HEADLINES

ALUMNI & DONORS APPRECIATED

Year End Giving: Eastern Illinois University and the EIU Foundation appreciate our alumni and donors. You make a difference in the lives of our students, faculty, and staff. It is always fitting for us to pause and say THANK YOU at this time of year, for your generous gifts of time, talent, and financial resources. It is appreciated!

December is a busy time in the philanthropy office with folks making year-end gifts. We wanted to pass along the following information so that your year end giving can be done easily with you in mind. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Office Hours:
Lumpkin College of Business & Applied Sciences Philanthropy office hours: Closed Dec. 24 & 25, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1. The office will be open Dec. 21 until noon, Dec. 26-28 8 am - noon. Email will be checked regularly as well as voice mail.

Making a Year end Gift:
Online giving: The deadline to make a credit card or debit card gift online and receive 2007 tax credit is 11:59 pm on Dec. 31, 2007. This type of giving is encouraged to insure 2007 tax credit. To make a gift online, please go to: https://commerce.cashnet.com/eiualumni.

Checks: Checks dated on or before Dec. 31, 2007 will be given tax credit for 2007.

Gifts by Phone: Gifts made by phone must be made by noon, Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, to receive 2007 tax credit. You must talk to a live person to make this type of gift. You may call 217-581-3313 or 217-581-7969 to make these gifts.
Join the EIU Alumni Association

Are you a graduate of Eastern Illinois University? See what Alumni Services can do for you when you join the Alumni Association. It's just $30 for an annual membership and $45 for an annual family membership! Benefits range from newsletters to ticket information for EIU events and travel discounts. The Alumni Association also recognizes the professional and volunteer accomplishments of EIU alumni. For more information, visit the web site at: www.eiu.edu/~alumni.

Brainard House
Home of the EIU Alumni Association

Homecoming 2007
Homecoming 2007 is scheduled for the weekend of October 19-21. For suggestions on area lodging, contact the Charleston Chamber of Commerce at 217-345-7041 or the LCBAS Development Office at jsjoines@eiu.edu or 217-581-7969.

Family Weekend 2008: September 26-28
Homecoming 2008: October 17-19

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21st Century Wealth
-Jeff G. Scott, Class of 1968

21st Century Wealth, a primer on the essential principles of financial planning, is designed to be an informative resource for readers interested in estate, investment, and retirement planning issues. One of the contributors is Jeffrey G. Scott, CLU, CFP, ChFC. Mr. Scott, retired Managing Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region for Sagemark Consulting, operated one of the top five financial planning firms in the

Gifts of Securities/Stocks: Transfers to an EIU Foundation account must be received in the Foundation account no later than the end of business on Friday, Dec. 28, 2007, to receive 2007 tax credit. For information on EIU Foundation accounts, please contact the EIU Foundation at 581-3313 OR Jacqueline Joines, CFRE at 217-581-7969.

IRA Rollover Gifts: This is the last year that Congress has approved IRA rollovers for charitable gifts. IRA Rollover gifts MUST be received in an EIU Foundation approved account no later than Dec. 31, 2007, to receive 2007 tax credit. For assistance, please contact the EIU Foundation at 217-581-3313 OR Jacqueline Joines, CFRE at 217-581-7969.

Please feel free to contact the LCBAS Philanthropy office if you have any questions. THANK YOU!

PANTERA RESTAURANT GIVES STUDENTS A TASTE OF REAL LIFE
Excerpted from Times Courier
By Amber Williams, Staff Writer

Students in the Commercial Quantity Food Production course receive hands-on experience with Pantera, a student-operated, full-service restaurant that serves EIU faculty, staff and students. A different menu is offered every Tuesday. "We're trying to give these students a little edge on their career choices and make sure they have experience in their field before they go out and look for a job," said instructor Kathy Rhodes, adding that four Summer 2007 graduates are now managing Chicago restaurants.

Right now, the students are preparing the restaurant's food in the former home economics classroom and do not have any commercial-size kitchen facilities, Rhodes said. The class is raising money and accepting donations to furnish a commercial-size kitchen in the future. "We don't have commercial facilities here, when we do, what we can teach them is amazing," Rhodes said.

