EIU HONORS FALLEN 1ST LT JARED SOUTHWORTH

The recent death of Illinois National Guard soldier Jared Southworth of Oakland in Afghanistan has dealt a heavy blow to his close-knit community in northeast Coles County. 1st Lt. Jared Southworth, 26, of Oakland was one of two soldiers killed in action Sunday, February 8, 2009 in Afghanistan. The National Guard reported that both Southworth, an alumnus of Lake Land College and Eastern Illinois University, and Staff Sgt. Jason Burkholder, 27, of Champaign were killed by an improvised explosive device in Helmand, Afghanistan. The explosion also killed one Afghan police officer, wounded another, and killed an Afghan civilian. The incident is under investigation.

Southworth was a part-time officer with the Oakland Police Department. He graduated from Oakland High School in 2000 and then continued his education at Lake Land, earning an associate’s in criminal justice. He earned his bachelor’s in general studies at Eastern in 2006. The Oakland native enlisted in the Illinois National Guard in October 2004 and was commissioned through Eastern’s ROTC program in May 2006. Lt. Col. Larry Coblenz Jr., battalion commander for Eastern’s ROTC, said that Southworth, as a cadet, led the Ranger Challenge club on campus and designed training for its members. Ranger Challenge enables cadets from various ROTC programs to compete in road marching, patrolling, first aid, and other military skills. “(Southworth) was definitely on the top of his game when it came to military tactics and doing it right,” Coblenz said. Coblenz said Southworth later came back to Eastern’s ROTC program as a part-time instructor and as a liaison between the program and the Illinois National Guard.

Southworth and Burkholder were assigned to Headquarters Co., 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry, which left its Marion home base in late September and arrived in Afghanistan in December. The unit deployed to Afghanistan as part of the 33rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team and is providing security for embedded training teams, police mentor teams and forward operating bases. Headquarters Co., 2nd Battalion, 130th Infantry is one of approximately 30 units of the 33rd IBCT and two units from the 404th Chemical Brigade that deployed to Afghanistan to form Task Force Phoenix VIII. They were joined in theater by various coalition partners and forces from other U.S. service components to form the remainder of the task force.

The body of 1st Lt. Jared Southworth arrived February 19, at the Coles County Memorial Airport and was accompanied by a large procession on the way to Oakland. Karen Standard of Standard Funeral Home in Oakland encouraged people to show their support by lining the procession route and bringing American flags with them. “We were hoping there would be a big turnout,” Standard said, and there was. President Perry at Eastern circulated an e-mail bulletin Wednesday afternoon about Standard’s call for a show of support, and university employees made plans to stand along Route 16 in front of Old Main. Lincoln Avenue was lined 4th to 7th streets and again at the high school where the students and teachers were standing outside also. The procession also traveled near Charleston Middle School, where Southworth’s mother is a science teacher. Charleston Middle School interim Principal Michael Schmitz said all the school’s students were scheduled to line the road, holding flags. The procession traveled through Charleston and Hindsboro via Illinois Routes 16, 130 and 133 to its destination in Oakland.

The visitation is scheduled for 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday at the Standard Funeral Home, 215 E. Main St., Oakland, with Southworth’s family being present from 3 to 8 p.m. The funeral is at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Oakland High School gymnasium, with burial following at the Oakland Cemetery.

Southworth and his wife, Chrissy, have four children, Logan, age 7, Owen, age 6, Carly, age 3, and Ally, age 2. He is the son of Robert and Kimberly Southworth of Oakland. He is also survived by one brother, Michael Southworth of Oakland and fiancée Katie O’Connor; one sister, Nikki Bancroft and husband Brian of Champaign; one nephew Preston Bancroft of Champaign.

