

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Approval of Minutes**

November 20, 2009 Board Meeting

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

1) **Purchase Item:** Lincoln Hall & Stevenson Dining Remodeling

Description/Explanation: All labor and materials for the complete demolition and redevelopment of toilet/shower rooms on all floors in Lincoln Hall, including the installation of new fixtures, ventilation and a new fire sprinkler system. This project would also include remodeling the food service lines in the Stevenson Hall dining area.

Cost: \$3,732,796 (including \$339,345 contingency) as follows:

General	\$1,643,000
Plumbing	529,580
Heating	479,370
Ventilation	248,880
Electrical	307,290
Fire Protection	185,331
Contingency (10%)	<u>339,345</u>
Total	<u>\$3,732,796</u>

Recommended Vendors:

General Contractor

Midstates General & Mechanical Contracting Corp. \$1,643,000
Decatur, IL

Plumbing Work

A&R Mechanical Contractors Inc. 529,580
Urbana, IL

Heating Work

Reliable Plumbing & Heating Co. 479,370
Savoy, IL

Ventilation Work

Reliable Plumbing & Heating Co. 248,880
Savoy, IL

Electrical Work

Bodine Electric 307,290
Decatur, IL

B. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$250,000 or More (Cont.)

Recommended Vendors (Continued):

Fire Protection Work

Prairie Fire Sprinkler Inc. \$185,331
Decatur, IL

Summary of Bids:

General Contractor

Midstates General & Mechanical Contracting Corp. \$1,643,000
Decatur, IL

Grunloh Construction 1,695,000
Effingham, IL

Felmley-Dickson Co. 1,713,400
Bloomington, IL

English Brothers Co. 1,736,900
Champaign, IL

Christy-Foltz Inc. 1,788,475
Decatur, IL

Plumbing Work

A&R Mechanical Contractors Inc. \$529,580
Urbana, IL

Reliable Plumbing & Heating Co. 550,660
Savoy, IL

Davis-Houk Mechanical Inc. 552,617
Urbana, IL

Heating Work

Reliable Plumbing & Heating Co. \$479,370
Savoy, IL

A&R Mechanical Contractors Inc. 527,267
Urbana, IL

Industrial Mechanical Inc. 545,146
Mattoon, IL

B. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$250,000 or More (Cont.)

Summary of Bids (Continued)

Heating Work (Continued)

Comfort Mechanical Services Inc. 574,275
Urbana, IL

Ventilation Work

Reliable Plumbing & Heating Co. \$248,880
Savoy, IL

Industrial Services of Illinois 252,566
Mattoon, IL

Commercial Refrigeration of Central Illinois 254,800
Mattoon, IL

SMC Inc. 285,000
Terre Haute, IN

A&R Mechanical Contractors Inc. 318,825
Urbana, IL

Comfort Mechanical Services Inc. 320,750
Urbana, IL

Nogle & Black Mechanical Inc. 373,600
Urbana, IL

Electrical Work

Bodine Electric \$307,290
Decatur, IL

Commercial Electric Inc. 418,879
Mattoon, IL

Anderson Electric Inc. 435,594
Mattoon, IL

Glesco Electric Inc. 464,025
Urbana, IL

Fire Protection Work

Prairie Fire Sprinkler Inc. \$185,331
Decatur, IL

B. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$250,000 or More (Cont.)

Summary of Bids (Continued)

Fire Protection Work (Continued)

Fire Suppression Systems Inc. Champaign, IL	208,210
Continental Fire Sprinkler Co. Davenport, IA	223,280
Automatic Fire Sprinkler LLC Normal, IL	231,900
Ryan Fire Protection Inc. Noblesville, IN	244,818
McDaniel Fire Systems LLC Champaign, IL	255,920
F. E. Moran Inc. Champaign, IL	256,440

Fund Source: Local Funds

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

B. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$250,000 or More (Cont.)

