Happy Holidays!

May your holiday season be joyous, safe, and filled with the pleasures of friends, family, and loved ones.

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As a separate presentation, Dr. Morford identified the results of an ongoing research project regarding turnover in Illinois Rural High School Principalships. Her project tracks leaders via a spring study and follow-up interviews in the fall. As the research develops, Dr. Morford hopes to be able to identify ways that rural high school districts can address retention rates. The project is going well, according to Dr. Morford. She has a 43% response rate, which for a survey is high and she looks forward to collecting data over the long-term.

Aside from the presentation and break-out sessions that the department personnel were able to attend, Sedona’s conference offered leisure activities that gave opportunity for family time and exploration of the area. Dr. Morford explains that the NCPEA conference is always family oriented, so family members of the CEPS representatives joined them at an ice-cream social, Grand Canyon visit, trip to Sedona’s “Slide Rock” (a natural formation where the rock has developed into a water slide), and “Pink Jeep” tour. Department members also enjoyed a dinner together as part of their annual tradition.

Not only does the department usually provide a group paper for this event, but next year they will be providing the Program Committee Chair – Dr. Linda Morford. The conference will shift from the Arizona landscape to the "The Live Music Show Capital of the World" – Branson, Missouri.
Dr. Veronica Stephen attended the Experimental Aircraft Association’s annual Fly-In convention from July 29-August 4 in Oshkosh Wisconsin. This event, in its 51st year hosts more than 750,000 people. Acres of land are used to display aircraft and flight-related items. They also conducted workshops that included: underwater aircraft; ultra-lights; NASA projects; and many more. The huge exhibition hall contained a replica of the Wright Brothers plane, an interactive hanging-gliding computer assisted opportunity, posters, charts of aviation milestones, and other interesting information centers. There were also displays by Ford Engineering about horsepower, automotive design, and aerodynamics.

NASA had workshops available aimed specifically at educators with such topics as curriculum, special projects, student activities (such as making a Wright Brothers flyer out of foam trays), weight and factors, heat resistance, shields, milestones of telescopes and exploration, sound tracking devices. NASA had workshops available aimed specifically at educators with such topics as curriculum, special projects, student activities (such as making a Wright Brothers flyer out of foam trays), weight and factors, heat resistance, shields, milestones of telescopes and exploration, sound tracking devices.

Dr. Stephen said this was the first time she attended the EAA Fly-In but called it a “spectacular event — a ‘must do’ for teachers who love inquiry, exploration, and surprises”! She does advise setting aside 3-4 hours for the museum on the grounds and taking advantage of the World War II display of jets flying in formation, stunt flying, aerobatics — “take your breath away” — experimental aircraft, stealth bomber, and spy planes, plus “tons more”!

For more information, visit the EAA’s web site at: http://www.eaa.org/
The University recently recognized those employees who had served on the staff for five or more years.

*Celebrating from the College of Education and Professional Studies were:*

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**Congratulations!**
2003 ACHIEVEMENT AND CONTRIBUTION AWARD RECIPIENTS

Teaching/Performance of Primary Duties:

Mary Greenlaw, Secondary Education and Foundation
Barbara Walker, Health Studies

Service:
Scott AGM Crawford, Physical Education

PRESENTED

Dr. Linda Morford, Educational Administration, conducted two small group sessions at the Illinois Principals Association 32nd Annual Conference and Exhibition, held October 19-21 in Peoria, Illinois. Dr. Morford’s sessions were focused on creating student peer educator programs and developing student handbooks.

Dr. Veronica P. Stephen, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education, presented a session titled “Starting Early: Developing the Concept of Teaching as a Profession and Nurturing Advocacy” at the 33rd Annual Illinois Association of Teacher Educators (IATE) Fall Conference, held on November 7 at the Northern Illinois University Regional Center in Naperville, Illinois.

Dr. John Pommier, Recreation Administration, presented twice at the NRPA Conference. One topic was the Metaphysical Writings in Outdoor Activities; the other was on Fund Raising Activities for Major Clubs.

