III. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

April 27, 2009 Board 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. FY10 Budget Overview

Information on the University’s FY 2010 all funds budget will be presented by addendum at the meeting.
D. FY 2011 Budget Recommendation

Information on the University’s FY 2011 budget recommendation will be presented by addendum at the meeting.
E. **Non-indentured Reserves**

In order to retain working capital allowances and adequate funds for repair/replacement of equipment and/or relevant facilities, and in accordance with Section V.G.5 of the Board of Trustees *Regulations* and Sections IV.A.1 and IV.C.2. of the University Guidelines 1982, Board approval is requested to increase/decrease reserves as follows:

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It is recommended that the Board approve these non-indentured reserve increases/decreases.
F. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of $250,000 or More

1) **Purchase Item:** Design Services Contract

**Description/Explanation:** Design services for the renovation of the restroom areas in Lincoln Hall to provide multiple private areas in place of the existing facilities and to install kitchenettes on each floor. This contract would also include design services for the sprinkler system installation and fire alarm and electrical system upgrades.

**Cost:** $298,980.00 (including $27,180.00 for contingencies)

**Recommended Vendor:** Moorhead – Gruber Architects
Champaign, IL

**Summary of Bids:** Exempt from bidding per Public Act 87-673, Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Qualifications Based Selections (QBS) Act. Qualifications were solicited via a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Moorhead – Gruber Architects was selected and the fee negotiated following the QBS process, as required by law.

**Fund Source:** Local Funds

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.
F. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of $250,000 or More (Cont.)

2) 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.

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<tr>
<td>Chicago State</td>
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<td>Eastern Illinois</td>
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<td>University of Illinois</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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We anticipate that Eastern’s group health insurance contribution for FY10 will be made in four (4) installments as follows:

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<td>May 30, 2010</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$1,713,300</strong></td>
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Cost: $1,713,300

Recommended Vendor: Central Management Services - Sole Source (per Section 526.2025 of the Higher Education Procurement Rules)

Fund Source: Appropriated and Local Funds

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.
F. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of $250,000 or More (Cont.)

3) Purchase Item: Annual Supply of Coal for Heat Plant

Description/Explanation: Contract for the purchase and delivery of up to 16,000 tons of low-sulfur coal, freeze conditioning and back-hauling of coal waste for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Cost: Not To Exceed $1,500,000.00

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<td>Delivered</td>
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<td>$84.80</td>
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<td>$200 per truckload</td>
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Recommended Vendor: Coalsales, LLC
Evansville, IN.

Summary of Bids: Coalsales, LLC
Evansville, IN.

Two (2) companies did not respond.

Fund Source: Appropriated Funds and Local Funds

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.
F. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of $250,000 or More (Cont.)

4) Purchase Item: Elevator Maintenance

Description/Explanation: Elevator maintenance for a five (5) year period beginning July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014 with the University’s option to renew for an additional five (5) year period. Increases in cost after year one (1) shall be based on any changes in the “Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices for Metals and Metal Products” and on the straight time hourly labor cost.

Cost: Not to exceed $535,000 for five (5) year period (including estimated increases in cost due to Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices).

Recommended Vendor: Kone, Inc.
Peoria, IL

Summary of Bids: Kone, Inc., Peoria, IL $ 86,964
Otis Elevator, Peoria, IL $155,052
ThyssenKrupp, Peoria, IL $159,720
Urban Elevator, Cicero, IL $196,896
Murphy Elevator, Louisville, KY $210,840

Fund Source: Local, Appropriated and Foundation Funds

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.
5) **Purchase Item:** Energy Conservation Project – Phase III

**Description/Explanation:** This contract would provide construction and supervision services for Phase III of our energy conservation project. Under the terms of this agreement, Honeywell International, Inc. would oversee the construction and installation of agreed upon energy conservation measures on campus.

The project is designed to be self-funded over a period not to exceed 20 years from the date of completion of the measures. Honeywell International, Inc. guarantees that Eastern will attain annual energy savings or operational cost savings equal to or greater than the annual cost of financing the project. Annual energy savings of less than the guaranteed amount will be supplemented by Honeywell International, Inc. That supplement, if any, will be used to repay amounts financed. In addition, Honeywell International, Inc. will provide us with an insurance policy, from a national insurance company to further strengthen their guarantee. The net result is that Eastern will receive approximately $78.0 million of capital improvements to its facilities without a special appropriation.