See here for a related article: OUR VIEW: Soldiers a ‘costly sacrifice upon the altar of Freedom’

See here for story and pictures from DENNEWS and here for the story and more pictures from the Times Courier.
EIU SEARCH FOR VPBA ADVANCES; NAMES OF FINALISTS RELEASED

Three individuals have been invited to participate in on-site visits as Eastern moves forward in its search for the institution's next vice president for business affairs. William V. Weber of Charleston, Patrick D. Kirby of Buda, Texas, and Donald Chrusciel of Ames, Iowa, have been invited to participate in on-site interviews during the month of February. Each of the three candidates will be on campus for a day-and-a-half. Full candidate information and interview schedules may be accessed here.

BUSINESS SOLUTION CENTER OFFERS TRAINING/WORKSHOPS
Reduce Costs, Increase Sales, Recognize New Opportunities Training

Whether you're a business owner, department head or nonprofit organization, you have a chance to jumpstart your organization in 2009 with timely topics to succeed in this economic downturn. We've gathered together a regional panel of experts in each topic who will impart their knowledge and facilitate discussions of best practices to reduce costs, increase sales and recognize new opportunities. There will also be time to discuss your individual concerns with SCORE counselors at the end of each session. All sessions meet from 8:30 a.m. to noon and cost $25

Wednesday, Feb. 25 -- Enhancing Sales Without Increasing Your Marketing Budget
Wednesday, March 11 -- Recognizing and Exploring New Opportunities

The registration deadline is the Monday before each session. For more information, e-mail jezuniga@eiu.edu or visit our Web site.

“How to Start a Business” workshop schedule

March 12, 2009 – Casey Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Casey-Westfield High School 306 E. Edgar Ave., Room 102 – NW corner of modulars. Parking is adjacent to baseball diamond. Instructor: Evan Kubicek

April 9, 2009 – Charleston Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Illinois University, 2011 Lumpkin Hall Instructor: Dave Arseneau

May 18, 2009 – Mattoon Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Crossroads Workforce Investment Board 80 Broadway Ave., Ste. 101 Instructor: Jeanne Dau

June 15, 2009 – Paris Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Edgar County Bank 177 W Wood St. Instructor: Stan Thurman

August 24, 2009 – Effingham Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Greater Effingham Chamber of Commerce & Industry903 N. Keller Dr. Instructor: Stan Thurman

September 2009 – Sullivan Date and location TBA Instructor: Dave Arseneau

October 2009 – Charleston Date and location TBA Instructor: Dave Arseneau

FIRST EIR’S FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER SCHEDULED

The External Relations Committee of the EIU School of Business has scheduled our first Executives-in-Residence for the spring semester. A team of executives from Metavante will be on campus Wednesday (Feb 25) and Thursday (Feb 26). General company information, days, and times available are presented below.

The university-wide open presentation will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday evening in Roberson Auditorium. Gary Baker will present ““Fraud Schemes: How banks protect you. How you should protect yourself.” Metavante performs back office electronic funds transfer for many of our local banks, so we anticipate a few bankers to attend the presentation.

Metavante presenters:
25th - Gary, David, Kevin, Matt, Alli
26th - Gary, David, Kevin
26th - Matt, Alli

Go here for bios of the speakers.
EIU FRATERNITY/SORORITY COMMUNITY RECOGNIZED

The Gamma Sigma Alpha honorary has announced that Eastern's fraternity and sorority community is being recognized with a regional grade point average award for the Fall 2008 semester. This award recognizes campuses where the all-fraternity/sorority GPA is above the all-campus GPA. Eastern shares this honor with 32 other campuses. Ryan Swanberg, the VP Internal for the Interfraternity Council, will accept this award at the 2009 Mid-American Greek Council Association annual conference in St. Louis.

2009 MEDIA METHODS IN ART EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Eastern art educators will host the 25th annual Media Methods in Art Education Conference on March 7 for elementary, secondary and special education classroom art teachers. This year’s conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the newly completed Doudna Fine Arts Center on campus. A registration fee of $79 includes conference materials, continental breakfast and lunch. For information and/or to register for the conference, call 581-5116.