2) **Purchase Item:** Fire Sprinkler System

Description/Explanation: The project includes labor, materials and equipment for the installation of a wet-pipe sprinkler system in Thomas Hall during the summer of 2010 and Taylor Hall during the summer of 2011. In conjunction with the installation of the sprinkler system, the fire alarm system will be upgraded.

Cost: \$1,382,590 (including \$125,690 contingency) as follows:

Fire Protection	\$659,000
Electrical	597,900
Contingency (10%)	<u>125,690</u>
Total	\$1,382,590

Recommended Vendors:

Fire Protection

Automatic Fire Sprinkler LLC \$659,000
Normal, IL

Electrical Work

Glesco Electric Inc. \$597,900
Urbana, IL

Summary of Bids:

Fire Protection

Fire Suppression Systems Inc. \$631,500
Champaign, IL
(Bid withdrawn)

Automatic Fire Sprinkler LLC 659,000
Normal, IL

The PIPCO Co. LTD 987,654
Peoria, IL

Continental Fire Sprinkler Co. 1,065,000
Davenport, IA

B. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$250,000 or More (Cont.)

Summary of Bids (Continued)

Fire Protection (Continued)

Felmley-Dickerson Co. 1,149,900
Bloomington, IL

F. J. Murphy & Sons Inc. 1,218,626
Springfield, IL

Electrical Work

Glesco Electric Inc. \$597,900
Urbana, IL

Bodine Electric of Decatur Inc. 644,865
Decatur, IL

Anderson Electric Inc. 659,790
Mattoon, IL

Commercial Electric Inc. 705,214
Mattoon, IL

Fund Source: Local Funds

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

B. Expenditure Recommendations for Purchases of \$250,000 or More (Cont.)

3) Purchase Item: Parking Lot Improvements

Description/Explanation: This purchase is for improvements to the west half of the existing University Court Parking Lot. The scope of work shall include removal of the existing paving, installation of an underground drainage system and repavement of the existing lot. This is the first phase of this project which shall be done in two phases.

Cost: \$779,323 (includes \$70,848 contingency)

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

Summary of Bids: Ne-Co Asphalt Company, Inc. \$708,475
Charleston, IL

Christy-Foltz, Inc. \$754,738
Decatur, IL

Mid-States General and Mechanical \$905,882
Contracting Corporation
Decatur, IL

There were eleven (11) planholders/vendors who did not bid.

Fund Source: Local Funds

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

C. Housing Rates

RESIDENCE HALLS & GREEK COURT (Effective Fall Semester 2010)

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	
7 Plus Meal Option/Semester 7 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$200 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 2 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$3,584	\$224	\$3,808	(Rm \$2,665/ Bd \$1,143)
10 Plus Meal Option/Semester 10 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$60 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 3 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$3,743	\$234	\$3,977	(Rm \$2,665/ Bd \$1,312)
12 Plus Meal Option/Semester 12 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$100 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 4 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$3,884	\$243	\$4,127	(Rm \$2,665/ Bd \$1,462)
15 Plus Meal Option/Semester 15 Dining Center Meals per Week plus \$140 Dining Dollars per Semester plus 5 Bonus Meals per Semester	\$4,039	\$253	\$4,292	(Rm \$2,665/ Bd \$1,627)

The Plus Meal Option permits each student with a board plan to use a specified number of Dining Dollars for any of the following: 1) Purchases at the Food Court within the University Union; 2) Purchases at our two residence hall convenience centers; 3) Purchases at Panther Pantry and Java B&B in the University Union; 4) Meals for a guest in any Dining Center when accompanied by the student; 5) Additional meals for the student in any Dining Center. Bonus Meals allows the plan holder to use those meals for a guest or for themselves if they run out of meals.

