EIU ALUM NAMED IN TOP 150 FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR PHYSICIANS

Mike Finkle has been named one of the nation’s top 150 financial advisors for physicians. Mike is an EIU alum ‘62, with a BS in Education. He completed the Investment Institutes Preferred Portfolio Management Program in 1992 and is a graduate of the Wharton School Senior Account Executive Program at the University of Pennsylvania. Finkle is also a graduate of the American College Estate Planning for Professionals program. He has served on numerous community boards of directors and has been board chair of the local school district and medical center boards. He is also a member of the Presidents Council at the University of Illinois and received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the EIU College of Business and Applied Sciences in 1986. In 2007, Finkle was named to the Advisory Board of the Lumpkin School of Business at EIU.

In 1988 the Danville Chapter of AMBUCS presented a First Citizen's Award to Finkle. During a banquet each year a member of the Danville Community is honored as Danville's First Citizen based on their volunteer service to the community. The recipients are invited to attend the dinner as well as friends and family of the new recipient. The long list of honorees describes persons who have greatly shaped the Danville community. Candidates are recommended by their peers through letters of nomination each winter and are judged by a panel of AMBUCS. Their goal is to encourage and recognize leaders in our community who selflessly sacrifice of themselves for the greater good.

For a number of years the prestigious trade magazine Medical Economics which is distributed to more than 159,000 subscribing physicians across the country, has researched and published a list they call the 150 best financial advisors for doctors. The last list published in 2006 was revised in the November 7, 2008 edition of the magazine and included H. Michael Finkle, the senior partner of Finkle, Lewis & Kittell Wealth Advisors of Raymond James & Associates in Danville, Illinois. Finkle, who is in his 42nd year in the investment advisory business, heads a team of five professionals including the three investment advisors, who service high net worth individual clients residing in 30 states. This is not the first national recognition received by the veteran investor. Finkle was named to the Advisor Hall of Fame by Research Magazine in 1992 and in 1993 received the Outstanding Broker Award from Registered Rep magazine, an investment trade publication. The Research Magazine Advisor Hall of Fame was based in part on industry experience, assets under management, client service, and recognition from their peers and the broader community. The Registered Rep Outstanding Broker Award was based in part on industry experience, good compliance standing, money management performance, client service, business building and peer recognition.

The Medical Economics magazine announcement article outlined their selection criteria which included investment knowledge and experience, continuing education, length of time in the industry, geographic location, a preference for a fee based business model, minimum sized portfolio requirements, prior experience working with physicians as clients and a clean SEC and FINRA compliance record.
EIU ALUM NAMED GRANDVIEW CEO

The Board of Trustees of Grandview Medical Center (South Pittsburg, TN) is pleased to announce that Bruce Baldwin ’76, has been selected as the new Chief Executive Officer of Grandview Medical Center and will join the hospital on April 6, 2009.

Mr. Baldwin comes to Grandview from Putnam Community Medical Center, a 141-bed hospital located in Palatka, Florida, where he has served as CEO for the past five years. With more than 30 years of health care experience, he has also served as CEO of other acute care hospitals in Florida, Utah and North Dakota.

“The Board of Trustees, along with leadership at Capella Healthcare, was active in the selection process of the new leader for our community’s hospital,” said Teena Hewgley, board chair. “We are confident Bruce has the right experience and skills to lead Grandview in continuing its success of having great physicians and staff. He shares our common vision to make Grandview a hospital known throughout the community for its quality and patient satisfaction.”

“I am honored to have been selected for this position,” said Baldwin. “Grandview is a beautiful hospital with excellent physicians and a dedicated staff. There is tremendous potential for this hospital to grow and enhance services for Marion County.”

Until Mr. Baldwin’s official start date, Dan Aranda will continue serving as Grandview’s CEO and will actively help Bruce with the transition both at the hospital and in the community.

