

III. ACTION ITEMS

A. **Approval of Minutes**

June 23, 2008 Finance/Audit Committee Meeting

June 23, 2008 Board Meeting

August 15 & 16, 2008 Board Retreat

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

1) Purchase Item: Exclusive Beverage Agreement

Description/Explanation: This item is a full-service beverage agreement whereby Pepsi beverage products, defined in the agreement, would be the exclusive beverages served on campus. The agreement would be for five years with the University's option to renew for an additional five years. In exchange for this exclusive agreement, the University would receive guaranteed minimum annual commissions, guaranteed pricing for the initial term of the agreement, additional monies and other considerations.

Cost: \$400,000 annually – this is an estimated cost, dependent on the quantity of product required by the University.

Recommended Vendor: Pepsi MidAmerica
Marion, IL

Summary of Bids: Pepsi MidAmerica
Marion, IL

Coca-Cola Enterprises
Charleston, IL

Fund Source: Local Funds

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

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

2) Purchase Item: Miscellaneous HVAC upgrades

Description/Explanation: This project includes labor and materials associated with various heating, ventilation and air conditioning projects on campus including: replacement of an existing rooftop air conditioning unit on Old Main, replacement of an existing rooftop air conditioning unit, two (2) 40-ton condensing units, associated refrigerant piping, and evaporator coils in the Student Services building; and replacement of a heating and ventilation unit in Lantz.

Cost: \$513,786.00 (including \$46,708.00 contingency) as follows:

Ventilation	\$431,198
Electrical	35,880
Contingency (10%)	<u>46,708</u>
Total	<u>\$513,786</u>

Recommended Vendors:

Ventilation Contractor -

Industrial Services of Illinois, Inc. \$431,198.00
Mattoon, IL

Electrical Contractor -

Commercial Electric, Inc. \$35,880.00
Mattoon, IL

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

Summary of Bids:

Ventilation Contractors -

Industrial Services of Illinois, Inc Mattoon, IL	\$431,198.00
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Reliable Plumbing & Heating Savoy, IL	\$473,440.00
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A&R Mechanical Contractors, Inc Urbana, IL	\$512,143.00
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Comfort Mechanical Services, Inc. Urbana, IL	\$538,500.00
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Electrical Contractors -

Commercial Electric, Inc. Mattoon, IL	\$35,880.00
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Bodine Electric of Decatur Decatur, IL	\$39,650.00
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Fund Source: Appropriated and Local Funds

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

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

3) Purchase Item: Contract Change Order

Description / Explanation: As reported to the Board of Trustees in September, 2007, a contract was issued to AVI Midwest in the amount of \$1,471,878.06 for audio visual equipment for the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Due to additional work, relocation and modifications of equipment and installation, approval is requested for a change order increase in the amount of \$35,000.00.

Cost: \$1,471,878.06 – Base contract amount
+ 35,000.00 – Change Order
\$ 1,506,878.06 – Revised contract amount

Recommended Vendor: AVI Midwest
Bensenville, IL

Fund Source: Appropriated and Local Funds

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

D. Personnel Contract

At the January 26, 1998 meeting of the Board of Trustees, the Board approved the recommendation that the President of the University be authorized to offer multi-year contracts to certain administrative personnel at Eastern Illinois University. Dr. William L. Perry is recommending that he be authorized to offer the following contract:

- A. Dr. Diane Hoadley, an extension of her contract through June 30, 2011 to serve as the Dean for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees authorize President Perry to offer Dr. Diane Hoadley, an extension of her contract through June 30, 2011 to serve as the Dean for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences.

E. Statement on Board Responsibilities for Intercollegiate Athletics

By conference policy, the governing board of each member institution shall annually review and complete the Ohio Valley Conference Governing Board Certification Form (*OVC Constitution 3.2.1*).

A copy of this certification form is presented on the next page for your review.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees review and complete the Ohio Valley Conference Governing Board Certification Form.

E. Statement on Board Responsibilities for Intercollegiate Athletics (Cont.)



Ohio Valley Conference

Governing Board Certification Form Academic Year 2008-09

As Chairman of the Governing Board at Eastern Illinois University, I attest that:

- 1) Responsibility for the administration of the athletics program has been delegated to the Chief Executive Officer of the institution.
- 2) The Chief Executive Officer has the mandate and support of the board to operate a program of integrity in full compliance with NCAA, OVC, and all other relevant rules and regulations.
- 3) The Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Director of Athletics and Faculty Athletics Representative, and Board of Trustees determines how the institutional vote shall be cast on issues of athletics policy presented to the NCAA and the Ohio Valley Conference.

Date Presented to the Governing Board: September 12, 2008

Signed: _____
(Roger Kratochvil, Chairman of the Governing Board)

Please return completed form to:

*Dr. Jon A. Steinbrecher
Commissioner
Ohio Valley Conference
215 Centerview Dr., Suite 115
Brentwood, TN 37027*

F. Naming of University Property

This item will be presented by addendum at the meeting.

G. Approval of Depositories for Non-Appropriated Funds

In accordance with Board of Trustees *Regulations*, Section V.G.1, approval is requested for the following financial institutions as depositories of local funds:

New Requests

None

Acquisitions/Mergers/Name Changes

Peace Meal Program Depositories:

First Neighbor Bank (Formerly Greenup National Bank)	Greenup, Illinois
First Neighbor Bank (Formerly First State Bank of Newman)	Newman, Illinois
First Neighbor Bank (Formerly First National Bank of Toledo)	Toledo, Illinois
First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust (Formerly People's State Bank)	Weldon, Illinois
Vermilion Valley Bank (Formerly Roberts' State Bank)	Roberts, Illinois
Freestar Bank (Formerly The Pontiac National Bank)	Pontiac, Illinois

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve these financial institutions as depositories for non-appropriated funds.

H. Election of Representatives to External Boards

Section V.E. of the Board Bylaws reads as follows:

Representatives of the Board to serve on other boards, commissions, and similar bodies shall be designated as required by statute. In the absence of statutory requirements, they shall be elected by a majority of a quorum of the Board at the annual meeting or at such other meeting as may be appropriate. In the absence of statutory requirements, vacancies in such positions shall be filled by nomination by the Chairperson and election by a majority of a quorum at any meeting of the Board.

The Board will elect a representative to serve on the following external board:

1. The Higher Education Travel Control Board

I. Revisions to Board *Policies* and *Regulations* [First Reading]

This item will be presented by addendum at the meeting.

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IV. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. **President's Report**

- Presentations:

1. Intercollegiate Athletics – Ms. Barbara Burke, Athletic Director
2. Annual Report on Title IX Compliance – Ms. Cynthia Nichols, Director of the Office of Civil Rights & Diversity
3. Doudna Fine Arts – Mr. James Johnson, Dean of the College of Arts & Humanities
4. WEIU Radio/TV – Mr. Denis Roche, General Manager

B. Report from Board Chair

C. Committee Reports

Executive/Planning Committee

Mr. Roger Kratochvil, Chair
Mr. Bill O'Rourke
Mr. Leo Welch
Dr. Robert Webb

Board Relations Committee

Ms. Julie Nimmons, Chair
Mr. Don Yost

Finance/Audit Committee

Mr. Bill O'Rourke, Chair
Dr. Robert Webb

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Leo Welch, Chair
Ms. Julie Nimmons
Mr. Eric Wilber

Board Regulations

Mr. Leo Welch

D. Annual Report on Recruiting and Hiring

Ms. Cynthia Nichols, Director of Civil Rights and Diversity will make report to the Board regarding the recruiting and hiring for the past year at Eastern Illinois University.

