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# THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

## Panthers maul cougars

Men's baseball team crushes  
Chicago State by 12 runs.

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## NFL's Colts opt to keep camp in Indy

Eastern still aspires  
to be training site

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR



Rich McDuffie  
Director of a high school

Nearly seven years ago, Eastern began its journey to land a National Football League training camp and after Wednesday's announcement, the search will continue.

The Indianapolis Colts announced the signing of a one-year contract early Wednesday morning, signifying the franchise will continue to conduct their summer training camp at the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology.

"The only reason given on why the Colts declined was their desire to stay in the state of Indiana," said Eastern Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie. "But they did make very clear that next summer is wide open

... (if the Colts came to negotiate with us, we would certainly listen, but they know what we have to offer. I'm not sure we'd be interested in participating in another dog and pony show ..."

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## Pulling away

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

The Lambda Chi Alpha little men tug team pulls Wednesday afternoon against Sigma Chi at the Campus Pond. Sigma Chi won the match in 4:50. Find out more about the tugs competition results on page 3.

## Union will sell alcohol

♦ Students weep tears of joy

By Fifer Painsishment  
FALLACY EDITOR

In a move people will find difficult to believe, Eastern's Martin Luther King Jr. University Union has recently received approval for a liquor license.

In the not-too-distant future, the Union will serve beer, wine and classic mixed drinks with cute little paper umbrellas from 11 a.m.-11 p.m. several days each week, said an Eastern administration spokeswoman, Zilly Zemptia.

The Panther Grill would be removed and replaced with the Panther Dive, a bar and grill establishment, which may or may not feature live music on the weekends.

The Panther Dive will definitely, however, feature daily drink specials that "will rival local drinking establishments," Jaundice Clams, an Eastern peon said.

Normally, liquor licenses for establishments making more than half their revenue are limited and hard to come by, but in this case Charleston was willing to make an exception.

Peter I-am-a-liar Griffin said he would enjoy getting drunk at the union, surrounded by attractive Eastern girls.

Several greek organizations and recognized student organizations have decided to start their bar crawls at the Union in the future.

"I think it's a great idea," said John Galt, a senior engineering, economics and philosophy major and member of Te Kee La fraternity.

"I can't wait until I can sit down to work on homework and order a pint."

"The next step is making alcohol directly accessible to students in their dorms," said Howard Roark, a junior design and architecture major.

While undetermined at this time, Eastern administrators are toying with the idea of allowing the drinks to be purchased with dining dollars, and even offering drink specials in conjunction with meal plans.

The Panther Grill renovation will begin shortly after July 32.

## How April Fool's Day began

♦ 1500s - The new year started April 1 and was celebrated like the contemporary January 1 new year.

♦ 1562 - Pope Gregory changed the Christian calendar to begin January 1. News traveled slowly and many people continued to celebrate the new year on April 1. The people who were slow to adopt the new calendar were often ridiculed and called "April Fools."

♦ 1700s - The tradition spreads to the British Isles and then to America.

♦ April 1 in France is called Poisson d'Avril, which means April Fish and refers to a prank favored by French children involving taping paper fish to a person's back and yelling "Poisson d'Avril!" when the victim discovers the prank.

♦ Other common pranks involve telling someone their shoe is untied or printing a fake story in a newspaper.

♦ Information from <http://wilstar.com/> and <http://www.april-fools.us/>.

## Chamber merger fails by 15 votes

By Jessica Youngs  
CITY EDITOR

The hope for Charleston and Mattoon to be one, long continuous city stretching along Route 16 may not happen as soon as anticipated.

A proposal for consolidation of the two area chambers of commerce was voted down yesterday by Mattoon members, while Charleston members passed the merger proposal.

Consolidation was an effort to bring Coles County together and pool its businesses' resources, creating one strong community-wide chamber.

Although the proposal ultimately failed, Paul Mejdrič, Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce Board President and Chris Christian, Mattoon Chamber of Commerce Board President announced their plans to continue working together.

"Our members will continue to benefit from the close working relationship that the two organizations have developed over the past several years," Christian said after hearing the results of the vote. "We will continue to co-sponsor business support seminars, hold quarterly combined executive committee meetings and host joint business-after hours."

From a turnout of 60 percent of Charleston's chamber members, the proposal was approved 133-30. While only approximately 50 percent of Mattoon's chamber voted, the proposal was approved 94-69, with 58 percent of voters in favor of the consolidation.

However, to pass, 66.6 percent of the voting members of each chamber had to approve the proposal.

The consolidation proposal failed in Mattoon by only 15 votes, a number the presidents regarded as very small.

"58 percent is a significant number, and we have proven time and again through the number of meetings we have had between the two chambers that this was a 'valid concept,'" Christian said.

Although there is no way to know for sure why the vote was not passed in Mattoon,

Richard Nekola from Coles County Title, LLC—a member of both chambers,—who is a member of the Charleston board of directors credits a lot of the lost votes to concern about one of the communities losing business to the other.

The merger proposal, which has been in the works since October 2002, was approved by both chambers' boards of directors in December 2003. The consolidation was then proposed to each chamber's members in Wednesday's vote, which took place at the chamber headquarters in each city.

The ballots — including 40 absentee ballots — were counted by professional accounting firms after the polls closed.

Both presidents said they were very impressed with the 50 percent voter turnout although they would have preferred a larger turnout.

For now, the chambers will go back to working on their day-to-day operations, which have largely been put on hold because of the effort exerted in promoting the merger.

"As far as the Mattoon Chamber, we're going to keep moving ahead," Christian said.

Mejdrič said the Charleston chamber's directors will need to go on a planning retreat where they will set a three-year plan.

"It's time to get back to doing what we do best," he said.

Although the proposal failed and the chambers are going back to doing business as usual, the chambers will continue to look at the feasibility of a merger in the future.

"Business and financial models indicated this was a valid effort," Mejdrič said. "A lot of good, careful thought was given to this."

