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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

SPORTS ♦ Wrestler Kenny Robertson earns Top Cat this week: page 11

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Student Senate gets heated over Amp funds

BY LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

To say members of Student Senate are passionate about the pieces discussed at Wednesday night's meeting would be a distinct understatement.

Frustration, anger, laughter and, at times, confusion filled the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union during the longest meeting of the semester for the senate, totaling to two and a half hours.

Of all items on the agenda, Senate Bill 05-06-09, which was approved by the Apportionment Board, allowed the additional allocation of \$2,000 to publish Amp, the University Board's promotional magazine through the rest of the year, was the most controversial.

In the heated debate, senate members had

conflicting opinions on whether the magazine deserved more money.

Jillian Ruddy, student vice president for business affairs, was one of the members that wrote and submitted the piece.

"(The item) was voted on at the Apportionment Board meeting and it was discussed for a very long time," Ruddy said. "I hope you trust them."

Cole Rogers, chair of the student relations committee, agreed.

"I was against this at first, but now I am swayed the other way," Rogers said. "We already pay for events, and a lot of people don't know about them. Through this we can utilize it; they need a little help getting on their feet."

Senate member Jeffrey Collier said he believed it was senate's responsibility to review it and not to approve it just because the Apportionment



DAVID THILL/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Student Senate member Jeffrey Collier discusses a resolution for additional allocations to Amp at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Union. The resolution was tabled.

Board did.

"An hour ago, people were saying different things," Collier said. "Just because the Apportionment Board approved it doesn't mean

we have to. We see things differently. That's why it comes through us."

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ALL IN THE FAMILY

Mattoon brother and sister share in the feat of conquering Olympic weightlifting

Fit guys finish first

BY LAURA GRIFFITH
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Quiet Mitchell Sawyer enjoys cartoons, electronics and riding motorcycles, much like any other boy his age, but his level of fitness and strength set him apart from the others.

Blond-haired, blue-eyed Sawyer, 15, of Mattoon, is already an Olympic weightlifter nationally ranked No. 1 pound for pound in the under-18 male category.

Lifting more than 200 pounds, the 5-foot-9-inch, 167-pound freshman at Mattoon High School spends much of his time in class, playing sports and, of course, lifting.

His 13-year-old sister Jenny Sawyer lifts, too.

"They started training together," said their father, Ed Sawyer. "They do everything together."

Initially, the purpose of weightlifting was to improve the children's physical fitness and athleticism without over-stressing them, which could be a major health risk.

When Mitchell was 8 years old, he wasn't good at sports. He and Jenny were among the last people picked for every team.

So Ed started them off on a total body workout, starting with push-ups, sit-ups, chin-ups, 5-pound dumbbells, then moving up to 10-pound ones.

After five years of physical fitness foundation work, they began to compete in various sports. Mitchell participated in wrestling, football and track and field, among others.

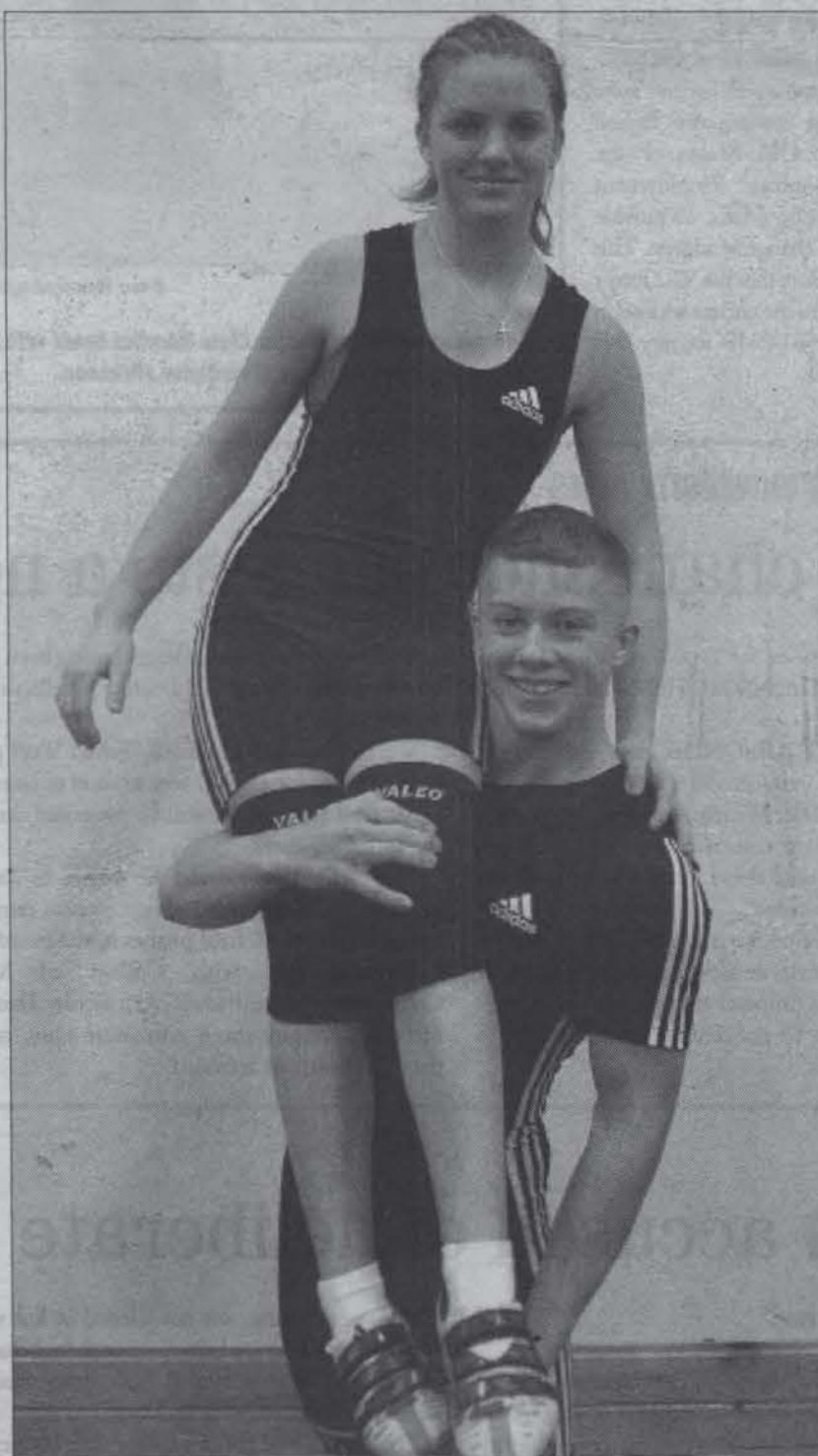
"Within a year and a half, two years, all of a sudden, they were the first ones being picked instead of the last ones," Ed said. "That was kind of neat, seeing that transformation."

Slowly, the two started getting more into their workouts with more intense routines. Ed started taking them to various area coaches, the ones he deemed the best, to get drills for his children to practice. For Olympic weightlifting, the best was Marty Schnorf of Charleston.

Currently, Schnorf has the Sawyers peaking (breaking their own records) every week, but something has to change, said their concerned father.

"There's some concern about doing too much," he said.

There are many risks involved with lifting weights at a young age, especially between the ages of 10 and 15 when children are still developing. These risks include some



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Mitchell Sawyer holds his 125-pound sister, Jenny Sawyer, on his shoulders. The two are world-class weightlifting champions and started lifting together as children.

And so do fit girls

BY ERIN MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

Jenny Sawyer is a typical teenage girl. She enjoys shopping with friends, argues with her parents and likes to keep up on the Hollywood gossip.

By looking at her, most people would not expect that she is able to lift 150 pounds over her 5-foot-2, 125-pound body.

Sawyer, 13, of Mattoon, is an Olympic weightlifter. She is a U.S. Champion, Canadian Champion and South American Champion, which earned her three gold medals.

