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

SPORTS ♦ Baseball wins home-opening series: page 12

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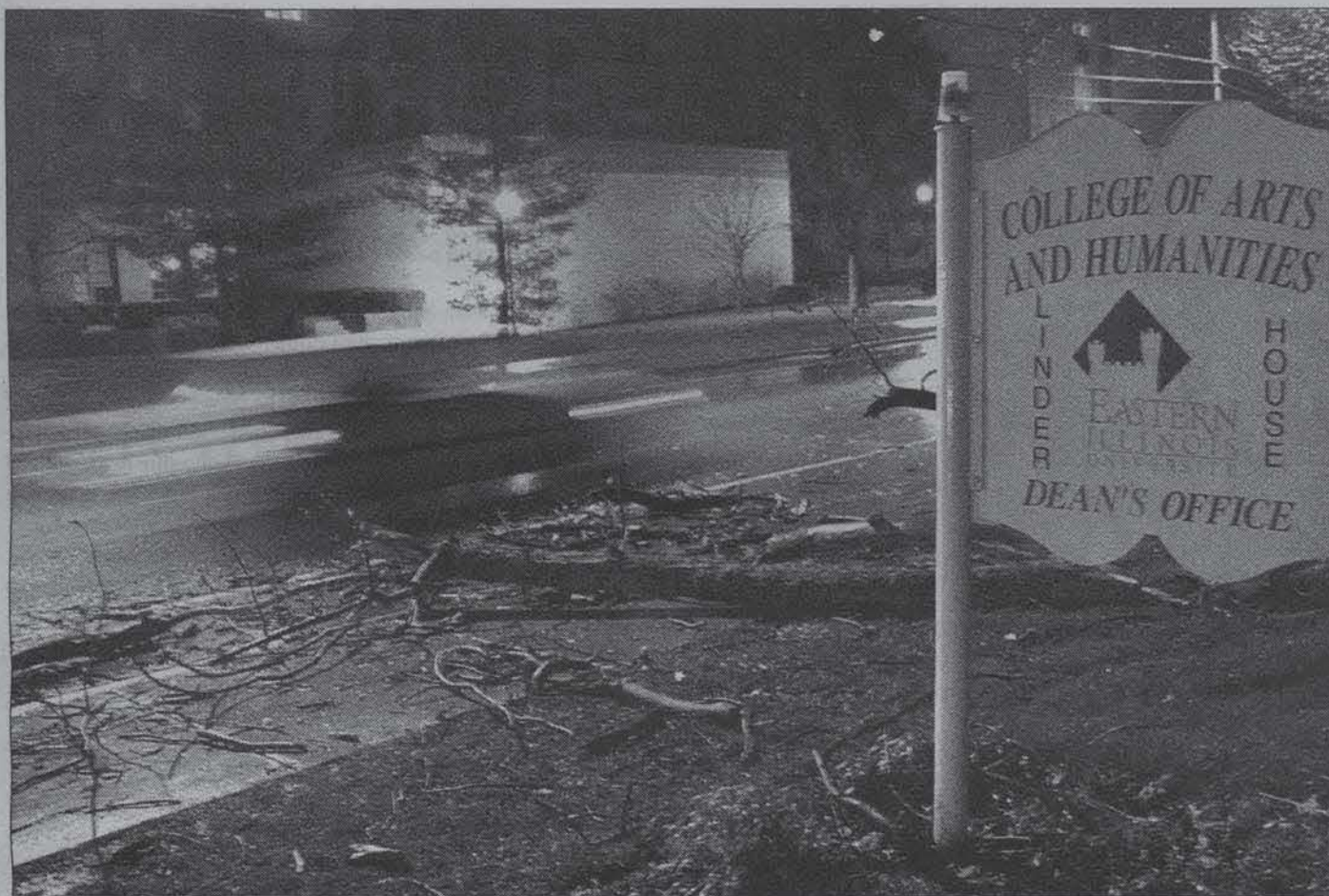
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A limb near the Linder House on Fourth Street lies fallen from the storm Sunday night. Students around campus were frightened because of the violent weather, which caused issuances of tornado watches and warnings throughout the night.

A STORMY NIGHT

Severe weather strikes Midwest, students moved to safer areas

STAFF REPORT

A tornado watch and warning was issued in the Northern part of Coles County at about 7 p.m. last night. Students in Mary J. Booth Library as well as the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union were brought to the basement of the Union for safety. At 8 p.m., the tornado warning ended and a tornado watch

expected to last until 1 a.m. was canceled soon after. Amy Housing, the house manager at the Tii Delta chapter house in Greek court, heard about the warning and took it upon herself to call the campus police department, who had not heard about a tornado warning.

"I got the girls from upstairs into the chapter room and told the ones on the first floor about the situation just in case it got worse,"

Housing said.

Jennifer Ketchmark, a weather person for WEIU and WAND television stations, said weather-related damage such as a blown over barn was discovered in Mattoon on route 45-north around 8:30 p.m. Although Ketchmark was not physically at the scene, she said a disaster crew would be there today to determine if the damage was, in fact, caused by a tornado.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

United University begins campaign

Members address student groups to field questions, concerns

By LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The United University party is forming once again for next month's elections and has been getting attention by talking to student groups on campus.

Jillian Ruddy, student vice president for business affairs, is leading the group and said its theme is "All About You." Ruddy said so far the group has visited and talked to more than seven RSOs, including the Residence Hall Association, Carman Hall, College Democrats and Sigma Sigma Sigma.



JILLIAN RUDDY,
VICE PRESIDENT FOR
BUSINESS AFFAIRS

"It's been really great and people have been really responsive," Ruddy said. "We look forward to finding questions and concerns through going to RSOs."

Ruddy said most of the questions students have had deal with academics, library hours and the individual platforms of United University members.

"Before elections we're planning on talking to athletics and RSOs," Ruddy said. She said the group would also be visiting McKinney, Weller and Douglas Halls.

She said a lot of the goals of the party are to promote school spirit and get a lot accomplished on campus.

Ruddy also said all the members of the group have individual platform ideas, which can be found on their website <http://www.pen.eiu.edu/~acberger/>.

Those running for executive positions include

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GREEK WEEK

Greek community crowns royalty

Mike Foster, Kristen Field win 2006 king and queen title

By JESSICA CANTARELLI
CAMPUS EDITOR

Mike Foster of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Kristen Field of Delta Zeta sorority were crowned Greek Week King and Queen on Saturday night during the intermission of the Airband competition.

The 55th annual Greek Week celebration kicked off last Friday with bingo in the quad and voting for Greek Week King and Queen.

Field, a senior political science and pre-law major, is also the president of the PanHellenic Council, a former student senate member and vice president of her sorority.

Field said it was a tremendous honor to be nominated by her sorority for Greek Week Queen.

"It's an honor for my house," Field said. "Greek Week is just so fun, and it's been such a rewarding year for Greek life."

Foster, a senior physical education major, has served as the Risk Management chair of his fraternity and is also honored to be crowned Greek Week king.

"It feels great," he said. "I am honored to represent my house and make my parents proud."

Brandon Schweers, a junior public relations major and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, was named the Greek Week King runner-up. Schweers is a former vice president of his fraternity and also works as an advertising representative for *The Daily Eastern News*.

Kelli Young, a senior Early Childhood Education major and a member of Alpha

More inside

♦ Coverage of Greek Week's Airband competition and a feature photo from Greek Sing.

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Phi sorority, was the runner-up queen candidate. Young is the vice president of recruitment for her sorority and the secretary for the Association for Childhood Education International.

Catie Pankow, a junior English major and member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, was nominated for Greek Week queen.

"Being with a group of women so talented and professional makes Greek Week all the more special," she said. "It's exciting to focus on Greek Unity this year, and all the candidates are well-respected adults."



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Delta Zeta member Kristen Field and Lambda Chi Alpha member Mike Foster were crowned Greek Week Queen and King during Saturday's Airband competition. Alpha Phi member Kelli Young and Sigma Phi Epsilon member Brandon Schweers were runners up.

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ERIC HILTNER
FRESHMAN
JOURNALISM MAJOR

"So now that the warm weather has apparently arrived for good, I celebrate."

I have my own quirky way of celebrating though, which some people either: A. can't understand, B. can't stand or C. embrace.