RECOGNITION

William Smith received the most prestigious award that the SNPR presents, the William Penn Mott, Jr. Award for Meritorious Service. Mr. Smith received the award during the National Park and Recreation Association Congress for Education. His countless hours of service to the organization and the profession were noted at the ceremony.
Published

Scott A.G.M. Crawford, Physical Education, had an “Issues” commentary; “Should the main objective of adapted physical education be the development of motor skills or the development of self esteem?” published in the November/December 2003 issue of the Journal of Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Additionally, he has completed a variety of pieces for The Fifties in America, edited by Dr. R. Kent Rasmussen that will be published in 2004.

Jon A. Oliver, Physical Education, has received final approval for his book manuscript titled Basketball Fundamentals to be published by Human Kinetics, a leading sport-science publisher located in Champaign, Illinois.

Awarded

Dr. Chuck Eberly, Counseling and Student Development, once again places the university in the spotlight of national recognition as he is awarded the Robert H. Shaffer award. This award is presented annually to an individual in the field of higher education who has demonstrated a long-term commitment to fraternities and sororities on their campus. Dr. Eberly was nominated by students and professional colleagues throughout the country. Additionally, Dr. Eberly will be participating in a conference on hazing issues. And, if that isn’t enough, his research on college fraternity advising will be serving as the basis for a two-year curriculum in fraternity advising to be developed by Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Richmond, Virginia.

Serving

Tim Croy, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education, served on the Early Childhood Education Content Advisory Committee (CAC) in Springfield on October 21 and 22 to assist in the development and review of the new teacher certification test that will begin in July 2004.

Dr. Marylin Lisowski, Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education, served on the Illinois State Board of Education’s Content Advisory Committee for review and development of the new Teacher Certification Test in the Environmental Sciences which will be implemented July 2004.
All faculty within the College of Education and Professional Studies are encouraged to apply for a CEPS Telefund Research Grant for 2004-2005. Grants are limited to $750 or less per research/creative activity project per fiscal year, and must be conducted between May 1, 2004 and April 30, 2005. CEPS grant application guidelines and CEPS Telefund Grant applications may be obtained by clicking the “grant opportunities” link at the CEPS website, www.eiu.edu/~ceps. Applications may be mailed or emailed to Dr. John Weber, chair, CEPS Research Grants Committee, Department of Recreation Administration, EIU. The deadline for submission of applications is January 23, 2004.
Cohort Program Reception Honors Sponsors

Twelve years ago in Southern Illinois the Educational Administration Cohorts Program was established through the efforts of Dr. Larry James, former Professor and Chair at Eastern’s College of Education and Professional Studies, Department of Education Administration and Dr. Joe Glassford, Special Education Director for “WOVSESD.” Due to their efforts and the continuing efforts of the Cohort Program, Eastern’s Depart of Educational Administration was able to honor Dr. Glassford and Dr. James at the Oct. 30-31 Mt. Vernon Conference.

The University celebrated the efforts of both men and awarded them commemorative plaques that read: In Appreciation for Your Work and Your Vision in the Establishment of Educational Administration Cohorts.

The DEA held a reception for the sponsors of the Cohort program and to recognize people that were significant sponsors around the state for effort and assistance. During this reception, which included present students and former graduates of the Administration Department, recognition was also offered to Dr. P.E. Cross, Regional Superintendent of Hamilton, Dr. Ed Suddarth, Jefferson R.O.E., Dr. Linda Blackman Regional Superintendent White Wayne, and Mr. Kent Wheeler, also of White, Wayne. Dr. Rohn was on hand to make the presentations and recognize these fine individuals for their efforts and continued support to the Cohort Program.