She got to stand on the podium in Mexico with "The Star-Spangled Banner" playing in the background.

"I just felt special," Sawyer said. "I wouldn't really know I was that good until they made me feel that special."

Even though health risks are involved with weightlifting, the sport has actually helped Sawyer's spine.

When she was 8 years old, she had a slight "S" shape to her spine. The last time she saw the doctor, her back was completely straight, said Ed Sawyer, Jenny's father.

Along with weightlifting, Jenny was the youngest starter of the Mattoon All-Stars softball team in 2004.

The team won the Babe Ruth World Series that year.

Despite all of the sports, school and lifting, Jenny still finds time to argue with her parents.

Ed said he still has to yell at his eighth-grade daughter when she wears clothes that reveal too much.

He said she even requested \$500 for a shopping spree. "I have never even heard of a shopping spree," he said.

Jenny has little time out of her busy schedule for shopping or friends because she travels a lot for weight lifting.

"I miss shopping," she said. "I kind of forget about it when I go and do something without my friends, but I still wish they were there."

Ed said his daughter travels all over the country.

Training in Colorado Springs, Col., then hopping on a plane to go somewhere else is typical for this teenager.

She does, however, find time to wrestle in Charleston since Mattoon does not allow girls to wrestle.

Ed said her favorite pin is the cradle.

"It makes boys cry," he said.

It is hard on her for the boys to be afraid of her, but that

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Student art on display

Students in Painting IV and V will present their artwork in a show called "Untitled #8" from 5 to 9 p.m. today in the Burl Ives Studio Building.

Free pizza and refreshments will be provided. The showing will include featured works by Tom David, Adam Dupuis, Elliott Elbert, Faron Flood, Connie Richards, Dan Stash, Keith Tolch and Deb Tygett.

The studio is located at the corner of Johnson and Ninth streets.

Holiday celebration to be held today on campus

Homegrown Holiday will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the foyer of Old Main.

The celebration will feature holiday music and treats. Students from Ashmore, Mark Twain, Jefferson, Carl Sandburg, Williams and Lake Crest elementary schools have also decorated trees.

Payroll Office needs address changes to mail W-2 forms

Student employees who have moved should contact the Payroll Office, 2011 Old Main, or the Human Resources Employment Office, 2020 Old Main, to provide officials with a change of address. This address will ensure that the W-2 forms will be mailed to the correct address in January. Call 581-2118 for any further questions.

GET YOUR BOWL ON



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman psychology major Chris Marcellus bowls with his friends at University Union Lanes on Wednesday afternoon.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Housing contracts

All day | Through Dec. 16
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Housing and Dining Services

Banquet

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ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers
"How did you find out Eastern
lost its Division I-AA playoff
game against Southern Illinois
University at Carbondale?"

- A) I came back early to see it at O'Brien Stadium.
- B) I checked the score on the Internet.
- C) A friend informed me.
- D) I just found out by reading this.

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COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

SIU chancellor suggests a new 'Saluki Way'

BY ZACK QUAINANCE

DAILY EGYPTIAN (SOUTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

(U-WIRE) CARBONDALE -- Briefing an assembly of about 50 faculty members, Chancellor Walter Wendler solicited suggestions, advice and heard constructive criticism on two projects that could shape life at Southern Illinois U. for years to come.

The topics of conversation are "Saluki Way," a massive long-term remodeling of the east side of campus, and a proposal to raise tuition about 9 percent with a \$5-per-credit-hour student fee to pay for utilities.

Both are in the proposal stage, having been presented to the Board of Trustees as discussion items.

Wendler has said an official "Saluki Way" plan may be ready for a board vote as soon as January, and a final tuition hike will be presented during the spring semester.

However, Wendler said he wants as much input as he can get from people around campus before he makes his final pitches to the board.

Wendler met with College of Mass Communication and Media Arts faculty Tuesday morning. Despite the 8 a.m. start time, more than 50 professors attended.

Wendler revealed a few new details, unveiling that "Saluki Way" may take as long as 15 years to complete, and now, the parking garages may be the first structures built.

The chancellor justified the plan's first constructions, saying, "It's unequivocal fact there is no setting where a two-story parking garage is a viable solution."

Also, student services, currently housed in Woody Hall, would be moved to a state-of-the-art building, Wendler said.

"If you've not been through Woody, you might not realize how dastardly that building is to do business in," Wendler said.

WTF?

Man accused of deliberate finger severing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALZBURG, Austria -- Prosecutors on Tuesday accused a former fingernail designer of deliberately putting his hands beneath a passing train so his fingers would be severed and he could collect on a 1 million euro (\$1.17 million) insurance policy.

The 35-year-old defendant, from the town of St.

Johann, whose name was not released in line with Austrian privacy laws, is being tried on federal charges of insurance fraud stemming from claims filed in November 2003, when the incident occurred.

The suspect told police he was riding his bicycle when he lost control and rolled down an embankment and onto railroad tracks just as a train was passing by, losing a thumb on one hand and an

index finger and a pinky on the other.

Insurance company investigators became suspicious after they found that the man had taken out the policy a few months before the alleged accident.

State's attorney Elvira Gonschorowski-Zehentner said Tuesday that prosecutors had reason to believe the man cut off his own fingers in an attempt to cash in on his insurance.



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New site lets students set up doctor visits online

By EVAN COUZENS
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Ailing students can now set up medical appointments, check personal records and read lab results online with Eastern's Health Service.

Released at the beginning of November, the Web site reduces the time and effort needed to schedule appointments and find out test results by putting users just a short registration process away from receiving the care they need, Health Service worker Mary Russell said.

She is a part of the team that brought the system to Eastern.

"This will allow students more accessibility for scheduling appointments, which is something we're looking forward to," said Lynette Drake, director of Health Services.

The new Web site is part of a nationwide push for universal, streamlined electronic medical records. The military has adopted the EMR system after the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Russell said.

"I think (the online system) is awesome,"



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

said Bill Graf, a junior business major. "During finals, it's cold and you don't want to walk all the way out (to Health Service) and get more sick."

The site has yet to receive many visitors primarily because students are unaware the site even exists, Russell said.

As the flu season and finals week approach, Health Service workers say students should find the Web site to be more convenient than traditional scheduling in most cases.

"We can't do women's health issues because appointments are more person-specific and need more specific and in-depth questions," Russell said.

The system was intended for release at the beginning of the semester but had software and database problems that delayed its release.

More than half of the nation's hospitals use

"I'll try it out next time I get sick and see what it's like."

TIM SOWA,
JUNIOR ECONOMICS MAJOR

EMR for scheduling and billing, and almost 25 percent use computer-based medical charts, such as those carried by Eastern's Health Services personnel.

"I'll try it out next time I get sick and see what it's like," said Tim Sowa, a junior economics major.

Health Service is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Students can access Health Service online at <http://www.eiu.edu/~health>.

Eastern hosts state IBHE conference for students

By AMANDA RHODES
Staff Reporter

Students from around the state will meet this weekend at Eastern to discuss campus issues at their schools.

After three years of involvement, this will be the first time Eastern will hold the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee conference, in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"We volunteered to host it

because it's a good opportunity to learn more about other schools and the way they handle certain issues on their college campuses," said Student Senate Speaker Adam Howell.

Some of the issues discussed at conferences are students' rights, accessibility on campus, tuition cost, diversity and textbooks.

During the conference, "student members discuss and vote on recommendations made on behalf of the student body," said Andrew Berger, student executive

vice president.

One of the special things that will happen at this conference is Eastern's Student Action Team giving a presentation on lobbying.

"Hopefully, this presentation will make other campuses want to mobilize lobbying and spark an interest to organize a lobbying group on their campus," Berger said.

Eastern has the only running student lobbying group in the state of Illinois.

The goal for this conference is "to be able to network and gather ideas from other schools in the state," Berger said.