If the cities want to continue to exist, consolidation is the only way to go, said Katrina Thompson from First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust in Mattoon. She said Gov. Rod Blagojevich is in the process of creating area-wide units, and the two chambers will someday have to conform.

"(Consolidation) is definitely what we have to do in the future to exist and survive," Thompson said.

## Political scientist says U.S. needs to add allies to list

By Tim Martin  
SENIOR REPORTER

In the battle against terrorism, the United States needs to add more allies to its buddy list after invading Iraq without world approval, said a nationally recognized political scientist on Wednesday.

"If you continue jamming your thumbs in the eyes of friends, you'll find that one day they'll say 'no,'" said James Scott, who has had his work published in more than 35 journals.

Tackling the issue of American foreign policy after Sept. 11, 2001, Scott painted a picture of potential national vulnerability assuming the United States continues to act with a "we can do it on our own" mentality.

The 75-minute presentation focused mainly around the United States' decision to invade Iraq, which in doing so, derailed the central mission of the Bush administration: battling terrorism by dismantling Al-Qaeda and other terrorist organizations.

Recently, the issue of foreign policy has jumped to the forefront as numerous current and former high ranking White House officials have testified before a panel investigating the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Among the panel's findings: The Bush

administration had information that revealed, in part, Al-Qaeda's plans before the terrorist attacks actually occurred, and the White House's manipulation of raw data to help support the invasion of Iraq.

Scott, who said his partisanship was "Indepubliant," after his speech, focused on three philosophical topics: "The way you do it ought to be multilaterally; what you are against ought to be the threat of terror; and what you ought to be for is the spread of democracy," Scott said.

The theme throughout his speech, called "The Perils of Bombing Alone," was the current Bush's administration decision to act in Iraq alone, unilaterally, instead of multilaterally with more universal approval.

The problem with unilateralism, international relations studies reveal, is that those opposing nations will group together and rebel. Such is the case in history, especially when that unilateral-acting country is the hegemon, or the country who has the power and desire to lead the world through military and/or economic means.

"What happens to the hegemons who bomb alone?" Scott asked, citing the Roman Empire and Great Britain during its economic height as examples. "They breed resentment and trigger efforts by other countries

### Important Dates in American Foreign Policy Since 9/11

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S STRATEGY AFTER THE TERRORIST ATTACKS

Date	Event	Bush Approval
OCTOBER 2001	U.S. MILITARY ENTERS AFGHANISTAN	82%
SUMMER 2002	U.S. ATTEMPTS TO RECEIVE U.N. BACKING TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION AGAINST IRAQ	70%
DECEMBER 2002	U.N. WEAPONS INSPECTION REPORT ON IRAQ RELEASED	60%
MARCH 2003	PRESIDENT BUSH DECLARES MILITARY ACTION ON IRAQ	68%
MAY 2003	PRESIDENT BUSH DECLARES IRAQI CONFLICT OVER	65%
FALL 2003	U.S. AGAIN ASKS U.N. FOR MILITARY SUPPORT	51%
DECEMBER 2003	SADDAM HUSSEIN CAPTURED	63%

to balance things again. Unilateralism only hastens that process."

To slow that process, Scott suggested the Bush administration remember to consult, compromise and coordinate foreign policy plans with the international community.

"Doing it alone means doing it less effectively," said Scott, the political science department chair at Indiana State University.

Dismantling terrorism does not necessarily come from military spending—a line item Scott said the United States will spend more than every other country in the world, com-

pared—but rather improving social and economic environments in countries where terrorist organizations recruit unemployed men by boosting worldwide financial aid.

A visiting scholars grant funded by the university from state-appropriated dollars paid for Scott's visit here. The grants, ranging from \$500-\$1,000, bring 10-12 experts to campus an academic year.

"He had the same school of thought as me," said Casey Taylor, a sophomore political science major, one of around 50 faculty and students present. "But he knows a whole more about it."

## Workshop will give advice to prevent suicides

By Diane Reid  
STAFF WRITER

A growing concern among college students, suicide is a touchy topic that many wish they had more information about.

The counseling center will be holding a workshop on Thursday called Helping a Suicidal Friend. The workshop will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Mark Kiel from the counseling center and other counselors will be presenting information on this topic.

"There will be some handouts and discussions conveyed with long interactions between the students," Kiel said.

The workshop will bring up suicide mainly in college age individuals, how to talk to a friend who is suicidal and how to identify warning signs.

"Sadly, suicide is all too applicable in college students," Kiel said.

Many of the workshops are conducted because students want to hear more on various topics.

"We get our ideas for our topics from the student body and from ongoing campaigns that are held in the Counseling Center," Kiel said.

Even though a topic like suicide is somewhat shied away from, Kiel says these workshops are usually well attended, rounding out to about 45 people per event.

While the workshop will mainly focus on informative ideas, Kiel suggests if a student knows someone who is suicidal they should contact a counselor for help.



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### For the kids

Matt Bol, sophomore undeclared major, and Lindsay DiPietro, freshman math major, sort out prize baskets Wednesday afternoon outside of Java Bean and Bakery in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. They are members of the Helping Hands committee of RHA, and the prize baskets were for children who won a St. Patrick's Day coloring contest.

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GREEK WEEK



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TUGS WINNERS

-Big Men

- 1 Delta Chi vs. Pike  
Winner: Delta Chi
- 2 Sigma Chi vs. Lambda Chi Alpha  
Winner: Sigma Chi
- 3 Sigma Phi Epsilon vs. Delta Sigma Phi  
Winner: Sigma Phi Epsilon

-Women

- 1 Tri Sigma vs. Alpha Gamma Delta  
Winner: Tri Sigma
- 2 Alpha Sigma Alpha vs. Delta Zeta  
Winner: Alpha Sigma Alpha
- 3 Alpha Phi vs. Kappa Delta  
Winner: Alpha Phi
- 4 Sigma Kappa vs. Alpha Sigma Tau  
Winner: Sigma Kappa

The Lambda Chi Alpha little men tug team pulls Wednesday afternoon against Sigma Chi at the Campus Pond. Sigma Chi won the match in 4:50.

