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UNIVERSITY | EVENTS

Hencken ready to say goodbye

Celebration of Dedication to be held today in Union for retiring president

By **Ashley Rueff**
Senior University Reporter

President Hencken isn’t leaving Eastern. He’s just trading in his office for a less demanding teaching position.

That’s why he doesn’t plan on getting too emotional at his Celebration of Dedication today, where he’ll be visiting with the campus community for one of the last times as Eastern’s president.

“I don’t think I will be emotional because of the fact that I’m going to continue to teach,” Hencken said. “I’m going to continue to see these folks.”

He plans to continue teaching at Eastern in Fall 2007.

“It is not my intention to die on July 1, so it’s not like I’ll be gone forever,” he said jokingly, adding that he does tend to make jokes when he gets emotional.

Hencken said he thought it was a little strange, at first, to have the reception so soon before his actual retirement, but he understands the reason.

Hencken’s contract doesn’t expire until July 1, but by that time many students and faculty won’t be around to share their appreciation with Hencken, said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations.

“By May 6, all of our students will be gone and our faculty will be off doing things for the summer,” Nilsen said.

Today’s reception gives everyone a chance to visit with Hencken and his wife, Mary Kay, before the semester ends and the campus quiets down for the summer.

“There will be some emotions when I see people for the last time,” he said. “I love this job but I don’t know that I have the energy left to do this for the next few years.”

The Celebration of Dedication will be from 3 to 5 p.m. today in the University Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

CAMPUS | GREEK WEEK



FILE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sigma Phi Epsilon tugs against Lambda Chi Alpha for third place during Greek Week 2006. Sigma Phi Epsilon won with a time of 2:44.

Little Men hope for big grip

By **Stacy Smith**
Greek Life Reporter

Unhealthy dieting and over-exercising was a main concern among the Greek community while students prepared themselves for a week of rivalry.

Last year, a few fraternities tried

signing up for the Little Men’s competition, yet could not lose the desired weight in a healthy manner before the competition.

Although the men were allowed to only participate in the Big Men’s Tugs, this incident caused the Greek community to take action to prevent unhealthy dieting for the

competitions.

The Greek Community asked the Health Education Resource Center to provide health education to fraternities and sororities before Greek Week.

Megan McCallister, a nutrition

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CITY | COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Current council remains intact

Incumbents Lahr, Rennels win top votes for City Council

By **Stephen Di Benedetto**
Senior City Reporter

Incumbents Jeff Lahr and Larry Rennels were smiling after the election results were final at the Coles County Courthouse Tuesday night.

Lahr finished with 883 votes and Rennels finished with 878.

Challenger Tim Newell finished with 658.

T.K. Slaughter, who was defeated in the primaries two years ago, finished with 174.

“I am humbled that they selected me to serve on City Council,” Lahr said of the citizens of Charleston who voted.

Lahr was elected to his first term in 2005 and looks forward to serving another one.

Lahr said he was happy that Rennels was also re-elected and is glad to see the council remain intact for another term.

“It’s a good thing simply because we work very well together,” he said.

Rennels was first elected to the council in 1997 and has lived in Charleston all his life.

“I think we were working real well together as a team,” Rennels said. “We didn’t always



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Wanda Reid, house mother and adviser for Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority, checks her ballot before dropping it in the ballot box Tuesday at the Bridge Lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

agree on everything, but we were always able to reach a compromise and I am really glad that it turned out this way.”

Lahr and Rennels agreed that the competition this year was good and that they

ran against worthy candidates.

“I would say Tim Newell did great for the first time,” Rennels said.

Newell and Slaughter were not in attendance.

CITY | ORDINANCES

City Council approves keg ordinance

Kegs will go through liquor store owners, not police

By **Adam Tedder**
Online Editor

The Charleston City Council approved the keg ordinance Tuesday night.

The approval means that keg permits will now be filled out at the place of purchase instead of going through the police station.

Mayor John Inyart said he believes kegs will be handled better now that it is back at the place of purchase and that this is a win-win situation.

Police Chief Paul Welch also said he was pleased by the approval.

“The changes to the ordinance have tightened up the process,” he said. “It closed up some of the little problems with the keg permits.”

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CAMPUS | ELECTION RESULTS

Election results announced today

Athletic fee proposal to be determined

By Matt Hopf
Student Government Reporter

The results of the two contested executive positions for Student Government will be announced at today's Student Senate meeting. Senate member Kent Ohms and Levi Bulgar, student vice president for business affairs, will find out who won the race for student executive vice president. Senate member Leah Pietraszewski and newcomer Gabriela Garcia will learn who will be the next student vice president for business affairs. The rest of the positions, including student body president, ran unopposed for this week's election.

While the results for the positions will be announced, the new senate members will not be sworn in until the April 25 senate meeting. Senate Speaker Jeff Lange said this would allow time for a candidate to contest the election due to problems that happened in last year's elections. The executive board positions will be sworn in on April 29, said Pietraszewski, who is the chair of the senate's Internal Relations committee. Also at the meeting, a proposed increase to the athletic fee will be voted on. The proposed increase would raise the fee to \$103.65 by fiscal year 2009. The athletic department is in the third year of a five-year plan



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Sophomore political science major Quentin Frazier stops to vote at the student government elections polling place Tuesday afternoon in the union bridge lounge.

that was approved by the board of trustees starting in fiscal year 2005. With the five-year plan, the fee will increase by \$3.25 for fiscal year 2008 and \$3.35 for fiscal year 2009. The new proposal would add \$8 to each year's fee. At last week's senate meeting, Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie presented increases in game-officiating costs, fuel costs and medical insurance costs to justify the increase. In other business, Sean Anderson vetoed the increase to the Health Service fee. The fee would have increased by

\$8 to \$90.90. It would have also lowered the amount of credit hours a student would receive the full fee from 12 to 9. Currently, students with less than 12 credit hours pay \$6.91 per credit hour. With the fee increase, students with less than nine credit hours would pay \$10.10 per credit hour. Anderson gave the veto because it was unfair for undergraduate students to have to pay more than graduate students. The average graduate student takes eight credit hours, Anderson said. That would amount to \$80.80

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

» **When:** Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
» **Where:** Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

for the average graduate student. "Graduate students and undergraduate students have the same opportunity to utilize Health Services, therefore a plan should never be approved by students, which charge undergraduate students one price and graduate students another," Anderson said in his veto. The board of trustees has the final say in any fee increases.

A shock to the higher education system

Hencken suggests ways to keep Eastern safe

Staff Report

When Lou Hencken heard about Monday's shootings at Virginia Tech, he decided to eat lunch at home. He wanted to watch the coverage of the tragedy on television. The coverage left him thinking about how big of a shock to the system it had to have been. "The president and students just think 'this is another day and I have to worry about class,'" Hencken said. "Then all of a sudden, it's not important." A lone gunman killed 32 people and then committed suicide in Blacksburg, Va., on the campus of Virginia Tech. Hencken sent a message through campus e-mail Tuesday offering condolences to the Virginia Tech community and assuring Eastern students that the university was as prepared as they could be if an incident were to occur on campus. But it was still not enough, he said. "No amount of planning can totally prepare a community – be

it a city, business, university or school – for a crisis such as that experienced by Virginia Tech on Monday, April 16," Hencken said in the email. The e-mail also said that if an incident occurred at Eastern, the campus e-mail "would be a primary method of communication." Eastern has an Emergency Management Team ready to deal with crises. The members of the EMT depend upon the nature of the emergency. As many as 11 different departments, including the University Police Department and Housing and Dining, would coordinate a response to a disaster. Health Service is also a part of the EMT. Nita Shrader, head nurse at Health Service, said the EMT has not specifically addressed what would happen if there was a shooting on campus. But she said she expects it to be addressed following the shooting in Virginia. "Of course, the main thing would be to protect the students so we'd want to get everyone out of the immediate area," she said. Police chief Adam Due said although he could not go into



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Pat Lamore, a junior communication studies major, signs the banner in memory of those who were victims of the school shooting at Virginia Tech University.

details, the department had a plan in place in the event of a shooting. Later in the email, Hencken said students must also do their part to keep themselves and the campus

safe. Some suggestions were to keep residence hall doors locked, walk in lighted areas and report suspicious behavior to police.

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campusbriefs

Greek Life speaker addresses fraternities, sororities

» Greek Life students will learn to think about their fraternity or sorority membership a bit deeper with tonight's Unity speaker. Rick Barnes will present "Leading with your Letters!" tonight at 7 as the Unity speaker for Greek Week. "This program addresses the critical issues facing fraternities and sororities, and leaves the participants with the desire to get out there and make a positive difference in not only the Eastern Illinois University community but the Charleston community as well," said Bob Dudolski, director of Greek Life. Barnes, a member on the board of directors of the North-American Interfraternity Conference, will be featured as the Unity Speaker at 7 tonight in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. -Cathy Bayer, news editor

Faculty Senate reviews EWP survey results

» Results of the Electronic Writing Portfolio survey were presented at Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting. The survey questioned whether faculty and students see the value in the current system or whether writing improvement is even measured in the current process. -Jess Kinsella, Faculty Senate

policereport

- » Criminal Damage to State-Supported Property – On April 12 it was reported that a window was broken in the Physical Science Building by a pool ball.
- » Theft – On April 13 it was reported that the rear wheel was stolen from a bike while it was locked in a bike rack near Buzzard Hall.
- » Hit & Run – On April 13 it was reported that a 1996 Ford was struck by another vehicle while it was parked in the W lot on Eastern's campus.
- » Illegal Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor – On April 14 Trenton James Ricci, 19, Bethalto, Ill., was arrested at the 1400 block of 7th St. at 12:56 a.m. on the charge of illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- » Child Abduction – On April 15. Referred to the Coles County States Attorney for consideration.
- » Theft – On April 16 it was reported that a gym bag and its contents were stolen from a locker in Lantz Arena.
- » Possession of Drug Equipment – On April 16. Referred to the Judicial Affairs Office for discipline.

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VIEWS

WEDNESDAY

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COLUMNIST | MAURICE TRACY

Opportunities arise to make a difference

People read my columns where I often talk about this problem and that problem and they have frequently responded to me by saying, “What can I do? What do you want me to do? So what?”

Well, here are two different things you can do this week.

Firstly, Thursday, at 6 p.m. in the 7th Street Underground (the basement of the Union for those of you not in the know), there will be a lively debate about the House Bill that would grant same-sex couples in Illinois the status of civil unions. We (Queers) would have the same rights under Illinois law that heterosexual couples receive under Illinois law. You can go to the debate and hear the two sides, pro and con, and then ask questions. Let your voice be heard.

I, for one, have questions: First, to Karen Hayes, the representative from the Concerned Women for America: What would be the harm to allow same-sex couples the legal rights that heterosexual couples get? Beyond the Bible, which has little to no place in the discussion of laws and the giving of rights, what support do you have for your views? If a same-sex couple getting married or “civilly union-ed” hurts or devalues “traditional” marriage, are you going to junk your now worthless/less-valuable marriage by getting a divorce? If you have no real answers to any of the questions, do you know the definition of the word “bigot”?

To Rick Garcia, the representative from Equality Illinois: Are we settling by accepting Civil Unions? If this is part of an instrumentalist approach, what is the logic behind it and what is the next step?

The second opportunity people have to get involved and not be apathetic comes to us on Friday. Starting at the Newman Center at 4 p.m. people can march to the Army Recruitment Center on 4th and Charleston and chant “Bring Our Boys Home,” not to show non-support for the troops, but to show our non-support of having people in a war that few support or feel is justified.

These are two things we can attend and participate in. I, for one, will be marching.

I will be at the Civil Union Debate.

Will you be there?

Or will you stay home Thursday and watch that episode of Ugly Betty or Grey’s Anatomy that you could easily record?

Friday, if you are against the war, will you come out and march at 4 p.m. or will you stay home and pre-game? We know where I’ll be; where will you be?

