Message From The Dean

What an exciting and productive year the students, faculty and the alumni in the College of Education and Professional Studies have had!

A first for the College of Education and Professional Studies will occur at graduation this year. A CEPS alumna, Susan Payton, will receive an honorary doctorate from EIU. This is one of EIU’s highest awards and we are so pleased that an alumna from our College will be recognized.

During this past week, we were very lucky to have our colleagues from York University in Toronto, Canada visit our campus. These educators are involved in our study abroad program, ‘Toronto for Teachers.’ Also, Illinois’ Teacher of the Year and a two time Eastern alum, Joe Fatheree, spent a day on campus with our students and faculty. His enthusiasm and passion for teaching and improving schools was an inspiration for our students.

This is the third year that Eastern has taken the lead in the statewide Teacher Graduate Assessment Survey. We have learned a lot about our graduates and programs and using the data we collected to become even better! In addition, the year is the pilot year for the Educational Administration Assessment Survey and once again, Eastern is in the lead!

This summer will see a transition in the College’s administrative staff. Dr. Jill Owen will assume the department chair position in Kinesiology and Sports Studies (formerly Physical Education) on June 1 as well as Dr. Joy Russell, discussed on page 4.

As we get ready to enter EIU’s last week of classes, five individuals are retiring who have touched the lives of current students, alumni, faculty, and administrators. Each of these individuals found an academic home with us at EIU and they will be missed.

We will soon welcome a new president and several new faculty members to the College and the respect that EIU and this College has across the state and nation, will only be enhanced.

Sincerely,
Dean Jackman
EIU Celebrates an Old President While Welcoming a New One

The search for the new president began in late fall, early spring and after narrowing the candidates to three (EIU’s Blair Lord, Texas A&M’s William L. Perry, and University of Wisconsin’s, Sue Hammersmith) the Board of Trustees unveiled the new president on April 10th, Dr. William L. Perry.

Perry, 61, will begin his duties as president on July 1st, 2007.

Perry hails from the Midwest, as a Missouri native and a graduate of the University of Illinois, Urbana – Champaign. Perry says, “I’m excited about Eastern Illinois University, and I’m excited about the opportunity.”

Leo Welch, chair of EIU’s Board of Trustees, welcomes Perry as Eastern’s 10th sitting president. “When we began this search, we discussed the need for an individual who would fit in with the university community, as well as the region overall,” Welch said. “And I think we have found the individual who fits that bill.”

Now that Perry has been chosen, he is already planning house-hunting trips and thinking about his transition into president. “The next few months will be very exciting. I’ll start collaborative planning rather quickly,” says Perry. He is also excited to begin work within the community and the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Perry says, “We will determine what it means for Eastern Illinois University to be a first-choice institution and what the indicators are. Then we will build on these, as a working team and partnership, to let the public know, to let our alumni know, to let everyone know, what our aims are.”

Perry has been with Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas, since 1971, and currently serves as vice provost (2003 to present). He is a tenured professor of mathematics and has previously served as executive associate provost (1998-2002), dean of faculties and associate provost (1990-1998), associate dean for academic affairs, College of Sciences (1988-1990), and associate head of the Department of Mathematics (1997-1981). He received his bachelor of arts in both mathematics and history from Park College (Missouri), and his Master of Arts degree and doctorate in mathematics from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Louis V. Hencken has served as president of Eastern Illinois University for 6 years and has been an important part of the university for 41 years.

Last fall, when Hencken announced his plans to retire as president of Eastern, he said, “I have always been told that ‘to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens,’ and I firmly believe that there is a natural rhythm to academic institutions like this one, a time to begin [Continued on page 3]
and a time to end,” At 62, Hencken has decided it is time to say goodbye.

When Hencken was questioned about his retirement and how he felt about the candidates he said, “I felt very good, I think the board brought in three very good candidates,” said Hencken. “I remember when I said I was thinking about retiring, one of the reasons was if you leave when the university is in great shape, you’re going to attract quality people and when I saw the three finalists, I thought, wow I was right.”

Hencken has served in a variety of positions here at Eastern beginning with a graduate assistantship and by 1975, he was the director of housing. He has also served as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Vice President for Student Affairs, Interim Director of Athletics, NCAA football official, and served as a member on several local boards including serving as the chair of the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Board of Directors for six years. He began his duties as president in August of 2001 and after six great years he has decided to move on.