2009 LEARNING MATHEMATICS: OUR HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR CHILDREN MATH CONFERENCE

Eastern's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science will host the annual Math Teacher’s Conference on April 7 for K-12 teachers. The conference will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the MLK Jr. Union. A registration fee of $55 includes all sessions, exhibits, continental breakfast and the luncheon. For information or to register for the conference, call 581-5116.

BUILDING A VETERAN-FRIENDLY CAMPUS WEBCAST

More than 46,000 veterans have returned from the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and are eligible for GI educational benefits. Many of them will start or return to college. In addition to probable emotional needs, veterans will also need special help navigating the campus system and their benefits. This webcast will highlight the unique and varied needs of veterans and explore how Eastern Illinois University can deploy a support network to meet these needs.

Donald Pfeffer, Higher Education Veterans Program, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, and Steven Frantz, Office of the Chancellor, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, will show how the Minnesota college system has structured its support efforts and give tips on how they made their campus more veteran-friendly.

Noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, in Booth Library, Room 4440. To register for the seminar, call the Counseling Center at 581-3413.
STUDENT SENATE MEMBER ATTENDS OBAMA INAUGURATION

Student Senate member Mike Hilty experienced an inspiring event during his trip to Washington D.C. Jan. 13 through Jan. 22. Hilty went to see President Barack Obama's inauguration and imparted his knowledge of governance to high school and middle school students.

Hilty, a senior English and sociology major, has worked for the company Lead America for the last two summers. He has led 12 conferences in those years. The company facilitates leadership conferences for high school and middle school students to teach important leadership qualities. Students spend six weeks at the Leadership University Conference in D.C. Hilty got a call from Lead America before the beginning of this semester. "They called me if I wanted to work the (Washington) conference because they said they needed their 'all-star team,'" he said. "They considered me a valuable asset to the company." He assisted in the Presidential Youth Leadership Conference, consisting of national and international students, leading 21 students. They learned how the legislative, executive and lobby groups work through group-work and simulated congressional hearings.

For the full story go to dennews.com.

BENEFIT CONCERT IN MEMORY OF ALAN R. AULABAUGH:
JAMES LITZELMAN, PIANO

Pianist James Litzelman will perform a scholarship benefit concert in memory of Professor Alan Aulabaugh, who taught at EIU from 1957 until his retirement in 1985. During his tenure, he was an active member of the university community and was awarded both the Outstanding Faculty Member Award and the Distinguished Service Award. As a piano soloist, chamber musician and accompanist across the Midwest, Aulabaugh's musical talents went beyond the walls of the university. All proceeds from the concert will go in support of the Alan R. Aulabaugh Music Scholarship. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, Dvorak Concert Hall. Admission: $5; $3, students. Open seating.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWS WATCH WINNERS AT THIS YEAR'S BEA AWARDS

Congratulations to News Watch students Zach Nugent and Kevin Jeanes for winning entries in this year’s Broadcast Education Association Festival News Division Awards.

--TV Hard News Reporting: Second place, Zach Nugent, "Ft. Bragg Training" (Videographer Kevin Ratermann)
--TV Feature Reporting: First place and Best of Festival, Zach Nugent, "Horses for High Gas Prices" (Videographer Kevin Ratermann)
--TV Weathercaster: Third place, Kevin Jeanes

The News Division had a record number of entries this year. Professionals from across the country judged the more than 300 entries. BEA advisers say Nugent and Jeanes are truly among the best in the nation. Awards will be given out in mid-April at the BEA convention in Las Vegas, NV.
FOOD, ENERGY PRICES PLAY PART IN HOUSING RATE INCREASE

Room renovations, capital projects, and the increase in food and energy are only a few reasons why housing and dining rates increase every year. With an annual budget of $34 million, housing and dining rates will be increased by 6.45 percent, a 0.05 percent decrease from last year's increase.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services, said room and board rates are not a set price like tuition is. Hudson said the Bond Revenue Committee, which is composed of six students, reviews potential room and board rate increases. The Residence Hall Association president and the student body president appoint students to the committee. "These students have to live in the residence halls or Greek Court," Hudson said. "These students are empowered by their respected bodies to spend 10 hours on what is influencing our rates, talk about the budget and our income and expenses." Hudson said once the committee comes to a consensus about the housing increase, the proposal would go to Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs. "After he reviews it, then it goes to the university president and then to the Board of Trustees for approval," he said.

