## Report to the Board of Trustees EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY September 16, 2005

## I. Call to Order and Roll Call

#### II. Executive Session

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## III. ACTION ITEMS

## A. Approval of Minutes

June 20, 2005 Board Meeting

June 20, 2005 Finance Committee Meeting

#### B. Executive Session Minutes – Open Meetings Act

Section 2.06(c) of the Open Meetings Act requires that the Board of Trustees review the minutes of all executive sessions at least semi-annually to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes. Minutes of executive sessions, or portions thereof, which no longer require confidential treatment must be made available for public inspection.

In order to comply with this provision, Board Counsel is reviewing executive session minutes and will provide the Board recommendations as to whether or not all or part of those minutes should remain confidential.

#### C. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$250,000 or More

1) **Purchase Item:** Group Insurance Reimbursement

Description/Explanation: In December 2001, Governor Ryan requested that higher education

contribute \$45 million to Central Management Services (CMS) to cover a shortfall in the State group insurance program. Eastern's prorated share of the shortfall, determined by the Illinois Board of Higher

Education, is summarized below.

<u>University</u>	<b>Contribution</b>
Chicago State	\$ 1,024,000
Eastern Illinois	1,713,300
Governors State	656,200
Illinois State	3,078,300
Northeastern Illinois	1,072,600
Northern Illinois	3,541,300
Western Illinois	1,944,800
Southern Illinois	7,076,300
University of Illinois	<u>24,893,200</u>
Total	\$ 45,000,000

Eastern's group health insurance contribution for FY06 would be made in four (4) installments as follows:

September 30, 2005	\$	428,325
December 30, 2005		428,325
March 31, 2006		428,325
June 16, 2006		428,325
	\$1	713 300

**Cost:** \$1,713,300

**Recommended Vendor:** Central Management Services - Sole Source (per Section

526.2025 of the Higher Education Procurement Rules)

**Fund Source:** Appropriated Funds

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.

#### D. Personnel Contracts

At the January 26, 1998 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board approved the recommendation that the President of the University be authorized to offer multi-year contracts to certain administrative personnel at Eastern Illinois University. Mr. Louis Hencken is recommending that he be authorized to offer the following contracts:

- A. Dr. Daniel Nadler a three- year contract for the period September 16, 2005 through September 15, 2008 to serve as the Vice President for Student Affairs.
- B. Dr. Diane Hoadley, an extension of her contract through June 30, 2008 to serve as the Dean for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize President Hencken to offer to Dr. Daniel Nadler a three-year contract for the period September 16, 2005 through September 15, 2008 to serve as the Vice President for Student Affairs, and to Dr. Diane Hoadley, an extension of her contract through June 30, 2008 to serve as the Dean for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

## E. Naming of University Property

Information will be provided by addendum at the meeting.

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## IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

## A. Summer and Fall, 2005 Enrollment Report

# EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY PROFILE

## SUMMER ENROLLMENT DATA – Two year comparison

CATEGORY	2004	2005
Head Count	3927	4142
FTE	1674	1670
Full-Time	422	322
Part-Time	3505	3820
<u>Undergraduate</u>	2363	2590
<u>Graduate</u>	1564	1552
<u>Gender</u>		
Men	1442	1514
women	2485	2628
Class Standing		
Freshmen	85	138
Sophomores	199	221
Juniors	482	721
Seniors	1597	1510
Graduates	1564	1552
National Origin		
White	3385	3541
African American	285	305
Hispanic	63	68
Asian	22	42
American Indian	10	10
Unknown	97	117
International	65	59

## A. Summer and Fall, 2005 Enrollment Report (Cont.)

# EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY PROFILE

FALL ENROLLMENT DATA – Five year comparison

CATEGORY					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Head Count	10531	11163	11522	11651	12129
FTE	9469	10027	10335	10409	10753
Full-Time	8721	9241	9542	9605	9904
Part-Time	1810	1922	1980	2046	2225
Undorgraduato	9116	9528	9845	9928	10375
<u>Undergraduate</u> <u>Graduate</u>	1415	1635	1677	1723	1754
<u>Gender</u>					
Men	4393	4630	4813	4829	5034
women	6138	6533	6709	6822	7095
<u>Undergraduate</u>				1	
<u>Transfers</u>	938	997	1046	1009	1148
Class Standing					
Freshmen	2158	2751	2927	2617	2505
Sophomores	1748	1743	1958	2176	2185
Juniors	2231	2164	2173	2320	2637
Seniors	2979	2870	2787	2815	3048
Graduates	1415	1635	1677	1723	1754