**Cost:** Not to exceed $79.0 million

**Recommended Vendor:** Honeywell International, Inc.
Arlington Heights, IL

**Summary of Proposals:**
Honeywell International, Inc.
Arlington, Heights, IL

Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.
Kansas City, MO

Chevron Energy Solutions Company
Oak Brook, IL

Energy Systems Group, LLC
Newburgh, IN

Johnson Controls, Inc.
Milwaukee, WI
F. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of $250,000 or More (Cont.)

Summary of Proposals (Continued):

Siemens Building Technologies
Bloomington, IL

Pepco Energy Services
Arlington, VA

Fund Source: Local Funds

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.
F. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of $250,000 or More (Cont.)

6) Purchase Item: Natural Gas-Fired Steam Boiler Replacement Installation

Description/Explanation: Installation of a new steam boiler being purchased under separate contract from CB Nebraska Boiler (approved at April Board meeting). The project would include the removal of an existing 1969 natural gas boiler and installation and start-up of the new boiler in the University’s existing steam plant.

Cost: *TBD

Recommended Vendor: *TBD

Summary of Bids: *TBD

Fund Source: Local Funds

*Bids are scheduled to be open on June 11, 2009. Final information will be presented by addendum at the meeting.
F. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of $250,000 or More (Cont.)

7) **Purchase Item:** Parking Lot Repair and Maintenance

**Description/Explanation:** Major repairs to the “W” parking lot located west of Lawson Hall, Buzzard North lot, 9th Street Hall lot and the UPD parking lot would be completed under this project. Cracks in various other campus parking lots would also be repaired.

**Cost:** $582,460.00 (includes $52,952.00 contingency)

**Recommended Vendor:** Ne-Co Asphalt Company, Inc., Charleston, IL

**Summary of Bids:**
- Ne-Co Asphalt Company, Inc., Charleston, IL $529,508.00

Nine (9) vendors / planholders did not respond.

**Fund Source:** FY09 Local Funds

*It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this purchase item.*
G. Resolution Authorizing Financing of Capital Improvement Projects

This item will be presented by addendum at the meeting.
H. Adoption of Board Resolution on Out-of-State Tuition Levels

The University proposes to extend the recently authorized enrollment enhancement program to international undergraduate students and provide for future adjustments to out-of-state tuition levels for graduate students. The impetus for these changes was stimulated by the University’s growing non-competitive position for international students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and for out-of-state domestic graduate students. These changes will assist the University in continuing its efforts to shape the academic and other profiles of newly admitted students.

International students, be they undergraduate or graduate, currently are charged tuition levels which are set at three times the prevailing in-state level. They also are not covered under the provisions of the “truth in tuition” legislation which fixes tuition levels for undergraduate in-state students for four years from the date of matriculation. The original rationale for an out-of-state multiplier set at 3.0 was based on the approximate level of state subsidy for in-state students. Today, the level of this subsidy is substantially lower than it was in when this was established, and other state universities have lowered their out-of-state multipliers placing Eastern’s tuition rate at a competitive disadvantage.

Because Eastern recently established an enrollment enhancement program for out-of-state undergraduates, we are seeking to extend the program to include international students. Specifically, the tuition multiplier for high achieving/talented undergraduate international students would be set at 1.0 times the prevailing in-state rate per credit hour effective with the Fall 2010 Semester.

The proposal pertaining to out-of-state graduate students is based primarily on the University’s competitive position for out-of-state graduate students, both domestic and international. The average multiplier of Illinois universities for out-of-state graduate students is approximately 2.4. Eastern’s current multiplier of 3.0 is the highest in the state making our graduate programs increasingly non-competitive for out-of-state students, both domestic and international. The current proposal is to move to a multiplier of 2.7 for all out-of-state graduate students commencing in Fall 2010. In order to offset the tuition reduction an enrollment increase will be needed amounting to some 16 out-of-state graduate students. Should this change prove success, further adjustments may be proposed in the future.

These two changes will allow the University to remain competitive for international students at both the graduate and undergraduate levels as well as for out-of-state graduate students generally.