## Greeks plan crafts with kids

By Bryan Marchione  
STAFF WRITER

More than 120 volunteers from various fraternities and sororities will be going back to grade school Thursday.

Jefferson Elementary School will be welcoming members of Greek Court to their school to take part in giving the students a day to bond with some of the students from Eastern.

The members of the fraternities and sororities will interact with the students by playing popular games like foursquare and the signature scavenger hunt. Members of the fraternities and sororities will also help the students make crafts and the crafts that are produced will be given to Sarah Bush Lincoln Memorial Hospital's pediatric center.

The day will be broken up into two different sessions. The first session begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 9:50 a.m. Thursday, while the second session begins at 10 a.m. and ends at 11:20 a.m.

Pam Medema, chair of the community service committee, said it is important to give back to the community and it's very

important to show people we care about others.

"All of the EIU volunteers will be mixed together," Medema said. "That way the kids get the experience of being with the different people from the various organizations and it allows other fraternities and sororities to interact."

Robert Dudolski, director of greek life said that this event has happened for four years and it has become one of the most successful events during Greek week. "Each Spring, the students and teachers know that it is coming and get pretty excited about it," Dudolski said. "Because of our strong education department, EIU has done a great job of helping out in the community and using our ties to reach out to kids."

Nikki Kull of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority said getting students involved with the community is important.

"I think that it is important for not just Greek Court to help out, but any college student," she said. "The community has a certain idea about college students and by us going out and spending time with kids, it will help change the image that we have."

## Bringing out best in greeks

By Sarah Matherly  
STAFF WRITER

As students gather together in celebration of greek week, different groups on campus were unified by a speaker Wednesday night.

Lori Hart Ebert for CAMPUSPEAK, Inc. talked to the fraternities and sororities about a 10-step process that she thinks will help make greek great again.

Ebert has been involved in working with sororities and fraternities ever since she was involved in her own sorority during college. Ebert used humor and her ability to relate through past experiences to get her points across the the audience.

She encouraged the greek community to strive to be better leaders and role models for the people who are not greek, so that they will get a better view of what they are really about.

"These organizations are here to make better men and women," Ebert said.

She also focused on not just playing the part of the typical sorority or frat-

ernity, but to really find out what your organization is about and get involved.

"You have to put 110 percent into it everyday," she said.

Several of the fraternities and sororities commented on why they think it is good to have greek unity among all of the chapters.

Nicki Schmitz from Alpha Sigma Alpha said unity is important so everyone can get long together. "If there is fighting among us, there will be no greek communication," she said.

"It is easy to get caught up in your individual chapter," said Dan May of Lambda Chi Alpha. "Greek week is good because it shows ways that all of the fraternities and sororities are the same rather than how the chapters are different."

"Greek sing (is my favorite) because everyone participates," said Jayme Kleen of Alpha Sigma Tau. "The sorority as a whole is involved."

"Tugs (is my favorite) because it is the first year our fraternity has done it," Robert Luna of Phi Kappa Theta said.



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**EDITORIAL**

# Examining Sept. 11 beneficial

Few wish to relive the horrific events of Sept. 11, 2001, but this is the task before an independent commission investigating the deadliest terrorist attack in the United States' history.

It is good this commission is in place to examine the tragic events of Sept. 11 so the United States can learn from the mistakes of past. The commission can point out what steps could have been taken to prevent the attacks and those steps can be used in the future to thwart any future attack on American soil.

Some may complain there is no point in dredging through the past, especially such a tragic event that some would prefer to keep in the past. It is costly to have such a commission. Each day the congressionally created commission holds its hearings, taxpayers money is being spent.

The expense of holding these hearings is worth whatever results the commission may find. The members of an academic institution like Eastern should know how valuable knowledge is, and knowledge is exactly what the commission is seeking. Its members want to know how could an event like Sept. 11 happen? Why didn't anyone prevent it? Could it have been prevented? How can it be prevented from happening in the future?

Knowledge is the reason for having the commission to investigate Sept. 11. It is not meant to embarrass government officials, former or current administrations and others. It is not meant to fuel a presidential candidate's campaign against another. The commission is solely looking for the knowledge to protect U.S. citizens from future attacks as diabolical as those that took place Sept. 11.

The events of the terrorist attacks were tragic, but there is no way go back in time and prevent them from happening. All the United States can do is learn from the mistakes of the past, and the best way to do that is through this commission.

Yes, the commission costs money and time, but these costs pale in comparison to the cost of life from the potential threat of another terrorist attack like the ones that took place on Sept. 11. Having the knowledge to save lives from preventing future terrorist attacks is well worth the any problems people might have with these hearings.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

**OPINION**

# Strippers lose more than clothes



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A few weeks ago my friend called me, upset that her boyfriend went to a trashy local strip joint at home. At the time I couldn't fathom why she'd be upset; all I really had considered was the "boys will be boys" explanation. I thought it was nothing significant for any guy to participate in a token male bonding night that involves showing folded cash into the garters of dancers wearing little more than 4-inch heels.

I tried to put myself in her shoes and thought a lot about the strip club's ritual significance. Women are taking their clothes off on stage to satisfy the appetites of drooling spectators looking like starving animals being thrown steak. My, how similar that is to the "piece of meat" image women have been warding off for years now!

So why should I support the objectification of my gender? Even history says I shouldn't.

In 1920, the right to vote was extended to women after more than 72 years of efforts by those involved in the Women's Suffrage Movement. Susan B. Anthony was arrested in her battle for that right and other steps toward gender equality, and she died before she ever got to legally punch a ballot.

More than 156 years after the movement was initiated in the United States, women are not making pay equal to that of equally-

**"Women are taking their clothes off on stage to satisfy the appetites of drooling spectators looking like starving animals being thrown steak."**

qualified men, we are not holding as many jobs we're as qualified for as men and according to the U.S. Department of Justice, we're more than 10 times more likely to be sexually assaulted.