“I have visited Jasper several times, and I am excited to get to know and become involved in the community as soon as possible,” added Baldwin. Originally from Hoopeston, Ill. Baldwin graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a bachelors degree in Accounting in 1976. He has two grown children and three grandchildren, living in Arkansas and Pennsylvania.

LIFESPAN CENTER ADDS EIU ALUM AS PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Diane Peters job is to find things that will interest everyone from senior citizens to preschoolers, and she thinks she has just the place to do it. The Coles County Council on Aging frequently promotes its new LifeSpan Center as an “intergenerational” facility that will move the agency from mostly helping older people to serving all age groups. Peters said that mission is what brought her to her new job. “I’m particularly intrigued by the fact that it’s an intergenerational facility,” she said. “I think that’s very much needed in our community.”

Last month, Peters began work as the LifeSpan Center’s program director, a new position with the council that became possible with the new offerings the council wants to add now that it’s in its new home. The council moved to the facility north of Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in October, replacing separate senior centers in Charleston and Mattoon. “You couldn’t ask for a better facility,” Peters said.

Peters previously spent 3½ years as director of Coles County United Way, and her background also includes a degree in family services and time working with the mentally and developmentally disabled. And while she was a college student at Eastern Illinois University in 1983, she did an internship at one of the Council on Aging’s predecessor agencies. “I’ve come full circle,” she said. She credited the council for having the foresight to plan and build the LifeSpan Center, and she said she’s been impressed by how the center’s staff works to appeal to all age groups. “You can see how much they’re here for the clients,” she said.

For the full story by Dave Fopay go to jg-tc.com.
EIU ALUM CRAIG TITLEY WRITES SCRIPT FOR ‘CLONE WARS’

Googling yourself is one thing. But discovering your name in a listing on www.wookieepedia.com — the official online encyclopedia for all things “Star Wars” — is about as cool as it sounds for someone who watched the first “Star Wars” film 20 times when it was released in 1977. Oh, and Mattoon native Craig Titley also got to sit down with “Star Wars” creator George Lucas to talk about that galaxy far, far away. Obviously, this experience was “indescribably mind-blowing,” said Titley.

An established Hollywood screenwriter, Titley is now part of the “Star Wars” universe after penning the script for the latest episode of “Star Wars: The Clone Wars,” which aired February 13, 2009 on the Cartoon Network. The half-hour episode was titled “Blue Shadow Virus”.

Helping create a new chapter in the “Star Wars” saga was pretty much like what you would expect from a guy who could tell you the difference between an AT-AT and a Tauntaun. “I know people say this all the time, but this really was the coolest experience of my life. Hands down, bar none,” Titley said. “I am a huge, Death Star-sized ‘Star Wars’ fan who watches all the movies on a regular basis and has an office full of ‘Star Wars’ toys and collectibles. So when I found out I had been hired to work on the show, I was bouncing around the house like a kid on Christmas morning, dive-bombing my wife with my X-wing fighter (while making my own laser sound effects) and screaming, ‘I’m a Jedi! I’m a Jedi!’ ‘Miraculously, my marriage survived that little episode.’

Titley said he visited the legendary Skywalker Ranch and met with creator George Lucas, “discussing the nuances of the ‘Star Wars’ universe. “As a writer/storyteller, it was extremely educational to witness his creativity in action. I felt like a young Jedi in the presence of the greatest Jedi Master of all time.”

A 1989 graduate from Eastern Illinois University, Titley also wrote the scripts for the recent “Cheaper by the Dozen” films starring Steve Martin, as well as “Scooby-Doo” and “See Spot Run.”

“Blue Shadow Virus” not only was Titley’s first collaboration with Lucasfilm, which oversees the production of “The Clone Wars,” it was also his first foray into animation screenwriting. However, “Writing for the ‘Clone Wars’ was really no different from writing a live-action feature,” he said.

“Although technically a ‘cartoon,’ the (‘Clone Wars’) shows are really mini-movies with great characters, great action sequences and strong emotions that you would find in a feature film. So for me, it was like writing a ‘Star Wars’ movie, only a much shorter one.”