E. Summer and Fall, 2007 Enrollment Report

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY PROFILE

SUMMER ENROLLMENT DATA – Two year comparison

<u>CATEGORY</u>	2007	2008
Head Count	4407	4461
FTE	1831	1856
Full-Time	359	457
Part-Time	4048	4004
<u>Undergraduate</u>	2825	2901
<u>Graduate</u>	1582	1560
<u>Gender</u>		
Men	1587	1671
Women	2820	2790
<u>Class Standing</u>		
Freshmen	116	127
Sophomores	236	201
Juniors	700	626
Seniors	1773	1947
Graduates	1582	1560
<u>National Origin</u>		
White	3645	3619
African American	325	367
Hispanic	72	87
Asian	60	44
American Indian	13	13
Unknown	205	261
International	87	70

E. Summer/Fall Enrollment Report (Cont.)

**EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
STUDENT BODY PROFILE**

FALL ENROLLMENT DATA – Five year comparison

This information will be provided by addendum at the meeting.

F. Reports from Constituencies

Faculty Senate – Dr. John Henry Pommier

Student Government – Mr. Levi Bulgar

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

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Type of Purchase</u>	<u>Bids</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dell Marketing, LP	Environmental control system components, UPS & battery backup and rack cabinets for the Student Services Bldg. data center.	5	\$101,070
Honeywell, Inc.	Annual payment for monitoring services under the existing guaranteed energy savings contract with Honeywell.	^a	109,415
Horine's Pianos Plus	One 9' Grand Piano and two 7' Grand Pianos for the Doudna Fine Arts Center.	1 ^b	227,568
Continental Resources	Cisco hardware and software maintenance and support for fiscal year 2009.	5 ^c	113,981
Sentinel Technology	Equipment to replace the existing Firewall and IPS systems.	5	147,593
Ne-Co Asphalt Company	Construction services for a new parking lot at 1821-1827 9 th Street.	1 ^d	148,200
Samuel Music Co.	Two 6' Grand Pianos, twenty-five Upright Pianos, one Digital Piano, one Electronic Modular Control System; and one Modular Control System Expander for the Doudna Fine Arts Center.	1 ^b	176,207
Solution Tree	Services and related resources for training educators on Response to Intervention and Professional Learning Communities as part of No Child Left Behind, funded by the IBHE.	1 ^e	225,000 (Not to exceed)
Moorhead-Gruber Architects	Architectural/engineering services for the proposed installation of sprinkler and fire alarm systems in Stevenson Hall.	^f	147,000

^{a.} This is a ten year agreement, approved by the Board on April 14, 2003.

^{b.} Three vendors did not respond.

^{c.} Two "no bid" responses were also received.

^{d.} Six vendors did not respond.

^{e.} Eighteen vendors did not respond.

^{f.} Vendor selection was made in accordance with the Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) Act.

H. FY 2008 Deposit & Investment Report

Eastern Illinois University Deposit and Investment Report For the Quarter Ending June 30, 2008

Operating Funds Investment Performance:

Average Daily Cash Balance	\$ (2,137,131.06)
Average Daily Invested Balance	<u>59,736,974.09</u>
Net Average Daily Balance	<u>\$57,599,843.03</u>
Total Interest Earned on Investments	\$ <u>352,912.58</u>
Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	<u>103.71%</u>
Annualized Average Yield	<u>2.46%</u>
Benchmark – 90 Day Treasury Bill	<u>1.68%</u>

Summary of Investments:

	Cost	Market Value
Agency Securities	\$ 2,999,750.00	\$ 2,989,215.00
Prime Fund MMKT	<u>37,236,548.19</u>	<u>37,236,548.19</u>
Total Investments	<u>\$40,236,298.19</u>	<u>\$40,225,763.19</u>

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 1.98% to 3.65%.

Endowment Funds Investment Performance:

Portfolio Market Value April 1, 2008	\$567,272.71
Interest and Dividends Income Reinvested	3,573.31
Change in Value of Investments	<u>(1,075.00)</u>
Portfolio Market Value June 30, 2008	<u>\$569,771.02</u>
Total Return on Investments for the Quarter	<u>0.70%</u>

Endowment Funds Asset Allocation (as of June 30, 2008):

Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:

	Market Value
Equity Funds:	
Vanguard 500 Index	\$ 66,395.70
Morgan Stanley Institutional	38,107.20
Vanguard Dividend Appreciation	31,826.41
Vanguard Developed Index	74,100.27
Vanguard Emerging Markets	27,944.70
Vanguard Growth	<u>33,808.81</u>
Total Equity Funds	\$272,183.09

H. FY 2008 Deposit & Investment Report (Cont.)

Endowment Funds (continued):

Bond Funds:		
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index	56,243.50	
Vanguard Inflation Protected Securities	<u>55,248.59</u>	
Total Bond Funds		111,492.09
Other Funds:		
Ishares EAFE Index	\$ 31,176.18	
Ishares S&P North Am.	38,310.00	
DJ Wilshire REIT index	<u>21,209.04</u>	
Total Other Funds		90,695.22
Cash Funds:		
Cash	\$ 593.98	
Schwab Money Market Fund	<u>94,806.64</u>	<u>95,400.62</u>
Total Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:		<u>\$569,771.02</u>

H. FY 2008 Deposit & Investment Report (Cont.)

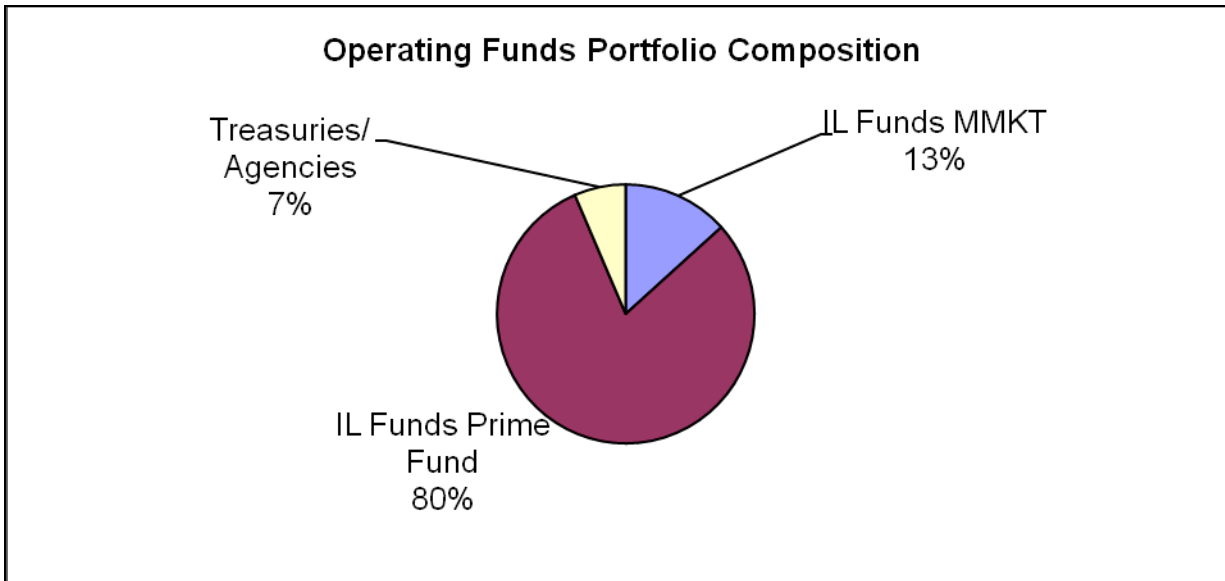
**Eastern Illinois University
Deposit and Investment Report
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008**