Maurice Tracy



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Happy trails to Lou

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Hencken is supervising the renovation and expansion of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. In Fall 2005, the university’s enrollment increased for the fourth consecutive year, reaching 12,129. Despite the increased enrollment, Hencken focused on enrollment management, in order to maintain Eastern’s small class sizes.

Also in 2005, Eastern received a positive report from the North Central Association accreditation team. During Hencken’s presidency the university added a nursing program, which will begin offering courses in Fall 2007.

None of this would have been possible without Hencken’s strong leadership.

Fundraising

Fundraising has been a big part of Hencken’s presidency at Eastern.

As of July 20, Hencken raised \$11 million in three years.

This semester, Hencken collected a \$2.5 million check for the New and Emerging Artists series at Eastern.

The money Hencken collects during fundraising trips will benefit generations of Eastern students through scholarships and new programs. His influence at Eastern will be felt for decades to come.

Attending events

Whether attending basketball, football or softball games, the symphony or theater productions, Lou is EIU and he lets everyone know it.

While a good university president should attend a variety of events, a great university president enjoys attending these events, which Hencken does.

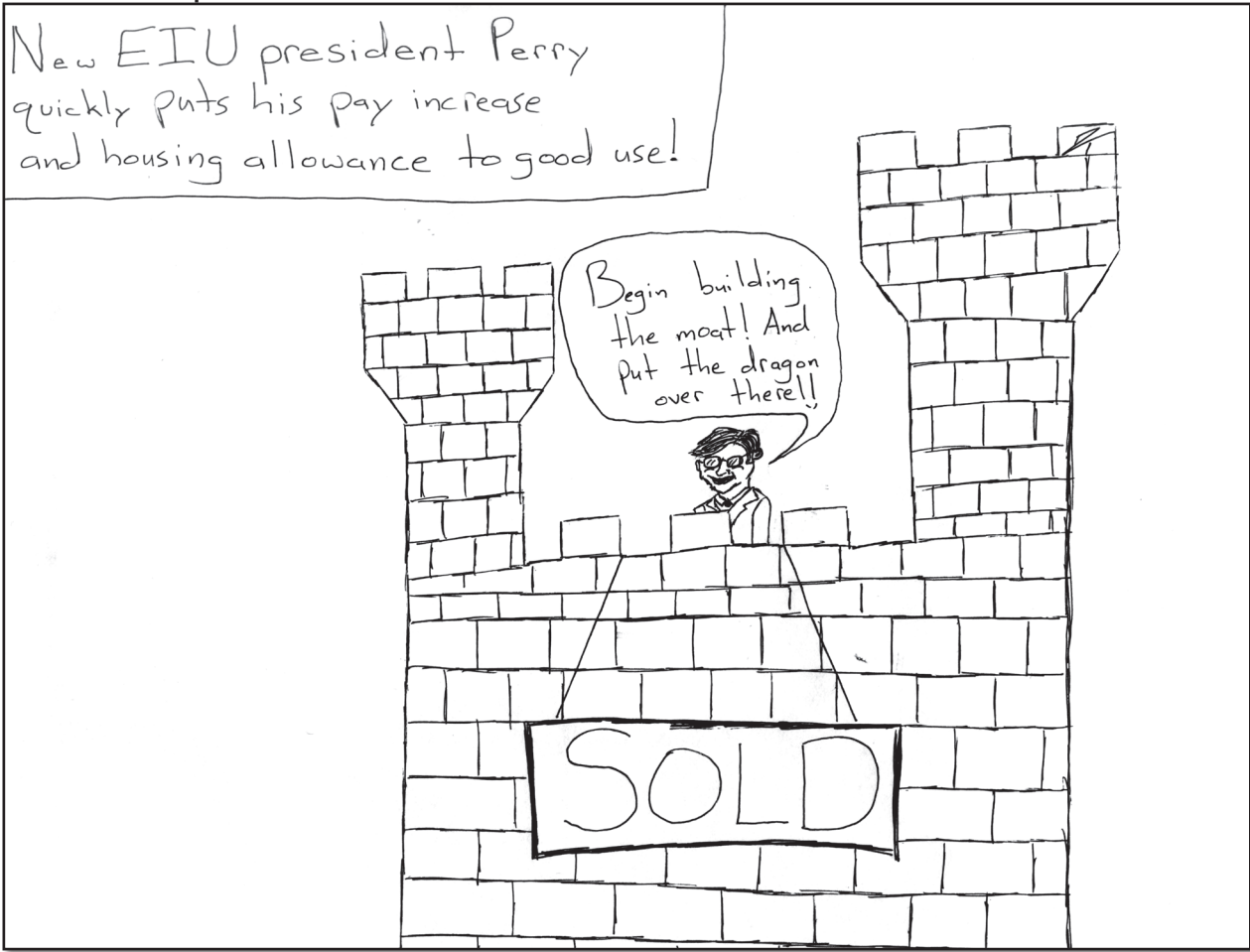
His love of athletics, his love of the arts and his love of Eastern are what make Hencken a great university president – that and the fact that his EIU pin is always on the lapel of his jacket and his favorite topic of conversation with alumni is the university.

His legacy

His legacy at Eastern is his love of the university – something all future administrators should live up to. We at *The DEN* would like to thank President Hencken for his cooperation with the student press, his never ending devotion to Eastern students and for the fact that he is EIU.

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DAVID THILL



Tragedies link to upbringing

In America one never sees a physician until some *symptom* presents itself or a visit is recommended by the doctor. A psychiatrist is summoned when behavioral symptoms are apparent. Social and cultural anomalies intrude when the latter is corrupt to a fault. Dysfunctional families or societies erupt at the advent of conflict among the participants, whereupon an outside civil authority (cops/armies) is summoned. All the above are symptoms of mid and lower-middle class people in any given bourgeois society known to exist. All classes above them and below act out the same paradigm at different levels of violence, both physical and mental; however, “bullyism” rules the day in any case from top to bottom within all past/present human cultures.

Good as common good, under class and family conditions, is the ultimate lie. How so? An upper child sees good in everything until either physical pain or verbal attacks direct his five senses to seek good elsewhere and try to regain what has been lost, i.e. a degree of innocence. When guilt is awakened in the upper child a viable dialectic is born, thus a lower juvenile has evolved. By middle juvenilism, lies become a working tool of wide versatility and success. By upper juvenalism, a complete loss of innocence has occurred. Survival at any cost fills the entire social spectrum. Still suffering the effects of childhood innocence and mourning its death, the upper juvenile grows into lower adulthood with a fully vibrant and aggressive existential thesis. By now, all physical and mental powers have stopped growing and begin to harden into synthetic crutches, blundering forward in spasmodic lurches of depression and mystic folklore (Marx’s “opiate”) that are unfit for progress in the victim let alone as viable instruction for the next generation about to be poisoned by the

self same methods. Finally one must envision Edvard Munch’s “The Scream” to logically understand what an upper child is feeling: a view into (exploitative/destruction portrayed as pride) western culture can be seen there as well. Think of the horrors, past and present, both local and internationally, brought about by lower adults in positions of power and executive privilege, still reaching back to middle childhood and upper infantile innocence, being all the while, terminally ill, physically and mentally i.e. social deprivation at it’s terminus, now-a-days induced by money – either too much or too little of it.

Michael Strange



Michael Strange is a Charleston resident.

» Tugs

FROM PAGE 1

education coordinator, had meetings with chapters and provided tuggers with informational brochures that consisted of recipes and information on healthy snacks, said Jenna Stuckey, a junior elementary education major and member of the Rules and Games Committee.

High-energy snacks include trail mix, sports drinks, granola, lean meat and fruit smoothies.

“I found her information to be very helpful,” Stuckey said. “Her main concern is teaching how to lose weight in a healthy manner.”

Each of the competitors must complete three weigh-ins before the competition; the first was in January, the second in mid-February and the third in mid-April.

The weigh-ins helped nurses and members of the Steering Committee keep track of the competitor’s health.

If needed, each participant was allowed to lose up to 20 pounds before the competition.

With 10 men on the rope, the maximum weight limit for each Little Men’s competitor is 175 pounds per tugger.

If men were found losing weight in an unhealthy manner, they would be disqualified from the competition and an alternate would fill in, Stuckey said.

“If a man was over the weight limit, he was encouraged to sign-up for the Big Men’s Tugs instead of putting his body through that,” she said.

Depending on the chapter, many competitors have limited their diets, for instance, cutting back on fast food, junk food

SHANE CAMERON | MEMBER OF THE RULES AND GAMES COMMITTEE

“Greek Week is a celebration of who we are and what we do. It’s a way to break the negative stereotype Greeks get at every school and show how tight-knit we are.”

TUGS SCHEDULE

» **What:** Little Men start the event; Women are next, followed by Big Men

» **When:** 4 p.m. today

» **Where:** Campus Pond

and alcohol intake.

Signs of an unhealthy diet include having pale skin, lack of energy and enthusiasm, and irritability.

As Tugs gets closer, many men have increased their workout routines.

“Practices aren’t getting harder, they’re just having more of them,” said Zack Hausner, a sophomore elementary education major and member of the Rules and Games Committee. “The men want to build their stamina and win.”

Tugs competitions take place every other day because of the physical exhaustion.

“Sometimes men tug for a minute-and-a-half and it just becomes physically exerting,” Hausner said. “Seeing the look on guys’ faces afterwards, you can tell they’re just drained.”

Although Tugs was created to show spirit throughout the Greek community and be a friendly competition, some participants take the competition to the extreme, like having an unhealthy diet, practicing too much and wearing metal cleats.

“If the competition gets too ridiculous, we have the right to take away events if people are getting hurt,” Hausner said. “Sometimes you have to be drastic in order to get your point across.”

While Greek Week is beneficial to Greeks by recruiting potential members, it also works with the community and raises money for St. Jude’s Children Research Hospital.

“Just look at the philanthropy; \$16,000 has been raised so far for St. Jude’s, but we’re not saying look at what we did as a Greek community, but look at what we did as a whole,” Hausner said.

Many campuses celebrate a week of Greek recognition by having similar events.

“Greek Week is a tradition,” said Shane Cameron, a junior sports management major and member of the Rules and Games Committee. “Greeks on hundreds of campuses across the country have some kind of Greek celebration, and Tugs is involved in many of them.”

Although Greek Week is a competition among the Greeks, everyone is welcome to attend the events.

“Greek Week is a celebration of who we are and what we do,” Cameron said. “It’s a way to break the negative stereotype Greeks get at every school and show how tight-knit we are.”

» Kegs

FROM PAGE 1

Welch also said he believed that this would make the sellers more responsible.

The city budget was once again placed on continuance. The council requested to have more time with the budget.

“Everyone was very busy on council and didn’t have as much time to look over the budget as we have had in previous years,” said Inyart.

Inyart added another reason, saying the delay was because two of the council members were campaigning for re-election. The two members are Jeff Lahr and Larry Rennels.

The budget will be discussed at the next meeting on Tuesday, as the meeting was put on recess until that date. This is a special meeting to discuss the budget.

The council approved to recognize Arbor Day, which is Sunday.

The Charleston Tree Commission Chairman Andy Methven came to discuss the commission’s plans for the “Trees of Merit” program, which recognizes not only historical trees, but unusual and rare species of trees, as well.

Methven said the burr oak tree on Eastern’s campus would be a tree they would consider meriting and they will need to seek Eastern’s permission first. He said the tree might predate Old Main, which would make the tree more than 109 years old, though he said they cannot be sure.

Methven said that meriting a tree does not secure that it will be protected, but will more than likely help protect the tree because of its recognition.

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Men's tennis loses 5-2 at Southern Illinois

» Eastern took the doubles point to start the match but senior Chuck LeVaque was the only Panther to win his singles match as the Salukis were victorious on Senior Day. Individual scores were not available at press time.
Three Saluki seniors — Nick Bauer, Sergio Sanchez and Rodrigo Lama — were honored before the match.
Southern improved its record to 7-1 at home.