White 9162 9690 10006 10163 10324	
African American         697         759         769         724         848	
Hispanic 206 233 239 241 272	
Asian 83 85 88 114 129	
American Indian         25         22         25         23         27	
Unknown         213         226         241         243         397	
International 145 148 154 143 132	

## B. Summary of Purchases \$100,000 - \$249,999

<u>Vendor</u>	Type of Purchase	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Advanced Microelectronics	Agreement for computer installation maintenance. trouble-shooting etc. services.	a,	\$130,000.00
Computer Associates	Software maintenance	b	\$151,479.00
Duncan Video, Inc.	Digital equipment for WEIU-TV	2	\$159,999.76
A & R Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	Equipment, labor and materials to repair sidewalks	2	\$141,354.00
KEC Design	Labor and materials to install new dish washing machine at Thomas Hall Food Service	3	\$174,750.00
Sungard Systems and Warren Merrill	Software, operation datastore for all Banner modules	b	\$200,000.00
Prairie State Waste Services	Garbage collection and disposal	c	\$160,000.00
IBM Corporation	Software license renewals and maintenance	b	\$139,546.20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Renewal of an existing agreement. This is Option Year One of a contract which provides the option to renew the agreement for nine additional one-year periods.

b Sole source

Renewal of an existing agreement. This is Option Year Three of a contract which provides the option to renew the agreement for four additional one-year periods.

# Eastern Illinois University Deposit and Investment Report For the Three Months Ending June 30, 2005

## **Operating Funds Investment Performance:**

Average Daily Cash Balance Average Daily Invested Balance Net Average Daily Balance	\$ (3,531,034.85) <u>47,987,746.54</u> \$ <u>44,456,711.69</u>
Total Interest Earned on Investments	\$ <u>335,618.12</u>
Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	<u>107.94</u> %
Annualized Average Yield	<u>3.03</u> %
Benchmark – 90 Day Treasury Bill	<u>2.90</u> %

Investments are in U.S. Treasury Notes, Government Agencies (e.g., Federal Home Loan Bank, FNMA, etc.), Money Market Funds and Depository Accounts, earning rates ranging from 2.12% to 3.15%

#### **Endowment Funds Investment Performance:**

Portfolio Market Value March 31, 2005	\$469,927.23
Interest and Dividends Income Reinvested	2,224.36
Withdrawal for Scholarship Funding and \$25.00 Service Fee	(24,452.11)
Change in Value of Investments	8,673.72
Portfolio Market Value June 30, 2005	\$ <u>456,373.20</u>

Total Return on Investments for the Quarter 2.31%

#### **Endowment Funds Asset Allocation (as of June 30, 2005):**

#### **Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:**

Schwab Money Market Fund

Total Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:

	Market Value	
Equity Funds:		
Vanguard 500 Index	\$ 55,758.22	
Vanguard Value Index	31,344.24	
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index	36,842.61	
Vanguard Small-Cap Index	60,005.41	
Vanguard Developed Index	25,108.30	
Vanguard Emerging Markets	49,801.38	
DFA US 6-10 Value	36,355.49	
DFA International Small Company	<u>47,226.87</u>	
Total Equity Funds		\$342,442.52
Bond Funds:		
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index		112,908.67
Cash Funds:		

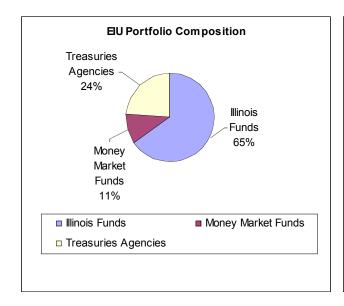
#### Eastern Illinois University Deposit and Investment Report For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005

