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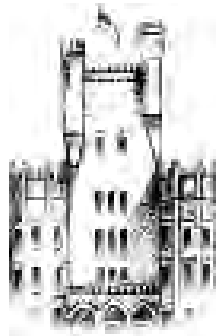
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CAA will have say on graduation

Committee asks council to look at exceptionality

By Scott Miller
Staff writer

Eastern's Commencement Committee delayed its recommendation on summer ceremonies Friday so exceptionality can be further investigated by the Council on Academic Affairs.

The current policy on exceptionality allows students to walk through commencement while still needing six credit hours to complete their degree. The committee's recent discussion of abolishing exceptionality would result in the reinstatement of the summer commencement.

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations and chair of the committee, said that exceptionality is an academic issue that should not be decided by the Commencement Committee.

Instead, the committee pro-

posed that exceptionality become a topic for CAA to discuss. Nilsen said that the committee would defer its decision on summer commencement ceremonies until CAA makes a final recommendation on exceptionality to the President's Council. The CAA plans on creating a subcommittee this week that will study exceptionality.

Friday, the Commencement Committee did not endorse reinstating summer commencement, noting that doing so may not reflect the interests of the faculty

or the students.

"This is a customer-service issue," Nilsen reminded the committee. "I want to do what is in the best interest of the students."

The committee did, however, make several other recommendations, which will be forwarded to the President's Council. Any changes that the council approves will take effect during next spring's commencement ceremonies.

Among other proposals, the

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O'Hara: Election numbers 'good'

By Jessica Danielewicz
Student government editor

Despite the fact that only 146 people voted in last week's senate elections, that turnout is actually considered good by Student Body President Hugh O'Hara.

"If you get 100 voters, that's a pretty good turnout," he said, regarding the fall elections.

He estimated that last fall's elections saw a turnout in the 70s.

While O'Hara said he would like to see a higher turnout in the fall elections, there is not much more Student Government can do to get people involved.

"It would be a lot better to have more people involved in the process," he said.

Ballots were available at two places on campus, in Taylor Hall and the Union, and O'Hara didn't believe the turnout would have been different if there had been more than two places for students to vote.

Three years ago, there was a poll at Carman Hall, but it is hard to get people to work the polls, O'Hara said.

Speaker of the Senate Joe Robbins said spring elections usually have a better turnout because executive positions are up for election and there is more campaigning.

This fall's elections will be the last time an activity fee referendum will be included on a ballot, O'Hara said. The bylaw requiring student approval of activity fee increases will be taken out of the constitution.

The activity fee on the ballot last week passed by a vote of 74-72, a narrow margin. O'Hara said a reason for that narrow margin could have been the fact that the question on the ballot could not explain everything that the increase would be used for, and the outcome may have been different if it could have explained everything.

Student Senate members were elected for three districts: on-campus, off-campus, and at-large, which is comprised of both on- and off-campus.

In last week's elections, one student ran for one of the five off-campus seats and six ran for 10 on-campus seats, whereas 11 ran for five at-large seats.

When applicants fill out their petitions to be placed on the ballot, they decide which district to run for, Robbins said.

In this case, "it was kind of like the bad luck of the draw," he said.

O'Hara said applicants should run

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Sara Figiel/Staff photographer

Crushed

Eastern linebacker Nick Ricks is comforted by wide receiver Alfred Osborne (85) and cornerback Byron Ruff (26) after the Panthers' 49-43 first-round playoff loss to Northern Iowa Saturday at O'Brien Stadium, Eastern's first home playoff game in 15 years. For more coverage, see Sports.

Faculty looking for commitment, vision

Teachers say next president must be around for the long term and be approachable

(Editor's note: This is the third of a three-part series looking at what campus leaders want in Eastern's next president.)

By Pat Guinane
Associate news editor

Faculty and staff representatives want the university's next president to understand where Eastern is as an institution and also possess the vision necessary to plan for the future.

To carry out such a vision, Eastern's ninth president may need to commit to staying at Eastern for

five or even 10 years. This was not the case with the university's last president, Carol Surles, who was forced to resign because of breast cancer. Surles resigned in July, just over two years after coming to Eastern in March of 1999.

Faculty and staff members want their new president to be a strong voice that can relate to outside constituents in many matters, the most important of which is funding. Some feel that Surles provided that voice, but others believe that their next president must also be approachable on campus, a trait they relate more to

interim President Lou Hencken than to Surles.

Hencken, vice president for student affairs since 1992, has been at Eastern for more than 35 years and many agree that the university's next president should know the university's history the way Hencken does.

David Radavich, English professor and president of Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, the faculty union, said getting to know the university's history will allow the next president to understand the core goals of the institution.

"Anyone who comes in would have to understand the 100-year tradition that we have," he said. "We have strong liberal arts tradition and we also have strong emphasis on teacher education and so that's the core of who we are."

To foster that knowledge, Radavich would like to see a president who has teaching experience or who at least understands the process and what teachers and students go through. He said Eastern's seventh president, David Jorns, who Surles replaced, had

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Collage exhibit set up at Tarble

By Jillian Klean
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Egg tempura paintings and other related works by Andrew Young are being featured at the Tarble Arts Center this month.

Tarble will host the exhibition until Jan. 13, 2002. Young will also speak at a presentation at 7 p.m. on Jan. 8.

Young's exhibition features egg tempura paintings and collages of paint, handmade papers and other materials. The collages also feature

hand-cut pieces of paper that are colored with distilled dyes. According to a press release, the papers are later aged through sanding and folding. The collages are completed with objects Young has found and painted.

Andrew Young, who holds a master's degree of fine arts from the Art Institute of Chicago, has produced works that have been exhibited in Germany, Pakistan and Ecuador, as well as the U.S.

The subjects of Young's collages are mostly organic and feature birds and plants, the press release stated.

The egg tempura paintings make use of a variety of organic colors.

Young's paintings are seen by some to be a continuation of 19th-century British artist and philosopher John Ruskin, who focused heavily on nature, the press release said. Young continued this idea in his journey to Pakistan, where he taught and embraced his interest in Eastern art.

The curator of Young's exhibit is Mary Antonakos, director of the I Space Gallery, the Chicago gallery of the University of Illinois.



Amanda Douglass/Staff photographer

Shopping art

Charleston resident Gail McKee examines pieces of pottery at the Holiday Art Sale Sunday afternoon at the Tarble Arts Center.

EIU Jazz Ensemble playing one for the road

By Erika Larson
Staff writer

The EIU Jazz Ensemble will close out the semester with one last big band bang at Tuesday's concert.

The ensemble, under the direction of Sam Fagaly, will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Dvorak Concert Hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Building. The concert is free and open to the public.

Fagaly said the ensemble will

play a variety of big band music as well as some holiday music.

The music will range from the classic swing tune "Nice and Easy," as played by the Count Basie Orchestra, to the more modern tune "81" by Miles Davis and Ron Carter, he said.

The concert will also feature faculty jazz pianist Michael Stryker and a number of student soloists, Fagaly said.

Among those student soloists is

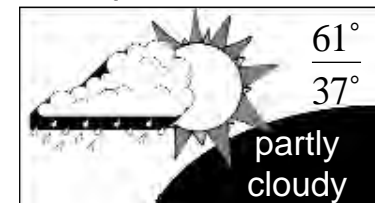
Woods Miller III, a senior music education major, who will perform for the last time with the band at Tuesday's concert.