"(We also plan to) unify our lobby efforts where other students will learn how to go to the state capital and lobby in efforts to ask for things that they need on their campuses," Howell said.

The Student Advisory Committee conferences are held six times a year. This weekend's sessions are open to the student body.

Eastern employees share paychecks with charities

By KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Some Eastern employees are sharing their paychecks with groups around the area.

Many employees are participating in the State and University Employees Combined Appeal, SECA, which allows them to have money taken directly from their paychecks and given to a charity of their choice.

This year, 67 people signed up for the program, which is a 2 percent increase from last year, said Julie Benedict, Eastern's SECA representative.

"I was pleasantly surprised by how many people signed up this year," she said.

The 67 participants include nine people who signed up for the program for the first time this year.

Ann Brownson, another member of the SECA committee, said more people might have signed up for the program because of the group's public relations.

"The committee really tried to increase awareness about SECA and increase donations," she said.

While the program did lose some contributors from last year, Benedict is not concerned.

"People who signed up last year might just have already exhausted (their donations)," she said.

Benedict does not think Hurricane Katrina and other current events affected staff members' donations. She does think there is a possibility that it might have encouraged some people to enroll in the program for the first time or sign up again.

Brownson said she thinks that current events made people think about the program.

"I hope it made people more aware of needs out there and here at home," she said.

There are many charities that employees can choose to have their donation go to. Some charities do attract a larger number of contributors than others year after year.

"The United Way of Coles County is one of the biggest ones," Benedict said. "They're really spread out. There are thousands of groups to give to."

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STATE FUNDING ABANDONS STUDENTS' BANK ACCOUNTS

No student likes tuition increases. We already pay, or our parents' pay from their paychecks, for tuition, fees, books and living expenses. Plus every year we have to deal with inflation and rising gas prices. A 10 percent tuition increase added to all the above is an unwelcome headache that seems unnecessary.

I spend the majority of my meager earnings on college and gas. Whenever my checking accounts gets depressingly low (which is 29 days out of the month), I try to remember that by attending college I am really investing in myself.

Yesterday my women and media professor told my class that she believes she is teaching the leaders of tomorrow. I agree. Now, if only Gov. Blagojevich would believe that funding my university is an investment in the state's future.

He is indirectly responsible for tuition increases because he has not increased state funding for higher education since 2004 and in fiscal years 2002 and 2003 he decreased funding.

Last year, the general assembly recommended that Eastern receive a 1.6 percent funding increase. However, when the state budget went to Blagojevich for his signature, he line item vetoed all funding for higher education.

Eastern's faculty, staff and administration have done well by keeping a tight budget these past four years, but money can only be stretched for so long.

State funding and tuition increases are directly related. The less state funding Eastern gets, the more the university will be forced to raise tuition for freshman and its fees for all students.

It is a trend that's been happening since the governor took office in 2002.

Since fiscal year 2002, state funding to Eastern has declined nearly 13 percent, from nearly \$5.5 million to \$4.8 million for fiscal year 2006. At the same time, Eastern's income fund, which includes tuition, application fees, library fees and graduation fees has increased 32 percent, from nearly \$2.6 million in fiscal year 2002 to \$3.8 million for fiscal year 2006.

Because Eastern is receiving less funding, it has had to raise tuition.

Incoming, in-state students this year experienced a tuition increase of 10.7 percent. Because of Eastern's tuition guarantee, freshman and transfer students were the only students who were affected by the increase. They pay \$154.30 per credit hour while continuing students who entered Eastern in Fall 2004 or Spring 2005 pay \$137.75 per credit hour.

However, continuing students paid 9.2 percent more in fees than incoming students: \$735.65 compared to \$667.65. (This does not include the fees for campus improvement or textbooks.)

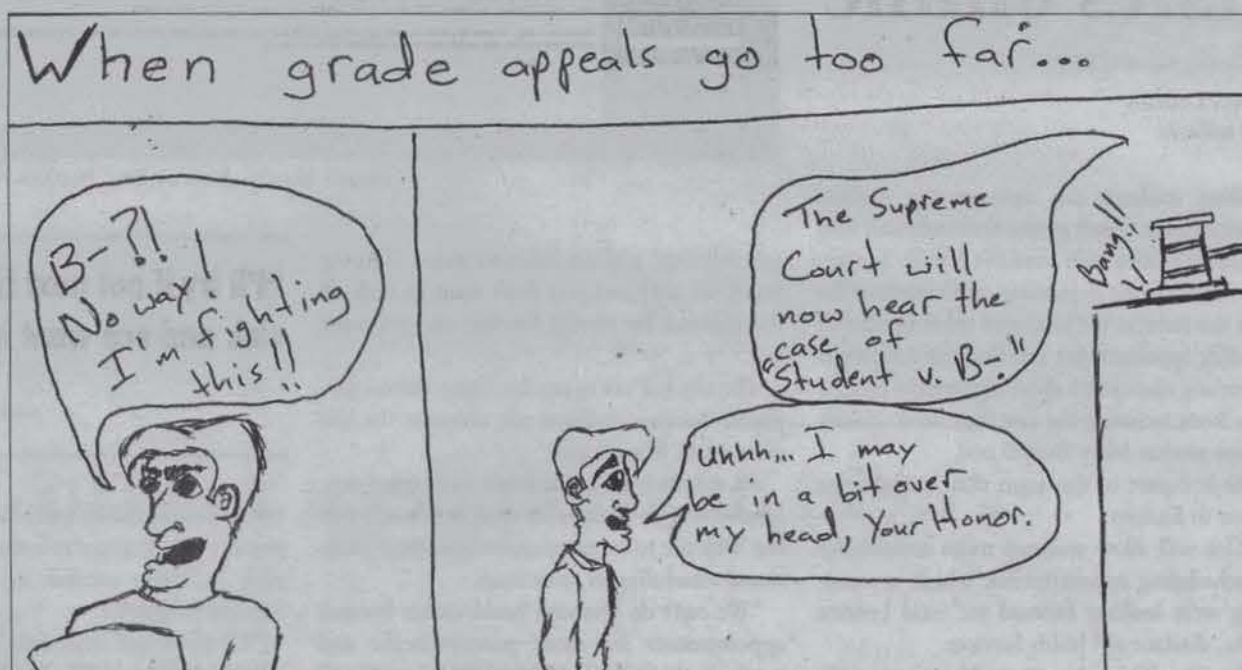
In conclusion: all Eastern students experienced at least a 9.2 percent increase in their tuition and fees this fall.

What student likes paying extra money this year for the same product—college—that they got last year for less? No one. But it happens all the time, just look at gas prices. But unlike gas prices, we students can make a difference by voting for legislators who support higher education. At the college level, students can attend student senate meetings and vote for students into office who will hold the university and other organizations like University Board accountable for their budgets.

But as far as tuition for next year, it's already too late. Executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education Judy Erwin told President Lou Hencken earlier this month that the board is expecting no new funding for this year, which means Eastern students will experience yet another tuition increase next fall.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID THILL



EDITORIAL

Grade appeals : a useful process

As the popularity of grade appeals at Eastern continues to rise, it becomes obvious that some students that may have wanted to know about the process were not aware that the option was available to them, or how to go about getting their grades appealed.

Recent articles, like one in Tuesday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, have contributed to students' knowledge of the process, and to the rising number of appeals being made.

Although the circumstances are outlined, students could benefit from examples of what type of evidence can be submitted to their grade appeal.

For a student to appeal his grade, the first step is to consult the faculty member who issued the grade, or the department chair, within the first four weeks of the following semester. If neither meeting results in a solution, or six weeks after the initial appeal has passed, the student can submit a written appeal to the Department Grade Appeals Committee, with evidence supporting his claim. The committee holds a fact-finding session to determine whether or not the grade should be changed. The four circumstances for appeal were listed in Tuesday's edition of *The News*.