According to a synopsis of the new episode on www.starwars.com “Padmé and Jar Jar are cap-
tured while searching for a secret Separatist bio-weapons lab, sparking Anakin, Obi-Wan and Ahsoka to try and save their friends and halt the release of a deadly virus.”

Titley’s name appears on this same Web site, and he’s listed on www.wookieepedia.com as a screenwriter. “Just seeing my name (on those Web sites) is a thrill that I still can’t quite comprehend,” Titley said. “It’s surreal to be an official part of something that I have loved for so long. My inner 9-year-old child is quite proud of me.” He has not yet seen the episode that he wrote. “I am as excited as anyone to see it,” said Titley. “I have been blown away by all the episodes so far, so I’m sure this will be no different. It really is a fantastic series, and I say that as a fan.”

Story by Nathaniel West at jg-tc or 238-6860.
WOMEN’S LUNCHEON: 'INSPIRING EMPOWERMENT'

Ladies, bring your female friends and family members to the Alumni Association's first-ever Women’s Luncheon, "Inspiring Empowerment," in Schaumburg on May 2, 2009. Erin Weed '99, founder/CEO of Girls Fight Back! will present her "Women’s Safety 101" lecture. There is no cost to attend, but a minimum donation of $10 per person is suggested to one of three scholarships supporting female students. For details on this event, click here or call 1-800-ALUM-EIU.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM THE EIU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni Association Board of Directors positions are available. Apply by April 3. The board, which strives to represent Eastern’s diverse alumni population, meets quarterly to provide direction and assistance in alumni programming efforts as well as assist various University bodies with their respective endeavors. Established in 1905, the Association has a long history of providing support to Eastern.

Nominate somebody for a 2009 Alumni Award. Due June 19. Nominations should include a letter of nomination and any supporting materials such as articles or additional letters of support. Please submit all materials by Friday, June 19.

Check out which businesses have already started participating in the new Preferred Partners Program, which provides exclusive discounts on various products and services to members of the EIU Alumni Association.

12TH ANNUAL SIGMA XI BANQUET AND LECTURE

The 12th annual Sigma Xi banquet and lecture will be held on Thursday, April 2, in the University Ballroom at the MLK Jr. Union. Kimberly Gray will give a free public lecture.

TARBLE OFFERING FREE COMMUNITY CLASS

The Tarble Arts Center will host Macomb artist Kelley Quinn for a one-month Illinois Arts Council Arts-In-Education Residency beginning March 23. While in residence, Quinn will lead a free after-school class for community members at the Tarble. Meeting on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from March 24 through April 16, participants will create a series of mandalas using drawing, painting and electronic media. Concepts of sacred geometry, personal and universal symbols will be explored. To register, contact Kit Morice at kmorice@eiu.edu or 581-2787.

MY FIRST KITCHEN: A BASIC COOKING CLASS

Interested in brushing up on your cooking skills? Need to start at the very beginning to learn the basics of cooking? Join us for a fun evening as we learn about cooking, along with the knowledge and skills needed to make cooking fun and successful. This class will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 23, in Klehm Hall 1411. Adults ages 18 and over are invited to participate in the class. The cost of the class is $40. For information and/or to register for the class, call the School of Continuing Education at 581-5114. This class will be taught by Kathy Rhodes from the School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

REGISTRATION BEING TAKEN FOR MARCH AND APRIL WORKSHOPS AT THE TARBLE

“Surface Design -- Paint and Pattern for Cloth” for ages 12 and over is scheduled for March 28. Students will learn about dyeing and direct paint application on all types of cloth, creating a one of a kind textile piece.

“Commemorative Jewelry” for ages 15 is being offered on April 3 and 4. The workshop is an introduction to metalworking, focusing on the use of simple hand tools and “cold connections” to create a piece of commemorative jewelry. Both workshops are designed for all skill levels. For information, please contact the Tarble at 581-2787 or tarble@eiu.edu.
SMU NAMES NEW VP FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS

Paul Ward, vice president for university administration and general counsel at Arizona State University, has been named vice president for legal affairs, general counsel and secretary to the Board of Trustees at Southern Methodist University, effective Jan. 1, 2009.