Hudson said there are many influences on why the cost of housing and dining seems to go up. "There is certainly an increase in cost," he said. "The food cost is projected to go up by 8 percent." Hudson said the annual budget for food is $4.5 million. With the 8 percent increase, an extra $400,000 is needed. He said another influence for the increased cost is utilities. "The projection for energy is a 13.5 percent increase for next year," he said. "Our utility bill now is $3.5 million." Hudson said the university has also given all unionized workers such as the dining center cooks and building service workers a 3 percent increase in wages for the next three years that was negotiated in their contracts. Capital projects also increase room and board rates.

Douglas Hall received a $3.5 million makeover last summer, including a fire suppression system and an upgrade to the bathrooms. Hudson said because of a residence hall satisfaction survey for residents that asked the question about bathrooms, Douglas was the least satisfied when it came to theirs. Hudson said a project like this cannot be done every year, but Lincoln Hall will receive a makeover in 2010 and Pemberton in 2012. "We did a designated order by the survey," he said. Also, residence hall room renovations that provide the stackable furniture are still taking place. Hudson said to update each floor in a residence hall it costs $300,000. He said the university is about 65 percent done with all residence hall room renovations. "It will still take us about another four to five years to get all of them done," he said. Hudson said the university is sensitive to the students' needs living on campus. "We want to have enough students to come back and live on campus," he said. "If we do not have enough students living on campus, then we're not going to be able to pay for things that are important for the student body."

STUDENTS LIABLE FOR COVERING DAMAGES IN CARMAN HALL INCIDENT

Around 1 a.m. on a recent Saturday, open windows in near zero degree temperatures caused water line breaks on the third, fourth and sixth floors in the south tower of Carman. The initial break happened on the fourth floor, followed next by the third floor and then the sixth floor, said Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining Services. The breaks caused damage in eleven rooms total and resulted from three open windows on a particularly cold night, Hudson said.

Hudson said there was no specific tabulation of the damage. Individuals are responsible for their personal items damaged, he said. He said he spoke with a few residents who had been affected, and they were working on finding out what their homeowner policies covered. "It's part of our students responsibility to have rent or homeowner's insurance to cover (damage)," Hudson said.
ACADEMY OF LIFETIME LEARNING

MEMBERSHIPS—Looking for the perfect gift for someone 50 years of age and over? Give them a membership to EIU’s Academy of Lifetime Learning. The Academy of Lifetime Learning is a learning community sponsored by the School of Continuing Education at EIU. The academy is open to anyone in the area who is age 50 and over and who has a curiosity and a desire to learn. A one-year membership is $35 and includes exclusive monthly luncheon lectures, social events, reduced registration fees for workshops and tours, and much more. For information or to purchase a membership, contact the School of Continuing Education at 581-5114 or e-mail all@eiu.edu.

SPRING/SUMMER 2009 PROGRAM GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE!
The Academy of Lifetime Learning Spring/Summer 2009 Program Guide is now available. This guide contains a variety of information, including workshops being offered, events for Academy members, and lots of other great information and resources. To view the guide, go to the School of Continuing Education Website and click on the link under ‘Announcements.’

‘HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR DIGITAL CAMERA’
“How to Make the Most of Your Digital Camera” will be taught by Joe Ethridge from 1 to 2:30 p.m. March 3, 10, 24 and 31 in Blair Hall Conference Room 2116. The workshop fee is $60 for members and $75 for nonmembers.

