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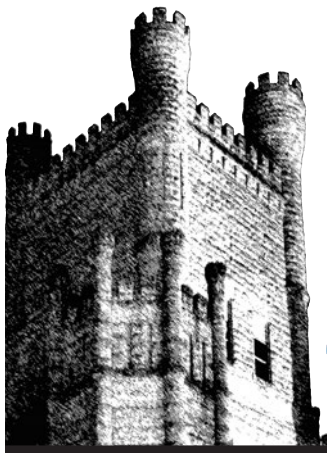
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“Tell the truth and don’t be afraid.”

SPORTS ♦ Four wrestlers place during weekend tourney: page 12

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Eastern waits on word of budget increase

IBHE to determine state funding for fall 2006

By JENNIFER PERYAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Illinois Board of Higher Education will hold its first meeting of the year today and determine a budget that will help college students attain financial aid easier.

The IBHE will determine today whether or not to recommend \$2.43 billion in state funding for public universities for fall 2006. The proposal targets financial aid as the top funding priority.

“I think we are going in the right direction in a budget increase and I would like to applaud IBHE and its staff for the increase recommendations,” said Eastern President Lou Hencken.



LOU HENCKEN

Eastern will recommend a figure of \$48,357.20, which will be a 1.6 percent increase. Eastern’s fall 2005 appropriations were \$47,609.50.

The budget increase will assist in price increases in wages, contracts with groups on campus and utility costs. Eastern did not receive a budget increase last year.

“We will have needs greater than the 1.6 percent increase; the bigger the increase the less we will have to come back to students,” Hencken said.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich will propose the increase, the IBHE will make recommendations and then it will go to the legislature for approval.

“We have so many needs on campus, every dollar will help reduce numbers that are greater than dollars received,” Hencken said.

The IBHE is also suggesting an allocation of \$361 million for the Monetary Award Program, a 6.6 percent increase from 2005. The MAP is a financial aid program that helps students struggling to attain financial aid.

The IBHE will also receive a report on textbook rental services from Eastern representatives. In August 2004, the IBHE requested input from Illinois public universities concerning the feasibility and desirability of instituting textbook rental programs similar to Eastern’s and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Eastern is one of 49 universities in the United States and Canada that offers textbook rental and only one of two in Illinois.

Other universities have cited concerns of start-up and maintenance costs and staffing as reasons they have not been able to establish textbook rental systems.

“We use our textbook rental service in recruitment,” Hencken said.

Out of the number of services Eastern offers, textbook rental is ranked number one by students followed by the Student Recreation Center, Hencken said.

“Students are spending their hard-earned money on their education and it is the responsibility of the staff of a rental system to monitor where that money goes, how it is best spent and the amount we are asking them to pay,” said Carol Miller, administrative assistant for textbook rental services.

The IBHE will meet at 9 a.m. today at the University of Illinois at Springfield.



LINDSEY CHOY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Michael Franzese, a former mob boss, speaks Monday night in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Ex-mobster shares experience

By MICHAEL PETERSON
STAFF WRITER

After three major racketeering indictments, five criminal trials and seven years in prison, Michael Franzese, a former mafia member, spoke to students and athletes about the dangers of gambling.

“I have seen gambling destroy more people’s lives than drugs and alcohol combined,” he said while he spoke in the Grand Ballroom at the Martin Luther King Jr University Union last night.

Card games, especially Texas Hold ‘Em, have increasingly become more and more popular in the last few years, and with the

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MICHAEL FRANZESE

Super Bowl coming up, Franzese’s anti-gambling message hits surprisingly close to home.

“It’s good for people to know about the problems with gambling, especially with the Super Bowl around the corner,” said Brandi Williams, the lecture coordinator for the

University Board.

Franzese began his story talking about his childhood and ended with the year he walked away from the mob. His father wanted him to stay in school and never join the mob, but things changed when his father was sentenced to 50 years in jail. After this incident, Franzese decided to join the family business.

Franzese knows the gambling business very well because that was one of his major jobs when he was still in the mob. Franzese said he would target athletes and would entice them to place bets on the games they

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Close vote on fee increase deemed ‘necessary’

Student Senate narrowly passed increase in Union Operating Fee

By CRYSTAL REED
STAFF WRITER

The Student Senate passed an increase of the Union Operating Fee by a close vote of 11-9 last Wednesday.

The Union Operation Fee portion of the Union Bond Revenue Fee increased 2.5 percent, or \$1.85, from the current fee of \$73.72 per year as of July 1, 2005.

Adam Howell, Student Government executive vice president, said the increase was due to fixed and personal costs. These costs involve fees such as utilities and personnel costs that are necessary to keep the Martin Luther King Jr University Union running, he said.

Howell said the increase was passed to ensure that the Union’s bills can be paid.

“This was a necessary increase, we get a lot out of the Union and costs go up every year,” Howell said. “I was in favor of the increase, (and) students are lucky to have a facility such as this.”

Some members were unsure about the increase though.

Student Senate member Keila Lacy was one of the students who was unsure about the increase.

“I was unsure if I wanted the tuition to increase,” Lacy said. “As a student I would like to know why the tuition was increasing; I’d rather vote no if I was unsure where the student money was going.”

“There is a separation between what is paid for by Union (Operating) Fees and what is paid for by Housing and Dining ... such as the Food Court,” said Ryan Berger, speaker of the senate.

“There was some confusion as to where the fee increase would be going,” Berger said. “This confusion is what lead to the close vote among Student Government members.”

Student Senate also voted last Wednesday to increase fees for student legal services, student health and accident insurance, student health services and student technology.

Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Union.

FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY
36
24
Partly cloudy

WEDNESDAY
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Mostly cloudy

THURSDAY
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34
Mostly Sunny

FRIDAY
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33
Mostly sunny

SATURDAY
47
40
Partly cloudy

UNIVERSITY AND CAMPUS NEWS

UCLA
Students cast votes in Iraqi elections

By Ari Bloomekatz
DAILY BRUIN

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Mohammad Tajsar and his older brother, Yousef, have never been to Iraq. But for their entire lives, their parents have told them stories about the country and why their family had to flee before they were born.

On Sunday, the two brothers voted in the first Iraqi election in over three decades, helping fulfill a dream their parents have had since they left their homeland over 25 years ago.

"They lost family and so much of their lives. (My parents) wanted to stay in Iraq. ... For them this is still a foreign country. It means so much for them," said Yousef, a fifth-year political science student at the University of California-Los Angeles.

Their mother, Jenan, left Iraq the day she finished school studying to be a pharmacist. She was only 20 years old and said she left because she and her family were afraid, both for their lives and that they would be arrested because she refused to join the Ba'ath party, the ruling party in Iraq.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
Students at higher risk of health problems

By Jennifer Johnson
ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGIAN

(U-WIRE) FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The stress of college life may have a greater impact than some students may realize. When dealing with psychological issues like stress and depression, a student's physical health could be on the line.

"Students can be at greater risk for health problems for a number of reasons," said Jenifer Thomas, graduate student assistant of the Stress Management Program. "The stress of being in college, and being away from home, can cause health problems because of the effects of long-term stress on the body."

Thomas works with students at CSU to help them deal with problematic issues related to stress and its physical impacts.

CORRECTIONS

In Monday's edition, *The Daily Eastern News* was missing the beginning of the sentence in the Odd Items story on page seven continued from page one. The sentence should have read "In a larger room at the opposite end of the hallway is where all other evidence is stored. Most of it sits awaiting a court trial where it will be used as evidence, for owners to reclaim it or to be destroyed." *The News* regrets the error.