But instead of following in the suffragettes' footsteps and working our hardest to prove ourselves equal, women are settling for degrading positions.

How are women ever going to get beyond inferior roles as sex objects by throwing themselves into just that role for easy money? Some argue that "dancing" is a convenient way to support oneself, assist in paying for school and in taking care of other financial responsibilities. It isn't the only way, nor a necessary way, and it isn't doing much to give women a stronger image.

I know plenty of women, including myself, who are doing fine supporting themselves, so even

supporting children, by working in a variety of other areas.

I would rather work extra hours and keep my dignity, knowing I am contributing to furthering the equal treatment of women.

Why don't all women just stand on stages and take their clothes off to make a living? Hell, it's better pay than I'll probably get after I graduate. Why waste our time going to school when all that we need to pay our bills and live lavishly is to take off our clothes and shake it a little?

Why not? Because there is so much more to us than that. We can serve in Congress, be part of the U.S. Supreme Court, represent the country and the states within it. We can be scientists, athletes, astronauts, doctors, professors, lawyers and journalists. We can win Pulitzers, Nobel Prizes, Grammys and Oscars. We can be mentors, role models and mothers.

As Women's History and Awareness Month closes, I hope women will begin honoring the real feminists, the ones who worked toward equality, by working toward positions in society that make a difference. I urge women to take advantage of the opportunities our "foremothers" paved for us.

And I urge you, guys, to consider how you would want your sisters, friends, girlfriends and mothers supporting themselves.



**YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

# Issue is behavior, not individual

Unfortunately, I was unable to read Ralph W. Rounds' letter, but I was rather disappointed to find that time and time again Christopher Hanlon can only manage to defend his arguments by taking cheap shots at other writers.

First of all, the two Bible verses that Hanlon referred to are irrelevant in this case. For someone who appears to be versed in the Bible, he would know that those instructions were under the first covenant, which was established with Jesus' resurrection.

I also find it distasteful that Hanlon is taking these scriptures out of context in

order to support his own opinions. One would think that an assistant English professor would know better.

Hanlon is making a very loose assumption that those who are against same-sex marriages are merely bothered by their own personal issues toward homosexuality rather than their voices being based on biblical principle. I am a Christian, however, my views do not stem from any personal biases against individuals who practice homosexuality.

I do not have any personal problem with homosexuals. I have friends who are such. It is the behavior that I have a problem with, not the individual.

Couldn't one also argue that it is "intensely personal obsessiveness" for homosexuality that also drive people to make silly, ridiculous arguments in support of it?

I find it interesting that Hanlon feels that those against the legalization of same-sex marriage are, in some way, expecting society to be accommodating to those who would like to protect God's sanctity of marriage.

When, in fact, altering an adding to the laws concerning marriage is organizing our society to accommodate those who would like to marry their own sex.

Perhaps the next time Hanlon writes a letter to the editor, he can present an intelligent case without taking stabs at those who see things a little differently.

*Casey Carroll, Eastern graduate*

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# Faculty elections see early turnout

◆ Polls will be open Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

By Kevin Sampier  
ADMINISTRATOR EDITOR

Both veteran voters and first timers went to the polls Wednesday during the first day of this year's faculty elections to cast votes for their favorite candidates.

The faculty elections, organized by the Faculty Senate, are held each year to fill open positions on committees, councils and boards on campus.

At 8 a.m. Wednesday the polls opened in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union outside the bookstore and by 11 a.m., more than 40 faculty members had already voted.

"We had toward 50 in the first three hours," said Senate Member Bud Fischer. "That's pretty good."

One of those voters was English Professor David Radavich.

"It's very important to choose people to participate in university governments," Radavich said. "This is my 20th year voting."

Radavich is also running for a position on the Council on University

*"If you don't vote, you forfeit your right to complain for the next year."*

—Nancy Marlow, management and marketing professor

Planning and Budget as a write-in candidate.

First-time voter and new faculty member Marie Ferro said she is very politically motivated and came to vote for her colleagues.

Ferro, an assistant professor of early childhood, elementary and middle level education, said "if you have a colleague who can make a difference, or you can make a difference, you should vote."

A list of approximately 340 people who are eligible to vote in the faculty elections is given to the senate by the Provost's office, said Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter. Tenure and tenure track faculty members, who are also known as Unit A Faculty, and department chairs only are allowed to vote.

"If you don't vote, you forfeit your right to complain for the next year," said Nancy Marlow, management and marketing professor. Marlow said she has been voting in the faculty elections since 1986.

Faculty Senate Recorder John Allison said voter turnout is usually around 110 to 120 people each year.

"In many cases, they want someone from their own college to be elected," Allison said.

Eight are running for positions on the Faculty Senate but only five positions are open.

The same is happening with the Council on Academic Affairs, which has only two open positions that four candidates are running for, said Faculty Senate Vice Chair Barbara Lawrence. The names of the winners will be announced during the Faculty Senate meeting next Tuesday, Lawrence said.

"There are more people running for the senate than there were last year, so that's a good thing," Lawrence said. "Democracy works when a lot of people vote."

The faculty elections will continue Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Union.



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**Mike Church, associate professor in the physical education department, casts his ballot Wednesday afternoon during elections for Faculty Senate outside of the bookstore in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.**

# Meeting canceled after 15 members fail to attend

◆ Student Senate had planned to discuss tuition increases with administration

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate Speaker George Lesica is not a happy man.

President Lou Hencken was scheduled to make a tuition presentation at the Student Senate's weekly meeting Wednesday, but because

15 senate members failed to attend, the meeting was canceled.

Out of 30 senate members, 16 are needed in order to meet a quorum and hold a meeting.

"I think it's despicable that so many students, who supposedly represent their fellow students at this university and fought so hard on stupid issues such as paying the (senate) secretary, failed to show up to a meeting where something as basic and incredibly important as tuition was being discussed," Lesica said.