I slip my shoes off and kick it way-old-school.



NORA MABERRY
ENGLISH GRADUATE
STUDENT

The Greek community has raised almost \$10,000 for St. Jude's Children's Hospital"

Greek week is upon us, and dennews.com is doing extended coverage all week. Men and Women wearing three letters on their chest are outside practicing tugs. I saw a group of guys tying a rope to a tree to practice.

WTF?

Late Grateful Dead leader's toilet stolen

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SONOMA, California - The long, strange trip continues for Jerry Garcia's toilet. Police say the Grateful Dead leader's commode was stolen recently from a driveway along with three other toilets and a bidet, The Press Democrat newspaper reported Saturday.

Garcia's salmon-colored toilet was the subject of a legal battle before it was finally moved to Sonoma, to await shipment to a Canadian casino.

It's unclear if the toilet was swiped by a wayward Deadhead or a thief remodeling a bathroom. Police have no suspects or leads.

Henry Koltys bought Garcia's Marin County home for \$1.39 million in 1997 and removed the toilet and other items he planned to sell to raise money for charity.

After Koltys sold the house to a friend of the band's, the new owner sued to block the auction. The dispute was resolved last year, and Koltys moved the items to his home in Sonoma, about 40 miles north of San Francisco.

Last month, Koltys sold the Grateful Dead singer's toilet for \$2,550 to online casino Goldenpalace.com, which planned to use it as part of a traveling marketing exhibit. The casino is offering a \$250 reward.

POLICE BLOTTER

University Police Department crime report as of last Wednesday:

Police discovered last Tuesday a red Chevrolet had been burglarized while it was parked on Eastern's campus.

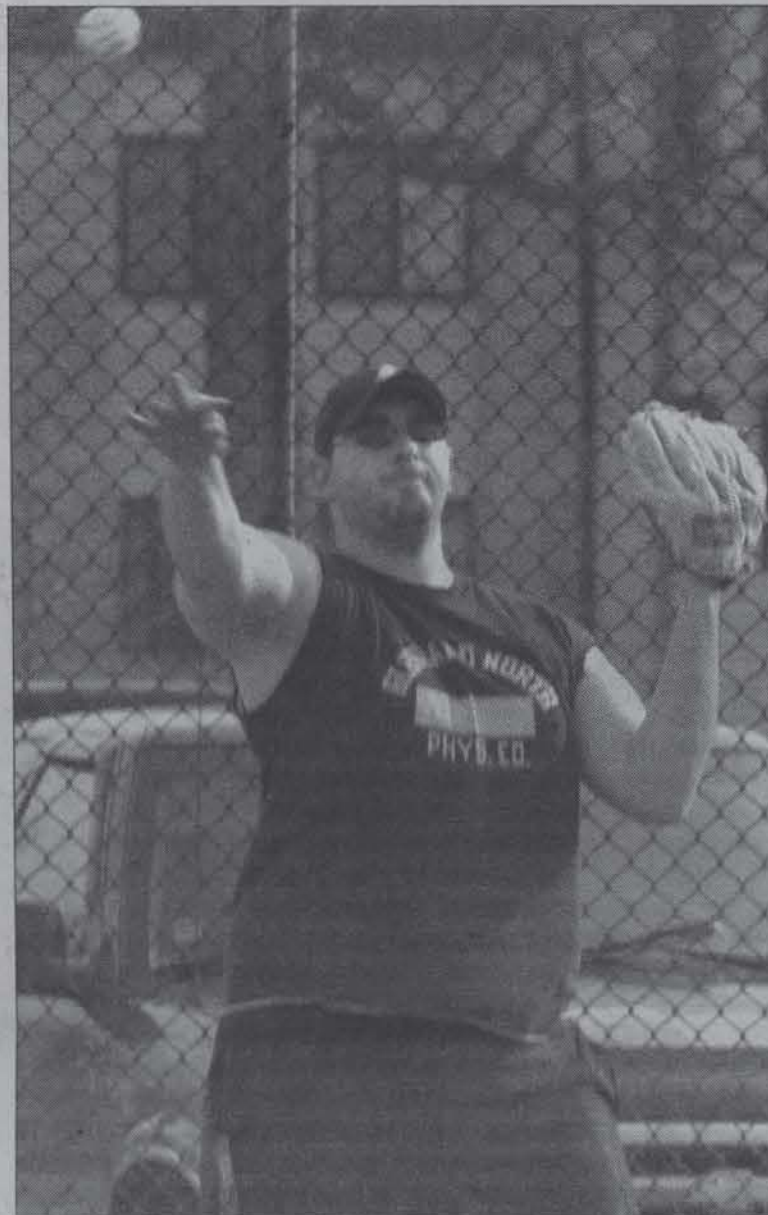
It was reported last Tuesday that a 1995 Honda was struck by another vehicle while it was parked south of Lantz Arena.

It was reported last Tuesday that the soft window of a Jeep had been slit while it was parked in University Court.

It was reported last Tuesday that a 2001 Dodge truck was burglarized while it was parked on Eastern's campus.

It was reported last Tuesday that a 1994 Chevrolet truck was burglarized while it was parked on Eastern's campus.

TOSS IT UP



JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Joe Kent, a junior history major, throws the ball around the tennis court Sunday evening. Because of heavy rain Sunday morning, the fields around Eastern's campus were too muddy to play on.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER

TODAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
49	58	64	62	58
31	35	48	53	42
Showers/wind	Sunny	Mostly sunny	Scattered storms	Partly cloudy

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

New Hampshire bill would stop college students from voting

By MARY KATHERINE FLANIGAN
THE DARTMOUTH (DARTMOUTH)

HANOVER, N.H. - The New Hampshire House of Representatives recently passed a bill that could hinder student efforts to claim New Hampshire residency and vote in the next election. The bill, HB 1547, is just one of many recently passed bills aimed at imposing stricter definitions of domicile to decrease voter fraud.

Under the bill, those living in hospitals, group homes and nursing homes would confer New Hampshire residency while those living in hotel rooms, jails and college dormitories would not.

"Those of us who have colleges in our district are very concerned about the legislation," said Sharon Nordgren, a Democratic representative from Hanover, N.H.

Republicans, who introduced the voting bills, say that the proposed changes are necessary in order to prevent people from voting in more than one place, which constitutes a felony.

"We need to make sure we have integrity in our voting laws," said Republican Representative Robert Introne of Londonderry. "There has been suggestion by independent sources that students can be recruited and vote in that state when they should not be voting there."

Education bill passes the House

By TANVEER ALI
COLUMBIA DAILY SPECTATOR (COLUMBIA U.)

NEW YORK - The U.S. House of Representatives approved the renewal of the Higher Education Act, a Republican-backed bill intended to make attending college more affordable.

The comprehensive bill encompassing financial aid measures such as Pell Grants and the TRIO program was passed largely along party lines by a vote of 221 to 199. The reauthorization, which was postponed in September 2005, comes two months after the House voted to cut student loan funding by \$12.7 billion.

Republican backers of the bill said it would make college more accessible to lower-income students and touted an increase in the maximum Pell Grant to \$6,000.

Most of the Democratic opposition came after failing to pass their own version of the bill which would cut interest rates on subsidized student loans from 6.8 to 3.4 percent.



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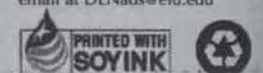
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Members of Pi Kappa Alpha dance together during the second half of Saturday evening's Airband performance at Lantz Arena. Their love-themed routine earned them first place in the fraternity division.



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SIGMA KAPPA AND PI KAPPA ALPHA TAKE FIRST PLACE IN AIRBAND

By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

The Sigma Kappa sorority and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity won first place for their respective divisions during the Airband competition of the 55th annual Greek Week Saturday night in Lantz Arena.

The night didn't run so smoothly with sound difficulties for both Alpha Sigma Tau and Alpha Phi during the competition. Both groups had to restart their performances.

"We had a lot of team work this year, and the girls were awesome," said Tara Coghlan, a senior sociology major and member of Sigma Kappa. "They all wanted to do it for the house."

Sigma Kappa's Airband theme was "Da Bears." Their team sported Chicago Bear jerseys and shirts and ended their dance to the Super Bowl Shuffle.