“We are pleased to welcome Paul Ward to SMU,” said SMU President R. Gerald Turner. “As an SMU law alumnus, he knows the University and his extensive background in legal affairs at other universities gives him the knowledge and experience to lead SMU’s legal affairs division.”

At SMU, Ward will oversee legal services to the University, including the supervision of three staff attorneys, and selection and management of outside counsel. Additionally, as Secretary to the Board of Trustees, he will work closely with the president and senior administrative officers in coordinating the Board’s activities.

“Paul Ward brings the perfect combination of legal knowledge and practice for this position, and I am delighted he has been selected,” said Michael H. Boone, chairman of SMU’s Board of Trustees legal committee. “I know he will play an integral role in SMU’s development through his collaborative work with the Board, President Turner, faculty, staff and students.”

Ward became the vice president for university administration and general counsel at ASU in September 2004. He has served as general counsel at ASU since June 1991. In the role of vice president for university administration his areas of responsibility include the police department, university audit and advisory services, and the environmental health and safety department. Ward also serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law and the Mary Lou Fulton College of Education at ASU. Prior to his association with ASU, he served the University of South Carolina System as general counsel from 1979 to 1991. Previously, he was engaged in private practice in the Washington, D.C., office of Casey, Lane & Mittendorf. Ward served as president (1996-97) and as a member of the Board of Directors (1988-92 and 1993-98) of the National Association of College and University Attorneys (NACUA). In 1993, he established NACUA’s electronic bulletin board, NACUANET, which now has more than 2,000 participating members in the United States and Canada. In June 2000, he received the prestigious Distinguished Service Award from NACUA. He serves as a member of the NCAA General Counsel Advisory Board. He is also a member of the Arizona Corporate Counsel Forum. In addition, he recently concluded a term in the American Bar Association House of Delegates. In 2002, Ward received the Thomas S. Biggs Award at the Stetson University College of Law, National Conference on Law of Higher Education.

Ward graduated from the Southern Methodist University School of Law (J.D., 1975) and Eastern Illinois University (B.S., 1971; M.A., 1974). He has been admitted to practice law in Texas, Arizona, South Carolina, Indiana, the District of Columbia and the United States Supreme Court. Ward succeeds S. Leon Bennett, SMU’s vice president for legal affairs and governmental relations, general counsel and secretary to the Board of Trustees, who has been with the University since 1983 and who retired Dec. 31, 2008.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Nothing new to report at this time.
LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT MOTHER’S DAY GIFT? “Nostalgic Planters,” an Academy of Lifetime Learning workshop, will be taught by Tony Bratsch, horticulture educator, University of Illinois Extension, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at the Cooperative Extension Office in Charleston. At this workshop, learn the guidelines for container gardening, which annuals to select, and how to plant them. Gain ideas for location and care. During this hands-on class, you will build your own container to take home for display on your porch or patio or to give for Mother’s Day. The workshop fee is $15 for members and $25 for nonmembers. For information and/or to register for the workshop, contact the School of Continuing Education at 581-5114.

UPCOMING NONCREDIT COOKING CLASS
Mommy and Me Cooking Class: Making and Decorating an Easter Bunny Cake
Learn the basics of making and decorating a yummy Easter bunny cake. Kids ages 6 to 10, along with moms, are invited to a fun evening of learning to prepare a great treat just in time for Easter. This class will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, in Klehm Hall 1411. The cost of the class is $40. For questions and/or to register for the classes, call the School of Continuing Education at 581-5114. All classes will be taught by Kathy Rhodes from the School of Family and Consumer Sciences.

