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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University head football coach Al Molde has instituted a 'guest coach' program whereby each week one or two people will be invited to participate in the behind-the-scene preparation for the upcoming game.

The first 'guest coach' selected for Saturday's Northeast Missouri game is Dr. Paul Melcon of Charleston, who is an assistant professor of geography and geology at EIU.

"We started this when I was coaching in Minnesota and it was well received by the community and university," said Molde. "This is open to anyone within the surrounding communities or university . . . just contact me at the football stadium if interested.

"Basically, they will be invited to a midweek practice session and then participate in all the game day preparation which includes the pregame meal and meetings, a pass to observe the game from the sidelines plus the halftime and postgame locker room sessions," Molde explained.

"This simply gives those people interested in football, or those who want to become more knowledgeable about the game, an opportunity to become involved . . . not only to become more technically knowledgeable but to personally get to know some of the players and coaches. And it helps us also get more involved with the people within the area and campus."

The Panthers remaining home games are September 29 with Ferris State, October 6 with Illinois State, October 13 with Southern Illinois, November 3 with Northern Iowa and November 10 with Western Kentucky.