BURRRRR!



Daniel Williams/The Daily Eastern News

Debbie Endsley, campus interview coordinator, gives advice to students about applying and interviewing for jobs Monday. Students packed the Martinsville Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to listen to the workshop "What Employers Want" sponsored by Career Services.

WTF?

More than a nail-biter

WILLMAR, Minn. (AP) – Police say a man lost his cool and bit off a third of his younger brother's finger on Thursday night after a vicious family dispute.

A criminal complaint filed in the case said Jose Juarez, 45, got into a fight with his younger brother, Roy Juarez.

Witnesses said Jose Juarez insulted his brother's daughter, and the fight began. At some point, Jose allegedly bit off a third of his brother's middle finger on his right hand. According to the complaint, police said Jose appeared to be quite drunk. Jose Juarez on Sunday night acknowledged that he bit his brother and that alcohol was a factor.

"Yeah, I'm not proud to say I did, but it happened so quick," he told KMSP-TV of the Twin Cities. "We were both kind of intoxicated. I didn't sit there chewing or gnawing or anything like this."

Roy Juarez was taken to Rice Memorial Hospital where doctors reattached the piece of finger. It's too early to tell if the operation was successful.

PEOPLE

Jackson trial begins

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) – Dressed in a bright white suit and a jewel-trimmed vest and belt, Michael Jackson on Monday stood before the first group of prospective jurors who could decide his fate on charges he molested a teenage cancer patient and plied the boy with alcohol at his Neverland Ranch.

The pop superstar, accompanied by four defense lawyers, stood and smiled as he faced prospective jurors for the start of jury selection in what could become the most sensational celebrity trial the world has ever seen. He greeted the clerk with a handshake at the courthouse in this small city in central California about 15 miles from the coast.

Outside, several hundred fans from around the world pressed up against a chain-link fence and shouted words of encouragement, holding up signs that read, "Dear God, Please Give Michael Justice" and "France Supports and Loves MJ."

ONLINE POLL

What aspect of the Super Bowl are you most excited about?

A) The game.
B) The commercials.
C) Another wardrobe malfunction!
D) An end to all the hype.

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COUNTING DOWN
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Days until Valentines Day.

WORD DU JOUR
prevalent
1. widespread; of wide extent or occurrence.
2. having the superiority or ascendancy.

TODAY'S EVENTS

FACULTY SENATE MEETING Weekly meeting.	2 P.M.	BOOTH LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS MADE EASY Learn procedures and helpful tips.	6 P.M.	CAREER SERVICES 1301 OF HSC
RELATIONSHIP PROGRAM Come learn about effective communication, conflict resolution and relationship management.	7:30 P.M.	CHARLESTON/MATTOON ROOM

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Another way to impact education

Eastern professors spend time writing textbooks to benefit students

By JENNIFER ETHER
STAFF WRITER

Professors on campus are going the extra mile to further educate students, other professors and anyone who may be interested in their fields of study.

History Professor Newton Key co-wrote the textbook, “Early Modern England.”

“I thought since there were two of us writing this book, that it would be easier, but it really wasn’t,” Key said.

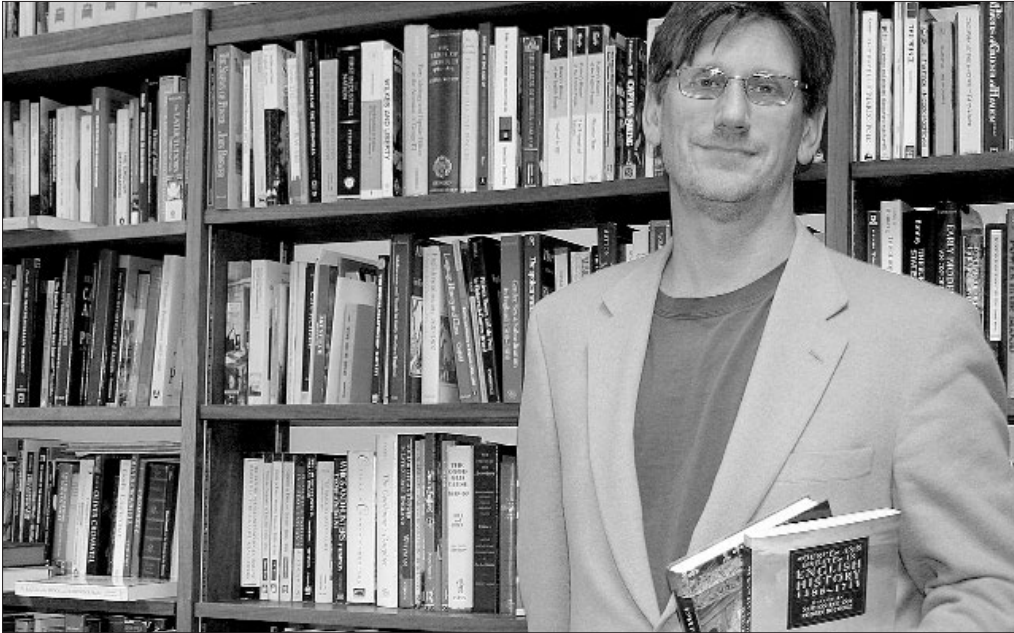
Key wrote the book with long-time friend, Robert Bucholz, a professor at Loyola University at Chicago. One of the biggest challenges Key said he encountered was trying to actually write the book while he and Bucholz were in two different places. They mostly communicated by either phone or e-mail.

“I always talked about a need for this type of book and I finally decided to get it done,” Key said. “I now have a newfound respect for textbook writers after doing this.”

Key said he wrote this book with the idea that people haven’t had the type of knowledge he was writing about in high school, so he would be presenting new material to them. Also, he said, both of the writers wanted to satisfy their need for teaching and they wanted to do something more.

The book is mainly used in North American classes on English history.

Although it required an enormous amount of



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Newton Key, a professor in the history department, co-wrote “Early Modern England,” which is used in history classes.

time and effort, Key said because of all of the positive responses, especially from students, he would gladly do another project again.

Professor James Tidwell, acting chair of the journalism department, also dedicated his time to produce a work to benefit students in the field of journalism entitled, “Media Law in Illinois: A Reporter’s Handbook.”

“The purpose of this article is to give working journalists a good fundamental summary of issues they may face in this field,” Tidwell said.

This book is geared toward an audience that may not be familiar with law, so it is clear to understand without the use of such terms that are used by most people in that field, Tidwell said.

This was the second work Tidwell has produced since his first in 1992, which was the first edition of the reporter’s handbook.

“It’s been a 10-year process writing this book,” Tidwell said. “I’ve made four or five updates since trying to write this book.”

While writing the book, Tidwell found that doing the research is the thing that takes the most time. Besides actually doing the research, the question is “when have you actually done enough?” he said.

Psychology Professor Steve Scher did something a little different in working on the book, “Evolutionary Psychology: Alternative Approaches.”

“I worked with different people who collectively contributed to the development of the book,” Scher said.

He and the other contributing writers each wrote a chapter on the evolution of the brain and the mind, he said. They wanted to expose the different ways to study the topic.

Scher said it was a different experience for him that allowed him to contact a lot of different people he did not know beforehand. One difficulty while producing the work was actually finding a publisher, he said.

“In order to write a book, you have to be persistent and believe in yourself and your ideas,” Scher said.

Most of all, Scher felt there were many ways to study psychology and he wanted to make people aware of that.