PAKISTAN REPRESENTATIVES VISIT EIU
The College of Education and Professional Studies was honored to be visited recently by three university and government representatives from Pakistan. The visitors, sponsored by UNESCO, were in the United States to research the feasibility of developing a teacher accreditation system in Pakistan. Patricia Fewell, chair of Eastern's Department of Secondary Education and Foundations, was their host and spent several days escorting them as they visited ISBE, SIUE and other areas in Illinois.

BLACK STUDENT REUNION LIVES ON ONLINE
The Black Student Reunion is over, but thanks to technology, old and new connections can continue indefinitely! Jonetta Kibble ’95 has created an online social-networking group called African American Alumni of Eastern Illinois University, click here to join. By the way, it's worth noting that more than 600 alumni came back to campus this past fall for the Black Student Reunion, which raised more than $6,000 for scholarships to EIU recruit and retain students of color. Way to go, alumni!

REACH OUT TO PROSPECTIVE PANTHERS
We're looking for enthusiastic, articulate alumni volunteers to help to recruit the best and brightest students to EIU by working with our admissions counselors to represent Eastern at upcoming college fairs throughout Illinois. Please visit the Alumni Volunteer page for details, including locations, dates and times.

DUELING PIANOS: EASTERN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
This concert will feature the Eastern Symphony Orchestra and is performed in memory of Louis Teicher (Aug. 24, 1924—Aug. 3, 2008). Featured are Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor; Opus 18 by Rachmanninoff, with pianist Jeffrey Brown; and Ferrante and Teicher’s Fiddler on the Roof and West Side Story with pianists Susan Teicher and Richard Robert Rossi. 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, Dvorak Concert Hall. Admission: $12; $10, senior citizens and EIU employees; $5, students. Reserved seating. Sponsors: Charleston Area Charitable Foundation, ESO sponsors, EIU Music Department.

Please support our Alumni Authors and Friends!
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*Wellness: Piece by Piece by Pat Sullivan ’75
*Country Music for Laughin’, Lovin’ & Livin’ It Up
*Momma Used to Say
*Management Up, Down, & Inside Out

By Gene Newport ’57
*Boomtown, USA by Jack Schultz, Former President — EIU Foundation

Pemberton Hall
National Historic Site
EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY
28 Naples, Florida Reception with President Perry, 2-4pm. Eastern Illinois University cordially invites you to join us as our special guest for our annual Reception with the President. The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, 2600 Tiburon Drive, Naples, FL. map
In attendance from the University will be President William Perry, Vice President for External Relations Jill Nilsen ’74, ’75 and Alumni Association Executive Director Steve Rich ’06. Hors d'oeuvres and a host bar will be available. Please RSVP by Monday, Feb. 23 by calling 1-800-ALUM-EIU or emailing alumeiu@eiu.edu

Go to http://www.eiu.edu/~alumni/events.html for details on all of the events.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT - Ongoing Exhibits

♦ December 14 - February 22 - 17th Biennial Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois. A competitive exhibition open to Illinois artists; juried by Alan Leder, Director of the Evanston Art Center; an Illinois Currents series event funded in part by the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.
♦ January 10—March 5, Brainard Gallery, Armin Mersmann: Drawing In Circles
♦ January 27 - February 19, Junior/Senior High School Art Enrichment
♦ February 28 - March 29, Main Galleries & e-Gallery, 2009 All-Student Show.
♦ February 1 — March 10 — 'Wrapped In Pride' Exhibition. Eastern's Booth Library has become the most recent stop in a series, and now invites all interested persons to the national traveling exhibition, "Wrapped in Pride: Ghanaian Kente and African-American Identity." Special commemorative guides will be available at the library. In addition, several exhibition-related events have been planned. Details will be provided as they become available.
"Wrapped in Pride" examines both the art and symbolism of kente cloth in Ghana and its expression of identity in African-American communities. See here for more information.
♦ March 14-April 11, Brainard Gallery, Artist in Residence Exhibition: Kelley Quinn
♦ March 25, 7 pm, Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall, New and Emerging Artist's Lecture: Ivan Brunetti, “Life and Work”
♦ March 30, 7 pm, Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall, Scholar’s Lecture: Dr. Robyn Roslak, “The Laundress in Nineteenth-Century French Art: Representing the Working-Class Body”
♦ April 5-26, Main Galleries, 2009 Graduate Art Exhibition, Reception is from 2-4pm on the 5th of April.
♦ April 18-June 7, Brainard Gallery, African Art Exhibition
♦ May 2 - 24, Main Galleries, 27th Children’s Art Exhibition
♦ Through Aug. 2, 2008-2009 Cultivating Creativity: Consolidated Communications Children's Art Exhibit. (Contact the Tarble Arts Center for the complete tour itinerary.)