Thomas chosen for leadership conference

» Donald Thomas' playing ability on the football field is evident. Now, his leadership ability is being recognized.
Thomas, the 2006 Ohio Valley Conference defensive player of the year and a junior linebacker on the Panthers' co-OVC title team last year, has been selected to attend the 2007 NCAA National Leadership Conference.
The conference takes place May 27-31 in Orlando and involves nearly 325 student-athletes each year who compete in fall, winter and spring sports at Division I, II and III.
Thomas said he had to write an essay for it and also had to meet certain academic standards.
Thomas said he found out a week ago he was selected and is excited for the opportunity, especially because of the potential for warm weather in Orlando.



Linebacker
Donald
Thomas

"It's an honor to be selected to represent the university," he said. "I'm just hoping to bring what I learn there back, not only to the football team, but to the entire athletic department."
Thomas, a Saint Louis native who attended Riverview Gardens High School, is a sociology major.
Thomas was Eastern's leading tackler last year (122) and also intercepted two passes in Eastern's first-round playoff loss against Illinois State.

Leaderboard the same after second round

» The Eastern women's golf team shot 17 strokes better as a team in the second round of the OVC Championship, but their second-round score of 328 still places them in seventh place.
Sophomore Carrie Riordan is in a six-way tie for sixth after shooting her second consecutive seven-over 79, and senior Chelsea Bach rebounded from an opening-round 90 to shoot a seven-over 79.
Samford freshman Katelyn Stainer held on to first place with a two-over 74 and now leads by seven strokes.
Jacksonville State held on to first place as a team.

» Clutter

FROM PAGE 8

Now I can remember back to when I was about eight years old and I had a cassette walkman.
Then I upgraded to a portable CD player, but I'm yet to upgrade to an iPod.
I guess I should get with the program.
At first, I didn't want one because I thought I would never use it. But now I can think of a lot of times where it

would have been nice to have.
Anyways, iPods, or mp3 players, are portable and cheaper to use.
Some iPods are costly, but in the end they are worth it because then you don't have to buy any more CDs.
Most athletes have them because they like to listen to music to get them pumped up before they compete.
iPods are also nice to have on long road trips.
And let's not forget all of the accessories.
You can get arm straps so you don't have to worry about dropping your iPod when running or working out; there are

different colored cases to put your iPod in; there are speakers you can hook up to your iPod; there is this thing called an iTrip and you can listen to your iPod through a radio frequency; they even have iPods where you can download videos and homework.
Men can also have more accessories for their iPod than a woman and have it not be weird.
From cassettes to CDs to ipods, portable music players have been evolving for years.
I guess now I should jump on the bandwagon and dig a little bit into my pocket for a little convenience.

» Ground

FROM PAGE 8

"I played hockey for 15 years and played soccer in high school," said sophomore mid fielder Michael Lee.
"So I tried lacrosse here. It's a close mixture."
For the love of the game
Lavelle, who's favorite lacrosse player is Ryan Powell for the Rochester Rattlers, has always been a fan of the game since he said he first saw it on TV.
Although his high school didn't have a team, he came to the first lacrosse practice this year after seeing one of the flyers and loved playing it right away.
Balogh was encouraged to take up the sport by his William Fremd High

School (Palatine) coach.
"I was scouted out to play (at the Division III level) and there were a lot of good kids on the team," Balogh said.
"I was president and coached the high school team."
Even though Lee doesn't have the lacrosse experience Balogh does, he did say lacrosse is a pretty cool sport and everyone on the team has been really helpful and nice.
The team, which Lee, Balogh and Lavelle have said is still getting used to each other, faced some roadblocks to even go forward with this "season."
"(We had some problems) trying to get more guys to the roster, fund raising," Lee said.
Lee said the guys sold raffle tickets for an iPod and asked people if they would apply for Citibank credit cards.

The reason Eastern was without a real lacrosse team this season was because many of the players weren't willing to pay the \$300 registration fee that funds the \$1,200 fee required for league play.
League play would mean playing schools such as Western Illinois, Northern Illinois, Illinois and Southern Illinois.
It would mean playing more than just the two scheduled teams the team has played this year.
"The team will be a lot more organized because this year we just formed the team again and have spent a lot of time trying to recruit guys," Lavelle said.
"The next difference will be the player fees. We have been talking about what everything will cost next year and trying to get all the numbers so we could split the cost among the guys on the team."

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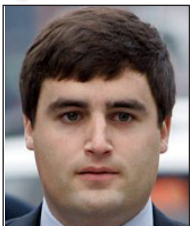
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Lacrosse is a Canadian-based sport that is growing in popularity in the United States. Three Duke lacrosse players, including David Evans (above), were accused of rape. Now that the charges against Evans and his teammates have been thrown out, the publicity can focus on the actual game. Here are three reasons why lacrosse is gaining attention in the United States.

1. National Lacrosse Participation – According to usalacrosse.org, participation in U.S. lacrosse increased 11.7 percent in 2006. It is estimated that 426,022 players were part of organized teams that year, from the youth level through collegiate.

2. Gaining Popularity in Chicagoland – Todd Rudolf led off his column on the April 12, 2007 edition of The Star (Tinley Park) with: “Move over baseball and soccer: There’s a new sport in town.” The Chicago area already has high schools that feature the sport with Andrew High School in Tinley Park, Sandburg in Orland Park, and Stagg in Palos Hills.

3. ESPN2 & Major League Lacrosse sign multi-year agreement – ESPN2 and Major League Lacrosse signed a 10-year agreement to broadcast MLL games as viewers have “never seen them before,” according to MLL Commissioner David Gross.

mollyclutter

AROUND THE TRACK

iPods essential to athletes

Green. Black. Mini. Nano.
Apple iPods come in all different colors and sizes and are one of the major items in any athlete’s bag.
If you go to a track meet they are everywhere.

Athletes aren’t suppose to have them most of the time while warming up because of safety factors and you can’t hear if they call your event, but some still warm up with one headphone in and one out.

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PAGE 7



Molly Clutter is a junior journalism major and member of the women’s rugby and track and field teams.

CLUB SPORTS | LACROSSE



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore lacrosse player Dan Lavelle takes a shot during practice Monday afternoon on the fields south of the Tarble Arts Center.

Finally on solid ground

Lacrosse club never stronger after overcoming many issues

By **Kevin Kenealy**
Online Interactive Editor

Eastern has a lacrosse team.
Ok, it has played only one game, which was more of a scrimmage against Champaign Centennial High School, but that doesn’t stop the guys practicing three days a week and looking forward to a real season next year.
They don’t even have a real coach, had funding problems and their attendance consists of passers-by at their practices at the empty field adjacent to the Tarble Arts Center.
However, unlike previous years where the team faded away according to sophomore Dan Lavelle, this club team was formed in large part by team captain Daniel Dudley.

EASTERN LACROSSE CLUB FACTS

- » **Captain and creator:** Daniel Dudley
- » **Practice location:** Fields near Tarble Arts Center
- » **Costs:** \$1,200 for league play
- » **Basics:** 4 periods, 10 players, 110-yard field

Dudley, who took a year off school to coach his high school lacrosse team, got Eastern registered so they could be an official club.
“He played lacrosse his entire life through high school,” Lavelle said. “He came in this year to EIU and really got things moving. He put up flyers everywhere, had throw arounds in the quad to help with the recruiting process and he set up practice schedules.”

Like basketball mixed with hockey

Freshman elementary education major Stephen Balogh compared lacrosse to basketball

offensively and to hockey defensively. Like hockey, Balogh said lacrosse has a lot to do with driving out to the side, and getting at the weak hand.

Common penalties in lacrosse include slashing, offsides, tripping and pushing from behind.

The game is played with 10 players for the men’s league: a goalie, three defensemen, three midfielders and three attack men. The “goal” is to score in opponent’s hockey-sized net.

The team who scores the most at the end of four periods wins. The time of these periods varies, however, varying on the level of play.

And like basketball, teams change sides between periods. Both teams are allowed two timeouts per half and, like football, the team that wins the coin toss picks what side of the 110-yard field they want to defend.

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BASEBALL | EASTERN 12, MILLIKIN 1

Big Blue have little success in blowout

Murphy surrenders just two hits in five innings

By **Matt Daniels**
Sports Editor

Brandon Murphy kept his infielders busy Tuesday against Millikin.
The senior pitcher from Charleston made his first appearance since March 31 and pitched five innings of two-hit ball.
Murphy didn’t allow a run and 12 of his 15 outs came via groundballs.

The rust Murphy might have shown wasn’t apparent. Eastern’s former ace helped lead the Panthers to a 12-1 win against the Big Blue.
Murphy didn’t allow a hit until there were two outs in the fourth inning, when Millikin catcher George Fear flared a single into right field.

Murphy wasn’t blowing away hitters with his fastball, or befuddling hitters with his breaking ball.
Sophomore catcher Matt Moore said it was just straight fastballs and his location played a factor.
“We were just throwing fastballs off the plate and they were rolling over and getting our



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore catcher Matt Moore is congratulated by teammate Mike Astrouski after hitting a home run Tuesday afternoon against Millikin at Coaches Stadium. Eastern defeated the Big Blue 21-1.

infielders some work,” Murphy said. “We just stuck with that. If it’s not broke, don’t fix it. They couldn’t hit it and I just kept throwing it.”
Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said the groundballs were a big key in the game.
“He had the right action on the ball, with a little sink on the

end,” Schmitz said. “He’s one of our better arms. We just wanted to give him some confidence today, get him back into it.”
Murphy was helped out by the Eastern offense, which gave him a 4-0 lead after three innings. Eastern blew open the game in the fourth, scoring six runs on only three hits.

Moore added a solo home run over the left field fence in the fifth inning to up the Panthers’ lead to 11-0. It was Moore’s first home run in his Eastern career.
“It was just a fastball up, got my hands up and extended through,” Moore said. “I was on a big drought and just to unload like that was pretty cool.”



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PERSON OF THE YEAR

(Louis V. Hencken)

JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

We are EIU because of Lou

By Sarah Whitney
Staff Reporter

President Lou Hencken has a secret.

He knows where the women in the Department of Procurement, Disbursements and Contract Services hide their key.

The key opens the bottom drawer of a filing cabinet in Connie Downey and Martha Schwerman's cubicle.

The drawer opens to a jackpot of candy: Snickers, Reese's Pieces, Tootsie Rolls, Dots and more.

The candy fills a silver pail with blue EIU letters laminated on its side that sits on a shelf and is accessible to anyone traveling through the department. Schwerman started putting the candy out for visitors even before President Hencken became president.

Several years ago, Hencken discovered the pail, which is located across the hall from his office.

"He always called it his 3 o'clock feeding," said Downey, an administrative coordinator for user services, with a laugh.

He visits the department about every day unless he's traveling, Downey said. Even on days they don't see him, she suspects he comes in after hours to grab sweets for the drive home.

What's the point of having a master key if you can't use it? Hencken said he always returns the women's cubicle

LOU HENCKEN | EASTERN PRESIDENT

"I know where all the candy is in Old Main."

the way he found it, though.

The pail isn't enough to satisfy his sweet tooth.

"I know where all the candy is in Old Main," he said.

Anyone who knows Hencken knows the candy is just a side benefit. It's visiting with people over a Tootsie Roll that he enjoys most.

"I've got a regular routine here in Old Main," he said. "I'm going to miss that."

'Call me Lou'

On July 1, President Hencken will become simply Lou. Not that he isn't already Lou to the majority of campus, but he's retiring as president and will return in the fall as a professor. The move will transfer him from Old Main to Buzzard Hall where he will teach one - maybe two - EIU freshmen foundation classes in addition to his Monday night Board of Trustees class.

President Hencken's decision to retire came after 41 years of service to Eastern Illinois.

"I didn't want to try my best and that not be enough," Hencken said of his decision to retire. "I didn't want to run out of energy because I realized how many people were depending on me. That's

why I made the decision."

President Hencken started as a student worker washing dishes in Thomas Hall food services. Then, as a grad assistant, he opened both Taylor Hall and Stevenson Tower. After graduating from Eastern in August 1967 with his master's in counseling and student development, he became the director of housing and dining in 1975. He moved up to associate vice president for student affairs in 1989. Three years later, he became the vice president for student affairs. He was named president in 2001.