The idea of furthering the education and knowledge of students and fellow professors is a common theme amongst those that have devoted their time to writing or contributing to a book.

City looks into new sidewalks

By HILLARY SETTLE
CITY EDITOR

The City Council will consider accepting a bid for a sidewalk project they have been working on for the past year.

The bid award will hire Double D Construction, a Charleston company, to lay sidewalks on Edgar, Jefferson and Roosevelt avenues, said Mayor Dan Cougill.

The City Council searched for bids last year for the same project, but the bids that came in were too high so they were all rejected, he said. Waiting for the bid from Double D Construction saved the city roughly \$20,000 and gave the city the opportunity to invest money back into the community, Cougill said.

The council will also be approving raffle permits for Charleston employees who are planning to sell raffle tickets at the Charleston city employees dinner, a dinner paid for by the city in appreciation of all the work city employees do, Cougill said. The raffle tickets will be sold by the Charleston Hockey Club to help pay for their portion of the in line skate rink at Sister City Park.

The council will also look to approve resolutions approving street closure for the Friendly City Five Foot Race on April 30, an agreement to renew contracts for janitorial services and the acceptance of modifications to the Lake Island Tract Lease.

Annual Black History Month celebration begins

By ANDREA COLLINS
STAFF WRITER

Today marks the start of Black History Month, an annual celebration started in 1926 as a tool to educate people about African-American Heritage.

This month also causes frustrations among the black community, said Jeff Collier, president of the Black Student Union.

The calendar has a total of 365 days, yet the month that was dedicated to learning about African-American cul-

ture also happens to be the month with the fewest days, February, Collier said. African Americans have contributed so much to America’s society that education is needed throughout the year, he said.

“Black History Month is to educate all races on our strong culture,” said Chiquitta Allen, social service co-chair of BSU and BSU’s Member of the Month.

Educating is exactly what Eastern is intending to do.

Collier and a committee of the BSU members are working to organize edu-

cational and entertaining events throughout the month.

Steppin’ Out: Dance Lessons and Dance will be held 7 p.m. Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr University Union. The unveiling and ribbon cutting to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Time Line will be held 6 p.m., Feb. 26, in the Union Walkway. “Soul Food” will be available at Taylor Hall on Feb. 27, according to the Minority Affairs event calendar.

“This great committee has worked very hard all year for one month,” Collier said. However, the work won’t

stop after the month is over because the BSU will continue to teach people about African-American culture all year long.

“This is what the BSU is for,” Collier said.

The BSU put together a bulletin board in Carman Hall that will have varying displays throughout the month coinciding with the theme of black history. Topics will include entertainment as well as African-American firsts in America and in Charleston. After February has ended, the BSU will continue to fill this board

with facts to educate all races on African heritage.

The BSU will also hand out flyers to encourage students to help support the African-American Culture Center located on the north end of campus off of Seventh Street. The building dates back to Dec. 13, 1970, and is an important part of the African-American culture at Eastern, according to a Coles County African-American history Web page on www.eiu.edu.

The BSU invites all students to visit Carman Hall and show their support for keeping this building as it stands.



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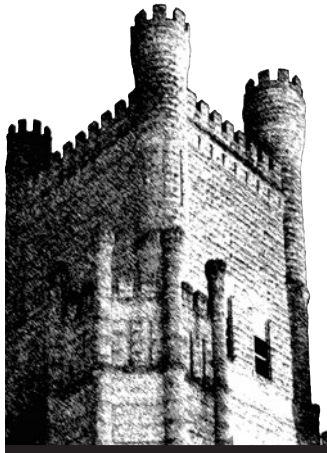
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COLUMN

Two weeks of hype for four hours of football



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Welcome to the most useless week in sports everybody.

Granted there is some college basketball, both here at Eastern and around the nation that is worth watching, and NBA in the middle of their season, but lets not lie to ourselves here. There is nothing worse than the week leading up to the Super Bowl in sports.

This week is just a tryout for whoever wants to be the next Deion "Primetime" Sanders. So I guess that means Philadelphia Eagles Wide Receiver (no, not Terrell Owens) Freddie Mitchell has taken the baton and ran.

It's just too bad that Mitchell will probably be running his mouth more than he will be running with the football when the game itself finally rolls around.

So far, if one was to turn on ESPN, he or she could not get through any sort of telecast without the wide receiver's name being mentioned and his mug plastered on the TV with a bow tie or whatever he decided to wear that day.

This isn't sports news, this is entertainment weekly.

By now, though, how could any sports information show have anymore information to give, besides the daily, or hourly, update on Owens' leg.

The Super Bowl takes up so much attention in American culture for the next week nobody can seem to avoid it. But the worst part of it all is just that

there is nothing to listen to even though everybody is talking.

Mitchell has determined not only is he worthy of becoming a reporter (in jest when he interviewed a fellow wide receiver with other reporters around) but that he can rename a delivering company after himself.

"Fred-ex" may just land him a new endorsement deal, but in reality the player is an under-achieving, former first-round

pick who has never become more than the Eagles' third option when all the receivers are healthy.

But who would know that by now considering all that the reporters are concentrating on is what he will say next instead of what he actually does on the field.

So we, as television consumers and junkies, are subjected to this barrage of running mouths and, as sports fans, don't have much else to turn to.

As great as playoff football is, I don't think there is a more disappointing finish to a season than the Super Bowl simply because the hype supersedes the game.

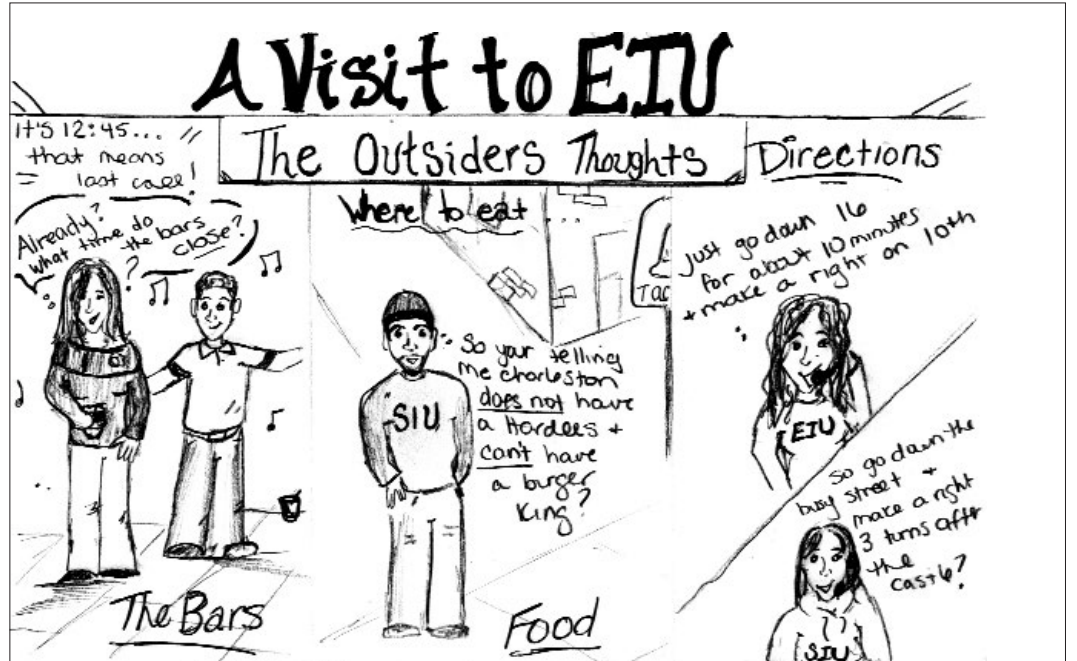
The sports that do not turn their finales into showcase events for entertainment are the true endings to work that is put in by athletes. Nothing can even compare to the month-long tournament in college basketball that ends a season for college athletes with perhaps the most exciting sports entertainment to be viewed all year long.