DOUDNA FINE ARTS
MARCH
25 7 pm, Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall, New and Emerging Artist's Lecture: Ivan Brunetti, “Life and Work”
25 Faustwork Mask Theatre: The Mask Messenger, 7pm
26 7pm, Road Trips, Performed by Tree Theatre of New York, The Theatre, Admission: $5; open seating. The Tree Theatre of New York, created and run by EIU theatre alumni Mike Papaleo and Bryan Grossbauer, will perform this original one-act play for an adult audience as part of the Coming Home Artists Series program. [Artist Web site]
27, 28, 30, 31 7:30pm, Side by Side by Sondheim: Musical Theatre, Black Box Theatre, Admission: $12 adults, $10 senior citizens and EIU employees, $5 students; reserved seating
29 4pm, Eastern Symphony Chamber Orchestra and Collegium Musicum (Early Music 29 Ensemble), Dvorak Concert Hall
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
4 7:30pm, Scholarship Benefit Concert in Memory of David Hobbs, Dvorak Concert Hall, Admission: $5 adults, $3 students; open seating
6 7pm, Poetry Reading by Luisa Iglesia, Lecture Hall, free admission
9 7:30pm, In Concert: Jonathan Biss, Piano, Dvorak Concert Hall, $12/adults, $10/senior citizens & EIU employees, $5/students; reserved seating
23 7:30pm, EIU Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert, The Theatre, $5 adults, $3 students; open seating
26 4pm, A Musical Journey Through Time: Eastern Symphony Orchestra and EIU Choral Ensembles, Dvorak Concert Hall, $12/adults, $10/senior citizens & EIU employees, $5/students; reserved seating
EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH
28  Reception and Night at the Opera, Chicago, IL. The Abduction from the Seraglio: 7:30 pm
30  Reception at the ACPA Convention, National Harbor, MD. 7pm

APRIL
2   IASA Conference Reception, Springfield, IL. 4:45pm
7   James Jones Literary Society Reception, Springfield, IL. 5pm Social, 6pm Program
17-18 Jazz Alumni Weekend at EIU, Charleston, IL
18   Performance by Matthew Polenzani '91, one of the world's most celebrated opera singers. "La Damnation de Faust," Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra. $25 per person.
23  School of Business Reception, Bloomington, IL, 5pm
24  Alumni & Friends College of Business Reception, Bloomington, IL. 5pm
25  7th Annual Panther Service Day, Charleston and surrounding area

MAY
2   Women's Luncheon: 'Inspiring Empowerment', Schaumburg, IL, 10:30am
2   Spring Fling, Lantz Arena, 6:30pm
24  Annual Alumni & Friends Cardinal Outing, St. Louis, MO, Redbird Suites open at 11:15, game time is 1:15pm.

AUGUST
15  Oakland A’s vs. Chicago White Sox, Oakland, CA

OCTOBER
16-17  Panther Marching Band and Pink Panthers Reunion

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

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT - Ongoing Exhibits

♦ February 28 - March 29, Main Galleries & e-Gallery, 2009 All-Student Show.
♦ March 14-April 11, Brainard Gallery, Artist in Residence Exhibition: Kelley Quinn
♦ April 5-26, Main Galleries, 2009 Graduate Art Exhibition, Reception is from 2-4pm on the 5th of April.
♦ April 5-26, Main Galleries, 2009 Graduate Art Exhibition
♦ 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.

BOOTH LIBRARY EXHIBITS

Women and War - On display in the South Lobby through April 10.
Nutrition Education - On display in the Marvin Foyer of Booth Library.
Women of Valor in WWII - North Lobby of Booth Library.
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

**Terry A. Barnhart**, history department, conducted an "Explore History" seminar at the Marion Campus of the Ohio State University on March 7. The title of his presentation was "Cultural Identities and Interactions: Mediation and Conflict Between American Indians, Europeans and Americans in the Ohio Country, ca. 1650-1843." The seminar was sponsored by the Ohio State University, the Ohio Historical Society and the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center.

**William C. Hine**, dean of the School of Continuing Education, made a presentation on "Third Age Learners: A New Challenge for Higher Education" at the Ohio Continuing Higher Education Association Conference on Thursday, March 12, 2009 in Newark, Ohio.