"We had about 5,000 themes, and finally, while we were out eating it



JOHN BAILEY/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of Sigma Kappa dance to the theme of the 1985 Bears and shuffled their way to victory during Airband.

came to us and just clicked," said Tabitha Swain, a senior elementary

education major and member of Sigma Kappa.

For the fraternity division, Pi Kappa Alpha's theme was "Dance Your Heart Away," including songs of love and stealing a girl's heart.

Other themes included: "Boy Bands" by Sigma Chi, "Mean Girls" by Alpha Sigma Tau and "Doctors and Love" by Alpha Gamma Delta.

Each Airband group has been practicing two hours a day for a month.

"We look good, and our dance style is amazing compared to last year," said Sarah Lokaitis, a junior communication studies major and member of Alpha Sigma Tau.

Sigma Phi Epsilon had two "Pink Ladies" help with their 70s theme routine.

"If we found a problem, we would improvise and work it out," said Tim Dilsavei of Sigma Phi Epsilon. "After we got up and did it, it was rewarding to be done."

Worrying about placing in first,



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of Alpha Gamma Delta gave the crowd a doctor-themed performance that earned them second place.

second or third position is not what Airband is all about for some.

"We had fun out there and didn't worry about placing," said Kristy Carlstrom, a junior psychology major and member of Sigma Sigma Sigma.

For the fraternity division, Lambda Chi Alpha came in second place and Sigma Nu came in third. For the sororities, Alpha Gamma Delta came in second place followed by Alpha Phi in third place.

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COMMENTARY



ERIN MILLER
SENIOR REPORTER

FRIDAY NIGHT'S ALL RIGHT FOR FIGHTING ... CANCER

Almost six months have passed since my childhood friend lost her battle with ovarian cancer. She was 22.

On Friday night, students walked around the campus pond during Relay for Life to honor loved ones who battled, survived or died from cancer.

From 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. participants made laps around the pond. Rain from the previous night left many shoes covered in mud, but that did not stop the walkers. Students formed 35 teams, which raised more than \$39,000.

Paper bags with names of those who were affected by cancer glowed around the perimeter of the pond. The word "Hope" floated in the bleachers.

Tents surrounded the area; local businesses donated food and prizes. By the large turnout it is evident many people are affected by cancer.

"One in every three females risk developing some form of cancer during their lifetime; one in every five faces a risk of dying."

Even though the event supports a serious cause, participants had fun too. During the 12-hour event, activities such as a cakewalk, pie eating contest and bingo kept those in attendance entertained.

More than 10 million people have cancer in the United States. One in every two males will develop some form of cancer during their lifetime; one in every four will die. One in every three females risk developing some form of cancer during their lifetime; one in every five faces a risk of dying.

Walking for 12 hours through the night symbolizes that the fight against cancer never sleeps and a finish line does not exist until a cure is found.

Dr. Gordy Klatt started Relay for Life in the mid 1980s. In May 1985, Klatt spent 24 hours circling the track at Baker Stadium in Tacoma, Wash. He walked more than 83 miles to raise \$27,000. Friends would pay Klatt \$25 to run or walk for 30 minutes with him around the track.

I walked in honor of my friend. She is the only person close to me who has died of cancer. Even though 12 hours seemed like a long time, the two years she spent battling ovarian cancer probably seemed longer.

When she was diagnosed, the cancer had already spread throughout most of her body. She spent those two years in and out of hospitals. Her weak immune system turned the common cold into pneumonia. Along with cancer, these other illnesses did not help her get better.

Ovarian cancer is known as the "silent killer" because almost 70 percent of women are not diagnosed with ovarian cancer until it is in its advanced stages. According to the American Cancer Society, ovarian cancer accounts for 4 percent of all cancers in women and ranks fifth as a cause of women's deaths from cancer.

The American Cancer Society estimated in the next year about 25,000 new cases of ovarian cancer and 16,000 deaths occur. The death rate for this cancer has not changed much in the last 50 years.

The last time I saw my friend, she was too weak and skinny to walk. Her spirits were high and a smile never left her face. She was braver than I could have ever thought. She died in the hospital on the afternoon of Oct. 26.

It was because of her I was inspired to spend 12 hours walking around campus pond. I raised only \$200, but I hope that \$200 will bring people closer to finding a cure for cancer.

Miller, a senior journalism major, can be reached at emmiller2@eiu.edu.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY BRIAN O'MALLEY



EDITORIAL

Fire doors are worth waiting for

In April of 2004, Blair Hall caught fire, and now, almost two years later, Eastern departments are set to move back in. But not until the fire doors are delivered.

Several departments were set to move back into Blair Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday, but because of a delay in the delivery of supplies, the move-in times have been moved to Thursday and Friday.

Vicki Woodard, director of media relations at Eastern, said she thinks it was the fire doors that have not been shipped yet.

We agree with the idea of waiting for the fire doors. Let's not forget priority No. 1. There is no way to prove that Blair Hall will ever catch fire again, but there are ways to help prevent it from happening and there are ways to assure, that if it does happen, people don't get hurt.

According to Wikipedia.com, a fire-rated door is mainly used to prevent the spread of fire and is usually the only way people can pass through a fireproof wall. Fire doors are usually made of materials resistant to fire, like steel, and have automatic mechanical closing springs.

The departments affected by the change are the General Counsel Office, the Bachelor of Arts in General Studies Degree

At issue

Blair Hall move-in dates being pushed back two days.

Our stance

The move-in dates are being pushed back because of the fire doors not being shipped yet. That's a good reason to delay move-in day because fire doors are a very important part of any building's safety and a two-day delay is not that long.

Program and the School of Continuing Education Dean's Office. The General Counsel Office is currently located in the Worthington Inn, and the other two are located in the Consolidated Communications building. These departments are now expected to move in to the second floor of Blair Hall on Thursday. Departments moving into the first floor will do so on April 10 and 11 and departments that will occupy the third floor will move in on April 12.

The bottom line is that Blair Hall is home to many departments, and all were deeply affected when Blair caught fire two years ago. Most likely the building's safety is better than ever, but two days is not much of a wait compared to the time these departments have already spent waiting.

There's no reason that people should move in before Blair is completely ready for them, so it's actually beneficial to wait until all of the proper supplies have been delivered before allowing people back in the building. Besides, two days isn't that much of a delay if it helps secure the safety of those using Blair Hall.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JUSTIFYING NEGLECT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE

The real issue is irresponsibility and accountability. I am writing this not because of who I am, but what I am. First, I am a concerned student.

While a few people decided not to fulfill their diversity requirement because they do not believe in the rationale behind "the requirement," the majority just did not turn in the paperwork: a one-page description of what they did and how it could

influence the campus. Is that too much to ask? The diversity requirement is an obligation that is in the Student Government bylaws. People are not fulfilling the requirement for recognition, they are doing what has been asked of them. There are tasks that have to occur in order for elected members of the senate not to have repercussions and the diversity requirement is one.

The students elect these members to represent them, and furthermore, as a senate member, you take an oath to uphold

the constitution and bylaws. In any organization or company there are rules you are expected to follow.

It is time for the members of this organization, past and present, to stop making excuses and justifying their negligence. If you do not agree with the requirement, then do not do it. But accept the consequences that come with your decision.

KEILA LACY

GERONTOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT

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Teacher certification meeting scheduled for today

By KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern students majoring or considering majoring with a teacher certification should attend the University Admission to Teacher Education Meeting today.

The College of Education and Professional Studies schedules the meetings, which are required for education majors, every semester. Doug Bower, certification officer for the college, said students should attend the meetings as soon as possible.

"They are encouraged to attend the meeting early in their EIU career," he said. "For native students, they should attend before completing 29 semester hours and for transfer students they should attend within the first 30 days of enrollment at EIU.

If they are past this time frame they should attend as soon as possible."

Admission, retention and graduation from the program are also explained at the meeting, Bower said.

The required applications for admission to the program are distributed at the meeting and can be turned in there as well.

Bower said there are many opportunities for students to take the class throughout the year.

"Generally we hold five meetings each semester, fall and spring, and two meetings during the summer," he said.

