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**CAMPUS | SPRING CONCERT** 

## Student found dead at Pike house

#### Cause of death is to be determined, no foul play suspected

**By Nora Maberry** and Nicole Milstead Staff Reporters

A student died at one of Eastern's fraternity houses during the weekend.

Mark Apa, a 20-year-old finance major from Downers Grove, was found dead in his room at the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house, located at Greek Court Saturday, said Vicki Woodard, director of communications for the university.

Eastern President Lou Hencken confirmed a death did occur in Greek Court, but stressed that no foul play was suspected.

Hencken said Apa's parents had been notified Saturday.

Coles County Coroner Michael C. Nichols confirmed Apa's death.

"The estimated time of death was 2:04 p.m. on Saturday," said Nichols. "The cause of death is to be determined."

Nichols said an autopsy will be performed Monday, but confirmed no foul play was suspected.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete, however, there will be a prayer service at the Newman Catholic Center at 9 p.m.

All students are welcome to attend the event, said Marc Montagano, president of Pi Kappa Alpha. Apa's family will not be in attendance at the

Any student is able to contact the Counseling Center at 581-3413 and for after hours emergency the University Police Department will contact a counselor.

Woodard said plans to offer counseling to students should be finalized today.

Woodard also said there is no formal policy for students to take time off from classes to deal with the death of another student.

"The University extends its deepest condolences to the Apa family," Woodard said.

The Pikes have no comment beyond the memorial service at this time

## Headliner nearly set

The Goo Goo Dolls to play March 4, pending contracts

**By Kristina Peters** 

Activities Reporter

University Board is in the process of finalizing contracts with the Goo Goo Dolls.

If the contracts are finalized, the band will be performing at Eastern on March 4, for the spring concert.

"Everything is still pending and if the contracts are finalized, then yes, the Goo Goo Dolls will be here," said Mallory Taylor, UB concert chair.

Although it has not been finalized, the Goo Goo Dolls have listed on its Web site, www. googoodolls.com that the band will perform at Eastern on the scheduled date.

UB hopes to formally announce this week that the band will perform at Eastern, but cannot do so until there is a written agreement.

"Things are looking good," Taylor said. "If everything goes according to plan, tickets will go on sale to Eastern students Jan. 16."

Tickets would cost \$12 for students and \$17 for the general

If the Goo Goo Dolls do come to Eastern, Taylor is excited with the choice and thinks students will

"They (the band) have had so many hits and have been around for a long time," she said.

Since forming in 1986, the band has released eight records.

Original line-up for the Goo Goo Dolls was Johnny Rzeznik, Robby Takac and George Tutuska.

Tutuska left the band in 1994 and Mike Malinin joined the group shortly after. Augustana will open for the

Goo Goo Dolls if contracts are finalized.

UB and its agent have been working for about six to eight weeks on finalizing the band's performance at Eastern.

UB has completed student surveys and worked with the athletic department on dates that Lantz Arena will be available before it had bands in mind.

Once UB got the dates, its agent checked tour dates of bands.

**CAMPUS** | SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA & CHORAL ENSEMBLE



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Violin soloist Maureen Murchie plays during the Eastern symphony orchestra performance Sunday evening at McAfee Gymnasium. In Santa Claus' absence, President Lou Hencken donned the red and white robes and conducted the orchestra through "Sleigh Ride."

## President Hencken fills in for Santa Claus At concert, he's told he is

Father Christmas' replacement

**By Sarah Whitney** News Editor

President Lou Hencken had no idea what was going on when orchestra and choral director Richard Rossi called Eastern President Lou Hencken to the front during Sunday night's Holiday Concert.

Rossi was in the middle of explaining that a very special guest - Santa Claus - wanted to wish Hencken the very best as he retires as president at the end of this school year, when Brian Yakey, music grad student, burst from the side door carrying a letter and white box.

"Mr. Rossi we have a major problem," he yelled across the gym while hurrying over to Rossi and Hencken. "(Santa's helpers) said that Santa wanted you to read this right away!'

The audience of more than 300 community members, parents, faculty and students watched with curiosity, as Rossi opened the letter and read into the mic.

The letter was from Santa. He apologized for not being able to make it and extended his congratulations to President Hencken.

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#### cheatsheet

#### Eastern adds film minor, to start in the Fall semester

>> In the Spring of 2006 a plan was drafted for the college committee to look at and approve the new minor. English professor Robin Murray will advise students who decide to take the minor.

#### STUDENT GOVERNMENT Fall elections begin with 21 senate seats up for grabs

>> There are on-campus, off-campus and at-large positions to be filled. The at-large district, meaning candidates can represent either on- or off-campus students, is the only district running

Students can meet the candidates on Page 5.