Especially when here at Eastern the pureness of sport is showcased by student athletes who play for the love of the game, and not much more, Super Bowl week shows the opposite end of the spectrum.

The glitz and glamour of the Super Bowl outshines those who take their sports seriously on any level no matter what kind of attention they receive while playing at, say, a small Division I-AA school that competes in the Ohio Valley Conference.

So eat up the mouths spewing on sports networks this week if you so choose, but understand that there are many other athletes who aren't getting this kind of attention who probably deserve it just as much.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY GIA HYOS



EDITORIAL

Stopping the meth problem

There is no denying that Coles County has a problem with Methamphetamines. A main focus in the race for the State's Attorney position in Coles County was how the candidates would deal with the local meth problem.

Local retailers and law enforcement have reached agreements to try and limit the purchases of the key ingredient in meth. Thankfully, our local state legislators are now looking to pass legislation to restrict the purchase of pseudoephedrine, the main ingredient in meth. Psuedoephedrine is found in products such as Sudafed and Claritin-D.

Those who have allergies may have noticed when they go to Wal-Mart, Walgreens or any drug store that those allergy medicines no longer are on the shelf. Most are behind the counter and only can be purchased one box at a time. This is the result of an agreement between local retailers and the "Drug Court" led by Judge Mitch Shick and local politicians including Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill.

This legislation, which local state politicians Sen. Dale Righter (R-Mattoon), Rep. Chapin Rose (R-Charleston) and Rep. Roger Eddy (R-Hutsonville) traveled the area promoting Friday, would be very beneficial to the area.

The bill requires that in addition to pharmacies putting medication behind the counter, consumers must have photo identification and will need to sign their name in order to purchase the medication.

If this bill passes, it should significantly reduce meth use. The only ingredient that is absolutely required to produce

At issue

The proposed law to restrict the purchase of the main ingredient of methamphetamine.

Our stance

This is a very good bill that will greatly benefit Coles County and the entire state

meth is the pseudoephedrine found in Sudafed and Claritin-D. By restricting the ease of accessing this drug, the use of the drug should drop.

According to Righter, Oklahoma was the first state to pass similar legislation and they saw a 50 percent decrease in meth labs within two months and an 80 percent reduction over 10 months. He also said numerous states, including Indiana, are in the process of filling similar legislation.

Yes, it will be a hassle to have to show ID and sign a receipt of log whenever one purchases allergy medicine containing pseudoephedrine. It is even more frustrating that one can only purchase one box, which usually has enough pills to last

only 10 to 15 days. If there is a family with two or three individuals with allergies this box won't last more than five days.

However, these difficulties and extra steps are worth it when it comes to preventing meth addictions.

While this bill will not stop the addiction of those who are already using meth, it can stop them from finding new meth users. The reason meth is so prevalent is that it is a very cheap and easily acquired. For obvious financial reasons this attracts the younger citizens of Coles County.

In addition, the requirement of showing an ID to purchase the main ingredient will prevent minors from purchasing pseudoephedrine, hopefully preventing another meth addict.

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

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North Central Association visit steadily approaching

Administrators make final reaccreditation preparations

By KYLE MAYHUGH
STAFF WRITER

Administrators are finishing preparations for the North Central Association site visit Feb. 14-16, where the visitors will confirm information from Eastern's self-study report for accreditation.

The NCA accredits universities every 10 years based on a university's mission and integrity,



engagement in service and planning for the future.

Site visitors will be given the chance to meet members of the campus community, examine university documents and examine facilities to ensure Eastern meets accreditation standards.

Bob Augustine, dean of the graduate school, has been in charge of the preparations.

Since the beginning of the semester, Augustine has been attending meetings of campus governing bodies and contacting

people on campus to prepare for the site visit.

"I don't know how many (meetings I've attended)," Augustine said. "A lot."

Last fall, Augustine helped prepare the self-study Eastern sent to the NCA outlining how it meets standards for accreditation, and the report will be the center of discussions with the site visitors.

"We have been posting reminders to review the report," Augustine said.

Logistical preparations for the visit focus on two areas: putting together a schedule that works for both the site visitors and the groups they must meet and furnishing a resource room for the site visitors.

Site visitors will have meetings

with groups including Student Government, Faculty Senate and an open meeting with faculty.

Augustine said he has been working on the schedule for two weeks, and he said the schedule is "about 80 percent done" and will be released to the public soon.

The resource room will be set up in Conference Room 4440 of the Booth Library.

The room will have laptop computers with wireless Internet access and files of paper documents that cannot be accessed online. The laptops are being provided by the Center for Academic Technology Support.

Robert Hillman, head of university archives and special collections, is in charge of organizing the paper documents.

"We'll have a couple boxes filled with reports they need to see to verify information," Hillman said.

The documents will include past academic catalogs, master plans of the campus and hiring guidelines for faculty.



Supreme Court, legislative candidates shatter spending records

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD – Money flowed in unprecedented amounts in last fall's election in Illinois, shattering national spending records for a state Supreme Court race and state spending records for at least one legislative race.

Supreme Court candidates Lloyd Karmeier and Gordon Maag combined to spend more than \$9.3 million in a bitter race for the 5th District court seat that the Republican, Karmeier, eventually won, according to campaign finance reports filed Monday with the State Board of Elections.

The total more than doubled the previous national record for a court race, \$4.4 million spent in Alabama in 1996. The previous Illinois record was \$3.2 million for a state Supreme Court primary race in 2000, according to several watchdog groups.

The contest between Karmeier and Maag became a national fight among doctors, big business and trial lawyers over the issue of lawsuit reform, especially in medical malpractice cases.

COMPTROLLER REFUSES TO HONOR BLAGOJEVICH DEAL FOR VACCINE

CHICAGO – Illinois' chief financial officer said Monday his office would not pay for the millions of dollars in flu vaccine that Gov. Rod Blagojevich ordered from Europe but never got federal approval to import.

State Comptroller Dan Hynes said the lack of approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to import about 256,000 doses of flu vaccine should let the state cancel its \$2.5 million contract with British wholesaler Ecosse.

He cited a provision that allows termination for "unforeseeable circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including ... governmental regulation."

Ford Hall to hold self-defense course

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
STAFF WRITER

Each year instances are reported on campus where people are attacked or sexually assaulted by force.

The University Police Department has had 12 reports on these two crimes in the last two years, according to its Web site.

Officer James Williams, a University Police officer, is trying to do something to help.

Williams teaches self-defense courses for the University Police Department and tonight will be teaching a class in Ford Hall.

The event was organized by Melanie Taggart, an Eastern physical education major.

"It is good for people to know the basics."

MELANIE TAGGART,
PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJOR

Residents at Ford Hall put on self-defense classes last year and Taggart said it was a lot of fun.

Taggart also took the self-defense class offered by the physical education department. The course is designed to teach the basic points of self-defense and is taught by Julia Gladu.

"It is good for people to know the basics. My dad is a police officer on campus, so I know a

little, but I took a class to learn more," Taggart said.

Coles and Cumberland counties have the Sexual Assault Counseling and information service to aid victims. Last year, SACIS assisted 229 sexual assault victims in Coles and Cumberland counties.

