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Message from the Chair

Perhaps the biggest news item is the retirement of Mr. Smith. After 27 years of distinguished service to the department, profession and his community, he has decided to seek fun and relaxation elsewhere.



William A. Smith
Faculty Extraordinaire
Retiring after 27 years

I have a feeling that his pace will not slow down much as he continues to serve in many capacities. He recently was recognized for his service to the NRPA National Certification board, is working with the Family and Consumer Sciences department to offer a Travel and Tourism Minor, will introduce a new class

titled Festivals and Special Events and is running for another term on the City of Savoy Council. I have personally enjoyed

working with Mr. Smith and will miss his devotion

to the department. We intend

to formally extend our gratitude and thanks at the annual awards banquet. I'm sure he would like to hear from his past students before he heads off. If you'd like to send him a note, we'll be sure to have it available at the banquet.

I've traveled to

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Message from the Dean

EIU and Recreation Administration
Doing Great Things!

Eastern Illinois University continues to be praised for the quality of its students, faculty, and programs. This also holds very true for the Department of Recreation Administration. For the third year running Eastern has been recognized by the U.S. News and World Report as a top 10 University. This is a significant recognition for a public university to be able to attain. This reputation but one of many reasons why the freshmen and sophomore classes are the largest in the history of EIU. Even with these large groups already here, the University is reporting an even

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Message from the Chair (continued)

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Washington, D.C. this past year to review federal grants for the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services related to the Special Demonstration Program-Model Transitional Rehabilitation Services for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities. In addition, I reviewed session applications for the national AAPHERD convention that will be held in Chicago later this year.

Dr. Holmes Layman attended the Outdoor Consortium in Smoky Mountain National Park. Peggy will be taking over leading our students at the annual consortium next fall. In addition, she is exploring ways to utilize internet communications as part of her teaching approach.

Dr. Pommier was a 2004 Faculty Award Recipient of the "Excellence in the Use

of Technology". He was quoted as saying, "I choose to use technology in my classes for basically two reasons: to enhance learning and to instill

This year, the **Distinguished Alum Award** will be presented to **Michael Sterba (1974)**

high, presentation-based standards/expectations of my students".

Dr. Weber attended the NRPA conference in Reno and is currently strengthening the demographics of his research regarding leisure activity of single adult parent families. He had an article on archery accepted in the "Encyclopedia of Recreation and Leisure in America".

The major club, under the direction of President Kristina Neven, were involved in many activities. They hosted a barbeque for 40 students, participated in the Homecoming parade, took a tubing trip at Lake Shelbyville, assisted with the Homecom-

ing 2.5K race that netted \$500 and went whitewater rafting along the Ocoee River in Tennessee. Ms. Neven's leadership and enthusiasm will be missed.

The department has completed many exciting projects over the year and is involved in on-going discussions about how best to implement appropriate strategies for meeting the needs of our students. We encourage you to volunteer to guest speak, to join the advisory council, submit a proposals for the mini conference or inform us of an exciting opportunity for our students.

To make this newsletter more interesting, please take a few moments from your busy schedule and fill out the attached form and we'll share the information in the next issue. I can't tell you how many of you make positive comments about that portion of the newsletter and enjoy keeping up with each other. For it to be a success however, we need for you to fill out the form or email pertaining information to me at CFWFH@eiu.edu

I do hope your new year is filled with happiness and fond memories.



William Higelmire, Chair

Annual IAPD/IPRA Conference

The IAPD/IPRA Annual Conference will be held in downtown Chicago at the Hyatt Regency from January 27 through January 29th. I hope you will be able to stop by the EIU hospitality room, on January 27th from 6-8 p.m. in

the Water tower room. Thanks to the hard work of the EIURAA, I know those that attend will have an enjoyable experience. Dr. Holmes-Layman and I will present a session on Saturday titled "CTRS-The How's and Whys". The

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session will offer an introduction and will cover the basic steps involved with gaining professional eligibility and provide information on the exam and the renewal process.

Faculty News



William A. Smith

This past fall we had 21 students attend the National Outdoor Recreation Rural Tourism Consortium in the

Smoky Mountain National Park. We were not able to go to Clingmans Dome because of high winds and heavy rain. As a back up, the students hiked the trail to Laurel Falls in the rain. This ended up as one of the high points for the day.

