our students, our community, our region, and our other constituents."
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.

Please Support EIU Alums and Friends

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


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.

Dye said she keeps up with the happenings at Eastern and believes her alma mater lives up to the name it received 50 years ago. "It's grown so much since we were there," she said. "I believe there is a lot of diversity. I had what I felt was a great education."

EIU OFFICIALS: SLIGHT DIP IN ENROLLMENT 'RIGHT WHERE WE WANTED TO BE'

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Enrollement may be down, but that doesn't have Eastern Illinois University administrators singing the blues. Tenth-day enrollment shows 12,179 total students at Eastern for the fall semester, a 1.4-percent decrease from last fall's record-setting enrollment of 12,349. On-campus students total 11,013 for the fall, also down slightly from last fall's 11,180.

Provost Blair Lord said the decrease in enrollment did not come as a surprise. "The decrease in total student enrollment that we do see was expected, in that the university has taken deliberate measures to edge back with a long-term, sustainable goal in mind," Lord said.

Lord said the size of Eastern's classes is a draw for students because it offers them personal attention. EIU's current student-faculty ratio is 18:1. "By adjusting our enrollment in measured but moderate ways, we can ensure our students that they, too, will benefit from Eastern's tradition of offering a quality education this year and in the future."

President Bill Perry said the university's enrollment is "right where we wanted to be." He said large classes the last couple of years have strained the university, so administrators aimed for "a soft landing at 12,000" students. "We think the right size is about 12,000." "By experience we've found that in the third week of classes, things moving smoothly are signs that we're at about the right enrollment." Perry said the university's strategies to keep enrollment near the 12,000 mark would remain the same, factoring in the number of graduates and targets for number of freshmen and transfer students.

This semester's total enrollment includes 10,410 undergraduate students and 1,769 graduate students. The number of graduate students increased slightly from last year. The university saw an increase in minority students, from 1,401 in 2006 to 1,488 in 2007. Minority students account for 12.21 percent of all Eastern students. The number of international students also increased from 151 to 185.

FIRST-SEMESTER LAKEVIEW NURSING STUDENTS TO GET EXTRA MORAL SUPPORT THROUGH MENTORING PROGRAM

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Time management and keeping on top of reading assignments are two challenges first-semester nursing students face. At the Lakeview College of Nursing at Eastern Illinois University, they won't have to face them alone. Lakeview's Student Government Association is starting a mentoring program this year for first-semester students.

"We met with last year's officers and thought it would be a good idea," said Kevin Strohl, SGA president. "The first semester is tough. It's nice to have somebody to go to for moral support. It's just for new students to make a friend and feel like they have someone they can go to."
Instructor Bunnie Roberts, the SGA faculty representative, said the workload overwhelms new students, who have to learn medical terminology, theory, and lab skills that turn into clinical skills. "They go in and think, 'Oh my God, I'll never learn this,'" she said. "I think it will help them if they know there is somebody they can call and someone who's been through it saying, 'It's OK.'"

The mentoring program will pair a couple of students with a student who is beyond his or her first semester, Strohl said. Although faculty tries to encourage students and reinforce that they'll make it through, "it helps to come from a student," Roberts said.

Lakeview typically sees about 50 new students each semester, and Strohl said 20-25 mentors already had expressed interest. The mentors and students will have the opportunity to meet each other during a cookout at Morton Park in Charleston. Strohl said the program has received positive feedback already from potential mentors. "People have replied (to the e-mail) 'I wish we would have had that,'" he said.
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Advisory Board Meeting Graduate School Alumni, Blair Hall 3108, 10:00 am. For more information on becoming an Advisory Board Member, please contact Jackie Joines at 217-581-7969 or jsjoines@eiu.edu.

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Advisory Board Meeting School of Technology, Klem Hall 1418, 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. For more information on becoming an Advisory Board Member, please contact Jackie Joines at 217-581-7969 or jsjoines@eiu.edu.

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Business Advisory Board Dinner recognizing School of Business distinguished Alumni. Mattoon Country Club. For further information contact Jackie Joines at 217-581-7969 or jsjoines@eiu.edu.

