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## Council gets Blair, Doudna updates

By JENNIFER PERIAM  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Council on University Planning and Budget received an update Dec. 10 on the Blair Hall roof and Doudna Fine Arts Center renovations.

In September, the Board of Trustees approved an \$845,000 project that aimed to reconstruct Blair Hall's fire-damaged roof. Last April, the building's third floor was destroyed and its first and second floors received extensive water damage.

"We have been able to increase classroom sizes by providing 60 seats per classroom instead of 40 to 50 and added two classrooms to give us flexibility," said Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

A slate look alike material is being used to cover the roof to give the building its original look and roof construction will continue through the end of February. Final construction documents are expected to be received Jan. 10, open bids and negotiations with contractors are planned for Feb. 23 and the goal is to have the construction completed by Jan. 20, 2006, Cooley said.

"We are adding on our own space by constructing two floors on the west side of the building and putting in a sprinkler system with our own funds," Cooley said.

There might be an issue with the stairway in the building because the stairs in Blair Hall were installed in 1952, Cooley said.

"We believe there may be a code issue that the current steps do not meet safety codes because they are too high of a step," Cooley said.

Administrators will work with the historical society and insurance company to see if there is a need to reconstruct the stairway.

As soon as the bids for the project are received in February, occupants in the Clinical Services building will be relocated.

The plan is to house classes in sociology and anthropology in Pemberton's old dining services area and to rent trailers. Eastern's graduate school would be relocated to the Continuing Education building.

"These locations would be more economical because there would be more storage area and room for offices,"

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## LET IT SNOW



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Katie Naumann, a junior sociology major, Kristin Sullivan, a junior fashion merchandising major, and Jacqui Corres, a junior elementary education major, bombard Siga Vasaitis, a junior sociology major, during a snowball fight in their yard early Saturday morning.

## WEIU general manager dismissed

By JENNIFER PERIAM  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Rick Sailors, who has served as WEIU's general manager since 2001, was dismissed from his position Dec. 20.

Sailors was released after an unidentified conflict occurred in the WEIU-TV studio Nov. 30 involving a Charleston High School student.

"Sailors is still employed at Eastern and now works on special projects for Jill Nilsen," said Vicki Woodard, Eastern spokeswoman. Nilsen is Eastern's vice president for external relations.

Woodard said she thought an interim general manager would eventually be



RICK SAILORS

named, but she did not know who or when the position would be filled.

Nilsen and Woodard declined to offer further information about the incident citing the university's personnel policy in the decision not to explain Sailor's dismissal. Other WEIU officials said they would not comment for the same reason.

"We have one of the best broadcast stations in the nation, and I am proud of the exceptional team (at WEIU) that we have put together," Sailors said.

Joe Heumann, professor of communica-

tion studies, was instrumental in getting WEIU online in 1984, getting the station's license and got the station on air in 1985. Heumann served as WEIU-FM's station manager until 2000. He said he resigned after a disagreement with the station's proposed format change.

"It is her (Nilsen's) fault that he has been dismissed, she has to take the responsibility," Heumann said.

Heumann said there had been numerous complaints made by himself and others about the station's format change from 1999 until 2000 and Nilsen refused to listen. Nilsen failed to comment.

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## Race for Charleston mayor may be a solo effort

### City collects candidate petitions for mayor, council positions

By HILLARY SETTLE  
CITY EDITOR

Thirteen City Council candidates will be on the primary ballot on Feb. 22, but there will not be any mayor candidates on the ballot.

Only one person, John Inyart, turned in his petitions for the mayor position and unless there is a write-in, Inyart will automatically win the election, said Deborah Muller, Charleston's city clerk.

"I just felt like it was time for a change, and I've been concerned with the turnover we've had in the city manager's office in the past eight years," Inyart said. "I felt like it was time for the next generation to step in and get involved."

He said he would like to continue to improve on the good relationship with Eastern that Mayor Dan Cougill has worked hard to establish during his time in office.

Cougill, who has served for the past 12 years, will not be running for reelection.

"I thought maybe it's time to sit back and do what I want to do with my life," Cougill said. "I've enjoyed the 12 years; I've enjoyed very much what (the council) has done."

Inyart said although his position was already determined, people need to look at the 13 candidates and find those who will best serve Charleston.

"We have to pick four of those 13 candidates who want to work together and look forward at what we can do," he said.

Council members Larry Rennels, Lorelei Sims and John Winnett will be running for

reelection, and Brent Byrd, Jim Dunn, Lin Harrison, Debbie Huddleston, Jeffrey Lahr, Jerry Loew, Bob Murphy, T.K. Slaughter, Thomas Watson and John Wilson will be running in hopes of being elected to a first term.

Most people run for City Council because they want to make a difference in the city or because they are unhappy with some current issues going on with the city, Sims said.

"I like to help people, and I like to see things get accomplished," said Rennels, who is currently serving his second term as a council member. "I like to be a part of helping things get accomplished."

The final election will be held April 5.

**TODAY**  
**42**  
37  
Cloudy

**TUESDAY**  
**49**  
46  
Showers

**WEDNESDAY**  
**59**  
42  
Rain/thunder

**THURSDAY**  
**48**  
19  
Showers/wind

**FRIDAY**  
**20**  
6  
Partly cloudy

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### ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Gene Simmons sued over VH1 sex talk

NEW YORK (AP) - A woman who says she is a former girlfriend of KISS rocker Gene Simmons is suing him for slander, saying the bass guitarist made her sound like a "sex-addicted nymphomaniac" during a "rockumentary" on VH-1 television.

Georgeann Walsh Ward, 53, of Chester, N.Y., says in court papers that a photo of her appeared 11 times during the report on KISS, shown on the network several times in July and August, while Simmons claimed to have had sexual encounters with 4,600 women.

In the documentary, "When KISS Ruled The World," Simmons commented that "there wasn't a girl that was off limits, and I enjoyed every one of them," court papers say.

Ward's papers say that because a photo of her with Simmons was shown during remarks about his sexual adventures, she was in effect portrayed as "wild" and "unchaste."

"The implication was that (Ward) was a prostitute and/or solicited prostitutes, and/or (she was) a sexually loose woman," court papers say.

## 'Fockers' beats horror flick at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The horror of meeting the in-laws beat out the fright flick at theaters this weekend. "Meet the Fockers" took in \$28.5 million to remain the top movie for the third straight weekend, holding off the horror newcomer "White Noise," which debuted a strong No. 2 with \$24 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The two movies paced Hollywood to a healthy start for the year, with the top 12 films grossing \$98.3 million, up 8 percent from the same weekend in 2004.