Go to http://www.eiu.edu/~tarble/exhibitions.php for details on the above exhibitions.
**PEOPLE IN THE NEWS**

We extend our sympathies to the family, friends and co-workers of Libby Coffey, 55, who died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009. Ms. Coffey graduated from Eastern with a bachelor's degree in business in 1976, and then began working at the university a year later. (She later earned master's degrees in business administration and historical administration from Eastern.) At the time of her death, she was a senior applications analyst in Information Technology Services. She had worked various other jobs in ITS, and had also been employed in University Relations and Testing Service (Academic Testing) while at Eastern.

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family, friends and co-workers of Rhonda Heath, who died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, following a battle with cancer. Since 1988, she had been involved administratively with all aspects of the Department of Music where she most recently held the position of administrative aide. She also served as assistant director and head dean of the Eastern Music Camp.

Andrew M. White, mathematics and computer science, visited two elementary schools over the Thanksgiving break (Nov. 25) and taught six classes of students ranging from grade level four to six. White was invited to Cowden and Herrick grade schools by one of the teachers at Cowden. Class topics ranged from multiplication of whole numbers, to adding fractions, to dividing by decimals. Andrew also has been nominated to have his biography included in the 2008 edition of "Madison Who's Who of Executives and Professionals." The intent of the publication is to notify all who read it that White has reached a level of recognizable success in his field of teaching and distinguished contributions to it.

Eric S. Davidson, associate director for Health Service, delivered three presentations at the Mid-America College Health Association's annual meeting held in Kalamazoo, Mich., Oct. 27-28. Programs presented were titled "Using the Health Belief Model to Increase Flu Vaccination Rates of College Students," "Development of a Departmental Assessment, Evaluation and Research Matrix" and "Development of a Social Marketing Campaign to Promote Sleep." Eric was also awarded the BACCHUS Peer Education Network's 2008 National Outstanding Alumni Award at the BACCHUS General Assembly held in Columbus, Ohio, on Nov. 15. Eric had an article titled "Influenza Prevention and Vaccination: Knowledge, Attitudes and Beliefs of College Students" published in the student monograph of the Eta Sigma Gamma Health Education Monograph.

Ryan Messinger, health education coordinator for the Health Service, was appointed one of two Illinois state coordinators for The Network, a national consortium of institutions of higher education professionals aimed at sharing and disseminating information to help curb alcohol and drug abuse as well as violent behavior among college students. The appointment took place at the Department of Education's National Meeting on Alcohol, Other Drug and Violence Prevention, held in St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 16-19. Betty E. Smith, professor of geography, chaired the session "Ethnic Geography and Migration" and presented a research paper titled "Ecudador Migration Patterns I" at the West Lakes meeting of the Association of American Geographers held at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., Nov. 13-15, 2008. She also supervised undergraduate research of Heather Buzan, who presented a paper titled "Not for Profit Organizations Assisting Education in Ecuador." Betty also chaired two organized paper sessions, "Chavez and Lula: Two Sides of the Latin American New Left" and "Global Forces in Development," and also presented a research paper titled "Human Impacts and History of Settlement in the Galapagos Islands of Ecuador" at the conference of the Midwest Association of Latin American Studies (MALAS) held Nov. 20-22, 2008, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Robert C. Wiseman presented a paper and workshop at the Four State Regional Technology Conference (FSRTC) on the campus of Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas, on Nov. 20 and 21. The title of his program was "Enhancing and Printing of Digital Photographs." The participants of the FSRTC come from the states of Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Missouri.