Operating Funds Account Balances as of June 30, 2008

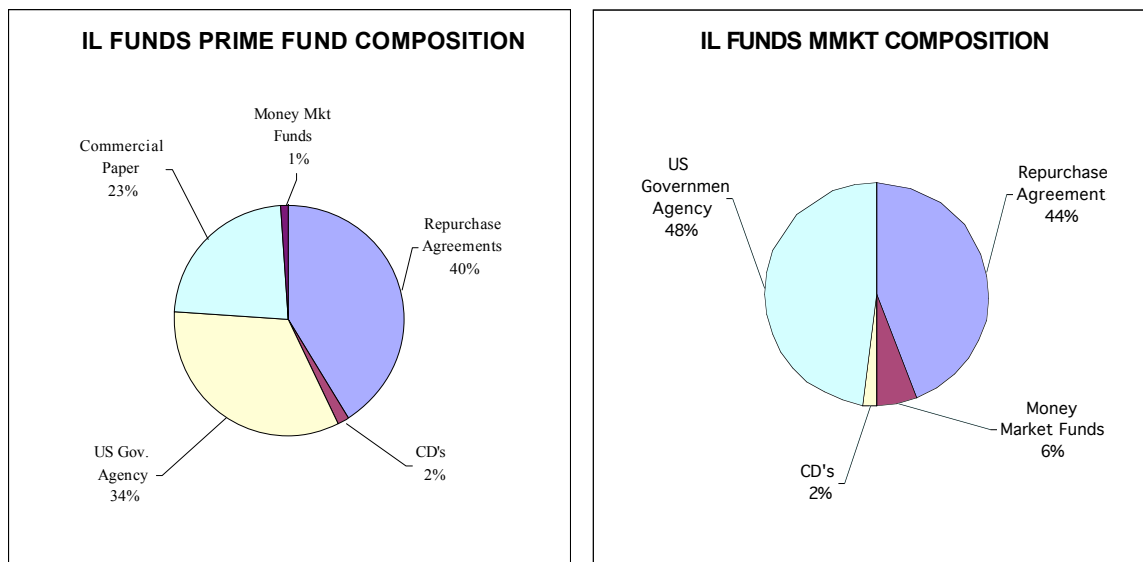
Investments at Market Value:	
Treasuries/Government Agency Securities	\$ 2,989,215.00
The Illinois Funds Prime Fund	\$ 37,236,548.19
First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust	\$ 52,217.17
The Illinois Funds Money Market Account	\$ 6,165,310.75
US Bank Trust Accounts for Debt Service	\$ 3,777.77

Operating Funds Investment Performance:

Average Daily Book Balance Cash	\$(2,405,602.85)
Average Daily Invested Balance	<u>51,747,725.21</u>
Net Average Daily Balance	<u>\$49,342,122.36</u>
Percentage of Net Average Daily Balance Invested	104.88%
Total Interest Earned on Investments	\$ 1,851,763.79
Annualized Average Yield	3.75%
Benchmark – 90 Day Treasury Bill	2.91%



H. FY 2008 Deposit & Investment Report (Cont.)



EIU investment is primarily in the Illinois Funds. The Illinois Funds consist primarily of repurchase agreements, commercial paper, government agency securities 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. Earning rates ranged from 1.98% to 5.22% for the fiscal year.

Endowment Funds Investment Performance:

Portfolio Market Value July 1, 2007	\$ 619,814.27
Interest and Dividends Income Reinvested	20,963.34
Withdrawal	(36,451.66)
Change in Value of Investments	<u>(34,554.93)</u>
Portfolio Market Value June 30, 2008	<u>\$ 569,771.02</u>

Total Return on Investments with fee adjustments for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008 (2.5)%

Endowment Funds Asset Allocation (as of June 30, 2008):

Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account:

	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Benchmark</u>
Equity Funds:			
Vanguard 500 Index	\$ 66,395.70	(13.2)	(13.1)
*Morgan Stanley Institutional	38,107.20	(1.0)	(2.3)
*Vanguard Dividend Appreciation	31,826.41	(5.1)	(5.0)
Vanguard Developed Index	74,100.27	(10.5)	(10.6)
Vanguard Emerging Markets	27,944.70	4.1	4.6
*Vanguard Growth	<u>33,808.81</u>	2.3	2.4
Total Equity Funds			\$ 272,183.09

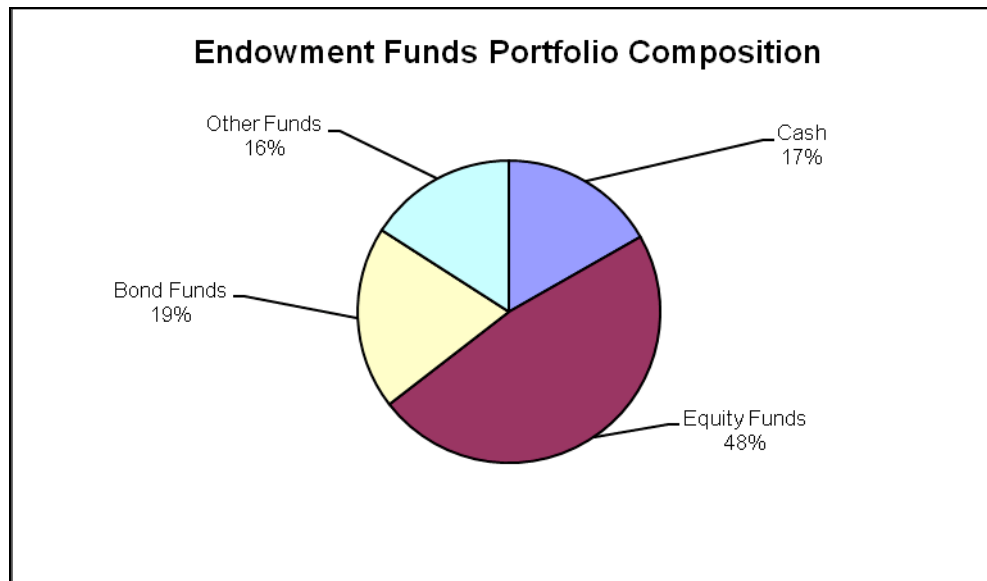
H. FY 2008 Deposit & Investment Report (Cont.)