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Homecoming
11:00 am - "Celebrating the Legacy and Embracing the Future" - EIU Foundation and Alumni Association Former Board of Directors Reunion Luncheon
5:00 pm - 50th Class Golden Anniversary Reunion - Honoring the Class of 1957
6:00 pm - Philanthropy Awards Dinner
7:00 pm - EIU Pep Rally

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Board Meeting School of Business, Martinsville Rm at the Union, 8:00 am continental breakfast, 8:30 meeting. For more information on becoming an Advisory Board Member, please contact Jackie Joines at 217-581-7969 or jsjoines@eiu.edu.

19
Advisory Board Meeting Family Consumer Science, KH 1418, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. For more information on becoming an Advisory Board Member, please contact Jackie Joines at 217-581-7969 or jsjoines@eiu.edu.

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EIU Foundation Annual Meeting, 1:30-3:00 pm. Please contact April Marchuk at 217-581-3313 or amarchuk@eiu.edu.

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EIU Foundation Annual Philanthropy Dinner, 6:00 pm. Please contact April Marchuk at 217-581-3313 or amarchuk@eiu.edu.

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Homecoming
9:00 am - 2.5 Homecoming Race
9:30 am - Homecoming Parade
11:00 am - Alumni and Family "Tent City" (enjoy free food, giveaways, music and more!)
1:30 pm - Football Game vs. Tennessee-Martin
2:00-4:00 pm - Art Faculty Exhibition Opening Reception, Tarble Arts Center - Recent works in a variety of media by current and emeritus Eastern Illinois University art faculty
6:00 pm - Alumni Awards Dinner

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1977 Grad Assistant Breakfast Reunion, Blair Hall, first floor foyer, 9:00 am.
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Excerpts from September 4, 2007, Daily Eastern News
Article by Dylan Divit

Dwain Naragon has spent the majority of his life creating art. For the past 13 years he has taught in Eastern's art department. However, the art world outside Eastern knows Naragon for another reason. He has made a name for himself as a tile and porcelain producer beyond campus and the United States. His works have been featured in Japan, Belgium, China, Germany and the Dominican Republic.

Naragon entered a drawing in Tarble's Biennial Watercolor and Drawing Exhibition and his piece was added to the art center's permanent collection. "To get an award and acquisition into the permanent collection like this is pretty exciting," Naragon said. "I've received a lot of support from Eastern."

Naragon's proudest moment as an artist came last year after he received the Heritage Tile Award from the Dominican Republic, a tri-annual award that recognizes superb traditional tile art. "It is always a thrill breaking ice on an international basis," Naragon said. "After being in several shows, there's a desire to do more and more."

For the complete article visit www.DENNEWS.com

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

COUNSELING CENTER COUNSELOR

Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois is seeking a licensed/license eligible mental health counselor/psychologist to provide individual and group counseling for college students. The position also requires providing outreach and consultative services as well. This is a nine month, temporary position with a search for a permanent counselor planned to begin in the Spring Semester of 2008. The dates of employment would be August 1, 2007 through May 1, 2008. For a full description, please go to www.eiu.edu/~counsctr/. To apply, please submit a letter of interest, resume or CV, copy of licensure or documentation indicating eligibility for licensure, and three names and phone numbers of professional references to: Sandy Cox, EIU Counseling Center, 600 Lincoln Ave., Charleston, IL, 61920, 217-581-3413. skcox@eiu.edu.
SPORTS NEWS

PRESIDENT PERRY MAKES ADMINISTRATIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

Eastern Illinois University President Dr. William L. Perry announced athletic director Dr. Rich McDuffie's last day was Monday, August 13.

KEN BAKER NAMED INTERIM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Long-time Charleston resident Ken Baker has been named the full-time interim athletic director at Eastern Illinois University, effective immediately.