Hencken was scheduled to present

the tuition increase with Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, who was also in attendance.

The senate was scheduled to discuss and vote on the tuition increase of 7.5 percent for returning students and 16 percent for new students.

"Each senator who wasn't there did a disservice to the student body," Lesica said. "People who ignore important issues don't deserve to hold any office."

Hencken said he was not disappointed with the senate and under-

stands that students are busy.

"Students get so busy that sometimes it's OK if they aren't at senate meet," Hencken said. "I've always told the Student Senate that if the university doesn't stop running if the senate doesn't meet."

Hencken said he understands that Greek Week is a busy week for the senate members who are involved in a fraternity or sorority.

"This group has a large number of people involved in a Greek organization and they might not have had the time," Hencken said.

Lord said he agrees with

Hencken that students sometimes have other obligations.

"They can't be in two places at once," Lord said.

Lesica said senate members should always be expected to attend the meetings.

"I realize that students are busy, and student senators are busy as well, however it would be in better taste for them to inform their colleagues when they aren't going to be at a meeting, so they won't be counted on to be there," Lesica said. "I think this is sad and I'm disgusted to be a part of it."

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### Colts: Smith: Condition of Eastern's practice fields was a deterrent

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again." Associate Athletic Director for Development John Smith was confident in how Eastern stacked up to the other competing schools in regard to facilities and had a feeling that it simply came down to a one-man decision.

"I think they had to have several reasons to convince the owner (Jim Irsay) to move across the state border but maybe the pressure to stay in-state was just too great," Smith said.

The Colts made an official visit to Eastern March 9, when Director of Player Development Steve Champlin and head coach Tony Dungy toured the campus, investigating the facilities for a possible camp site.

Phone calls to Indianapolis management were not returned

but Colts public relations personnel have repeatedly declined discussing business decision with the media.

McDuffie said he is concerned about bringing the Colts franchise back next summer for another visit.

"Next year is a possibility and if they came to negotiate with us, we would certainly listen, but they know what we have to offer," McDuffie said. "I'm not sure we'd be interested in participating in another dog and pony show if nothing has changed."

Smith expressed his disappointment because, during the negotiating process, he was under the impression Rose-Hulman was not in the running.

"Steve told me that they were 99.99 percent sure that they weren't going back to Terre Haute," Smith said. "It's kind of strange how that's the place they end up at this summer."

According to reports in the *Indianapolis Star* last week, the Colts were leaning toward making a return to Rose-Hulman for one season and then seriously considering St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind. Smith ques-

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—John Smith, Associate athletic director for development

tioned the validity of the idea that St. Joe's was a player in the decision for next summer.

"I've talked with Steve and others from the Colts and they said that they looked at the facilities at St. Joe's, and to be honest, if it came down to a facility-based decision, we would be a number one seed," Smith said. "We didn't have anything physically lacking that the Colts brought to our attention except the quality of our practice fields which we are renovating."

Eastern president Lou Hencken was told Wednesday morning and was only able to come up with one solution to bring the Colts to Charleston.

"If we could get the Wabash River to run into Illinois then we could have had a good chance at

that," Hencken said.

For the perspective of Eastern, Hencken pointed out that he could guarantee none of the students will be inconvenienced when they return from the summer.

"Smith dismissed the rumor that the Colts used Eastern as a bargaining chip when negotiating with Rose-Hulman."

"People have kept telling me that and I just can't believe that would be the case," Smith said. "Because in that situation, they would've wasted their head coach's time along with Steve's."

According to Smith and the directors of Coles Together, who created the financial proposal presented to the Colts, Eastern's figure was significantly less than any of the competition's.

"I was told today that the Terre Haute figure was six figures, which was significantly more than we would've charged," Smith said.

Despite disappointment from the rejected proposal, Coles Together director Jeanne Gustafson was impressed at how Charleston, Mattoon and Eastern were able to work as a cohesive unit.

It was business decision by the Colts that we accept but we just can't help where we are located," Gustafson said. "The one thing about this project was how the people from the private and public sectors worked together in a short amount of time."

Smith has now been rejected by a pair of NFL teams as the Bears decided a few years ago to move its camp, but passed on Charleston for Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais.

"I think that was the reasons I was brought in for this job was to get an NFL training camp at Eastern and that simply hasn't happened," Smith said. "The decision is up to Dr. McDuffie and President Hencken, but if they asked me to work on this again, I would gladly make another try at it."

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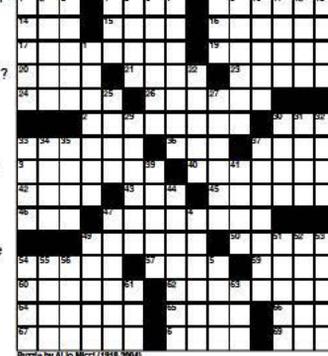
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**APPORTIONMENT BOARD**

**AB to review five board budgets**

By Brian O'Malley  
 STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Apportionment Board Thursday will review the budgets they cut for five fee-funded boards.

On March 4, AB went through the budgets and made necessary cuts. More than \$525,000 was requested from the boards, but AB was only able to approve \$477,000.

Larry Ward, Student Senate vice president for financial affairs, said he was happy with the board for taking the time to review the budgets.

"We could have just kept the percentages the same and ended in 30 minutes, but instead we went through budget by budget and worked out the kinks," Ward said.

The five fee-funded boards are:

University Board, the Student Recreation Club, the Student Government, the Dramatic Player's Club and AB.

UB was approved more than \$210,000, which is \$40,000 less than the request, but \$6,000 more than the budget for fiscal year 2004.

The rec center was approved more than \$200,000, which is \$5,000 less than the request. The rec center's budget is also increased \$6,000 more than this year's budget.

The Student Government was approved more than \$34,000, which is \$3,000 less than last year's budget.

The approved amount is an increase of about \$4,000 from this year's budget.