Endowment Funds (continued):

	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Yield</u>	<u>Benchmark</u>	
Bond Funds:				
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index	\$ 56,243.50	7.3	7.1	
Vanguard Inflation Protected Securities	<u>55,248.59</u>	15.4	15.1	
Total Bond Funds				111,492.09
Other Funds:				
*Ishares EAFE Index	\$ 31,176.18	(2.7)	(2.3)	
*Ishares S&P North Am.	38,310.00	28.7	29.3	
DJ Wilshire REIT index	<u>21,209.04</u>	(15.6)	(15.3)	
Total Other Funds				90,695.22
Cash Funds:				
Cash	\$ 593.98	4.2	4.0	
Schwab Money Market Fund	<u>94,806.64</u>	4.2	4.0	
				<u>95,400.62</u>

Total Schwab Institutional Brokerage Account: \$ 569,771.02

*These funds were added during the fiscal year. Performance and benchmarks are since inception.



I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

6. **MRI: Acquisition of a Single-Crystal X-Ray Diffractometer** \$ 351,175
National Science Foundation 8/15/2006 – 7/31/2010 *Kraig Wheeler*
Research: Instrumentation to upgrade the x-ray facilities in the chemistry department.
7. **Substance Abuse Statewide Programs FY08** \$ 273,053
Illinois Department of Human Services 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008 *Becky Markwell*
Public Service: The Illinois Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Other Drug and Violence Prevention (IHEC) is a statewide initiative designed to support alcohol, other drug and violence prevention efforts at the higher education level.
8. **TRIO: Student Support Services FY08** \$ 234,229
U.S. Department of Education 9/1/2007 – 8/31/2008 *Mona Davenport*
Public Service: To increase the retention and graduation rates of first generation, low income, and/or students with disabilities.
9. **Leadership for the Improvement of Teaching Performance** \$ 223,113
Illinois Board of Higher Education 2/5/2008 – 9/30/2009 *Linda Morford*
Public Service: This grant will provide funding for a variety of professional development activities for both teachers and administrators.
10. **Senior Nutrition Program FY07** \$ 205,039
U.S. Department of Agriculture 10/1/2006 – 9/30/2007 *Barbra Wylie*
Public Service: To provide meals for senior citizens.
11. **Senior Nutrition Program FY08** \$ 204,666
Nutrition Services Program 10/1/2007 – 9/30/2008 *Barbra Wylie*
Public Service: To provide meals for senior citizens.
12. **Teaching with Primary Schools (Year 2)** \$ 191,000
Library of Congress 5/17/2007 – 1/3/2010 *Cynthia Rich*
Public Service: This is a continuation of the “An Adventure of the American Mind” project.
13. **Interaction of ApoE with Estrogen in the Olfactory System** \$ 190,606
National Institutes of Health 4/1/2008 – 3/31/2011 *Britto Nathan*
Research: This project will examine the interaction of estrogen and apoE in the nervous system in the presence and absence of injury.
14. **Community Audit and Critical Skills Shortage Initiative** \$ 150,000
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008
Jeanne Dau **Public Service:** The project will determine differences between supply and demand for significant work skills in the Southeastern IL Economic Development Region. Once skill shortages are identified, then the root cause of the shortages will be examined and solutions explored.
15. **Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws FY08** \$ 132,000
Illinois Department of Human Services 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008 *Becky Markwell*
Public Service: The Center for Alcohol, Other Drug and Violence Prevention (IHEC) is a statewide initiative designed to support alcohol, other drug and violence prevention efforts at the higher education level.
16. **Cooperative Work Study Program FY08** \$ 110,000
Illinois Board of Higher Education 6/3/2008 – 6/30/2009 *Daniel Crews*
Public Service: To continue a grant program that provides money to undergraduate students for internship programs.

I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

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| 17. | Chaucer's Canterbury Tales
National Endowment for the Humanities 10/1/2007 – 9/30/2008 <i>David Raybin</i>
Public Service: The project is to direct a four-week NEH Summer Seminar for School Teachers on the Canterbury Tales in 2008. The seminar will be held in London and Canterbury. | \$ 108,792 |
| 18. | Geographic Information System (GIS) Support Services #3
Water Main Sewer – Storm Water Network Mapping
City of Decatur 4/21/2008 – 12/31/2009 <i>Steven Di Naso, Vincent Gutowski, and John Stimac</i>
Public Service: To provide network connectivity between manholes/inlets and the storm drains, sanitary sewer lines, and water main lines. | \$ 96,000 |
| 19. | Senior Nutrition Program FY08 (Increase #1)
East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging 10/1/2007 – 9/30/2008 <i>Barbra Wylie</i>
Public Service: To provide meals for senior citizens. | \$ 89,241 |
| 20. | Illinois Public Broadcasting Grant FY08
Illinois Arts Council 9/1/2007 – 8/31/2008 <i>Denis Roche</i>
Public Service: To continue to support the operations of WEIU-TV. | \$ 87,370 |
| 21. | New Wheels/Hot Meals!
Retirement Research Foundation 10/1/2007 – 9/30/2008 <i>Barbra Wylie</i>
Public Service: To provide the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program with two hot shot food delivery vehicles. | \$ 68,000 |
| 22. | Project STAR (Completion)
Illinois State Board of Education 9/1/2007 – 8/31/2008 <i>Diane Jackman</i>
Public Service: The continuation of professional development for in service teachers focused on science and math. | \$ 66,650 |
| 23. | Illinois Public Broadcasting Grant FY08 (Operating)
Illinois Arts Council 7/1/2007-8/31/2008 <i>Denis Roche</i>
Public Service: Illinois Public Broadcasting Grant to assist WEIU-TV. | \$ 64,841 |
| 24. | The Effects of Habitat Fragmentation on Sensitive
Aquatic Species
Illinois Department of Natural Resources/U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
5/1/2008 – 8/31/2010 <i>Robert Fischer and James Novak</i>
Research: To determine if aquatic habitat fragmentation has had an isolating effect on darter populations. | \$ 64,075 |
| 25. | Developing a multi-metric habitat index for Wadeable
Streams in Illinois (Year 3)
Illinois Natural History Survey/Illinois Department of Natural Resources/U.S.
Fish and Wildlife Service 5/1/2006 – 5/31/2009 <i>Robert Fischer</i>
Research: The project will result in a qualitative, multi-metric habitat index that will help refine the Illinois' Plan by prioritizing survey efforts and providing tools for monitoring the effectiveness of conservation actions. | \$ 60,168 |
| 26. | Collaborative Research: Enhancement of wind erosion by
fire-induced water repellency (year one)
National Science Foundation 6/1/2008 – 5/31/2009 <i>Thomas Over and Jonathan Blitz</i>
Research: Field, lab, and theoretical analyses are proposed to investigate the effect of water repellent compounds released by plants during fire on the susceptibility of soils to wind erosion. | \$ 52,942 |