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Double Room as Single (per Semester)	\$800	\$0	\$800
Triple Room as Double (per Semester)	\$450	\$0	\$450
Summer Room and Board	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
2011 Summer - 4 week - Single Room	\$831	\$52	\$883
2011 Summer - 4 week - Double Room	\$664	\$42	\$706
2011 Summer - 6 week - Single Room	\$1,247	\$78	\$1,325
2011 Summer - 6 week - Double Room	\$996	\$62	\$1,058
2011 Summer - 8 week - Single Room	\$1,663	\$104	\$1,767
2011 Summer - 8 week - Double Room	\$1,328	\$83	\$1,411

NOTE: 12 Plus Meal Plan is the only option offered during Summer Sessions

C. Housing Rates (Cont.)

UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS (Monthly rates will be effective August 15, 2010)

<u>9.5 MONTHS:</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
1 1/2 Room Apartment (efficiency)	\$4,036	\$122	\$4,158
2 Room Apartment (one bedroom)	\$4,244	\$128	\$4,372
Super Efficiency	\$3,776	\$114	\$3,890
<u>PER MONTH:</u>			
1 1/2 Room Apartment (efficiency)	\$425	\$13	\$438
2 Room Apartment (one bedroom)	\$447	\$13	\$460
Super Efficiency	\$398	\$11	\$409

C. Housing Rates (Cont.)

UNIVERSITY COURT - 2010-2011 Academic Year Rates (Effective August 1, 2010)

Per resident, per semester, based on double occupancy

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$2,389	\$72	\$2,461
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Balcony	\$2,534	\$76	\$2,610
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, No Balcony	\$2,571	\$77	\$2,648
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Balcony	\$2,663	\$80	\$2,743
1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$2,761	\$83	\$2,844
Studio	\$2,263	\$68	\$2,331
3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$3,025	\$91	\$3,116

Fall 2010 Semester Only Contracts

2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$2,628	\$79	\$2,707
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Balcony	\$2,787	\$84	\$2,871
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, No Balcony	\$2,828	\$85	\$2,913
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Balcony	\$2,929	\$88	\$3,017
1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$3,037	\$91	\$3,128
Studio	\$2,489	\$75	\$2,564
3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$3,328	\$100	\$3,428

Summer 2011 (Effective May 2010)

Monthly Rate

2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$450	\$14	\$464
2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Balcony	\$481	\$14	\$495
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, No Balcony	\$477	\$14	\$491
2 Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Balcony	\$494	\$15	\$509
1 Bedroom, 1 Bath, No Balcony	\$450	\$14	\$464
Studio	\$451	\$14	\$465
3 Bedroom, 1 Bath	\$506	\$15	\$521

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the above room and board rates for FY2011.

D. Revision to Board Governing *Policies* [Final Reading]



Policy: II.D. Academic Freedom and Responsibility

Issued: January 16, 1996

The following revisions are being presented as a first reading to Board Governing *Policy* Article II.D.:

D. Academic Freedom and Responsibility.

In adopting the following statements concerning academic freedom and responsibility, the Board affirms that academic freedom should not be abridged or abused and joins the numerous other organizations which have endorsed such principles.

1. Academic Freedom.

Institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good and not to further the interest of either the individual faculty member or the institution as a whole. The common good depends upon the free search for knowledge and truth and its free exposition. Academic freedom is essential to these purposes and applies to teaching, research, and publication. Academic freedom in research is fundamental to the search for knowledge and truth. Academic freedom in teaching is fundamental for the protection of the rights of the faculty member in teaching and of the student to freedom in learning. Academic freedom in publication is fundamental to foster an environment of intellectual curiosity and dialogue. This freedom carries with it duties and responsibilities correlative with these rights.

- a. Faculty members are entitled to full freedom in research and in the publication of the results, subject to the adequate performance of their other academic duties; but research for pecuniary return should be based upon an understanding with the authorities of the institution.
- b. Faculty members are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subjects, but they should be careful not to persistently introduce into their teaching controversial matters having no relation to their subject.
- c. College or university faculty members are citizens, members of a learned profession, and officers of an educational institution. When they speak or write as a citizen on matters of public concern they should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but their special position in the community imposes special obligations. As a person of learning and an educational officer, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence, they should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should indicate that they are not institutional spokespersons.