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#### FOOTBALL

#### **Quarterback Mike Donato** dismissed from 2007 roster

>> Coach Bob Spoo dismissed Donato, junior, for conduct detrimental to the team. Reasons for the decision are unclear, although Donato admitted to having a conflict with QB coach Jorge Munoz. Donato started the first four games of the season, and was benched in favor of junior quarterback Cole

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#### MEN'S BASKETBALL

#### Point guard's 40-foot shot at buzzer gives Panthers the win

>> Eastern defeated the of Arkansas State 73-70 after sophomore point guard Mike Robinson made his monster 3-pointer.

"Mike's been practicing those shots since the summertime," said freshman guard Romain Martin. "So I already knew it was going in.

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FOOTBALL COACH

#### Eastern's head football coach **Bob Spoo resumes full duties**

>> After missing the entire season because of a medical illness and watching the final three home games from the press box, Spoo returned as head coach on Friday.

"We knew that the big guy would come back; it was a matter of time," junior linebacker Donald Thomas said.

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Anne Townsend, a senior family and consumer sciences major, plays with a Coles county animal shelter kitten in a window on the town square on Saturday evening.

## City celebrates holiday season

**By Chris Essig** Senior City Reporter

Saturday, the holiday spirit was in full effect thanks to a variety of Charleston businesses.

"Christmas in the Heart of Charleston," an annual celebration in the square, once again brought hundreds of citizens downtown as local businesses treated them to cookies, sales and unique displays in their store windows.

The event began at 6 p.m. with a parade that traveled around the courthouse. At the head of the parade was Santa who, after the parade route was over, went to the Charleston Transitional Facility's administrative office on Jackson Avenue to meet and take pictures with children.

#### Dave the math dog

Entertaining the children and their parents in line was Dave the math dog.

Dave, who just two weeks ago was on the David Letterman show, can add, subtract, multiply, divide, do square roots, exponents and algebra. In addition, he knows how old he is, what day he was born, can count change, knows what day of the week it is, knows sign language and can count Roman numerals, said owner Frank Ferris.

Ferris said that his wife, Debbie, found out that Dave had the ability to count when she was watching the Discovery channel.

"The lady on the Discovery channel said that people don't realize what animals understand about humans," Ferris said.

Debbie then asked Dave how many fingers she was holding up. Dave barked. Debbie then put a treat in her hand, asked again, and Dave hit her hand with his paw the number of times to correspond with the number of fingers she had held up. When Dave is done, he puts his paw on the ground.

Ferris demonstrated. Megan Morrison, junior art major, wrote a problem on a white erase board: the square root of 144.

Dave hit his owner's hand 12 times.

Dave also knows what time it is

and Ferris demonstrated this as well. The time was 7:50. Ferris asked his dog, to the nearest hour, what time is was. Dave hit Ferris' hand 8 times. Ferris then told him that it wasn't quite 8 and asked him how many minutes until 8 it was. Dave hit his owner's hand 10 times.

"Was he close?" Ferris asked.

#### Live action windows

Another big draw was the variety of businesses on the square that had "live action windows" instead of artificial displays. The displays featured real people performing to entertain onlookers.

Alpha Psi Omega theatre fraternity did a six to seven minute rendition of "Hello Dali" in the window of The Uptowner, said Garin Jones, senior theatre major. The rendition was repeated several times.

Twelve-year-old harpist Hannah Drake played in the window of Marianne's. She played a mixture of holiday tunes and regular tunes for a total of eight songs. The holiday tunes included "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "What Child Is This," Drake said.

She said she began practicing for those tunes at the beginning of October and this is approximately her 37th performance. Drake attends Charleston High School.

Karate USA had an open house during the festivities as well to honor the graduation of two provisional black belts in addition to their live action display, said owner Mitch Saret.

He said about 10 to 15 students rotated between their two windows, performing practice sets – a blocking set, a kicking set and a punching set. In the window of Gary Hawker & Associates was a mock family from the 1840s celebrating Christmas by putting ornaments on a bare tree. The display was put on by The Lincoln Log Cabin.

"We're a part of the community so we like to come out to these activities as well," said second manager Matthew Mittelstaedt.

The biggest crowd was outside Ruffalo Cody's where dancers from the Jacqueline Bennett Dance Center performed about 10 or 11 different dance sets from "The Nutcracker." A total of 23 dancers were used, according to owner Jacqueline Bennett.

Bennett compared the dancers with athletes. Some people are talented when it comes to sports and excel, she said. These dancers are talented when it comes to theatre and performing "The Nutcracker" was their means of excelling.

She said that the dancers had been practicing this particular routine about two to four times a week since the beginning of October.