Miller, to be featured on trumpet in "Nice and Easy," said the Jazz Ensemble is his favorite of the eight Eastern music groups he has performed with because of the high level of playing.

"It's the most exciting group that I've played with," he said. "There's a lot of intensity involved. From the

four-day forecast

today



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday



police blotter

Criminal damage to property

■ It was reported on Nov. 7 that the rear passenger side cargo window of a Jeep Grand Cherokee was broken out while it was parked in the lot south of Blair Hall, a police report stated. The incident is under investigation.

■ It was reported on Nov. 15 that a 1993 Chevrolet was scratched by a sharp object in several places, causing damage estimated at \$1,526, while parked in the Sigma Kappa parking lot, a police report stated. The incident is under investigation.

first time I saw them my first year here, it was a goal of mine to get in that group."

He said this is his first and last time being featured as a soloist in the ensemble, and it feels great to finally have the chance to perform a solo.

Miller will student-teach in the fall, but he has enjoyed his year-long experience of playing with the ensemble.

"It's exciting and fun music to play, and I love it very much," he said.

State woes lead to budget cuts

Eastern may have to contribute more than \$1 million to \$500 million savings

By Jamie Fetty
Administration editor

Eastern's budget will suffer cut-backs as a result of a dragging economy that has forced cuts in the Illinois budget for this fiscal year.

The extent of Eastern's budget cuts can't yet be determined, Kim Furumo, director of the Budget Office, said. After the national economy went into a slump following the Sept. 11 terror attacks, Eastern predicted it would have to return about \$1.1 million in state funds, or about 2 percent of its general funds budget.

The first estimated cut since Gov. George Ryan announced the state's \$500 million budget shortfall would have forced Eastern to slash \$624,000.

However, Ryan has since asked state universities to cover group insurance for their employees, Eastern's Legislative Liaison Loretta Durbin reported.

Furumo said she cannot yet predict what those costs will be, since details of who should be covered and how much coverage should be

provided aren't known yet. Chances are good that with this change, the extent of Eastern's cuts may be closer to the first estimate of \$1.1 million, she said.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education is currently working with the governor's figures to decide how much each university must return and what ought to be cut.

The President's Council is "kicking ideas around," Furumo said, but can't come up with anything concrete without feedback from the IBHE, which will come sometime this week.

Interim President Lou Hencken will make the final determination on how Eastern makes its budget cuts.

It's difficult to say whether Eastern will face more cuts in coming years, but next year's appropriations will probably be "limited," Furumo said. "The financial health of the state isn't going to improve overnight."

The state last asked universities to make substantial budget cuts in 1992, a year after the state required smaller callbacks, Furumo said.

SIU grateful for 'rainy day' funding plan

CARBONDALE (AP) — Five years ago, Southern Illinois University began holding back 2 percent of its annual state appropriations to help cover any kind of spending crunch or emergency purchasing needs.

This week, after Gov. George Ryan announced a series of cuts to deal with the state's \$500 million budget hole, SIU officials were thankful that former president Ted Sanders began that holdback policy.

"We've kept it at 2 percent each year, so this contingency reserve helps in the sense that we're not as seriously affected as a system as we could be," said Scott Kaiser, assistant to SIU president James Walker. "But the problem Carbondale has is the double whammy of its enrollment drop combined with the cut in state funding."

Ryan included \$25 million worth of public university cuts in his package. SIU's share is about \$2.8 million.

Newspaper names new staff members for next semester

The Daily Eastern News has named its staff for Spring 2002, with Bill Ruthhart taking the editor-in-chief reins from Chris Sievers, who will become managing editor at the Robinson Daily News.



Bill Ruthhart Chris Sievers

Ruthhart, a senior journalism major from Rock Island, has listed more in-depth coverage, overall newspaper quality and a focus on campus organizations as priorities in his term as editor, which will run until the last week of spring semester.

He has also served as sports editor, associate sports editor and designer at the DEN.

Sauna Gustafson, a junior journalism major from Cherry Valley, will serve as managing editor. She previously served as editorial page editor, development director and city editor.

Joe Ryan, a senior journalism major from Chicago, will become news editor. He previously served as associate news editor, senior reporter and administration editor.

Pat Guinane, a senior journalism major from Chicago, will step in as associate news editor. He previously worked as administration editor and copy editor.

Michelle Jones, a junior journalism and English major from Frankfort, will move from news editor to editorial page editor. She has also served as associate news editor and campus editor at the DEN.

Matt Neistein, a junior journalism major from Homewood, will become director of night production after serving as managing editor, editorial page editor, associate news editor and city editor.

Kristin Rojek, a senior English major from Schaumburg, will return as sports editor, a position she held last spring. She has also served as associate sports editor.

Nate Bloomquist, a junior journalism major from Peru, Ill., will become associate sports editor. He has worked as a staff writer and designer.

Brandi Volk, a senior journalism major from Bartonville, will

step in as city editor. She previously worked as a staff writer.

Jamie Fetty, a sophomore journalism major from Rock Island, will move from Student Government editor to administration editor.

Jessica Danielewicz, a junior journalism major from Roscoe, will change positions from campus editor to Student Government editor.

Heather Robinson, a freshman journalism major from Bethany, will work as activities editor. She has also been a staff writer.

Maura Possley, a sophomore journalism major from Oak Park, will take over as campus editor. She previously served as a staff writer.

Julie Ferguson, a senior journalism major from Lake Zurich, will become features editor after serving as online features editor this semester.

Matt Rennels, a junior journalism major from Charleston, will take the helm of the DEN's entertainment guide, The Verge, as Verge editor. He previously served as a staff writer.

Alta King, a junior English major from Mattoon, will assist Rennels as associate Verge editor. She has worked as a staff writer.

Mandy Marshall, a senior marketing major from Normal, will return as photo editor, a position she held during the 1999-2000 school year.

Colin McAuliffe, a freshman history major from Western Springs, will become associate photo editor. He has served as a staff photographer.

Yung Lee, an international student from South Korea, will serve as senior photographer. He also has served as a staff photographer.

Bakalis puts focus on education

By Pat Guinane
Associate news editor

Democratic candidate for governor Michael Bakalis supports Eastern faculty members' quest for salary equity.

At 62, Bakalis, who has a long background in education, is running for governor for the second time. The former Illinois Superintendent of Education last ran for the governor's office in 1978. Bakalis has also served as president of Triton Community College and dean of education at Loyola University.

Eastern currently ranks last in average faculty salary among state public universities with an average salary of \$51,300, which is well below the state average of \$62,500.

"There's no reason that people of equal rank at this university shouldn't be paid not only adequately but comparably to people of equal rank at other state universities," Bakalis said Friday during a campaign stop in Charleston.



Michael Bakalis

The gubernatorial candidate, who's up against four other democrats, Rod Blagojevich, Paul Vallas, Roland Burris and Wesley Pettifier, also has a plan for alleviating Illinois' anticipated teacher shortage. That plan would undoubtedly include Eastern, the state's second largest producer of teachers.

"In the next five-to-ten years, we're going to have a major teacher shortage in Illinois because a lot of retirements are coming up," Bakalis said. "I've suggested that we offer to the top five percent of high school seniors in our state the opportunity to go to any public university in this state — free tuition — if they commit to teaching in Illinois, elementary or secondary public school."

To take advantage of Bakalis' plan, those students would have to teach in Illinois for five years after graduation. They would also have to maintain a B average while in school.

Bakalis also discussed budget cuts, which are currently relevant to Eastern and all other state agencies as Gov. George Ryan is asking for money back.