Resolution
BE IT RESOLVED, by the board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University in regular meeting assembled, that
1.) The Enrollment Enhancement Tuition program is hereby extended to undergraduate international students. Effective Fall 2010, new entering high-achieving/talented out-of-state students participating in the enrollment enhancement program will pay an alternative tuition rate of 1.0 times the then current in-state undergraduate tuition rate; and
2.) Effective Fall 2010, new entering and continuing out-of-state graduate students, both domestic and international, will pay an out-of-state tuition rate which shall be set at 2.7 times the then current in-state graduate tuition rate.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the above Board Resolution on Out-of-State Tuition Levels.
1. Labor Agreements

1. Laborers’ International Union of North America, Local #159 Successor Agreement

Labor Agreement: A tentative agreement was reached between the parties on April 15, 2009 to renew and amend the wage provisions of the agreement. There are four (4) employees in the bargaining unit. The Laborers ratified the agreement on April 28, 2009. The parties agreed to minor language changes, a wage package and a two (2) year agreement.

Cost of Settlement: The parties agreed to a two and one-half (2 ½) % wage increase effective July 1, 2009 and a two and one-half (2 ½) % wage increase effective July 1, 2010.

Estimated Costs:

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<td>July 1, 2010</td>
<td>$4,758.00</td>
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It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this contract renewal and wage agreement.
1. Labor Agreements (Cont.)

2. Plumbers and Steamfitter Local No. 149 of the United Association AFL-CIO Successor Agreement

Labor Agreement: The parties reached a tentative agreement on March 24, 2009. There are approximately twenty-two (22) employees in the bargaining unit. The parties agreed to minor changes to the overall agreement. Plumbers and Steamfitter local #149 ratified the agreement on April 28, 2009. The new two (2) year agreement will take effect June 1, 2009 and will expire May 31, 2011.

Cost of Settlement: The parties agreed to pay the prevailing wage rate certified by the Department of Labor for journeyman Plumbers and Steamfitters in Coles County. The new base rate is currently being negotiated at the State level and is unknown at the present time. Current base rate of pay is $35.96/hr.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve this successor agreement.
J. Naming of University Property

This item will be presented by addendum at the Board meeting.
K. Adoption of Resolution

A resolution is being presented on behalf of the following individual:

1. Mr. Roger Kratochvil, Former Chair of the Board of Trustees

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt the resolution being presented on behalf of Roger Kratochvil.
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IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. President’s Report

- Presentation regarding the first year in the newly renovated Doudna Fine Arts Center.
B. Report from Board Chair
C. Committee Reports

Executive/Planning Committee
Mr. Bill O’Rourke, Chair
Mr. Roger Kratochvil
Mr. Leo Welch
Dr. Robert Webb

Board Relations Committee
Ms. Julie Nimmons, Chair
Mr. Don Yost

Finance/Audit Committee
Dr. Robert Webb, Chair
Mr. Don Yost

Academic and Student Affairs Committee
Mr. Leo Welch, Chair
Ms. Julie Nimmons
Mr. Eric Wilber

Board Regulations
Mr. Leo Welch
D. Reports from Constituencies

Student Government – Levi Bulgar
## E. Summary of Purchases $100,000 - $249,999

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<td>Broadcast Video Server for WEIU</td>
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<td>$125,310</td>
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<td>Correctional Industries</td>
<td>Assorted residence hall furniture for University Court, Greek Court 1A and Andrews Hall.</td>
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<td>154,224</td>
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<td>The AME Group</td>
<td>Contractual services for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for computer installation, maintenance, trouble-shooting, etc., on as “as needed basis”.</td>
<td>b</td>
<td>138,684</td>
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<td>KAM Services</td>
<td>Asbestos abatement as needed for various campus projects for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. (Not to Exceed)</td>
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<td>150,000</td>
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<td>Moorhead-Gruber Architects</td>
<td>Architectural/engineering design services for the proposed installation of a sprinkler system and new fire alarm system in Stevenson Hall.</td>
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<td>164,000</td>
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<td>SunGard Higher Education</td>
<td>Consulting services for the Banner Component Systems for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. (Not to Exceed)</td>
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<td>$118,000</td>
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<td>Effingham Clay Service Co.</td>
<td>Annual supply of regular ethanol blended unleaded gasoline for use in University vehicles.</td>
<td>b</td>
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<td>University Union Bookstore</td>
<td>Apple computers, software and maintenance for the Center for Academic Technology Support.</td>
<td>e</td>
<td>185,108</td>
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<td>Continental Resources</td>
<td>Sun StorageTek equipment, software licenses, maintenance, etc.</td>
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<td>184,500</td>
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a. Bidding is not required for procurements made from Correctional Industries per Illinois Procurement Code, Section 526.2043.