Any student who has not already applied to the program and attended a meeting must attend a meeting. There is one more meeting this

Teacher Certification Meeting:

- ◆ **Who:** All students planning to enter a teacher certification program.
- ◆ **What:** University Admission to Teacher Certification Meeting.
- ◆ **When:** 6 p.m.
- ◆ **Where:** Buzzard Hall Room 1501

semester scheduled for 3 p.m. April 17, in Buzzard Hall.

The next meeting will be during the summer semester.

"If students miss the last meeting of the semester, they will need to

wait until the next semester," he said. "In some cases this could delay their program, but this is a very rare occurrence."

Today's meeting will be at 6 p.m. in Buzzard Hall Room 1501.

GREEK SING

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For more about Greek Sing online

Kappa Delta members took first place for the sorority division singing songs from the musical "Wicked" at Sunday's Greek Sing competition in Lantz Arena. Members of Alpha Sigma Alpha took second place singing a compilation of songs from the movie "Moulin Rouge." Sigma Sigma Sigma took third place for the sorority division singing songs by Madonna. Sigma Phi Epsilon took first place in the fraternity division singing songs by James Taylor. Second place went to Sigma Nu singing love songs "throughout the day" and Lambda Chi sang love songs to get a third place finish. Phi Kappa Theta won fourth place in the fraternity division during their first time participating in Greek Sing.



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Road work slated for completion over summer

By ROB SIEBERT
STAFF REPORTER

Charleston residents may be in for fewer bumpy rides in the coming months.

The city hopes to improve portions of Polk Avenue, Division Street and Second Street by the end of the summer.

The areas specifically targeted are Polk Avenue between Division Street and Sixth Street, Division Street between Harrison Avenue and State Street, and Second Street

between Lincoln Avenue and Pierce Road.

All three streets will be widened, resurfaced and given new curbs and gutters. They will also have new sidewalks paved, get new driveways for the occupying properties and have a new approach paved for intersecting streets.

Mayor John Inyart said these three streets were "identified as the worst, narrowest, next-for-attention sites in the area."

Curt Buescher, director of Public Works, cited the spot on Second

Street as particularly important.

"Because it's right next to the park, you've got some aesthetic reasons for that one," Buescher said. "You've got a lot of pedestrian activity there during the warm months."

The city is waiting to have its plans approved by the Illinois Board of Transportation before contractors can start bidding.

Buescher said he hopes to see work start sometime this month and end in July.

Before the year's end, the city also plans to patch, resurface and

rework the shoulder on Harrison Avenue between 18th Street and Lincoln Avenue.

Also on the agenda for this year is patching and drainage work on Fourth Street between Coolidge Avenue and Hickory Lane. However, Buescher said because of right-of-way purchase, utility relocation and possible tree removal, the project may have to wait until next year.

"It's going to take literally a year to sort through all those issues," Buescher said.

Events for Monday

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Transgender version of 'Monologues' coming to Eastern

Professor talks about surgically constructed vagina

By TERRAH GRAVES
STAFF REPORTER

Sandy Stone, a transgender professor at the University of Texas at Austin, will perform her latest project, "The Neo-Vagina Monologues," tonight.

Neo-Vagina is the technical term for a surgically constructed vagina. This performance is a compilation

of stories from Stone's personal transgender experience and stories of others whom she has interviewed.

Stone said the inspiration for this program came with the need for public knowledge on the transgender subject.

She said she liked the basis for which the play "The Vagina Monologues" was put together and decided to do a version for those in the transgender community and anyone who wants to gain knowledge on the subject.

"We wanted to ask our audience,

'If the transgender vagina spoke, what would it say?'" Stone said.

This performance was cosponsored by Pride and the University Board and organized by the Women's Studies Program.

The coordinator of the Women's Studies Minor, Penka Skachkova, said she supports Stone's performance because it is a way to open cultural borders.

"This is a very interesting event because it is the first time in Eastern's history a transgender speaker will be here," Skachkova said. "It's a way to make students

"We wanted to ask our audience, 'If the transgender vagina spoke, what would it say?'"

SANDY STONE, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS PROFESSOR

think of transgender as a part of the women experience."

The show has been on the road for about two months and has already gained recognition for its depth and content. Eastern will be the show's third tour stop.

Stone said this is an exciting challenge because of the surrounding

conservative community. She also said it will be a good follow up to "The Vagina Monologues," which toured Eastern in February. This project is one of many Stone has created in regard to differences and diversity in society.

The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr.

STATE STORY

Attorney wants murder suspect to plead guilty to lesser charge

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCK ISLAND — The attorney for the second defendant charged in the murder and dismemberment of Adrienne Reynolds, 16, of East Moline, has filed a motion that could allow Cory Gregory to plead guilty to the lesser charge he faces in the slaying.

Gregory, 18, of Moline, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder and one count of concealing a homicide in the January 2005 death.

Prosecutors allege Gregory helped Sarah Kolb, 17, of Milan, strangle Reynolds and dismember

her body. Kolb was convicted of similar charges earlier this year and is scheduled to be sentenced April 11.

According to Rock Island Circuit Court records, Gregory's attorney, Steve Hanna of Moline, filed a motion Thursday to separate the concealment charge from the murder counts.

Hanna is asking the court to allow Gregory to plead guilty to the concealment charge, which is a Class 3 felony.

Rock Island County State's Attorney Jeff Terronez said Friday night that he intends to fight the motion to sever the charge.

Gregory's trial, which is scheduled to begin May 1, has been moved to Peoria County on a change of venue because of extensive media coverage of the case in the Quad Cities.

He faces as long as 65 years in prison if convicted of all charges.

Kolb, who was Gregory's former girlfriend, was convicted on identical charges in the Jan. 21, 2005, death of Reynolds, who moved to East Moline from Longview, Texas just a few months before she was killed. Kolb also faces up to 65 years in prison when she is sentenced April 11.

Kolb was found guilty Feb. 22

during a retrial moved to Dixon, about 60 miles from the Quad Cities.

Her first trial ended in a mistrial in November when a Rock Island County jury deadlocked 11-1 in favor of conviction.

Prosecutors contend Kolb and Gregory killed Reynolds in Kolb's car over their school lunch hour at a Moline fast-food restaurant, then took the body to Kolb's grandparents' farm and burned it.

The pair returned two days later with a third teen and sawed the body into pieces, dumping some remains on the farm and burying the rest in Black Hawk State Park in

Rock Island, according to prosecutors.

Prosecutors allege Kolb was angry because Reynolds was taking Kolb's friends and had shown interest in Kolb's boyfriend and Gregory.

Kolb's attorneys maintained that Gregory killed Reynolds. Kolb testified in her first trial that Gregory threatened to kill her, her family and her cats if she reported the crime.

She did not testify in her second trial, when the defense rested without presenting a case.

Gregory denied Kolb's testimony in a television interview after the first trial.

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SETH MILLER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Participants of the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life set up camp Friday afternoon around the campus pond. The 12-hour event, which lasts from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. the next morning, represents the stages in a person's struggle through cancer. The evening light symbolizes the pre-cancer period, the night represents a person's diagnosis and dawn signifies a patient's remission. The people who leave throughout the night represent those who lose their battles with cancer.

NATIONAL BRIEFS



Wife: Jesse Helms has vascular dementia, moved to care facility

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Former U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, in increasingly poor health before and since he left office three years ago, has vascular dementia and has moved into a convalescent center near his home, his wife said.

"He has his good days and his bad days," Dot Helms, told The News & Observer for a story Sunday. "He still sees friends. Company is good for him. He is still signing books. But he is not able to conduct any business or make any speeches."

The 84-year-old Republican has been slowed by illnesses including a bone disorder, prostate cancer and heart problems. As his career neared its end, he made his way through the Capitol on a motorized scooter. He decided against seeking a sixth term and left Congress in January 2003.

Vascular dementia is considered one of the most common types of dementia in aging people, with symptoms that appear similar to Alzheimer's disease, according to the Memory and Aging Center at the University of California-San Francisco.

Alcatel, Lucent to combine in effort to weather telecom competition

MURRAY HILL, N.J. — France's Alcatel SA will acquire rival telecom equipment maker Lucent Technologies Inc. in a \$13.4 billion (11.1 billion euro) stock swap that would form an industry powerhouse with a product line broad enough to entice customers in a consolidating telecom industry.

Company leaders said Sunday they plan to shed 10 percent of the combined work force, about 8,800 jobs, after the deal closes.