Bakalis said that, in light of those cuts which have followed the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the next governor will have to be an efficient fiscal manager who can work a budget. He said his terms as state comptroller and also as Deputy Undersecretary of Education in the U.S. Department of Education under President Carter have given him the experience necessary.

"I've done that many times," he said. "Not only in two state agencies and being the chief fiscal officer for the state, but I also oversaw over billion-dollar budgets in Washington and at the universities I've headed up."

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Holiday spirit hits the Square

Santa Claus, his elves and even the Grinch were in town celebrating Christmas Saturday night. The stores on the Square were transformed from their everyday appearance with Christmas scenes and activities on display.

"Christmas in the Heart of Charleston" was a good event to start off the Christmas season and get the community and campus excited about this time of year.

Celebrate

Christmas in the Heart of Charleston was a good event to show holiday spirit and build a community.

Those who took part by either helping with the event or just by coming to take part in the festivities should be commended for participating in a community event and celebrating the holiday spirit.

People complain there is never anything to do in Charleston, but maybe they don't take the opportunity to do something different and fun.

Saturday was a beautiful night, and the event was free. Especially for college students, things can't get better than free.

There was also an activity or something of interest for everyone.

The stores on the Square decorated their windows and even had live displays. Students and community members dressed up and acted out scenes. Window displays included ballet dancers, salsa dancers, Charlie Brown's Christmas and elves making candy canes.

It was nice that, despite all the distractions students have going on right now with finals around the corner, many people participated in the event by either being in a window or just attending. The event would not have been as successful without energetic people in the windows.

Santa Claus was on hand at Teen Reach to have his picture taken with children. Will Rogers Theater showed "Jack Frost" for free, and the Charleston Alley Theater performed the play "St. George and the Dragon."

Carriage rides were also a popular activity included in "Christmas in the Heart of Charleston." The line for a ride was long all night.

It's important for the community to hold events such as this one. It's also nice in a college town for students to be able to go to an event off campus to mix with the rest of the people who live in the city that is a student's home away from home.

All the people who organized and made the event possible deserve a "Thank you" for making "Christmas in the Heart of Charleston" a successful, spirit-filled event.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

Don't forget the little things

The world is gently weeping ... Last Thursday, George Harrison, 58, one of the three remaining Beatles and a prolific songwriter and guitarist, passed away.

Some people our age may not feel a real loss, or even really know much about Harrison, who was known as "the quiet Beatle," other than to know he was one. They might wonder why I am writing about him in this column.

To me, and many others, he was more than just a Beatle. Harrison's music has been an inspiration to many. Songs like "Something," "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" and "Here Comes the Sun" were perhaps not the most widely known Beatles songs, but are definitely some of the most beautifully written and orchestrated.

Harrison represented a time period, a style and a generation. Like John Lennon, he was one of the leaders of an era. Unlike Lennon, his death was not a complete shock, yet nonetheless, it was very sad.

Watching television tributes and listening to radio specials, I've realized how wonderful and important much of Harrison's music really was. He touched the lives of so many.

I specifically remember his song "I Got My Mind Set on You" from when I was younger. You know the one: the video shows lots of animals dancing and singing along with Harrison. It was one of my favorites when I was young.

One thing Harrison's death is reminding me to do is appreciate the people I admire and care about. I don't own any of Harrison's solo records, although I have always loved his music. I never really spent time thinking about



Shauna Gustafson
Managing editor

"Try to remember to tell the people we love how much they mean to us."

Harrison or what his music meant to me, something we often forget to do.

This summer I lost a close friend, someone who I now can't remember without starting to cry. I think the worst part of the whole experience is that I don't remember the last time I saw him before he passed away. I feel as though I should try to make sure I don't do that with

the other people who are important in my life. I feel like I should make a point of recognizing how much my loved ones mean to me.

I do know what my Grandma means to me. How much I love her and how I don't spend nearly enough time with her, even if it's just to talk about the weather.

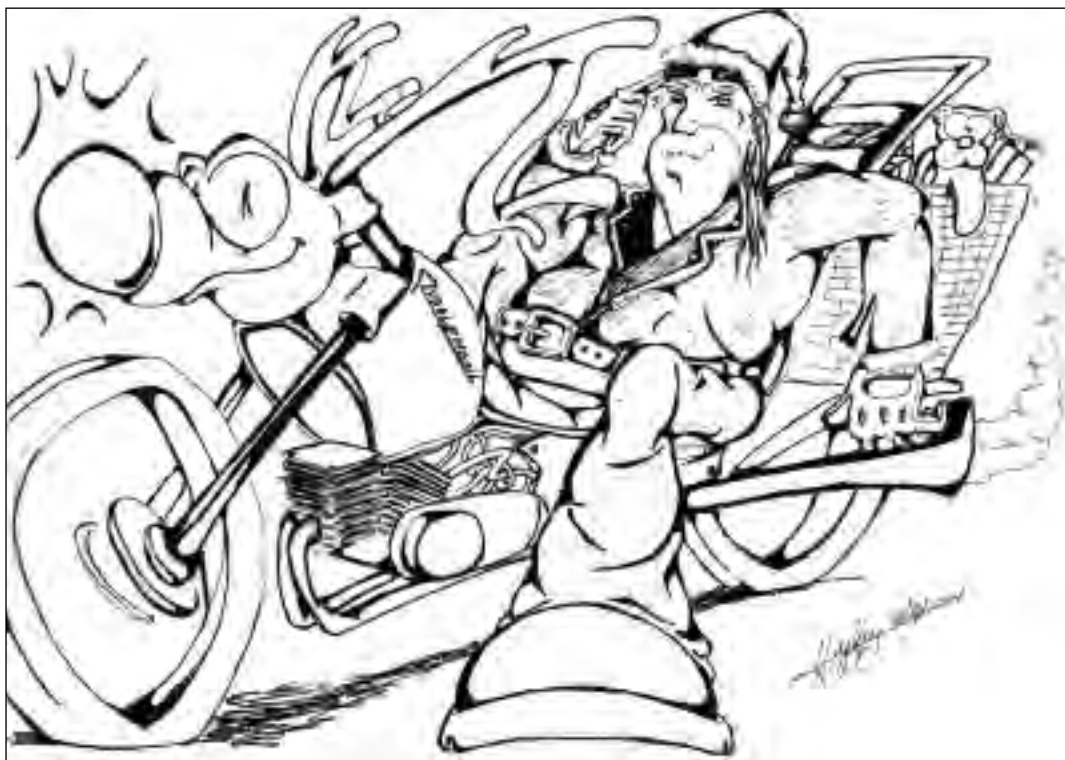
And I realize how much I love my mom and dad. How my mom has become one of my best friends, and I don't know if I've ever told her that.

As we move into this holiday season especially, we should try to remember to tell the people we love how much they mean to us. Spend the time we have off with the people that we care about and rarely get to see.

Take your grandpa to lunch. Go shopping with younger siblings. I still remember when I was in the first grade and my dad came and picked me up at school to go out to lunch and to the zoo. It was a complete surprise, and I'll never forget it.

It's the little things in life that we remember. And I'm going to try to squeeze in a few more of those little things while I can.