#### Reindeer

The "live action windows" weren't the only draw.

Children could take carriage rides around the courthouse as well as pet real reindeer.

Hardy's Reindeer Ranch, located in Rantoul, provided two reindeer, one of which was 13 and the other which was five or six, said the owner's daughter, Lacey Hardy.

Hardy explained how they got the reindeer.

"We had a family-run business, andwe needed some sort of attraction like livestock so we thought 'we have a Christmas theme, why not do some research on reindeer?" she said. "We figured out online that we can purchase reindeer in Alaska so we went over there and figured out how domesticated and naturally friendly these guys are so we thought, 'why not?'"

#### **Entertainment**

Charleston Transitional Facility's main office had cookies, refreshments and entertainment as soon as the parade was over.

Singer Tara Dawn Parcells performed four holiday tunes: "O' Holy Night," "The Christmas Song," "Merry Christmas with Love" and "Mary Did You Know."

Parcells said Kathie Scott, CTF's Human Resources Director, approached her about singing for the event. Parcells and Scott attend the same church.

Parcells said she performs southern gospel concerts in the local area and she's been singing since she was young.

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## Campus laptop initiative asks for discussion

**By Ashley Rueff** Senior University Reporter

The Academic Technology Advisory Committee is continuing to ask for feedback on a continuing university discussion about a laptop initiative.

Friday's ATAC meeting was a discussion of concerns and opinions from the university that had been brought up since ATAC's last meeting in October about requiring Eastern students to purchase laptops or computer software upon enrolling at Eastern.

"There are a lot of questions to be answered, but that's why it's a concept," and not a proposal, said Michael Hoadley, assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology. "If you have some colleagues that are interested in discussing this, I think we should encourage that," he told ATAC members. "These issues that are being raised are very legitimate."

Some of those reasons are concern for student costs, university costs, technical accommodations

and how much of a benefit the initiative could be.

**ATAC** Poulter, Brian representative for the Faculty Senate shared with ATAC the Faculty Senate reactions to the idea.

There has been support for the idea accompanied by many questions about how it would

A major question that has been raised is if the initiative should be university wide or done by department.

university-wide initiative

would take years to get into place, but a departmental initiative could be up and running fairly soon, said ATAC member Dean Will Hine of the School of Continuing Education.

"I think a pilot might be a good approach for an institution like Eastern to move ahead with this," Hine said.

The Lumpkin College School of Business and the journalism department have both shown interest in a pilot program for the initiative.



#### campusbriefs

Flu Shot Clinic on Dec. 6-7

>> Flu shots will be given Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and from 1-3 p.m. as well as on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Effingham Room, MLK Jr. University Union.

Current employees, as well as annuitants, are eligible to receive the flu shot free. Spouses and children of current employees/annuitants may also receive the flu shot at a cost of \$30 for spouse and \$8 per child. Also available are pneumonia shots, which are available to current employees, annuitants, spouses and children at a cost of \$30/adult and \$8/child.

Questions regarding clinics should be directed to the Benefit Services Office at 581-5825.



**TODAY** 

How to Write a Proposal to the Council on Faculty Research (Faculty Development)

**Time** | 10 a.m.

**Location** | Effingham Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union **More info** | 581-7051

Study Abroad Info Session **Time** | 4 p.m.

Location | Blair Hall Room 1207 More info | 581-7267

Student Recital:

Kaylie Diel, soprano, and Chris Dickey, euphonium

**Time** | 7 p.m.

**Location** | Tarble Arts Center **Price** | Free



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Comic Dan Kinno, performs his set at the 7th Street Underground Friday night. Kinno told jokes about issues ranging from illegal drugs to tampon

## Comedian wraps up the laughs

#### **Daniel Kinno performs** for Eastern's last comedy act

**By Julie Morss** 

Staff Reporter

Daniel Kinno used to believe laughter was the best medicine.

"I did until my dad got stabbed by a clown," Kinno said.

A crowd of 70 at 7th Street Underground on Friday night waited for the Red-Bull drinking, sleep-deprived comedian's show.

Weather conditions did not stop the 26-year-old comedian from getting to Eastern on Friday night. Kinno's plane from Los Angeles to St. Louis was canceled the night before, so he had to rent a car in Chicago to drive down. His first rental car broke down on the road, so he had to rent a second one.

Kinno became a citizen of the United States a month ago.

He was born in Russia and lived there until the age of 15 when his parents moved to the states.

Kinno had problems with the

English language after he came to the United States.

becoming a comedian was his high Kinno can't stand it when the law school professor of senior year, Miss Martin, who told him that comedy would help him speak English

He started doing comedy while studying physics at Santa Barbara. He left school after one year to pursue his comedy career.