This was the 24th year that I have been taking students to the Consortium. Too many stories for the space here, but I'm sure those of you who have attended could tell a few. Some people come to

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Message from the Dean (continued)

larger number of applications for next year. This situation creates some challenges for the institution, but they are good challenges for us to work to meet. From throughout the state and beyond, I continue to hear numerous positive comments about the quality of our students and the graduates of our programs. These are wonderful things to hear about Eastern and our students and set a very high bar for us to continue to strive to meet.

The Department of Recreation Administration is certainly a part of the good news

happening at Eastern. The Department has seen a small increase in enrollment and continues to work to identify ways of attracting quality students to the program. A significant effort is underway, to work with the Department's Advisory Council to develop a marketing strategy. Working with

this very active group, the Department has developed several very innovative ways of spreading information about the quality of this program to future students. One of these efforts includes working with community colleges to develop an articulation agreement. This will ease the transfer process for community college students into this program, but will also increase the visibility of the program on community college campuses. Another effort is to develop a disk that will provide a high tech description of the program's benefits and quality. Once completed, this will be a highly visible yet inexpensive way to provide information to potential students. To support these efforts the Department has been approved to organize a search for a new faculty member, which is currently in progress. The search has attracted a

very large pool of highly qualified candidates each of whom would like to join the existing strong faculty.

Through the efforts of Dr. Pommier the Recreation Administration Department is initiating an innovative effort that will benefit the entire EIU campus. A grant application has been approved to provide funding for the development of an outdoor classroom in the middle of EIU's campus. The development and use of this exciting area will benefit Rec Admin students as well as being a very visible recognition of the Department's efforts. Another exciting grant funded effort is in the works with significant leadership coming from this Department. Hopefully, good news will continue to be available through these efforts.

The quality of students, faculty, and programs at EIU like those in Recreation Administration continue to be highly recognized. I am confident that the efforts of the faculty of this Department will continue to provide for exciting opportunities for our students.

Dean's List - Spring 2004

Chad Ingle

Congratulations!!

REC Club News

Student Association for Recreation News and Events Update

Paddles, pubs, parades, and pumpkins, what do they have in common? Well aside for the obvious (the letter "P") these four words can sum up the recent happenings in the Rec. Club. We have been busy with festive pumpkin carving, white water rafting, marching in the homecoming parade, and organizing an overwhelmingly successful bar crawl. This is just the tip of the iceberg, as falling leaves change to falling snow the Rec. Club has begun planning more great activities for the coming semester.

The Rec. Club recently headed to beautiful Tennessee for a long weekend of camping and white water rafting. 11 daring students paddled down the rough waters of the Ocoee River, the home of the 1996 Olympic Kayak Course. The adventurous students spent three days and two nights camping in the wilderness enjoying campfires, friendship, and most importantly the rapids. Once out on the water students were able to "surf" hydraulics, ride the bull, and dive face first into the Hell Hole, in layman's terms this means have an awesome time on the river.

For those students seeking more traditional college activities i.e. nightlife, the Rec. Club hosted a Pub Crawl for its members. The executive board created brightly colored blue and pink shirts with a modified Leisure Ability Model so students participating in the crawl could stand out in the crowds at the bars. This activity was wildly suc-

cessful with participants marching across campus enjoying each others company and a few beers at the bars of Charleston.

To get into the spirit of Halloween the Rec. Club hosted a pumpkin carving event. While carving pumpkins the students were tricked into listening to festive Halloween music and treated to some delicious finger food and apple cider. The carvings may not have been too spooky, but the event was definitely a hit.

Finally the Rec. Club marched in the annual Homecoming Parade. The parade's theme was "It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's EIU Homecoming!". So accordingly the Rec. Club created a "Super Rec." float. The float was decorated and designed by the Executive Board and kept with the super hero theme. Rec. Club members wore matching blue shirts with an altered Superman logo that read "Super Rec." on the chest. Members handed candy out to children along the parade route and honored the life of Christopher Reeves with a large painting of the original Superman

hanging from the back of the float. The Rec. Club float also captured some local attention when a picture of two members, who were riding on the float dressed as Clark Kent and Superman, made the front page of the local paper.