For the full story go to JG-TC.com for the November 8, 2007 article.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NAMED FIRST CHOICE
As reported by DEN

The English department was recently announced as the second graduate program to be recognized as an EIU First Choice program. The First Choice designation is given by the Graduate School to EIU departments that meet criteria that show that their programs are worthy of being graduate students' first choices. The History department's graduate program was the first to receive this status in October. Programs that are named "First Choice" will retain that status for three years. During that time, they will be eligible for extra financial resources from the Graduate School to further strengthen their status. At this time, six other graduate programs are under consideration for this designation.
Lincoln Financial Advisors distribution system.

The book is available for purchase at the discounted price of $24.95 plus shipping and handling. To request a copy, e-mail biharrell@LNC.com. Prepayment is required by personal or corporate check.

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Boomtown USA
-Jack Schultz, CEO of Agracel

Jack Schultz, CEO of Agracel, Inc., and past president of Eastern Illinois University's Foundation, has recently published a book focusing on small towns that thrive while other small towns are failing.

Order a copy of Boomtown USA: The 7 1/2 Keys to Big Success in Small Towns by calling 1-800-600-8085 or visiting www.boomtownusa.net.

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More Country Music for Laughin' Lovin' and Livin' It Up
-Gene Newport, Class of 1957

Gene Newport, an EIU business alumnus ('57) and 1977 Distinguished Alumnus from the EIU School of Business, has written another book that may interest EIU alumni. Newport, author of Management Up, Down, and Inside Out, is a professor of management and dean emeritus at the University of Alabama.


LEGACY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR DESCENDANTS OF EASTERN ALUMNI

Applications for the 2008-2009 Legacy Scholarships are being accepted by the Alumni Services office through Feb. 1, 2008. To be eligible, an applicant must be the child or grandchild of an Eastern graduate and must begin attending the University during the 2008 fall semester. Recipients are required to have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have been involved in extracurricular activities. To apply, the student should send a letter of application stating his/her qualifications (including how he/she is related to an Eastern alumnus), two letters of recommendation and high school/college transcripts to EIU Alumni Services, Attn: Legacy Scholarship, 600 Lincoln Ave, Charleston, IL 61920

Visit the EIU Scholarship page to find out more about other scholarships offered at EIU, www.eiu.edu/~scholars/

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At Tarble Art Center
The Faculty Art Exhibit
Beginning October 20, 2007, through January 6, 2008

Exhibition: Common Threads: Southwestern and Mexican Weavings and Pottery
Location: Tarble Arts Center, Brainard Gallery
Through December 20, 2007

Modern Art from the Collection
Location: Tarble Arts Center, West Main Galleries
Through January 6, 2008

Tuesday-Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 10 am - 4 pm Saturday
Sunday: 1 - 4 pm
Closed Monday and major holidays
Admission and visitor parking are free.
For information: 217-581-ARTS (2787)
http://www.eiu.edu/~tarble/exhibprog.html
Newport has generously arranged to donate proceeds from the purchase of *Country Music* by EIU alumni and friends to benefit the Theodore W. Ivarie Leadership & Innovation Fund.

To order *Country Music*..., priced at $12.50; *More Country Music*..., priced at $9.50; or *Momma Used To Say*..., priced at $9.80, contact Jackie Joines at isjoines@eiu.edu or by calling 217-581-7969.

**McAfee Gym**
**National Historical Site**

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**Wellness: Piece by Piece**
*Pat Sullivan, Class of 1975*

Pat Sullivan, creator of the best-selling ACT© software, has authored a book chronicling his struggles with chronic illness and offering advice and encouragement to those who also struggle with persistent health issues. His book, *Wellness: Piece by Piece*, is available from your local bookseller or through Amazon.com.

Also, Pat Sullivan has established a health information network, Jigsaw Health. The web site offers nutritional foods, dietary supplements, and resources on illnesses and treatments.

**ENEWS SOURCES**
The ENEWS is a publication of the Lumpkin College of Business & Applied Sciences Development Office. Much of the text is obtained from the University Newsletter, Media Relations, and the Alumni Newsletter. Other sources for campus news include the PANTHER ATHLETICS, the DAILY EASTERN NEWS, and the CHARLESTON TIMES-COURIER.

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**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**December**

6-8 21st Annual Holiday Art Sale. A fantastic array of hand-crafted art created by local artisans. Proceeds benefit the Art Department Scholarship Fund. Tarble Arts Center on Thurs., Dec 6 from 5-7pm, Fri., Dec 7 from 10am-5pm and Sat., Dec 8 from 10am-4pm.

7 Concert: Handel's Messiah. The Eastern Symphony Chamber Orchestra and the EIU Concert Choir will be joined by members of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra Chorus to present this holiday favorite. McAfee Auditorium 7pm.