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University needs to address North Quad drainage problem

A minor problem that has existed for the duration of my nearly 3.5 years on this campus has lately just really irked me. It affects any student who spends any time in the North Quad. Now maybe I am just whining (after all, there are much bigger problems in the world right now), but I am sure that I am not the only person who has encountered the swamp. After a decent amount of precipitation, sidewalks on the north side of campus become small ponds and muddy streams, making navigating to class quite an adventure. Let's see: Do I trudge through the water (which may be several inches deep) or take the muddy route along the side? Soon, the

sitting water will freeze into icy patches that will be hidden by snow, making dangerous walking conditions for the coordinated and uncoordinated alike (the category where I am included).

While the current improvements will (one day) make Eastern a more appealing campus, it seems that an annoying and unsightly problem such as drainage should have been long ago addressed. Somehow, the money has been gathered to fund a food court, to "beautify" Old Main, and to renovate Booth Library. I realize that all of this money comes from different funds, but surely money from somewhere is

available to spend on general upkeep and maintenance. In Wednesday's article about the views on the ongoing construction, the issue of decreasing enrollment is mentioned. Even if this campus has a beautifully renovated library, a brand new food court and other such attractions, someone who comes to visit campus on a rainy day has to weave on and off of sidewalks taken over by muddy water. What kind of image does that send to prospective students?

I don't know the actual technicalities involved in fixing the problem. Perhaps, being an underinformed student, a solution to the problem is actually being addressed by someone somewhere. I am just tired of wading to the Physical Science Building.

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Your turn

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Addition of convenience center a real possibility

By Jessica Danielewicz
Student government editor

Campus could see another convenience center similar to the one at Carman Hall by the next school year.

The addition of another convenience center, or possibly two, was presented to the Residence Hall Association at its last meeting of the semester Thursday by Dining Service Committee Chair Stephanie Osborn. It was approved, but discussion on the location has been tabled.

Osborn said the convenience center idea came from student requests for grab-and-go food in the dining centers; that is, being able to walk in, get a plate of food and walk out. However, garbage chutes in the residence halls are not set up to handle wet food items that may increase with such a program.

"It gets to be an incredible mess," Osborn said.

The convenience center became an answer to the question of how to accommodate that request. Food items in the convenience center would be packaged and dry therefore not creating the mess of wet foods.

"The convenience center in Carman has done well in terms of people taking advantage of it," Housing Director Mark Hudson said.

The addition of two new centers in different residence halls is contingent on the funds it would take to open them and how much money they generate, Hudson said. There may be two right away, or one now and one later, he said.

Possible locations for the convenience center could be Thomas Hall or Stevenson Hall, Hudson said.

Osborn said the RHA plans to continue surveying and researching to determine where the best location would be.

Since there is no area that could

be used as is, some amount of construction work would have to be done, so the cost of the convenience center would depend on what location is chosen and what work has to be done there, Osborn said.

Both Stevenson and Thomas dining centers have some closed-in dining room spaces where walls could be put up for the center, Hudson said.

Some surveying has been done already, Osborn said, and more will be done after semester break. She said anyone interested in offering input should attend their hall councils, because the convenience center should be mentioned there during one of the first few meetings of the semester.

Once a location is chosen, housing will work with facilities planning and management to retrofit an area, Hudson said. He said he would like for this to be done over the summer so the center could open in the fall.



Mandy Marshall/Photo editor

Kim Kiekow, a freshman elementary education major, juggles cases of soda she intended to purchase at Carman Hall's convenience center Sunday night. This was the second time today Kiekow had been down to the convenience center. Items can be purchased with cash or Dining Dollars on the Panther Card and include anything from fresh fruit, cookies, soda and juice to portable Chef Boyardee entrees.

Hospice fund-raiser auctions Christmas trees, wreaths

By Brandi Volk
City editor

Meeting Santa, gathering ideas for decorating Christmas trees and supporting the hospice program at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center were reasons that students and Charleston residents came out to participate in the Hospice Festival of Trees last weekend.

Saturday and Sunday morning, parents and their children were able

to have breakfast with Santa and have pictures taken with him, and Saturday afternoon participants were able to enjoy the harmony of the Tri-Count barbershop quartet. But the event centered around Saturday night's auctioning of 38 Christmas trees and wreaths, a fundraiser to support hospice programs.

"I come because it's a good cause and this is my granddaughter and it's her first time being able to realize what Christmas means. I get to see

her eyes light up, the sense of wonder," Mattoon resident Gretchen Rawls said about her 18-month-old granddaughter Paige Vogelzang of Charleston.

The trees and wreaths were decorated in a wide variety of ways. One medium-sized tree, "Bring Home the Holidays," was decorated with Coca-Cola memorabilia.

One tree was decorated with football hats and gold-metal, musical instrument ornaments in memory of

Harold Hillyer, who had worked in Eastern's music department, and was known for his collection of over 2,000 hats.

Most of the decorated wreaths hung on old doors that were brought in for the displays. However, one unique display, "The Art of Christmas," featured an electric fireplace.

"I think it's a wonderful organization. It's wonderful to see people here," said Charleston resident Nettie

Cole, who volunteers at the hospital.

There was also a silent auction to raise funds, which local merchants donated items for. Participants bid on jumper cables, gift baskets, wreaths, pottery, sketches, a VCR and various crafts.

Embroidered shirts, ornaments, candles and chocolates were on sale. Two Huffy bicycles and a hand-made quilted wall hanging, made by Katherine Stewart, were raffled off as well.

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Students weigh in on their favorite residence halls

By Caitlin Prendergast
Staff writer

The top three most-requested residence halls are Carman, Stevenson and Taylor halls, Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining services, said.

Of the 12 residence halls that house more than 4,300 students, while no building is superior, students do request some more than others, Hudson said.

Hudson believes Carman Hall, which has the highest occupancy of the residence halls, is typically an incoming student's first choice because it has freshman-focused programs.

Katie Malis, a freshman education major and Carman Hall resident, said she chose to live in Carman because the majority of the residents are freshmen, and so far, she has befriended all of the women on her floor.

"I think dorm life is an important experience, especially for your freshman year," Malis said.

Another satisfied Carman Hall resident, Jason Lootus, a freshman business management major, said he enjoys living there because the hall's large greek population allows him to experience that aspect of college.

Stevenson Hall is a big housing draw because it's an upperclassman hall with suites, Hudson said.

Rebecca Matlock, associate hall director of Stevenson, said the hall's private bathrooms are popular, and it has a high resident retention rate.

"Stevenson allows students to pick who they want to live with, and it's apartment style living on campus," Matlock said.

The third most-requested residence hall, Taylor Hall, is chosen because it's a co-ed building, Hudson said.

Among the other co-ed residence halls, Ford, Weller and McKinney halls in the Gregg Triad also are popular choices, Mike Bakula, a Ford Hall resident assistant said.

Bakula cited the central location, small community and enthusiastic staff among the advantages of living in the triad, which also provides housing for honors students.

Other residence hall choices include Lincoln and Douglas halls and Thomas Hall, which is a men's facility. Lawson and Andrews halls house only women and have nine floors of rooms in each building.

Pemberton Hall is also a popular residence hall for women.

As with any housing situation, many disadvantages of residence hall

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Katie Malis,
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life are present. Many students complain about the food, inadequate climate control and rules in the buildings.

Susie Bue, a sophomore business major and Andrews Hall resident said, "I'm not used to all of these rules, but at least I don't have to clean the bathroom anymore."

Although there is a definite stigma attached to on-campus housing, Hudson said living in a residence hall is "completing the educational package."

Hudson said choosing this form of housing helps students adjust socially, and a community is formed that is essential for a college education.

Research also proves that students who live on campus have higher grade point averages and higher graduation rates than those who do not, he said.