A miscalculation of a grade can be easily proven with numbers such as test and project scores. It could also be proven somewhat easily if an unfair grade was given due to the fact that a professor graded on a different basis than was discussed in class or on the syllabus for that semester.

The other two circumstances are more subjective, but can still

At issue

The growing popularity of students appealing grades.

Our stance

Students need to know that they can appeal grades and should be further informed on how to do so.

The grade appeals process should be used to stop unfair grading if it occurs.

be judged with concrete evidence. The committee goes over student-teacher e-mail messages as well as grades and attendance records. If a professor has graded a student on a basis other than his academic achievement, evidence of this could be found in personal e-mails, among other sources. If a professor graded one student more strictly than another, it can be proven using comparison of papers.

With more and more students finding out about grade appeals by word of mouth, the committee is getting backed up from appeals that are piling up from last spring and summer semesters, according to Chelsea Frederick, committee member and student vice president for academic affairs.

It would also help if teachers could inform students

about grade appeals on class syllabi.

It takes time to go over evidence and different students' circumstances thoroughly enough to make an informed decision.

Frederick said she meets with three faculty members and one student representative every time a student attempts to appeal a grade. She assembles a five-person committee every time there is a student appeal.

Doris MacDonald, chair of the English department at Northern Illinois University, said in an article in Thursday's issue of *The Northern Star* that Northern has had two appeals passed in three years and there are rarely more than five appeals a semester.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write a column or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words and can go up to 600 words.

CARTOONISTS WANTED

The DEN is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues. A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

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Talk shows ways to relieve stress

By ERIC SAXTON
STAFF REPORTER

Meditation and extra sleep are among the tips representatives from Health Service's Health Education Resource Center gave students at the "Stomping Out Stress" workshop Wednesday night.

The presentation, given in the Copa Room of Carman Hall, was meant to help students learn to cope with stress that may occur in their lives.

Stress is defined as the body's response to a perceived significant change or threat.

Rachel Pinson, Eastern's stress management and wellness consultant, and Jennifer Taber, the nutrition education coordinator, presented and created the workshop.

Pinson and Taber lectured on the five dimensions of stress: physical, psychological, mental, behavioral and emotional.

"Academic studies, exams, conflicts with roommates or significant others are big stress issues for students," Taber said.

They also lectured on the importance of nutrition for stressed-out students.

"Students should not forget how important their nutrition is when they are stressed out, whether it is eating too much, or not eating at all," Taber said. "The immune system is affected by lack of important vitamins, such as A, E, C, B6, zinc and selenium."

During the presentation, Pinson and Taber went through a "meditation" practice where audience members were asked to close their eyes and find a happy, relaxing place and concentrate on their surroundings.

They said that people who feel stressed out should perform relaxing practices such as meditation or should do something they enjoy for 20 to 30 minutes every day to reduce stress.

Other stress reduction practices that Pinson and Taber suggested were laughing, deep breathing, receiving massages, exercising and getting at least seven or eight hours of sleep.

Jess Worman, a junior science education major, said she attended "Stomping Out Stress" to learn how to cope with stress during finals time.

"I didn't realize that exercising could help reduce stress so much," Worman said.

Megan Schmidt, a junior sociology major, said she also attended the presentation to receive advice about coping with stress during finals.

"The deep breathing and the exercising seem like they could be helpful," Schmidt said.

Pinson and Taber included other tips to help students with stress during the finals time.

"Things students can do to reduce stress are doing things like drinking less caffeine, having a balanced diet, getting seven or eight hours of sleep and using good time management skills," Pinson said.

"College students are notorious for procrastinating and should use time management so they can prioritize more easily," Taber said.

Students can go to the Health Education Resource Center or the Counseling Center to receive information on stress management.

"We would like to continue the program through the next semester," Pinson said.

One-set acts next on deck for three senior directors

Plots cover scenes on the 1940s to the '60s

By MATT POLI
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Theater arts majors will present "A Night of Student-directed One Acts" at the Village Theatre this weekend.

Senior theater arts majors Cory Vogt, Rocco Renda and Marissa Tieri will direct these 35- to 40-minute plays without costume or set changes.

"There's small casts so it's not overwhelming to design," Vogt said.

Vogt said she will direct a play called "A Dead Man's Apartment," which is about two people having affairs who decide to tell their spouses.

"The man creates a self-death threat, and the woman drags her daughter and brother into it, and chaos ensues," Vogt said.

The ideas for the plays, she said, came from scripts and anthologies, from which the theater arts majors picked plays to direct.

Tieri will direct a play titled "Safe," which is about hippies from the 1960s who come back for a 20-year reunion to discuss how their ideals of life have changed society, she said.

"I just want to show the effects of what people did then and can do for the future," Tieri said.

"The American Century," a comedy directed by Renda, is about a man who goes back in time to 1945 to see his own conception and warn his parents of how horrible their life will be, he said.

"Anything that can go wrong (in the play) goes wrong," Renda said.

All of the directors had to make a proposal to the theater department after their junior year and take an advanced directing class. They were then selected based on their qualifications, Tieri said.

The student-directed one acts are supported in part by the David L. and Audrey Jorns Directing Theory for the Theatre Award Fund.

Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and

"The man creates a self-death threat and the woman drags her daughter and brother into it and chaos ensues."

CORY VOGT, SENIOR THEATRE ARTS MAJOR

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Jazz Ensemble presents last concert of year

STAFF REPORT

The EIU Jazz Ensemble will perform Big Band Jazz for its last concert of the semester tonight at 7:30 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Sam Fagaly, the director of the Jazz Ensemble, said the audience can expect big band jazz music with about half a dozen performances.

"This concert will debut the students' jazz improvisation skills that they have been perfecting," Fagaly said.

The Jazz Ensemble is made up of 17 members, who are all Eastern students.

Most of the members are music majors, but it is not a requirement and anyone can audition, he said.

The ensemble consists of three wind sections that play saxophone, trombone and trumpet and a rhythm section made up of drums, bass, piano and percussion.

Fagaly said at the concert, the wind and rhythm sections will come together to revive the old swing band era that he said he believes "will appeal to a large audience."

For television lovers, the ensemble will also perform the popular theme song from "Family Guy," and, in the spirit of the holiday season, the ensemble will perform a few holiday jazz tunes.

This concert is free and open to the general public.

"This concert will debut the students' jazz improvisation skills that they have been perfecting."

SAM FAGALY, JAZZ ENSEMBLE DIRECTOR

Iraq misses deadline for probe on torture allegations

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's government missed a two-week deadline Wednesday to complete an investigation into torture allegations at an Interior Ministry lock-up, a probe which Amnesty International warned may show a pattern of abuse of prisoners by government forces.

The Shiite-led government has insisted the claims are exaggerated; nevertheless, the charges are discrediting U.S. efforts to restore human rights in the country after the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime.

A Sunni Arab politician, Mohammed al-Mishehdani of the Sunni-led National Council for National Dialogue, said simple cases of torture reported in the past were never solved so he had few expectations for this investigation, especially since a general election is due in two weeks.

"We think that the government is not serious in this matter because it does not want to be dragged into controversy while the elections are looming," he said.

The probe was launched after Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, a Shiite, disclosed on Nov. 15 that up to 173 detainees — malnourished and some showing signs of torture — had been found in an Interior Ministry building seized by U.S. troops two days earlier.

Al-Jaafari promised that a high-level committee would complete a full investigation into conditions



PHOTO COURTESY OF KNIGHT RIDDER

Saddam Hussein attends his trial in Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday. The trial of Hussein and seven others on charges of crimes against humanity resumed in a Baghdad courtroom. Hussein and the other defendants are charged with ordering the deaths of 148 young Shi'ite men from the town of Dujail, north of Baghdad, following an attempt on Saddam's life in July 1982.

in Interior Ministry detention centers nationwide within two weeks.