15 Commencement - Congratulations Graduates! Lantz Gymnasium.

15 8:00 pm - Wicked, The Untold Stories of the Witches of Oz. Fox Theatre, 527 N Grand Blvd. St. Louis, MO. Reception 6-7:30pm at The Jazz Bistro, (Main Dining Room/Second Floor Balcony), 3536 Washington Ave., St. Louis. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided and a cash bar will be available. Ticket cost is $55. To order tickets, please call 1-800-ALUM-EIU or fill out and return this form with payment. Tickets will be mailed one week prior to the event.

16 Tony Romo Watch Party, Dallas Texas. Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.

**January**

TBA Connections in Business Networking Reception and Social, Chicago Southwest Suburbs, details TBA Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.

11 Join alumni and friends to see Eastern alumnus Matthew Polenzani in the role of Alfredo in the classic opera La Traviata at Chicago’s Lyric Opera. Reception 5:30-7 pm, Lloyd's Chicago, 1 S Wacker Dr, Chicago. Hors d'oeuvres and a host bar will be available. 7:30 pm La Traviata, Lyric Opera of Chicago, 20 N Wacker Dr, Chicago, IL.

**February**

7 EIU Alumni Night, Lantz Arena, Charleston. Details TBA. Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.

9 Scottsdale Alumni Reception, Scottsdale, AZ, Details TBA. Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.
12  Annual Lincoln's Birthday Alumni Social. San Francisco, CA. Details TBA. Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.

April

3  Bolingbrook Alumni Reception, Bolingbrook, IL. Details TBA. Call 1-800-ALUM-EIU for further details.

19  The View From Here to There: The Aesthetics of Travel in the Rural Midwest. This exhibition open in the Brainard and eGalleries, Tarble Arts Center

24  IASA Conference Hospitality Reception, Springfield - details TBA

Watch your mailbox for information on these and other upcoming events in your area. For questions, call 800-ALUM-EIU (800-258-6348) or the LCBAS Development Office at 217-581-7969.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

FROM EIU KICKER TO CNN ANCHOR
From the EIU Athletic website

If asked, sure, CNN Headline News Sports anchor Ray D'Alessio will talk about his days kicking for Eastern Illinois football team. That was a 29-yard field goal with 1:19 left, he can tell off the top of his head of that game-winner when Eastern beat Northwestern Louisiana 23-22 in 1990. "Oh yeah, I tell war stories," D'Alessio said. "C'mon. I wouldn't even attempt to kick a field goal now. But I have to pull out the old game films sometimes."

These days D'Alessio is usually telling stories of others whether it is results from the previous nights major-league baseball games from his anchor desk or standing in the pits of the Daytona 500. You know how Eastern was a big story a year ago when Sean Payton became the school's third graduate to be an NFL head coach? Well, CNN has two sports anchors and both went to Eastern Illinois - D'Alessio of Decatur and Larry Smith of Mattoon. Smith helped D'Alessio get into this deal of rising at 3 am in order to be at work by 4 and be on the air for your 6 am breakfast.

Transferring from Illinois Valley Community College for his junior year as a walk-on, D'Alessio won EIU's starting place-kicking job that preseason and helped the Panthers to their last I-AA playoff in 1989. That was when the 15th ranked Panthers, featuring defensive tackle John Jurkovic, who went on to play in the NFL before getting his own radio job working for WMVP in Chicago, upset No. 4 Idaho which had future NFL quarterback John Friesz. From that win at Idaho's dome the Panthers the following week went to the frozen field at Montana where one of D'Alessio's memorable moments came from just warming up on the sideline during an EIU possession, slipping and falling on his behind.
D'Alessio said he found he did have the skills to make it on national television. "I still look at those big CNN letters and just pinch myself," D'Alessio said. "I've been a very, very lucky individual. I got to play college football and for (Eastern Illinois) coach (Bob) Spoo and go to the playoffs and now I get to work at CNN."

For the full story, visit the EIU Athletic website, www.eiupanthers.com.

**EIU ALUM NOW SENIOR VP WITH NCAA**
From the EIU Athletic website

Eastern Illinois alumnuus Dr. Joni Comstock, Class of ’79, is in her second year as the NCAA Senior Vice-President of Championships and senior woman administrator. She reports directly to NCAA President Myles Brand and oversees 84 championships and a staff of 50. Comstock previously served as Director of Athletics at American University (2003-2006) and at North Carolina-Asheville (2000-2003). She also was senior associate athletic director at Purdue (1989-2000).