The Dramatic Player's Club and AB were both approved the amount they requested.

The player's were approved more than \$8,000 and AB was approved more than \$21,000.

The player's club requested less than this year's budget because they were moved to the Village Theater on 18th street, which only allows them to perform four shows because it only has one theater.

When the group used the Doudna Fine Arts Center they had two theaters enabling them to perform eight shows.

Sha Woodyard, staff clerk for Union General Operations said AB only makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

"It's not our job to decide what exactly gets cut," Woodyard said.

The Apportionment Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola/Fuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**Rat genetic code lends clues of evolution**

By The Associated Press

Scientists have published nearly the entire genome of the common rat, making it possible to compare it to the genetic maps of people and mice. That ability is expected to yield clues into evolution and the biology of disease.

The genome of the brown Norway rat is 5 percent smaller in volume than its human equivalent and slightly larger than the mouse.

About 90 percent of its estimated 25,000 to 30,000 genes have counterparts in humans and mice.

Gary Churchill, a senior scientist at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor, Maine, said having the genetic sequences of two closely related mammals like mice and rats would arm scientists with more genetic information than either would alone, when

comparing to humans. "If you can look at mouse and rat and see that they're the same, you have a much greater likelihood that it's going to be relevant across species," said Churchill.

**College student found**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A missing University of Wisconsin student was found alive Wednesday, less than two miles from where she vanished from her off-campus apartment with no coat or purse, police said.

Audrey Seiler, 20, had non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to a hospital. Officer Larry Kamholz said. He refused to give further details about her condition.

Police said Seiler was found in a marsh near campus. Authorities told the Minneapolis Star-Tribune that they are looking for an armed suspect in connection with the disappearance.

Police with their weapons drawn could be seen walking through the parking lot of a building near the marsh.

A surveillance tape showed the 20-year-old leaving her building early Saturday, and her door was left open, police said.

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# Third candidate lobbies for director of admissions job

◆ **Brenda Ross from Millikin University visited Eastern Wednesday**

By Brent Smith  
STAFF WRITER

The third candidate applying for the position of director of admissions made her visit to Eastern Wednesday and answered questions from faculty members.

Brenda Ross is currently the director of admissions at Millikin University in Decatur and is the third of four candidates applying for the position.

"I'm looking at this position for

a number of reasons," Ross said. "Even your location is an ideal situation."

Ross told the 15 faculty members who asked her questions during an open interview that she is a "very student-focused individual," and said she would like to see students, faculty and staff working together.

After talking with students on Tuesday, Ross said, "I really think Eastern has not utilized all of its resources. Those resources are students, faculty and alumni. They should be used to tell Eastern's story."

Ross said, "It's an exciting opportunity to help you shape the future of enrollment."

Eastern has the best of both worlds with a small intimate setting that lends itself to a student-centered environment, she said.

"This is typically what you get with a private school, but Eastern offers this at the price of a state school," Ross said.

Ross stressed the importance of students having an opportunity to work closely with faculty and staff and said if she were selected for the position she would "get more people involved in the recruitment process."

In addition to getting more people involved, Ross said she believes in hard work.

"I really believe in equity. I don't think that it makes sense for

some people to be working all day and others to skip out at 2 p.m."

Ross said there is not a problem with enrollment at Eastern, but she thinks she can help improve it.

She said if she gets the position, it would not be where she stays.

"I don't intend to be the director of admissions forever," Ross said. "I plan to groom people to move up and become directors of admissions. That's what good managers do."

Ross received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale after spending a year at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind.

If she were accepted for the position, Ross said her main challenge would be being new to the job and said she would get to know how the office operates before she made any changes.

"I will be bringing new ideas and maybe packaging old ideas," Ross said.

Martha Brown, associate dean of Lumpkin College and Applied Sciences, is serving as the chair of the director of admissions search committee.

The next candidate, Dennis Freuh, will have an open interview session at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the Martinsville Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

## RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION

# Board members to be chosen

By Jason Butler  
STAFF WRITER

The Residence Hall Association Thursday will elect two executive board members for next year.

After last week's elections of president and vice president of programming and diversity, the positions for secretary and vice president of finance will be filled.

"The positions at this time only have one person running for each spot," said Nachel Glynn, RHA president.

The nominations for the positions are still open to any person who, as of fall 2003, had a grade point average of 2.25, attended at least three meetings

and will live in a residence hall next year.

The RHA is going to start the bid to the national committee to recognize their advisor Jody Stone as RHA Advisor of the Year.

"We feel that Jody needs to be recognized because of all the hard work she does for the RHA," Glynn said.

The bid consists of getting a small group of people together and writing a paper talking about all Jody has done for the RHA, and why she is the best advisor in the nation.

The RHA constitution will get revised at Thursday's meeting; the revisions will consist of updating little things that are implied but not in stone.

The constitution will be changed to hold the secretary responsible for getting the RHA Web site updated every month.

Some definitions will be changed like the definition of a resident, and spelling and grammar issues will be revised.

There will also be a guest speaker talking about violence in Haiti.

The committee in control of Kids Weekend will also come back with the items that they need for the weekend. They will update the RHA on how things are going with the planning of the weekend, which is April 23-25.

The Residence Hall Association will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the basement of Andrews Hall.

# Ecstasy drug ring smashed

WASHINGTON (AP)—Drug agents began rounding up 170 people in the United States and Canada who they said were part of a distribution ring responsible for 15 percent of all the Ecstasy smuggled into this country.

At its height, the alleged trafficking ring distributed 1 million Ecstasy tablets per month in the two countries and laundered \$5 million a month through bank transfers, officials said Wednesday.

Drug Enforcement Administration chief Karen Tandy said the two-year investigation, dubbed "Operation Candy Box," culminated in the arrests of nearly the entire trafficking operation, from kingpins to couriers.

"We wiped out this entire organization," Tandy said at a news conference.