With the first semester winding down and second semester on its way the Rec. Club is continuing to plan new events. We



are having a gym night to help students unwind before finals week. This event will act a stress reliever and a way to get back to our childhood with games like dodge ball and wiffle ball. Also the annual Progressive dinner is only days away, this fun activity is a great way for members to get to know their professors. In the future we also have plans to attend IPRA in Chicago, volunteer at a local soup kitchen, write letters to the troops overseas, and forming a Rec. Club intramural sports team. This year is well underway and the Rec. Club executive board is continuing to work hard to provide fun, safe, and satisfying activities for all the members of the Student Association for Recreation.

WANTED BUCKAROOS, SCHOOLMARMS, SIDEWINDERS, VAQUEROS, WRANGLERS!

Mosey on down to the Recreation Administration Department's

30th Annual Spring Alumni and Awards Banquet

Come on over, grab a cold sarsaparilla and stinky Bill will rustle ya up some grub.

Yes, this year's theme will is a *Honky-Tonk Ho-Down*; come dressed to Ho-Down!

Name _____ Class _____

Home Address: Street _____

City/State _____

Home Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Business/Agency: _____

Agency Phone: _____ Job Title _____

_____ Yes, I will attend the Awards Banquet on Friday, April 15, 2005

_____ Yes, I would be willing to sponsor a student to attend the Banquet

_____ Number of tickets needed

* Check enclosed for \$_____ (\$20 for non-REC club members, alumni, family, friends).

Please, make check payable to Eastern Illinois University

Please return this information form by Wednesday, April 13, 2005 to:

The Awards Banquet Committee

EIU - Recreation Administration

600 Lincoln Avenue

Charleston, IL 61920

- Or contact the Department via EMail <cfwfh@eiu.edu>/ Phone (581-3018) with the preceding questions addressed.

REMEMBER:

Awards Banquet

Friday,

April 15, 2005,

5:30 p.m.

Charleston Elks Club

720 6th Street,

Charleston, IL

Reminder: Awards Banquet - Friday, April 15, 2005 @ 5:30 p.m.
Charleston Elks Club #623, 720 6th Street, Charleston, IL

Alumni Information Sheet

Please help us stay in touch with you by up-dating your current status - Thank you in advance!

Name _____ Graduating Class (year / semester) _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail: _____

Family News _____

Employment _____ Job Title _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Employment News _____

*Please return to: Eastern Illinois University, Recreation Administration, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920
or email alumni information to: csard@eiu.edu*

Faculty News (continued)

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mind when I think of all the trips with students over the years. Steve Hudson, Matt Miller, Tammy Voorhis, Gary Campbell, Mike Handiford, Tom Jones, Kent Johnson, Brian and Nancy Daum, Jay Hamilton, Dr. Roger Darding, Diane Williams, Kelly Moss, Mary Jo Kapo-linski, David Mauer, Frank Ja-kabeiske(sp), John Cosat, Bill Moore, Drew Graham, Chris De- noyer, Adam Brown, Kevin Monier, Coaty Jackson, and the list goes on and on. The first trip was in

the summer of 1979 for 33 days. This venture took us to 6 states and every form of recrea- tion you could think of. Then

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Email List

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- Ms. Annette Diehl
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Department of Recreation Administration Advisory Council

The department wishes to recognize and thank our **Advisory Council** for their excellent service!

- Ken Baker
- Lefty Bryden
- Larry Closson
- Susan Friend
- Jamie Gower
- Dave Haring
- Glenn Lyons
- Tom McPike
- Ron Oestreich
- Chuck Prince
- Mike Rylko
- Mike Sterba
- Brooke Stroh
- Debra Tiger

*** Please consider serving on this vital Council!**

Annual Mini Conference

The Mini-Conference will be held in conjunction with the Annual Awards Banquet. Alum and friends of the department have agreed to make presentations to current students. Each session will be about 40 minutes in length. A general session will kick off the event followed by break out rooms. This year the conference will be held on Friday April 15th from 9:00 until noon. For more information please feel free to contact Mr. Todd Ranum at tranum@palatineparks.org or call him at the Palatine Park District, (847) 705-5123 x238.