"Most of the individuals we helped were from Coles County," said Bonny Buckley, the executive director of SACIS. "In addition to the 229 victims, we provided counseling to 202 of their family members and friends. We help individuals of all ages from preschool to senior citizens."

The self-defense class will be held 8 p.m. tonight in the Ford Hall lobby.

Trial to begin for three defendants involved in incident

By HILLARY SETTLE
CITY EDITOR

Trial will begin today for three people involved in an incident outside La Bamba's restaurant that took place on Sept. 26, 2003.

Lee Graham, 37, Seniece Graham, 29, and William Graham, 32, will all be tried together

because they were all involved in the same incident.

Lee Graham and Seniece Graham are both being charged with aggravated battery to an arresting police officer and obstruction of justice. William Graham is being charged with two counts of threatening a police officer, according to the Coles County Circuit Clerk.

According to the police report, Lee Graham and William Graham were observed in the street and driveway of La Bamba's and Jimmy John's yelling, screaming and charging at a crowd of about 100 people.

"The situation was out of control when (officers) arrived at the scene and continued to deteriorate," the report said.

The final pretrial for the three defendants was held yesterday when the three defending attorneys and the prosecution went over final arrangements.

Judge Mitch Shick, who will be hearing the case, said the trial can be expected to last all week.

The trial will begin today at 8:30 a.m.



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White takes over as U of I president

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

URBANA – B. Joseph White took over as president of the University of Illinois on Monday, saying new cooperation is needed to secure the system's financial future.

White said he expects faculty members to continue to attract research dollars, while administrators will need to make tough decisions "including reductions and reallocations at times" to maintain program quality.

Alumni and other donors will be asked to give more, while students

and the state will need to continue to "do their part," White said.

"Looking forward, I think we really need to hammer out a new compact for the University of Illinois involving (the) five parties," White told reporters.

White already is preparing for budget discussions in the Legislature and met with Gov. Rod Blagojevich last week, describing it as a brief "standup encounter." He also has met with state Senate President Emil Jones, D-Chicago, other lawmakers and the mayors of Champaign, Urbana and Chicago's Mayor

Richard Daley.

"We haven't had substantive talks yet," he said.

White, 57, had no ties to Illinois before being named in November to replace James J. Stukel, whose retirement is effective Tuesday. White is a former dean of the University of Michigan business school and served as interim president at Michigan in 2002.

He assumes leadership of a system with campuses in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield that have a combined enrollment of nearly 70,000 students, 5,500 faculty,

nearly 18,000 administrative and support employees and a budget of \$3 billion.

"My biggest challenge is that I'm brand new," he said.

So White set out on his first day in office to meet some students, stopping to shake hands and visit with several as he walked through the Illini Union. He met Steven Rosado, a sophomore from Chicago, who presented the new president with an idea _ use current students to recruit new students from the city.

"We had the largest overall freshman enrollment this year, but the

smallest minority enrollment," Rosado said. "I think it would be a more powerful message in recruiting to bring students here if they heard it from other students."

White handed Rosado his business card.

"It's such a good idea that we need to do it," he said. "Don't forget to e-mail me."

White will live in Urbana but said he will divide his time among the three main U of I campuses. He was headed to Springfield on Monday afternoon and planned to be on the Chicago campus later this week.


Elephant's death revives debate about weather

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO – The memorial service was held outside, with a few mourners, bunches of flowers and a framed photo of the 55-year-old deceased, an elephant named Peaches.

She was the oldest African elephant in an American zoo when she died Jan. 17 at Lincoln Park Zoo. But her death, which came three months after a younger pachyderm named Tatima died at the zoo, has renewed complaints from animal-welfare activists that

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elephants do not belong in cold-weather zoos.

JUDGE FEUDS WITH U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

CHICAGO – A federal judge embroiled in a legal feud with federal prosecutors said Monday that he sometimes speaks in gruff terms to lawyers who appear before him but insisted that he has never shown bias when making his decisions.

"I have been and will continue to be fair and impartial in all matters and cases over which I preside," U.S. District Judge James F.

Holderman said in court papers.

U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald, in court papers filed Jan. 21, accused Holderman of bias and asked a federal appeals court to order him to stop trying to determine whether an assistant U.S. attorney, Jacqueline Stern, had violated the federal rules of criminal procedure.

BOND DENIED FOR MAN ACCUSED OF KILLINGS

CHICAGO – A Cook County Circuit Court judge has denied bond for a homeless man accused of killing and sexually assaulting three Chicago women and attempting to murder another woman.

Vincent Hudson, 32, appeared Sunday by video monitor for a

bond hearing before Judge Matthew E. Coghlan, who denied the bond request. Hudson was charged Saturday with three counts of first-degree murder and three counts of aggravated criminal sexual assault.

Additional attempted first-degree murder and aggravated battery charges were filed against Hudson on Saturday afternoon after a woman identified him in a police lineup as her attacker, police spokesman Matthew Jackson said.

NEW DNA TESTS END LIFE SENTENCES FOR TWO

CHICAGO – More than a decade after two men were sentenced to life in prison for the sexual assault and murder of a Chicago woman, prose-

cutors dismissed the charges Monday and set one of the men free, saying new DNA testing had failed to link them to the crime.

Dan Young Jr., now 44, left the state prison in Pontiac Monday afternoon. The other man convicted in the 1990 attack, Harold Hill, 31, has three years left to serve in an armed robbery case, said Cook County State's Attorney's spokesman John Gorman.

The murder and assault charges were dropped after a series of scientific tests _ some of which were not available when the two men were arrested and convicted _ failed to link Hill or Young to the slaying of Kathy Morgan, 39, whose raped and strangled body was found in an abandoned building on the city's South Side after a fire, Gorman said.

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Allawi calls for unity after Iraq vote

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Prime Minister Ayad Allawi urged Iraqis Monday to unite behind democracy in the wake of the country's historic elections, but al-Qaida's arm in Iraq vowed to press ahead with its "holy war" despite its failure to stop the voting by millions of Iraqis.

Partial results could be released as early as Tuesday, though final results from the hand counting of ballots could take up to 10 days, election officials said. U.S. soldiers stood guard and election workers cheered as trucks loaded with the first batch of ballots from the provinces rolled into Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone for the next phase of the count.

Despite the lack of official totals from Sunday's election, officials in the main Shiite clergy-endorsed coalition claimed a large victory, which could raise tensions with Iraq's Sunni Muslims, who are thought to have largely sat out the vote.

Insurgents struck back Monday, killing three U.S. Marines in a roadside bombing

south of Baghdad. Guerrillas also issued a video claiming to have shot down a British C-130 transport plane that crashed Sunday north of Baghdad. Ten 10 military personnel were missing and presumed dead — Britain's biggest single loss of life in the Iraq conflict.

The video, aired on al-Jazeera television, showed burning wreckage purported to be that of the C-130. Its authenticity could not be confirmed.

A string of suicide bombings and other attacks on election day, killed at least 44 people.

In his first public statement since the elections, Allawi called on Iraqis to join together to build a society shattered by decades of war, Saddam Hussein's tyranny, economic sanctions, military occupation and insurgency.

The terrorists now know that they cannot win," Allawi said. "We are entering a new era of our history and all Iraqis — whether they voted or not — should stand side by

side to build their future."

In southern Iraq, U.S. troops opened fire on detainees rioting Monday at the Camp Bucca prison facility, killing four people, the U.S. command said. The unrest broke out during a search for contraband and quickly spread. After warnings and non-lethal methods failed to halt it, "lethal force was used," the military said.