I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

27. **Geographic Information System (GIS) Support Services** \$ 50,543
City of Decatur 10/1/2007 – 8/31/2009 *Steven Di Naso, Vincent Gutowski, and John Stimac* **Public Service:** To provide Geographic Information System Services to map sanitary manholes to storm water manholes and storm inlets for the city of Decatur.
28. **Novel Organic – Inorganic Hybrid Cage Architectures Incorporating Azacrown Ethers and 1,3,5 – Triazine Scaffolds** \$ 50,000
American Chemical Society – Petroleum Research Fund
5/1/2008 – 8/31/2010 *Radu Semeniuc* **Research:** Cage architectures will be prepared on the rich chemistry of 2,4,6 trichloro- 1,3,5-triazine (cyanuric chloride) that will allow a facile synthesis of cage precursors.
29. **Local Service Grant FY08** \$ 40,248
Corporation for Public Broadcasting 10/1/2007 – 9/30/2008 *Denis Roche*
Public Service: To support the operations of WEIU-TV.
30. **Child Care Resource and Referral FY08 Increase #1** \$ 38,000
Illinois Department of Human Services 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008 *Jill Bowers*
Public Service: The increase will provide funds to continue the established CCR&R. The CCR&R serves as the “hub” for child care information, providing resources and referrals along with child care financial assistance in the six county service delivery area (SDA 11).
31. **Deer Data Evaluation** \$ 35,462
Washington Savannah River Company/U.S. Department of Energy
12/12/2007 – 9/30/2008 *Karen Gaines and James Novak*
Research: To develop a predictive toxicokinetic model of cesium-137 tissue body burdens that can be used to define areas of high risk based on historic game data (deer/hog) and provide estimates of future deer/hog body burdens.
32. **Senior Nutrition Program FY09** \$ 32,500
John M. Scott Health Resources/City of Bloomington 5/1/2008 – 4/30/2009 *Barbra Wylie*
Public Service: To provide meals for senior citizens.
33. **Teacher Graduate Assessment for the State of Illinois - 2008** \$ 30,000
Illinois State Board of Education 12/1/2007 – 6/30/2008 *Stephen Lucas*
Public Service: Assessment of new teacher graduates in the state of Illinois.
34. **Employer Training Investment Program FY07 (Increase)** \$ 30,000
Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity 7/1/2006 – 8/31/2007
Jeanne Dau **Public Service:** To provide training reimbursements of up to 50% to eligible Illinois manufacturing companies for approved training programs.
35. **Eastern Illinois Writing Project** \$ 30,000
National Writing Project Corporation 2/1/2008 – 6/30/2009 *Robin Murray*
Public Service: This project will bring the National Writing Project to Eastern Illinois University and the area public schools. The project infuses public school classes and writing.
36. **Estrogen and Alzheimer’s Disease: The ApoE Connection** \$ 29,992
Britto Nathan 7/1/2007 – 6/30/2008 *Britto Nathan* **Research:** A study to examine how estrogen prevents Alzheimer’s Disease.

I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

37. **Ergodic Ramsey Theory: A Dynamical Approach to Static Theorems** \$ 27,324
National Science Foundation/Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences
1/1/2008 – 12/31/2008 *Patrick Coulton* **Public Service:** The grant will fund a research conference with about 30-40 participants in the summer of 2008.
The main speaker is V. Bergelson. He will give a series of lectures on Ramsey theory.
38. **GIS Database Development for the City of Charleston (Amendment #1)** \$ 25,000
City of Charleston 1/1/2008 – 12/31/2008 *Vincent Gutowski and Steven Di Naso*
Public Service: Collect infrastructure data for the City of Charleston and create a geodatabase formatted for municipal use within a GIS system.
39. **Corporation for Public Broadcasting Small Station Strategic Planning Initiative Grant** \$ 22,000
Corporation for Public Broadcasting 3/15/2007 – 7/31/2007 *Ke'an Rogers and Denis Roche* **Public Service:** To work with a consultant to develop a strategic plan that is useable as an on-going document to guide decision making.
40. **Child Care Resource and Referral FY08 QRS** \$ 20,417
Illinois Department of Human Services 12/1/2007 – 6/30/2008 *Jill Bowers*
Public Service: To support Quality Rating System (QRS) work activities.
41. **Subtypes and Associate Risk Factors in Stuttering (Increase and Extension)** \$ 19,908
National Institutes of Health – University of Illinois at Urbana - Champaign
4/1/2007 – 3/31/2008 *Rebecca Throneburg* **Research:** Stuttering research project in collaboration with six Midwestern universities to form four key research centers.
42. **New Leaders Assistance Program (Increase #1)** \$ 19,165
Illinois Principals Association Mentoring Program 10/19/2007 *Linda Morford*
Public Service: Professional development for new school principals and administrators.
43. **Child Care Resource and Referral FY08 (QRS) Increase #1** \$ 17,583
Illinois Department of Human Services 12/1/2007 – 6/30/2008 *Jill Bowers*
Public Service: An increase to support Quality Rating System (QRS) work activities.
44. **“The Beaver in Illinois” Publication** \$ 15,000
Illinois Department of Natural Resources 7/1/2008 – 6/30/2009 *Thomas Nelson*
Public Service: Funding to cover the publications costs of “The Beavers in Illinois” publication.
45. **Business Solutions Center** \$ 15,000
The Lumpkin Family Foundation 6/1/2008 – 6/30/2011 *Jeanne Dau*
Public Service: The funding is to help support the creation of the Business Solutions Center.
46. **I Live Free Tobacco Free FY08** \$ 15,000
Southern Illinois University – Carbondale Center for Rural Health and
Social Service Department 1/1/2008 – 12/31/2008 *Rachel Fisher*
Public Service: Funding to continue tobacco education and cessation programs at Eastern Illinois University.
47. **Ready to Lead in Literacy FY08** \$ 15,000
Corporation for Public Broadcasting 9/1/2007 – 8/31/2008 *Denis Roche*
Public Service: To support the operations of the WEIU-TV Ready to Lead in Literacy Program.

I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

48. **Senior Nutrition Program FY08** \$ 13,800
Coles County Senior Citizens Property Tax Levy Committee
12/1/2007 – 11/30/2008 *Barbra Wylie*
Public Service: To provide meals for senior citizens.
49. **Senior Nutrition Program FY07** \$ 12,964
Illinois Department on Aging 7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007 *Barbra Wylie*
Public Service: To provide meals for senior citizens.
50. **Interconnect Grant FY08** \$ 12,716
Corporation for Public Broadcasting 10/1/2007 – 9/30/2008 *Denis Roche*
Public Service: To support the operations of WEIU-TV.
51. **Project ACCESS (Attaining College Credit and Educating Successful Scholars) Year 2** \$ 12,354
Illinois Board of Higher Education 11/1/2007 – 10/31/2008 *JoEllen Hickenbottom and Susan Bulla* **Public Service:** The ACCESS project includes Eastern Illinois University and Parkland College cooperating to present three evening presentations for parents and high school students on the enrollment process. Students will also attend a two credit hour summer camp designed to increase diversity awareness.
52. **Charleston Physical Education Curriculum Supervision FY08** \$ 12,000
Charleston Community District #1 8/13/2007 – 6/15/2008 *Jill Owen*
Public Service: EIU will provide a course and instructor for PED 5140 to be offered once per academic year on-site in Charleston schools. EIU will provide a curriculum coordinator who will direct the development of elementary curriculum and supervise its implementation.
53. **Senior Nutrition Program FY08** \$ 11,050
East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging (Willow Estates) 10/1/2007 – 9/30/2008
Barbra Wylie **Public Service:** To provide meals for senior citizens.
54. **Deer Data Evaluation Increase #1** \$ 10,206
Washington Savannah River Company/U.S. Department of Energy
12/12/2007 – 9/30/2008 *Karen Gaines and James Novak*
Research: To develop a predictive toxicokinetic model of cesium-137 tissue body burdens that can be used to define areas of high risk based on historic game data (deer/hog) and provide estimates of future deer/hog body burdens.
55. **Senior Nutrition Program FY08** \$ 10,000
(McLean County) City of Bloomington Township 4/1/2007 – 3/31/2008
Barbra Wylie **Public Service:** To continue to provide meals for senior citizens.
56. **Eastern Symphony Orchestra FY08** \$ 10,000
Charleston Area Charitable Foundation 9/1/2007 – 5/1/2008 *Richard Rossi*
Public Service: To help with funds needed to defray the costs for contractual players, promotional needs, PR costs, guest artists, etc.
57. **“Healthy Habits” – Today’s Choices, Tomorrow’s Future** \$ 10,000
The Lumpkin Family Foundation/Regional Alliance for Youth 1/1/2008 – 12/31/2008
Ke’an Rogers and Denis Roche **Public Service:** WEIU-TV and WILL-TV will partner with local health organizations and enlist the power of media to raise awareness of health concerns facing children and their caregivers.