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You're going down!

Enjoying the sunny weather, Charleston High School student Neal DeLude defends with teammates, Alan Garrard, a sophomore special education major and Tim Cohenour, a sophomore physical education major. The three went on to win the game 32-29.

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President

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that quality.

"I thought David Jorns, for instance, understood what being in the classroom was and understood teachers and liked students," Radavich said. "I think he had that strength in the way that some other presidents did not."

Luis Clay Mendez, foreign languages professor, is a member of the Faculty Senate and serves on the current Presidential Search Advisory Committee. He also served on the committee that recommended Jorns. He wants the next president to provide a voice for the university.

"That's what I thought Carol Surles was very good at," he said. "Even if some people consider her to be lacking in a person-to-person sort of ability, she was a wonderful spokesperson for the university."

However, the president must also maintain a presence on campus.

"Those wonderful qualities, when it came to public speaking and addressing the legislature on our behalf, were diminished somewhat by this ability to communicate on campus," Mendez said of Surles, admitting that Eastern's eighth president could be a bit intimidating. "Where, for example, Lou Hencken is so approachable. You see him at any kind of get-together and say 'hi' and he'll take the time to talk to you."

Balancing act

Sandra Bingham-Porter, data processing analyst and Staff Senate chair, said Eastern has seen presidents who work well on campus and those who have excelled working with outside constituents. Bingham-Porter said that she is not alone in thinking the university needs a president who can balance the two realms.

"It's kind of a middle of the road because we have had both ends of the spectrum," she said. "A lot of staff members feel that way also."

Bingham-Porter also said that because Eastern is the largest employer in both Charleston and Coles County, the president must be aware that decisions the university makes have far-reaching implications. She would like the next president to realize how greatly the university affects the local economy and consider programs that encourage students to spend money locally.

As for the university spending money, faculty and staff members agree that the next president will have to go and seek out that money first in the form of state funding and private donations.

"The new president needs to understand the realities of fund-raising and have the ability to work with the legislature, donors and the (EIU) Foundation," Radavich said. "That's an important part of the job too."

Bingham-Porter agrees that fund-raising is an essential part of the president's job.

"The president has to be on board for lobbying for funding," she said. "Whether private money or public money, that is a big factor of what's needed."

Looking to the future

Increased state support and more private giving will allow the university to undertake new projects. Radavich and Mendez said Eastern's ninth president must possess the vision to look down the road and plan for such projects. They also want the next president to stay around long enough to carry out his or her vision.

"With all things being equal, give me someone who has a vision for the next five years," Mendez said. "I would hope that our next president is at least able to commit five to 10 good years — at least five."

Radavich agreed that the university needs a president who is willing to stay for at least five years. He said a candidate's resume can reveal his or her career plans.

"There are some candidates who only want to spend two or three years in a place and that's something that shows up in their resume," Radavich said. "The average in Illinois now and nationwide apparently is three years, which I think is way too short, really, because it probably takes a year to become familiar with the job."

Eastern just this year hired a new provost, Blair Lord. Radavich said that when the interview process was going he was impressed with the fact that Lord had been at his previous institution, the University of Rhode Island, for 23 years.

Mendez served on the committee that recommended Lord and he said the committee didn't recommend another candidate because that person gave the impression that he or she might retire in a year or two.

"And to a lot of people on the committee, that was a red flag," Mendez said. "That person was not going to provide the stability that we were hoping to get in a (provost), which is the highest academic officer on campus."

Mendez said that coming from a communist country, Cuba, he enjoys participating in the democratic process. He said he was proud to serve on the committees that appointed both Jorns and Lord and hopes he will be just as proud when Eastern finally selects its ninth president.

"When we selected Jorns, I thought that we had done a wonderful job and when we selected Blair Lord, I thought he was going to be the answer to every one of our expectations. So I want to say the same thing about the next president," he said.

"I want to be able to say proudly, 'Guess what? I was on the committee that appointed that guy.'"

Elections

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for a position based on who they represent. The reason for the three districts is because a lot of legislation is not district specific, he said, and if seats were just based on where people live, then they would be dominated by off-campus students.

Elections will be held for the speaker of the senate at

Wednesday's senate meeting, Robbins said, and whoever is elected will make applications available soon after for the remaining senate seats.

Applications will be due sometime before break, Robbins said. Applications will be reviewed and the new senators will be appointed at the first meeting in the spring.

Robbins said committee chairs would also be appointed at the first meeting in the spring.

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committee will recommend holding four commencement ceremonies in both the spring and fall. Currently only three ceremonies are held during the fall. The committee also will recommend that one of those ceremonies be held Friday evening instead of having all four ceremonies on Saturday.

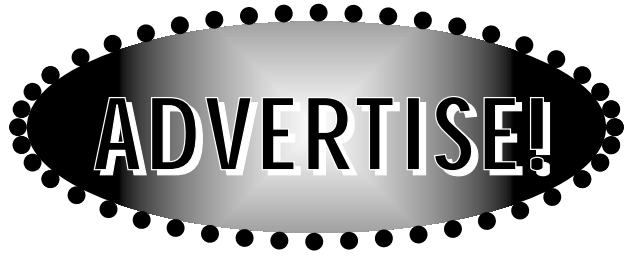
The major concern of the committee was that a four-ceremony day would create a rushed atmosphere.

"Part of the experience is giving hugs and taking pictures," Nilsen said, "We do

not want to hurry our guests."

The potential for small technical problems also weighed in on the committee's decision. Having four ceremonies on one day might not allow the volunteer workers enough time to fix mistakes in order to give students and guests a memorable graduation.

In order to keep each ceremony at a tolerable length, the committee will propose having only three speakers; Eastern's president, one graduate student, and one undergraduate student. To ensure that faculty can participate, the Faculty Senate Chair will give a short recognition of the faculty.



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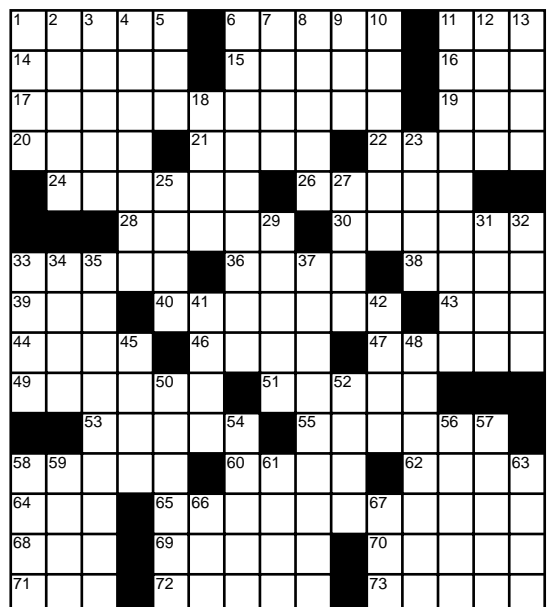
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NUMBERS BREAKDOWN



Northern Iowa (10-2) **Eastern Illinois** (9-2)

Score by quarter	1	2	3	4	Final
UNI	10	15	14	10	49
Eastern	7	13	8	15	43

First Downs

23 23

Rushing Yards

241 139

Passing Yards

235 386

Completions-Passes-Interceptions

16-29-0 22-35-2

Time of Possession

35:17 24:43

Other tournament results

Montana 28, Northwestern St. 19
 Sam Houston St. 34, N. Arizona 31
 Maine 14, McNeese State 10
 Georgia Southern 60, Florida A&M 35
 Appalachian St. 40, Wm.&Mary 27
 Lehigh 27, Hofstra 24
 Furman 24, Western Kentucky 20

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special teams unit also made the game more difficult on Eastern's defense.