**Pamela Collins**, director, Office of Academic and Professional Development in the School of Continuing Education, and **Bethany Craig**, coordinator of program development, made a presentation titled “Financially Successful Credit and Non-credit Summer Programs” at the 60th annual North Central Conference on Summer Sessions Conference March 5, 2009, in Chicago.

**David Radavich**'s one-act play, "Wake Me No Wake," is being performed the first week of March at the Parker Theatre on east 24th Street in New York City. The production is directed by Viktoria Bozsoki under the auspices of Love Creek Productions. This is Radavich's sixth Off-Off-Broadway production to date.

**Scott A.G.M. Crawford**, kinesiology and sports studies, had an "Issues" column published in the February 2009 issue of the Journal of Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The topic was, "Is one three-credit course in adapted physical education sufficient for general physical educators?"

**Charles R. Foy**, an assistant professor of history, has been awarded a research fellowship by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. He will conduct research at the library of the New York Historical Society for his project, "Prize Negroes in the Age of Sail." The Gilder Lehrman Institute awards short-term fellowships to doctoral candidates, postdoctoral scholars and independent scholars to conduct work in archives in New York City. Foy is one of 29 Gilder Lehrman Fellows for the first half of 2009. The Gilder Lehrman Institute has funded a total of 550 fellowships since 1994. The institute maintains two Web sites: [www.gilderlehrman.org](http://www.gilderlehrman.org) and the quarterly online journal [www.historynow.org](http://www.historynow.org).

SPORTS NEWS

**OUTDOOR TRACK SEASON OPENS AT GEORGIA RELAYS**

Eastern Illinois track and field athletes will open the 2009 outdoor season this weekend as they compete at the Georgia Relays on Friday and Saturday in Athens. EIU is coming off a solid indoor season in which the men and women both swept the OVC conference titles.

EIU opens action on Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. with the men’s hammer throw. Saturday events begin at 10:30 a.m. with the men’s javelin. The final event on Saturday is set for 5:40 p.m. with the 1,600 meter relay.

EIU will host only one home meet this season on April 2-4 when they host the Big Blue Classic at O’Brien Field. EIU returns all five athletes who competed in the NCAA Regional last season. On the men’s side **Dorrian White** and **Tyler Arnholt** both earned NCAA bids last year. On the women’s side **Kandace Arnold** was a dual event qualifier joining **Chandra Golden** and **Jenna Uhe**.
SPORTS NEWS

PANTHERS USE LONG BALL TO SWEEP JAGUARS

The Eastern Illinois softball squad connected on four homers as the Panthers swept IUPUI on Wednesday afternoon, winning each game in five innings. EIU blanked IUPUI in the opening contest, 9-0, prior to winning the weather-delayed second contest, 8-4.

Junior Denee' Menzione had an outstanding two-game series, going 5-for-6 at the plate, including two bombs in the mercy-rule victory in the first contest. She finished with an amazing .833 batting average and 1.833 slug mark, leading all Panthers with six RBIs, while also touching home plate four times. Her home run total for the season improves to five and 16 all-time.

After picking up her first career dinger versus Drake on Tuesday, sophomore Melinda Jackson knocked in a four-bagger of her own in the first game, while freshman Jen Saucier also earned her first homer in a Panther uniform as Jackson and Saucier earned back-to-back bombs in the top of the second inning. Overall, EIU connected on four homers in the 9-0 rout.

Senior Sarah Coppert came home five times on the day, including plating twice behind Menzione's homers, the first time after being hit by pitch in the first inning and again in the fourth due to a walk.

As a squad, EIU went a perfect 6-for-6 in base thefts, as Megan Nelson joined Coppert with a 2-for-2 day, while Angela Danca and Maria Sorrentino each picked up a stolen base apiece. All-in-all, eight different Eastern players earned at least one safe hit. Plus Menzione's clutch hitting day, Jackson went 3-for-6, including a double-bagger, while freshman Ashley Anderton, who also connected on a double, and Coppert earned a 2-for-6 and 2-for-3 plate mark. Danca, Nelson, Sorrentino, and Saucier rounded out the players with at least one hit.