"I can always go back to school," Kinno said.

Just like the previous comedian, Eric Pollock, Kinno made reference to Eastern being so small that he wondered what people did for fun.

His material ranged from technology hurting people to info commercials, Dance Dance Revolution to ex-girlfriends.

An old girlfriend asked him if he dreamt in Russian or English. In response to this Kinno said, "No, I dream in black and white, silent."

The girlfriend dumped him two weeks ago, and he told the audience not to worry because it happens at every show.

Kinno's favorite joke of his is

usually the last joke he wrote.

His latest joke was about how Kinno's major inspiration for "Law and Order" bothers him. part interviews people, the citizens seem too busy to stop and talk to the detectives.

> Also when the detectives zoom in and clear up a picture, it is too fake, he said.

> When Kinno had previously told gay jokes at another university, he had some hecklers in the crowd.

Here at Eastern, Kinno was annoyed during his performance when several audience members went to the restroom, so he started heckling them. Also when some members in the audience kept heckling Kinno, he would respond with "Shut up."

Kinno had a lot of off censored jokes like race and sex. Kinno made reference to race relations not getting better because of sensitivity seminars pigeonholing the stereotypes of different races.

One of the jokes was about him calling a cheap sex line and masturbating to a machine saying his name. Another one about how

to pick up drunk girls in a bar. He realized that it never works because the girl's friend will come out like a ninja and stick up for the drunk girl. Kinno found it strange that Trojan condoms derived their name after something that broke apart and little men came out of it.

During his act, Kinno talked about everyone around the world hating the United States. While he was on the road, he saw Canadians giving Americans dirty looks.

His response to that, "You got oil, we'll free your people next."

Kinno gets his inspiration from artists around him whether they are musicians, painters or other comedians.

Another joke was about the fact that the people who remodel the car put unnecessary things in the car, like a fish tank if the person worked in an aquarium.

He wondered about that trend might work on another the show like "Extreme Makeover" where the people get plastic surgery.

A woman comes out with breast implants and hooves since she lived

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GUEST COLUMNIST | MICHAEL KLEEN

# Don't be a victim

To me, a victim is someone who has endured the pain of life but continually dwells on their negative experiences, often believing their injuries to be worse than all others. I have personally endured car accidents, chronic medical problems, the deaths of friends and family members, a decade of depression and years of physical and emotional abuse, yet I consider myself neither a victim nor a survivor. I consider myself someone who has lived life, an experience that Thomas Hobbes correctly described as nasty, brutish and short, although I would add that it can be beautiful at the same time.

No one escapes life unscarred, yet there are those who insist on reminding everyone how much they have been wronged in the past. However, it is hard to quantify pain. Who can say whether one loss or injury is worse than the next, especially when life contains an excess of pain and injustice?

It is true things that have happened to us in the past leave scars, and sometimes, as in my experience, those scars take years to overcome. But once those scars are there it is useless to continue to dwell on them. We should not harbor ill will against those who have wronged us in the past. We should encourage them to realize those actions were wrong, just as we must realize when our own actions are harmful and wrong.

In no way am I excusing behavior that is hurtful to others. But once that pain has been caused, what is the point of compounding it by dwelling on the injury for the rest of our lives? Often times we have no control over the things that happen to us, but we do have control over the way we react to it.

Victimization is an overreaction to events that have harmed us, and it does nothing but perpetuate the harm by dwelling on those events, preventing us from proposing reasonable solutions to the root problems by clouding our judgment with negative emotions, which often times leads to disproportionate retribution.

Because life is short, we should accept the nasty and brutish parts so we can also embrace the beautiful aspects of life. I have too much to look forward to to dwell on something that happened eight or 10 years ago, and I suspect that we all have too much at stake in the present to continually worry about what happened in the past.

Victims do not accomplish great things; great things are accomplished by strong men and women who accept hardship and overcome it in order to forge a better life.





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#### ourview

# Fall elections are meaningless

The Fall Student Government elections take place today and Tuesday. Most Eastern students are probably unaware that there are any elections taking place this week.

While the Fall elections do not decide Student Senate executive board seats, this year they do decide 21 senate seats. Twenty-three students are running for senate seats. This means two people will not be voted onto senate.

Why should Eastern students even care about this election considering it has not been well publicized, it is not hotly contested and the majority of the people running for the senate seats are from one party and have no one running against them?

It would appear they should not.

If the Student Government cannot be bothered to publicize the elections, why should students be bothered to vote?

Eastern students are notorious for having low voter turnout in Student Government elections. In the Spring Student Government elections, only 1, 242 students voted out of 11,414.