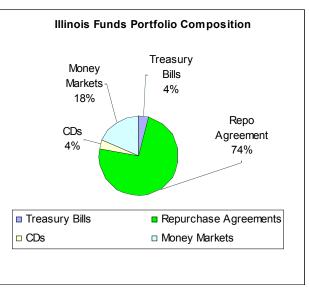
## **Operating Funds Account Balances as of June 30, 2005**

Investments at Market Value	\$ 9,714,902.50
The Illinois Funds Investment Pool	\$ 26,613,295.78
First Mid-Illinois Account	\$ 31,914.99
Money Market Accounts	\$ 4,531,572.65

#### **Operating Funds Investment Performance:**

Average Daily Book Balance Cash Average Daily Invested Balance Net Average Daily Balance	\$(3,186,247.01) 41,339,584.89 \$38,153,337.88
Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	108.35%
Total Interest Earned on Investments	\$ 919,223.18
Annualized Average Yield	2.41%
Benchmark – 90 Day Treasury Bill	2.24%





<sup>\*</sup> EIU investment is primarily in the Illinois Funds. Investments may also include U.S. Treasury Notes, Government Agencies (e.g., Federal Home Loan Bank, FNMA, etc.), Money Market Funds and Depository Accounts, earning rates ranging from 2.12% to 3.15%

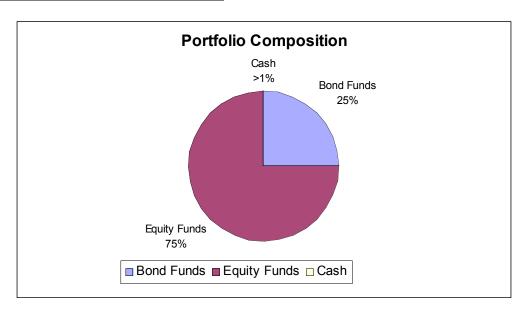
#### **Endowment Funds Investment Performance:**

Portfolio Market Value June 30, 2004	\$ 423,614.65
Interest and Dividends Income Reinvested	14,097.18
Withdrawal for Scholarship Funding and \$25.00 Service Charge	(24,452.11)
Change in Value of Investments	43,113.48
Portfolio Market Value June 30, 2005	\$ <u>456,373.20</u>

Total Return on Investments for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2005

13.50%

#### **Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:**



#### Endowment Funds Asset Allocation (as of June 30, 2005):

Vanguard 500 Index		arket Value	Yield B	<u>enchmark</u>	
Equity Funds:					
Vanguard 500 Index	\$	55,758.22	6.2	6.3	
Vanguard Value Index		31,344.24	12.6	12.8	
Vanguard Mid-Cap Index		36,842.61	18.3	18.3	
Vanguard Small-Cap Index		60,005.41	12.3	12.4	
Vanguard Developed Index		25,108.30	12.9	13.7	
Vanguard Emerging Markets		49,801.38	34.9	34.4	
DFA US 6-10 Value		36,355.49	12.6	14.4	
DFA International Small Company		47,226.87	19.1	20.0	
Total Equity Funds					\$ 342,442.52
Bond Funds:					
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index		112,908.67	6.7	6.8	112,908.67
Cash Funds:					
Schwab Money Market Fund		1,022.01	1.4	2.1	1,022.01
Total Schwab Institutional Broke	rage 1	Account:			\$ <u>456,373.20</u>

#### **Approved Depositories**

In accordance with Board of Trustees Regulations, Section V.G.1., the following financial institutions have been approved as depositories of local funds.

#### **Eastern Illinois University**

The Bank of Charleston, Charleston, Illinois

Bank of America, Charleston, Illinois

First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, Charleston, Illinois

Charleston Federal Savings and Loan Association, Charleston, Illinois

National City, Springfield, Illinois

Community Bank & Trust, Charleston, Illinois

LaSalle National Bank, Chicago, Illinois

US Bank, Mattoon, Illinois

US Bank, Springfield, Illinois

Citizens National Bank, Charleston, Illinois

JPMorgan/Chase formerly Bank One N.A., Chicago, Illinois

#### **Eastern Illinois University Peace Meal Grant Program**

First National Bank of Arcola – Arcola, Illinois

First State Bank of Atwood – Atwood, Illinois

State Bank of Bement - Bement, Illinois

Scott State Bank – Bethany, Illinois

Bank One, Bloomington/Normal - Bloomington, Illinois

The Casey National Bank – Casey, Illinois

JPMorgan/Chase formerly Bank One, Champaign/Urbana - Champaign, Illinois

First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust – Charleston, Illinois