When selected to her current position in 2006, Brand said, "Joni emerged from a very strong field of candidates as the new senior vice president because of her experience at the local, conference and national levels. Her efforts at both the University of North Carolina, Asheville and at American University have been characterized by strong leadership and visionary growth."

For questions and answers with Dr. Comstock in regards to her position at the NCAA, her views on intercollegiate athletics and her experience at EIU, visit the EIU Athletic website, www.eiupanthers.com.

**TIM FIX SCHOLARSHIP FUND HOLIDAY CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE**
All proceeds from the sale of these holiday cards will go directly to the Tim Fix Scholarship Fund.

Tim, along with Joe Bee, were Eastern Illinois University wrestlers and college roommates of Matt Hughes. Both Tim and Joe died in a tragic drowning accident at EIU in May 1996. Tim's parents created a scholarship fund in their son's memory to benefit college students. Each year, Tim's parents give out from fifteen to twenty $500 scholarships. The students are selected not necessarily by their academic performance, but by whom Tim's parents feel their son would have chosen to receive the scholarship. To date over $100,000 has been raised and distributed. This is the 7th year the cards have been sold. Tim's aunt, Sue Shanahan, an artist and illustrator, creates each year's card in memory of Tim and Joe. The cards are $20 for a package of 10. They can be purchased by going to www.SueShanahan.com.

**DONATIONS FOR INDIAN STUDENT**

This fall, two of our EIU Indian students were involved in a tragic car crash. Nishanth Etala was killed and Suresh Penchala remains hospitalized in a coma in Chattanooga, Tennessee. International Programs recently encouraged everyone to support the EIU Indian Student Association in their efforts of fundraising for Suresh Penchala's family. An event was held Sunday, November 11, 2007, from 11am to 7pm in Robertson Auditorium in Lumpkin Hall. To receive information regarding alternate methods of donating to the cause, please email Roja at rperumanndla@eiu.edu.
PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Application deadline: Review begins immediately and continues until filled. Apply to: Dr. Abdou Illia, Screening Committee Chairperson, at busrecrt@eiu.edu.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF FINANCE
Application deadline: Review begins November 26, 2007, and continues until filled. Apply to: Dr. Richard Whitaker, Screening Committee Chairperson, busrecrt@eiu.edu.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY - Digital Printing and Imaging
Application deadline: Review begins immediately and continues until filled. Apply to: Dr. Mahyar Izadi, Screening Committee Chairperson, mizadi@eiu.edu.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY - Education and Training
Application deadline: Review begins immediately and continues until filled. Apply to: Dr. Mahyar Izadi, Screening Committee Chairperson, mizadi@eiu.edu.

ALUMNI EVENTS COORDINATOR
Application deadline: Review begins November 5, 2007 and continues until filled. Apply to: Jonathan McKenzie @ jrmckenzie@eiu.edu.

DIRECTOR OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
Application deadline: Review begins January 2, 2008 and continues until interviews are complete. Apply to: Mary Anne Hanner c/o rbpaige@eiu.edu.

SPORTS NEWS

PAIR OF SWIMMERS NAMED ATHLETES OF THE MONTH
From the EIU Athletic website

A pair of swimmers were honored this week as Eastern Illinois named its Student Athletes of the Month. Joe Laird and Laura Nilsen were recognized as the winners for November.

Laird is a junior diver from Danville, IL who competes in the 1 meter and 3 meter diving competitions. During November he posted four wins in those events including a two-event sweep at the Panther Invite. At this weekend’s House of Champions he was a Top 5 finisher in the 3-meter dive.

Nilsen is a sophomore swimmer from Orland Park, IL where she attended Lockport High. Nilsen posted four individual wins during the month in the 100 meter back stroke and 200 meter IM. She was also part of three first place relay teams at the Panther Invite. She was a Top 5 finisher in the House of Champions 100 meter back stroke this past weekend.
**BRING ROMO HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**
From the EIU Athletic website

Fans now have the chance to take home Tony Romo for the Holidays as Eastern Illinois University athletics is offering EIU Tony Romo replica jerseys for the holiday season. EIU is also selling Romo t-shirts. The No. 17 EIU Romo jersey will be given to individuals who join the EIU Panther Club as new members at a $200 (Blue) or greater level or to current Panther Club members who wish to increase their current giving level by $100 or more.