Curriculum Changes

Starting in the Fall Semester of 2004, students in the therapeutic recreation option will be required to take HST 2000, Principles of Human Health. The course is designed to address human well-being and the development of the capacity to make informed, responsible decisions affecting individuals and environmental welfare. The course was chosen to meet NRPA/AALR accreditation standards related to well-being.

GRADUATES 2004

Spring

- Rosemary Garrigan
- Dianna Khoury
- Jeff Sigler
- Justin Vencill
- Nathan Voegele

Summer

- Colby Bradford
- Jennifer Hutson
- Shaun Cooley
- Kevin Koester
- Whitney Darner
- Brian Kreher
- Veronica Expinosa
- David Mohr
- Kelly Flanagan
- Jennifer Quimby
- Randi Frailey

- Lindsay Ribbe
- Kristin Goss
- Christopher Sides

Fall

- Dan Beranek
- Chad Ingle
- Jason Caraway
- Susis Kasper
- Brian Carroll
- Scott Mendenahll
- Mike Colman
- Sophie Morgan
- Paul Diesing
- Dawn Puetz
- Maggie Goy
- Jim VanDerSteege
- Allison Haun
- Christine Wilson

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the trips to Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (5 years), Canada over Christmas break (5 years), Colorado and the YMCA of the Rockies, Eagle River Wisconsin, Pine Mountain Settlement School (spring break), camping trips to Shawnee National Forest, Dove hunting at Lake Shelbyville (7 years) and the many trips in outdoor living skills class. Thanks to those of you who have shared these ex-



periences with me over the years.

John Henry Pommier

Howdy everyone! Many great events have happened since the last newsletter though the most remarkable is having a daughter, Avery

Marie, on April 1st, 2004. If you are planning on attending the AAHPERD National Convention in Chicago, please look me up; I will be presenting a half-day workshop entitled "Developing & Leading Effective Recreation-based Programs in a Blink and without the Costly Stink".

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Annette's Perspective

Greetings from the Department of Recreation Administration. It's amazing to think that it's already 2005 and it's time to start a new semester. Hope everyone had a Happy Holiday and is looking forward to 2005. I have been busy getting ready for Christmas, then putting everything away after Christmas, doing my everyday office jobs, and now preparing for the spring semester and the New Year.



Since I last wrote my family just keeps on ticking along. My granddaughter, Heather (25), is still in Texas where she and her husband, Taylor Reed, were just featured in a magazine article regarding Taylor's magic career. They are hoping to relocate to Branson, Missouri to pursue their dreams of having their own theater. Grandson, Michael (20), is attending school at Lakeland this semester. He is still performing with his band, Sleeping Past Ten, and working on a record. Heather & Michael's mother, my oldest daughter Cindy, is still working at Eastern IL University and teaching evenings at Lakeland College in Mattoon.

My youngest grandchildren (Bailey &

Lucas), from my youngest daughter, Kelle, are growing like weeds! Bailey will be 4 the end of March and Lucas will be a year the end of April. Kelle was a kindergarten teacher but is now a stay at home mom. Paul, her husband is an engineer in St. Charles, MO. They live in Glen Carbon, Illinois. The biggest news for the family is that Bailey and Lucas will soon have a new baby brother or sister around June 24th.

My other three grandchildren, Ryan (20), Brandon (18), and Shane (11) (my middle daughter Julie's boys) are just as busy as the rest of us. Ryan and Brandon are busy with college life. Ryan works at Denny's Doughnuts and Brandon is a bank teller. Shane is in 6th grade, his first year in middle school. Their mother, Julie, is a Trust Assistant for Regions Bank in Bloomington. They live in Bloomington, Illinois.

Everyone was at my house

on Christmas Eve for dinner and gift opening and then on Christmas day for our annual Christmas breakfast and Santa's arrival with more gifts to open. Some left for awhile but all arrived back for dinner on Christmas Day. Sometimes I felt like I was running a restaurant. But, it was a lot of fun and will do it all again next Christmas. I had back surgery on April 29, 2004. Everything seems to be going ok; I don't have leg and back pain anymore. I was gone from work for six weeks minus one day. My mother came and helped me while I was recovering. She's now back in her own home in Greenup and doing great. She turned 92 on November 24, 2004.