On Wednesday, however, Deputy Interior Minister Hussein Kamal said the investigation was still under way. An aide to Deputy

Prime Minister Rowsch Nouri Shaways, a Kurd who is heading the committee, said more time was needed.

A U.N. spokesman in Baghdad said the issue of alleged torture in

government detention centers was raised in meetings U.N. special envoy Ashraf Jehangir Qazi held last week with al-Jaafari and President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd.

"We take these allegations very seriously and we raise them all the time," U.N. spokesman Said Arikat told The Associated Press. "But we haven't seen any action in terms of results."

The failure to release results by the two-week deadline did not surprise Sunni Arab politicians. They have long complained of mass arrests and mistreatment of Sunni Arabs — the group that forms the backbone of a 30-month-old insurgency — by Iraq's Shiite-dominated security forces.

"We believe that the government is part of this case, so we do not expect that it would try to reveal the truth," said Harith al-Obeidi, a spokesman for the General Conference for the People of Iraq.

Amnesty International spokeswoman Nicole Choueiry said the London-based rights group had repeatedly raised torture allegations with Iraqi authorities since last year but knew of no major attempt to get to the bottom of them.

"It's an ongoing issue that needs to be addressed urgently. This month's discovery may be the tip of the iceberg," she said by telephone from London, adding that Amnesty has called on the government to allow the United Nations to investigate the claims.

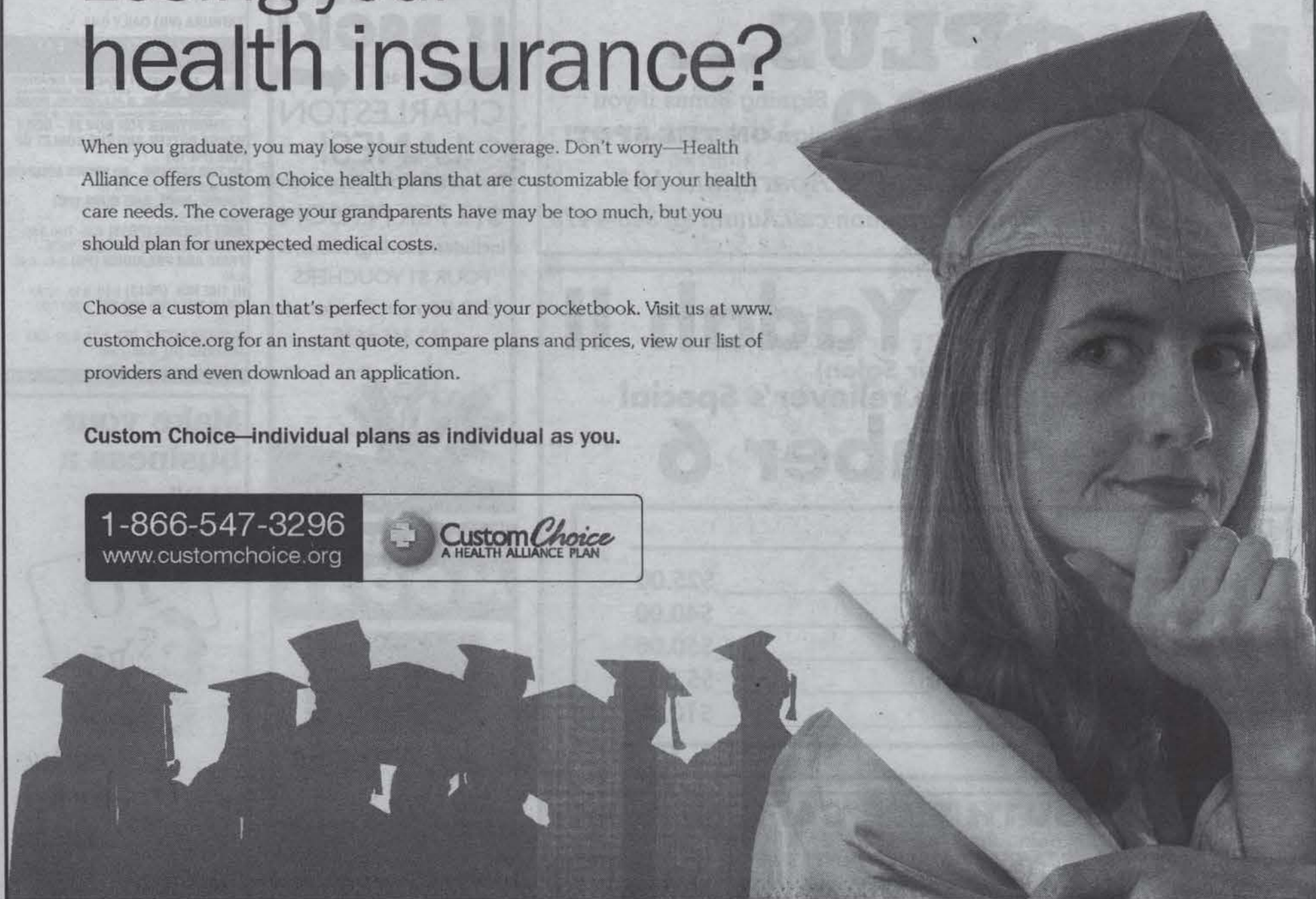
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MITCHELL:

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injuries that could permanently stop children from being able to compete in any sport.

Upon researching these risks, Ed learned about Amy Miller, a track and field star turned cheerleader at Charleston High School who suffered two pars defects, which cannot be healed.

The pars bone, Ed explained, is a bone in a person's spine that holds the vertebrae in place.

Recently, Mitchell suffered severe lower back pain, and two doctors confirmed that he had a pars defect. The family desperately continued to seek help from experts, and found a specialist in Springfield named Dr. Timothy VanFleet. VanFleet refuted the diagnoses and found that the injury was much less serious, a severe lower-back sprain.

After eight months of rest, Mitchell was training again. After only being back into his routine for a month, he could lift 100 kilos (220.46 pounds) snatch and 130 kilos (286.6 pounds) clean and jerk.

Ed also discovered in his research that it is uncommon for weightlifters to peak as often as his children do.

"Ninety-nine percent of Olympic weightlifters peak no more than four times a year, and we were peaking almost 50," Ed said.

Mitchell and Jenny choose four or five meets per year to compete in, and Ed makes sure they are spaced out. They train, peak, go into a resting period and repeat the process.

A normal day for Mitchell consists of waking up at 7:30 a.m. and going to school, where his first period is advanced physical education. After school, he attends practice (of whatever sport he is competing in at the time), lifts at the YMCA in Mattoon and then lifts with the Charleston Weightlifting Club.

"He just turned 15," Ed said. "If he took his shirt off and turned around and everything, you would see every little muscle, equally developed, equally defined."

When he asked his father if he should give up other sports and concentrate on lifting, Ed encouraged him to stick with team sports as well.

"We don't want to socially isolate the children," Ed said.

Instead, he suggested that Mitchell use weightlifting to become better at other sports.

After his long days, Mitchell finds little time to do homework, watch car-



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mitchell Sawyer and Jenny Sawyer don their medals from Olympic weightlifting competitions. The brother and sister pair have travelled to Canada, Mexico and South America to compete.

toons and talk on the phone with his girlfriend.

Sometimes, he said he wonders where all his free time has gone.

"I calculated it," he said. "It was like eight or nine hours a week."

At school, his favorite subject is geometry. Math is Mitchell's strong point in school, his father said.

"I got to teach the class the other day," Mitchell said.

If he chose to dedicate himself 100 percent to weightlifting, his father said he would have about a 50/50 chance of making it to the Olympics in 2012.

But that's not his goal, as it is his sister's. Mitchell wants to get a football scholarship and go to college in three years.

"The more success that they have because of their routine of physical fitness, you hope they continue to buy into the program," Ed said.

That being said, Ed said he will be happy with whatever his son chooses to do with his life, whether it be training to become an Olympian or going to college on a football scholarship.