The alleged ringleaders are Ze Wai Wong, 46, a Chinese citizen, and Mai Phuong Le, 38, a Vietnamese citizen. Wong was arrested in Toronto and Le in Ottawa.

U.S. and Canadian charging documents accuse Wong of leading a drug distribution ring in 18 U.S. cities and Canada and contend that Le orchestrated the laundering of drug money for the operation.

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uniform. The junior transfer from Parkland College pitched two scoreless innings allowing only two hits and striking out a pair.

Eastern will be back in action this weekend (April 3-4) when the Panthers travel to Murray, KY for a three-game OVC series with the Racers. Game one of Saturday's doubleheader is scheduled for a noon first pitch.

**Victory:**

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many of the sports information directors in the conference are opposed to the proposals.

"This is something that is very valuable to the institutions," Steinbrecher said. "It's a good opportunity to share information."

The guides' most important function is as a record book, Steinbrecher said, and he doesn't want to lose that.

Media guides also have an important place in recruiting. Coaches send them out to prospective players as mean to highlight the finer points of their university. Eastern sends out between 100 and 200 to recruits every year, Kidwell said. If the NCAA legislation passes, Kidwell and company at Eastern will have an opportunity to save money but find a new and creative way to inform recruits on Panther athletics.

**BASEBALL**



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAK  
Freshman third baseman Ryan Campbell throws to first during the Panther's 12-run victory at Coaches Stadium. Campbell set a record with three home runs against the Chicago State Cougars.

**Freshman sets record**

By Michael Gilbert  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Behind a record-setting game from third baseman Ryan Campbell, Eastern cruised to a 22-10 victory over Chicago State Wednesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium.

Campbell tied former catcher Bret Pignatelli's record with three home runs in one game and went 4-5 at the plate with six RBIs and four runs scored. The Orlando Park native hit a two-run shot in the first, a three-run bomb in the fourth and closed out his homerun spree with another two-run blast in the seventh. Campbell also set the school mark for most home runs in one game by a freshman.

"I was definitely locked in at the plate today and seeing the ball really well," Campbell said. "I was what you would call 'in the zone,' it just felt really good and comfortable in the batter's box."

Campbell's had no problem adjusting to the college level at the plate. The powerful third baseman leads the team with a .349 batting average, 10 doubles, four home runs, 51 total bases, .614 slugging percentage and is tied for the lead with 14 RBI.

"It's not too big of a difference from high school pitching to the college level pitching," Campbell said. "But overall you will see much better consistency from col-

lege pitchers." Despite adding two more errors Wednesday for a team high 13, Panthers head coach Jimmy Schmitz said the freshman is coming along in the field and has the knack of making a phenomenal play but following the gem up with an error.

"The thing that Campbell isn't doing is making the routine error, so we're really happy with that," Schmitz said. "I'm not making an excuse for him, it's a wet ground today so the balls weren't coming very hard, but I thought, even against Tennessee-Martin [last weekend], it's unbelievable some of the plays he makes and then all of the sudden he made a mental error."

Campbell said he has no problem handling the "hot corner," but every now and then he gets a ball that eases him up.

"I feel comfortable out there, it's just sometimes I get a tricky hop that causes me to make a bad play," Campbell said.

According to Schmitz, Campbell has been working with senior shortstop Kyle Haines in an attempt to stay more focused in the field, but overall Schmitz said Campbell has been solid.

Schmitz said, "I think he's playing really well. We just need him to get more into the game and assume what will happen on the play because those are the errors he's kind of making."

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# SPORTS

## Panther sports calendar

THURSDAY	Softball at SE Missouri	3 p.m.	Away
	Track & Field Big Blue vs Cass c	9 a.m.	O'Brien
FRIDAY	M & W Tennis at Austin Peay	10 a.m.	Away
	Baseball at Murray State	Noon	Away
	Softball at Samford	1 p.m.	Away

## BASEBALL: EASTERN 22 CHICAGO STATE 10

# Cats tap power source

◆ After scoring 10 runs in loss to Billikin, offense pours 22 on the Cougars

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

A game that was portrayed as the return of Eastern's number one starter to the mound became a contest won at the plate.

Eastern (4-17) pounded its way to a 22-10 victory over Chicago State (1-22) Wednesday afternoon at Coaches Stadium.

"We needed a big win kind of a blowout to build the confidence of these guys," Eastern head coach Jimmy Schmitz said.

Panther fans got an opportunity to see number one starter Jared Marshall, but it was a quick look as the senior only managed two innings of work. The Jacksonville native continues to make a comeback from offseason shoulder surgery and made his first appearance of the season.



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◆ Record-setting night for third-base freshman  
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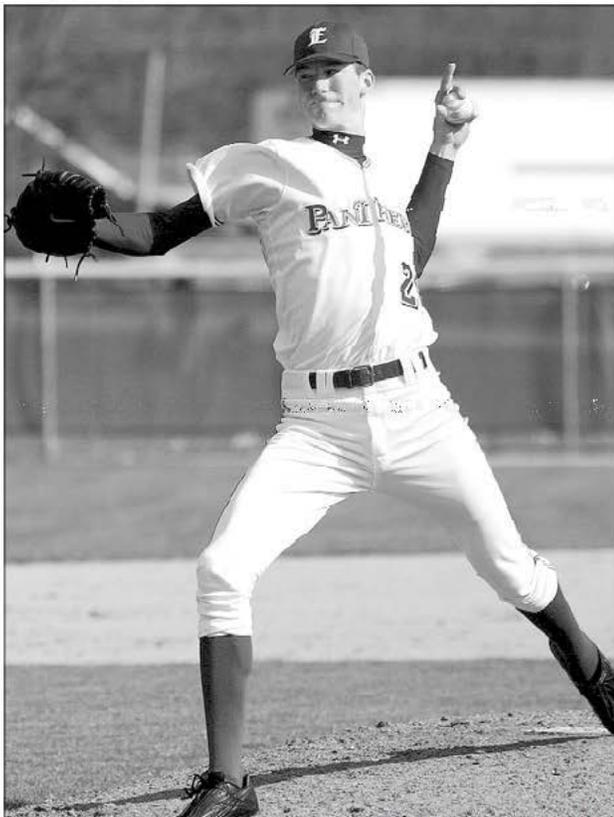
Marshall allowed two runs on two hits all coming in the second inning when a normal base hit became amplified as left fielder Brandon Candiano took Marshall's offering over the left-center fence.