Romo No. 17 t-shirts are available in youth and adult sizes for $20 per shirt (plus $5 shipping and handling). The t-shirt has Romo's No. 17 and his name on the back of the blue shirt. Eastern Illinois athletics is the only place fans will be able to obtain an official No. 17 EIU Tony Romo jersey or t-shirt.

Jerseys and t-shirts may be purchased in person at the Lantz Arena Athletic Office or over the phone at (217) 581-2310. Contributions to the EIU Panther Club may be tax deductible. Contact your tax consultant to determine if you are eligible for the deduction. All proceeds are used to financially support the men and women who participate in Eastern Illinois University's 21 intercollegiate sport programs.

**MARTIN LOOKS TO BUILD ON 2007 SUCCESS**
From the EIU Athletic website
Story by Sam Hudson - EIU Sports Information Intern

It seems that going 9-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference and 20-2 overall wasn't enough for EIU junior tennis player Natalie Martin. Martin earned first team All-OVC honors for the 2006-07 season. Along with doubles partner Hayley Homburg she became the first EIU women's player to earn a national ranking as the tandem was ranked 56th.

But, now, Martin says her concentration is on the team. EIU finished third in the OVC last season, the highest finish since joining the conference ten years ago and Natalie is adamant about building upon that. "We raised the bar and we are really excited about the upcoming season," says Martin when asked about this season's expectations. "We have a good chance to win conference and the recognition we've gained will help motivate us to work towards that."

Natalie is also inspired by her aunt, Andree Martin. Andree earned her way into the Canadian Tennis Hall of Fame and has spent time touring on Grand Slam tournaments, including the U.S. and Australian Opens. "It's intimidating, especially when feeling the pressure to live up to expectations," says Martin. "It's motivated me to get better and my aunt has emphasized how important it is to concentrate on having fun and enjoying the game. She's been a great help to me and my tennis career since I started playing at age 5."

Natalie's optimistic outlook on the upcoming season is consistent with head coach John Blackburn, who is entering his fourth season at Eastern Illinois. "Last year was a great year, we look to build on it and use it as a spring board," says Blackburn, who also notes that the accomplishments of players like Natalie and the team have opened doors for both recruiting and scheduling.
UPCOMING SPORTING EVENTS

December 6 - Women's Basketball, 5pm, Tennessee Tech at Lantz Arena
December 6 - Men's Basketball, 7:15pm, Tennessee Tech at Lantz Arena
December 8 - Women's Basketball, 5pm, Tennessee State at Lantz Arena
December 8 - Men's Basketball, 7:15pm, Tennessee State at Lantz Arena
December 8 - Men & Women's Indoor Track, time TBA, Indiana State at Lantz Indoor Fieldhouse
December 17 - Men's Basketball, 6pm, Eastern Kentucky at Richmond, KY
December 19 - Women & Men's Basketball, 4:15 & 6:30pm, Morehead State at Morehead, KY
December 21 - Women's Basketball, 6pm Eastern Kentucky at Richmond, KY
December 27 - Men & Women's Swimming at Ft. Lauderdale College Swim Forum & East/West Meet (thru 1/5), Ft. Lauderdale, FL
December 29 - Men's Basketball, 6pm, Bowling Green State at Bowling Green, Ohio

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

*** 2007-8 Basketball Season Tickets Now On Sale ***
Call (217) 581-2106   Season Ticket Flyer

SPORTS RESULTS

Football (8-4)
W 33-17 vs. Samford
L 30-11 at Southern Illinois (NCAA Playoffs)
SEASON COMPLETE

Men's Basketball (1-6, 0-0 OVC)
L 72-65 vs. Loyola-Chicago
L 75-57 at Western Illinois
L 74-60 at Arkansas State
L 63-47 at UW Green Bay
L 55-49 vs. Rice (Iowa Hawkeye Challenge)
L 57-45 at Iowa

Women's Basketball (1-7, 0-0 OVC)
L 59-61 at Missouri
L 62-58 at Illinois Chicago
L 72-66 at Toledo
L 83-57 at Bradley
L 85-76 vs. Indiana State
W 70-52 vs. Loyola-Chicago

Men's Soccer
W 1-0 vs. Drake (MVC Tourney)
L 2-0 vs. Bradley (MVC Tourney)

Swimming
Men finished 6th at House of Champions
Women 6th at House of Champions

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