**Campus grieves Friday death of Clay-Mendez**

By Tim Martin

Luis Clay-Mendez had already cheated death once.

According to the Cuban military, he survived an explosion at a movie theater and lived with a firing squad for weeks before being freed and escaping to the United States.

Clay-Mendez, a foreign language professor, received the 2003 Distinguished Faculty Award last spring.

In his free time, Mr. Clay worked on a horse farm, played tennis and listened to jazz.

Clay died Friday of a heart ailment at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. He was 60.

"Luis was an indomitable spirit and unflinching courage," said Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter, who has known Clay for 16 years.

Recently, Clay took a stance on the Board of Trustees' decision to offer interim President Lou Hensick a two-year contract extension.

He defended the faculty's request to mandate Eastern's next president have a doctoral or terminal degree.

When Clay died, he was typing a letter praising student BRT representative Bill Davidson and an editorial written by The Daily Eastern News for showing the "integrity required to stand alone on the side of propriety, fair play and the tenet that the best decisions come as a result of consultation and inclusion."

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By Kevin Sampier

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