The combined business, to be based in Paris, will work to capitalize on fast-growing converged offerings such as "triple-play" Internet, phone and TV packages that have become popular in the telecom field, the companies said.

Two dead, four missing after SUV drives into river

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HENDERSON, Ky. — Police found the bodies of two women Sunday inside a sport utility vehicle that had plunged into the Ohio River and were searching for four male survivors also said to be in the SUV.

A woman who managed to swim to shore told police she was riding in the vehicle when her friend drove down a boat ramp

Missing men are unidentified, creating 'unusual situation'

into the water around 2:30 a.m. Jamie Rakestrew, 26, said she and her friends met the men at a bar and were giving them a ride, but she did not know their names, officials said.

"This is one of the most unusual situations I've witnessed in 26 years of law enforcement in

that we have four missing people, and we don't really know who they are," Henderson Police Chief Ed Brady said.

All the women were from Evansville, Ind., which is across the river from Henderson.

Rakestrew told investigators she remembers they were con-

fused about what direction they were going from the bar, which is about two blocks from the river.

The bodies of Korena Alvira and Diamond Raimsey, both 32, were found in the SUV about 75 feet from shore, officials said. Alvira is believed to be the driver.

Autopsies and toxicology tests were scheduled for Monday.

Rainstorms suspended the search for the men Sunday afternoon.

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With week to go, still much left to do for the Legislature

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois officials appear far from united over a new state budget, with some suggesting significant cuts in Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposal and others seeking major changes in how the money would be spent.

House Speaker Michael Madigan is talking about trimming the budget proposal by hundreds of millions of dollars. Hispanic and black lawmakers want more money for Chicago schools and have other demands that could stall progress.

So far, Republican lawmakers have been relegated to the sidelines as the Legislature's Democratic majority discusses the budget. But if the Democratic differences harden into a dead-

lock, Republicans could find themselves with new leverage.

It's not the situation Democratic leaders envisioned last year, when they agreed, without Republican support, to cut payments to state pension funds to free up cash for two years of budgets.

They hoped the agreement would let them easily pass this year's budget and adjourn by April 7, rather than the usual Memorial Day finish to the session, so they could get on the campaign trail.

That could still happen. Negotiations among a few key people could quickly produce a deal that lets lawmakers adjourn as scheduled.

But as the date gets closer, even optimists aren't betting it will happen.

"It's hard to say," said Senate President Emil Jones, D-Chicago. "We may be here 'til July, who knows?"

Some Democrats say Blagojevich created complications with his election-year budget plan. He proposed increasing state spending by \$1 billion on a variety of politically enticing programs such as tax credits for college students and a major preschool expansion.

Madigan, D-Chicago, warned his members last week that finding enough money to pay for some of those programs could be too tough, politically. So he suggested they come up with their own spending and revenue ideas based on more modest money projections. He also told them to clear their calendar until April 12 because an April 7 adjournment might not happen.

"You can only spend what you have, and that's the way we're going to try to develop a budget," Madigan spokesman Steve Brown said.

Deputy Gov. Bradley Tusk said that doesn't mean Blagojevich's budget is in trouble.

"I think we're on the way to passing a budget that meets the different priorities of the governor, the members of the Legislature and the people of Illinois," Tusk said. "You always make adjustments and modifications. That's the give and take of the legislative process."

With Republicans cut out of budget negotiations, Democratic leaders need virtually all of their members on board for any agreement to pass. That means new power for black and Latino lawmaker groups, and both are pushing wish lists.

CAMPAIGN:

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"All about You" campaign focuses on informing students

their website <http://www.pen.eiu.edu/~acberger/>.

Those running for executive positions include Ruddy as Student Body President, Andrew Berger as student executive vice president, Kenney Kozik as student vice president for business affairs, Carolyn Beck as student vice president for academic affairs and Austen Williams as student vice president for student affairs. Other students running for senate member positions include Ashley Nolan, Heather Janik, Tiffany Grice, Jason Schippits, Jim Heywood, Jamar Herrod and Tyson Holder.

Ruddy said talking to students is her favorite part of the elections process. She said students should know all the members of her group are experienced, especially the executives.

"We all know the networking needed to get things done and we all genuinely care about this university," Ruddy said. "All the ideas we have are tangible, and they will and can get done."

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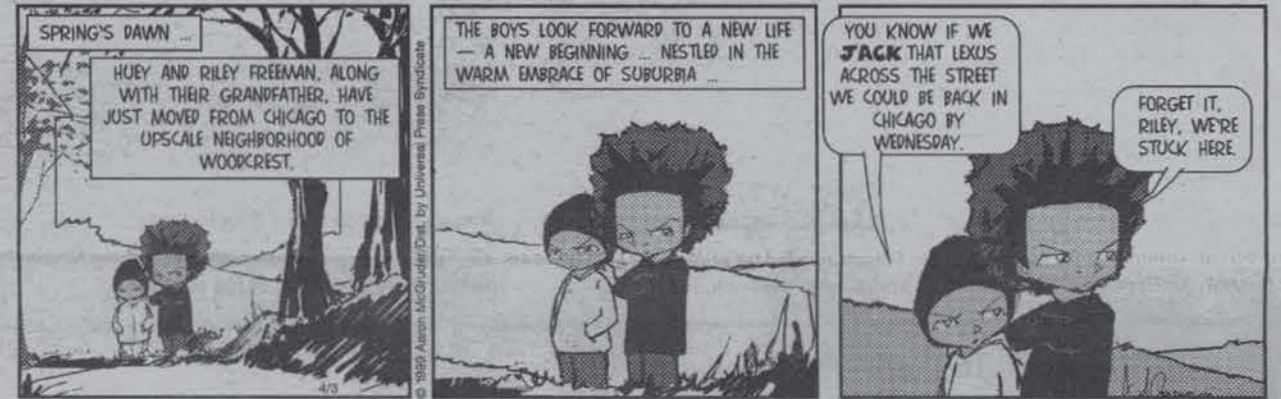
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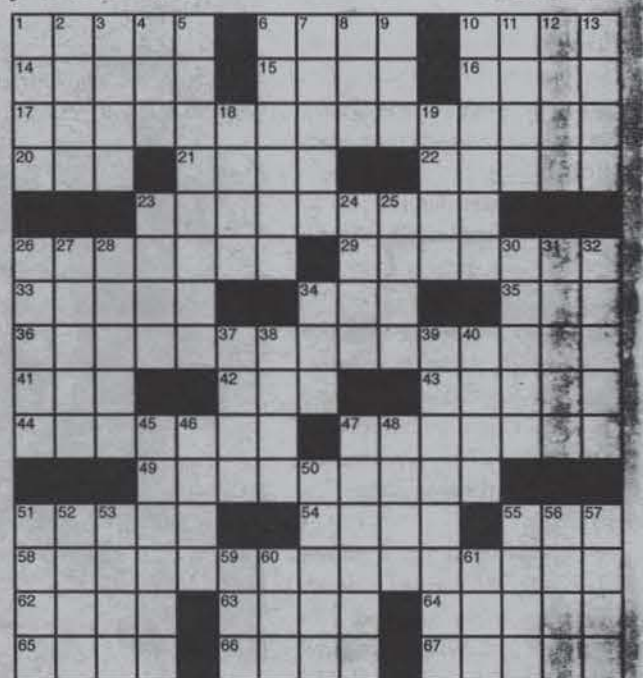
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 - 4 In addition
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 - 6 Expressed derision
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 - 8 1975 musical set in Oz, with "The"
 - 9 Utters, informally
 - 10 Typographical embellishments
 - 11 Tel ___, Israel
 - 12 Not naughty
 - 13 Secluded valley
 - 18 With 21-Across, heartsick
 - 19 James who wrote "The Morning Watch"
 - 23 Dutch artist Frans
 - 24 Globetrotting rock star/political activist
 - 25 Sufficient, in verse
 - 26 Put back in the kiln
 - 27 French school
 - 28 Windblown soil
 - 30 Flirt with
 - 31 Had title to
 - 32 Annoyers
 - 34 "Brokeback Mountain" director Lee
 - 37 Theater award
 - 38 McDonald's founder Ray
 - 39 Fay Vincent's successor as baseball commissioner
 - 40 Sporting sword
 - 45 Egyptian god of the underworld
 - 46 Rajah's mate
 - 47 Fine sheep's wool
 - 48 True-to-life
 - 50 LP players
 - 51 "Mamma Mia" quartet
 - 52 Where America's Day Begins
 - 53 Folk's Guthrie
 - 55 Make bootees, e.g.
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 - 57 "What ___ become of me?"
 - 59 Visible part of an iceberg
 - 60 Have bills due
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Puzzle by Doug Peterson

BASEBALL VS. TENNESSEE-MARTIN

Panther pitchers stop Skyhawk lineup at top

BY MARCO SANTANA
SPORTS EDITOR

The Tennessee-Martin Skyhawks were unbeaten in the Ohio Valley Conference heading into this weekend's series against the Panthers at Coaches Stadium.