b. Renewal of an existing agreement.

c. Vendor selection made in accordance with the Qualifications Based Section (QBS) Act.

d. Sole source purchase of consulting services for proprietary software already in use on campus.

e. Purchase made in accordance with an agreement between EIU Bookstore and Apple Computers.
EIU wins state recycling award. EIU received the award for Outstanding College and University Recycling Program from the Illinois Recycling Association. The award was presented June 1 at the Illinois Recycling Association's annual conference awards dinner in Bloomington.

'Writing on the Wall' aims to tear down barriers. During Social Justice and Diversity Week in April, the EIU Residence Hall Association sponsored "Writing on the Wall," a project that invited people to decorate 200 bricks with words or phrases that have hurt, offended or marginalized them. The bricks were used to construct a "wall of oppression" that was torn down during a ceremony two days later to symbolize the tearing down of boundaries between people.

EIU hosts 'Last Lecture Series.' Seven EIU faculty members imparted life lessons as part of University Board's two-night "Last Lecture Series," based on the late Randy Pausch's "Last Lecture." Presentations included "Surviving College in Difficult Times ... Never Give Up!" by Rigo Chinchilla; "Expectations and the Journey" by Diana A. Wyatt; "The More I Learn, The Less I Know" by Mike Havey; and "The Adventure Begins with Me" by John Henry Pommier.

Renowned historian speaks on campus. Historian and biographer Richard Norton Smith presented "The Triumph of Politics: Abraham Lincoln at 200" as part of EIU's Edgar Speaker Series in the Doudna Fine Arts Center on April 21. Smith is a familiar face to viewers of ABC, C-SPAN and "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer." Smith -- a former director of the Hoover, Eisenhower, Reagan, Ford and Lincoln presidential libraries, as well as the founder of the Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas -- currently serves as Scholar-in-Residence at George Mason University. His book “Thomas E. Dewey and His Times” was a finalist for the 1983 Pulitzer Prize.

EIU hosts Special Olympics. Volunteers from EIU gave a helping hand as about 525 athletes from 11 eastern Illinois counties competed in the Special Olympics Spring Games at EIU's O'Brien Stadium on April 24. John McInerney, a kinesiology and sports studies faculty member, served as master of ceremonies, and many EIU students, faculty and staff helped in various ways. “We rely on volunteers to help run every aspect of Spring Games,” said Special Olympics Area Director Kimberly Abell. “The majority of our volunteers come from EIU’s Special Education and Recreation Department, and with their help we are able to put on a great event!”

 Panther Service Day benefits community. The seventh annual Panther Service Day brought together 140 volunteers to work at 12 work sites in Coles County on April 25, which was also Global Youth Service Day. The day started at Old Main with an EIU/Coles County Community Brunch, sponsored by the EIU Alumni Association. The opening ceremony featured comments from EIU President Bill Perry and Charleston Mayor John Inyart. Volunteers' tasks included cleaning up around Lake Charleston, creating American Red Cross preparedness kits, painting Rotary trash cans, cleaning and sorting items for the Children's Advocacy Center and the Mattoon YMCA, visiting local nursing homes, and picking up trash around Charleston.
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

**WEIU students win many honors.** WEIU contributors have found great success in recent competitions. In the Society for College Journalists awards, WEIU took home four first-place awards: Jonathon Mattson, News Story (winter storm preparedness); John Twork, Sports Reporting (EIU vs. Cincinatti); Jon Pieczynski, Radio Production (Bahney Foundation public service announcement); and WEIU-TV "News Watch," Best Newscast. In the Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts, an international exhibition, three EIU students were honored: Zach Nugent and Kevin Ratermann, first place in Feature Reporting and a Best of Festival honor for "Horses for High Gas Prices"; Nugent, second place in Hard-News Reporting for "Ft. Bragg Training"; and Kevin Jeanes, third place for Television Weathercaster. In addition, in the Illinois News Broadcasters' Association competition, WEIU won five awards: Twork, first place in Radio Sports Reporting, as well as second place in Radio Sports Play-by-Play; Katherine Rufener, second place in Best TV Reporting; "Election Watch '08," second place in Best TV Longform Program; and "NewsWatch," third place for Best Newscast.