I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

Camps and Conferences Valued at \$10,000 or More:

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Value</u>
July – September	19	\$661,257
October – December	2	101,759
January – March	0	0
April – June	<u>2</u>	<u>130,372</u>
	<u>23</u>	<u>\$893,388</u>

KEY: Name of Grant		Amount
Grantor/Contractor	Term of Grant: 0/0/01 – 0/0/01	<i>Director/Fiscal Agent</i>
Purpose:		
1. IHSA Track Meets		\$115,824
IHSA May 15 - 17 & 22 - 24, 2008 <i>Mark Hudson</i>		
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.		
2. Smith Walbridge		103,336
Smith Walbridge June 23 – July 20, 2007 <i>Mark Hudson</i>		
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.		
3. Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference		79,603
Mathematics teachers in the state, Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics and exhibitors October 18 – 20, 2007 <i>JoEllen Hickenbottom, William Hine</i>		
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for participants to share ideas on the teaching of mathematics and to network with other professionals.		
4. Premier Boys' State		62,104
American Legion June 9 – 15, 2007 <i>Mark Hudson</i>		
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school boys to learn about the basic ideals and principles of our system of government. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.		
5. Illini Girls' State		61,291
American Legion June 17 – 23, 2007 <i>Mark Hudson</i>		
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school girls to learn about the basic ideals and principles of our system of government. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.		
6. Universal Cheerleading Association		60,181
Universal Cheerleading Association June 15 – August 3, 2007 <i>Mark Hudson</i>		
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for junior high and high school students to learn cheerleading fundamentals and participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.		
7. Panther Camps		54,826
EIU Athletics July 1 – August 4, 2007 <i>Mark Hudson</i>		
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.		

I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

- 8. Music Camps** **48,711**
EIU Music Department July 15 – 28, 2007 *Mark Hudson*
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.
- 9. Cavaliers** **45,472**
Cavaliers Drum Corps./Jeff Fiedler June 1 – 9, 2007 *Mark Hudson*
Purpose: To provide a location for participants to practice performances.
- 10. Kankakee Upward Bound** **41,254**
State of Illinois June 10 – July 21, 2007 *Mark Hudson*
Purpose: To provide an educational opportunity for high school students and assist with the transition from high school to college. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.
- 11. Art Camps** **26,540**
Students attending camps, women’s clubs and Coles County Arts Council
July 8 – 14, 2007 *JoEllen Hickenbottom, William Hine*
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to learn more about art while introducing them to the University and its academic and cultural opportunities.
- 12. Illinois Municipal Treasurers’ Institute** **22,156**
Participants, Illinois Municipal Treasurers’ Association November 11 – 15, 2007
JoEllen Hickenbottom, William Hine
Purpose: To assist Illinois treasurers, finance officers and accountants in developing and maintaining the administrative expertise needed for successful operation of Illinois municipal government and in completing certification requirements.
- 13. National Cheerleading Association** **20,876**
National Cheerleading Association July 10 – 13, 2007 & July 17 – 20, 2007
Mark Hudson
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.
- 14. Badminton** **19,684**
EIU – Physical Education Dept. July 24 – 28, 2007 *Mark Hudson*
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.
- 15. Project ACCESS** **16,645**
AVID Program participants July 29 – August 3, 2007 *JoEllen Hickenbottom, William Hine*
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students participating in the AVID program to obtain (2) college credits which are “banked” for them, should they decide to attend EIU.
- 16. Minooka Band** **16,461**
Minooka High School July 29 – August 2, 2007 *Mark Hudson*
Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool.

I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

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| 17. Monticello Band | 15,160 |
| Monticello High School July 29 – August 3, 2007 <i>Mark Hudson</i> | |
| Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool. | |
| 18. Evansville North Marching Band | 14,713 |
| Evansville North High School July 22 – 27, 2007 <i>Mark Hudson</i> | |
| Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool. | |
| 19. IMTA Annual Conference | 14,547 |
| Municipal Treasurers & Finance Directors throughout the State of Illinois
June 22 – 24, 2008 <i>JoEllen Hickenbottom, William Hine</i> | |
| Purpose: To provide educational sessions and training for municipal treasurers and finance directors in the State of Illinois. Provides continuing professional education to assist municipal treasurers and finance directors in attaining new knowledge and skills. | |
| 20. Johnson’s Flight/CAP | 14,224 |
| Civil Air Patrol June 15 – 23, 2007 <i>Mark Hudson</i> | |
| Purpose: To provide an opportunity for participants to learn to fly gliders, planes and hot air balloons and to attend a camp on EIU’s campus. This camp serves as a recruitment tool. | |
| 21. Morton Marching Band | 13,970 |
| Morton High School July 22 - 27, 2007 <i>Mark Hudson</i> | |
| Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool. | |
| 22. Romeoville Marching Band | 13,802 |
| Romeoville High School July 29 – August 2, 2007 <i>Mark Hudson</i> | |
| Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool. | |
| 23. Metamora Marching Band | 12,008 |
| Metamora High School July 29 – August 3, 2007 <i>Mark Hudson</i> | |
| Purpose: To provide an opportunity for high school students to participate in a camp on the campus of Eastern Illinois University. This camp serves as a recruitment tool. | |

I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

Other Income-Producing Grants and Contracts Valued at \$10,000 or More

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Value</u>
July – September	2	\$ 81,000
October – December	6	206,160
January – March	3	310,000
April – June	<u>18</u>	<u>907,211</u>
	<u>29</u>	<u>\$1,504,371</u>

KEY: Name of Grant	Amount
Grantor/Contractor Term of Grant: 0/0/01 – 0/0/01 <i>Director/Fiscal Agent</i>	
Purpose:	
1. Chick-Fil-A	\$326,422
Chick-Fil-A July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Mark Hudson</i>	
Purpose: To provide a service to the students on campus.	
2. Purdue University	250,000
Purdue University January 25, 2008 <i>Barbara Burke</i>	
Purpose: Guarantee for men’s football game.	
3. Subway	149,477
Subway July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Mark Hudson</i>	
Purpose: To provide a service to the students on campus.	
4. First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust	81,637
First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Clay Hopkins</i>	
Purpose: To provide banking services to EIU students, faculty and staff.	
5. Pepsi Cola	68,000
Pepsi Cola July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>William Perry, Barbara Burke, Jeff Cooley, Mark Hudson, Daniel Nadler</i>	
Purpose: To provide beverage services to EIU students, faculty and staff.	
6. University of Iowa	67,000
University of Iowa December 18, 2007 <i>Barbara Burke</i>	
Purpose: Guarantee for men’s basketball game.	
7. Consolidated Communications - Your 13	50,000
Consolidated Communications July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Denis Roche</i>	
Purpose: Programming of the TV channel, Your 13.	
8. The Collegiate Licensing Co.	49,093
The Collegiate Licensing Co. July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Steve Rich</i>	
Purpose: Royalties received from any licensed Eastern items. Funds are used for scholarships and to administer EIU licensing.	