But Eastern neutralized the top of the order and pulled off a sweep of a Saturday doubleheader to drop the Skyhawks to 3-2 in conference play.

Skyhawks leadoff hitter, second baseman Chad Green, finished the day 0-for-8 while the No. 2 hitter, center fielder Zach Dean, was 0-for-6.

"We've got to get some production out of those guys," said Skyhawk head coach Bubba Cates after Saturday's games.

Green entered the series hitting .283 but could not get on base. In the second game, Green struck out twice after trying to lead off the first inning with a bunt.

The key sequence of the second game came in the bottom of the second inning.

With the bases loaded and nobody out, the Skyhawks had the top of the order coming up.

Tennessee-Martin had the Panthers on the ropes, and starting pitcher Mike Manns was struggling with his pitch count already in the fifties.

Green came up and on the fourth pitch, grounded the ball to third baseman Ryan Campbell. Campbell threw home and forced out the runner.

Dean followed and hit a fly ball to center field that was too shallow to score the runner.

When shortstop Lance Renton

popped out to the first baseman, the Skyhawks lost their chance.

"It's a situation where we had some opportunities to take advantage of and score some runs," Cates said.

Tennessee-Martin would eventually take a 4-0 lead, but the Panthers rallied late to win the game 5-4.

Cates had a simple explanation for Saturday's loss. But the lack of production at the top of the order was something that he knew had to be changed.

"They played better than we did," Cates said. "You hope you don't do that."

Baseball Notes: Second baseman **Blake Meyer** accomplished a feat that he wasn't trying for. In the top of the sixth inning, Tennessee-Martin left fielder Blake Martin hit a soft ground ball to second base. Meyer bobbled the ball and when he picked it up, he threw the ball away to commit two errors on the same play. Two runs scored on the play and the Skyhawks scored four in the inning.

Catcher **Jason Cobb** threw out center fielder Zach Dean trying to steal in the third inning. It was the first runner that Cobb has thrown out this season after 11 successful stolen bases against him. Last season, Cobb threw out two of the 16 runners that tried to steal.

Freshman center fielder **Bret Nommenson** collapsed to the ground as he left the batter's box in the bottom of the fourth inning. Nommenson grounded out to second base on the play. Head coach **Jim Schmitz** said after the game he was not sure what had happened. Nommenson is hitting .299 for the season and has two outfield assists.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior pitcher **Brandon Murphy** throws to home against Tennessee-Martin Saturday at Coaches Stadium. Murphy allowed three hits and one run while picking up his first win of the season.

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Eastern sweeps Saturday's doubleheader

But his luck ran out in the top of the fourth.

The Skyhawks loaded the bases on two walks and a throwing error by Manns.

Schmitz turned to his bullpen and brought in Kenny Firlit. Firlit walked the first batter he faced to force in a run and make the score 2-0.

After a popout to Huber, center fielder Bret Nommenson got a great jump on a line drive to left-center field by Blake Turner.

At the last second, Nommenson launched into the air and snagged the ball.

"I got a little nervous when I knew I had to dive," Nommenson said.

After a single drove in the fourth Skyhawk run, Guttosch took over.

Guttosch, who had been struggling with an earned run average over 9.00, entered and pitched 2 1/3 hitless innings. He struck out two and walked two.

"It was nice to see him ready to throw," Nommenson said. "We backed him up."

Guttosch had been losing his confidence but regained it for the game Saturday.

"It's in the back of my head sometimes," he said. "I wanted to go out there and get the job done. I wanted to show coach I can shut the door down when I have to."

The Panthers next game is a non-conference game against Olivet Nazarene on Tuesday at Coaches Stadium. First pitch is slated for 3 p.m.

M-BASKETBALL: NCAA TOURNAMENT

UCLA, Florida took different roads to title game

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — UCLA had Bill Walton, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and all those championship banners. Florida had Vernon Maxwell and Norm Sloan.

Different programs on opposite coasts with divergent histories play for the national championship Monday night, though the game is more than that.

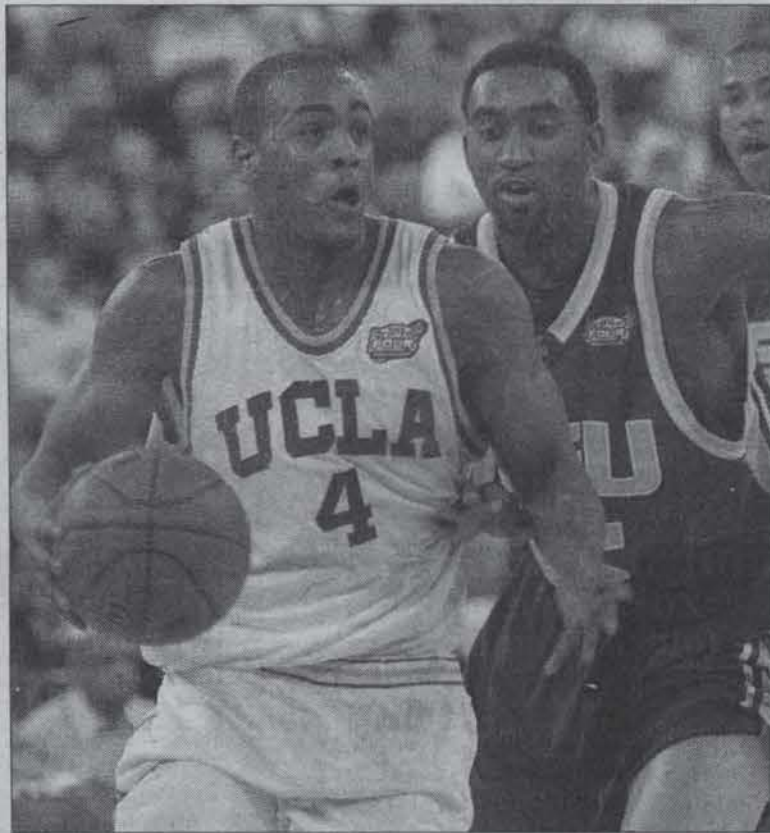
Even with a pair of "power" programs going at it, this game offers yet another reminder of how the success of yesteryear no longer guarantees anything for today and how dynasties have been replaced by parity in college basketball.

"Are we a basketball school the way Kentucky and Indiana are?" Florida athletic director Jeremy Foley said. "Not yet. That's the goal. Will we get there? That's the goal 15 years from now."

Getting there is the goal these days. Staying there isn't possible in the way it was when John Wooden coached. No longer, in this era of ESPN, AAU and AOL, can a great coach like Wooden sit in his office and expect great players to come.

Still, no one has ever doubted UCLA's status as a basketball school. Eleven national titles can do that for a program. And while the Bruins still use the success of yesterday to build on today, their dynasty is long gone.

UCLA is closer to its last losing season (11-18 in 2003-04) than its last



MARK CORNELISON/KRT

UCLA's **Arron Afflalo** tries to outrun LSU's **Darnell Lazaro** during the semifinals of the Final Four Saturday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. The Bruins will meet Florida for the first time ever in the Tournament's championship game.

national title (1995, behind Ed O'Bannon and Tyus Edney). Often in the recent past, the history of UCLA has played into the expectations more than the talent level.

Coach Ben Howland, in his third year, got the Bruins back to the top not

by riding Wooden's coattails. He did it the same way Billy Donovan did it at Florida, or Billy Gillispie at Texas A&M or Jim Larranaga at George Mason: Recruiting, selling, building a team in his own image, not what someone else thinks it should be.