President Hencken's administrative team hired Paula Embry, an administrative aid in human resources, when he was director of housing and dining.

One of the first things he said to her was to call him Lou. "Mr. Hencken is my dad's name," he told her.

Last month, Embry earned her 20-year pin the same time Hencken received his 40-year pin. When she went to receive the recognition for her years of service, he still remembered her name, she said.

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Each year, *The Daily Eastern News* selects a member of the Eastern community as Person of the Year. This individual is one who has made a significant impact on the university and community. Lou Hencken has been selected as the 2007 Person of the Year because of his more than four decades of service to the Eastern community. Hencken will retire June 30.

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Lou Hencken
Eastern President

playlist

The Verge: Why is "We Are Family" on your list of favorite songs?

Hencken: It was the theme of the St. Louis Cardinals when they won the World Series in the 1980s.



louhencken's favorite movies

TRADING PLACES

Directed By: John Landis

Starring: Dan Aykroid, Eddie Murphy

Reason: I've watched that so many times I could probably do the words. It's a great message about the value of education.

FOR LOVE OF THE GAME

Directed By: Sam Raimi

Starring: Kevin Costner, Kelly Preston

Reason: He's pitching this game and he's in the twilight of his career, and I'm wondering if this is what it's going to be like. He suddenly realized he couldn't pitch forever, and it's the same thing, you can't be president forever.

INSIDE MAN

Directed By: Spike Lee

Starring: Denzel Washington, Clive Owen

Reason: That is just such a great movie.



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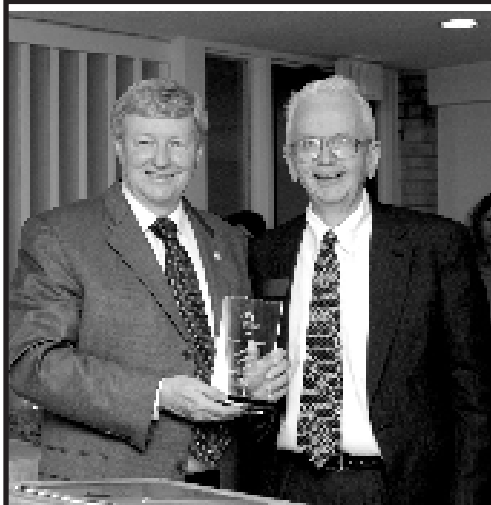
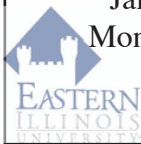
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Hencken confident in President Perry

By Nora Maberry
Editor In Chief

Walking back from the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union after William Perry was announced as Eastern's next president, current President Lou Hencken was not alone.

"I had people say, I'll walk back with you," Hencken said. "I had a lot of people come up to me and say, 'How are you doing?'"

Hencken is doing very well.

"I felt very good, I think the board brought in three very good candidates," Hencken said. "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."

When Hencken decided to retire in the Fall, he said his decision was made not only in the best interest of the university, but of himself.

"It was a conscious decision that I made, that I felt was in the best interest of Lou and the university," Hencken said.

When Hencken retires on June 30, he plans to spend his summer vacation traveling across the country. Travel destinations for Hencken include Las Vegas and Hot Springs, Ark., to play some golf.

He also has some secret plans.

"We are very seriously contemplating, I hope my granddaughters don't read *The Daily Eastern News*," said Hencken. "We are thinking about taking them somewhere like Disneyworld."

Once Hencken returns from Disneyworld, he plans to return to

teaching.

Hencken currently teaches Administration and Leadership in Higher Education, a class he will continue to teach in the fall, along with Freshmen Foundations.

Hencken will teach on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, attend a staff meeting on Wednesdays and has reserved Fridays for golf.

"It's something I want to do to keep active, I think I will be an even better teacher because I will have more time to plan," Hencken said.

One thing Hencken will not be doing in the fall is calling President Perry.

"I told him, he will have to call me; I won't be calling him," Hencken said.

"But if he says, 'I'm making a trip to California to meet some people, do you want to go with me?' I will do it," said Hencken.

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Assistant Athletic Director: ‘President Hencken breathed new life into the athletic department’

His influence in athletics helped shape Eastern

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

Eastern President Lou Hencken won't be able to use his own golf rules anymore now that he is retiring June 30.

When Hencken goes golfing with other people from the university he declares 'king rules', giving him the ability to make his own rules up as he goes along, assistant athletic director John Smith said.

"We told him since he is retiring this year, he is not allowed to use the 'king rules' anymore," Smith said.

Hencken may have lost his high status in golf, but Smith said he would always be remembered for his contribution to the entire university and the role he played in athletics over the years.

Hencken took over as the interim director of athletics in 1996-1997 and was, at the time, also serving as the vice president for student affairs.

"Those are both easily, full time jobs on their own and he did them at the same

time and did a great job at both," said Dave Kidwell, Assistant Athletic Director for Special Projects and former Eastern's Sports Information Director for more than three decades.

Hencken decided he would fill the void left by former Athletic Director Bob McBee until they could find a replacement.

"I went and said, when I made the announcement that he had resigned, I said, 'I'm going to name a person who will have no qualms, and no desire to be the permanent AD. So I'm nominating and hiring myself,'" Hencken said.

Hencken was a key contributor in starting the Panther Club Fund Drive, which has become an annual program to help raise money for Eastern athletics. Smith said when Hencken came in the budget was at an all-time low.

But Hencken's Fund Drive and continued work with the department helped bring them out of the slump.

"President Hencken breathed new life into the athletic department," Smith said. "We were coming out of some tough times with the previous president. He helped rejuvenate us and give us a sense of

excitement and value."

Hencken also served as a referee for high school and college football for 12 years each, but said he had to give up officiating when he became vice president for student affairs and the athletic department reported to him.

"I was an OK official, and then I met Ken Baker (Campus Recreation Director and an NFL official)," Hencken said. "We were going to go referee a game in Paris and his shoes were shined and his shirt was tucked in. I said, 'Why are you shining your shoes, it's just a freshman game?' He said, 'That to those kids, that game is the most important game going on to them.'"

Baker and Hencken used to drive together to officiate games on Saturday afternoon for schools such as Augustana College in Rock Island and Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington.

Baker said one time they were officiating a game in Newton and they were at a hamburger place getting some food.

Baker got up to wash his hands and came back and his sandwich was wrapped back up but someone had taken a huge bite out of it.

"I knew Hencken had done it so when we got our ice cream cones, I hesitated to eat

mine," Baker said. "And then I said, 'Lou, this ice cream smells funny, smell it.' Then when he went to smell it I buried the cone in his nose, knowing he was the one who took the bite. But what I didn't know was that he was going to be my boss in 20 years."

Hencken said the culmination of his career as a NCAA official was being a referee for the NCAA Division III football National Championship game in 1989.

Being a football official could be what made Hencken such a great president, Baker said. He knew how to work with people and make good judgments and decisions, Baker added.

"The lesson I learned was to be able to stand back, be unbiased and say this is the call I'm going to make," Hencken said. "Half the people disagreed with it because people were looking at it with their own eyes and hearts but I truly loved it. It was just a fantastic experience."

Hencken also said being an official prepared him more than he could say to be a university administrator.

"When you have been booed by 40,000 people, going to a faculty senate meeting isn't that difficult," Hencken said.

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He's an institution of Eastern Illinois University.

He's roamed this campus as a student, sat in meetings in these buildings as an administrator, attended athletic events as a fan and kept in contact with the student body the way a parent figure would.

'Hi, my name is Lou and I work here' is the phrase Hencken uses to introduce himself to new students on campus.

For that reason and more, Lou Hencken (above) will be missed when he retires on June 30 as Eastern's president.

Replacing an icon is always difficult.

William Perry, Eastern's new president, won't be like the Lou we know. But, like Hencken has insisted all year, change is good.

But the change isn't done yet.

Here are three endearing qualities of Hencken that will be missed.

1. Openness with students – Hencken jokes that the only students he sees are Daily Eastern News reporters and student government representatives. This isn't true. Hencken can be seen around campus just walking around, or, like at the beginning of the year, driving golf carts full of new and eager freshmen. The man's humility and ability to interact with the student body is a quality not many administrators at any university possess.

2. Attending events – From musical performances to theatrical performances to sporting events, Hencken's face is visible. He puts his face out there for alumni to see, the community to see and most importantly, for the students to see.

3. Candy everywhere – Don't confuse Hencken for Willy Wonka. But the supply of Tootsie Rolls he keeps is quite legendary. When people enter his office on the first floor of Old Main, one of the first things he does is hand them a Tootsie Roll. Here's hoping Perry has a sweet tooth also.

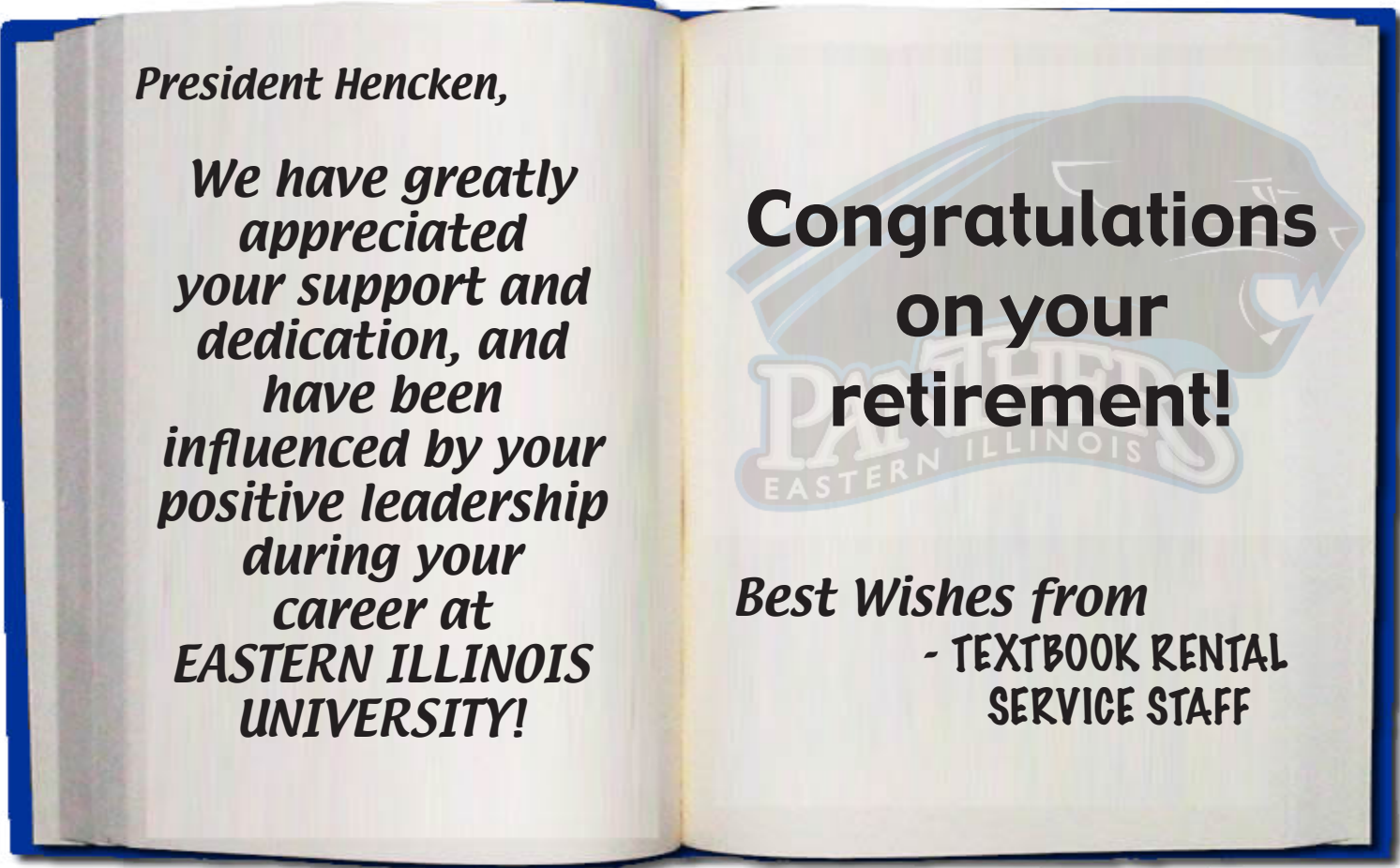
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EASTERN'S PAST PRESIDENTS

- Louis V. Hencken is Eastern's 10th president in the university's history. He is the ninth "sitting" president. Eastern's first president, Samuel M. Inglis, was appointed as Eastern's first president in 1898 but died before officially assuming the full duties of the office.
- Here are Eastern's previous presidents and the years they served.
- Livingston C. Lord (1899 - 1933)
- Robert G. Buzzard (1933 - 1956)
- Quincy V. Doudna (1956 - 1971)
- Gilbert C. Fite (1971 - 1976)
- Daniel E. Marvin (1977 - 1983)
- Stanley G. Rives (1983 - 1992)
- David L. Jorns (1992 - 1999)
- Carol D. Surles (1999 - 2001)
- **Louis V. Hencken (2001 - 2007)**
- On April 10, it was announced that William Perry of Texas A&M University will replace Hencken as Eastern's president on July 1.