"The defense was forced to play half a field for most of the first half, and it was a particularly short field for them to have to defend - and there's going to be problems," Spoo said. "They are an extremely good football team and they did all the things we knew they were going to do. Special teams was a big part of it."

While Eastern took the lead early with a 15-yard pass from junior quarterback Tony Romo to Cutolo, UNI tied the game with an eight-yard pass from quarterback Griff Jurgens to junior wide receiver Reid Seitz. Eastern never regained control of the game as UNI added a field goal and a Richard Carter touchdown for a 16-7 lead. Eastern's J.R. Taylor put up a 49-yard run for a touchdown with 5:03 left in the half, but that was before UNI junior tailback Adam Bengé took control.

Bengé began his rampage with his first of four touchdowns with 2:33 left on the clock for a 23-14 UNI lead. Eastern struggled, consistently trailing by either three or 13 points throughout the game.

"With our high-powered offense, we were able to put up a lot of points in a short amount of time, so we never lost confidence," senior tight end Gil Davis said.

Cutolo brought the Panthers within three at 23-20 after a 39-yard reception from Romo with 1:27 left in the first half. But UNI blocked senior Bill Besenhofer's

point after attempt and returned to the ball the length of the field for a two-point conversion to increase UNI's lead to 25-20 at the half.

Bengé continued to dominate the second half with a touchdown to open the third quarter. On Eastern's next possession, Taylor rushed downfield before Romo shot a 42-yard pass to Davis for a touchdown. Davis then called a two-point conversion for a 32-28 game.

"It's actually funny because I thought we were going to kick it," Spoo said on the two-point conversion. "I was surprised myself, but we've been working on that play for weeks."

Bengé came through with a six-yard touchdown run with 17 seconds left in the third quarter to put the Panthers of Northern Iowa ahead 39-28. Romo broke out in the fourth quarter with a 71-yard touchdown pass to Cutolo to bring Eastern back within three at 39-36. Eastern's defense picked up once again with UNI finding themselves at a third down and eight yards remaining. The defense put pressure on Jurgens, who rushed for no gain out of bounds. But senior Gonzalo Segovia was still in pursuit of Jurgens and hit the quarterback out-of-bounds, resulting in a 15-yard personal foul penalty and an automatic first down.

"That call was crucial. That, to me, was a turning point," Spoo said. "I'm really sorry for that, but that was something that never, ever should have happened. The quarterback was out of bounds and there was no excuse for that, and I think it really hurt us. That penalty just kills me because it kills the



Sara Figiel/Photo editor

Eastern's J.R. Taylor runs through an opening during Saturday's game. He had 22 carries for 157 yards in the Panthers' 49-43 loss.

team. We had then in a punting situation, and who knows what would have happened after that."

But Bengé took advantage of the first-down gift from Eastern and charged his way down the field for 50 yards and an UNI touchdown on the play. With Eastern down 46-36, Romo thought he found a way to cut Northern Iowa's lead with five minutes remaining and Eastern poised with a first and 10 on the UNI 28-yard line. But his pass in the endzone was intercepted by Northern Iowa's Brent Browner.

"Turnovers are a huge deal in a game like this, and that one was pretty big," said Romo, who finished 22-of-34 passing for 386 yards and five touchdowns. "We actually got the ball back after that and probably would have taken the lead on the next position."

Romo shot one last three-yard touchdown pass to Brandon Robinson with 3:27 remaining in

the game for a 49-43 game, but a failed onside kick that was recovered by UNI shattered the hopes of one last touchdown for Eastern.

"We did a lot of good things, but it just wasn't enough," Spoo said. "We're out of it, they're in it. That's all I can think to say."

Northern Iowa extended its season while handing Eastern its first Division I-AA loss this season.

"We don't have any great players on the team. Each week someone has to step up," Northern Iowa head coach Mark Farley said.

Meanwhile, the Panthers made their second consecutive first-round exit in the playoffs, concluding a season that was highlighted by their first-ever Ohio Valley Conference Championship.

"You never know when it's going to end. I didn't expect this. I don't want to take (my uniform) off for the last time ever. I'm never playing again," senior Brad Metzger said.

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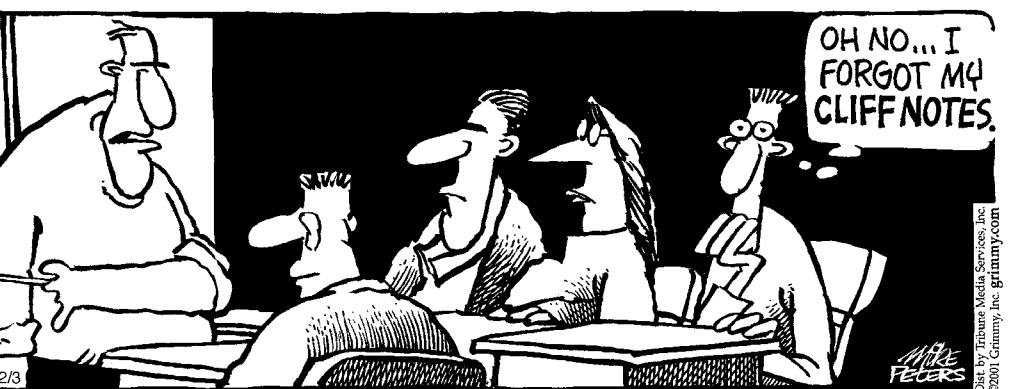
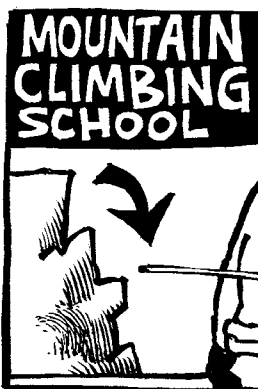
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Women's basketball

Loyola 80, Panthers 64

First win eludes women again

By Nate Bloomquist
Associate sports editor

Up by seven and 10 minutes through the first half, it appeared as if the women's basketball team would pick up its first win of the season Saturday night.

But several missed free throws and a meltdown on the boards prevented the Panthers from closing the door on a second-half rally by Loyola, giving the Ramblers an 80-64 win in Lantz Arena.

Eastern dropped its seventh consecutive loss to remain winless while Loyola improved to 4-1 with the win.

"We haven't been able to put together 40 minutes of good basketball," Panther head coach Linda Wunder said. "For the first 20 minutes we played hard - we had good defensive pressure."

Loyola had a 36-34 half time lead, but had to rally from a 32-27 deficit to take the lead.

Eastern was led by sophomore center Pam O'Connor's game-high 25 points, but no other Panther reached double-digits. Brooke Gossett contributed nine points.

The Panthers were out-rebounded 47-22,

with 16 of the Ramblers' boards coming off the offensive glass. Eastern shot only 14-for-29 from the free-throw line while Loyola was 21-for-26.

The Panthers had problems in their game against Indiana State last week with sending the opponent to the line too often.

Eastern was able to take advantage of Loyola's foul trouble Sunday, but couldn't capitalize at the line.

The Sycamores were also able to deny the Panthers' inside game on Wednesday, but that wasn't a problem against Loyola. Eastern scored 36 points in the paint.