"With winning, players are going to want to come to UCLA again," said Mike Warren, the captain of the title teams in 1967 and '68. "Now, will we win 10 championships? I don't think so. But will we become a solid program again? No question."

One of the few times these teams, who have never played, intersected was when Howland won a recruiting battle against Florida to get guard Jordan Farmar. The LA kid saw big things happening with the Gators, but realized he could be part of a rebuilding program closer to home.

"Why go far away if you can have at least the same type of situation at home?" Howland said.

While no one would ever blame a kid for staying near home to attend UCLA, committing to Florida was anything but trendy before Donovan arrived. Though the head Gators are loath to admit it, Florida is a football school. Its few moments of success in hoops were always overshadowed by something.

Maxwell took the Gators to the tournament for the first time in the late '80s, but that experience was tainted by a drug scandal.

Sloan, who left his second stint as Florida's coach in the aftermath of the Maxwell troubles, was replaced briefly by Don DeVoe, who called himself "a no-nonsense guy in a nonsense program." DeVoe lasted about nine months.

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Atmosphere unique to Final Four weekend

Fan Fest is hard to compare to. There is no way a midseason game against Tennessee State can compare to a pep rally two days before the national semifinals.

When there are four bands, four cheerleading squads and four mascots at all corners of a basketball court, the noise is incredible and infectious.

A break-dancing Bruin, a Gator doing the shimmy and even George Mason's mascot, Gunston, who really looks like they just bought the outfit at a thrift shop, just do more for fan interest than a squad that runs out of T-shirts after the Panthers hit their third 3-pointer.

But maybe if someday Lantz Arena is consistently filled, there will be more enthusiasm, and fans can enjoy themselves as if there really was a national semifinal game on the horizon.

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MLB OPENING DAY

Teams gear up for '06 campaign

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Barry Bonds will be back in San Francisco's opening-day outfield, President Bush will take the mound in Cincinnati and Philadelphia's Jimmy Rollins will try to extend his 36-game hitting streak as the major league season swings into full action Monday.

A little more than five months after winning their first World Series title since 1917, the Chicago White Sox began the major league season at home Sunday night against Cleveland.

But baseball openers are supposed to be played on sunny spring afternoons, so for many fans Monday is

the day to celebrate. There will be 13 openers, starting with Washington's game at the New York Mets and ending with the New York Yankees' West Coast night game at Oakland.

Rollins tries to keep his streak alive when the Phillies open up at home against St. Louis, and Seattle's Kenji Johjima will become the first Japanese catcher in the majors when the Mariners play the visiting Los Angeles Angels.

Red, white and blue bunting will be out, hot dogs will be grilled and beers passed around the stands.

"The grass seems greener, the colors are brighter," Colorado Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said Sunday at

Denver's Coors Field.

After another winter dominated by steroids and 6 1/2 weeks of spring training punctuated by the first World Baseball Classic, baseball returns for another long season of 162 games over 183 days. It's the first year of testing for amphetamines, so players may be downing extra coffee to perk up.

No extra adrenaline is needed for the openers, however.

Bonds' alleged regime of performance-enhancing drugs was the subject of a new book that caused commissioner Bud Selig to launch an investigation into steroids last week that will be headed by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell.

TENNIS AT MOREHEAD STATE

Eastern men get first OVC win Women still winless in conference action

BY JOE WALIASTI
STAFF REPORTER

The men's tennis team earned their first Ohio Valley Conference win with a 4-3 victory Friday afternoon against the Eagles of Morehead State.

After losing the doubles point the Panthers rallied to take four of the six singles matches and earn their first conference win.

The men (7-7, 1-3 OVC) could not use their momentum from Friday to win their second OVC match, losing 5-2 at Eastern Kentucky on Saturday.

Freshman Jordan Nestrud had another strong weekend, winning both of his singles and doubles matches.

His 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 6 singles against Morehead's Martin Dorcich clinched Friday's victory for the Panthers.

Head coach John Blackburn thinks Nestrud put everything together this weekend.

"Jordan played very confident tennis, very tactically sound," Blackburn said. "He was focused and played extremely well when the pressure was on him and the match was down to the wire."

Nestrud also had the only singles

win for either the men or the women at the Martin Hall Tennis Courts of ECU, beating the Colonels Billy Pfaffinger in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

Nestrud and fellow freshman Vuk Milicevic formed a strong tandem at No. 3 doubles, winning both of their matches this weekend.

The duo took both of their doubles matches with 8-3 victories.

Nestrud's singles win and doubles victory gave the Panthers both of their points in the 5-2 loss.

The Eastern women did not have quite the weekend the men did.

The women's team lost 4-3 at Morehead on Friday. The Panthers were then swept 7-0 by ECU on Saturday.

The women did not win a single set in singles action against the Colonels, losing all six matches in straight sets.

The only win of the match came at No. 1 doubles with a 9-7 victory by the pair of junior Madina Mambetova and senior Jill Wirtz.

The day before at Morehead, the women performed better but still could not get enough wins at the bottom levels of singles play, a problem that has been plaguing them all season.

Sophomore Sandra Sasidharan

won at No. 1 singles 6-3, 7-5, and Mambetova won at No. 2 singles in the toughest match-up of the weekend against Eagles freshman Fernanda Chiaparini (3-6, 6-1, 10-8).

In the final four singles matches, however, the Panther women could get only one more victory.

Wirtz won at No. 4 singles 8-2 in a match that was cut short due to time constraints and because Morehead had already clinched the victory with four points.

Despite the losses by the women, Blackburn thinks his depth will improve.

"I don't think our depth is a big problem," he said. "Some of our girls are just now starting intensive training and I have been very proud of how rapidly Cristina (Carillo) and Sam (Lininger) are improving."

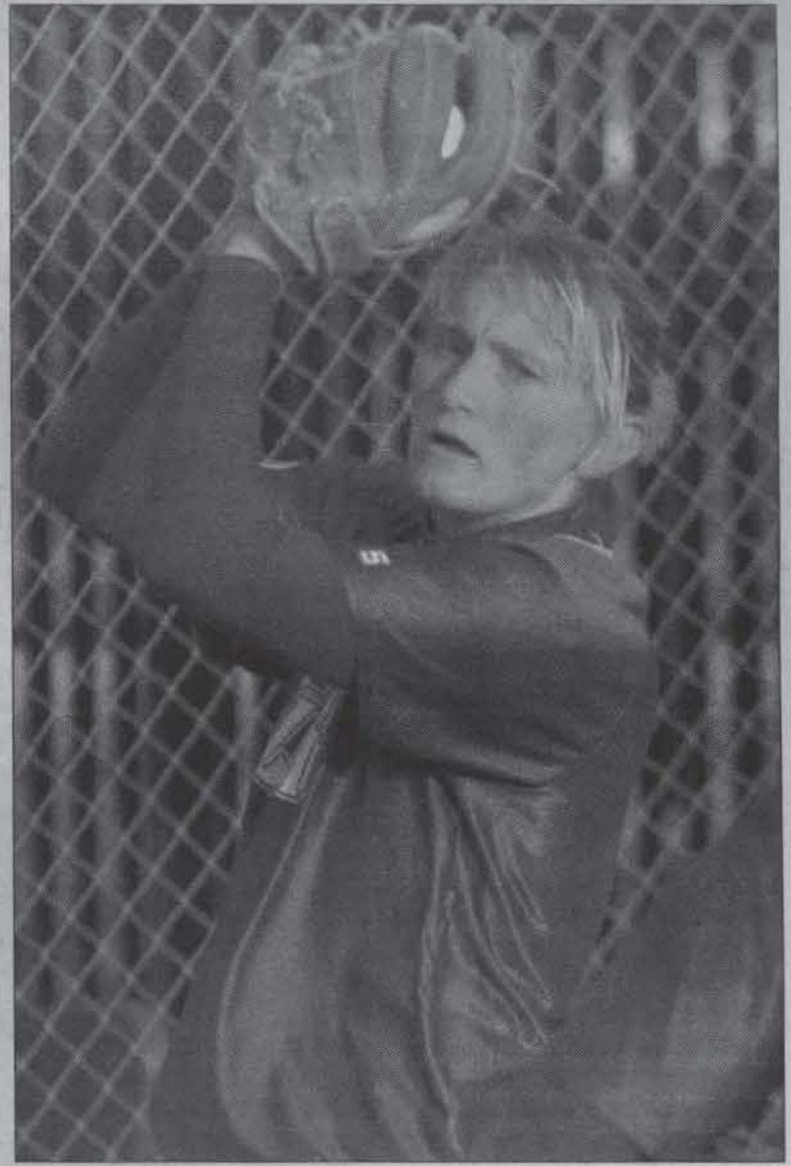
The women (3-11, 0-4) will get a chance to break their conference futility against Austin Peay Tuesday afternoon.