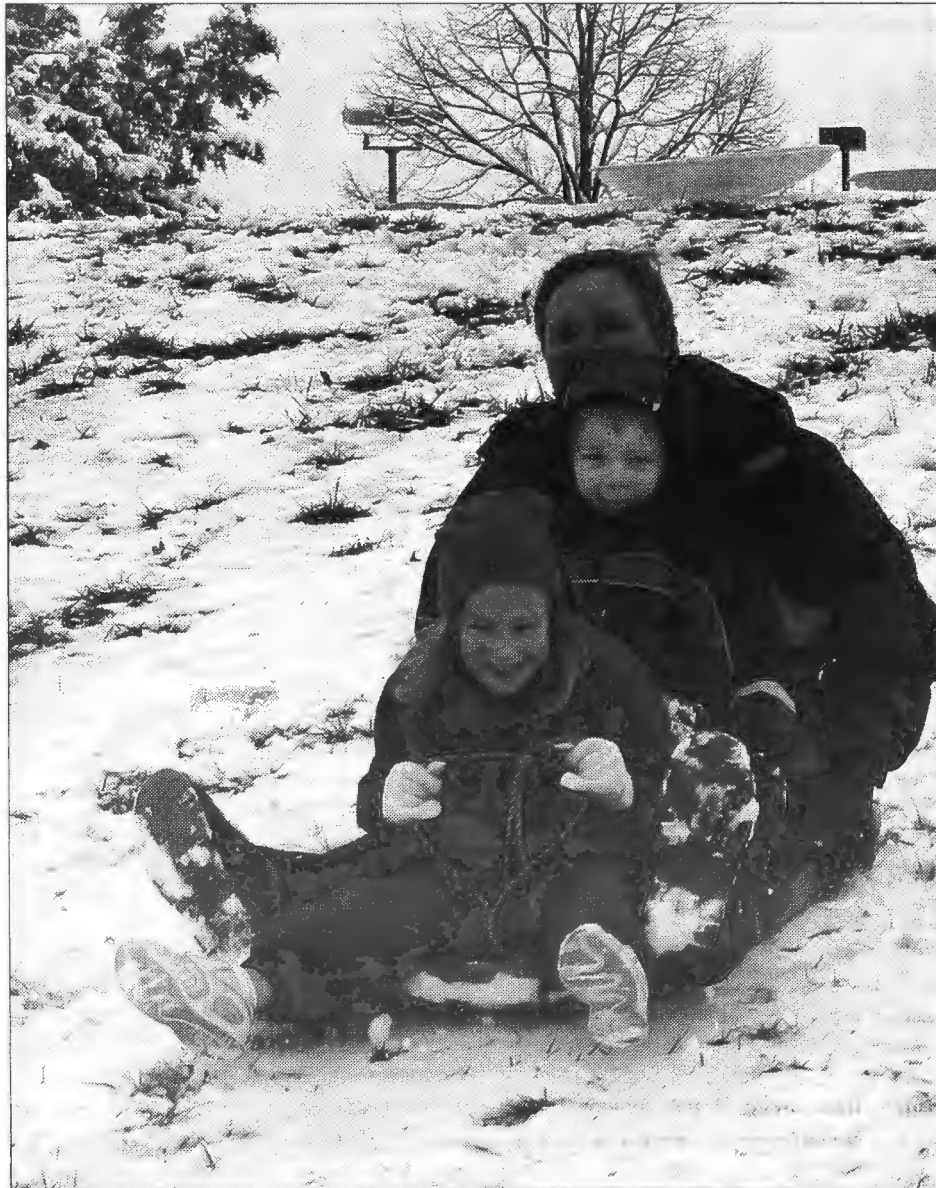
That comes after a holiday surge sparked by "Meet the Fockers" lifted Hollywood to a record \$9.4 billion domestic haul in 2004. Though the year's revenues were up, higher admission prices mean movie attendance was off about 1.7 percent, so the solid beginning positions the industry for a healthier 2005.

## Miss. libraries ban John Stewart book

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) - Library officials in two southern Mississippi counties have banned Jon Stewart's best-selling "America (The Book)" over the satirical textbook's nude depictions of the nine U.S. Supreme Court justices.

"I've been a librarian for 40 years and this is the only book I've objected to so strongly that I wouldn't allow it to circulate," said Robert Willits, director of the Jackson-George Regional Library System of eight libraries in Jackson and George counties.

### DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW



JOSH REELEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eric Czarnocki sleds down the hill south of Lake Side Rugby Field with his 4-year-old son Luke and 7-year-old friend Emmy Saturday afternoon.

### WTF?

## Cigar maker rolls 62-foot stogie

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - A cigar maker in Puerto Rico has hand-rolled a 62-foot-long stogie, which would be the world's largest if confirmed by the Guinness Book of World Records.

Patricio Pena, 43, took about four days to manufacture the cigar in a plaza outside a farmer's market in the Santurce district of San Juan, finishing the project late Saturday.

"A friend of mine came up to me recently, and said why don't you try and make the world's largest cigar?" Pena said standing over the cigar, which spanned the length of about a dozen tables.

- Pena is attempting to displace Cuba - the king of cigar-making - as the home of the world's largest cigar. The current Guinness record-holder is Jose Castelar Cairo of Havana who made a 45-foot-long cigar in August of 2003.

Pena, originally from Santiago, Dominican Republic, first started rolling cigars at the age of 7, and has continued the practice in Puerto Rico, where he has lived for the past three decades. He has a stand outside the market where he rolls regular-sized cigars.

It took 20 pounds of tobacco from Puerto Rico and Pennsylvania and 100 leaves to roll the huge cigar, Pena said. The materials cost about US\$2,000 but he was sponsored by San Juan's city government, Bacardi rum company and Telemundo television station, he said.

### ONLINE POLL

#### Are you happy to be back at school?

- A) Yes! I could not stand another moment with my parents!
- B) No way. Sleeping in and partying it up with friends back home is the best.
- C) Somewhat. I am tired of working a real job, but also tired of classes.
- D) Not sure. We'll see how well things go at Marty's on Wednesday.

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# New Year's baby welcomed

## 2005 baby mothered by Eastern Alumna

BY AMY SIMPSON  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

An Eastern alumna and employee gave birth to Coles County's first baby of 2005 last Saturday at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

Kendyl Diane McCullough was born at 7:29 p.m. to parents David and Tammy McCullough of Shelbyville. She measured 21 inches in length and weighed 7 pounds, 6 1/2 ounces.

According to Rachel Hutchings, a representative from the Women and

Children Unit, Kendyl was the only baby born at Sarah Bush Lincoln on January 1st.

### "It was a very quiet day at Sarah Bush."

TAMMY MCCULLOUGH, BABY'S MOTHER

Mrs. McCullough said she was shocked that they were the only people in that area of the hospital.

In fact, the McCulloughs were surprised to be delivering at all that day. Mrs. McCullough said Kendyl was a full week early and the baby was perfect. Saturday, January 8 was her expected

due date.

Tammy McCullough has a degree in family and consumer sciences: human development and family life from Eastern and has worked in the Child Resource and Referral Office, she said, for about one year.

The McCulloughs also have a boy, Carson, who is within a month of his third birthday. Mrs. McCullough said her firstborn is getting along very well with his new sister.

Father, David McCullough, said he is "proud of (Kendyl's) status at Sarah Bush, but more excited just to have her."

He said he was quite surprised as they weren't expecting a New Year's baby, but apparently Kendyl "wanted to be the first one."



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From L-R: Carson, 3, Tammy, week-old Kendyl and David McCullough at their home outside Shelbyville Saturday.

# Eastern ranked as 'party school'

BY MICHELLE LUNA  
STAFF WRITER

Coming as a surprise to many, Eastern was recently ranked third on campusdirt.com's top 10 list of party schools across the country.

Although bars in Charleston get the bulk of their business from college students, many think the rating is inaccurate.

Local bars such as Stu's, Uptowner and Stix all agree their businesses are greatly affected by the student population. Stix manager Scott McNary and E.L. Crackers President and Stu's owner, Paul Mejdrich, both agree 90 percent or more of their business comes from Eastern students.

"Without the university, I don't think either business would be here," Mejdrich said. "It's a trickle down effect."

However, no one at the bars agreed Eastern

should be ranked in the top ten party schools.

McNary said he just sees Eastern as a normal college campus.

The information obtained by the Web site comes from more than 85,000 students who log on and take a survey regarding different aspects of the college they attend.