Heartland Bank and Trust – Chenoa, Illinois

State Bank of Chrisman – Chrisman, Illinois

Cissna Park State Bank - Cissna Park, Illinois

Commerce Bank - Lexington, Illinois

National City – Bloomington, Illinois

First National Bank – Marshall, Illinois

First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust – Mattoon, Illinois

Citizens State Bank – Milford, Illinois

First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust – Monticello, Illinois

Ayars State Bank – Mowegua, Illinois

Commerce Bank – Normal, Illinois

Citizens National Bank of Paris – Oakland, Illinois

The Edgar County Bank & Trust Co. – Paris, Illinois

#### Eastern Illinois University Peace Meal Grant Program Depositories (continued)

Farmers-Merchants National Bank – Paxton, Illinois

Philo Exchange Bank – Philo, Illinois

The Pontiac National Bank – Pontiac, Illinois

First National Bank & Trust Co. - Clinton, Illinois

Illini Bank North – Danvers, Illinois

The First National bank of Dwight - Dwight, Illinois

Farmer City State Bank – Farmer City, Illinois

Flanagan State Bank - Flanagan, Illinois

Heartland Bank & Trust Co. - Gibson City, Illinois

Community Banks of Shelby County - Herrick, Illinois

The First National Bank – Homer, Illinois

Edgar Co. Bank & Trust Co. - Kansas, Illinois

Busey Bank – LeRoy, Illinois

Vermilion Valley Bank – Roberts, Illinois

Shelby County State Bank – Windsor, Illinois

Dewey State Bank – Saybrook, Illinois

First Trust Bank of Shelbyville – Shelbyville, Illinois

First National Bank of Sullivan – Sullivan, Illinois

The First National Bank of Toledo – Toledo, Illinois

Bank of Rantoul – Rantoul, Illinois

Tuscola National Bank – Tuscola, Illinois

Busey Bank – Urbana, Illinois

Villa Grove State Bank – Villa Grove, Illinois

The First Trust & Savings Bank – Watseka, Illinois

Peoples State Bank – Weldon, Illinois

Iroquois Farmers State Bank – Beaverville, Illinois

Shelby County State Bank – Findlay, Illinois

First State Bank of Newman – Newman, Illinois

Central Illinois Bank – Sidney, Illinois

Greenup National Bank - Greenup, Illinois

Busey Bank - Mahomet, Illinois

Hume Branch of the Sidell State Bank – Hume, Illinois

#### **Approved Securities Firms/Financial Institutions**

In accordance with Board of Trustees Regulation Section V.G.2., the following financial institutions or securities firms have been approved to provide consulting services and/or engage in securities transactions with the University.

#### **Eastern Illinois University**

Bank Oklahoma Securities Corp., Little Rock, Arkansas

Cambridge Associates Inc., Boston, Massachusetts

Charles Schwab, Phoenix, Arizona

Hammond & Associates, St. Louis, Missouri

Loop Capital, Chicago Illinois

Multi-Bank Securities Inc., Southfield Michigan

TCF National Bank Illinois, Burr Ridge, Illinois

Fifth Third Bank, Chicago, Illinois

Great Pacific Securities, Irvine California

PMA Financial Network, Warrenville Illinois

Eastern Illinois University Depository Banks and their Affiliates.

#### **State of Illinois Treasurer's Approved Securities Firms**

Bank of America, NA

**Barclays Capital Markets** 

Bear Sterns

BMO Nesbitt Burns Corp.

Cantor Fitzgerald

Citi Global (Smith Barney)

Deutche Bank

First Oak Brook Cap. Markets

First Tennessee Capital Markets

Goldman, Sachs & Co.

HSBC Securities Inc.