"What you want is a lifetime thing," Ed said. "The instant stuff goes away."

JENNY:

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does not stop her from doing what she loves best.

Her brother, Mitchell Sawyer, also lifts weights and wrestles.

Ed said they do everything together.

Even though they are close, fights still erupt between these two siblings.

Jenny admits to having a temper.

"When they fight over something," Ed said, "she destroys it."

The other day, they were fighting over the computer and Jenny pulled all of the cords out of the wall.

She has also slammed a go-cart into a wall, Ed said.

"I think she is just not a good driver," said Mitchell, attempting to defend his sister.

Even though her driving skills could use a little work, Jenny has a 90 percent chance of making the 2012 Olympics in London for weightlifting, Ed said.

"I told my teacher the other day she might see me on a McDonalds bag for the Olympics," Jenny said. "I think I'll be there."

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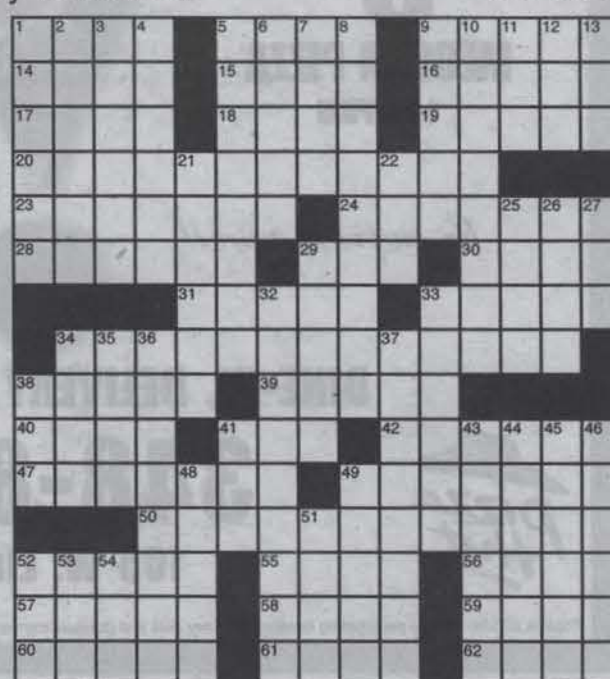
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Study says states don't use tobacco money for prevention

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Just a fraction of the money that states received from tobacco settlements and taxes is being used to prevent smoking, advocacy groups reported in a study Wednesday.

The report, "A Broken Promise to Our Children," was released by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and American Lung Association.

Some \$551 million is allocated for tobacco-use prevention programs in the 2006 budget year, the study said. That pales in comparison with the \$1.6 billion recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Vince Willmore, spokesman for the campaign.

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SENATE:

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Representing the students was the main concern for senate member Sean Anderson.

"I'm here to represent the students... I'm against it because students are paying for it," he said.

Instead Anderson said he thinks the people working for Amp should go out and get noticed.

Yet, there were others who were unsympathetic toward Amp in any way. Senate member Maurice Tracy summed his views up with "you budgeted it wrong — tough cookies."

Chelsea Frederick, student vice president for academic affairs and public relations major, said she had personally dealt with publications similar to Amp.

"Within a year you know if it's going to work," she said. "I vote no because it only comes out once a month and because of the number of students reading it."

"I don't think there should be a compar-

ison between *The DEN* and 'Amp.' They are very different publications," Rogers said after comparisons made to *The Daily Eastern News*.

He also said if the senate doesn't give Amp the \$2,000, he would feel giving them money in the first place was a waste.

"\$2,000 is not that much compared to what we've invested; if we don't do this then the \$34,000 are put to waste," Rogers said.

The piece was tabled after more than a half hour of discussion.

Another piece of legislation under scrutiny and debate was that of issuing \$850 to bring Kevin Roberts, host of ESPN's "Cold Pizza," to Eastern to make a "Cooking Fun and Simple" presentation.

Keila Lacy, student vice president for student affairs, was enthusiastic about the idea and said it was "new and different."

However, Ben Marcy, chair of external relations, and senate member Shawn Ready were unimpressed with the idea.

"I'm worried that we would be spending money on something that's a bust," Ready said.

A flustered Student Senate Speaker Adam Howell became uneasy about senate members telling who should come for entertainment at Eastern.

"Telling who UB should bring (to Eastern) is not our job," Howell said. "That would be like them telling us how to deal with legislation."

A piece of legislation banning a senate member from running in an election or becoming appointed following the removal was another one that issued a passionate debate.

Howell reacted strongly to the issue; he had previously been removed from the senate for not completing required office hours.

"I don't think it is going to fix the problem," Howell said. "Ninety-nine percent of the time those people won't even come back anyways. (However,) it's a wake-up call; after I got kicked off, I came back working not twice as hard but three to four times as hard."

Three resolutions were passed unanimously as well as two bills discussed in Wednesday's meeting.

Peoria priests, nun face abuse lawsuit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PEORIA — Nine people allege they were sexually abused decades ago by five priests and a nun at parishes in the Catholic Diocese of Peoria, according to civil lawsuits filed Wednesday in Peoria County Circuit Court.

The alleged victims, now ages 39 to 55, ranged from 6 to 18 years old when they were abused at parishes in Peoria, Tazewell, Logan and Henry counties in incidents dating back to the late 1950s, according to nine separate lawsuits filed by Peoria attorney Fred Nessler.

Nessler said the lawsuits, which each seek more than \$50,000 in damages, were filed after negotiations with the diocese failed to yield compensation in line

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with what other victims of priest abuse have received. He declined to say how much the alleged victims are seeking.

Ryan said to see pal about leasing a building, former aide says

CHICAGO — A prosecution witness said Wednesday that George Ryan had him call a lobbyist who is the former governor's closest friend for help in finding a building in the Joliet area to lease on behalf of the state to serve as a place for administrative hearings.

Leonard Sherman, a department head

in the secretary of state's office at the time, said he did as he was told and called lobbyist Larry Warner for helping in leasing space for the state.

Rockford man convicted of murder in bonfire stabbing

ROCKFORD — A Winnebago County jury has found a Rockford man guilty of first-degree murder in the stabbing death of a Rockford teenager at a post-homecoming bonfire last year.

After deliberating for about four hours, the jury convicted Johnathon Romero Tuesday night in the death of Eric Flynn, 18.

During the two-week trial, prosecutors said Flynn was trying to break up fights at the bonfire when Romero stabbed him in the early morning hours of Oct. 3, 2004.

Alito pushed for step-by-step abortion fight

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — As a young government lawyer opposed to abortion rights, Samuel Alito argued for a strategy of chipping away at the landmark Supreme Court 1973 ruling legalizing abortion rather than mounting an all-out assault likely to inflict a defeat on the Reagan administration, according

to documents released Wednesday.

"No one seriously believes that the court is about to overrule *Roe v. Wade*," the current Supreme Court nominee wrote in an internal Justice Department memo on May 30, 1985. Referring to a high court decision to review two abortion-related cases at the time, he asked, "What can be made of this opportunity to advance the goals

of bringing about the eventual overruling... and in the meantime, of mitigating its effects."

The memo was among several hundred pages of documents dating from Alito's 1981-1987 tenure in the Justice Department, released on the day the Supreme Court heard arguments in an abortion case for the first time in five years.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

He's back: Konerko gets \$60M

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO - Paul Konerko promised to be meticulous and explore all the options as a free agent. And he did, jumping into a stressful month-long journey that landed him back right where he started.

Having received a \$60 million, five-year offer from the Chicago White Sox, Konerko decided the proposal was fair and agreed Wednesday to return to the World Series champions.

"It's as simple as where your heart is," Konerko said. "That's what brought me back."

The first baseman led the White Sox with 40 homers and 100 RBIs last season, hitting .283. He was MVP of the AL championship series win over the Los Angeles Angels after hitting two homers and seven RBIs.