Local polling stations worked through the night to count ballots — by oil lamp at one Najaf site after power went off. By Monday afternoon, the count at all 5,200 stations nationwide was completed, and local centers were forwarding tally sheets and ballots to Baghdad, where vote totals will be compiled in computers and then announced, election officials said.

With turnout figures expected to take some time, concern was high that Sunnis — who make up the backbone of the insurgency — largely stayed out of the vote and may be alienated from the government that emerges.

MOBSTER:

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were playing in.

Franzese eventually made his break from the mob in 1991.

Now he travels from place-to-place sharing his personal experiences hoping that he will be able to convince people that getting involved with gambling can be dangerous. He has also written two books about his mafia experiences, "Quitting the Mob" and "Blood Covenant."

There were 25 online gambling sites in 1997, Franzese said in his speech, and now there are approximately 44,500.

"This number hasn't grown this large because they are losing money," he said.

Franzese then emphasized if someone is gambling online, he or she is breaking the law. There is not one legitimate Web site on the Internet. He said it can also be very dangerous to gamble online, especially since it is hard to know who is in charge of those Web sites.

The bottom line of his lecture was gambling is a dangerous addiction and it can become a problem no matter how old you are. The best thing to do is to never get involved with gambling in any way.

"Don't just slow down," Franzese said. "Stop."

Libel allegations cost Schwarzenegger campaign \$500,000

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has rung up legal bills of more than a half million dollars to defend himself and campaign aides in libel cases related to groping allegations made during the 2003 recall election, according to records released Monday.

Schwarzenegger and two campaign aides are fighting a libel lawsuit in London brought by a former British television host who claims she was groped by Schwarzenegger and later defamed by campaign staff when they commented about the incident.

Campaign finance records show Schwarzenegger paid about \$116,000 last year to prominent British attorney Keith Schilling to defend him. The attorney is still owed more than \$150,000.

Records also show Schwarzenegger has paid or still owes a total of nearly \$260,000 to attorneys who helped settle a separate libel suit brought by a movie stuntwoman who claimed

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Schwarzenegger's campaign lied about another groping incident.

KERRY HAS LEFTOVER MONEY FOR ANOTHER RUN AT PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON — John Kerry's unsuccessful presidential campaign left him with millions of dollars in seed money for a 2008 Senate or presidential bid.

The Democrat transferred \$4 million in leftover money from his 2004 presidential-primary campaign to his Senate campaign fund, campaign finance reports he filed Monday with the Federal Election Commission show.

Kerry's primary campaign had nearly \$10

million left after the transfer. Kerry can use that money and the millions moved to his Senate campaign to seek re-election to his Massachusetts seat in 2008 or to run for president again.

PROSECUTORS WRAP UP CASE AGAINST DEFROCKED PRIEST

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Prosecutors wrapped up their case against defrocked priest Paul Shanley on Monday after a psychiatrist testified that it is not uncommon for adults who suffer trauma as children to repress memories of the experience.

Shanley's accuser, now a 27-year-old firefighter, says he remembered in early 2002 that he had been repeatedly raped and molested by the former priest from 1983 to 1989 at a parish outside Boston. Shanley's lawyer has questioned the science behind repressed memory.

The condition is "not common, but it's not at

all rare," said prosecution witness Dr. James Chu, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School.

MANY MOURN CONDUCTOR KILLED IN DERAILMENT

GLENDALE, Calif. — Hundreds of people gathered Monday for a memorial for a conductor killed in a train wreck last week, with a child's simple remembrance bringing tears to the eyes of the veteran trainmen who packed the church.

"I'm sad you are dead because the guy parked on the tracks," Thomas Ormiston's young grandson wrote in a letter read during the service. "I love you Papa Tom."

Thomas Ormiston, 58, was one of 11 people who died Wednesday in a commuter train derailment that prosecutors said was triggered by a suicidal man who parked his SUV on the tracks. The 13-year Metrolink veteran left behind a wife, two adult daughters and six grandchildren.

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- 6 "Zounds!"
- 10 Links numbers
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- 15 Six Flags attraction
- 16 Pull a sulky, perhaps
- 17 She appeared in "Thelma & Louise" with 24-Across
- 19 Top of the heap
- 20 Say "cheese," say
- 21 Cut and paste
- 23 Bard's "always"
- 24 She appeared in "The Witches of Eastwick" with 53-Across
- 27 Wide of the plate
- 29 Hospital fluids
- 30 G.I.'s mail drop
- 31 Opposite of sud
- 33 Aggressive, personalitywise
- 37 Sticks up
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- 43 Quarterback's ploy
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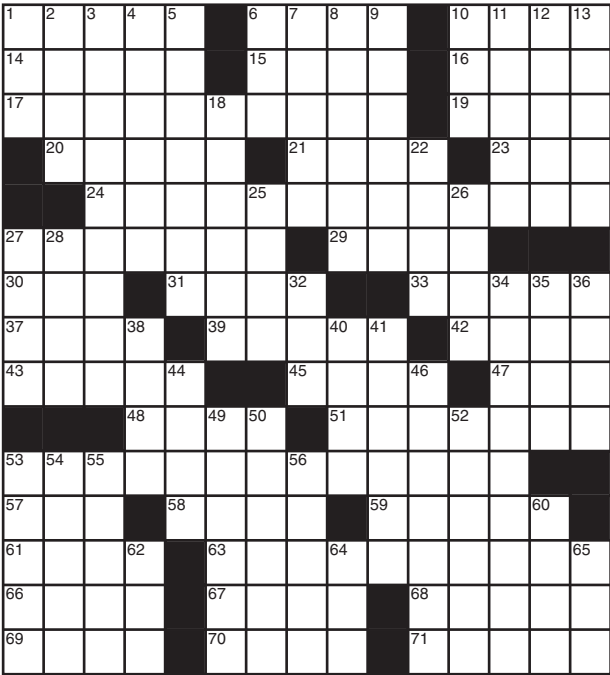
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- 53 He appeared in "A Few Good Men" with 63-Across
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- 68 Not straight
- 69 Marsh plant
- 70 Woods plant
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- 12 Star-crossed lover of fiction
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- 18 Exactly right
- 22 Lip-puckering
- 25 "Quo Vadis?" emperor
- 26 Second half of a vote
- 27 Propels a shell
- 28 Well-versed in
- 32 Society girl
- 34 Tyre's ancient land
- 35 Be worthy of
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- 38 Polio vaccine developer
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- 41 Map out again
- 44 Classic Welles role
- 46 Antinuclear treaty
- 49 Fed up with
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- 52 Represent with symbols
- 53 Shortstop Derek
- 54 Elicit a chuckle from
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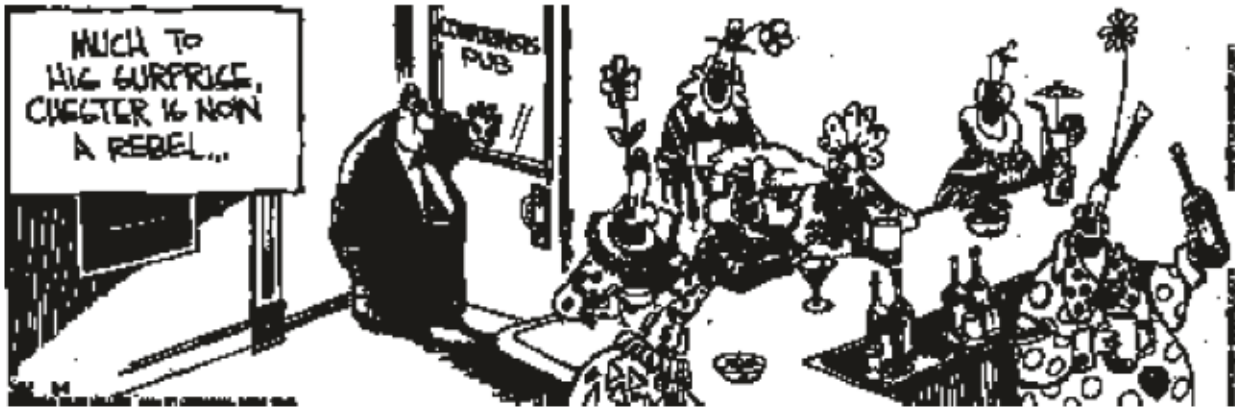
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Search for Ballard replacement underway

STAFF REPORT

Eastern has started the process of replacing longtime women's soccer coach Steve Ballard, who resigned last week to start a women's soccer program at University of Texas-San Antonio.