JP Morgan/Chase

Legg Mason

Loop Capital

McDonald Investments

Mellon Financial

Mischler Financial

Morgan Keegan

Morgan Stanley

O'connor SWS Securities

Oppenheimer Holdings

Piper Jaffray

## State of Illinois Treasurer's Approved Securities Firms (Cont.)

Pryor Doley Securities RBC Dain Rauscher RBS (Greenwich Cap.) Sun Trust Robinson Humphrey UBS Paine Weber Vinning-Sparks Wachovia Securities Well Fargo Financial

#### D. Fiscal Year 2006 Financial Plan Revision

On June 20, 2005, the Board of Trustees approved the University's Fiscal Year 2006 Financial Plan (Plan). The Plan presented to the Board included estimated revenue and expense amounts for fiscal year 2005. Those estimates were based on actual data received through May 11, 2005 and estimated activity to the end of the fiscal year.

The Plan has now been revised to reflect actual revenue and expense totals for fiscal year 2005. This information is unaudited and presented for comparison purposes only. Since the projected budget for Fiscal Year 2006 did not change, this item is presented for information only.

## D. Fiscal Year 2006 Financial Plan Revision (Cont.)

TABLE 1. SOURCE OF FUNDS FOR BUDGETED REVENUES

	FY	FY05		CHANGE BETWEEN FY06 and FY05				
			BUDGET	CHANGEF		CHANGE FROM FY05		
FUND SOURCE	ORIGINALLY Budgeted	ACTUAL REVENUES	FOR FY06	ORIGINAL Dollars	BUDGET PERCENT	ACTUAL RE DOLLARS	VENUES PERCENT	
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UPERALING FUNDS								
L APPROPRIATED IN COME FUNDS	\$86,038	\$86,550	\$88,789	\$2,751	32%	\$2,239	2.6%	
A. General Revenue Fund	47.610	47,610	47,610	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	
B. Income Fund	38,428	38,940	41,179	2,751	72%	2,239	5.7%	
IL NON -APPROPRIATED FUNDS	\$72,664	\$72,295	\$70,530	(\$2,134)	-2.9%	(\$1,765)	-2.4%	
A. Restricted	\$18,022	\$17,726	\$14,771	(\$3,251)	-18.0%	(\$2,955)	-16.7%	
1. Federal Financial Aid	6,850	6,842	6,920	70	1.0%	78	1.1%	
2. Federal Grants & Contracts	1,831	2,459	1,627	(204)	-11.1%	(832)	-33.8%	
3. State Grants & Contracts	2,092	2,485	2,143	51	2.4%	(342)	-13.8%	
4. Pivate Gifts, Grants, & Contracts	7,249	5,940	4,081	(3,168)	43.7%	(1,859)	-31.3%	
B. Unrestricted	\$54,642	\$54,569	\$55,759	\$1,117	2.0%	\$1,190	2.2%	
Housing Operations	27,850	27,340	28,480	630	2.3%	1,140	4.2%	
2. Student Unions	7,011	7,546	7,299	288	4.1%	(247)	-3.3%	
<ol><li>Other Self-Supporting Adivities</li></ol>	4,622	4,668	5,011	389	8.4%	343	7.39	
4. Student Adivities	14,406	14,227	14,201	(205)	-1.4%	(26)	-0.29	
5. Indirect Costs	410	478	418	8	2.0%	(60)	-12.69	
6. Gifts, Grants, and Contracts	343	310	350	7	2.0%	40	12.99	
L TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS	\$158,702	\$158,845	\$159,319	\$617	0.4%	\$474	0.3%	
CAPITAL FUNDS								
A. Appropriated Direct**	6,024 **	334	7,131	1,107	18.4%	6,797	2035.0%	
N. TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	\$6,024	\$334	\$7,131	\$1,107	18.4%	\$6,797	2035.0%	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Note: The \$6,024 in FY05 and the \$7,131 in FY06 represents multi-year funding This report was revised to show FY05 actual revenues

## D. Fiscal Year 2006 Financial Plan Revision (Cont.)

## TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF BUDGETED EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS

BUDGET FUNCTION	FY	05	PROJECTED	CHANGE BETWEEN FY06 AND FY05				
			BUDGET	CHANGE FR	OM FY05	CHANGE F	ROM FY05	
	ORIGINALLY	ACTUAL	FOR	ORIGINAL BUDGET		<b>ACTUAL EXPENDITURES</b>		
	BUDGETED	EXPENDITURES .	FY06	DOLLARS	PERCENT	DOLLARS	PERCENT	
OPERATING FUNDS								
EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL OPERATIONS	\$119,397	\$119,761	\$119,385	(\$12)	0.0%	(\$376)	0.3%	
h.d	17.050	47.005	40.400	4 007	0.00/	0.405	4.50/	
Instructional Activities	47,653	47,325	49,460	1,807	3.8%	2,135	4.5%	
Organized Research	1,630	1,712	1,197	(433)	-26.6%	(515)	-30.1%	
Public Senice	10,016	8,855	6,785	(3,231)	-32.3%	(2,070)	-23.4%	
AcademicSupport	10,237	11,029	10,565	328	32%	(464)	42%	
Student Services	19,655	19,576	19,917	262	1.3%	341	1.79	
Scholarship & Fellowship	6,742	6,994	7,535	793	11.8%	541	7.79	
Institutional Support	12,065	13,370	12,459	394	3.3%	(911)	6.8%	
Operation & Maintenance of Physical Plant	11,399	10,900	11, <u>4</u> 67	68	0.6%	567	52%	
NDEPENDENT OPERATIONS	\$35,974	\$34,754	\$36,739	\$765	2.1%	\$1,985	5.7%	
Auxiliary Enterprises	35,974	34,754	36,739	765	2.1%	1,985	5.7%	
OTHER	\$3,565	\$3,311	\$3,645	\$80	2.2%	\$334	10.1%	
FICAMedicare	900	993	958	58	6.4%	(35)	-3.5%	
Group Insurance	1,692	1,713	1,714	22	1.3%	1	0.19	
Compensated Absences	973	605	973	0	0.0%	368	60.8%	
TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS	\$158,936	<b>\$157,826</b>	\$159,769	\$833	0.5%	\$1,943	12%	
CAPITAL FUNDS								
Operation and Maintenance of Physical Plant **	6,024	334	7,131	1,107	18.4%	6,797	2035.09	
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS	\$6,024	\$334	\$7,131	\$1,107	18.4%	\$6,797	2035.0%	

<sup>\*\*</sup> Note: The \$6,024 in FY05 and the \$7,131 in FY06 represents multi-year funding This report was revised to show FY05 actual expenditures

## **E. Banner Project Status Report**

A presentation will be made at the meeting to provide the Board with an update on the status of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)/Banner project.

## F. Report from the Office of Civil Rights

Ms. Cynthia Nichols, Director of Civil Rights and Diversity will report information to the Board.

## G. President's Report

- Construction Update
- Report from the Honors College
- Report from International Programs

H. Report from Board Chair

## I. Committee Reports

Finance Committee

**Board Relations Committee** 

Planning Committee

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

## J. Reports from Constituencies

Faculty Senate – Dr. Assege HaileMariam

 $Student\ Government-Mr.\ Ryan\ Berger$ 

#### K. University Highlights

#### **AROUND CAMPUS**

EIU Again Gets High Marks in U.S. News & World Report's Annual Guide. For the sixth consecutive year, EIU has been named one of the top Midwestern public universities in its class in U.S. News & World Report's annual guide to "America's Best Colleges." Among all Midwestern public universities that offer a full range of undergraduate degrees and some master's degree programs, EIU is ranked eighth and is the only Illinois public university in the top 15. In addition, in a comprehensive list of all 142 similar Midwest institutions, both public and private, EIU's overall rank rose to 37th, making this the eighth consecutive year EIU has been in the Midwest's overall top 40. The Midwest region encompasses Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Rankings are based on schools' academic reputations, student selectivity, faculty resources, graduation and retention rates, financial resources and alumni giving.