David Radavich's new poetry collection, "Canonicals: Love's Hours," has been published by Finishing Line Press. The chapbook features love poems based on the standard liturgical hours, evoking time from dawn to dusk, the turning of seasons, the coming of night. Moods vary from anticipation and discovery to absence and loss and finally healing and redemption. Copies are available here or here.

Marko Grünhagen, associate professor of marketing, is the program chair of the 2009 International Society of Franchising (ISOF) Annual Conference in San Diego, Calif. The ISOF is the preeminent conference venue for academic researchers in franchising globally.

Broadway actor Sal Viviano '82 is to perform in a benefit in Myrtle Beach. His bio can be found here.

Bruce DeRuntz '85, associate professor of technology in Southern Illinois University Carbondale's College of Engineering, was one of 20 fellows recently elected to the American Society for Quality.

Kathy Orbin '73, who’s 23 years in administration included time as chair of the NCAA Division I National Softball Committee, has retired as associate athletic director at Western Illinois University.

Gary Balling '76, executive director of the Oak Park park district, was named "Villager of the Year" by a local publication.

Jeff James '90, '91 recently became CEO of Wilmington Health Associates in North Carolina. Virgil Sweet '50, '57, an "Indiana high school coaching legend" known nationally for his technique of teaching free-throw shooting, was honored at his high school.
MEN’S TRACK SWEEPS OVC WEEKLY AWARDS

Eastern Illinois men’s track swept the Ohio Valley Conference indoor weekly honors as Zye Boey and Ian Winston were named the Track & Field Athletes of the Week for their efforts at the Illinois Intercollegiate.

Boey, a freshman sprinter from Decatur, Ill., was honored for the third time this season. He won both the 60m and 200m dash with top times. His mark of 6.66 in the 60m dash was the fourth fastest in the NCAA this season, set the EIU school record and was an NCAA Provisional mark. His winning time of 21.52 in the 200m dash moved him to third on the EIU career list.

Winston, a junior competitor from Champaign, Ill., won his first honor of the year after winning the high jump. Winston’s winning mark was 6’10.25” which places seventh on the EIU career charts. It also ranks first on the OVC season best this year. He was second in the triple jump with a leap of 42’05”.

GALLIGAN A FINALIST FOR SENIOR CLASS AWARD

Rachel Galligan of Eastern Illinois women’s basketball has advanced through the second round of candidacy for the Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award and is now one of 10 finalists nationally for the prestigious honor.

The 10 finalists will be placed on the official ballot for a nationwide vote beginning February 4 and concluding March 22. Votes from coaches and media will be coupled with fan balloting to determine the recipient of the award. Fans can VOTE online during this time period at www.seniormanawards.com. Additionally, a text-messaging voting platform has also been launched. To vote for Galligan, text WB2 to 839863. Standard rates do apply.

The winner will be announced during the 2009 NCAA Women’s Final Four in St. Louis, scheduled for April 5-7.

Go here for the full story.

PANTHER FOOTBALL SIGNS 22 NEW PLAYERS

Eastern Illinois head football coach Bob Spoo announced the signing of twenty-two players to national letters of intent on Wednesday afternoon as schools around the country had national signing day for football. In addition to twenty-one current high school seniors that will join the Panthers for the 2009 season, EIU also added one four-year transfer, one junior college player and one early entry high school senior to this year’s incoming class.

“Our coaches have persevered and worked extremely hard during this recruiting period and there is no doubt we are moving forward with the players in this class,” said long time EIU head coach Bob Spoo at his 3 p.m. press conference. “I am optimistic about this class and feel this is a fine group of young men who will help our program.”