This was a hotly contested election where both parties were out actively campaigning. Considering there has been little active campaigning this semester, one has to wonder how many Eastern students will turn out to vote.

In addition to lackluster campaigning, the Fall elections raise other questions. It would appear that these 23 people are trying to manipulate the Student Government election system.

Senate members that are appointed to the senate are appointed until the end of the semester. But if members are elected, they serve an entire year. Students elected in the Fall serve until the end of the following Fall, thus avoiding the contested Spring elections, where the two parties hotly debate and campaign for senate seats. In short, it's easier to get elected in the Fall.

Some familiar names like Kent Ohms, Jeff Melanson, Jeff Lange, Kenney Kozik and Elise Sommerfeld are among those running this week. Some familiar political parties are running as well. More factually, a familiar political party is running as well: the Student United Party. SUP swept the Spring elections. All of the current executive board members are SUP members. And 20 of the 23 students running for senate seats are from the SUP party. Jillian Ruddy is running from "The best Party EVER," while Tori Frazier and Chris Kromphardt are running as independents. If the Student Government can only produce one political party to run in the Fall elections, why even have them?

The Daily Eastern News is urging Student Senate to make the Fall elections more relevant to Eastern students; the way to do this is simple. Don't have them. Student Senate should change its bylaws to make appointments last an entire year. If the Student Senate does choose to have Fall elections, it should make sure that the elections are more contested and give students options. The SUP party is dominating these elections. Other parties need to step up and offer Eastern students more choices concerning the Fall Student Senate elections.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board. Reach the opinions editor at **DENopinions@gmail.com.** 

# Tip well or stay home

**By Elizabeth Massey** Northern Michigan University

(U-WIRE) MARQUETTE, Mich. – As I swept up the french fries and pieces of food that covered the floor around the table, I thought, "What the heck am I doing cleaning up after these people who stiffed me? They seemed like they enjoyed everything, and they left happy, so why did they not tip me? It's so inconsiderate."

I have been a server for about 10 years, and, unfortunately, this is a common scenario that I encounter. Too often, the customer leaves without properly tipping, and it is a huge disappointment, especially when I did everything I could to accommodate their needs. I have been left nickels and pennies on \$25 bills, \$3 on \$50 bills and sometimes nothing at all.

Those of you who have waited tables before understand my frustration.

Health Magazine and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services rated a server's job as one of the most stressful professions in the United States. This makes sense. To be a good server, one must have great multitasking skills, excellent communication abilities, speed, the ability to satisfy customer's needs, a complete understanding of the menu and restaurant and the ability to maintain a friendly and positive attitude regardless.

Although these are all difficult tasks to constantly maintain, the most stressful aspect of the job is hoping that your customer leaves an adequate tip.

When was the last time you tipped your server 20 percent? What about 25 percent? Don't be guilty of "stiffing" your waiter. Stiffing is a common term used by servers to describe when a customer leaves a bad tip (less than 20 percent).

If you feel that you have had a bad waitress, first put yourself in her shoes: Was it busy in the restaurant? Was the restaurant understaffed? If you were unhappy with the food or the slowness of its arrival, don't blame this on your

Let me repeat that: It isn't your server's fault if the food is bad. He or she has no control over the kitchen. Do not leave a bad tip because of the food's quality. This will only make your server think they did something wrong. Instead, ask to speak to a manager or the head chef. This is more effective than taking your frustration out on the server, and you may even get a free meal out of it.

Here's a good rule of thumb: Don't go out to dinner if you don't have enough money to leave at least a 20-percent tip. Think about what you are ordering. Don't indulge, then skimp on the tip because you are on a tight budget. Remember, the tip is a server's livelihood. They depend on it.

Another common phrase I hear about tipping is, "Oh, they won't care if I leave a lower tip. Look how busy they are, they make enough money off of other people. I don't have enough to tip well." When you tip low, a server or bartender will notice. Don't think you can leave a little less because they are making enough on other tables to compensate for your low tip. Usually this isn't the case.

How do you want to be remembered as a tipper? Trust me, they will remember you if you left a bad tip and it's better to be remembered as a good tipper. If you don't have enough money to leave a 20-percent tip, then you shouldn't be eating out.

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**CAMPUS | TARBLE ARTS CENTER** 

## Contest spotlights artists in drawing, watercolors

By Ed Waller Staff Correspondent

Yesterday the Tarble Arts Center held its 16th annual Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois Biennial Exhibition. This event is very important to the artist of the community as well as the neighboring communities because it is a free entry to get their work shown to the public. The national judges in charge of the event chose

Some of the winners from the area were Tom David of Mattoon, Donald K. Lake of Champaign and Judy Jones of Urbana.

Tom David, winner of the Ronchetti Art Acquisition Fund Purchase Award, just retired from being an art educator for 34 years.