D. Revision to Board Governing *Policies* [Final Reading] (Cont.)

- d. In accordance with 110 ILCS 665/10-140, all faculty and staff members are free to communicate views on any matter of public or private concern to any branch of the state or federal government or any member thereof provided that the employee does not represent that he or she speaks for or on behalf of the university unless otherwise authorized. Faculty and staff members may also:
 - i. display political buttons, stickers, or patches provided that such display by faculty members in instructional settings is relevant to the instructional purpose;
 - ii. attend partisan political rallies provided that the faculty or staff member is not on duty; and
 - iii. display partisan bumper stickers on his or her vehicle.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the revisions to the above listed Board Governing *Policies*.

E. Naming of University Property

This item will be presented by addendum at the meeting.

F. Honorary Degrees

This item will be presented by addendum at the meeting.

G. Personnel Contract

This item will be presented by addendum at the meeting.

H. Labor Agreement

This item will be presented by addendum at the meeting.

I. Amendment to Faculty Senate's Constitution

During the Fall, 2009 semester, the Faculty Senate held a special election which included a ballot question on an amendment to the Senate's Constitution. The amendment was overwhelmingly supported by those faculty members who cast ballots. The Senate's Constitution requires that amendments be approved by the President and submitted to the Board of Trustees before they are considered adopted.

The amendment seeks a change in how proposed amendments in the future may be made available to faculty members, specifically the new language will allow for electronic distribution. The current and proposed language is as follows:

Current Language: Article XI, Section 1.a.

A copy of the proposed amendment shall be distributed through the campus mail to each faculty member at least two weeks before a vote is taken.

Proposed New Language: Article XI, Section 1.a.

A copy of the proposed amendment shall be distributed via electronic mail or through the campus mail to each faculty member at least two weeks before a vote is taken.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the above amendment to the Faculty Senate's Constitution.

IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. **President's Report**

- Ms. Barbara Burke will report on the NCAA Athletics Certification for 2009 – 2011.

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

Faculty Senate – John Henry Pommier

Staff Senate – No Report

Student Government – Michelle Murphy

E. Report on Student Body Constitution Revisions

Eric Wilber will make a presentation to the Board regarding revisions to the Student Body Constitution.

F. FY 2010 Deposit and Investment Report

Eastern Illinois University Deposit and Investment Report For the Quarter Ending December 31, 2009

Operating Funds Investment Performance:

	Quarterly	Year to Date
Average Daily Cash Balance	\$(2,876,187.52)	\$ (2,773,627.83)
Average Daily Invested Balance	<u>97,373,819.73</u>	<u>70,060,244.74</u>
Net Average Daily Balance	<u>\$94,497,632.21</u>	<u>\$67,286,616.91</u>
Total Interest Earned on Investments	\$ <u>29,208.41</u>	\$ <u>48,395.89</u>
Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	<u>103.04%</u>	<u>104.12%</u>
Annualized Average Yield	<u>0.12%</u>	<u>0.14%</u>
Benchmark – 90 Day Treasury Bill	<u>0.07%</u>	<u>0.11%</u>

Summary of Investments:

	Cost	Market Value
Certificate of Deposit	\$ <u>250,000.00</u>	\$ <u>250,000.00</u>

Summary of Investments Purchased or Matured During this Quarter:

Certificate of Deposit	\$ <u>250,000.00</u>	Renewed
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EIU investment is primarily in the Illinois Funds. The Illinois Funds consist primarily of repurchase agreements, commercial paper and money market funds. EIU investments may also include U.S. treasury notes, government agencies (e.g., Federal Home Loan Bank, FNMA, etc.), money market funds, depository accounts and commercial paper. Earnings rates for the quarter ranged from 0.12% to 3.65%.