As for retirement, Hencken is going to travel the country with his wife, Mary Kay, and possibly take his granddaughters to Disney World before returning in the fall to continue teaching at Eastern.

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Dr. and Mrs. Richard Larson Endowment

Dr. Larson and his wife are still avid contributors and good friends to the athletic program here at Eastern and because of that, the Dr. and Mrs. Richard H. Larson Athletic Training Scholarship continues to grow after 9 years.

A licensed pilot and FAA Flight Surgeon, it was at Willard Airport in 1998 when President Clinton was flying in on Air Force One that Dr. Larson decided to break the news of him and

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his wife’s plans to create a scholarship for student athletic trainers.

Dr. Larson was the team doctor for EIU athletics for many years. No matter the event, he was there, cheering on and helping out. On his way home from Health Services, he would always stop by the football practice field. He always made himself available for any questions the athletic trainers had. Dr. Larson would constantly strive to teach the players about the importance of physical examinations and how to look out for signs and symptoms of injuries.

As Dr. Phoebe Church, Physical Education chair says, “It didn’t make any difference if it was a sprained ankle, dislocated finger, or laceration that needed suturing; somebody was getting a ‘teachable moment’.”

Dr. Larson is a strong believer in education and feels that every day is a learning experience. He had no problem working with the professors, faculty, and students. He always showed enthusiasm for his work and shared that with everyone around him.

Dr. Larson was known by many as a hard working, dedicated employee. According to Lee Ann Price, Athletic Training Program Director, “He (Dr. Larson) was wonderful about involving student whenever he was doing any medical procedure in the athletic training rooms and was extremely gracious with the amount of time he devoted to the student.”

Dr. Larson, even past retirement, still pushes himself to give all he can, along with his wife, to make sure that the students of the athletics world here at Eastern are well taken care of.

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Many great faculty and staff have come and gone from the College of Education and Professional Studies and this spring, we celebrate the careers of five more.

Dr. Phoebe Church

Dr. Phoebe Church began her career as a physical education instructor and tennis coach in the public school system. Since many schools lack funding and/or man power, Dr. Church also worked as the sponsor for the cheerleading squad and dance team as well as providing a helping hand for the school plays.

When Dr. Church first arrived at Eastern, she was hired on as the Modern Dance Instructor and Pink Panther Choreographer. Soon she completed her Ph.D. in Educational Administration and took on the role of assistant chair. In 1988, she became the chair of the Physical Education department and has been there ever since. After 28 years of dedicated work to Eastern Illinois University, Dr. Church is preparing to retire. Dr. Church is well liked and respected among her colleagues and her position will be a hard one to fill.

When asked about retirement, Dr. Church says, “we will take it one day at a time. Whatever comes!”

Dr. Susan Woods

Susan Woods came to Eastern straight out of her graduate school at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Woods, a health studies professor, planned on taking the open position for only a year. Now, 31 years later, she’s retiring. She was one of 25 Eastern retirees honored at the faculty retirement reception Tuesday, April 2nd. “I loved the students and the campus,” she said of her many years on campus.

Her plans after retirement include a quick trip away from Charleston. “Well, of course I’m going to Florida to lie on the beach,” she said. Even after retirement she plans to teach weekend classes at Eastern because she loves the students. Her late husband was a librarian at Eastern. “We couldn’t have had a better career,” She said.

Dr. Veronica Stephen

Veronica Stephen began teaching at Eastern in 1990 after a call asking if he wanted to work. She taught in the Early Childhood, Education, Elementary, and Middle Level Education department.

She had previously worked in both private and public education. A European immigrant, she came to Chicago as a 9 year old with her mother. Her mother was a Russian, and Stephen was born in Germany after World War II. There was a move to France before the two of them crossed the Atlantic. Stephen speaks clear English with no accent, something she worked hard on. “I didn’t want people to make fun of me,” she said. She became a teacher because teaching means that you are always helping people, she said.

She retired because, “it was time,” and plans to focus on her photography in her retirement. As an artist, she thinks teaching is like showing a part of you. Her career began at the middle school level, and she says teaching in college is not drastically different. “Learning is learning,” she said.