He had a go-ahead grand slam in Game 2 of the World Series sweep over Houston, the first Series title for the White Sox since 1917.

"You have family, all things came into play," Konerko said. "At the end of the day, 'OK, I'm a baseball player and where am I going to feel the best?'"

His new deal calls for him to receive \$12 million annually. Chicago agreed to a limited no-trade clause that states he can't be dealt to six specified teams without his permission.

OVERTIME:

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After senior guard Megan Sparks hit running floater down the middle of the lane with 20 seconds left in regulation, Closser scored off a layup with 7 seconds to force overtime. Once in overtime Closser answered a field goal from freshman center Rachel Galligan by hitting a three-pointer as the shot clock was expiring to give Butler a 72-71 lead. After the Panthers (0-4) took a lead with two free throws from Sparks, who led all scorers with 26 points, Closser buried another three to pull the Bulldogs ahead 75-73.

"I just knew I had to do something to get my team back into the game," Closser said. "Once we went into overtime I knew my team wasn't going to lose. We work too hard to lose."

With the score 75-74 in favor of Butler, Galligan hit a turnaround jumper from the right block to pull Eastern ahead for the last time, 76-75. Galligan posted her first career double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

"(Galligan) earned the start tonight," Sallee said. "She's just

getting better every day."

On the Bulldogs ensuing possession, Hamilton drove down the left side and Galligan attempted to take a charge. Unfortunately, Galligan was called for a block. Hamilton hit her two free throws to put Butler back ahead.

Eastern came down the floor and passed off to freshman forward Lindsey Kluempers. Kluempers, who had hit a 3-pointer earlier in the second half to cut the deficit to 57-53, misfired on her three-point attempt from the right corner.

After Closser hit two free throws, Sparks hit an 18-footer from the top of the key with 6.5 seconds left to close the gap to 79-78. Hamilton made one of two free throws to give Butler an 80-78 lead for good.

"We need to have a collaborative effort," Sparks said. "We're struggling with that right now."

The Panthers look for their first win when they travel to Cincinnati on Saturday to take on the Bearcats out of the Big East. Tip-off is set for 6:30 p.m.

Additional reporting by Laura Griffith and Erin Miller

BUTLER 80, EASTERN 78, OT

	min	fg	m-a	ft	m-a	o-t	a	pf	tp
BUTLER									
Gheorghe	23	4-8	4-4	2-3	0	5	12		
Boeke	33	2-6	0-0	3-10	3	2	4		
Akande	33	3-13	2-5	4-10	1	4	8		
Closser	44	6-12	4-4	0-1	7	2	20		
Hamilton	29	6-7	3-4	0-1	0	4	19		
Jones	27	1-5	5-6	1-5	1	3	7		
Freeman	26	2-6	0-1	1-4	3	1	5		
Bain	8	1-2	3-3	0-0	0	0	5		
Smart	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
TOTALS	225	25-59	21-27	15-41	15	21	80		

Percentages: FG 25-59, .424, FT 21-27, .778. 3-point goals: 9-17, .529 (Closser 4-7, Hamilton 4-4, Freeman 1-3, Jones 0-2, Gheorghe 0-1). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked shots: 5 (Akande 4, Freeman). Steals: 13 (Boeke 4, Hamilton 4, Akande 2, Gheorghe 2, Bain). Turnovers: 25 (Gheorghe 10, Boeke 4, Closser 3, Jones 3, Akande 2, Freeman 2, Hamilton). Fouled out: Gheorghe

	min	fg	m-a	ft	m-a	o-t	a	pf	tp
EASTERN									
Sellers	10	0-3	2-2	0-1	0	0	2		
Galligan	32	4-10	3-4	4-10	1	2	11		
Edwards	41	4-13	4-4	0-2	5	4	12		
Sparks	44	10-17	5-6	1-2	2	1	26		
Canale	31	2-9	1-2	1-2	0	3	5		
Casad	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0		
Kramer	3	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Maxedon	13	3-3	0-0	2-2	2	0	7		
Scaggs	8	0-1	0-0	1-4	1	1	0		
Sims	22	2-7	2-4	4-8	2	5	6		
Kluempers	13	2-5	0-0	2-3	1	4	5		
Lippperd	5	1-2	2-2	0-2	0	3	4		
TOTALS	225	28-72	19-24	20-43	14	24	78		

Percentages: FG 28-72, .389, FT 19-24, .792. 3-point goals: 3-8, .375 (Kluempers 1-3, Edwards 0-2, Maxedon 1-1, Sparks 1-1, Canale 0-1). Team Rebounds: 3. Blocked shots: 7 (Galligan 6, Lippperd). Steals: 11 (Sparks 3, Edwards 2, Galligan 2, Canale, Casad, Lippperd, Sellers). Turnovers: 20 (Edwards 6, Canale 4, Casad 3, Sims 3, Sellers 2, Galligan, Sparks). Fouled out: Sims

TURNOVERS:

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The key may lie in the hands of freshman point guard Megan Edwards, who finished with 12 points. Edwards committed five turnovers in the first half but took better control of the ball in the second half with only one turnover.

Senior guard Megan Sparks, who scored a game-high 26 points expects the six freshmen to get better with time in terms of taking care of the ball and knowing when to make the right pass.

"We have a lot of young players, but that's really not an excuse," Sparks said.

Neither the players nor Sallee are ready to blame youth for their turnover woes. They look more at their style of play and how they play at a rapid pace.

"We're an up-tempo team that likes to press and give the other team a lot of different looks," Sallee said.

Eastern committed 20 turnovers but forced 25 with their full-court press.

"I think you saw what kind of team we can be when we take care of the ball and force turnovers on the other team," Sparks said.

"If we can play the final 12 minutes like the first 33, we can be a very good team."

BABIES:

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Webb will be his usual 1,000-yard self and Ademola Adeniji will return after a year of ineligibility to add an explosive weapon out of the backfield.

The only worrisome thing is replac-

ing the three seniors from the defensive line. That, and maybe head coach Bob Spoo leaving for greener pastures. I hear the Detroit Lions are looking for a new coach.

The Panthers will be returning a ton of talent for next season, and it should be very interesting to see if

they can return to the playoffs and maybe make it down to Chattanooga, the site of the Division I-AA championship.

At the very least, the Panthers should be the OVC favorites and ranked in the preseason. Next year's team will have experience. If they stay

hungry they should be able to duplicate this season with a successful 2006 season.

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BY PATRICK VITT ♦ STAFF REPORTER

One day out of each season, the wrestling team drops the weights and has a workout that Rocky would appreciate, splitting a year's worth of firewood for a Charleston family.

As a three-time state-qualifying wrestler at Metamora High School, 174-pound junior Kenny Robertson (8-2) is off to his best start at Eastern after placing second at the Central Missouri Open and taking third at the Missouri Open.

Robertson, who is currently ranked 12th in the nation in his weight class, has been exhibiting a drive to compete since the day he arrived at Eastern, and head coach Ralph McCausland has witnessed this determination on the mat.

"Kenny is just one of those guys who is in every match he has wrestled," McCausland said. "He is just a true competitor when he steps out on that mat. Tactically, mentally, and physically, it is just amazing how he steps up for his competition."

Junior heavyweight Danny Perez has seen Robertson's intensity since they became teammates freshman year.

"That is something that makes him good," Perez said. "He is a guy who will work hard

In a Nutshell

HIGH SCHOOL:	Metamora High School
MAJOR:	Technology Education
WEIGHT CLASS:	174 pounds
2004 RECORD:	29-17
2005 RECORD:	35-12
2006 RECORD:	8-2

on his own and makes just practicing a competitive atmosphere."

Robertson has two losses on the season, losing only once in both of this season's tournaments. Robertson's first loss of the year came against Missouri's Ben Askren, who is ranked No. 1 nationally in the 174-pound division.