Endowment Funds Investment Performance:

		Quarterly		Year to Date
Previous Portfolio Market Value	10-01-09	\$479,052.95	7-1-09	\$441,787.73
Interest and Dividends Income Reinvested		7,151.16		9,370.96
Change in Value of Investments		10,066.41		64,214.26
Withdrawal				(19,102.43)
Service Charges				
Present Portfolio Market Value	12-31-09	<u>\$496,270.52</u>	12-31-09	<u>\$496,270.52</u>
Total Return on Investments		<u>3.59%</u>		<u>16.60%</u>

Endowment Funds Asset Allocation – Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:

	Market Value 12-31-09	Market Value 7-1-09
Equity Funds:		
Vanguard 500 Index	\$59,986.71	\$49,066.56
Morgan Stanley Institutional	50,060.00	28,328.84
Vanguard Dividend Appreciation	36,898.20	25,820.36

F. FY 2010 Deposit and Investment Report (Cont.)

Endowment Funds Asset Allocation – Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account: (Continued)

Equity Funds: (Continued)

	Market Value 12-31-09	Market Value 7-1-09
Vanguard Developed Index	56,557.12	51,205.50
Vanguard Emerging Markets	40,177.27	20,066.73
Vanguard Growth	<u>30,853.90</u>	<u>25,057.81</u>
Total Equity Funds	\$274,533.20	\$199,545.80
 Bond Funds:		
Templeton Global Bond	\$ 26,342.94	\$ 28,963.02
PIMCO All Asset Fund	49,193.52	43,894.65
Vanguard Total Bond Mkt. Index	68,751.11	59,743.43
Vanguard Inflation Protected Sec.	<u>24,848.01</u>	<u>53,854.43</u>
Total Bond Funds	\$169,135.58	\$186,455.53
 Other Funds:		
Ishares EAFE Index	\$ 25,097.12	\$ 20,797.74
Ishares S&P North Am.	25,732.50	20,782.50
DJ Wilshire REIT Index	<u>0.00</u>	<u>11,610.74</u>
Total Other Funds	\$ 50,829.62	\$ 53,190.98
 Cash Funds:		
Cash	\$ 365.66	\$ 0.00
Schwab Money Market Fund	<u>1,406.46</u>	<u>2,595.42</u>
Total Cash Funds	\$ 1,772.12	\$ 2,595.42
 Total Schwab Institutional Brokerage Acct:	 <u>\$496,270.52</u>	 <u>\$441,787.73</u>

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type of Purchase</u>	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Horine's Pianos Plus	Two (2) Grand Pianos for Doudna Fine Arts Center	1 ^a	\$139,980

^a Five (5) potential vendors did not respond.

H. Financial Aid Programs Report

In fiscal year 2009, 76 percent of Eastern's student body received some form of financial assistance – loans, scholarships, grants, tuition waivers and/or employment – from various federal, state and university programs. Financial aid in FY 2009 totaled \$105,530,799 at Eastern; 61% came from federal sources, 13% from the State, 17% from institutional sources and 9% from other sources. This is the first time in EIU's history that financial aid for the fiscal year has exceeded \$100 million dollars. Looking at current rates of disbursement for fiscal year 2010, it is very likely that financial aid will continue to climb.

	FY 2008	FY2009	% of Change	% of Volume
Total number financial aid recipients	9725	10013	3.0%	
Percent of enrollment receiving aid	72.0%	76.0%	4.0%	
Total dollars received	\$92,185,686	\$105,530,799	14.5%	
Average amount received by each recipient	\$9,479	\$10,539	11.2%	
Sources of financial aid				
Federal programs	\$51,535,023	\$64,078,104	24.3%	61%
Illinois programs	\$13,479,243	\$13,402,020	-0.6%	13%
Institutional	\$16,094,665	\$17,521,540	8.9%	17%
Other	\$11,076,755	\$10,529,135	-4.9%	9%
Total	\$92,185,686	\$105,530,799	14.5%	100%
Types of financial aid				
Grants, Scholarships, Waivers	\$33,879,122	\$36,116,273	6.6%	34%
Loans	\$51,510,294	\$62,514,784	21.4%	59%
Work	\$6,796,270	\$6,899,742	1.5%	7%
Total	\$92,185,686	\$105,530,799	14.5%	100%
Enrollment *				
Undergraduate	11000	10839	-1.5%	
Graduate	2457	2420	-1.5%	
Total	13457	13259	-1.5%	