Dr. Marilyn Lisowski

Marilyn Lisowski is an Early Childhood, Education, Elementary, and Middle Level Education professor, and is retiring from Eastern after 20 years.

She has achieved some prominence in earning grants and beginning programs. Her Science/Math and Technology Applications and Research Program is one of the largest programs she started, with 31 teachers supplied with new science equipment. They also receive training and network [Continued on page 6]
The Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance is being run by one of our own. Dr. Brian Pritschet, a professor within the Physical Education department here at Eastern Illinois University, is serving a term as President of the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Dr. Pritschet as been a professor at Eastern for 12 years, and during his time here, he became involved in the state’s Eastern district of the IAHPERD.

Just as many professors, teachers, administrators, and leaders do, he got involved in the district offices. Eventually, Dr. Pritschet became Vice President Adult for the entire state. Through progression and the love of his field, Dr. Pritschet decided the next step would be President.

As president of the IAHPERD, he works along side the rest of the executive board to create new plans and policies for the association, he organizes the leadership conference, and he helps organize the state convention.

The Illinois division of American Alliance for Health, Physican Education, Recreation, and Dance is not only one of the largest state conventions for the Association for Health, Physical Education, and Dance, with around 3,400 in attendance, but also one of the largest memberships.

Aside from his obviously busy duties as president this year, Dr. Pritschet is also in his 6th year as the Research Editor for the IAHPERD journal that is published twice yearly.

Dr. Pritschet is a very laid back and easy to talk to individual. When interviewed and asked about his department, he said, “We’re very easy going and fun.” Even through his busy schedule, he still has time to enjoy his work!
On March 30th, the 13th Annual Education Conference was held in the Eastern Illinois University Grand Ballroom. The conference provided students with information regarding the teaching profession and their continuing education. The conference had interactive group sessions, campus tours, discussions, as well as a guest speaker, Perry Hill IV, EIU alum and assistant principal of Collinsville High School and former lobbyist/communications coordinator for the Illinois Principals Association. Also in attendance was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Blair Lord as well as from the College of Education and Professional Studies, Dean Diane Jackman.

The event hosted several area middle schools, high schools, and community colleges. Shawn Peoples, the MTIIEP coordinator put the event together with the help of Eastern’s MTEA chapter officers which include: President; Shanta’ McKay, Vice President; Dontease Thomas, Secretary; Kauntessa Wyatt, and Treasurer; Marcella Cadena.

The Minority Teacher Identification and Enrichment Program (MTIEP) is a program designed to recruit and maintain minority students who have an interest in becoming teachers. The program establishes local Minority Teacher Education Association (MTEA) chapters with area schools and [Continued on page 8]
On Tuesday, March 6th, a panel of six foreign-born Eastern Illinois University faculty, three of which are faculty within the College of Education and Professional Studies, met to share their stories of immigration and life in the United States.

The panel discussion was held as part of International Women’s Day. The panelists included Dr. Luminita Florea from Romania, Music; Dr. Sham’ah Md-Yunus from Malaysia, Early Childhood, Elementary, & Middle Level Education; Dr. Regina Nganga from Kenya, Counseling and Student Development; Ms. Kiran Padmaraju from India, Early Childhood, Elementary, & Middle Level Education; and Dr. Duangrudi Suksang from Thailand, English, and Dr. Assege HaileMariam from Ethiopia, Psychology.

Dr. HaileMariam says she did not intend to stay in the United States when she arrived in the early 1970’s from Ethiopia, but her plans changed in 1974 when Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed and violent communist dictatorship came to power in Ethiopia. “You don’t go back to a communist country when you have been in America, unless you want to die,” said Dr. HaileMariam.

The program also hosts a Community College Overnighter held on Eastern’s campus to provide information to students wishing to continue on to a community college of high school as well as an annual Summer Camp. The Summer Camp is a one week long event where area middle school and high school students involved in MTIEP can come to Eastern Illinois University and take courses, attend leadership workshops, and enjoy many fun activities.