Welcome to the Board, Mr. O'Rourke. A former EIU student senator with a long history in state government is the newest member of the EIU Board of Trustees. William O'Rourke, a 1974 EIU graduate, was appointed to the seat June 16. "He's a great addition to the board," said EIU President Lou Hencken. "I've known Bill since he was a student. He was active here at the University, he's been active with the Alumni Association in Springfield, and he's going to be an excellent board member for Eastern Illinois University." O'Rourke, a native of Heyworth, has spent his entire professional career in Springfield, working in various managerial positions for the city of Springfield, Sangamon County, the state comptroller's office, the secretary of state's office and the State Board of Elections. O'Rourke and his wife, Linda, an EIU alumna, live in Springfield with their son, Patrick.

**Luncheon Honors Construction Workers.** EIU held an appreciation luncheon on Aug. 9 to recognize the positive impact EIU's many construction projects – large and small – are having on the University, the region and the state. Guests of honor were the many construction workers on campus that day who represented the hundreds of men and women laboring to make EIU's long-range plans a reality. Speakers included EIU President Lou Hencken; state Rep. Chapin Rose; state Sen. Dale Righter; and Janet S. Grimes, acting executive director of the Illinois Capital Development Board.

Computer Discounts Offered to EIU Students, Employees. EIU is harnessing the buying power of its students, faculty and staff to offer discounted computer prices. "It is clear that our students are becoming more mobile and they want their Internet access to be readily available for checking e-mail, sharing documents with others, listening to music, downloading files, accessing Web pages and more," said Michael Hoadley, EIU assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology. Agreements with Apple, Dell and Gateway allow EIU students and employees to purchase computers at discounted rates. For more information on the Laptop Referral Purchase Program, visit http://cats.eiu.edu/laptop.

#### K. University Highlights (Cont.)

**McAfee Gym Clock Is Back in Service.** McAfee Gym's historic clock, which had been inoperative for at least a decade, has gotten a new lease on life. EIU Alumni Services paid for the stately clock's repair as a gift to the University. McAfee Gym, which was built in 1937, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### FACULTY/STAFF HAPPENINGS

Nadler Named Vice President for Student Affairs. Daniel Nadler, the new vice president for student affairs, began his new job on Aug. 1. Nadler, a Chicago native, received his bachelor's and master's degrees and doctorate from Southern Illinois University. Following graduation, he joined SIU's staff, and he was serving as director of orientation and parent/family programs and assistant director of student life when he left in 1993 to assume the position of director of student life at Tulane University. Most recently, he served as associate vice president for student affairs at Tulane. He taught at both SIU and at Tulane and has actively engaged in research and publishing. He and his wife, Kathy, have two children, Lauren, 8, and Christopher, 3.

Faculty Laureate Fern Kory Encourages Students to Dive into Education. Fern Kory's advice to incoming EIU students about their college education can be boiled down to one sentence: "You get out of this what you put into it." Kory, an EIU English professor, is happy to have the chance to impart that advice in her role as EIU's 2005-2006 Faculty Laureate, the University's official spokesperson on the importance of a general, liberal arts education. "Every class is only as good as the student lets it be," she said. "Some students don't figure that out until it's too late. That's the thing about this (being named Faculty Laureate). It's an opportunity to talk to people at the beginning of their journey and tell them a couple things that might help them get more out of their experience here."

**Sixteen-Year Veteran of EIU's Facilities Division Named Director.** Gary Reed has been named director of Facilities Planning and Management at EIU, a campus he considers "a small city in itself." Reed began his career at EIU in 1989 as superintendent of utilities. He had most recently served as acting director. As director, Reed is responsible for the supervision, coordination and administration of programs and activities related to the University's physical facilities. The 325-acre campus includes 3.2 million square feet of building space, more than a mile of underground steam tunnels and an operating budget of approximately \$160 million. Currently, the FPM division employs nearly 150 employees.

#### K. University Highlights (Cont.)

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Students Learn EIU History, Create New Tradition During 'First Night.' An estimated 2000 students, faculty, staff and alumni gathered at 11 p.m. the night before classes began for First Night, a new tradition designed to inspire students to learn more about EIU's history and develop a sense of pride and tradition. The Panther Marching Band escorted the EIU Cheer Team, the Pink Panthers, recognized student organizations and students to the new Alumni Clock Tower on the south lawn of Booth Library, where speakers included President Lou Hencken and Student Body President Ryan Berger. The night also included the singing of the Alma Mater and chiming of the Alumni Clock Tower at midnight. The event was a result of Berger's campaign promise to create more traditions that will promote school spirit and unity throughout campus.