* Source for enrollment information: EIU Office of Planning and Institutional Studies, *12-month Unduplicated Count by Race/Ethnicity and Gender for the Academic Year* and as reported on the annual FISAP

All other figures as reported to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) by the EIU Office of Financial Aid.

I. University Highlights

AROUND CAMPUS

Martin named new VP. Robert Martin, assistant vice president for development at Auburn University in Alabama, has accepted the position of vice president for university advancement at EIU. Martin, who said he's excited about "enhancing a culture of philanthropy" throughout the EIU community, is to begin his new role on Feb. 1. He replaces Jill Nilsen, who retired Dec. 31, after serving as vice president for external relations since 1998. The position's portfolio and name were changed to "better signal -- both internally and externally -- that the primary emphasis for the position is on fundraising, development and allied university advancement activities," said President Bill Perry.

Groundbreaking held for Renewable Energy Center. EIU officials broke ground on the campus's Renewable Energy Center on Nov. 20. The \$79 million project, which combines energy-efficient facility upgrades with one of the largest biomass-fueled heating plants on a university campus, will replace the aging steam plant, improve infrastructure and save approximately \$140 million in energy and operating costs over the next two decades. Those savings, guaranteed by Honeywell International through a 20-year performance contract, will pay for the work, which is expected to be complete by the end of 2012.

Former Sun-Times reporter speaks on Illinois' political corruption. Former Chicago Sun-Times political reporter/editor James L. Merriner presented "Will Reform Ever Come to Illinois?" as the fifth address in the Edgar Lecture Series, which was established in 2007 by Jim and Brenda Edgar. Merriner is the author/co-author of five books, most of which deal with political corruption in Illinois, including his most recent work, "The Man Who Emptied Death Row: Governor George Ryan and the Politics of Crime."

Embarras Valley Film Festival honors Lincoln. The sixth annual Embarras Valley Film Festival, "Lincoln, the Civil War, and Memory," honored Abraham Lincoln through presentations and filmic representations of Lincoln's life and the Civil War. The collaborative effort between EIU and the community included many events held Nov. 12-14 on the EIU campus and in downtown Charleston. For details, see the EVFF Web site at www.eiu.edu/~evff.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

EIU shines in CPA exam. EIU MBA accountancy students performed exceptionally well on the CPA exam, topping all Illinois schools in two of the four sections; in the other two sections, EIU ranked second and fourth. This is a great indicator of the success of EIU's program. Complete details can be found via a link in the right column of the School of Business' Web site at www.eiu.edu/~business.

I. University Highlights (Cont.)

FACULTY/STAFF NEWS

Peebles earns prestigious national award. Sean Peebles, professor of chemistry, was one of seven people nationwide to receive a 2009 Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award. Peebles was honored for his exemplary interaction with his students, as well as his dedication, ingenuity and passion for research. Each recipient will receive a five-year \$60,000 unrestricted research grant from the internationally known Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation Inc. "This certainly is a great honor for Sean, but also for the chemistry department and Eastern Illinois University as we, as an institution, seek to be a real leader in undergraduate research and education," said Mark McGuire, interim chair of the chemistry department. "We're being recognized as a university that promotes quality student research at the undergraduate level. We are not just keeping our students occupied with 'busy work.'"