**Two elected officers of state College Republican organization.** Two EIU students were elected officers of the Illinois College Republican Federation in April: Chairman Matt Zimmerman and Treasurer Jared Hausmann. EIU was the only university with more than one student selected to leadership positions.

FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

**Radavich honored with 2008-2009 Distinguished Faculty Award.** David Radavich, a one-time scientist who turned his focus to English as a graduate student, received EIU's 2008-2009 Distinguished Faculty Award. As an English professor, Radavich encourages his students to get involved in theater and public readings. His writings include five books of poetry and 18 plays produced in venues in Charleston, St. Louis, New York and elsewhere. He has been a playwright, director and actor with the Charleston Alley Theatre. Radavich has also been actively involved with University Professionals of Illinois for nearly 20 years; he currently serves as a trustee of the state organization. His wife, Anne Zahlan, retired from EIU's English Department in 2008; Radavich plans to retire in December.

**Adviser wins state award.** Faculty member Karen Drage, School of Technology, received the 2009 Illinois Phi Beta Lambda Adviser of the Year Award. Drage has been the EIU PBL adviser for four years.

**Art professor elected to post in national organization.** Jeff Boshart, art professor, has been elected 2009-2011 secretary/treasurer of Foundations in Art: Theory and Education, a national, non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of excellence in the development and teaching of college-level foundation courses in both studio and art history.
F. University Highlights (Cont.)

**ALUMNI ACTIVITIES**

**Long, McKinney inducted into EIU Journalism Hall of Fame.** Ray Long of the Chicago Tribune and Dave McKinney of the Chicago Sun-Times were named Journalists of the Year by the EIU journalism department. Long and McKinney are Springfield bureau chiefs for their respective newspapers.

**Scherers honored for courage in dealing with disease.** Doug Scherer ’71 and his wife, Viki (Henneberry) Scherer ’76, were recently honored for their courage in dealing with his ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. The St. Louis ALS Association recently named them the family that best exemplifies the spirit of "ALS Across America," giving them the opportunity to participate in National ALS Advocacy Day activities in Washington, D.C., in May.

**FOCUS ON ATHLETICS**

**NCAA lauds EIU’s Academic Progress Rates.** EIU is one of only three Ohio Valley Conference schools to receive high national honors from the NCAA for having teams (men’s and women’s golf and women’s soccer) rank in the top 10 percent in Academic Progress Rate numbers. The APR provides a comprehensive look at a team’s academic success by tracking the progress of each student-athlete, using criteria including eligibility, retention and graduation rate.

**Panther Club offers Romo bobble heads.** Limited edition Tony Romo bobble heads, featuring the Dallas Cowboy star in his No. 17 Panthers jersey, are now available to members of the Panther Club. One of the collectors' items has been seen sitting on the set of ESPN’s "Mike and Mike in the Morning," and commentators from Sports Radio 1450 in Springfield labeled the bobble head “the coolest one to date."

**Romo, Domercant among Hall of Fame inductees.** Quarterback Tony Romo and basketball player Henry Domercant are among this year's five inductees for the 2009 EIU Athletics Hall of Fame. Other inductees are former baseball player Sean Lyons, former wrestler Don Neece and friend of athletics Ed Corley. The induction ceremony will take place in conjunction with the Panthers’ Nov. 14 home football game against The University of Tennessee at Martin.

**Schmitz takes DEN 'Coach of the Year' honors.** EIU baseball head coach Jim Schmitz was named The Daily Eastern News' Coach of the Year for 2008-09. Schmitz led the team to a 36-14 overall record and a fourth OVC title. Schmitz, the program's all-time wins leader, posted his 400th win as EIU head coach on April 4 against Murray State.

**Pattin's jersey retired.** EIU honored former Panther and Major League pitcher Marty Pattin by retiring his No. 19 jersey on April 18 at Coaches Stadium. Pattin's is the Panthers' first baseball jersey number to be retired. Pattin had a successful 13-year Major League pitching career with five American League teams, winning 114 games, which ranks in the top 10 percent all-time. His 1,179 career strikeouts are among the top 5 percent all-time. He ended his All-Star career by pitching for the Kansas City Royals in the 1980 World Series. Pattin was inducted as a charter member of the EIU Hall of Fame in 1982.
G. Other Matters
H. Public Information