Dr. Blackman and Dr. Rohn
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Dr. Cross and Dr. Glassford
Warble, Stephen  
Class Year 1964

Steve Warble ('64, '69) spent 33 years teaching instrumental music in Elgin District U-46, Palatine H.S. District 211, and in Barrington District 220, where he directed the BHS Symphony Orchestra and supervised the string education program for 25 years. He retired in 1998, and now devotes his time to backpacking and his photo business, Mountain Magic Photography (www.agpix.com/stevewarble), which provides photos for book, magazine and calendar publishers throughout North America. In 2001 he married Kimberley Haag, who serves as the Director of Special Education for LaGrange Highlands School District 106. The couple now resides in western Kane County near the village of Lily Lake.

Miner, Ray  
Class Year 1973

Ray Miner, '73, '81. I am a high school guidance counselor by day, but where's the fun in that! I recently made the move to add singer/songwriter to my resume. I now have a cd out of original material titled "Ray Miner-Old Dog, New Tricks". I haven't cracked the U.S. market yet, but several of the songs have gotten airplay at radio stations in Europe and Australia. Stop by www.cdbaby.com to hear some soundbites from the cd. Click on search and type in Ray Miner by artist.

I have a band called The Miner Boys and we are starting to play the central Illinois area. For the past several years my family and I have made our home in the Champaign/Urbana area. I invite you to listen to the songs and drop me an email. I'd be glad to hear from you.

Cook, Allan  
Class Year 1973

Dr. Allan F. Cook (BS ED '73, MS Ed '87) is an associate professor and chair of the teacher education program for the University of Illinois at Springfield. In addition to duties as chair, Dr. Cook is also Unit Assessment Coordinator for the College of Education and Human Services and chair of the college-level personnel committee.

Konya-Weishaar, Mary  
Class Year 1974

Mary Konya Weishaar (BS-1975, MS-1976) was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Award during fall 2002 to lecture in the area of special education in Kiev, Ukraine. Mary is currently associate professor of education at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in the Dept. of Special Education and Communication Disorders. Her husband, Phillip (BS-1974, MS-1975) and two children lived and worked in Kiev. Phillip is Director of Special Education in Perandoe Special Education Cooperative, Red Bud, IL.

Pyle, Jacquelyn  
Class Year 1976

Jacquelyn Schraeder Pyle, (BS 76, M.Ed 79), owns and directs Hinsdale Educational Achievement Center, Inc., which is a private diagnostic testing and tutoring center for children in grades K-5, in Hinsdale, Illinois.

Acklin, James  
Class Year 1979

James M. Acklin (B.S. 1979, M.S.ed 1987, Specialist in Education 1998) was appointed as Superintendent of Schools for Shiloh CUSD#1.
Turzy, Ronald  
Class Year 1975

Ron Turzy (BM 1975) & (MA 1976) is currently the Director of RehabTECH with offices in Naperville, IL and Oak Creek WI. After receiving his BM and MA from Eastern he taught music for 5 years at Glenbrook North High School in Northbrook. He has been in the healthcare and staffing industries now since 1981. He has two children a daughter, Cassandra (18) and a son "JD" (15). He is a long time resident of Antioch, IL. Recent recognition from the America's Registry of Outstanding Professionals (2002-2003) and Who's Who in Business (2001-2002).

Gooden, Keith  
Class Year 1977

Since graduating from Eastern in 1977, I have lived in Chicago and New York. I have been living in Puerto Rico for the past 11 years and worked form Procter & Gamble for 3 of those years. Presently I am the External Affairs Manager with Merck Sharp & Dohme Pharmaceutical company, where I have worked for the past 8 1/2 years. My job takes me throughout the entire Caribbean, plus I get to visit other countries for medical conferences. I love travelling and living in Puerto Rico and I look forward to visiting the next country. hasta la vista amigos.

Pfister, Diane  
Class Year 1983

Diane M. Pfister (1983) was recently named to the department chairmanship of the special education department at Hoffman Estates High School, Hoffman Estates, IL. Her duties include overseeing 22 teachers and 28 teacher assistants, and monitoring the 270 students enrolled in special education programs at the high school.