Amber May picked up the first game win, moving to 10-6 overall. She registered four strikeouts and only one walk, while fanning three Jaguar hits. Senior Kathleen Jacoby struck out two and walked one in the second game, improving to 3-4 in the circle.

The second game of the day actually went to six innings, with the Panther leading 10-6 with two outs in the bottom of that frame. But the game was delayed for 45-minutes due to rain/lightning in the Indianapolis area before finally being called. The final score was determined by going back to the last full inning of action, giving EIU picked the 8-4 win and sweep.

The two wins improved EIU to 10-6 all-time against IUPUI, while the defeats dropped the Jaguars to 2-21 on the season. The Panthers will return home for a three-game home OVC series with UT Martin this coming weekend, with first pitch set for Saturday's doubleheader at 1 pm, followed by a noon single-game on Sunday.

EASTERN BEGINS OVC PLAY WITH SERIES AT MOREHEAD

Eastern Illinois baseball opens Ohio Valley Conference play and closes out its annual spring break trip with a three-game series at Morehead State this weekend. Saturday’s doubleheader and the series finale Sunday are both slated for a noon (CDT) first pitch at Allen Field. The Panthers (10-5) are currently 4-1 on their spring break trip, traveling up to Kentucky from Central Florida on Thursday. The team is scheduled to practice at Allen Field Friday.

Eastern has won 14 straight games against Morehead (6-12) dating back to the 2004 season. The Eagles won the series opener in Charleston that season, but EIU battled back to win the three-game set. The Panthers have swept the season series each of the last four seasons. Furthermore, EIU has posted a 34-4 record against Morehead since joining the OVC in 1997.

For the full story go to eiupanthers.com.
NOMMENSEN NAMED TO NATIONAL ALL-STAR LINEUP

Brett Nommensen’s 11-for-17 showing at the plate last week for Eastern Illinois baseball has earned him a spot on the College Baseball Foundation's National All-Star Lineup. Sponsored by Diamond Sports, the CBF recognizes approximately 15-20 players each week for excellence on the field. Coaches that record milestone victories are also included.

Seven of Nommensen’s 11 hits last week went for extra bases, including three home runs. He led off the Indiana State and Oklahoma games with a round tripper. The Fox River Grove native was named the Ohio Valley Conference's Player of the Week on Monday.

Nommensen was also recognized by the CBF last season after a big series against Southeast Missouri in which he went 7-for-10 with five extra-base hits, four walks and four runs scored.

CATAN ON COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME BALLOT

Holds career sacks record at EIU

IRVING, Texas – Former Eastern Illinois defensive standout Pete Catan is one of twenty-four former NCAA Division II players listed on this year’s ballot for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Catan was an anchor on the Panthers defensive line from 1976-80 helping the Panthers win the 1978 NCAA Division II National Championship and finish as National Runner-up in 1980. He was a first team All-American selection in 1979 and 1980. He finished his career as the Panthers leader in career sacks (47) and career tackles for loss (45). He also holds the single season sack record with 21 in 1979 and the single game record with six sacks against Southern Illinois in 1979.

Following his EIU career Catan played three seasons with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League earning All-CFL honors in 1982. He then had a two-year career with the Houston Gamblers in the USFL. He was a first team All-USFL selection in 1984 leading the Gamblers to a conference championship and playoff appearance. He finished second in the league with 17 ½ sacks.

Catan was inducted into the EIU Hall of Fame in 1991. EIU’s only current College Football Hall of Fame inductee is former coach Darrell “Dr. Victory” Mudra who was the Panthers head coach during Catan’s playing days.

EASTERN STEALS A DOUBLEHEADER SPLIT WITH DRAKE

On a gorgeous Tuesday afternoon, the Eastern Illinois softball squad split a home doubleheader with Missouri Valley Conference foe Drake University. Drake won the first game, 6-3, but the Panthers won the hard-fought nightcap, 5-4, via walk-off single in the ninth inning.