HENCKEN'S ADVANCEMENT

- Lou Hencken first came to Eastern as an undergraduate student. In 1967, he earned a master's degree from the university. During his years as a graduate student, Hencken worked as a resident assistant. He saw the opening of both Taylor Hall and Stevenson Tower.
- Hencken's commitment to Eastern has come a long way since he first began attending classes here.
- 1975: Named director of housing
- 1989: Named associate vice president for student affairs
- 1992: Named vice president for student affairs
- 1996-97: Served as interim director of athletics
- 2001: Named Eastern president
- June 30, 2007: Retires from Eastern



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A university without Lou

MARK HUDSON | DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

By: Nicole Milstead
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EIU has been blessed to have such a dedicated, caring, wonderful person setting the pace

"This is an assignment he loves and treasures. I hope Lou finds some time to travel, play some golf, and visit with friends and family. I cannot imagine Lou fully 'retired,'" Nadler said.

President Hencken has set the tone for the university, and it has been a very positive.

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Hencken serves community

Hencken multi-tasked as chairperson of hospital while serving as VPSA, president

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior City Reporter

Lou Hencken took on the task of being a president at a university, but was unsure when taking on a different task at Sarah Bush Lincoln hospital.

Hencken was asked to serve on the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center Board in 1993 and accepted.

Sarah Bush Lincoln at the time did not have a very good reputation in the area, but was slowly improving, Hencken said.

“When I got on, it was a whole different experience for me because I didn’t know some of the terms,”

Hencken said. “We went to a retreat and then all of the sudden it was like muddy water cleaning up.”

The president of Eastern will be replaced by William Perry on July 1, but Hencken served on the health center board at Sarah Bush Lincoln for 12 years.

Hencken said the board oversaw the health system, the health center, the doctors who worked for Sarah Bush Lincoln directly and all aspects of the health service.

Hencken was elected treasure after one or two years on the board and served five years as the chairperson.

“The most important thing I did when I was the chair was hire the CEO,” Hencken said.

Hencken hired Gary Barnett as chief executive officer a year after becoming chairperson. He said the board and the CEO need to work together to effectively achieve goals, and the health center board and Barnett did that.

Sarah Bush Lincoln went

SARA PRESTON | BOARD MEMBER

“He wanted to make certain that everyone would voice their opinion. He never forced anybody in an issue. He believed that we all needed a say.”

through two major renovations during Hencken’s time on the board. He, and the rest of the board, also approved contracts of, what he considers to be, “first rate” doctors.

Sara Preston was alongside Hencken through many of those changes. She served on the board for 15 years and 10 years with Hencken.

She served as secretary and chairperson after Hencken left.

Preston was also the president of Charleston National Bank, and is now retired.

“He wanted to make certain that everyone would voice their opinion,” Preston said. “He never

forced anybody in an issue. He believed that we all needed a say.”

Preston said Hencken had a strong work ethic and was also very moral.

She said he ran tight meetings and was very democratic.

“He’s very sensitive, warm and caring,” she said. “I really have a lot of respect for him.

Hencken worked as vice president for student affairs at Eastern during most of his time on the board and spent two years on the board while being president at Eastern.

Hencken decided to step down as chairperson and served as a

regular member for last one or two years before leaving the board permanently in 2005.

“I don’t miss the time commitment and I sometime think how in the world I did it,” Hencken said. “But I do miss it.”

Hencken said he has kept in touch with Preston and other board members he worked with during his time at Sarah Bush Lincoln.

“I’ve been so happy that he had the opportunity to serve Eastern in the capacity of president,” Preston said, “and the opportunity that Eastern had to have him because he has such a genuine warmth and care about him.”



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“He is Lou and is very comfortable in his own skin for people to call him that,” said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations. “He isn’t threatened, doesn’t need the title there to make him feel important. People just call him Lou.”

The Closer

When it comes to fundraising, Lou is a natural. His ability to be down-to-earth and friendly is one of his greatest strengths as president, according to Nilsen.

But fundraising takes more than just glad-handing over a salmon dinner. Donors typically know that Lou is coming because they’ve been presented with a proposal beforehand, Nilsen said.

“He is the closer,” she said.

Another advantage Lou brings to the president’s office is his ability to build relationships.

“It is so much fun to watch him go into an alumni event and make that room come alive. He’s so happy to see people. He has such a good time. I think we’ve seen over the last six years the increasing support for the university through the alumni and our friends in their time and their dollars (because of him).”

When Lou became president in 2001, the university earned an average of \$2 million from fundraising. In 2003, Lou leaned over to Nilsen and said to her: “Jill, I want to increase the fundraising average. Give me a goal.”

The goal they decided on was to raise \$7 million in three years, Lou said. He announced the “You Are EIU” campaign during the 2003 Homecoming. But when he got up and started talking, he accidentally said \$10 million.

Nilsen and External Relations didn’t blink. They went on to host alumni events throughout the state and across the nation and succeeded in raising the \$10 million in less than 2.5 years.

“We ended up reaching \$11 million,” Lou said. This doesn’t include the recent \$2.5 million donation from the Tarble family.

The Caretaker

With the recent state cutbacks in higher education, the more money Lou can raise to supplement Eastern’s budget the better.

“I suddenly realized how many people literally depend on the president to lead the institution, to go and do the best you can, to go and raise money, make decisions,” he said.

Decisions like granting tenure, raising student fees and laying people off. Decision-making is the most challenging part of being president, Lou said.

“I literally make hundreds of decisions every day that affect people,” he said.

Lou has had to make tough decisions. In 1994, he faced with the death of one student and another getting in a serious accident.

“He did then, and still does, take every student that we lose as a very personal tragedy for himself,” Nilsen said. “I remember that day...we lost a student to meningitis.”

Lou’s compassion in making sure that the decisions made that day were in the best interest of the students and their families is something she’ll never forget, Nilsen said.

“That was a difficult day for all of us,” she said. “That encapsulates his leadership style because he does worry about people.”

The Team Player

When Lou talks about his achievements at Eastern, he doesn’t use the words, “I” or “me.” It’s this trait that makes him such an empowering leader, said Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

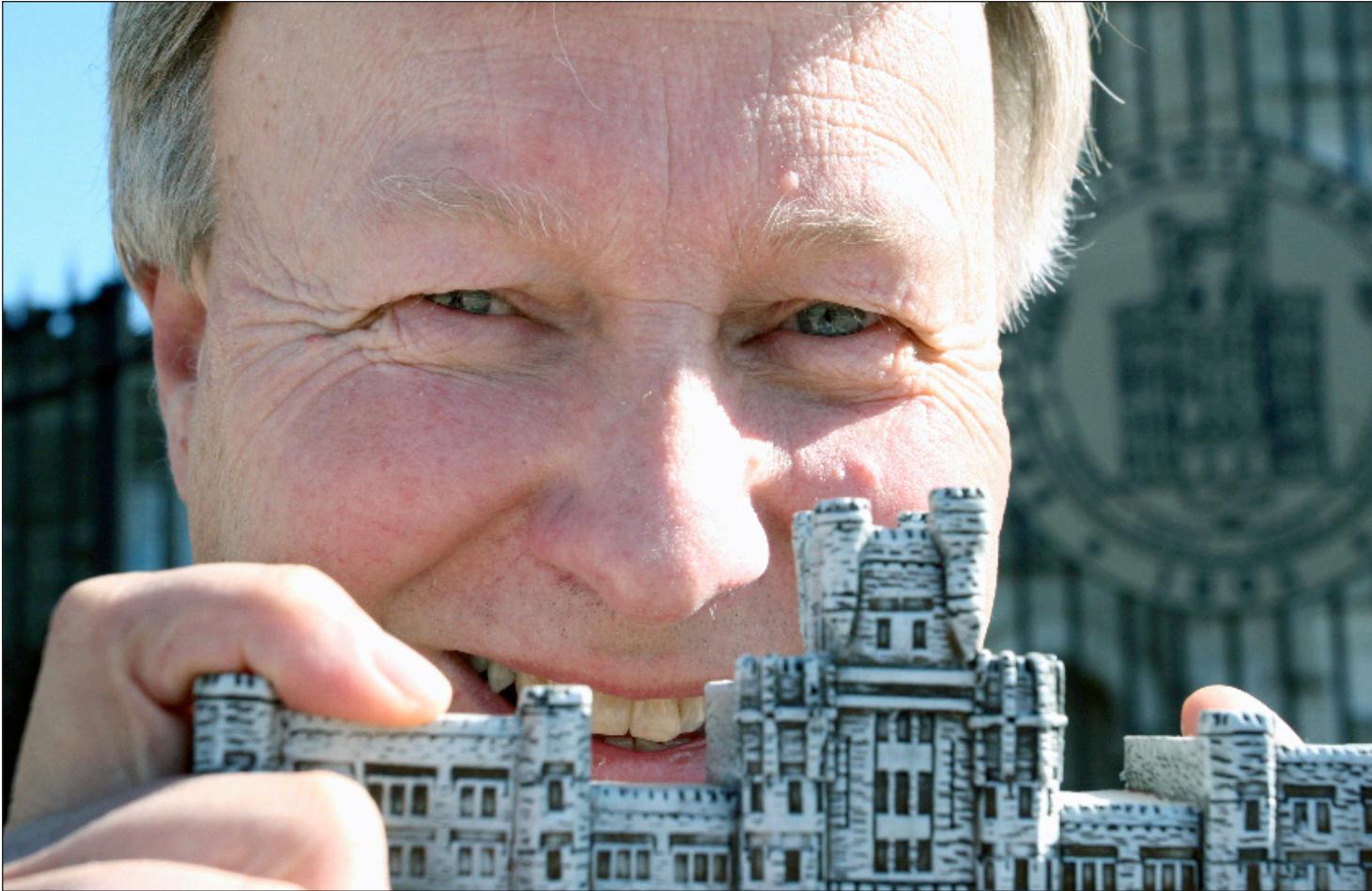
Lord admires Lou’s “absolute love and total passion for Eastern.” He considers Lou a mentor.

“He’s very much a leader who wants to have a highly effective team that works together to deal with the institutional issues that are before us,” Lord said.

Faculty Senate chair Assege HaileMariam likes this since Eastern is governed by the idea of shared governance between the students, faculty and administration.

“He’s good about consulting with his team,” she said. “He doesn’t just say we’re going to do this and then that.”

The vice presidents agree. Since Lou became president more people work together,



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

President Hencken has a miniature version of Old Main on the desk in his office. Old Main has been part of Hencken’s life for more than 40 years, as he has served as director of housing, vice president for student affairs and president, among other various duties.

Nilsen said.

“We don’t have walls around our areas. We always try to do what’s best for the university and the people in the university and that comes from having leader who sets that example,” she said.