The Panthers will play their third-of-five home matches when the Governors and Lady Governors come to Eastern for a 2:30 match-up at the Darling Courts.

The Austin Peay men and women are both coming off losses to Tennessee Tech.

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Senior third baseman Rachel Karos warms up between innings during the Panthers' game with IUPUI Wednesday at Williams Field. Karos had two hits in Eastern's 6-3 loss to Jacksonville State on Sunday, extending her hitting streak to 17 games — the longest in school history.

Karos keeps swinging a hot bat; hitting streak reaches 17 games

Karos was one Eastern player who produced offensively this weekend. With the two hits she collected in Sunday's loss, the senior now has a 17-game hitting streak. It is the longest in the history of the program.

"My confidence is much higher this year," said Karos, who is hitting a team-leading .404. "In the past, when I was in a slump, my head kept me in that slump."

All three Eastern pitchers, Kathleen Jacoby, Karyn Mackie and Ashley Condon saw action this weekend. Jacoby and Mackie, who had a combined 19 complete games heading into the JSU series, did not finish any of the three games they started.

"The pitchers had a rough day on

Saturday," Schuette said. "But they bounced back." Mackie lasted only two innings in game two Saturday, surrendering 3 runs (2 earned) on 5 hits.

Jacoby hung around for 4 2/3 innings on Saturday, before departing after allowing 5 runs on 6 hits.

Schuette said that the series with JSU was a good challenge for her team.

"It was good timing in the season to face them," she said. "Hopefully we'll see them later in the year in the (OVC) tournament."

"We're still a contender in this conference," Karos said.

McGinnis agrees.

"They made us fight for everything," she said.

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WEDNESDAY	BASEBALL AT WESTERN ILLINOIS	3 p.m.
	SOFTBALL AT ILLINOIS STATE (2)	4 p.m.

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OFF THE BENCH

MARCO SANTANA
SPORTS EDITOR

There's no 'Madness' in our town

INDIANAPOLIS—Thousands of fans have descended on Indianapolis to watch the Final Four of the NCAA tournament.

The semifinal games took place Saturday, and the championship game will be tonight at 8:18 p.m.

I still don't know why they don't just go to 8:15 or 8:20. But that is a different story.

The nearly week-long celebration that began with Fan Fest on Thursday has created a Super Bowl-type atmosphere.

The major thing of the Fan Fest, and the event many fans pointed at as their favorite, was the Battle of the Bands.

The event featured all four of the teams' bands, as well as mascots and cheerleaders. As expected, the UCLA Bruins' cheerleaders were the best.

Of course, they may have been the best because not many people really took the effort of taking their eyes off of them long enough to see just how good the other cheerleaders were.

What the event did was make me realize just how weak Eastern's fan support really is.

Naturally, if Eastern was in the Final Four, and it took a lot to put those words down on paper without laughing, the support would be there.

But because we realize our teams will never be at national championship levels, it would make sense that we support them whenever they see even minimal levels of success.

The women's basketball team was Ohio Valley Conference tournament bound. But, in their second-to-last home game, only 395 fans showed up.

Even that number is a little suspicious as there did not seem to be anywhere near that amount at Lantz Arena.

When the football team hosted a Division I-AA playoff game—just four games away from a national championship—the Southern Illinois fans nearly outnumbered Panthers fans.

The easy explanation is that it was Thanksgiving week. But last I heard, it was Thanksgiving week at Southern Illinois at that time as well.

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BASEBALL VS. TENNESSEE-MARTIN



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Eastern freshman outfielder Brett Nommensen lays down a sacrifice bunt to advance a runner during the Panthers' 6-1 win against Tennessee-Martin in the first game of a doubleheader Saturday at Coaches Stadium. Eastern picked up a 5-4 win in the second game Saturday before losing 8-5 to the Skyhawks Sunday.

Errors cost Panthers' sweep

Eastern struggles in the field and can't ride momentum

BY MARCO SANTANA
SPORTS EDITOR

Second baseman Blake Meyer had more errors than assists Sunday.

Tennessee-Martin scored four unearned runs on the day and capitalized on four Panther errors, including three by Meyer, to salvage the final game of the weekend series 8-5.

"We gave them this win," said head coach Jim Schmitz.

Eastern held a 4-1 lead heading into the sixth inning and was in posi-

tion to finish off a sweep of the Skyhawks, who entered the weekend 3-0 in the conference.

Chris Vaculik entered the game after starting pitcher Drew Gierich loaded the bases with one out.

Left fielder Blake Turner hit a soft ground ball to Meyer. Meyer bobbled the ball and then threw it past first baseman Erik Huber. The Skyhawks scored two runs, and Meyer was charged with two errors on the play.

Schmitz pointed to the Panthers leaving 11 runners on base as another

reason for Eastern's third Ohio Valley Conference loss.

But the weekend series provided Schmitz with plenty of positives.

Keiji Szalo and Erik Huber drove the ball much better this weekend, he said.

On Saturday, the Panthers swept the Skyhawks by taking advantage of opportunities that were presented.

They left just five runners on while UT-Martin left 12 runners on base.

Although they walked 11 batters in Saturday's second game, the Panthers still managed a 5-4 come-from-behind victory after junior

Brandon Murphy pitched a complete game in the opening 6-1 win.

"He was magnificent," catcher Jason Cobb said of Murphy after the first game.

Cobb drove in two runs in that game and hit his first home run of the season.

In the second game, relief pitcher Alex Guttosch held the Skyhawks scoreless after starting pitcher Mike Manns got in and out of trouble throughout the first three innings.

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SOFTBALL AT JACKSONVILLE STATE

Panthers swept at JSU, drop in OVC standings

BY MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Jacksonville State showed why it was the Ohio Valley Conference pre-season favorite to win the league.

The Gamecocks, last year's regular season champions, used strong pitching from senior Christine Pierce and six home runs to claim a series sweep from Eastern this weekend in Jacksonville, Ala.

"(Saturday) we didn't come out to play," said Panther head coach Kim Schuette. "We were intimidated before we started playing, and you can't do that in softball. You always have to be ready to play."

After dropping both of Saturday's

games 5-1, the Panthers led 3-2 in Sunday's game heading into the bottom of the fifth. JSU then responded and came through with three runs, including a solo home run by first baseman Lauren Howarth.

The Gamecocks (25-10, 7-3 OVC) added an insurance run in the sixth to expand the lead to 6-3.

"This weekend was big for us," said JSU head coach Jana McGinnis. "We just hadn't been playing to our capabilities."

Trailing by three in the top of the seventh, Eastern did not go away quietly, as the game-tying run was at the plate with two outs.

But junior Sandyn Short hit into a fielder's choice to end the game and

any chance of an Eastern rally.

"(Sunday) we showed up and we're in a dogfight," Schuette said.

Pierce, a 6-foot-1 inch righthander, pitched two complete games this weekend. Schuette said that the senior throws the ball harder than most of the pitchers Eastern will see this year.

"With a pitcher like that you have to put the ball in play and we didn't do that," she said.

Eastern (21-13-1, 4-5) was limited to six hits in both games Saturday, as Pierce threw a four-hitter in game one.

Teammate Carly Kellam, the OVC's pitcher of the year last year, is slowly working her way back into the rotation, McGinnis said. She followed Pierce's performance with a two-hit

complete game in the second game.

"Pierce has really taken that challenge and taken us on our back," McGinnis said. "The door has opened for her and now she has stepped through."

Third baseman Rachel Karos said Pierce moved the ball a lot, forcing the Panthers to adjust throughout the series.

"She was extremely confident," Karos said.

Eastern did adjust to Pierce's pitching in Sunday's game, rattling off eight hits while scoring three runs, but the Gamecock hitting was too much for Schuette's team.

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