"If it's not one thing, it's the other," Wunder said. "We're working to find a way to win right now. Obviously, we haven't found one yet."

Eastern had few bright spots, one of which was a pair of charges freshman Rachel Karos took with 10 minutes left in the game. It was the type of play that could've shifted momentum with the Panthers down by 13 points. But Karos failed to convert on the pair of bonus free throws. She scored five points.

"It's really frustrating right now," Karos said. "We just need to have more intensity at times when things go badly."



Amanda Douglass/Photo editor

Eastern freshman Rachel Karos drives around a Loyola defender during Sunday's game. The Panthers lost 80-64 and are winless in their first seven games. Eastern will travel to Southern Illinois Wednesday.

Swimming

Men, women win against St. Louis Billikens

By Raymond Keeler
Staff writer

It was sport appreciation day Saturday at Saint Louis University and the Eastern men's and women's swimming and diving teams were victorious in their dual meets.

The women (5-2), who are winners of their last five dual meets, struggled early, but edged out the Billikens 142-110. The victory was carried by wins in the 100- and 50-yard freestyle events by Allison Kenny and Jordan Sherbrooke in the 1000- and 500-yard freestyle events. Beth Rhodes aided to the victory with first win in the 100-yard butterfly.

"I think that we did a great job of coming off of [Thanksgiving] break," senior Jessica Kaatz said. "We just want to keep on doing our best and winning. We are hoping for six in a row."

Kenny remains undefeated with a record of 14-0, as the rest of the team continues their strong swimming. Eastern has a perfect 7-0 in

“We have become closer as a team. We have become more motivated toward winning.”

Allison Kenny,
Junior freestyle swimmer

the 50-yard and the 100 free events.

Beth Rhodes, Erin Lowe and Michelle Worblewski continue to swim increasingly well to help the team as they head into the stretch run towards the Midwest Conference Championships.

"We have become closer as a team," Kenny said. "We have become more motivated toward winning."

The men's team (7-0) continued its domination with a 158-94 drowning of the Billikens, as they took first place in 10 of the 11 swimming events.

The Panthers were never behind on the scoreboard and were anchored by Nic Cheviron (200 and 500 free), Josh Kercheval (200 individual medley) and Rich Walhgren (50 and 100 free) as they accounted for five of the team's 10 first place finishes.

"This meet was just like shaking off the cobwebs after the long break," senior Adam Brown said. "and we are still swimming well and winning. We should have won every race but the last race we kind of were screwing around."

Others contributing to the victory were Kurt Johns and Kevin Wheatley, finishing first and second, respectively in the 100 backstroke. Tom Watson also took first in the 1000 freestyle and Zachary Miller added a second place finish in the three-meter springboard competition.

"It was still so sweet to win because it was sport appreciation day and almost all of the athletes [from the other sports] were there," Brown said.

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out of bounds well short of the first down.

But senior defensive tackle Gonzalo Segovia hit Jurgens after the play, giving Northern Iowa an automatic first down and 15 yards on the personal foul penalty. UNI would go on to score on that possession, take a 46-36 lead and never look back.

"That call was just crucial. That to me, was a turning point. I'm really sorry for that, but that was something that never, ever should have happened," Spoo said. "The quarterback was out of bounds and there was no excuse for that, and I think it really hurt us. That penalty just kills me because it kills the team. We had them in a punting situation, and who knows what would have happened after that."

Senior defensive tackle Brad Metzger said Segovia tried to stop on the play, slipped, tripped and ran into the quarterback, forcing the call from the ref. While Segovia has had problems this season curtailing his unnecessary roughness, if Metzger's words were as real as the tears in his eyes

following the loss, than there's no doubt that's one of the most unfortunate breaks I've ever heard of.

But even after that, Eastern had another opportunity to cut into UNI's lead. Down 49-36 with just five minutes remaining, Romo threw an uncharacteristic pass that was picked off in the endzone.

"Turnovers are a huge deal in a game like this, and that one was pretty big," Romo said. "We actually got the ball back after that and probably would have taken the lead on the next position."

But pondering the probable is all the Panthers can do for the next 12 months when they expect to have a third shot at pressing past the playoffs' first round for the first time in 13 years and just the second time in school history.

"Right now it hurts. But now I'm real hungry," Romo said. "We set one goal to win the OVC and we did that, but we didn't get our other one - to move past the first-round. But we'll come back ready to do it next year, that's for sure."

And when they do, they might not have to be the best team, but they certainly will have to make the best plays, that's for sure.

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Men's basketball

Panthers 87, Augustana 71

Eastern gets third straight win

By Kristin Rojek
Sports editor

The men's basketball team took its third straight win Saturday night against Augustana College 87-71, but the Panthers still struggled to find cohesiveness on the court.

"We're not too happy, not too sad," junior guard Craig Lewis said. "We felt we didn't play to the best of our ability tonight, but they're a good team and you take what you can get. Overall, we're satisfied with the win, but we saw a lot of things we need to work on."

While Eastern (4-3) was up against a Division III opponent, the Vikings (1-2) didn't give the Panthers an easy night.

"There's a general tendency because they're Division III and we should win by 40, but that doesn't always happen," head coach Rick Samuels said. "They played hard - they played well."

Vikings guard Drew Carstens finished with 23 points to lead Augustana with center Adam Rue and guard Mike Nee each contributing 10 points. Carstens had been averaging 27.5 points per game prior to Saturday.

"I don't know if holding him to 23 was a great accomplishment," Samuels said. "He's an intelligent player and we have to give him credit. He's a kid that can get the most out of his abilities."

Carstens also went to the line more times than any player in the game, taking advantage with a perfect 9-for-9 at the charity stripe.

"He's very disciplined," Lewis said of Carstens. "We just fouled him too much and he got to the line a lot."

Augustana also had been shooting 50 percent from the three-point arc, but the Panthers worked to hold that to just 14 percent Saturday night.

"Our intent was really to crowd them and take away their three," Samuels said. "We did that, so we've got to be able to do that, and still stop the dribble penetration."

Junior forward Henry Domercant continued to lead Eastern in scoring with 25 points, finishing 9-for-16 in field goals and finished with five threes.

Sophomore guard Chris Herrera had the first collegiate start of his career, scoring 10 points for the Panthers, while junior guard J.R. Reynolds came off the bench to score 19 points in 20 minutes of play.

"Chris had 10 points and was pretty solid," Samuels said. "I hope as he continues to settle in with that role that he'll be more consistent. We need to continue to develop that position."

While the scoring continues to spread throughout



Amanda Douglass/Photo editor

Eastern senior forward Todd Bergman jumps past an Augustana defender for a layup during Sunday's 87-71 win over Augustana.

the lineup, mistakes are still occurring on the court.

"What we really have to work on are the silly little mistakes," Samuels said. "When we're in a hurry and we're impatient, we have turnovers. We had 40, and need to cut down on those things."

We're not going to be like last year's team. Last year's team was able to do some things that we're not going to be able to do. We're not that cohesive, but we can scrap and bite and get some things done."

Eastern has a mid-week game against Evansville Wednesday for the Panther's first road game since Thanksgiving break.

"Going into Evansville is going to be a real test for us," Reynolds said. "We haven't been playing well as a team, but hopefully at Evansville we can come together and everything will start to click. Then we can take it from there."