I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

9. Bowling Green State University	43,000
Bowling Green State University December 29, 2007 <i>Barbara Burke</i> Purpose: Guarantee for men's basketball game.	
10. Vesuvius USA	42,250
Vesuvius USA September 13 – November 12, 2007 <i>Jeanne Dau</i> Purpose: To provide "Lean Training" classes for Vesuvius employees.	
11. Country Companies	30,000
Country Companies March 25, 2008 <i>Barbara Burke</i> Purpose: Corporate advertising.	
12. Credit Union One	30,000
Credit Union One March 31, 2008 <i>Barbara Burke</i> Purpose: Corporate advertising.	
13. Immanuel Lutheran Preschool	29,476
Immanuel Lutheran Preschool July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Jody Horn</i> Purpose: Providing community services.	
14. Vesuvius USA	26,910
Vesuvius USA December, 2007 – January, 2008 <i>Jeanne Dau</i> Purpose: To provide "Lean Training" classes for Vesuvius employees.	
15. Lakeland Radiology	25,000
Lakeland Radiology June 30, 2008 <i>Barbara Burke</i> Purpose: Corporate advertising.	
16. Verizon	22,552
Verizon July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Denis Roche</i> Purpose: Rental of campus Radio/TV tower for cellular transmission.	
17. Cellular One	21,528
Cellular One July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Denis Roche</i> Purpose: Rental of campus Radio/TV tower for cellular transmission.	
18. Vending Operations	21,359
B&B Distributing July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Mark Hudson</i> Purpose: To provide a service to the students on campus.	
19. IPCS	21,168
IPCS July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Denis Roche</i> Purpose: Rental of campus Radio/TV tower for cellular transmission.	
20. T-Mobile	20,319
T-Mobile July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Denis Roche</i> Purpose: Rental of campus Radio/TV tower for cellular transmission.	

I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

21. CCAR Industries	17,142
CCAR Industries July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Gary Reed</i> Purpose: EIU's share of revenue from recycling agreement with CCAR Industries.	
22. Country Catering	17,003
Country Catering July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Barbara Burke</i> Purpose: Concession sales from athletic events hosted by EIU.	
23. Carle	16,670
Carle June 20, 2008 <i>Barbara Burke</i> Purpose: Corporate advertising.	
24. Sandra Carter, Int'l	15,300
Sandra Carter, Int'l January – March, 2008 <i>Denis Roche</i> Purpose: Heartland Highways production.	
25. University of Missouri – Kansas City	15,000
University of Missouri – Kansas City December 18, 2007 <i>Barbara Burke</i> Purpose: Guarantee for women's basketball game.	
26. RBHN	13,000
RBHN June 1 – August 31, 2007 <i>Jeanne Dau</i> Purpose: To provide consulting in labor research and programmatic orchestration for Coles County Mental Health Center/Regional Behavioral Network's telepsychiatry program in order to establish an operational telepsychiatry service.	
27. Watts Copy Systems	12,000
Watts Copy Systems July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Barbara Burke</i> Purpose: Corporate advertising.	
28. Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center	12,000
Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center August 16, 2007 – November 29, 2007 <i>Jeanne Dau</i> Purpose: "Leadership Academy XI" training for Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center employees including ongoing leadership and team building training.	
29. Hair Salon	11,065
Hair Salon July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008 <i>Cathy Engelkes</i> Purpose: To provide an on-campus hair stylist for EIU students and staff.	

I. FY 2008 Income Producing Contracts (Cont.)

Research/Public Service Grants & Contracts Valued at Less Than \$10,000

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Value</u>
July - Sept	81	\$132,815
Oct – Dec	4	17,775
Jan – Mar	6	25,610
Apr – June	<u>7</u>	<u>38,724</u>
	<u>98</u>	<u>\$214,924</u>

Camps and Conferences Valued at Less Than \$10,000

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Value</u>
July – September	15	\$ 63,749
October – December	5	14,426
January – March	6	24,755
April – June	<u>15</u>	<u>29,954</u>
	<u>41</u>	<u>\$132,884</u>

Other Income-Producing Grants and Contracts Valued at Less Than \$10,000

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Value</u>
July – September	41	\$ 66,509
October – December	25	41,222
January – March	36	72,491
April – June	<u>39</u>	<u>67,184</u>
	<u>141</u>	<u>\$247,406</u>

J. University Highlights

AROUND CAMPUS

Doudna Fine Arts Center reopens. The Midwest's newest architectural landmark, the Doudna Fine Arts Center, opened in August, giving art, music and theatre students an awe-inspiring facility that will enhance cultural activities for the entire region. The Rededication Celebration, planned for Oct. 24-26, is to include a lecture by the building's designer, internationally renowned architect Antoine Predock. For photos, as well as details on the 270,000-square-foot building and its programming, please see www.eiu.edu/doudna.

VP for Business Affairs to retire. Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, plans to retire Dec. 31. Cooley is a 1979 EIU graduate and 25-year employee of the institution. "Jeff's retirement will be a huge loss to Eastern's administrative team," said EIU President Bill Perry. "His leadership and knowledge of fiscal matters, of the university and of state offices has been of great benefit to Eastern for many, many years. We will miss Jeff's energy, great sense of humor, expertise, ideas and dedication to the university's best interests."

Eastern again among best in U.S. News & World Report rankings. For the ninth consecutive year, EIU has been named one of the top Midwestern public universities in its class by U.S. News & World Report. EIU is again ranked 14th among all Midwestern public universities offering a full range of undergraduate degrees and some master's degree programs. The numbers show that EIU has retained its focus on personal attention. For example, the student-faculty ratio dropped to 15:1 (from 16:1 the previous year), and only 4 percent of all classes have 50 or more students. In addition, EIU touts the highest freshman retention rate and the highest graduation rate among all Illinois public universities in its class.

\$623,000 grant funds new interactive online nursing classes. Registered nurses now have the opportunity to take interactive online courses to earn bachelor's degrees from EIU, thanks to a three-year, \$623,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration. "This is going to allow us to offer so many more things and allow so many more students to get into the program," said Dianne Nelson, Ph.D., R.N., director of EIU's nursing program, which has begun its second year.

New students participate in Eastern Reads program. When new students arrived on campus this fall, most of them already had a common thread, having read "Mountains Upon Mountains" over the summer as part of Eastern Reads. Events have been held to facilitate discussion, including reading circles led by about 90 volunteers from all facets of campus. The book tells the story of Dr. Paul Farmer, a physician who spent most of his career in Haiti, focusing on tuberculosis and AIDS. "We want to get incoming freshmen to think about their own dreams and what they want to do in the world," said Bonnie Irwin, dean of the Honors College and one of the program's coordinators. Eastern Reads activities will culminate on Oct. 27 with a speech by Joia Mukherjee, who works for Farmer's organization, Partners in Health.