Lord appreciates Lou’s accessibility.

“As his provost, I have much freer access than I did with the president at Rhode Island,” Lord said. “I can literally walk into his office any time. I truly have open door access to him on demand.”

Lord takes advantage of this, sometimes meeting with Lou one-on-one as much as every day, in addition to Lou’s weekly meetings with the Academic Affairs division and the President’s Council meetings.

The Talker

Good thing Lou likes talking with people. “I don’t know if he’s ever met a stranger,” said Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs. “He’s able to talk with anybody.”

Lou said he likes coming to work every day and even feels guilty if he gets on campus at 8:30 a.m. instead of 8 a.m. He also looks forward to meetings.

“I enjoy meetings,” he said. “One reason is because I think progress is being made. Every time there is a meeting (it’s like) OK we’re inching a little closer toward our goal.”

During a trip to Springfield this past February, Nilsen, Cooley and Lord were forced to wait on Lou while he chatted with State Rep. Chapin Rose (Mahomet - R).

“It is hard when you go places with him because he stops and talks to everybody,” Nilsen said. “And it’s like, ‘we’ve got to go, we’ve got a meeting.’”

He’s worse on campus. In the April 4 edition of the Daily Eastern News, Lou said after his successor was named he planned to walk back to Old Main by himself.

This did not happen.

Rich McDuffie, director of athletics, walked with him and invited him and his wife, Mary Kay, to dinner when they reached his office 15 minutes later. One the way there, Lou stopped and talked to Charles Delman, University Professionals of Illinois president; Mayor John Inyart; City Manager Scott Smith, Downey and a university police officer. He also said ‘hi’ to every student he walked past.

Every one wanted to know how he felt. “I am fine,” he would say. And then other times he would elaborate and say: “I know there’s a new chapter in my life opening, and I’m looking forward to it.”

The Golfer

Cooley is concerned for Lou’s golf game after July 1. Right now, when they go golfing they play what Cooley called “Bosses’ Golf.”

“Nobody is going to beat the boss,” he said.

For example one time while playing with Ken Baker, director of the Student Rec Center, Lou hit the ball off in the woods, Cooley said.

“So, we’re wandering in the woods trying to find his ball. He just finds Ken’s ball and picks up and moves it,” Cooley said. “Then finally he goes over, finds his ball and says, ‘Ken I found your ball.’”

“So, of course, everybody is looking over where now everybody thinks that was Ken’s ball in the woods and the president’s ball was on the green.”

Lord remembered another time that involved an electric golf cart. They were at the Charleston Golf Club on the fourth hole, which is the farthest hole from the clubhouse, Lord said, when the battery died.

“And your’s truly got to push that golf cart all the way back to the garage,” Lord said with a laugh.

Lou said he’d turned the dial the wrong way and charged the cart for only 1 hour instead of eleven.

Somebody’s got to guide and somebody’s got to push, Lou said about his reasoning. But he did feel “terrible” when he realized how heavy the cart was.

When they got back to the clubhouse a worker came out and said: “All you had to do was call me on my cell phone, and I would have come out and towed you.”

The Giver

Lou is good at making people smile. Mona Davenport, director of Minority Affairs, is one of these people.

“To me, he is a genuinely caring president,” she said, noting that she’s most impressed with his ability to still relate with students even as an administrator. But his caring extends to everyone on campus - not just students.

When Blair Hall caught on fire, Davenport said most people in the building just thought it was a fire drill.

“We’d all go out, stand for a bit and then come back in,” she said. “So I just grabbed my keys.”

The fire happened on a Wednesday. The next Friday, Lou did a walk through, she said. While doing so, he saw Davenport’s laptop. He knew it was her’s because she had a red Delta Sigma Theta sticker on her black case, she said.

She remembered him saying, “Mona, I found your lap top,” and then handing it to her.

“It’s just little personal things like that,” she said of the incident. “That’s a caring president.”

Schwerman in the Department of Procurement, Disbursements, and Contract Services knows how caring and observant Lou can be to details. But she won’t be one to tell you that. The reconstruction of Blair Hall eliminated her handicap parking spot.

When Lou found this out, he called parking services and arranged for her to park in the administration’s lot across from Old Main, he said.

He didn’t elaborate that he’d given her his spot, but Downey said he had.

He wouldn’t take no for an answer, she said.

The President

Next fall, 3,000 new students will live in the residence halls, study in the library, throw discs in the Library Quad, eat in the union, complain about parking, work out at Lantz, and not know Lou Hencken as president.

“They’ll know Bill Perry,” Lou said. “And that’s okay.”

You have to think of some of those things to get ready for retirement, he explained.

HaileMariam said the one thing people have to remember about Lou’s presidency is that “He was the right person at the right time.”

“His presidency has brought stability to EIU,” she said. “And EIU can only go forward.”

Last September, Faculty Senate was the first campus body to publicly recognize Lou by passing a resolution recognizing and thanking him for her “lifetime of meritorious service” to Eastern.

A framed copy of it now hangs on his office wall

“His legacy to me is his service, devotion to students,” HaileMariam said.

Lou has shown that devotion through every position he’s held.

“That defines him in his professional role,” Lord said. “Eastern in many ways is a huge part of his life. That kind of devotion to an institution, in my mind, is quite admirable.”

There is no doubt Lou “bleeds blue,” as Cooley said, but he has also tried to have fun while doing his job.

“In every job I’ve ever done, I’ve tried to have a good time while doing it,” Lou said. “And tried to get people around me to enjoy it.”

When he was director of housing and dining, he would have chair races down the narrow hallway.

“During break when it was sort of boring down there, we’d just be sitting there,” Lou said.

The person next to him edged his chair in front of Lou’s and Lou edged back.

“Before we knew it, we were going down the hallway,” he said. “It became a tradition.”

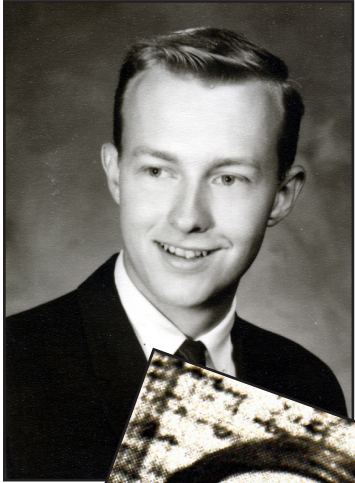
Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining now, has seen pictures. Although, no one races chairs down the hallway anymore, the candy stayed.

“There is still some candy out there,” Hudson said. “We still want Lou to stop by, so we leave the candy out.”

That’s just Lou. EIU.

the History of Hencken at Eastern

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President has been with Eastern his whole life

By Joseph Ryan

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Editor's Note: Interim President Lou Hencken has served as an administrator at Eastern since his graduation from the same university more than three decades ago. He was reappointed interim president over the summer while the presidential search continued. The following feature tells the story of Hencken's life at Eastern.

Lou Hencken always smelled like fish and chicken on his way home from work in East St. Louis.

Despite the embarrassment he felt on the bus ride home, Wilson Poultry and Fish Company was the best thing that ever happened to the now interim president of Eastern.

"It was the type of thing where I said, 'I do not want to do this for the rest of my life,'" the son of a furniture store owner said. "I knew that was not what I wanted, and I worked with people who, for them, it was a full-time job."

"It caused me to work that much harder at school. It was a great experience."

At the time, Hencken was a graduate of Belleville High School and was attending Southwestern Illinois College.

The future veteran of student affairs wanted to be a teacher then.

After earning his associates Hencken, the first of his family college bound, chose Eastern above Western Illinois University and Illinois State University, the only other universities he applied for.

He chose Eastern because of its smaller size and good reputation, just some traits Hencken cites as reasons for his more than three-decade long career at the university.

Rules were strict at Eastern in the mid '60s when Hencken was an upperclassman.

Women had to be in by 10:30 p.m. on week nights and by 1 a.m. on the weekends.

"The university got really liberal when it let girls stay out till 2 on Homecoming Weekend," he said.

There weren't as many bars in Charleston back then, and the drinking age was 21. Hencken, a B-average student and a Thomas Hall food service employee, claims he didn't participate in the "keggers" held in farmer's fields outside of town.

Teaching didn't last long as one of Hencken's desires. A stint in student teaching showed him teaching may not be for him because of the heavy work load he had.

"I thought 'I don't know if I want to do this,'" he said.

One thing he did know, however, was that he wanted to, in his own small way, "make a difference" in people's lives.

A flyer announcing openings for resident assistants gave him an idea about how to accomplish that without being a teacher. As a graduate student of education/guidance and counseling, he applied and got it.

"I thought, well, maybe I want to go on and be a guidance counselor," he said about why he was attracted to being an RA. "I thought this is where I could really make a difference."

Hencken knew he was on the right track in student affairs because of the sense of accomplishment he felt after helping some of the men on his floors in Douglas and Stevenson stay in school.

"They were thinking about dropping out of school and things like that," he said. "And I really felt I helped them make the right choices."

That feeling of "making a difference" finally nudged Hencken on the path to being a resident director, assistant director of housing and vice president for student affairs. Ultimately he would lead the university as interim president, calming Eastern during a time of internal turmoil.

He had other options though. As assistant director of housing, a "major hotel chain" offered Hencken a position. But that was too "corporate" for him.

In addition, Hencken had a chance to join the Air Force, take a position at Miami University of Ohio or vice presidential positions at other universities. Regardless, he stayed with Eastern.

"I liked the size, I liked the people," he said about Eastern. "A lot of people here are like me, they came for three or four years and they're still here."

"It's the people who work here. For a lot of faculty and staff, it's more than a job, it's their life. It is those people that devote their extra time and do the extra things that makes this a great institution."

Through it all, Hencken enjoyed his positions because he was helping students. In the Housing Office during the 1970s and 1980s, he worked to expand visitation hours and dining center options. He also helped to bring in phones, televisions and microfridges for the then barren dorm rooms.

He said he tried to spread a philosophy throughout the residence halls of making them places "students wanted to live."

"Attitude is contagious," he said. As vice president for student

affairs, Hencken also found happiness in making a difference in students' lives.

"I remember the first day of classes seeing a young man sitting out front of the Records Office... he looked lost, completely lost," he said. "I sat down and said, 'How are you doing,' he said 'man I feel completely overwhelmed.'"

Hencken then took him to get his classes and sent him on his way.

"After that I would periodically see him around campus and as I was sitting at commencement I remember as he crossed the stage."

"My favorite day of the year is graduation day," Hencken said with a pleasant, reflecting smile. "When I see those students walk across the stage I know that somebody here made a difference in their lives."

Hencken "had no aspirations" to be Eastern's president.

But he stepped up to the plate, and began to lead the university when then President Carol Surles fell ill to breast cancer in the fall of 2000.

"In early June (2001) she began to say things like she thought she was going to leave; she'd say things like 'well, when you're interim president' and I'd say, 'No Carol you're still going to be here,'" Hencken said. "Well maybe if you hang my picture on the wall, she'd say."

Hencken named housing director

By Debbie Pearson
Excerpt from on Nov. 6, 1975

LOU HENCKEN | DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

Louis V. Hencken was named Wednesday as the new Director of Housing.

Hencken had been acting in the position of the Acting Director of Housing since July, following the resignation of former Housing Dean Donald Kluge.

When informed of his selection Hencken said, "I was very happy. Now I will be able to make some long-range plans which I couldn't do before."

One of his priorities will be hall rehabilitation projects, he said.

"In some of the halls we have gone too long," he said.

Projects such as paneling Carman Hall, carpeting some of the food services and hanging drapes in the food services,

"I was very happy. Now I will be able to make some long range plans which I couldn't do before."

Hencken said, are ones he plans to continue and expand to more of the halls.

Along with the new appointee came a new title as the head of the Housing Office will now be referred to as "director" instead of "dean" because President Gilbert Fite said when the search began, "deans" now signifies only academic area heads. Hencken said several persons have already asked who will serve as Associate Director of Housing, the position he held prior to Kluge's resignation. That post has been vacant since July.