"The questions that make up our 'party school' list are from our social life section," said Casey Gustus, project manager for campusdirt.com. "Our rankings are based solely upon what each student has said about their school and their experience."

The social life section of the site includes questions regarding how often students drink, how often they go out, the variety of activities at the school and the quality of local night life.

Andy Thompson, a junior recreation administration major, said being a resident assistant in Thomas Hall allows him to be more aware of the drinking that goes on around campus, but what he has seen has not convinced him that Eastern is a "party school."

"We know how to party, but we keep it under control," said Rob Vanecek, a sophomore technology education major and member of Sigma Pi fraternity.

The Charleston Police Department still deals with the normal concerns of any college town like drinking and driving, but Assistant Chief Roger Cunningham said Eastern isn't any worse than any other school and most parties are kept under control.

# Business as usual in City Council

BY HILLARY SETTLE  
CITY EDITOR

While Eastern students were at home celebrating the holidays, the City Council passed two resolutions and three ordinances at the Dec. 21 meeting.

Among them was the approval to sign off on a \$250,000 zero interest loan from the government that will help pay for the city's new fire truck, Mayor Dan Cougill said.

Eastern and the city are splitting the cost of the fire truck because the new truck was purchased in part to reach the upper stories of Eastern's residence halls, he said. The city has agreed to split the loan with Eastern so both can benefit.

"Eastern and Charleston's payments will both go down," he said. "We're splitting the \$250,000 we got with Eastern so we can both lower our payments and not pay as much as we thought we were going to have to."

Council member Larry Rennels said fire chief Darrell Nees did most of the work in finding a loan we would qualify for and then handling the paperwork.

"Back at the time we got the fire truck, we knew there was money available from the state for that type of thing, but we were under the impression (the loans) were for smaller rural cities," he said. "After we got the truck, Darrell (Nees) found out there may be some for cities like ours and he wrote (the application) and we got approved."

The City Council also set the tax levy at 1.7963.

The 1.7963 tax levy, which is a decrease from last year, would generate \$355.67 on a house appraised at \$60,000.

The council also authorized an agreement allowing the city to hire the company GovOffice to design a Web site for the city.

Council member Lorelei Sims said the new site would let city officials access it and make necessary changes.

"The cool thing about the Web site is we can go in on a daily basis and update the site," she said. "This allows direct access to updating and changing it."

Other council business included the authorization to spend tourism funds for Celebration: A Festival of Arts, which is held on Eastern's campus every year; the approval to place the Charleston Carnegie Public Library referendum, which would allow an increase in property tax that would go toward expanding the library; and the annexation of Woodyard Park to Charleston.

"What we did over break was incorporate the property into the city, which was the final step in the long process," Sims said.

Cougill said he was happy with the way the park had developed. It has a natural setting with four smaller picnic areas tucked into the wooded area, he said.

"We have created a very neat park," he said. "Next year, we'll be able to start designing and laying out paths to walk around on."

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## New Year's resolutions only temporary solutions



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It's that time. When the waiting signs go up in the Rec Center, the huddles of smokers outside buildings somewhat diminish and classroom attendance is at an all time high — it's the start of a new year.

Without fail, at the start of each new year, students come back from break more energized and a bit reformed. Everyone seems to have new year's resolutions. Goals to be fit by spring break, give up smoking, bring up their grade point average, the list goes on.

But how long do these resolutions really last? And does making a resolution for the new year make it any easier to achieve?

In most cases, the answer is not long and no.

Most friends I have surveyed about these self promise proposals said resolutions they have made in past years were broken shortly thereafter — typically within a month— and some friends said they have already broken new year resolutions made for this year.

So why do they and many others continue to make these resolutions year after year with prior knowledge of the success rate with following through?

Most people said making new year's resolutions provides hope for the future days ahead in the coming year.

But I find trying to resolve or change your life by a clock is part of the problem as to why these goals are rarely met.

The idea of resolutions, which are essentially goals geared toward bettering ones self, is not what makes the proposals poor, but the time element to which the initiative is being taken.

Most of these goals, if they were a priority, would have already been met or implemented at the start of acknowledgment.

The start of a new year would not be needed as an additional incentive to move plans to action, which is also a main reason for the lack of follow through.

These proposal failures can be attributed to the lack of motivation demonstrated by the person.

The idea that the golden opportunity to meet such revelations dominantly lies at the start of a new year is impractical.

The middle of the year is not to blame for procrastination and indiscretion but the unproductive people themselves.

To me, the new year means an alteration to the last two digits on the date line of my checkbook.

The semester may be new and a fresh start in new courses, but the entire lifestyle and surroundings we endure is constantly ever changing, not waiting for four digits lighting up upon the dropping of the ball in New York.

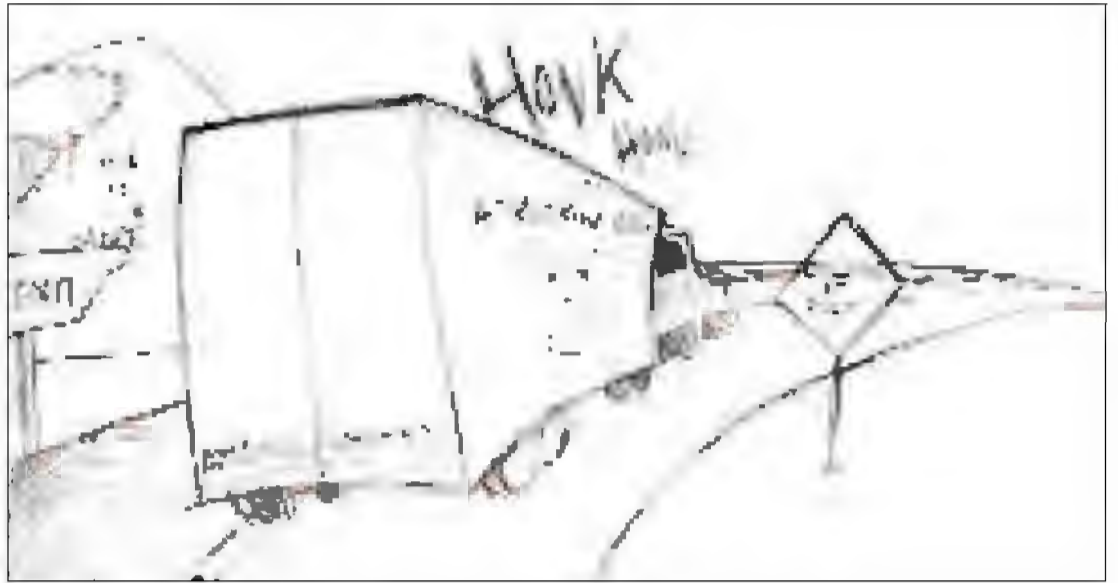
Life changes continuously and so do priorities.

Setting goals is beneficial at any time. A calendar change should not be a source of inspiration. It will not make meeting goals any easier or likely to succeed.

If there is something that a person wishes to improve upon or achieve, the time to work toward achievement is at the time of acknowledgment and the key to meet it is determination.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY JOAQUIN OCHOA



### EDITORIAL

## Tollway increase too large

In addition to resolutions and parties, the new year ushered in the first systemwide toll rate increase since 1983 for residents of Illinois. While it is understood that an increase is necessary to fund the \$5.3 billion overhaul of the state tollway system, the increase, which doubles the rate for non-I-PASS using passenger vehicles and nearly triples for some truckers, is far too steep of a hike.

The overhaul will rebuild and widen 117 miles of the tollway system, resurface 90 percent of the system's 274 miles of roads and construct the southern extension of Interstate 355, which we applauded last month.