With the second game tied 4-all in the bottom of the ninth, sophomore Hailee Hanna singled down the right field line, plating junior Denee' Menzione from third base, giving the Panthers (12-10) their third home win of the season and snapping a three-game home losing streak in the process.

For the full story go to eiupanthers.com.

EIU OPENS SPRING PLAY WITH 11TH PLACE FINISH

Senior Michelle Anderson led all Eastern Illinois golfers at the two-day Samford Intercollegiate, hosted by the former Ohio Valley Conference foe at the Limestone Springs Golf Course. The Rochester, Ill. native shot a 13-over-par 157 to tie for 21st place after firing off a 77 and 80 in the two rounds of action.

For the full story go to eiupanthers.com.
For his all-around excellence as a student-athlete, Brian Morrell of Eastern Illinois baseball has been named one of 30 candidates nationally for the prestigious Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award. Morrell is a senior pitcher for the Panthers, who gotten off to a 10-4 start to their new season after winning the 2008 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament and representing the league at the NCAA Lincoln Regional a year ago. He has served as the bullpen’s long-relief ace each of his upperclassman seasons. The Quincy native carries a 4.0 GPA while majoring in biological sciences. He was an ESPN the Magazine Second Team Academic All-America honoree as a junior.

Morrell is the third EIU student-athlete this school year to be selected as a candidate for the Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award. Adam Gartner of men’s soccer and Rachel Galligan of women’s basketball were later chosen as one of 10 finalists nationally for their sports’ awards.

The list of 30 candidates in baseball will be trimmed to a group of 10 finalists in April. Those 10 names will then be placed on the official ballot for a nationwide vote beginning April 15 and concluding May 31. Fan balloting will be coupled with votes from coaches and media to determine the recipient of the award. The award, given annually to senior student-athletes across nine NCAA Division I sports, has become one of the most prestigious honors in college athletics.

The candidates were selected based on their dedication and achievement in four areas: Classroom, Character, Community, and Competition. The Lowe’s Senior CLASS Award is distinctive from many other honors in that on-the-field performance is only one factor in determining candidacy – a major emphasis is placed on off-the-field commitments and personal character.

An acronym for Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School, the award was launched during the 2001-02 season in response to the trend of college basketball players leaving college early to turn professional.

The award was conceived by sportscaster Dick Enberg, who continues to serve as Honorary Chairman, and has recognized winners in men’s and women’s basketball for seven years. Lowe’s extended the award in 2006 to include baseball, softball, men’s hockey and men’s lacrosse, then in 2007 added men’s and women’s soccer. Football was added in the fall of 2008, bringing the total awards program to nine NCAA Division I sports.

The 2009 baseball candidate class has representatives from 30 different NCAA Division I schools, each of which has outstanding accomplishments on and off the field. The award winner will be announced and recognized at Omaha’s Johnny Rosenblatt Stadium during the 2009 NCAA Men’s World Series.

For a look at the nomination that was submitted on Morrell’s behalf go to eiupanthers.com.
UPCOMING SPORTS EVENTS
**Bold denotes a home game**

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RECENT RESULTS & RECORDS

Last week’s results

**Baseball (9-4)**
L 9-10 at Indiana State
W 9-5 at South Florida
W 5-3 vs. Bethune-Cookman
W 8-6 vs. No. 15 Oklahoma

**Men’s Indoor Track**
Zye Boey and David Holm competed at NCAA Indoor Championships
Holm placed 12th in 800m run
Boey eliminated in prelims of 200m run

**Men’s Tennis (7-5)**
W 6-1 vs. Western Illinois

**Women’s Tennis (4-7)**
W 6-1 vs. Western Illinois

**Softball (11-9, 1-2 OVC)**
W 3-0 vs. Indiana State
W 4-3 vs. Tennessee State
L 3-4 vs. Tennessee State
L 6-11 vs. Tennessee State