After retiring he wanted to become an artist because it has always what he wanted to do in life. David chose to enter this exhibit because it was a local show, there was no entry fee, and it was a national jury show. He said he's looking for validation of himself as an artist.

"It is nice to be recognized and those kinds of things, to be recognized and appreciated and supported and encouraged for your work because being an artist is kind of lonely sometimes and you need all the support you can get," he

His biggest challenge was creating a piece of work that answers the "so what question."

"After you look at 10,000 landscapes, after awhile a landscape, no matter how well done, is just another landscape," he said. "There needs to be something about the painting that causes you to stop and look, take a step closer and begin personally to get involved in the painting or the drawing either because of its technical issues or because primarily of its content."

Donald Lake, the winner of the Barbara Bishop Werden Best Watercolor Traditional

#### Winners in the 16th annual **Drawing/Watercolor: Illinois Biennial Exhibition**

- » Judy Jones, Urbana
- » Tom David, Mattoon
- » Donald K. Lake, Champaign
- » Jerry L. Potts, Mount Zion
- » Kathy Weaver, Highland Park
- » Jeffrey Little, Bloomington
- » Ed Shay, Carbondale
- » Sarah Capps, Belle Rive » Brenda S. Vogen, Mahomet
- Honorable Mention:
- » Chris Kahler, Charleston
- » Jamie Kruidenier, Champaign
- » Janet Roney, Lovington » Barbara Ryan, Urbana
- » Brenda S. Vogen, Mahomet

Award, has been a long time teacher of watercolor and maker of

He joined the exhibition because he principally likes to support the "This has been a show in various forms since the '70s and I've entered this show in different parts of my career and so I just like to support the show," he said.

His biggest challenge with the art he displayed in the show was making it fit all together technically. His advice for other artists was to first learn how to draw.

"Drawing is the touchstone on all the arts whether it's threedimensional or two-dimensional," he explained.

The first award of the evening was the Newton E. Tarble Memorial Best-Of-Show Purchase Award. This award was given to Judy Jones. Jones entered the show because like Lake, she too joined to support the

She has been in the show before and comes back to support it. Her biggest challenge was deciding what

"It's always a challenge to come up with a new idea," she said.

Her best advice for newer artists is to one, take a class with Donald Lake, and secondly keep putting out new work. Many joined to get their work out to the public or to just support the show itself. Keeping the show going will continually help new artists get into the spotlight.

UNIVERSITY | FILM STUDIES MINOR

## New film studies minor added to college curriculum

By Amir Preliberg

Staff Correspondent

Next fall the College of Arts and Humanities will offer a Film Studies minor.

No longer will film be nonregular and wandering item.

"Film is the wandering child on campus," said Jeffrey Lynch associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, about the state of film on campus right now.

'The program was thought up during the summer of 2005" said English professor Robin Murray who will advise students who take the minor.

In spring of 2006, a plan was drafted for the college committee to look at and approve the minor.

"The minor was approved last month by the college committee" she said.

In order to get the minor student complete must Communications Studies 3530 Film Communications and English 3504 Film and Literature as well four core list of elective courses.

The elective courses are filmspecific material that will be discussed in class.

With all the courses together, the credits needed to obtain the minor will be at least 19 hours.

"I am very excited" Murray said. On top of the program being added Lynch believes that new courses with a concentration in film will be added to university.

With the completion of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, a special film classroom where many film classes will take place will be available to students.

Film classes have bounced around campus halls including Coleman and Buzzard as well as classes taking place in Booth Library.

The classroom in Doudna will hold 125 students.

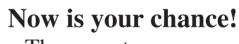
"It's more like a screening room," Lynch said. "It's a state-of-the-art film room."

With 125 seats it allows for a very intimate setting for a movie on a big screen, he said.

Many students have already shown in interest in picking up the

Students from the English, communications studies philosophy departments have shown the most interest in the major so far.

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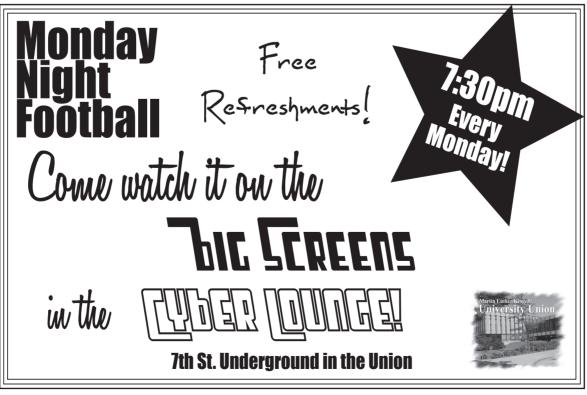
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**CAMPUS | STUDENT GOVERNMENT** 

# Fall elections begin today

By Matt Hopf

Student Government Reporter

There are 21 seats that need to be filled in the Student Senate.