"At the Central Missouri Open, my only loss was against the No. 1 ranked wrestler at 174 and that whole match it didn't feel right, and I ended up losing," Robertson said. "I looked at that as a match I could win."

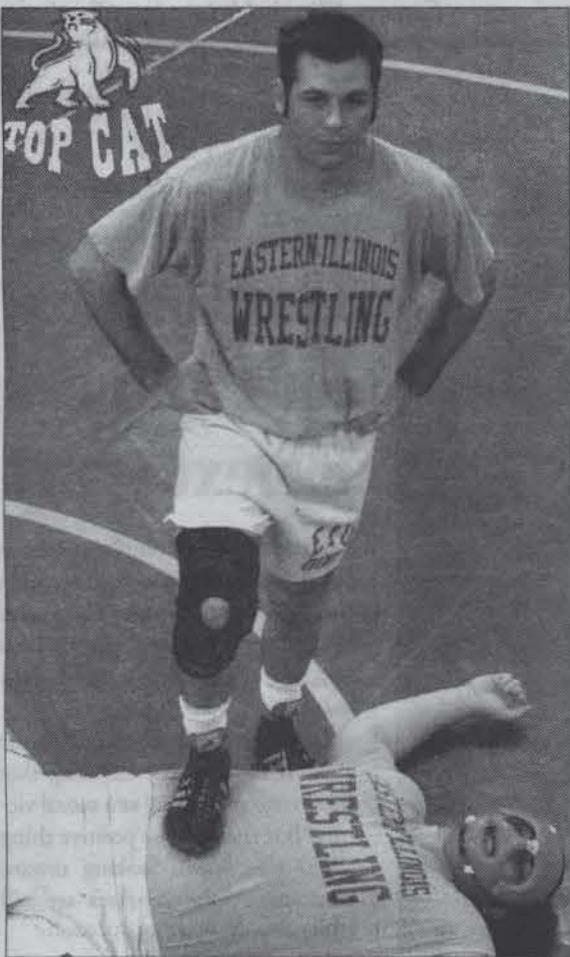
Robertson had success as a sophomore last

season when he and heavyweight Pete Ziminski represented Eastern at the NCAA championships. Robertson went 1-2 at the tournament and gained valuable postseason experience.

"Heading into this year after being in the NCAA tournament once gives Robertson a better understanding of where he needs to be and what to do to get on the award stand this year," McCausland said.

Wrestling against bigger wrestling schools such as nationally ranked Illinois and Oklahoma State, Robertson faces some of the nation's premier wrestling talent. Robertson does not consider wrestling at a smaller university like Eastern a handicap against the bigger schools.

"Eastern fits me real well, a lot of people don't like smaller teams, but that is what I had in high school and it works well for me," Robertson said. "I also have a team of great workout partners that are great at pushing one another."



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Kenny Robertson has started at the 174-pound class for Eastern since his freshman year. Now a junior, Robertson ranks as one of the best wrestlers in the country.



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PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY	Swimming at Indianapolis Invitational	All Day
SATURDAY	Women's Basketball at Cincinnati	6:30 p.m.
	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. INDIANA STATE	7:35 p.m.
SUNDAY	Wrestling at Northern Iowa Open	All Day

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL : BUTLER 80, EASTERN 78 (OVERTIME)

In OT, a loss is served

'We came up one play short' Sallee says

BY MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern overcame an 11-point deficit in the second half to force overtime against Butler Wednesday night at Lantz Arena. That was not enough as the Bulldogs edged the Panthers 80-78 behind the stellar play of junior guards Jackie Closser and Ellen Hamilton, as well as the right arm of freshman center Lade Akande.

It was Akande's block of Eastern freshman point guard Megan Edwards that closed out the victory for Butler.

"We came up one play short," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee.

That one play occurred with 6.3 seconds left, as Eastern had to drive the length of the court. Trailing 80-78, Sallee got the ball into the hands of Edwards 70 feet from the basket. The 5-foot-7 Edwards drove down the right side of the court and pulled up from 15 feet only to have her shot blocked by the 6-foot-1 Akande.

Hamilton came into the game scoring at a clip of 15.3 points per game. The junior nearly matched that, scoring 13 in the first half to help the Bulldogs lead 36-28 at the half.

Hamilton finished with 19 points, but it was the play of fellow guard Closser that propelled Butler (2-2) to the victory.

"(Closser) was big the whole game," said Butler head coach Beth Couture.

How it ended

The last seconds of Eastern's loss

6.5 seconds: Panther guard Megan Sparks hits a jumper from top of the key. Panthers trail 79-78.

6.3 seconds: Panthers foul Bulldogs guard Ellen Hamilton.

At the line: Hamilton, who had not missed a free throw all season, misses the first shot. She makes the second. Bulldogs lead 80-78.

The last play: Panther guard Megan Edwards drives the right side of the floor and pulls up for a shot from the sideline. Butler's 6-foot, 1-inch Lade Akande blocks the shot as time expires.



Eastern freshman Megan Edwards battles for the ball with Butler freshman center Lade Akande as time expires. Seconds before, Akande blocked her fourth shot to ensure her team's 80-78 victory.

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Panthers live and die with turnovers

BY MARC CORRENTI
STAFF REPORTER

The Panthers women's basketball team displayed their Jekyll & Hyde play in Wednesday's 80-78 overtime loss in their home opener.

There was the bad Panthers team in the first half committing 12 turnovers and trailing 36-28 at halftime.

"We lost the game in the first half," Eastern coach Brady Sallee said.

It's no coincidence the Panthers (0-4) gained the momentum they had been seeking all season in the final 7 minutes of regulation and in overtime.

Freshman forward Lindsay Kluempers buried a three-pointer to bring the Panthers within four at 57-53 with 7 minutes, 5 seconds left in the second half.

From that point on, the Panthers committed only one turnover in regulation, helping develop consistency in a game to that point had been inconsistent.

"We just need to be more consistent with taking care of the ball," Sallee said. "I hate to use the excuse that we're young, but it's a fact. Until they get more comfortable playing with each other, we're going to have those problems."



Junior guard Amanda Maxedon scrambles for a loose ball with a Butler player in Eastern's 80-78 overtime loss. Maxedon sank all three of her shots, scoring seven points in 13 minutes. The Panthers remain winless, dropping to 0-4.

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THE EXTRA POINT

JOE WALTASTI
STAFF REPORTER

Look out for Panthers ... next year!

Eastern's loss to Southern Illinois last Saturday was much closer than the 21-6 score showed. The season should not be judged on just this loss, as a whole it was a tremendous success.

Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis is right in the thinking that there is no such thing as a moral victory. But there is one positive thing about this season looking toward next season: the Panthers are still babies.

Not in a size or toughness sense — junior linebacker Clint Sellers personally scares the hell out of me — but in the sense that they will return a majority of their players for 2006.

Nearly every offensive starter and more than half the defensive starters were underclassmen. Eastern had ten players on the Ohio Valley Conference's postseason first and second teams. Seven of them will be back next year.

Not only do the Panthers have a lot of returning players, but they are also Eastern's best.

The Panthers defense turned in a impressive season despite their youth. They swarmed to the ball and forced 21 fumbles and 20 interceptions and had the second-best turnover margin in the nation.

The offense created gaping holes for junior tailback Vincent Webb and gave inexperienced sophomore quarterback Mike Donato all the time he needed to find his receivers.

Webb had another 1,000-yard season and was third in the OVC in rushing yards and second in rushing TD's.

The Panthers played well this season and every coach in the OVC should be crying in their offices because Eastern is going to be scary next year too.

Donato will only get better with time and Andre Brown, a transfer from Northern Illinois, should push him to improve quickly if he wishes to keep his starting job. Brown ran the scout team offense this year against Eastern's defense in practice. And based on how the defense played, he performed very well.

The already dominant offensive line will have more time to mesh with one another. The secondary and linebacking corps will return almost untouched, losing just one starter, safety Chad Cleveland.

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