On Thursday Eastern Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie announced a five-person search committee, chaired by Associate Athletic Director Rodger Jehlicka, to assist with the hiring of a new head coach.

Other members on the search committee will be Eastern's men's soccer head coach Adam Howarth, Ali Moshtagh, associate professor of economics, Cindy Tozer, director of academic services for athletics, and Panther freshman defender Michelle Steinhaus.

In a press release McDuffie said the committee has already started a national search and are accepting applications. Eastern hopes to have a new coach named by early April.

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Megan Scaggs, who is out for the season after tearing her MCL and ACL. Scaggs was a versatile post-player who could step out and hit the mid range jump shot, and was a force on the boards.

To O'Connor's credit, she has stepped up her play since Scaggs' injury, and is having one of her finer

seasons in a Panther uniform.

The Panthers have four more home games, and if they can steal a couple of games on the road, and successfully defend the Lantz Arena turf, then they can turn their season around and continue to build for the future.

Marcus Jackson is a senior communication studies major. He can be reached at cumrj2@eiu.edu.

'Wardrobe malfunction' won't be repeated

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) – Oh, what the NFL would have given for a marching band.

Instead, it got what will forever be known as a "wardrobe malfunction," an ever-so-brief shot of Janet Jackson's bare breast – barely discernible at first, but easy to see after the replays had been slowed down, digitized and dissected a hundred times over.

In a flash, Janet's halftime debauchery last year altered the watercooler conversation about the Super Bowl – and to an extent about the bigger issues of morals and decency – and made the powers in the NFL realize they had failed in their never-ending quest to micromanage things down to the millisecond.

"Disappointment and embarrassment" was how Brian McCarthy, who runs the NFL's non-football operations, described the scene and its bombastic aftermath.

"An unprecedented event and an unprecedented reaction," said Charles Coplin, the man the NFL put in charge of making sure nothing like that happens at this year's game.

Jackson, who declined interview requests for this story, will be in Jacksonville this week, attending a fund-raising party the night before the big game. Clearly, she will be persona non-grata at any NFL-

sponsored event.

But her impact on the Super Bowl will never be forgotten – not in this day and age of instant news, instant analysis, instant overkill.

Her breast, after all, was much more than a breast, and we're not just talking about the silver sunburst nipple shield that was revealed when Justin Timberlake tore open her black leather top – accidentally, he said.

The Federal Communications Commission got involved. The debate over decency standards on TV – long considered a dying issue by all but the most vigilant – re-emerged. Radio personality Howard Stern, tired of having the FCC breathing down his neck, moved to the censor-free Sirius radio satellite network, the same company that, ironically, broadcasts each NFL game across the nation each week.

It might be a reach, but not too big of one, to say that the Jackson imbroglio fed into the huge American debate about morals that helped shape last year's election.

"All these people were acting as though Western civilization had taken a major hit," said Syracuse University television expert Robert Thompson. "The whole thing was dripping in sanctimony, contradiction and hypocrisy."

WRESTLING:

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at heavyweight and sophomore Greg Perz, at 184 pounds. Perz lost in 4-2 in overtime and even though this was his best finish of the season Perz wasn't completely satisfied.

"I could have taken first," Perz said. "I was in a slump for a while, but I won two matches last week (against Ohio and McKendree) and am wrestling pretty well now."

Outside of his best finish of the season, Perz got another positive out of the tournament. Perz was able to wrestle against an opponent from Wyoming, who is in the same regional tournament as Eastern, and watch a wrestler from Air Force, who is also in Eastern's regional.

Ziminski lost in his championship match after giving up points early when he got caught out of position, McCausland said.

"He knew what was going to happen if he let that happen but he just relaxed for a minute," McCausland said. "We have to hold position for the whole match because if you give it up that could be the only score of the match."

Sophomore Jason Sherko (9-13) took third

"It's a good scenario because (Perz is) putting himself in situations where he can be successful. I think it will catch on with the younger kids"

RALPH MCCAUSLAND,
HEAD WRESTLING COACH

place at 197 pounds going 3-1 on the day.

Overall McCausland said he was pleased with Eastern's performance although the tournament wasn't as tough as he originally thought it would be. One thing that McCausland picked up on that whole team can adapt to came from Perz.

"It's a good scenario because he's putting himself in situations where he can be successful," McCausland said. "I think it will catch on with the younger kids."

DIFFERENCES:

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with a time of 8 minutes and 23 seconds.

"His performance was outstanding," Akers said. "Some guys took off early but he stuck with his game plan and ran the leaders down in the second half."

Other top performances made by athletes of the Eastern track and field team were made by freshman Chris Wesson, who finished third in the 800 meters, and junior Denise Jones, who finished fourth in the women's high jump.

While some individual performances may have impressed Akers, he wasn't quite as pleased with the team's effort overall.

"We performed pretty mediocre I thought," Akers said. "We had some people that were really ready to compete and we had some that weren't mentally focused

Eatern top finishes at Hoosier Relay

◆ Men

Name	Event	Place
Dave Carlson	3000 meter	1st
Chris Wesson	800 meter	3rd
Erik Werden	mile	6th
Dan Christensen	pole vault	7th
A. Grobengieser	shot put	7th

◆ Women

Name	Event	Place
Alicia Harris	200 meter	6th
Kirsten Bosniak	3000 meter	9th
Denise Jones	high jump	4th
Ronesha Franklin	triple jump	9th
Erin Stein	shot put	7th

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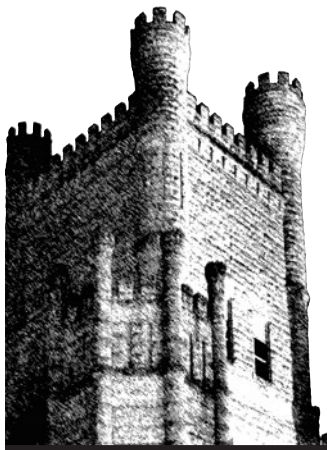
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	MEN'S BASKETBALL AT MURRAY STATE	7:15 p.m.
FRIDAY	WRESTLING AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	SWIMMING VS. SAINT LOUIS	12:00 p.m.
	TRACK & FIELD AT ILLINOIS STATE	through 2/6



DIGGING IN

MARCUS JACKSON
STAFF WRITER

Women's basketball needs leadership

The Eastern women's basketball team has already won as many games this season (eight), as it won all of last season; however, this is a team that is still underachieving.