Hencken said that it will have to be seen how things work out before selecting a new Associate Director of Housing, but that one could not be selected before January at the earliest.

When the time comes for selecting the person, a search committee will have to be set up, he added. Hencken was selected by a committee chaired by Richard Smith of the Botany Department.

The name of the candidate selected by the committee was forwarded to President Gilbert C. Fite for approval.



THE WARBLER

A student walks outside Taylor Hall in 1978. Hencken was named Director of Housing in 1975.

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Excerpt from Aug. 28, 1992

Williams' departure left Hencken responsible for 75 professional staff and 300 civil service employees in 20 university departments. Hencken also oversees admissions, the University Police Department, student activities, records, registration and health services.

Originally ran Nov. 7, 1989

Hencken has served as a graduate assistant at

» Discussion on student referendum about building a new student recreational center addition to Lantz Arena. The referendum passed on Nov. 8 by 34 votes.

Hencken will continue also in the operations of Greek Court and the operation and maintenance of Regency Apartments once that sale is finalized.

According to Williams, Hencken's salary will be affected only during Williams' absence, when Hencken actually serves in the capacity of student affairs.

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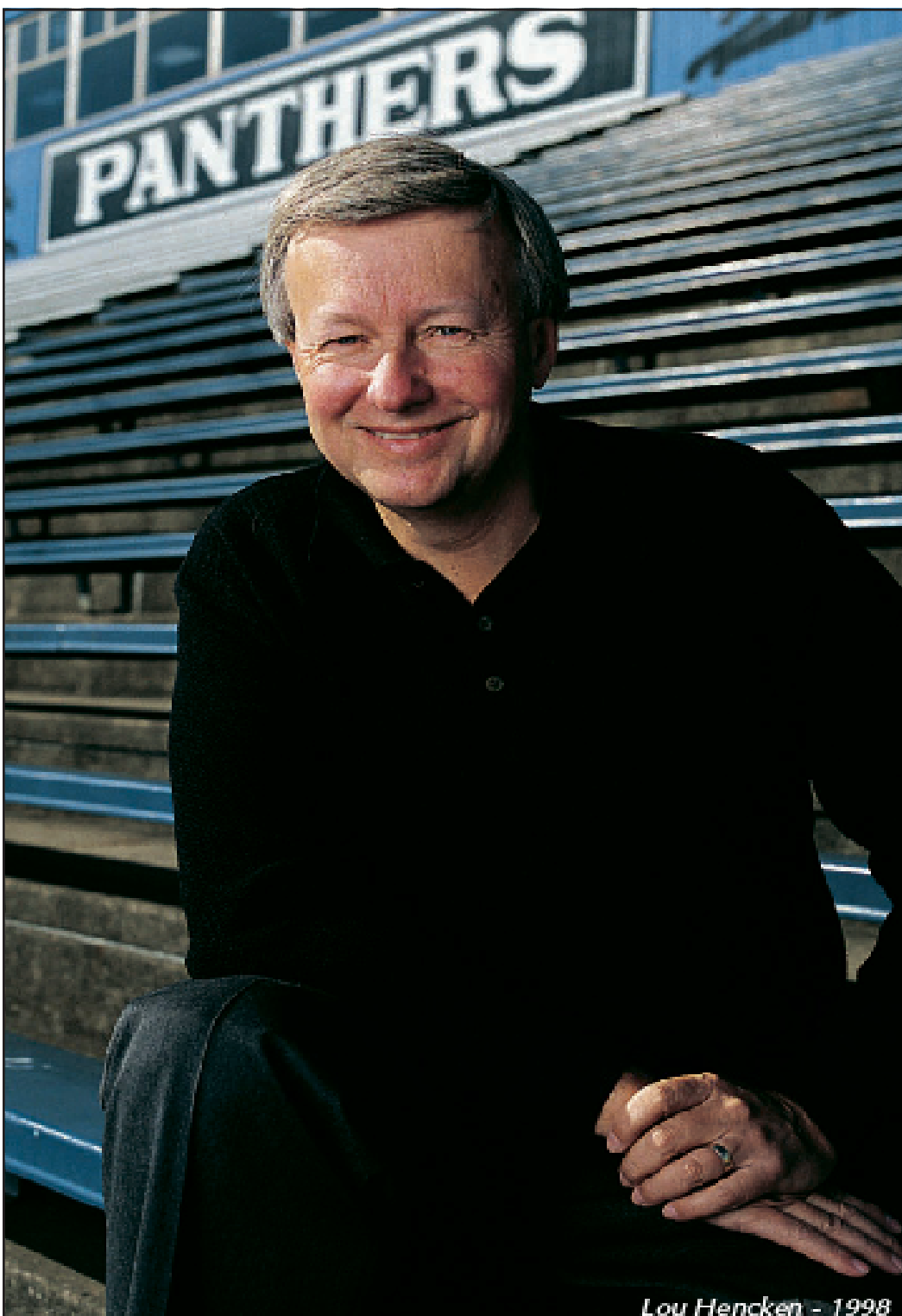


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McBee out, Hencken in as Eastern’s AD

By Brian Lester

Excerpt from Aug. 20, 1996

Eastern’s sports teams moving into the Ohio Valley Conference are not the only major change in the athletic department has witnessed over the last year.

Bob McBee, who was the athletic director at Eastern for the last two years, announced his resignation on June 21 of this year, leaving Vice President of Student Affairs Lou Hencken as acting athletic director until the position is filled next Spring.

However, the reason behind McBee’s somewhat unexpected departure is still the same as it was in June, as Hencken said it would be probably be best if McBee stepped down from his position.

McBee agreed to Hencken’s suggestion and a joint statement was made about the resignation.

McBee could not be reached for comment on why he resigned.

McBee will not be without a position at Eastern, though. He has been reassigned to the job of special assistant to Lou Hencken. Also, McBee will still receive his AD salary instead of receiving two salaries. Hencken adds that McBee’s position will be on the books until May and if the need for the position continues, it will be filled via a national search.

As for McBee’s job in his new capacity, Hencken says the former athletic director will be doing jobs within the administration that could not be done in the past because the person was not in place to do them.

“McBee will be working in two areas



and one of those areas is in placement and enrollment,” Hencken said. “For example, he will be calling up graduates of Eastern and asking them if they got a job and if they did, he will find out if their time at Eastern helped out in any way.”

McBee will also be conducting surveys on students who originally planned on coming to Eastern but ended up going to another school. Hencken says this will help the school find out why students end up choosing another school over Eastern. But running an athletic department that is making a transition into a new conference is not going to be an easy task. Still, Hencken’s job has been running smoother since he keeps up the communication between himself and the staff while allowing the coaches to have more freedom in decision-making.

“We have a very capable staff,” Hencken said.

“Deb Polca has done an outstanding job in working with the coaches. The coaches also have a little more authority with things like uniforms, scheduling and travel. “I don’t have to be in every decision and so I try to stand out of the way and let them (coaches) do their jobs,” said Hencken.

All Hencken asks from the coaches is that they obey the NCAA rules and stay within their budgets. It is the budget, though, that is one of the primary concerns of the athletic department as the Panthers begin a new athletic season with Hencken in the athletic director role.

“We have not had a fee increase since 1989 and since that time hotel, food and gas prices have gone up,” Hencken said.

“We have also added two sports (women’s golf and soccer). The budget is always a concern, though, in every department of the university.”

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Hencken says he’s ready to lead Eastern

Interim president wants to continue what Surles started

By Patrick Guinane
Originally run on Aug. 20, 2001

It may seem odd that Lou Hencken, a fixture of the Eastern community for 36 years is now working on a temporary basis. To many Hencken is as much a fixture of the university as Old Main, so its not hard to understand why he was chosen as interim president, temporarily filling the position vacated when former President Carol Surles resigned. Surles, Eastern’s eight president, who was also the university’s first minority and first woman president, formally announced her resignation on July 24. An ongoing struggle with breast cancer forced her to leave Eastern in order to

receive treatment. Hencken, who had been the vice president for student affairs since 1992, was appointed to a serve until a permanent replacement is found. The appointment was approved by Eastern’s Board of Trustees at a special July 24 meeting. As far as what he brings to the table, Hencken said, “The first thing is experience —as far as being at the university I’m beginning my 36th year so I know the university pretty well.” He started his career at Eastern as a residence hall director and moved up from director of housing to vice president for student affairs, so he is familiar with the various facets of the not only the campus, but the state of Illinois as well. Surles came to Eastern with a three-year contract in March of 1999. Previously, she had served as president at Texas Woman’s University and held

administrative positions at California State University, Jackson State University, the University of Michigan and the university of Central Florida. “I think one of the things she did well was increase our funding,” Hencken said. He said fund raising and meeting with donors were some of Surles’ strengths because she was articulate and well-liked. He said she also worked hard to increase Eastern’s state funding. “Carol was very, very, very good at working the halls of Springfield,” Hencken said. “She knew the legislature and wasn’t afraid to go and talk to them and explain our needs.” The same process that resulted in Surles hiring will be used to choose her eventual replacement. A member of the board of trustees will chair a university-wide search advisory committee that

will begin work this fall. The position will be posted early in 2002, and the board is hopeful that a new president will be selected in time for Fall Semester 2002. Upon leaving, Surles prepared a statement. “It is time for me to attend my health and reorder my priorities until my health is restored. I confess that leaving the work I love is very difficult, but it’s necessary at this juncture.” In September 2001 Surles had surgery for breast cancer and, last March she underwent extensive tests at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston (cq no Texas needed) where her treatment plan was developed. As part of her the treatment plan, she will undergo additional surgery. Hencken said he believes Surles returned to Houston to continue treatment. Hencken is not entirely

unfamiliar with the position of president, he served in a caretaker role last year while Surles was on leave. “The difference was I knew she was going to come back in three or four months,” Hencken said. During Surles’ leave of absence he would sometimes contact her before making a decision on an important issue, but know the buck stop at him so to speak. He said he will often consult with the vice presidents and the campus, but the final say rests with him. Hencken’s experience should bring stability to the position while a permanent replacement is sought. He hasn’t made any definitive career plans for after his term as interim president, opting instead to take it one day at a time. “I sort of had my eye on the Wal-Mart greeter job,” Hencken joked. “After 36 years, I might just go and watch the grass grow.”

Two-year contract keeps Hencken in presidency

By Scott Miller
Excerpt from Aug. 26, 2002

After Eastern’s search for a new president ended unsuccessfully last semester, interim President Lou Hencken signed a two-year contract extension for the position. He will earn \$173,000 annually, nearly a 5 percent increase from the previous year.

Eastern’s Board of Trustees voted to extend Hencken’s contract to June 30, 2004 after discussing contract specifics with Hencken. Hencken said the terms of his contract are the same as last year, with the exception of the raise. Hencken’s one-year contract last academic year gave him a salary of \$165,000.

According to the contract, Hencken also gets a \$27,500 annual housing allowance and an automobile for business and personal use.

The university also pays for business-related entertainment at Hencken’s house in Charleston. Hencken said he hopes to entertain legislators, showing off the campus and discussing areas needing improvement.

“(Legislators) are going to realize giving money to Eastern is not a lost cause. They’re going to come here, take a look at this place and see the investment they’re putting in Illinois.”

According to the contract, Hencken also has the option to teach two courses per semester for at least three years after his contract expires, something Hencken said he specifically asked to be included.

“I don’t want to go from working 75 to 80 hours a week to working zero hours. I think it would be bad for my health,” Hencken said.

Hencken said he is uncertain as to what courses he would teach, but he said there was a possibility of teaching an administration of higher education course.

“I don’t think you’ll see me in a physics class or an English class,” Hencken said.

Hencken will work out the details of what he might teach with vice president of academic affairs, Blair Lord, when the time comes.

During his service as housing director, Hencken taught two sections of a 4000-level resident assistants’ course for eight years to help resident assistants work through any problems arising on their hall floors, such as homesickness or strange behavior from neighbors.

Also, according to the contract, the board may terminate Hencken’s contract or reassign him to another administrative position “without adequate cause.”