"The key was he actually reared back and threw the ball today," Schmitz said. "I haven't really seen him just let it go that was encouraging."

The two-run shot tied the score at two, but was the only threat to the Panthers lead during the entire day as Eastern posted the second-most runs in the season. Led by freshman third baseman Ryan Campbell's record-setting three home run performance, the Panthers jumped on Cougars second pitcher Nick Benish for seven runs on five hits in 1 2/3 innings of work.

"I thought we were really doing better at the plate yesterday and now today," Schmitz said. "It's just really good timing for us right now."

With the score tied 2-2 entering the fourth, Eastern batted around



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Panther pitchers like junior left-hander Ted Juske, who allowed four runs in two innings against Chicago State at Coaches Stadium, will have less to worry about if the offense continues to score big.

and put an eight-spot on the board. Campbell led off the inning with a single and scored on a two-run single by Jason Cobb. Cobb scored on the homer by Chacon and after a pair of singles and an error, Campbell broke the game open with his three-run shot.

Benish received the loss which drops his record to 0-4 as the soph-

omore came in with an ERA of 11.66.

Left fielder Pete Stone came off the bench to go 2-2 with five RBIs, two runs scored and a home run. Stone has really impressed Schmitz with his ability to provide a spark.

"Pete was striking out way too much and he's handled the situa-

tion really well," Schmitz said. "I do need to stick with one lineup but we're really excited about his ability to jump in there."

Normally a starter, Eastern right-handed pitcher Kyle Widgen came out of the bullpen to get his first victory in a Panther

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**BALL FOUR**  
John Hahnstedt  
SPORTS REPORTER

## Working for future

While basketball coach Rick Samuels is watching the likes of Emeka Okafor and J.J. Reddick at the Final Four in San Antonio, current players like Aaron Patterson, Josh Gomes and Cortez Forte are already busy preparing themselves for next season.

Toward the end of the horrific basketball season, I occasionally saw Forte, Joey Cortez, Gomes, Patterson and Derek Hollyfield working on their games at the rec. I think they knew their season was over and were there working to improve for next season. After a 6-21 season, they can only improve.

For the 12 loyal fans who attended every home game this season, I don't have to tell you why the Panthers had such a rough season. The rest of you (11,148 to be exact) have no way of knowing why. Let me fill you in.

We lacked a go-to guy, the kind who can step up and score 20 points nightly. Samuels said on many occasions during the season he expected Gomes to be that guy. Gomes had some decent performances and a break-out 40-point game, but was unreliable.

Jesse Mackinson, the Panther's only senior was supposed to be a post presence. Samuels preferred Mackinson to play more of a perimeter game and step in and take his 15-18 foot jumper. Mackinson has one of the most perfect looking jump shots I have ever seen, but when you're listed at six foot eight you really should be in the post.

Patterson was the only true post player the Panthers had. He was intimidating and did his best down on the block, but struggled when pitted against guys a head taller than him. Also, he was not the best free throw shooter. Patterson's 9.8 points-per-game would be better helped if his perimeter play could get him a decent post feed.

Hollyfield was guilty of so many turnovers (77 to be exact) and seemed to have two speeds on the court. It seemed he was playing it on a limb and when the Panthers were in the game, but seemed to dog it when they were down.

Forte is a guy I think everyone expects to be a scorer. He showed signs of it, but it's hard to score sitting on the bench. Forte, a gym rat, is a solid defender who I see competing for a starting spot next year.

Emanuel Dildy, Jason Wright and Cortez didn't play up to their potential. Come to think of it, I will go out on a limb and say the Panthers as a whole underachieved, despite their youth. These three players in particular will have to step it up next season.

That's why these guys are in the gym already. They realize they drastically underachieved and have to do something about it. They refuse to repeat last season and are working on their games day in-day out at Lant. Arena. Watch out for the Panthers next year.

## NCAA proposal will affect sports coverage

◆ Possible ban of sports media guides will affect small schools most, according to Eastern sports information director

By Dan Reick  
STAFF WRITER

Two new NCAA proposals hope to end the arms race of media guides.

Seventy-two members of the NCAA put in proposals for new regulations on the sports media guides schools distribute to the press and recruits. The proposal suggests that schools would only be able to distribute guides to recruits or to the press, not both. For each of these purposes the guide is an important tool. There is also another proposal that media guides would no longer be available in print

form but instead only by digital forms.

In recent years, media guides for upper Division I-A schools went from small informative booklets to swollen, nearly textbook size publications.

The Big Ten has shown this trend of growth, where all but Wisconsin have media guides over 500 pages. And there is a great expense that comes with the guides. Tennessee spends over \$210,000 producing the 29,000 guides they send out. But what about smaller schools that don't produce dictionary sized guides with skyrocketing budgets?

"This is going to hurt the news media's coverage of smaller schools," Dave Kidwell, Eastern sports information director, said. "They won't

"It won't cost us a penny if we go to a digital format."

—Dave Kidwell, sports information director

have time to go to a disk to check player info. They either won't provide info or they'll call us."

Eastern prints around 2,400 media guides each year; 800 for football, 600 for

men's and women's basketball each and nearly 400 for the remaining sports. The football and basketball guides for Eastern combined top out at 100 pages. Kidwell said Eastern spends about \$30,000 a year on production and printing of the media guides.

"It won't cost us a penny if we go to a digital format," Kidwell said "We'll still put it together in house and 90 percent of our guide is online already."

OVC commissioner Jon Steinbrecher said  
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