For more information regarding MTIEP or any of its exciting activities, please contact Shawn Peoples, coordinator, sdpeoples@eiu.edu or 581-8519
Like Dr. HaileMariam, Dr. Florea said she could not even consider going back to her native country for many years. She left Romania and its oppressive communist government in the mid 1980’s as a political refugee. Dr. Florea said her first stop was a refugee camp in Italy. “I almost kissed the ground every day because I knew I had left the darkness behind,” Dr. Florea said. Dr. Florea had a college degree on her resume when she arrived in the United States in 1984, but the language barrier prevented her from teaching. She had to work as a maid instead. “After cleaning toilet seats for several months, I decided it was time to go back to school,” Dr. Florea said.

Dr. Nganga said one reason she left Kenya in 2000 is that women are considered to be second-class citizens. Dr. Nganga looked at the way women were being treated in Kenya and determined her country was not going to help her develop professionally. “I thought, ‘I need to develop myself as a woman,’” Dr. Nganga said.

In addition, Dr. Nganga said her two children were already studying in the United States and she missed them. Dr. Nganga emigrated to be closer to her children, but the surprisingly vast geography of the United States has kept them apart in recent years as they have taken jobs in different states.

Dr. Nganga, Ms. Padmaraju, Dr. Md-Yunus, and Dr. Suksang all said they appreciated working in a small town where there are no traffic jams like those in the major cities of their countries. Ms. Padmaraju said India is very densely populated, so she was shocked by how empty Charleston’s streets were when she arrived four years ago during EIU’s summer break.

Dr. Md-Yunus is mentioned later in the newsletter for a piece she did on Asian women in the educational work force. [Retrieved from Journal Gazette/Times Courier, 3-9-07]
Alumni Spotlight
Featuring: Jamie Kleiss, Sandy Bowman, and Raymond Voigt

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, 3,780 individuals die due to asthma every year. Eastern graduate, Jamie Kleiss, is working to lower this number.

Jamie Kleiss received a Bachelor’s from Eastern in 2004 in Health Studies. She says “I started at EIU with a PE/Health teaching major and changed my junior year thanks to my first health class with Mrs. Joan McCausland. I absolutely loved her class.”

After graduating from Eastern, with much deliberation with the health studies department, she decided to go for her Master’s in Public Health at Saint Louis University. Her studies concentrated on Behavioral Science and Health Education and she graduated in May of 2006. While there, she did an internship with the St. Louis Regional Asthma Consortium in the summer of 2005. She would work with committees on special projects trying to help close the gap between those with asthma and the resources that can help them.

Afterwards, she took on a full time position on the Controlling Asthma in St. Louis (CASL) grant worth $5 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Kleiss is now the project coordinator for the Asthma Friendly Pharmacies and Asthma 411.

The Asthma Friendly Pharmacies program ensures that local pharmacists and technicians are committed to providing the highest level of services to their patients with asthma. Asthma 411 is “an innovative program that promotes the use of a consulting physician model in working with school districts in collaboration with school nurses in an effort to reduce school absenteeism due to asthma” says Kleiss. Both programs take extensive planning and data collection along with cooperation from the local schools and pharmacies.

Kleiss also stays busy as an Executive Board Member for Tobacco Free Missouri and volunteers at health fairs and other public outlets to inform people of the harmful effects of tobacco. Through all of her work she also finds the time to be a Certified Health Education Specialist, and a CPR/AED/First Aid instructor for the American Red Cross.

Did you ever think that a Bachelor’s in Education could lead to work in the Air Force, let alone in Egypt? Well, as Sandy Bowman learned, it definitely can!

Sandy Bowman received a BS in Education and went on to receive a Master’s in Counseling in 1973. After Eastern, Bowman was a substitute teacher in the Jacksonville area, but after a year of substituting, she was jobless. It was then that she saw Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, IL was hiring instructors. Not knowing what the job entailed, she put in an application and was hired.

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Raymond Voigt wanted to prove to himself and others that he could make something of his life. During his time at Eastern he worked under Lou Hencken and Dean Kluge as an RA, was APO president and had a radio show on WELH radio station. He was also called to duty in the U.S. Navy for 3 years. Through all of this he managed a Bachelor’s degree in Physical Education and Industrial Arts (1972) as well as a Master’s in Audio Visual Education (1974).

After graduating, he taught in the Glenbard School system and Westmont. While at Westmont, a parent had made a comment to Voigt saying that the only reason he was teaching was because he could not get a real job. While Voigt would later realize that teaching is a wonderful job and a passion of his, he moved on to what he thought was bigger and better things, getting a job for IBM Office Products.