Depending on the time of day, vehicle size and whether or not they have an I-PASS, the tolls will nearly triple for trucks. This can present quite a burden for trucking companies. With northern Illinois, where most tollways are located, being a major market and an important artery for traveling through the United States, trucking companies can't avoid traveling through the area.

As a result, the trucking companies must find a way to

#### At issue

The toll increase on the Illinois tollway system

#### Our stance

While it is understood that an increase was needed, it was too much at one time.

cut their cost by decreasing pay or avoiding the tollways. When attempting to avoid the toll roads many truckers will be finding themselves traveling on state roads, connecting them to highways that don't require tolls.

A congestion of trucks on local state roads is something no resident wants to see. Not only is it dangerous to other drivers, but it will not help the condition of those roads, which are not made to handle that much congestion.

It is a positive that drivers of passenger vehicles with the I-PASS will still only pay the original 40 cent fare. Widespread use of the much easier I-PASS will alleviate traffic on the tollways.

However, once again the burden will fall on the truckers. I-PASS offers little help, only giving truckers driving on the weekend or during non-peak weekday hours a reduced rate.

The state would have been better off to present the toll increases incrementally, instead of nearly tripling the cost for some trucking companies.

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

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### UNDERCLASS PARKING SITUATION NOT UP TO PAR

I am a freshman attending Eastern. As a freshman, I have an underclass parking permit. To attain this permit, like every other person, I paid the amount of \$150.

This price seems quite high, especially when one takes into account the extreme lack of parking for underclass students.

I often have to park in the stadium lot, which although is an inconvenience, is not too big of a problem. The lot is to be emptied on Friday

afternoons from noon until 7 p.m.

On December 3rd, I went to move my vehicle at around 12:15 p.m. When I arrived at my vehicle, I found a parking violation in the amount of \$20 on my car. The time that the ticket was written was 12:05 p.m. What a bunch of crap!

I understand that I was at fault and was late moving my vehicle, but the fact that the parking officer wrote a ticket only five minutes after the lot was closed is unbelievable.

There is a problem with the parking on campus. Even if I had been on time moving my vehicle, the chances

of finding a spot are slim. So this leaves one with the dilemma of either putting money into a meter until a spot opens, or risking parking in an upperclass lot. Either choice is a bad one.

For the \$150 one has to pay to park, there should be more adequate parking available on campus, and one should be given more than five minutes to move their car.

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# Technology department prepares faculty to use WebCT

BY APRIL McLAREN  
CAMPUS EDITOR

As the spring semester approached, faculty, staff and graduate assistants prepared for it by attending training on WebCT from Eastern's technology department, TECnet, Jan. 5, 6 and 7.

TECnet coordinator, Pete Grant, said the goal of the training was to provide an idea of what WebCT is, what it does and what the possibilities are with it.

"We give them hands-on experience," he said.

Janel Moore, applications programmer III for WebCT, said acceptance and use of WebCT has grown in popularity from year to year.

"WebCT is a web-based course management tool," she said. "It includes teaching and learning tools, content management and a personal-

ized appearance."

On the first day of training, Grant said that WebCT instructor, Linda Spangler, focused on getting started. He said the session was getting those involved familiarized with WebCT and understanding how to get a WebCT course.

The second day of training was about functions of WebCT such as the grade book, quizzes and communication tools. Those sessions were taught by WebCT instructors Grant, Jeri Metteson-Hughes, Lisa Dallas and Wendy Long.

"These are the most intense sessions," Grant said. "People like it, but there's a lot to remember."

After the sessions, Grant said attendees are given a CD with common questions and answers to WebCT which could help both instructors and students throughout the semester.

"Before the help session we prefer (attendees) to go through other sessions," Grant said. "People start with the basics then we bring everyone up to the same level."

Since attending previous sessions would give the majority of WebCT's background, it was not required to attend the help session.

Pam Sundheim, a secondary education and foundations instructor, attended the session Jan. 7 and said the training was personalized yet informal.

"It was fantastic to update my WebCT course with someone at my side to help when I was unsure what to do," she said. "All who helped us were patient and knowledgeable."

Sundheim said because of the training she will be able to use more WebCT features with confidence while better demonstrating those features to her students.



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**Pete Grant, a digital multimedia specialist with the Center for Academic Technology Support, helps Cheryl Warner (left) and Teresa Froking, both of the secondary education department, during a WebCT help session Friday morning in the CATS training lab in McAfee.**

Grant said the training would not have been possible without all of the TECnet volunteers who participat-

ed. "I want to give them a lot of credit," he said. "They're a tremendous asset."

# Financial Aid opts for direct deposits

BY APRIL McLAREN  
CAMPUS EDITOR

As with university-employment paychecks, students now have the option to electronically deposit their financial aid refund checks, which will start flowing in Jan. 21.

"We're trying to do more things electronically," said Linda Coffey, bur-

sar in the business office. "It's mainly for the convenience of the students."

She said the idea of electronic transfer was first discussed about a year ago when Eastern's software vendor developed a module for the refund checks to be refunded electronically. The new system was then tested in the fall and became official Jan. 1.

Coffey stressed convenience for the

students. She said before this new option, students would have to pick up their checks then deposit it on their own time, which in some cases would be at a bank in their hometown. Now if students decide to electronically deposit their checks they can have access to the money in the account the day the checks would normally be available.

In addition to fast availability of funds, students can avoid the rush of other students in the business office of Old Main.

"A lot of refund checks will be coming in so students are going to end up standing in line," Coffey said.

With the direct deposit option, students will not have to wait in those lines.

For students to sign up, Coffey said it is a simple process.

She said students need to stop by the business office to fill out a one-page form with basic information such as name, social security number and bank information, along with an attached blank check.

If students use First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, they can also sign up at the bank located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"It helps everyone all around, mainly the students," said Elizabeth

Salvato, the Charleston branch manager of First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust. "I think students will be thrilled about it."

After students sign up, they will receive an email in their Eastern account notifying them of their deposit.

So far, Coffey said there are approximately 25 students who have already signed up for electronic funds transfer, three of which signed up at First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust.

While the numbers may seem low, Salvato was impressed because she felt students' minds would be elsewhere before break.

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# Young people raising funds for tsunami victims

CHICAGO—Students at May Watts Elementary School held an emergency meeting this week to discuss something that's been tugging at them since winter break: how to raise funds for tsunami victims.

They considered having a hot cocoa stand or a bake sale at their school in Naperville, just outside Chicago, but settled on a "loose change" drive, which begins Monday. A few miles away in LaGrange, students at Lyons Township High School set a goal to raise \$25,000 with a dance marathon and other events in the coming weeks.

Aid organizations have been receiving money collected by young people from New York to Chicago and all the way west to Mercer Island, Wash., where 8-year-old twins George and Themio Pallis sought donations in the cold with their mom outside a grocery store.

George hopes their efforts will inspire people elsewhere to get involved: "I hope they'll say 'Wow! They must've done a good job' and 'I hope all the money will go to help people,'" he says.

Other organizations that help children also are receiving donations from young people.

The Naperville students, for instance, will send the money they raise to Do Something, an aid organization that has set up a fund to help students and schools in areas hardest hit by the tsunami.

Meanwhile, Karolina Bohn, an 8-year-old in

## STATE BRIEFS



Reston, Va., rounded up a few friends to go door-to-door in their neighborhood to collect \$520 for UNICEF.

## ILLINOIS TRAFFIC DEATH TOLL IN 2004 LOWEST SINCE 1943

SPRINGFIELD—Fewer people were killed in Illinois in traffic accidents last year than any year since 1943, preliminary statistics show.