Students can vote for Student Senate members today and Tuesday.

Candidates for Student Government run in one of three categories: on-campus, off-campus or at-large, which candidates can live on- or off-campus.

The six on-campus candidates the nine off-campus candidates are running unopposed and will automatically win reelection.

The at-large race is the only district that is running opposed.

Chris Kromphardt, sophomore double major in political science and philosophy, is looking to oversee Student Senate's academic goals by filling those roles with "academicallycommitted individuals."

"I would research the possibility of extending library hours on Friday and Saturday to at least 8 p.m., so as to be better available to students who need to use it the most."

Junior communication major Megan Ogulnick wants to educate the students of Eastern on how government and politics affect

"By making students aware of the issues and better relating it to their lives, students will be more eager to get involved," Ogulnick said.

Sarah Shaw, freshman elementary education major, wants to fix problems with parking on campus and improve campus safety.

"I want to listen to the students and see what matters to them; then proceed with change," Shaw said.

Like many multiple-choice test given in class, the ballots will be sent to the testing center on campus and tabulated there.

"It gives us a number of how many people voted for number one, how many people voted for number

two," said Chad Quinones, graduate assistant in charge of elections. "When I get those numbers back, I'll just see the largest number."

Like in all election voter fraud can be a problem. In order to avoid fraud, certain steps are taken.

There needs to be some one at every table, while the election is taken place, said Ashlei Birch, student executive director of elections.

We (the elections commission) will go through the rosters, because each location will have the same rosters..." Quinones said. "...and we'll go through it just to make sure somebody didn't vote twice.

"In the past when that happened, what we do is take out both ballots, because that is an illegal form of voting." There are rarely problems with someone voting more than once. Quinones could only recall one time where that happened and that students are usually responsible when voting,

Polling places are located in Carman Hall, the Student Recreation Center, the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and Coleman Hall, Quinones said. In order to vote, students need to have their Panther Card, said Birch. Students can vote from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Know the candidates before you vote

**Compiled by Matt Hopf** Student Government Reporter

#### **On-Campus**



**Jeff Melanson** 

is a senior social science major with political science designation. He is also working on becoming a high school teacher certi-

Melanson

fication.

He currently is serving on Student Senate and is chair of the Academic Affairs committee. He also has been on the Student Action Team, the bond revenue committee and Faculty Senate.

Melanson is also involved with Douglas Hall Council.

Getting student teaching districts throughout the states and ensuring that the Electronic Writing Portfolio will be fully electronic by Fall 2007 is what Melanson looks to accomplish if re-elected.

"I have the experience and passion needed to complete the duties, requirements and responsibilities of being student senator," Melanson said.



**Kent Ohms** 

Ohms is junior political science major.

He been served as a Student Senate member for three semesters. He currently is

the Student Senate speaker. He has also been involved with the Student Action Team for two years.

Ohms is also a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and has marched with the Panther Marching Band for two years.

"If elected, I will continue to focus on issues that have a direct impact on students." Ohms said.

He plans on looking into ways to solve the smoking policy problems and continuing to work on issues that involve the relationship beIn order to inform the student body on who is running for Student Senate, all 23 candidates were asked to fill out a questionnaire, detailing what they hope to accomplish on Student Senate and why students should vote for them. Only seven candidates replied to the request.

#### The following candidates are also on the ballot:

#### **On-Campus**

**Erin Volk** 

Student United Party

**Isaac Sandidge** 

Student United Party

**Quentin Frazier** 

Student United Party

**Michelle Bosco** Student United Party

#### Off-Campus

**Greg Suhayda** 

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William Dougherty Jr. Student United Party

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#### **At-Large**

Independent

**Kenney Kozik** 

Student United Party

tween Charleston and the students.

"Students should take their time to vote for me, because I have spent a great deal of time researching their interests on the different issues and looking out for the needs of students," Ohms said.

#### Off-Campus



**Jeff Lange** 

Lange is a history major with a minor in pre-law.

He served on Student Senate for the past year. As a member of Student Sen-

ate, he has served on the External Relations committee.

Lange is also a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

If re-elected, Lange wants Student Government to continue to work on making the lives better for every student on campus.

"I want the students to know that they have a voice on this campus and should utilize it as much as possible," Lange said.

Lange considers himself a good strong voice for students.

"I am not afraid to ask questions when legislation is being written," he said. "I feel that I represent the students and their interest."



**Katherine** Wlodarski

Wlodarski is a senior communication disorders and sciences major.