Alumni News

Devin Heisner –SU'03—

At EIU working on a Master's Degree in Business Administration

Kristin Goss

(SU /05) Working for American Hospitality Academy in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Phone: 630-337-

9305. E-mail:

Kmg117@aol.com

Dawn Puetz (FA '04)

Working for the Rolling Meadows Park District as a Recreation Supervisor in Rolling Meadows, Illinois. Will be running programs for teens, adults, trips, and special events. E-mail: po-

etzy42@yahoo.com

David Mohr (SU '04)

Working at Lindenhurst Park District as an Athletic Supervisor. Living in Gurnee, Illinois.

Kelly Thomas (SU '03)

Park Ranger in the state of Oregon working with The Dallas/John Day/Willow Creek Project. Phone: 541-506-7816.

Leah Thomas (SU '03)

CONGRATULATIONS ON WINNING A 2004 PONTICA ON THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW!! At least that's what we heard from Bill Smith. E-mail:

Kelly.R.Thomas@nwp01.usace.army.mil

Anastasia Dorsey (SU '01) Lives in Boynton

Beach, Florida. Works for the Ritz-Carlton in Manalapan, Florida as an Assistant Recreation Manager. Phone 561-540-4831. E-mail: Anastasia.dorsey@ritzcarlton.com

Jamie Gibbs (SU '01) & **Richard Capitelli** (SU '00)

Jamie is working for Child and Family Connections as the Parent Liaison/LIC. She helps families of children birth-3 with special needs find resources and she is also the Coordinator for 2 LIC Local Interagency Councils. Phone: 309-999-7006. E-mail:

jjgibbs@peoriacounty.org.

Rick is working at Rent-A-Center. Hannah is 4 years old and acts like the boss. Emily is 2 years old and starting the temper tantrum stage (guess that's called the terrible 2's). Jamie, Rick and the kids have moved into their own home in Peoria, Illinois. Phone: 309-676-7170.

Jennifer (Regna) Rodemacher (SP '98 Married to David Rodemacher and living in Glen Carbon, Illinois.

Corey Hromek (SU '97)

After 6 years in Arizona he is back in Illinois. He is now the Clubhouse Director of The Wesmere Country Club in Plainfield, Illinois overseeing the staff, recreation pro-

grams and facilities for the entire community. Married to Carrie and they have a daughter named Mia who is a little over one year old. Living in Joliet, Illinois. E-mail: wes-

merecc@sbcglobal.net

Lori Fuller (SP '87) Site director at the Sonnenberg YMCA in Belleville, Illinois. E-mail:

lfuller@ymcaswil.org

Melanie (Brucher) Kuhar

(SP '83) Has her own business which is Grind to a Halt, Inc. which is a skateboard deterrent company in Glen Ellyn. Married and has three children, ages, 17, 13, and 8. Lives in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. E-mail: mk13@sbcglobal.net

Chris (Beck) Cothorn (FA '76) Working as a rural letter carrier for the Pana Post Office in Pana, Illinois.

Two sons-Wes works at CAT lab in Peoria and was married on June 26th, 2004 and the oldest son C.J. is an electrical engineer for Boeing in St. Louis, MO. She lives in Ramsey, Illinois.

ALUMNI: I NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU SO I CAN INCLUDE YOU IN THE NEWSLETTER— SEND ME AN EMAIL: CSARD@EIU.EDU OR CALL ME: 217-581-3018. I DON'T ALWAYS GET YOUR NEWS IF SENT TO SOMEONE ELSE.

- Annette Diehl

The Annual Mini-conference is set for April 15th 9:00 am—12:00 pm) at EIU. Come one, come all!