According to figures released Sunday by state officials, 1,341 people were killed in traffic crashes in 2004—the lowest number since 1943, when 1,328 were killed. The preliminary total for 2004 is also 113 fewer than died on the state's roadways in 2003.

A big reason for the decline, officials say, was

the enforcement of a seat belt law passed by Illinois lawmakers in 2003. Under the law, police can pull over motorists for no other reason than they aren't wearing seat belts. Previously, motorists could not be cited unless they were pulled over for another offense.

Since the law took effect, state troopers set up seat belt enforcement zones around the state and handed out \$55 tickets to violators, said Lt. Lincoln Hampton of the Illinois State Police.

Hampton said the total number of tickets has not yet been compiled, but motorists appear to be getting the message. An annual study by the Illinois Department of Transportation found that seat belt use rose from 76 percent in 2003 to 83 percent last year.

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Cooley said.

Doudna Fine Arts Center renovations were also discussed at the meeting.

"We are excited that the bids are on the street," Cooley said.

The project, which will include renovations to the existing Fine Arts Center and the construction of an additional 168,800 square feet of new space, originally had an estimated completion date of fall 2005, but it was stalled because of lack of available state funding.

Bids for the project are scheduled for Jan. 11 and general construction bids will be opened. Bids are scheduled to be rewarded Feb. 1, asbestos removal will take place Feb. 15 and the anticipated date for completed construction is

January 2007.

"We want to continue with Doudna in the way we have built other structures on campus such as the library where visitors say, 'wow,'" said President Lou Hencken.

"We don't want to spend \$38 million and have barricade walls."

Key elements of the new facility will be state-of-the-art computer labs, a 150-seat lecture hall, expansion of scene and costume shops and a new 275-seat proscenium theater.

"We want to make sure this project takes off as quickly as possible with little delays," Cooley said.

The Council on University Planning and Budget will next meet at 3 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

## SAILORS:

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Sailors began his career as a schoolteacher up until 1989. He then went into public broadcasting and secured corporate sponsorship for programs at the University of Arizona's KUAT AM/FM for 2 1/2 years. He then was director of corporate support for KSPS-TV in Spokane, Wash., for six years. From 1997 to 2000, Sailors worked for KSMQ in Austin, Minn.

"I was away from the broadcasting industry from 2000 to 2001 because my father was terminally ill," Sailors said.

Sailors was interviewed and hired in 2001 as WEIU's general manager.

Kane Click, a former WEIU station manager, was a student representative on the search committee for Sailors.

"Sailors already had low marks by the search committee because he had been out of the broadcast industry for a year before coming to Eastern," Click said. "He had given family related issues for being out of the industry

and talked about his family, which you are not supposed to do in an interview."

Robin Murray, who is on the radio and television advisory board at Eastern, said the board's last meeting in December was not comfortable.

"There was not a clear agenda at the meeting and the meeting was not very complementary," Murray said.

Sailors said some of the things he was proud of while serving as WEIU's general manager were creating a viewer and listener approach to programming in radio and television, a format change to provide a service to the community and an increase in the quality of sports coverage.

"The quality of our programming has been second to none in the state," Sailors said.

Sailors said he is pursuing initiatives to improve the field of broadcasting.

"There has been a decline in localism coverage in broadcast media, and I want to pursue ways to cover rural America," Sailors said.

Another goal Sailors has is to increase the quality of broadcast education.

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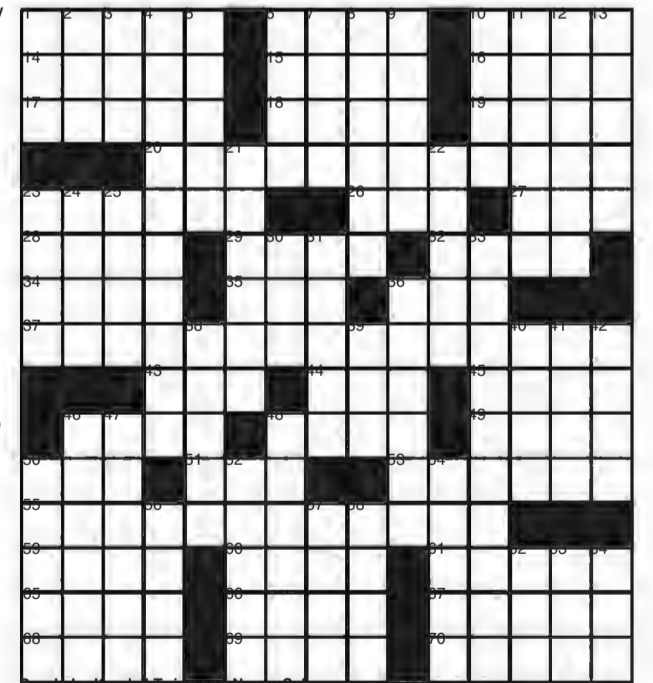
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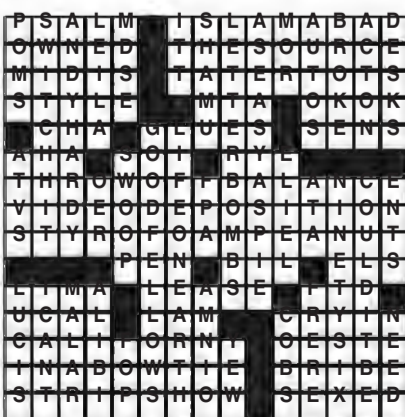
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FORT HOOD, Texas - Despite a judge's order, the Army has taken no steps toward exhuming the body of an Iraqi who allegedly drowned after being forced into the Tigris River by armed U.S. troops, a soldier's attorney said Sunday.

Frank Spinner said that raises questions about how the government will proceed in its case against his client, Army 1st Lt. Jack Saville. He faces trial in March on charges of involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault, obstruction of justice, conspiracy and making a false statement.

Saville's co-defendant, Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Perkins, faced the same charges and was convicted Friday of two counts of aggravated assault, obstruction of justice and assault consummated by battery.

## RELATIVES OF WOMAN ACCUSED OF STEALING NEWBORN SPEAK OUT

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Members

## NATIONAL BRIEFS

of Lisa Montgomery's family say they tried to warn people that the woman was making up stories about being pregnant, and their concerns increased after they learned in November that she had purchased a kit for home births.

Montgomery, 36, of Melvern, Kan., is accused of strangling a pregnant Missouri woman Dec. 16 and cutting her 8-month-old fetus from her body. The baby was found the next day in Melvern after Montgomery and her husband spent the morning showing the newborn off around town as their own.

Montgomery's mother, Judy Shaughnessy, told The Kansas City Star she knew something was wrong when she began receiving congratulations about being a grandmother again.

"I just said, 'Yeah, right, she either stole it or bought it,'" Shaughnessy told the newspaper for a story in Sunday's editions.

Montgomery had been incapable of having children since undergoing tubal ligation surgery in 1990, her family said. But Shaughnessy said her daughter was able to fool her husband, his parents and their community.

"I tried to tell them and tell them, but nobody listened," Shaughnessy said.

## THREE DEAD, ONE MISSING AFTER TUGBOAT AND BARGES SINK

INDUSTRY, Pa. - A tugboat and three barges sank Sunday after being swept over a dam spillway on the Ohio River by currents made stronger by heavy rains, killing three crew members. One person was missing and believed to be aboard the sunken boat.

Three people were rescued by crews of other tugs and taken to a

hospital. Fire crews arriving on the scene determined the swift water was too dangerous to enter, said Chuck Ward, assistant fire chief in Industry.