President William L. Perry said, "Ken is well-known to the campus and community; his integrity and his devotion to EIU are second to none; and his experience with athletics as a participant and official makes him extremely knowledgeable of the athletic arena. His knowledge of fitness and his experience as a teacher and director of campus recreation are indicative of his concerns for the development of the whole student -- academically and physically. (Baker) is in complete agreement with me that it is critical for our student-athletes -- with the staff's assistance, guidance and coaching -- to achieve academically, give 100 percent athletically, and represent EIU with honor both on and off the field."

Baker was chosen for the interim position from among several nominees named by members of Eastern's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. He will serve until a permanent athletic director is in place, with a national search expected to begin this fall. Baker has served as director of Campus Recreation since 2000. According to Dan Nadler, vice president of student affairs, the university will immediately begin reviewing temporary leadership alternatives for that area.


Baker received both his bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Eastern in 1972 and 1973, respectively. He has been actively involved in many community activities, including the Community Unit #1 Board of Education, the Charleston Community Youth Baseball Association, the Parent-Teacher Organization, the United Way Board, the Panther Club, the EIU Letterman Club, the Trojan Booster Club and the Governor's Council on Health and Fitness.

Baker's full resume can be found at http://www.eiu.edu/~stuaff/staff/bio_kbaker.php.

PANTHERS SMOKE TTU 45-24 IN OPENER

Full article available at www.EIUPanthers.com

Cole Stinson connected on 19 of 26 passes for a career high 308 yards as
the senior quarterback led Eastern Illinois to an impressive 45-25 win over Tennessee Tech in the Ohio Valley Conference and season opener for both teams.

The game marked the return of EIU head coach Bob Spoo who collected his 120th career win after missing all of last season with a medical issue.

**PANTHERS ROLL OVER INDIANA ALL-STARS, 83-0**

Full article available at www.EIUPanthers.com

The EIU Panther rugby squad started the 2007 season with a bang by defeating an Indiana All-Star squad, 83-0 on Saturday, September 1, in Indianapolis. EIU junior Samantha Manto led all scorers for the Panthers as she ran in six tries for 30 total points. She also notched three runs over 20 yards on the day. "It was a nice way to start the season," said EIU head coach Frank Graziano. "Our offensive game plan still has some timing issues and our defense was never really challenged in this game, so we still have some tactics to sort out this week in practice."

**UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS**

- September 15 - Women's Rugby, 1:30 pm at Lakeside Rugby Field (Westchester)
- September 15 - Volleyball, 2:00 pm at Nashville, TN (Tennessee State)
- September 15 - Softball, All day at Williams Field (Fall Tourney)
- September 15 - Football, 6:00 pm at O'Brien Stadium (Illinois St)
- September 15 - Men's Tennis All Day at Muncie, IN, (Ball State Invite)
- September 16 - Women's Soccer, 1:00 pm at Lakeside Soccer Field, (Western Kentucky)
- September 16 - Softball, 10:00 am at Williams Field (Alumni Game)
- September 16 - Men's Tennis All Day at Muncie, IN, (Ball State Invite)

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

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**SPORTS RESULTS**

**Football (1-1, 1-0 OVC)**

L 52-6 at Purdue

**Volleyball (7-2, 0-0 OVC)**

W 3-2 at Illinois Chicago  
W 3-2 at Ball State  
L 3-0 vs. Illinois State (at Ball State Classic)

**M Soccer (4-0-0, 0-0-0 MVC)**

W 1-0 (ot) vs. Oral Roberts (at UMKC Tourney)  
W 1-0 vs. UMKC

**W Soccer (2-2-0, 0-0-0 OVC)**

W 3-0 vs. Indiana State  
L 3-0 at Missouri

**Rugby (2-0)**

W 73-0 vs. Purdue

**Cross Country**
Hosted EIU Alumni Open
Brad Butler wins men’s 4-mile in time of 20:23
Erin O’Grady wins women’s 2.1-mile in time of 12:15

**Men’s Golf**
Placed 8th at Purdue Shootout
Top Golfer was Matt Davis tied for 17th

**W Tennis**
Competed at Bradley Invitational
Sandra Sasidharen won Singles Flight A
Natalie Martin/Hayley Homburg won Doubles Flight A

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