Faculty News (continued)

Peggy Holmes Layman

What a busy year it has been so far! The year started out with a bang as I accompanied Bill Smith on his Consortium class. This class (as some of you may remember), takes students to the Smoky Mountains for a week of hands on experiences and talks from National Park Service personnel, and talks from an entire range of tourism and park district personnel in the area. For the students it is an unforgettable experience where much knowledge is gained about many aspects of outdoor recreation and tourism on a grand scale. Since Bill will be retiring this Spring, I will take the class over from him. Congratulations to Bill for all of his hard work with this class for the last 25 years and for assuring that our students have this unique experience. Our program is greatly enhanced because this is one of our offerings and it truly provides a significant experience that we want to continue. I have also been busy attending workshops about various software programs such as Dreamweaver and Adobe Photoshop. These programs are really amazing- now I just have to find the time to really get to use them. I look forward to IPRA at the end of January, where Bill Higelmire and I will be doing a presentation on preparing for the CTRS Certification and also where I and another colleague from Chicago State University will be giving a talk on internship aspects for the non-traditional student. We continue to have a great student population and enjoy preparing them for the leisure service industry and to help them gain understanding about the importance of leisure in their own lives. I hope every-



one is having a great year and encourage everyone to stay in touch.

John Weber

Happy New Year and I hope it was an enjoyable and safe holiday season for all. Looking back on last year I have to say it was a very good year both professionally and personally. Professionally I finished my dissertation and graduated in May from the University of Illinois. For all of you that had to hear about my study in the Research Methods class you might remember it was a study of the differences and similarities in family leisure participation between single parent and dual parent families. Although some differences were anticipated, overall, there were no differences found. However this may be a result of the homogenous nature of the study sample as there were no big differences between the two family types in economics, education, employment status, or age of the oldest child. I am now in the process of continuing on with my study focus of leisure and the family. I also wrote an article on archery that is published in the "Encyclopedia of Recreation and Leisure in America."

The personal side of my life was also rather event-

ful this past year. I became a grandpa for the first time. Dillion is now around 9 months old and I have to say shopping for little kids for Christmas is a lot of fun; however, I was surprised at the number of children's toys/gifts that require a "battery." I guess it is the sign of the times. My wife and I also did a bit of traveling with a cruise over spring break, a trip to British Columbia to visit her family in August and a few short weekend trips to Memphis, Nashville, Indianapolis, Chicago, and St. Louis thrown in throughout the year. This is a



picture of one of the many highlights of our trip to B.C. I caught this off the west coast of Vancouver Island the second day we were there.

I am not sure what this New Year has in store but I am looking forward to another good one. If you are interested, check out my web page at <http://www.ux1.eiu.edu/~cfjjw/>. I recently have changed it some and will be continuing with new things throughout the next semester so it is still a work in progress. Send me an email and let me know what you are up to.

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Call for Alumni Award Nomination

A big part of the Spring Banquet is the presentation of an award to the Outstanding Alumni of Eastern Illinois University's Department of Recreation Administration. We are currently seeking **Outstanding Alumni Award** nominations for the Spring 2006 Banquet. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged!

The following criteria will be assessed when determining the award:

1. Must have graduated from the Department of Recreation Administration (or Leisure Studies).
2. Must have made significant contribution to the profession at large in which they work.
3. Must show evidence of successful accomplishment in their job/agency profession.
4. Must show evidence of civic and professional leadership in the community in which they live.

Please submit nominations to:

*EIU, 600 Lincoln Avenue, Recreation Administration,
1110 McAfee, Charleston, IL 61920*

2005 Distinguished Alum Award

This year the speaker for the Department of Recreation Administration Annual Awards Banquet will be Michael Sterba. Mr. Sterba, class of 1974, is the Director of Parks and Recreation for the Coloma Township Park District in Rock Falls, IL. He has served in that capacity since August of 1974. Under his direction the park district has grown substantially. Sterba, a Kiwnais member, has been very involved over the years in his community serving on various committees for the City. Mike has received the "Shoulder to the Wheel" award from the Chamber of Commerce. He has also been a Commissioner on the Whiteside County Housing Authority Board for the last 20 years. Presently, he serves on the EIU Recreation Administration Advisory Council. We look forward to meeting him at our banquet on April 15th. Why not join us for his presentation? Tickets can be purchased by calling the department at: 217.581.3018; ask for Annette, she'll be happy to answer your questions.