The Panthers just finished a four game homestand where they only won one game. It doesn't matter what level of basketball you are playing at, you have to play well in your own gym, and the Panthers simply did not do that.

Junior guard Megan Casad was basically a non-factor during the recent home stand, which comes as somewhat of a shock because she is one of the more well-rounded players on the Panther roster.

Her versatility is evident in the fact that she recorded a triple-double last season, but has not returned to that form thus far this season.

During the Panthers' last three games, all losses, Casad scored a total of eight points with just three assists.

If the Panthers are going to rebound from this slump they are in, they are going to need more production from the point guard position, and that's where Casad comes in. While the Panthers saw some good things from freshman Kiki Bytnar over the last two games, I think Casad is the immediate answer.

Bytnar has all the physical tools to become a good floor general, but at this stage in her career she still has a lot of learning to do. Casad started every game as a freshman last season, and has an overwhelming edge in the experience department.

The Panthers are getting consistent scoring from senior center Pam O'Connor with 14.2 points per game, and junior guard Megan Sparks (11.6), but no other Panther has stepped up to claim the role as another formidable offensive threat.

The Panthers are going to need someone else to become a factor to take some of the pressure off their top two scorers. O'Connor has been hurt by the loss of sophomore forward

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WRESTLING

Panthers post best tourney finish

Kenny Robertson takes first place at Great Plains Open in Nebraska

BY DAN RENICK
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern had its most successful tournament of the year when they placed four wrestlers at the Great Plains Open in Lincoln, Neb., on Saturday.

No. 19 ranked Kenny Robertson (26-9) took the top spot of the day for the Panthers with a first place finish at 174 pounds. Robertson, a sophomore, went 2-0 on the day, but didn't have a match in the finals because the other wrestler forfeited without giving a reason, Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland said.

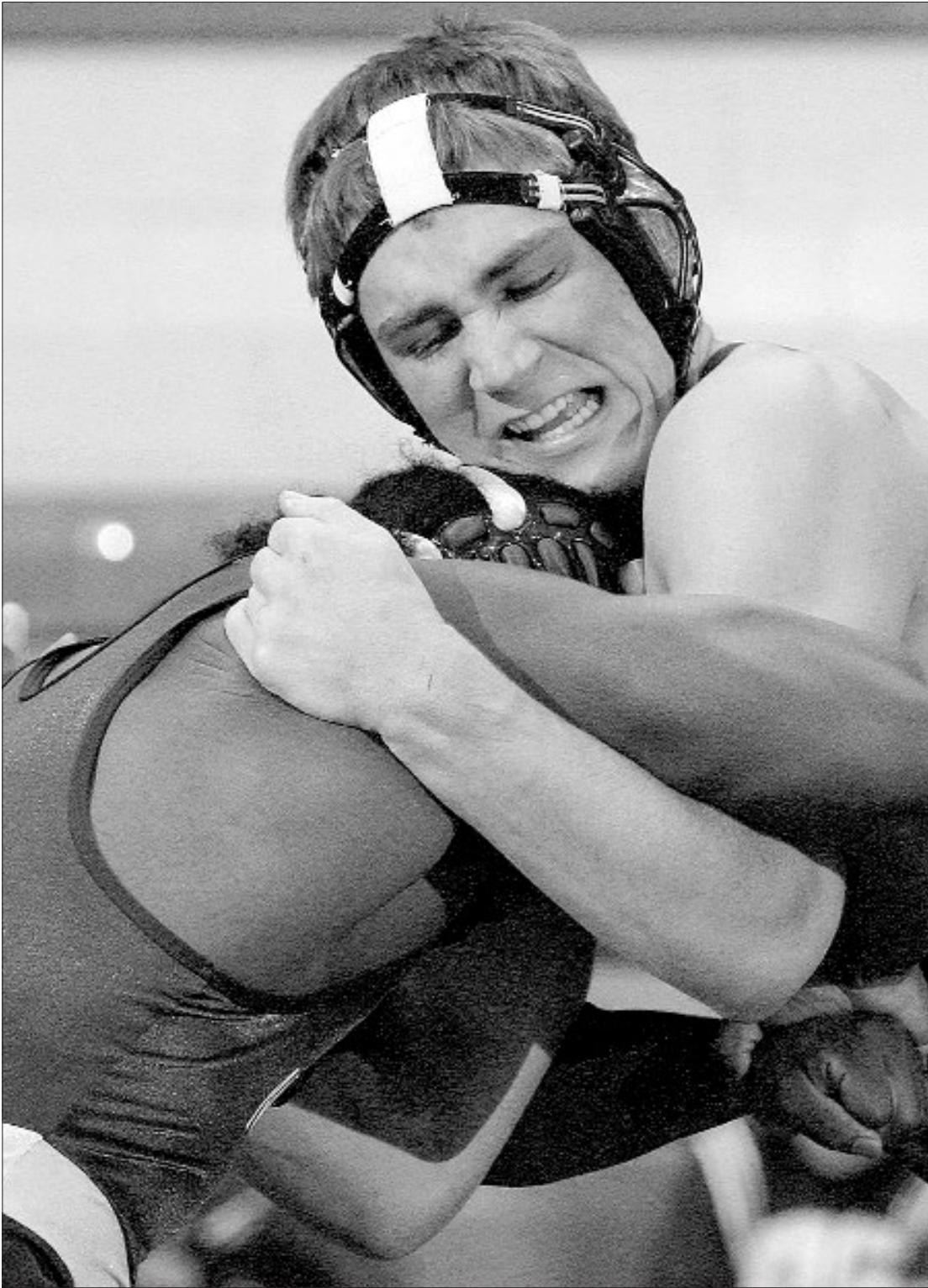
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GREG PERZ, SOPHOMORE
WRESTLER

"Kenny's game to wrestle anytime, anywhere," McCausland said. "It's a little disappointing to go all that way expecting to wrestle three or four matches and only getting two."

Two Panthers took second place at the tournament, senior Pete Ziminski (9-6),

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STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore Greg Perz wrestles against McKendree College junior Robert Casey in the 184 pounds match Jan. 23 in Lantz Arena. Perz had two pins at the Great Plains Open and leads the team with 10.

TRACK

Indoor season sets Panthers back

Carlson sets the pace for 3000 meter competition

BY DERRICK JOHNSON II
STAFF WRITER

Throughout the entire school year, track and field athletes have to deal with differing conditions because their season is split into two different styles of running.

Unlike other sports which are consistently played either indoors or outdoors for the entire season,

track and field runs one season outside and another indoors.

Above all the weather is key difference between the two seasons. The athletes have to understand and adapt to the differences between the styles of running.

When competing outdoors, athletes must prepare for harsh wind and weather conditions which could affect the tempo of the meet and the athlete's ability to perform.

"I believe working hard during the indoor season sets the table for outdoor, but in the end they are still two separate seasons," Eastern head coach Tom Akers said.

Another key factor that distinguishes outdoor and indoor track and field is the size of the track

itself. Indoor tracks are 200 meters which is half the distance of an outdoor track.

Because of this, many sprints are cut in half leaving sprinters with less room to catch up. This could also affect athletes in the sense that the curves are run slower than the straight-aways. This fact could have a slight affect on times when considering that an athlete will run twice as many curves indoors.

If the indoor season does prepare runners for the outdoor season, like Akers said, then some runners are taking advantage of that theory.

It seems that junior Dave Carlson is already setting the table for the outdoor 3000 meters after looking at his performance at the Hoosier relays this past weekend. Carlson finished the race first

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