"The worst thing was, you could see two people in the boat screaming for help" over the rush of the water, Ward said.

Two of the rescued crew members were treated and released; information was not available for the third. Officials said they would attempt to reach the missing crew member Monday, provided the water levels have receded.

## INTERNAL U.N. AUDITS IGNITE DEBATE OVER U.N. OVERSIGHT OF PROGRAM

NEW YORK - Internal U.N. audits sent to the director of the Iraq oil-for-food program uncovered extensive mismanagement of multimillion-dollar deals with contractors and fraudulent paperwork by its employees, according

to copies of the some of the reports obtained by The Associated Press.

An independent panel investigating corruption in the humanitarian program released the 55 internal audits on its Web site Sunday, a day earlier than originally planned after some of the reports were leaked to the media.

The panel led by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, who was appointed in April by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to investigate the growing scandal, was given access to the audits that were conducted throughout the duration of the program, along with other relevant documents.

The oil-for-food program was created as a humanitarian exemption to sanctions imposed on Iraq after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which led to the 1991 Gulf War. Beginning in 1996, it allowed Saddam Hussein's government to sell oil and use the proceeds to buy food, medicine and other items.

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**Junior center Janelle Cazy grabs a rebound against an IUPUI player Dec. 4 in Lantz Arena. Cazy scored a career-high 35 points Saturday in a 85-73 loss to Austin Peay.**

**CAZY:**

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portion of their schedule with a pair of home victories, and split a pair of games in tournament action at Iowa State.

The Panthers (7-6, 0-2) opened winter break with consecutive home victories. On Dec. 20, Eastern defeated Jacksonville 62-51 behind a career-high 20 points from Casad and a 16 point, 15 rebound double-double effort from sophomore forward Meagan Scaggs.

Eastern then defeated Charleston Southern on Dec. 22, 67-49. Cazy led the Panthers with 14 points. Senior forward Pam O'Connor chipped in 13 points and nine rebounds, while Casad added 11 points.

Eastern then hit the road to compete in the Cyclone Classic at Iowa State University on Dec 29-30. The tournament opened on a sour note as the Panthers fell to the host Cyclones 80-51. Cazy and Sparks each scored a team-high 12 points in the loss.

The Panthers bounced back that very next night by defeating Mercer 73-59 to win the consolation game of the Cyclone Classic. O'Connor scored a season-high 22 points and added nine rebounds to lead the Panthers. Sparks also nearly missed a double-double with 11 points and nine rebounds.

Sparks said the Panthers started out winter break very well, but had a few lapses which led to a couple of their losses.

"We are really disappointed in opening conference with two losses," Sparks said. "We knew we were playing two of the better teams to start, and by winning those games earlier, we were really confident going into those games.

"We just had some defensive lapses in those games, but hopefully we can bounce back this week."

The Panthers will be back in OVC action Wednesday night as they travel to Southeast Missouri to take on the Otahkians at 5 p.m.

**Beltran close to joining Mets**

NEW YORK - Carlos Beltran is on the verge of following Pedro Martinez to the New York Mets.

A day after the All-Star outfielder let the deadline to re-sign with Houston pass, the Mets worked Sunday to structure a \$119 million, seven-year contract that will include an \$11 million signing bonus, a lawyer involved in the talks said on condition of anonymity.

The Mets, who haven't made the playoffs since 2000, just last month lured Martinez from the Boston Red Sox with a \$53 million, four-year deal. They declined comment on their talks with Beltran.

New York and Beltran's agent, Scott Boras, spent Sunday negotiating the salaries for each season, the amount of deferred payments and the schedule of when the money will be paid, the source and another person involved in the talks said, also on condition of anonymity.

They hoped to reach a preliminary agreement on the specifics of the contract by Sunday night, have Beltran come to New York for a physical Monday and announce the deal Tuesday — the last day before a change in federal rules makes signing bonuses subject to increased taxes.

Across town, the Yankees planned to hold a news conference Tuesday to announce their acquisition of Randy Johnson. The Big Unit also was to have his physical in New York on Monday, the last step needed to finalize the drawn-out trade talks for a deal in which the Yankees will send to Arizona pitchers Javier Vazquez and Brad Halsey, catcher Dioner Navarro and \$9 million.

Beltran, who helped Houston come within a victory of its first World Series last year, will become the 10th player in baseball history to agree to a deal worth \$100 million or more — and the first since Jason Giambi got a \$120 million, seven-year contract from the New York Yankees in December 2001.

His average salary of \$17 million will tie Houston's Jeff Bagwell for the seventh-highest, trailing only Alex Rodriguez (\$25.2 million), Manny Ramirez (\$20 million), Derek Jeter (\$18.9 million), Sammy Sosa and Barry Bonds (both \$18 million), and Jason Giambi (\$17.1 million).

Houston offered a guaranteed \$100 million, seven-year contract, which included a \$14 million option for 2012 with a \$2 million buyout, an Astros executive said Sunday on condition of anonymity. If the option were exercised, the deal would have been worth \$112 million over eight seasons.

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Eastern then closed out its non-conference schedule with a pair of road losses to major conference programs.

The Panthers first traveled to Kansas State on Dec. 30, where despite a solid offensive effort from Gomes, the Panthers lost to the Wildcats 81-63.

Gomes led the Panthers with 23 points on 9-of-19 shooting from the field and 5-of-6 shooting from behind the free-throw line.

The Panthers concluded non-conference action on the road against Purdue from the Big Ten Conference on Jan. 2.

Eastern trailed the Boilermakers 32-30 at half before Purdue pulled away to an 87-67 win. The Panthers held Purdue to 37.5 percent in the first half before the Boilermakers came out on fire in the second half, shooting over 63 percent from the field.

Gomes said the Panthers need to sustain their effort to snap their four-game losing streak.

"We're either down two or up two at the

half in a lot of our games," he said. "And then in the second half, something happens and we don't come out with the same kind of fire."

Dildy's 25 points led the Panther offense, which shot 56.5 percent from the field in the loss.

The Panthers will look for their first road win and first OVC win when they take on Southeast Missouri State (5-8, 0-2) at 7:30 pm Tuesday.

"We've dropped the last four games, and now, we have to go get wins — no excuses," Gomes said.

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# Panthers grapple with some of nation's best

By DAN RENICK  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern's wrestling team lost two dual meets over break and participated in one of the nation's largest tournaments, the Midlands tournament at Northwestern University. Nationally ranked at No. 19, sophomore Kenny Robertson (21-7) was the only wrestler to place for the Panthers at the Midlands, as he took eighth at 174 pounds.

In Robertson's second match of the day he beat No. 14 Andrew Roy of Rutgers 4-3. In Robertson's next match he faced another ranked opponent, No. 11 Mitch Hancock of Central Michigan. Robertson wasn't able to repeat the upset he pulled in the previous round and lost 7-6.

Robertson lost his final two matches of the day— first to No. 12 Daniel Waters of American University and the last to Roy, whom he had beaten earlier in the day.

"This is considered the toughest tournament in the nation outside of

nationals," Eastern freshman Shane Dintelman said.

Dintelman went 1-2 at the tournament and was one of only four Panthers to win a match.

"It's frustrating because I've lost some matches but haven't been beaten," he said. "There's a difference.

"I've been close in every match this year."

Senior heavyweight Pete Ziminski had the best record for Eastern, going 3-2 on the day, but was unable to place.

Ziminski's first win of the day came over No. 10 Scott Coleman of Iowa State.