Mythili Rundblad  
Class Year 1991

Mythili Rundblad (1991) was awarded the Ethic of Service Award at the Land of Lincoln AmeriCorps Partners Conference in Springfield for her efforts in tutoring and mentoring elementary and middle-level students, as well as other service projects. For more details visit: http://newshound.de.siu.edu/online/stories/storyReader$4778
The Department of Recreation Administration was granted continuing accreditation by the Council of Accreditation of the NRPA/AALR. Accolades to the department included its assessment efforts and that Department Advisory Council.

The Department of Recreation Administration, under the leadership of Dr. John Pommier, held the annual Homecoming Race. Through this effort, the Department of Recreation Administration Major Club was able to raise over $450.00 for club events such as attending the IPRA/IAPD Annual Conference.
Eastern Illinois University students, faculty, and alumni met recently with educators from across the state to celebrate the literary talent of John Donne at the 14th Annual Literature Conference for Teachers and Lovers of Good Books. The program, made possible in part by the Illinois Humanities Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Illinois General Assembly, was supported by the EIU English Department and coordinated by the School of Continuing Education.

Dana Ringuette, English Department Chair, welcomed the guests of the conference, focusing the group as “primarily teachers who continue to study.” This sentiment reflected the conference’s professional development concentration, and certainly reflected the attitudes of the audience, sixty-three percent of which were educators from elementary, middle, or secondary schools.

The conference’s offerings included a movie, guest speaker, performance of John Donne’s Songs and Sonnets, and a variety of workshops, and then culminated with a panel discussion.

Professor of English, Sara van den Berg, of Saint Louis University addressed the participants as the guest lecturer with lively and interesting information about the body in Donne’s poetry. Her topic, What’s Love Got to Do with It? All about the Body in Donne’s Poetry, reflects Dr. van den Berg’s ongoing interest in how the body is represented in English art and literature. She refers to the ‘body saturated culture’ as a focal point in art and literature in the 17th century and today and throughout her speech provided connections between John Donne and our modern society that made his work as relevant and witty now as it was in his own time.

Dr. van den Berg frankly admitted that she was afraid of John Donne for a long time and always found him difficult. Evidence for her statement was not found in the lecture that drew from Donne’s work, scholarly criticism, science, the arts, and technology to form a picture of why “the poems speak for themselves.” As Sara mentions, “The body as a whole and its parts were important to John Donne, and he’s funny,” all of which Dr. van den Berg proved during the presentation.

The workshops, presented by English and History department faculty, focused on the educational elements of Donne’s poetry and allowed for a broad spectrum of interests. Truly, something for everyone was offered and reflected educator/participant Lee Roll’s opinion that the conference is “always excellent.”

Since the conference focuses on providing Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDUs) for educators, it is no surprise that attendees came from all over. James B. Conant High School English teacher Sue Ellen Cleary made the trip from the Chicago area because she “came last year and was so impressed that [she] was looking for the conference this year.” Like other participants, Sue Ellen’s budget for conferences is limited, but she added, “even if the budget was bigger, I still would have come here.”

Most of the participants returned after being at previous conferences. All expressed their enjoyment of the offerings at Eastern and that the focus of the conference allows them to “gain new knowledge, something to help in the classroom, and new ideas,” which current student teacher Ann Hudson summarized as her reason for attending.

Along with the educational aspects of the conference, Michelle LaZier of Oakland High School, found that it was “fun to be back in the post secondary setting.” Another repeat attendee, Michelle’s comment truly brings culmination to Dr. Ringuette’s opening remark that “we are […] teachers who continue to study.”
Keeping abreast of emerging technologies in our society can seem an overwhelming task, especially when new software, hardware, shareware, etc. flood the market. Realistically, sampling all of the available technologies and determining which best meet your needs would be an impossible task. So, how does an educator cope with the flood of options available and tame the lion of technology?

One resource was the P-16 Educational Technology Conference: Emerging Technology in the Classroom held on October 10, 2003. The event, hosted by School and University Partnerships, gave educators, present and future, insight into using technology for instruction in the classroom.