Go here for the full story.
ATHLETICS DEDICATES KEVIN DUCKWORTH SCHOLARSHIP

Eastern Illinois officially dedicated the Kevin Duckworth Memorial Basketball Scholarship during halftime ceremonies of the Jan. 31 victory against Jacksonville State. The Panther athletic department has donated $2,500 to spearhead the scholarship effort. Donations may be made to the scholarship by contacting the EIU Philanthropy Office at (217) 581-5831.

During the halftime ceremony several former EIU basketball players joined EIU director of athletics Barbara Burke and Kevin Duckworth’s mother Maxine for the ceremony. The following proclamation was read to dedicate the scholarship.

Whereas Kevin Duckworth is EIU’s all-time leading rebounder (867) and No. 6 all-time scorer (1569)
Whereas Kevin Duckworth was a 1986 NBA Second Round Draft, the highest ever for a Panther men’s basketball player, and was voted First Team All Mid-Continent Conference
Whereas Kevin Duckworth was a two-time NBA Western Conference All-Star with the Portland Trailblazers and selected the NBA’s Most Improved Player in 1988
Whereas Kevin Duckworth led the Trailblazers to the 1990 and 1992 NBA finals and concluded his career at the Trailblazers No. 10 all-time leading scorer
Whereas, and most importantly, Kevin Duckworth continued his post-season career as a great ambassador for Eastern Illinois University and the sport of basketball through his involvement with civic and youth organizations in the Great Northwest

Therefore upon the recommendation of Director of Athletics Barbara Burke, Eastern Illinois University athletics today formally establishes the Kevin Duckworth Memorial Men’s Basketball Scholarship annually presented to a Panther men’s basketball player who is in good academic standing and best exemplifies Kevin’s personal standards.

WALTERS IMPRESSIVE AT FOOTBALL ALL-STAR GAME

EL PASO, Texas – Senior Eastern Illinois defensive end Pierre Walters had an impressive showing on Saturday playing in the Texas vs. The Nation college football All-Star game at the Sun Bowl in El Paso.

Walters finished with four tackles including one and a half sacks as The Nation All-Stars defeated the Texas All-Stars, 27-24 in front of more than 42,000 fans. Walters, a recent graduate of EIU, was a two-time Associated Press All-American selection and finished his career third in career tackles for loss at EIU.

http://texasvsthenation.cstv.com/

PANTHERS OUTLAST UIC TO EXTEND HOME WIN STREAK

Eastern Illinois women’s basketball’s three-player freshman class scored 11 of its 12 points in the second half, allowing the Panthers to outlast Illinois-Chicago, 58-48, and win their 18th consecutive game at Lantz Arena.

Go here for the full story.
## UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS

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## RECENT RESULTS & RECORDS

### Last week’s results

**Women’s Basketball (19-7, 12-2 OVC)**
- W 64-55 at Morehead State
- W 70-59 at Eastern Kentucky

**Men’s Basketball (11-14, 8-7 OVC)**
- L 53-59 vs. Murray State
- L 48-64 at Morehead State
- L 55-73 at Eastern Kentucky

**Softball (5-0)**
- W 6-0 vs. Saint Mary’s
- W 4-3 at New Mexico State
- W 6-1 vs. UTEP
- W 2-1 at New Mexico State
- W 7-6 vs. Central Michigan
- Pitcher Amanda May named Tournament MVP

**Men’s Tennis (4-2)**
- W 5-2 vs. Dayton
- W 7-0 vs. Robert Morris
- W 5-1 at IPFW

**Women’s Tennis (2-4)**
- W 7-0 vs. Robert Morris
- L 3-4 at IPFW

**Indoor Track**
- Competed at Iowa State Classic
- Top Performers
  - Zye Boey – 2nd 200m dash
  - David Holm – 2nd 800m run
  - Chandra Golden – 5th 60m hurdles