After writing a technical news letter for the company, he was discovered, so to speak, and transferred to the IBM Boca Raton Entry Services Division. He worked with several teams writing...
and publishing user manual for exciting new products. He oversaw Multimedia Extensions and helped publish a library for the PC REXX Programming Language Library.

He then transferred to the IBM Personal Computer Company where he published engineering changed for the PC product line. After 23 years of product support and publishing for IBM, he retired.

Through all of his work with IBM, he also managed to get a degree in business as well as serve in the Navy Reserve for 32 years working on intelligence gathering, communications, and Antisubmarine Warfare. He served during the Vietnam War, the Cold War, and the first Gulf War. After retirement, he began teaching again, this time for the Palm Beach Community College and the Palm Beach County Public Schools. He also did development for the local hospital and brought their continuing education for their medical staff up to date.

He still teaches at the Palm Beach Community College as well as Florida Atlantic University. Voigt says, “During all of this though, I never really had the opportunity to post my EIU college degree on an office wall anywhere, but I did manage to get a lot of mileage out of it.” He is proud of his life choice, the family he has created, and his work as a scoutmaster and involvement in local clubs.

The “Heroines of America” Presented

Woman’s History and Awareness Month is celebrated by many across the campus. Professors and students gather to show the oppression, the marvels, the hard work, and the dedication from woman of all walks of life.

Ms. Kiranmayi Padmaraju, a professor within the Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education department decided to celebrate woman with the students. Ms. Padmaraju put together a ‘Showcase of Students’ projects titled the “Heroines of America- Native born and Immigrant” for the 2007 Women’s History and Awareness Month. The presentation was a way to show how the contributions of woman have moved the country and the world forward.

Professors including Dr. Marie Fero, Ms. Gayle Shepherd, Dr. Lucia Schroeder, and Ms. Judy Barford, had signed up last fall to help with the presentation, having their students create wonderful projects, presentations, and displays for the showcase. The showcase was held in Buzzard Hall on March 23rd, 2007.
Cultural Differences Speak Up

Dr. Sham’ ah Md-Yunus from the Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level - Education department spoke up about cultural differences at the university level during Women’s History month.

In an article in the Women’s Studies Newsletter, Dr. Yunus spoke of how Asian female faculty within higher education institutions are still experiencing barriers such as gender and racial discrimination, credibility issues, tenure difficulty, and much more.

Dr. Yunus believes that these forms of discrimination are strengthened by many of the white women in power. In order to stay in power, many times these women will advocate for diversity and put on an image of being progressive and socially just, yet these efforts are rarely carried out and Asian women faculty are still held down.

Dr. Yunus says, “What is promoted here can be called (hypo) critical pedagogy - a pedagogy and educational vision that appears to be critical, but are, in fact, hypocritical because of a mismatch between the image and everyday practice.”

While Dr. Yunus does go on to say that the faculty here at Eastern have been very receptive and have embraced the ‘different approach’, she says, “I continue to be constructed within the context of the native and non-native dichotomy.”

Dr. Yunus says, “A diverse academy is critical for creating a culturally pluralistic learning and working environment.”

Dr. Yunus describes how we must work together to create an open environment where every culture feels accepted.

MTIEP 13th Annual Summer Camp

The Minority Teacher Identification and Enrichment Program 2007 Summer Camp will be held June 17-23, 2007 on the campus of Eastern Illinois University.

The camp is open to middle school and high school students with an MTEA chapter at their school. Some of the classes students may engage in include mathematics, science, English, composition/literature, leadership development, and physical education, and these are just to name a few. In addition, they will have educational workshops and recreational activities.

For more information, please contact Shawn D. People at sdpeoples@eiu.edu or 217-581-8519

Summer College for Teachers 2007

The Summer College for Teachers program was designed in response to requests from area teachers for courses in their content area or for courses that will enhance their teaching skills.

Eastern has a long tradition of preparing teachers and offering advanced study to practicing teachers.