Were Hencken to teach at Eastern, he would not immediately be offered tenure, which offers better job security, higher pay and favored benefits.

Hencken, an Eastern alumnus, has been employed at Eastern for 37 years. He served as vice president for student affairs for nine years, as well as the housing director, assistant housing director and a resident director.

He became interim president in late July 2001, when then-President Carol Surles resigned because of her battle with breast cancer.

The board sought a permanent president through a search starting last fall but ended the search at the end of the spring 2002 semester when one of the three finalists turned down the position. According to the Board of Trustees, the other two candidates were not a good fit for Eastern.

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What’s Lou Gonna Do?

By Nora Maberry
Excerpt from July 20, 2006

Come August Eastern President Lou Hencken will sit in his office watching students return to campus.

This, he says, is when he will know for sure if he is retiring when his contract is up in June or not.

“For the last 39 years, every August I get excited for the upcoming school year,” said Hencken. “The way I am is about the first of August I start looking out there and saying, ‘I really miss seeing students walking by here.’ If all of a sudden I look out there and say, ‘Oh my gosh they’re coming back,’ then it’s time for me to go.”

Hencken faced a similar decision last year when the Board of Trustees offered him a one-year contract extension.

“Last year when the board extended the contract, I wasn’t sure if I wanted to do this,” said Hencken. “But I still do have the energy, I know I have another year.”

But whether he has any years beyond that is a question Hencken currently does not have an answer to.

“I have to be totally immersed and excited about this job,” said Hencken. “And the questions is whether or not I have the energy level to keep it up.”

This is not the first time Hencken has contemplated retirement during his 40-year tenure at the University.

“I’ve been thinking about retiring for 10 years,” said Hencken.

The question Hencken asks himself when deciding whether to retire from the University is always the same. Does he have the enthusiasm for the job?

“Do I have the enthusiasm?” said Hencken. “I take this job seriously and think that I have to take students and do the best job I can so people don’t get cheated.”

Doing the best job he can means dedicating himself 24 hours a day to Eastern.

“It is a 24 hour and seven day a week job,” said Hencken. “Someone asked me in the spring what my plans were and I said don’t ask me now.”

Hencken did not want to answer the question in April because he said that springs are the most difficult time for a university president.

“That’s when you’re in Springfield and fighting for dollars, and the past couple of years there haven’t been a lot of dollars,” said Hencken. “In the summer you get regenerated, the fall is a great time because people are excited.”

While fall is an exciting time for Hencken, he admits that recently his excitement has lowered for participating in certain events.

“There is no question about it,” said Hencken. “There are some things, that all of a sudden, are just a chore.”

Hencken’s work schedule is another factor in his decision.

“Last year I worked 42 days in a row and that just wears you out,” said Hencken.

Even if Hencken does retire, his impact on Eastern will be felt long after his last day.

“He’s just a person that has such compassion. He cares for students and loves this university,” said Mark Hudson, director of housing. “How could one man have more of an impact on campus? He bleeds Eastern blue in the truest sense of the word.”

Hudson believes that Hencken

is a good president because he is a good leader.

“Being a good president is about being a good leader,” said Hudson. “Lou Hencken is a leader extraordinaire. He talks about it and he role models it.”

Provost Blair Lord, one of Hencken’s closest colleagues, said that Hencken was successful at Eastern because he believed in what he does.

“He became president on the same day I became provost, and we have an wonderful working relationship,” said Lord. “He has brought real stability to the senior management team at Eastern.”

When Hencken and Lord took their positions Eastern had been experiencing a number of years of high management turnover, said Lord.

“A critical need then was for a steady hand and newfound stability in the senior management ranks,” said Lord. “President Hencken certainly brought this to his presidency.”

While Lord praised Hencken’s

management skills, Allen Lanham, dean of Booth Library, praised his work with the library.

“He has accomplished so many projects, many of them highly visible to the campus and the community,” said Lanham. “He has been supportive of us providing the best possible information services to the students and professors.”

It is Hencken’s work with students that many believe will be his legacy at Eastern.

“He is a warm, friendly, people-oriented person which has served him and Eastern very well during his years in the position,” said Lord.

Hencken is such a people person that during a recent campus tour of housing office graduate students, Hencken saw them out side of his office touring the campus and came outside just to say hello, said Hudson.

“They couldn’t believe it,” said Hudson. “One told me they didn’t even know who the president was at their college, and here was the president of the university coming outside to say hello. I don’t think

you will find a university president who is as accessible as he is.”

His accessibility is because Hencken loves working with Eastern students.

“I love being with students,” said Hencken. “I really do.”

This love of students does not go unnoticed by Hencken’s colleagues.

“What I really appreciate is that he cares so much about students and he makes sure as an institution we keep that in the forefront,” said Hudson. “Lou’s legacy is care for the students.”

Hencken said it was difficult for him to pick a moment he was most proud of during his 40-year tenure at Eastern.

“Fundraising has been great, the growth in enrollment has been great, working with the alumni, faculty, students, foundation has been great,” said Hencken. “It’s hard to pick just one.”

Whether or not he decides to retire, Hencken still has one year officially left on his contract. In that year he has several plans for Eastern.

“The biggest problem you face as president is funding,” said Hencken.

Next year Hencken plans on having the vice presidents doing more work on campus, so he can travel to Springfield to get more funding for the university and visit alumni for fundraising activities.

“We’ve been pretty fortunate in fundraising. We’ve raised 11 million dollars in three years,” said Hencken. “And I think that’s going to just be the beginning.”

Hencken and the other administrators have a list of certain projects they want to finish.

Number one, according to Hencken, and the biggest of all is the Fine Arts building which is scheduled for completion in fall 2007. Hencken would also like to decide where to put textbook rental.

“I want to come to resolution on either we’re going to move textbook rental or not,” said Hencken. “And now that we have a pretty good estimate of what it’s going to cost, I would like to do it.”


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Good-bye to a President



Hello to a “new” teacher!

Welcome to the College of Education and Professional Studies

Invasion: Charleston

By Nora Maberry

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“Cross your fingers and pray, we’re going across the street,” said Eastern President Lou Hencken as he drove his six-person golf cart across Ninth Street Thursday afternoon.

Golf carts crossed Ninth Street shuttling students from Carman Hall to Textbook Rental and back again. For some students, it was the highlight of Move-In Day.

“The golf carts are awesome,” said Amber Bilina, a freshman political science major. “It’s a great idea to pick us up in the rain, so we aren’t wet and don’t have to walk all the way back with our heavy books.”

Nyesha Sevier, a graduate student who previously attended the University of Illinois, was surprised that Eastern offered golf cart taxis

on Move-In Day.

“They don’t do this at the U of I,” Sevier said.

Rashaud Taylor, a freshman undecided major, compared the golf carts to service on a resort and said he didn’t know of any other school that used golf carts on Move-In Day.

“I don’t know another school that does the whole golf cart tactic,” said Taylor.

Bilina, Sevier and Taylor were chauffeured around campus by Hencken.

After he drove them to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to get their Panther Cards, Booth Library to use the Internet and Carman Hall to drop off their books, he turned to each of them and said, “By the way, my name is Lou Hencken, I’m the president of the university and I mean this, if

you have any problems, I want you to come and see me.”

Students reactions to finding out President Hencken was driving them across campus varied from, “Oh my god, you’re Lou!” to quietly shaking his hand while introducing themselves again, to being shocked that the president of the university was driving students around campus in the rain.

Hencken said he drove the golf cart because Move-In Day is one of his favorite times of the year.

“When you ride on the golf carts and talk to the students they say this is what we’re looking forward to and this is what we like and that is why I love the beginning of the school year,” said Hencken. “The feel of the university right now, the personality and the vitality is totally different now than it was this time last week.”

When Hencken drives the golf cart, he does not introduce himself to students and wears a t-shirt so students and parents will find him approachable.

“They approach me differently if they know I am the president, I want to hear what they really think,” Hencken said.

The students who rode with President Hencken told him that Move-In Day went smoothly.

Kristy Baumgartner, an early childhood special education major, said her check-in went smoothly and that she appreciated the Panther Pals and faculty fellows that helped with the move in process.

Freshman Alix Bernnardy said the Move-In Day helped save her and her family two hours of work and the Panther Pals were helpful and nice.

Bill Wolf, a freshman math and

physics major, drove three and a half hours to get to Eastern with his dad Mike. Both said Move-In Day went smoothly.

“I don’t think it could have gone any better,” said Mike Wolf.

Hencken observed the students he drove across campus were quiet.

“They’re one day away from home and their not talking as much, they’re in shock,” said Hencken. “On Wednesday night they were children, their parents told them what to do and then Thursday morning they’re adults. We ask them to grow up in one day.”

Hencken said Move-In Day was traumatic for students and parents.

“The most traumatic part of my day was crossing Ninth Street in a golf cart but the traumatic part for the students comes tonight (Thursday) when their parents go home.”



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Eastern President Lou Hencken waves to parade spectators on Sixth Street during the 2005 Homecoming parade. Hencken has spent more than 40 Homecomings at Eastern.

Hencken talks 40 years of Homecomings

By Nora Maberry

Excerpt from Oct. 20, 2006

Eastern President Lou Hencken has been involved with Homecoming for more than 40 years.

He has seen floats catch fire, parade watchers pick fights with marching bands and parades that have been rained out.

Despite having seen all that, Hencken still looks forward to the traditional homecoming events.

“I really enjoy seeing the alums come back, the coronation, the parade,” Hencken said.

In the mid-1970s, Hencken was adviser to the parade.

“We would get up at three in the morning to paint the streets,” Hencken said. “We used to line the parade down Lincoln.”

He said the parade is no longer directed down Lincoln Avenue because of safety concerns.

He also remembers when the

parade had more residence halls participating than it does now.

“Thomas Hall spent a lot of money building a float,” Hencken said. “This float was amazing, but they had a flat tire 150 yards before the judging station.”

He said the rules stated that floats had to go by the judging station, and “it was quite a controversy.”

“The rules were clear, you had to go by the judging stand,” Hencken said. “After that, the judges started judging the floats the night before.”

In his 40 years of involvement with the parade, broken down floats aren’t the only things Hencken had to deal with.

“We had, one time at the parade, it rained so much that the bands didn’t even get off the bus,” he said. “They drove along the parade route because the rain would have ruined their uniforms.”

In the 1970s, a float caught on fire.

It caught on fire because students didn’t have to use fireproof pumps, Hencken said. After the fire, students had to use fireproof pumps, which cost three times as much as the regular pumps.

He also believes that Homecoming gave people a way to interact with other people that they didn’t have. Instead of the Internet or movies, people got together and built floats.

As students found different ways to be social, fewer and fewer participated in the parade. This meant fewer floats in the parade.

Another reason the parade is smaller than it was 30 years ago is fewer high school bands that participate in the parade.

“You did not used to have marching band festivals,” said Hencken.

Hencken believes this, as well as an incident at a past homecoming parade involving a high school band

and parade go-ers are the main reason fewer high school marching bands participate in the event than 30 years ago.

Hencken said in addition to student participation other changes have been implemented to change the homecoming parade.

More police have been added along the parade route, as have orange safety fences, to keep people from walking out into the middle of the marching bands or in front of cars.

“I was vice president for student affairs when we had that incident with the band and I feel bad, I think maybe the orange fences could have prevented a few things,” said Hencken.

Hencken says that Homecoming is an enjoyable time for him.

“When I became vice president I really began to attend the alumni receptions for outstanding alums,” Hencken said. “When you see what

ordinary students did from the university did and how successful they become, it is the night I really do like. Every year, you think this is amazing.”

Hencken also enjoys the 50-year anniversary reunion, the Homecoming king and queen coronation and riding in the parade.

Hencken’s favorite part of the parade is seeing the crowds that come out to support the university.

“It’s neat not only to see the university students, but the townspeople and alums,” said Hencken.

Next year at this time, Hencken will not be president of Eastern, however, he said that will not stop him from participating in Homecoming.

“I might be along the route, with my granddaughters saying, ‘Let’s catch the candy,’” he said. “It will be different.”