Professionals Become Certified School Teachers Through Alternative Program. EIU's Alternative Route to Teacher Certification program provides Illinois teaching credentials to people who have bachelor's degrees in certain subject areas and at least five years of related employment experience. Since it began in Summer 2003, the program, which is part of EIU's College of Education and Professional Studies, has awarded teaching certification to 35 candidates from throughout Illinois. Collectively, participants have taught some 2,000 students in more than 30 schools. "Ranging from their 20s to their 50s, these men and women have come to us because they want to make a difference in the lives of young people," said Jim Kestner, program coordinator. "They are making a positive impact on the Illinois educational landscape." Twenty-five candidates are currently enrolled in the program, pursuing 2006 certification. More details are available at www.eiu.edu/~eiuttp.

#### FOCUS ON ATHLETICS

Bennett Chosen to Lead Defending OVC Volleyball Champions. Lori Bennett, most recently the head coach and assistant athletic director at Lake Land College, is the new head volleyball coach at EIU. Bennett was named Region 24 Coach of the Year in 2002 and 2004. The 2002 team posted a 44-8 record and advanced to the program's first-ever regional championship, which also earned her District J Coach of the Year honors. She has also served as the chair of the NJCAA Region 24 Volleyball Committee since 2001. She was a three-year letter winner at Indiana State University and was a Missouri Valley Conference All-Academic Honorable Mention during both seasons. Bennett began her collegiate career at Eastern Kentucky, where she was named to the Ohio Valley Conference All-Freshman Team in 1992. While working at Lake Land, Bennett completed a master's in physical education at EIU in 1999, earning Athletic Administration Graduate Student of the Year honors. She replaces Brenda Winkeler, who left in June to take over the volleyball program at Southern Illinois University. The team Bennett inherits posted a 15-1 league record in 2004 and was the OVC co-champion.

#### K. University Highlights (Cont.)

Schuette Named Head Softball Coach. Kim Schuette has been named head softball coach at EIU. Schuette recently finished her first year as head coach at Quincy University, where she also served as the senior woman administrator and compliance director. Previously, she was an assistant for three years at San Jose State and served as a pitching and hitting instructor for group and private lessons. Schuette was a member of the EIU softball team for three years (1997-99) before transferring to Indiana State University, where she earned a bachelor's in physical education in 2001. She earned a master's degree from San Jose State. She was an NFCA Academic All-American in 1999 and received the President's Scholar-Athlete Award in 2001.

John Blackburn Joins EIU as Head Tennis Coach. John Blackburn is the new men's and women's tennis coach at EIU. He just finished his fourth year as the men's and women's coach at Coker College, a NCAA II program in Hartsville, S.C. The programs had just been on a one-year hiatus from competition when Blackburn took the reins, leading the men's team to seventh place in the Carolinas-Virginia Athletic Conference, the highest league finish and win total in more than a decade. The women finished sixth this past year in the conference championship, and placed three positions higher in the league standings in each of the past three years. The women's program also had the best team grade point average the past three semesters. From 1999 to 2001, Blackburn coached at NAIA-affiliated Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Fla., where both men and women were ranked in the NAIA Top 20 two of his three years as head coach, and the women's team qualified for the NAIA national tournament each of the three seasons. Previously, he was assistant women's coach at Oklahoma State University and men's and women's assistant at Oklahoma Christian University. Blackburn earned a bachelor's degree from Oklahoma Christian in 1996 and a master's from Oklahoma State in 1999.

**Five to Enter EIU Athletics Hall of Fame.** Inductees for the EIU athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2005 include former athletes Tim Carver (football), Damien Kelly (soccer), Kaaryn Sadler Kennington (volleyball) and Casey Reinking (track/cross country). Inducted as "Friends of Athletics" are retired Vice President for Student Affairs Glenn Williams and his late wife, Joan.

## L. Other Matters

## M. Public Comment