Irwin takes leadership role with National Collegiate Honors Council. Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College, has been named president-elect of the National Collegiate Honors Council. The NCHC is the professional association of undergraduate honors programs, colleges, directors, deans, faculty, staff and students.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Rose to be promoted to brigadier general of Air Force Reserves. President Barack Obama has signed off on the promotion of Patricia A. Rose '89 to brigadier general of the Air Force Reserves. She previously served as mobilization assistant to the director for logistics, engineering and security assistance, U.S. Pacific Command, Camp Smith, Hawaii. Her civilian job has been as the marketing and community relations coordinator for Whidbey General Hospital in Washington. Rose joined as an enlisted officer in 1984 and retired from active duty in 1992. Her 11 citations include two Global War on Terrorism medals, an Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, a National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, an Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and an Outstanding Unit Award with four oak leaf clusters.

Artwork beautifying I-70 interchange at Indianapolis. "Going Home," a 34-piece artwork by Kathryn Armstrong '08, is being added to an Interstate 70 interchange as part of Indianapolis' efforts to beautify entrances to the city, which is preparing to host the 2012 Super Bowl. Her colorful artwork was chosen over six other concepts. Armstrong, who received a master's degree at EIU, is a graduate student in the Herron School of Art and Design, IUPUI.

New associate judge credits 'extraordinary opportunities.' April Troemper '94, '95 is a new associate judge in the 7th Judicial Circuit, which is seated in Sangamon County. She previously practiced law with the Sorling, Northrup, Hanna, Cullen & Cochran law firm. She is the first in her family to earn a college degree, and she called her achievement an honor for her and her entire family. Troemper described herself as "an ordinary person who has been blessed with extraordinary opportunities," the State Journal-Register reported.

I. University Highlights (Cont.)

FOCUS ON ATHLETICS

Student-athletes perform well in classroom. As a group, the EIU athletics department posted an average GPA of 3.00 in the fall semester. Individually, 260 student-athletes -- representing 56 percent of EIU's student-athlete population -- posted GPA's of 3.00 or higher. In addition, 13 EIU teams posted a team GPA of 3.00 or higher. Women's volleyball was the top squad with a team GPA of 3.43, followed closely by women's basketball at 3.42. Men's golf was the top male sport with a team GPA of 3.28. Forty-four student-athletes earned a perfect 4.00 for the term, with an additional 78 posting between a 3.51 and 3.99 GPA.

Spoo a finalist for national award honoring off-the-field character. Coach Bob Spoo was one of the top five finalists in the Football Championship Subdivision for the 2009 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award, which honored coaches meeting four criteria -- Coaching Excellence, Sportsmanship and Integrity, Academic Excellence and Community Commitment. Liberty Mutual created the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award in 2006 to celebrate responsible coaching because of its positive influence on young people, their families and entire communities. This year's FCS award went to Jerry Moore of Appalachian State.

Shanahan's new post makes EIU NFL's 'Cradle of Coaches.' EIU is once again the "Cradle of NFL Coaches," as former EIU assistant coach and alumnus Mike Shanahan was named head coach of the Washington Redskins on Jan. 6. Shanahan, whose record of 154 career wins ranks second among active NFL coaches behind New England's Bill Belichick, previously led the Denver Broncos to two Super Bowl wins. EIU is the only school with three alumni currently serving as NFL head coaches; Shanahan joins Sean Payton of New Orleans and Brad Childress of Minnesota.

Domercant named to Mid-Major All-Decade team. Former EIU basketball standout Henry Domercant was one of 26 players selected as members of the CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major All-Decade team. A 2002 All-American, Domercant finished his career as the OVC and EIU career scoring leader with 2,602 points. The 2002 OVC Player of the Year, he holds 15 EIU single-season or career scoring records. In 2001, he and Kyle Hill helped lead the Panthers to the NCAA Tournament. Domercant was also one of 10 players named to the Panthers All-Century team this year at EIU. Inducted into the EIU Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009, Domercant is currently playing professional basketball in Italy.

J. Other Matters

K. Public Comment