G. Approval of Depository for University Funds

In accordance with Board of Trustees Regulations, Section V.G.1, approval is requested for the following financial institution to be named as a depository for university funds. Services to be provided by the institution include processing of checks, deposits, ACH transactions, check imaging, online access to daily direct deposits, wire transfers, foreign exchange as well as various required reporting.

First Financial Bank, N.A.
IV. ACTION ITEMS

H. Naming of University Property

Naming of the Panther Trail

Dr. Tom Woodall, a member of the EIU faculty from 1965 until his retirement in 1990, is nationally respected for his coaching of long distance runners as well as his expertise in exercise physiology. He retired from coaching in 1982 to direct the university’s Adult Fitness Program and Human Performance Laboratory and the Department of Kinesiology and Sports Studies continues to present one of its top awards in his honor.

Woodall served as the Panthers’ cross country coach from 1974-81 and was named the NCAA Coach of the Year in 1975 and 1977. His 1977 team won the NCAA Division II National Championship while compiling the best score in the history of the event with a squad featuring six All-Americans. During his tenure EIU won more than 90% of its dual meets with a record of 48-5 and three other teams coached by him finished third, fifth and seventh nationally. Prior to becoming head coach, he served as an assistant under EIU legend Pat O’Brien from 1965-74, with the team winning NCAA championships in 1968 and 1969, and was also an assistant coach for the track team for 15 years. The track team earned the NCAA co-championship in 1974 and finished second in 1976. A past president of the NCAA Cross Country Coaches Association, he was inducted into the Illinois Track and Cross Country Hall of Fame in 1987 and the EIU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989.

In 1966 he began the “Run for Your Life” program – which consisted of the participants meeting on the outdoor track to run in the mornings and at noon – after unofficially meeting with and coaching a few novice exercisers for several months. After several years, some 200 individuals were taking part in the jogging program and, over time, it became more organized as screenings were completed and records were maintained on the participants. By 1982, EIU’s Human Performance Lab had been created, a graduate curriculum for exercise science was added and a cardiac rehabilitation program (METS) at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center was established. In addition, the Adult Fitness Program, as it had become known, by this time consisted of Walk, Swim, and Run for Your Life groups.

Over 200 friends, family and alumni made contributions to honor Tom.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the naming of the Panther Trail the Tom Woodall Panther Trail.