Emergency booklets placed around campus. Emergency handbooks have been placed in classrooms and other public places throughout campus as part of EIU's efforts to inform the campus community about procedures to be followed in the event of environmental and public safety hazards. The information is also posted online at www.eiu.edu/alerteiu.

J. University Highlights (Cont.)

EIU Day helps open Illinois State Fair. More than 100 Panthers -- including a busload of spirit team members and student musicians; representatives from academic departments, athletics and student life; and President Perry and Vice President Jill Nilsen -- represented EIU at the Illinois State Fair on Aug. 8. EIU's presence included tent displays and live performances throughout the day. Photos may be viewed at www.eiu.edu/~pubaff/links/2008/statefair.

Rare 'corpse plant' draws thousands of visitors. A rare tropical plant, the titan arum, produced its first flower in June, following more than six years of vegetative growth in EIU's Thut Greenhouse. About 3,000 people visited the plant to witness its blooming, according to Steven Malehorn, greenhouse manager, who has tended to the titan arum since it was planted. The titan arum, which produces the largest unbranched inflorescence in the world, is on the World Conservation Union's Red List of Threatened Species. The plant is also sometimes called the corpse flower, as the flowers produce a scent similar to rotting meat.

Eastern Illinois Writing Project hosts Summer Institute. Fourteen area teachers from various disciplines attended the four-week Eastern Illinois Writing Project Summer Institute at Eastern Illinois University in July. The program, "Writing Workshop for Writing Teachers: Facilitating Best Writing from our Students and Ourselves," was the first summer institute for the new Eastern Illinois Writing Project site, which is part of the National Writing Project. The mission of the NWP, according to its Web site, "is to improve student achievement by improving the teaching of writing and improving learning in the nation's schools."

EIU takes over shuttle bus service. In an effort to control costs, the university has opted to operate its own shuttle service with leased buses and university personnel as drivers. "Our goal is excellent stewardship of student fees and cost avoidance in the future," said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs. The shuttle bus service began in 2002 through a contract with a local transportation company.

New and improved EIU Web site goes online. In August, Webmaster Ryan Gibson unveiled the new EIU Web site (www.eiu.edu), featuring a fresh new look, added features and greater accessibility. The site is an important communications piece for the university, as it receives more than 3 million hits and 185,000 unique visitors a month. Reaction to the changes has been overwhelmingly positive. For details on the redesign, please see www.eiu.edu/reweb.

Orchestra receives \$10,000. The Eastern Symphony Orchestra, which blends the best student musicians with professional-quality players from the community, has once again received a \$10,000 grant from the Charleston Charitable Foundation. The foundation's support, which has played a primary role in the growth and development of the ESO through the years, is especially important as activities move into the new Doudna Fine Arts Center, said ESO director Richard Robert Rossi.

J. University Highlights (Cont.)

STUDENT/FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

MBA student spends summer working on Wall Street. The real-world stock market experience provided by the College of Business' Securities Analysis Center recently helped MBA student Jake Byrne edge out students from UCLA, North Carolina, Cornell and Yale to land a competitive Wall Street internship with Merrill Lynch. Byrne, a former key member of the Panthers basketball team who earned his bachelor's degree in finance with a 3.93 GPA in just three years, says EIU's facilities and its people made the difference in preparing him for the internship. "We're not a huge name, but we have an excellent business program, and I felt really prepared when I walked in my first day," Byrne said.

Students interning as athletic trainers with NFL teams. Six students who have worked in the EIU training room gained additional hands-on experience this summer through athletic training internships with high-profile teams. Three earned internships in the National Football League: Ray Lysinger of Charleston worked with the New Orleans Saints (coached by former EIU quarterback Sean Payton); Eric DePorter of Rockford landed a spot with the St. Louis Rams; and Shawn Ready of Effingham worked with the New England Patriots. Others serving internships were Dan Czajkowski of Edwardsville with the Chicago Fire, a professional men's soccer team; Dani Wessel of Pocahontas with the Chicago Bandits, a professional women's softball team; and Shanna Davis of Charleston with the Disney Wide World of Sports Complex in Florida.

Faculty Laureate promotes the joy of learning. Political science professor Melinda Mueller recalls her 10-year-old daughter stepping off of a school bus and jumping joyously into the air about her day's successes in long division and on an essay she'd written about Martin Luther King Jr. "Since that day," Mueller said, "I've thought about how wonderful it would be if all of us could jump in the air like a fourth-grader over something we've learned during the day." As Eastern's 2008-09 Faculty Laureate -- the university's official spokeswoman on the importance of a general liberal arts education -- Mueller hopes to promote her idea to students of all majors. She delivered the keynote address during Convocation on Sept. 2.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Former EIU soccer player and coach now leads major league team. Schellas Hyndman '73, '77, a player on EIU's 1969 national championship soccer team, was named head coach of Major League Soccer's FC Dallas in June. Hyndman, one of the top college coaches in the country for a quarter-century, coached at EIU from 1977 to 1983, leading the Panthers to two national finals appearances and earning a National Coach of the Year award.

Former student names asteroid for retired professor. Robert Millis '63, director of Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., credits retired EIU physics professor Scott Smith with guiding him to his career in astronomy. So when Millis recently discovered an asteroid, he decided to name it after his mentor and friend. "The influence he had on me sent my life in a completely different direction. Had I not encountered him, I would have never pursued a career in astronomy," Millis told The Daily News of Newburyport (Mass.). Smith spent four decades at Eastern. "I felt very honored by his feeling that I had contributed so much to his life," Smith said.

J. University Highlights (Cont.)

FOCUS ON ATHLETICS

Former Panther returns as swim coach. Matt Bos '00, '02, a former member of the EIU swim team, has taken the reins from coach Ray Padovan, who retired in May after 42 years as the EIU head coach. Bos brings with him an impressive resume, including working the past three years as the head swim coach for the San Antonio Wave, a top swim club in Texas. He has coached several junior and senior national qualifiers; national record-holder Jimmy Feigen, who recently competed in the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials; and Annabel Kosten, who went on to earn a bronze medal in the 2004 Athens Summer Olympics. Bos and his wife, Amanda, also a former EIU swimmer, have both served as camp directors for Swim with the Stars, a swim camp owned by Michael Phelps and other Olympians.

EIU basketball legend Duckworth dies at 44. Kevin Duckworth, one of the top players in the history of Eastern's basketball program before becoming a two-time NBA All-Star, died Aug. 25 at the age of 44. Duckworth, who spent most of his 12 NBA seasons as the Portland Trail Blazers' center, made an indelible mark on EIU athletics. He is EIU's career rebounding leader with 867, and he ranks sixth in career scoring with 1,589 points. Duckworth, who led EIU to the Mid-Continent Conference Tournament Championship in 1985, was the Mid-Continent Conference Player of the Year in 1986. He was inducted into the EIU Hall of Fame in 1993. Eastern's men's basketball team plans to pay tribute to Duckworth this season by wearing an honorary mark on their jerseys.

K. Other Matters

L. Public Comment