Ziminski rattled off three wins, two of which were won by two points or less, before losing to No. 8 Matt Fields of Iowa.

Jason Sherko was the only other Panther to come out of the tournament with a win. He went 2-2 on the day, including a third round pin and a 3-0 loss to No. 14 Trevor Smith of Iowa State.

Saturday, Eastern wrestled in a triangular meet with Virginia Tech and



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Eastern sophomore Jason Sherko (top) wrestles against Indiana sophomore Josh Buuck Dec. 12 in Lantz Arena. Sherko (15-9) recorded his third pin of the season at the Midlands, where he finished with a 2-2 record.

host Northern Iowa.

The Panthers squared off against the No. 17 Northern Iowa Panthers. They have four wrestlers ranked nationally and had some troubles with the fellow Panthers. Ziminski won at heavyweight, 10-2, and Greg Perz won 8-2 at 184 pounds.

Robertson wrestled No. 7 Eric Huaun, who he lost to earlier in the season, and lost a 5-4 decision. Eastern lost the meet 38-7.

Eastern came closer to a victory but still came up short when they lost 32-18 to Virginia Tech.

The Panthers benefited from three

forfeits in the dual but gave up one of their own at 125 pounds. Of the six matches that were wrestled in the dual, all ended with Hokie victories.

"It's hard to see it on the scores, but we have some close matches and we're getting a lot better," Dintelman said.

## NFL ROUNDUP

# Turner named Bears' offensive coordinator, again

LAKE FOREST — Nearly seven weeks after he was fired as head coach at Illinois, Ron Turner returned to the Chicago Bears for a second stint as their offensive coordinator.

Turner had the opportunity to take the same position with the Baltimore Ravens where head coach Brian Billick is a good friend, but said he picked the Bears because it was a better fit professionally and personally.

"I had two very good options. I felt it was the best one for me and my family," he said. Turner signed a three-year deal worth a reported \$500,000 per season.

Geography was a factor in his decision.

Turner has four children, including a son who plays at Centennial High in Champaign, and he said Sunday the family is still deciding whether to stay put 150 miles away or move back to Chicago.

He replaces Terry Shea who was fired after just one season. The injury-ravaged Bears went 5-11 and were last in most of the league's offensive categories, including scoring and total yards. They also set franchise records for penalties and sacks allowed.

After he was fired on Nov. 22 at Illinois following a 3-8 record that left his total record at 35-57, Turner said he wasn't sure if he wanted to get

back into college coaching or take a year off. He had two years left on his contract with the Illini.

"The more I looked at it, I wanted to get back to being a coordinator in the NFL," he said.

## VIKINGS 31, PACKERS 17

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Minnesota Vikings got the last laugh on the Green Bay Packers, and Randy Moss stuck around for every sweet second of this one.

Moss caught two touchdown passes, making good on his promise to atone for walking off the field last week while his teammates were trying to win their regular season finale, and the Vikings rolled to a 31-17 victory over the stunned Packers on Sunday.

The Vikings, joining St. Louis as the only 8-8 teams ever to win in the playoffs, will travel to Philadelphia on Sunday after dominating the first postseason meeting with their bitter border rivals.

Green Bay had swept the season series, including a last-second win at the Metrodome two weeks ago to clinch the NFC North crown and the home field for Sunday's showdown at Lambeau Field, where the Packers have lost two playoff games in the last three years.

Daunte Culpepper threw four touchdown passes \_ giving him 11 TD passes and no interceptions against Green Bay this season \_ and the Vikings picked off four Brett Favre passes after managing just 11 interceptions all season.

Minnesota scored on its first three possessions, jumping out to a 17-0 lead in avenging two 34-31 losses to the Packers, who entered the playoffs as the NFC's hottest team.

The Packers, who lost Pro Bowl receiver Javon Walker to a shin injury in the first half and left tackle Chad Clifton in the third quarter, pulled to 24-17 on Najeh Davenport's 1-yard plunge with 13:37 left.

But penalty-prone rookie cornerback Ahmad Carroll committed two costly infractions that set up Culpepper's 34-yard touchdown toss to Moss that gave the Vikings a 14-point cushion with 10:18 remaining.

## COLTS 49, BRONCOS 24

INDIANAPOLIS — Even with his favorite option, Marvin Harrison, shut down early, Peyton Manning was unstoppable Sunday.

Almost everywhere else Manning looked, he saw something he liked.

Manning simply turned to Reggie Wayne and

Dallas Clark in building an insurmountable first-half lead. The NFL Offensive Player of the Year had 457 yards passing, second most in playoffs history, in Indianapolis' 49-24 victory over Denver.

"We have guys who have been there before and they do well in pressure situations," Manning said. "Everyone just settles down and we execute our offense and we're not overwhelmed by the moment."

Instead, Manning was overwhelming once more. So were Wayne and Clark.

Against the overmatched Broncos (10-7), Wayne finished with 221 yards, the third most in playoff history, on 10 catches, with two touchdowns. Clark, who suffered a concussion in last week's loss at Denver, had 112 yards and a score.

"That's big, 221," said Wayne, who admitted the receivers were inspired by Denver's defenders questioning their toughness all week. "I wanted to let them know I'd be there all day, not back down or fall to the ground."

"We jumped on them so fast they didn't have any time to say anything."

The Colts (13-4) go to defending champion New England next Sunday for a rematch of last year's AFC title game, and they bring with them an even more diversified attack.

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	Women's Basketball at SEMO	5 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SWIMMING AT MILLIKIN</b>	5 p.m.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SWIMMING VS. IUPUI</b>	1 p.m.
	Wrestling at Northwestern	7 p.m.

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### TWO POINT CONVERSION

DAN RENICK  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

## Records don't tell whole story

As Eastern returns from winter break the outlook for the basketball programs may discourage some Panther fans. With each of the men's and women's teams opening their Ohio Valley Conference season 0-2, it's hard to find a lot to be excited about right now. Add in the fact that each of these teams, who are a combined 1-13 away from home, have two more games on the road before they open OVC play in Lantz and the forecast looks down right scary. But don't get down; there is a silver lining to this storm cloud.

Last year at this point the men's and woman's teams were in much tougher positions, as they each limped into conference play with a 3-10 record. Suddenly the men's 5-8 mark doesn't seem so bad. And the women's 7-6 record looks out of this world.

Each of these teams are young and are showing promise so far this season. While the Eastern men are led in scoring by senior guard Emanuel Dildy (15.2 ppg), and is trailed closely by junior guard Josh Gomes (14 ppg). Coming off the bench Eastern has young talent that gives them good depth. Redshirt freshman guard Bobby Catchings is leading the non-starters with 7.5 ppg and true freshman center George Tandy has made his presence felt averaging 5.7 ppg and 5.2 rebounds per game while adding some height to the undersized Panthers.

On the women's side new Eastern head coach Brady Sallee should be happy with his start in Charleston. His team, like men's head coach Rick Samuel's team, is full of young talent with three underclassmen in the lineup.

Junior center Janelle Cazy dropped 35 points in a loss to Austin Peay but that kind of performance will give the Panthers confidence in the post when they can't go to first team preseason All-OVC center Pam O'Connor. Eastern's women also proved they don't just have to go inside to score points. Sophomore guards Megan Casad and Melanie Ploger are each shooting over 45-percent from the field.

So as Eastern starts the spring semester and Panther basketball starts the OVC season things are looking up for Eastern, even if the records don't show it.

# Panthers drop first two in OVC

BY DAN WOIKE  
SPORTS EDITOR

The Panther men's basketball team spent much of the semester break on the road, playing on hostile ground in five of their seven games since Dec. 17. And like the Panthers' two previous road games, the team failed to record a victory.