Headed by keynote speaker, Dr. Marianne Handler, the conference provided focus on connecting the Illinois Learning Standards and the NETS-S standards to create quality student learning environments. Besides the keynote address, participants could take part in a variety of breakout sessions and learn about Palms, Software, and Smart boards along with other technologies and ways to integrate different programs into the classroom. There were 23 sessions offered in all and included something for everyone.

The conference provided conference credit for current students and CPDU’s for educators, which along with the material meant for a heavily attended conference of over 600 people. Conference organizers take care to offer the technology fair in conjunction with local institute days to allow teachers the opportunity to both attend and present. For conference attendees the variety of information meant an opportunity to learn or improve knowledge in many areas and that means good things for our students.
You’re never supposed to discuss politics, education, or even politics and education, but for Graduate Dean Traci Reiter an introduction to basic lobbying was included in a recent trip to Washington D.C. Traci represented the University at the 18th Annual National Association of Graduate and Professional Students Conference November 5-9, 2003. While Traci’s goal for the conference was to find ways to help graduate students at the University, she got a quick crash-course in political speak and headed off for Capitol Hill.

Conference participants spoke with Representatives about the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and the Higher Education Affordability and Equity Act. Traci met Illinois representatives Danny Davis and Jerry Weller and was able to speak about the Higher Education Affordability and Equity Act, which addresses interest deduction for student loans, increasing contributions to Educational Savings Accounts, allowing room and board to be treated like scholarships for tax purposes, and the treatment of prepayment and savings plans, and other aspects of Higher Education.

Traci was part of the Midwest group where Eastern, Illinois State and Southern Illinois Carbondale were represented. She expresses surprise that only the three Illinois schools were represented at the conference but took advantage of the sessions to garner information about programs that will be useful to Eastern’s Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC). Representing the College of Education and Professional Studies through her degree specialty of Elementary Education, Traci participates on the Council and as Student Dean of the Graduate School. She says one of her major objectives is to bring communication between graduate students and the University and between graduate and undergraduate students at the student government level.

Traci feels that it’s important for graduate students to be involved in University affairs, especially since Eastern was her choice for graduate study due to the smaller, student focused programs. To get involved, she recommends attending the GSAC meetings, which are held the third Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the Martinsville room of the Union. She also wished graduate students to know that she is available to them and anyone can email her at egtjr@eiu.edu.
Mr. Kelly Thomas received the 2003 National Student Award for Educational Excellence from the National Society of Park Resources (NSPR). The award was presented to him at the National Park and Recreation Association Congress for Education on October 24, 2003. He was applauded for his educational efforts that maintain a focus on natural resource studies.

Over 20 students attended the annual NRPA Conference held in St. Louis, MO. They acted as room hosts, attended educational sessions, and participated in the job mart.
The College of Education and Professional Studies announces a position opening for a digital preservationist. This is a grant-funded, full-time, temporary position through June 30, 2005, reporting to the project director. This job is part of a new grant at Easter Illinois University that will help bring Library of Congress online primary resources into communities and provide innovative professional development for teachers throughout the region. It will require a bachelor’s degree in instructional technology, education, computer science, information systems, or related field. Experience as a teacher, trainer, and/or help desk consultant using Windows-based computers is also required. Job duties include ensuring that adequate technology support is provided to program participants, assisting with the teaching of workshops on the use of the Library of Congress resources, accurately maintaining records on all program equipment, digitalizing local primary resources, installing and troubleshooting hardware, handling maintenance of program websites, ensuring adequacy of software and internet access for program participants, supervising student assistants, downloading and developing course-related materials, and providing technical support and instruction. Send application letter; current resume; transcripts; and the names, addresses, and phone numbers of at least three current references to Cynthia Rich, College of Education and Professional Studies, Eastern Illinois University, 600 Lincoln Avenue, 1415 Buzzard Hall, Charleston, IL 61920-3099. AA/EEO/ADA,