Eastern's six seniors go out with a "bang"



(23-4)

3-0

30-14, 30-14, 30-21



(21-9)

Match highlights

- ✓ Had eight team blocks
- ✓ Hit .360 as a team
- ✓ Out-dug Eastern 56-41

Match highlights

- ✓ Carrie Stevens hit .240
- ✓ Amy Heimann had 11 digs
- ✓ Rebecca Ooyen had 13 assists

Tourney appearance was goal from Day 1

By Raymond Keeler
Staff writer

Friday night was the end of the road for the Eastern volleyball team, as it fell 3-1 to the University of Arizona in the first round of the NCAA Division I tournament. But that didn't stop them from enjoying a once in a lifetime achievement.

There are six seniors on the team's roster, and even though the Panthers lost, all six went out the way they had hoped to at the beginning of the season.

Eastern finished with a 21-9 record and were champions of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament to earn the school its first ever berth to the NCAA tournament.

Seniors Rebecca Ooyen, Marcia Hahn, Kim DeMage, Leslie Przekwas, Amy Heimann and Carrie Stevens, the group that is highlighted on the cover of the volleyball media guide, had to overcome a Wildcat team that is ranked fifth in the nation.

"It was funny because right before we were getting ready to go, Carrie was like, 'I don't care if we lose, this is cool as hell' and it was, it was an awesome experience," Hahn said.

The seniors said they felt they

were able to finish off their career on a high note even though their season ended with a loss. Despite the pressure of facing a bigger, faster Wildcat squad, the seniors approached the match as they would any other contest.

"We prepared for them just like any other team, Stevens said. "They were not that intimidating. We focused on defense because they are a big team ... but we had a normal focus."

Making it to the NCAA tournament is a dream for every collegiate athlete, and although winning would be great, the seniors saw advancing to the tournament as a great accomplishment in itself. Przekwas echoed how humble and thankful the team was just to be able to be a part of this experience.

"We had nothing to lose ... it's a wonderful way to go out ... it's a once in a lifetime thing - it's as good as a win," Przekwas said.

Heimann added: "It was weird because of all the attention we got."

Head coach Brenda Winkler had instilled the importance of an NCAA tournament berth from Day 1.

"This was their ultimate goal ... we had no regrets," she said.

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is our last game - we didn't have anything to lose. It was a lot of fun playing in the third game."

Winkler said she set a goal for her team to score 20 points in the third game, which was another of a long line of goals achieved by the Panthers (21-9).

"It was a fine opportunity to play

such a high seed," Winkler said. "It was a highlight - something we'd worked for all year. But that wasn't enough. We wanted to play well in this match, and I think we did."

Eastern's strong play in the third

game took Arizona off guard.

"I thought Eastern really played well in game three," Arizona head coach David Rubio said. "My hat goes off to them - they really played a good match."

Senior Carrie Stevens led the Panthers offensively with nine kills and a .290 attack percentage.

Arizona is still alive in the tournament after a 3-1 win over Illinois (21-9) in Saturday's second round match.

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Big plays gave UNI a win

The best team didn't win in Saturday afternoon's Division I-AA first-round playoff game at O'Brien Stadium. However, the team that made the best plays did.

The Panthers saw their season come to an end with a 49-43 loss to Northern Iowa, but the purple Panthers from UNI weren't the better team. Even after the loss, I'm still convinced Eastern took the field as the better team with better talent. The problem was that they didn't quite play up to its full potential and Northern Iowa played a nearly flawless game. Coming into the game the hype was UNI and Eastern both entering the first round game as champions of their respective conferences – the Ohio Valley and the Gateway. Because the Gateway is traditionally respected as a stronger conference, many made the argument Northern Iowa was the better team.

They proved they were – at least on Saturday – with the win that advanced them to a second-round matchup at home against Maine, a 14-10 upset winner over McNeese State Saturday night. So what went wrong to send the Panthers packing in the first round of the playoffs for the second straight season? A crucial penalty, turnover and poor special teams play. Heading into Saturday's game, I was certain the Panthers would win – and win convincingly by at least 10. It's a good thing I didn't place any bets on that, because the Panthers' pathetic special teams play would make it difficult for any team to win – even with one of the nation's most high-powered offenses.

Eastern started with the ball inside their own 20-yard line six times Saturday afternoon, while UNI's average field position was their own 45-yard line. The purple Panthers started with the ball in Eastern territory five times. It's hard to compete when you start off with that big of a disadvantage right off the bat.

And it wasn't just field position either. The purple Panthers cashed in on the rarest of the rare special team plays when they blocked an Eastern PAT and ran it back 95 yards for a two-point score. But as has been the case on a few occasions this season, Eastern's offense was able to overcome the disadvantage and keep the rest of the team in the game. While the offense kept the game close, it was only a matter of time before a pair of key plays would do the Panthers in.

Down 39-36, Eastern appeared to have made a defensive stand when UNI quarterback Griff Jurgens ran

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Football

N. Iowa 49, Panthers 43

Playoff dreams blocked!



Sara Figiel/Staff photographer

Top: Northern Iowa's Adam Vogt blocks a Bill Besenhofer extra point attempt in the second quarter. Daryon Brutley returned the blocked kick for a two-point conversion.

Bottom: Eastern senior tight end Gil Davis reacts after the Panthers' season-ending 49-43 loss in the first round of the NCAA tournament.



Northern Iowa holds off Eastern rally in first-round playoff game

By **Kristin Rojek**
Sports editor

Saturday's Division I-AA playoff game at O'Brien Stadium came down to the strength of special teams, and Northern Iowa proved it was superior with a 49-43 upset over No. 4 seeded Eastern.

"The game itself came down to special teams play. And if it wasn't obvious, it should have been," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said. "They just out-played us in that area."

Northern Iowa's (10-2) average field position was their own 45-

yard line, as the purple Panthers started in Eastern territory five times that afternoon. Eastern (9-2) started six possessions with the ball inside its own 20-yard line.

"I think it always hinders an offense, starting inside the 20 or more," said Eastern senior wide receiver Frank Cutolo, who finished the game with 217 receiving yards on 11 catches. "Special teams was a killer today. I think that's the biggest thing that won them the game. Our special teams didn't come to play and their's sure did."

The ability of Northern Iowa's

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Volleyball

Arizona 3, Panthers 0

Bigger, faster Wildcats stop Eastern in first round

By **Nate Bloomquist**
Associate sports editor

CHAMPAIGN – It was the small things that mattered for the volleyball team in the largest volleyball tournament in the nation.

A bigger, faster Arizona squad defeated the Panthers 3-0 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Saturday in the University of Illinois' Huff Hall. It was Eastern's first trip to the tourney in school history.

The Panthers lost the first two games of the match by a 30-14 tally, but in the final game, Eastern scored 21 points and led by as many as

three points in the match.

"I thought we played with a lot of heart in the final game," Eastern head coach Brenda Winkeler said. "We told them to not make a lot of errors and we wanted to increase our blocking a little bit, and I think we were able to do that."

The first two games were dominated with key blocks from Arizona's 6-foot senior, Jill Talbot (four total blocks), 6-foot-2-inch junior Lisa Rutledge (17 kills, three total blocks) and 5-foot-8-inch setter Dana Burkholder (38 assists, three

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total blocks).

The big block was a big intimidation factor in the first two games, frustrating the Panthers into hitting .071 in the first game and -.071 in the second.

Eastern stepped up with some key plays in the third game, pushing it ahead 12-9 at one point. Arizona (23-4) tied the game at 15-apiece and then pulled ahead 20-16.

"I think some of the players were intimidated," senior Amy Heimann said. "But I think after the first two games, some of us felt that this

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