The Panthers' most recent action has been the opening two games of their Ohio Valley Conference schedule.

Eastern (5-8, 0-2 OVC) traveled to Austin Peay for their fourth straight road game Saturday and fell to the Governors 68-54. Freshman guard Bobby Catchings came off the bench to lead the Panthers with 15 points.

Austin Peay senior guard Anthony Davis led all players with 25 points and seven rebounds for the Governors (4-10, 2-0). The Governors held the Panthers to under 40 percent from the field and forced Eastern into committing 17 turnovers.

"Anthony Davis made some big shots for them," junior guard Josh Gomes said. "Every time we made play, we'd go back on defense and then they'd execute and make a bigger play."

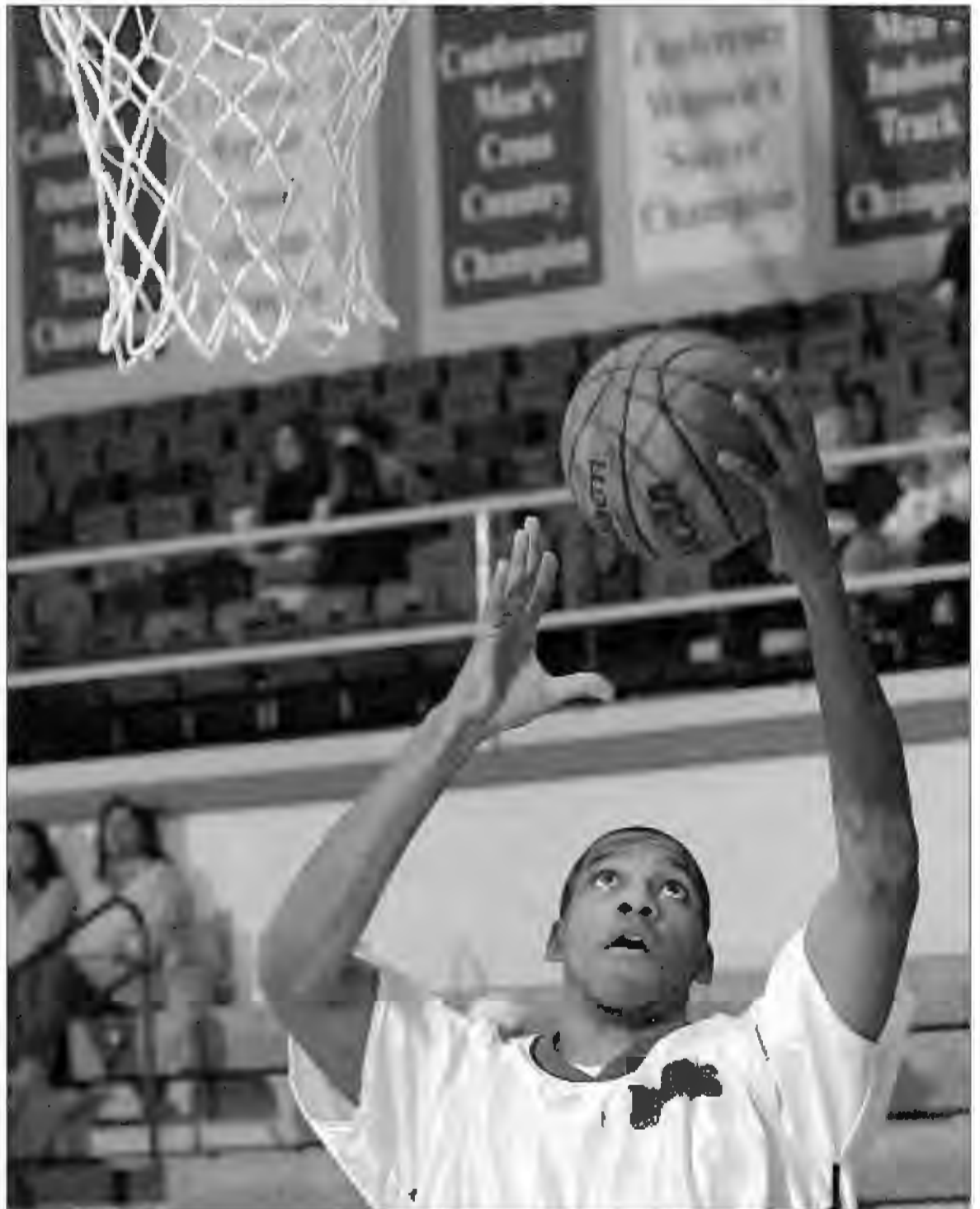
Turnovers also played a role in the Panthers' OVC opener, an 86-72 loss at Tennessee Tech (7-6, 2-0). Eastern turned the ball over 21 times in the game while only dishing out seven assists.

The Panthers trailed by two at half-time, after shooting over 50 percent in the first half before an 11-4 run to start the second half cushioned Tennessee Tech's lead.

Senior forward Willie Jenkins paced the Golden Eagles' offense, leading all scorers with 28 points. Senior guard Emanuel Dildy's 20 points led the Panther offense. Freshman center George Tandy added 12 points on 4-of-5 shooting off the bench.

Before dropping its first two OVC contests, Eastern closed out its non-conference season.

On Dec. 17, the Panthers opened play in the four-team in the Dodge



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**Freshman center George Tandy warms up between halves during a recent home game at Lantz Arena. Tandy is averaging 5.7 points and 5.2 rebounds in just under 20 minutes a game off the bench for the Panthers.**

Holiday Classic in Reno, Nev. In the first round, Eastern defeated Idaho State 56-53 behind Catchings' team-high 11 points and earned the chance to face the tournament-hosting Nevada Wolf Pack in the finals.

Cold shooting plagued the Panthers in the finals, as the Nevada

defense limited them to 18-of-58 shooting from the field. Dildy and Tandy scored 12 points each to lead the team in the 83-57 loss to the Wolf Pack.

The team then returned home to Lantz Arena and defeated Western Illinois 65-62 on Dec. 21.

Dildy and Gomes led the Eastern offense with 19 and 17 points, respectively. Senior forward Aaron Patterson added 10 rebounds and scored eight points for the Panther effort.

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## Cazy's career night spoiled by second-straight conference loss

BY MARCUS JACKSON  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Eastern Illinois women's basketball team split six games over the holiday break, winning three non-conference games before dropping the first two games on the Ohio Valley Conference schedule.

Junior forward Janelle Cazy scored a career-high 35 points, but it was not enough as the Panthers fell Saturday night at Austin Peay 85-73. Cazy shot 12-for-17 from the floor and 11-for-14 from the free-throw line during her career night. Sophomore guard Megan Casad chipped in 15 points and jun-

ior guard Megan Sparks grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds.

"The plan going in was to get the ball inside, because we felt we had an advantage in the post," Cazy said. "The other girls noticed I was having a good night and really made an effort to get me the ball."

Although Cazy had a career night, she said it was kind of bittersweet because the Panthers weren't able to pick up the win.

"I was really surprised with my performance," she said, "but obviously I would much rather have won the game."

Preseason OVC favorite Tennessee Tech, backed by a record performance from freshman guard Stefanie Holbrook defeated the visiting Panthers 88-56 Thursday night. Holbrook set an OVC record with 10 3-pointers en route to a career-high 30 points. Eastern freshman forward Tangie Sellers had her best collegiate performance as she scored 11 points to lead the Panther scoring attack while sophomore guard Melanie Ploger chipped in 10 points off the bench.

The Panthers finished up the non-conference

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