To register for courses, visit EIU’s online registration at www.eiu.edu/paws

For additional information, visit: www.eiu.edu/ceps/summer/index.php or call 581-5116
Celebration of Dedication, Louis V. Hencken, President. The dedication was held on April 18th from 3 to 5pm in the University Ballroom. The dedication was to give everyone a chance to visit with President Hencken and his wife before his retirement after nearly 42 years of service to the university. Refreshments were provided.

Booth Library Honors President Hencken: Booth Library will conclude National Library Week festivities with the unveiling of an exhibit honoring Lou Hencken, Eastern’s ninth president to serve, at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 20, in the Marvin Foyer of Booth Library. The Library will also be documenting President Hencken signing his READ poster, for inclusion into the University Archives. The exhibit will run through June 30, 2007.

Dr. Charles Eberly, Counseling and Student Development, will present a paper on “Faculty Influence on Fraternal Residential Learning Communities,” with Andrew F. Wall, assistant professor, University of Rochester, and Brian Warren, director of residential learning communities for Sigma Phi Epsilon, Richmond, Va., at the May 23-25, 2007, Institute on College Men sponsored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators. The program is one of 15 accepted for the conference.

Dr. Deb Wolf, Physical Education, will be going to Chicago on May 2 to speak at the Illinois Department of Public Health 5th Annual Conference. Dr. Wolf will be a part of a workshop entitled “SHIP Priority Health Conditions Best Practices”. The focus of her presentation will be how quality physical education programs can alter the trend in childhood obesity. Best practices will be highlighted and some outstanding existing programs will be examined.

Physical Education has changed its name to the department of Kinesiology and Sports Studies. The department feels the new name better identifies and exemplifies what the department offers. They also feel the new name will bring more, quality students to the department competing with other Kinesiology programs across the state.

Gustavo Albear, Secondary Education and Foundations, invites faculty and students to attend the 2nd Annual Eastern Illinois University Undergraduate Education Research Fair on April 24th, 6-10pm. The event will include musical performances and a multimedia presentation from the CATS department to exemplify the theme of the Fair, “The Perspectives of the Culture of Education in History.” 10 finalists will go on to represent Eastern at the Midwest Philosophy of Education Society conference in Chicago.

Dr. Veronica P. Stephen, professor, EC/ELE/MLE, presented a session, “Does ‘Democracy’ Actually Work in a Graduate Level Social Studies Course?” at the 2007 annual meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators in San Diego, Calif. She also participated in meetings as a member of the ATE Membership Committee.


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Dr. Scott A.G.M. Crawford, physical education, has completed five essays for the forthcoming “Encyclopedia of North American Sport,”. The pieces examine Caledonian games; pedestrianism; Tex Rickard, the legendary boxing promoter of the 1920s; Theodore Roosevelt; and Eddie Robinson, an African-American football coach for 56 years at Grambling, La.

Dr. Brian Pritschet and Dr. Phyllis Croisant, physical education, presented a session titled “Evidence-based Practice: (Victorian professional track and field), Stretching During the Warm-up?” at the 2007 national convention of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Croisant also served as an instructor for a Training and Encouraging Senior Activity (TESA) workshop.

Dr. Marylin Lisowski, early childhood, elementary and middle level education, presented three sessions at the National Science Teachers Association Convention, held in St. Louis, March 28 to April 1. The sessions were titled, “Forensic Investigations of Forests and Wetlands,” “The Impact of International Programs on Science Teaching” and “International Programs and the Recruitment, Support and Retention of Science Teachers.”

Dr. Phyllis Croisant, physical education, received the 2007 Rosabel Koss Honor Award from the American Association for Physical Activity and Recreation. It was awarded for outstanding contributions, meritorious service and exceptional leadership to the Council on Aging and Adult Development. The award was presented March 15 at the national convention of AAHPERD.

Dr. Scott A.G.M. Crawford, physical education, attended the 2007 American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance National Convention at Baltimore, Maryland (March 12-17). He presented work a titled “The Horse as Hero: A Socio-Cultural History of Champion Horses -- Pharlap, Seabiscuit, Foxhunter, Red Rum, Big Ben, Barbaro and Toytown.”

Dr. Sham’ah Md-Yunus, early childhood, elementary and middle level education, presented a session titled “Using Multicultural Games to Promote Critical Thinking and Strategic Planning in Mathematical Skills” at the 50th annual Conference on Teaching of Mathematics on March 1 on Eastern’s campus.