She was appointed to the Student Senate at the beginning of the semester

and has served on the External Relations committee.

Wlodarski is also a member of National Student Speech Language Hearing Association.

Extending bar hours from 1 a.m. to 2 a.m. is what Wlodarski plans to

**Elise Sommerfeld** Independent

**Alison Marie Kostelich** Student United Party

**Tori Frazier** 

**Jessica Andrea Knight** Student United Party

continue working on if re-elected. Also, making sure that there is a safe way back home in addition to the bar hour extension.

"I have worked very hard for the bar hour extension, which many students are for," she said. "I have excellent leadership skills and training and really try to make my vote count in (Student) Senate by representing my fellow off-campus peers."

#### At-Large

#### **Chris Kromphardt**

Kromphardt is a sophomore political science and philosophy major.

He has as non-Senate member of the Academic Affairs committee and student representative to the Faculty Senate.

Kromphardt is the student dean for the Honors College and vicepresident of Scholastic Bowl.

He is also a member of the Col-

lege Democrats.

Changing the current electoral by-laws that enable candidates to be elected to office based on party affiliation as opposed to personal merit is just one of his goals.

"I would also like to oversee a renewed commitment to the (Student) Senate's own academic goals by ensuring those roles are filled by academically committed individuals," Kromphardt said.

"I am a strong student with a diverse range of qualifications and a realistic grasp of what issues and projects the Student Government ought to prioritize and how to get these accomplished."

#### Megan Ogulnick

Ogulnick is a junior communications major.

Despite never serving on Student Government at Eastern, she has previously served on student government in high school.

Ogulnick is a member of Kappa Delta sorority and Rho Lambda honor society. She is also a member of the PanHellenic Council and the Public Relations Student Society of America.

"If elected my main goal would be to educate the students of EIU." Ogulnick said. "So many college students aren't aware of how government and politics affect them, but I want them to know that their voice matters."

Ogulnick considers herself easygoing and approachable.

"I'm an honest person who will represent the students with only their best interests at heart," she

#### Sarah Shaw

Shaw is a freshman elementary education major.

New to Student Government at Eastern, she has served on student council at her high school and was student body vice president her se-

Currently she is a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority.

Shaw wants to fix problems with parking and improve campus

"I want to listen to students and see what matters to them, then proceed with change," she said.

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#### >> Santa

FROM PAGE 1

"Please let President Hencken know that he has done a wonderful job as president of EIU and that he has come a very long way since that time when he was 13 and I had to leave him coal in his stocking," Rossi read.

After waiting for the audience's laughter to die down, Rossi continued, "... I have provided President Hencken with some valuable items in the box that he may 'borrow' for the next number."

Inside the box was a red and white fur jacket like Santa's and a white beard, which Hencken put on, much to the audience's

W. PARKER MELVIN | CHAIR OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

"(Maureen Murchie has) been a tremendous asset since she was hired, as a violinist, as a teacher and as a person. She is very well liked by faculty and students."

amusement. But the fun wasn't over. Hencken then directed the next song, "Sleigh Ride."

Hencken, who was not in on the secret, wore a huge smile during the song and managed to cue the students for the whip cracks by the song's end and remembered to credit the orchestra when it was finished.

Hencken said afterward when he realized he was going to be putting on the Santa costume, he thought

he was going to be talking to children after the performance, not actually conducting the orchestra through a song.

"I had no time to react," Hencken said.

Even though Hencken was surprised, he said the entire experience was fun.

Hencken was not the concert's only highlight. Eastern's Collegium Musicum Sinfonia performed the "Winter" portion of Antonio

Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons." Before the song, music professor Maureen Murchie read a poem about winter to get the audience in the mood.

"Hopefully you can hear the icy winds, the stomping of the snow off our feet, and our teeth chattering," she said after the poem and before performing the piece's violin solo.

Yakey later told his mom Murchie played so well he was surprised her violin didn't catch on fire.

"She's been a tremendous asset since she was hired, as a violinist, as a teacher and as a person," said W. Parker Melvin, chair of the music department.

"She is very well liked by faculty and students."

Murchie and the rest of the ensemble only had two weeks to prepare the piece.

Another highlight of the evening was the Symphony's performance of "Nutcracker Suite No. 1." Alan Rotert, senior music major, directed the piece.

He said he was a little nervous at first but after a while he overcame

"When you're nervous, you're focusing on yourself, but once I remembered that it was the music that was the focus, that's when it came together and the orchestra played," he said.

Other pieces included the "Christmas Cantata, Sinfonia Sacra" by American composer Danial Pinkham performed by both the Orchestra and the Choral Ensembles.

"Ave Maria" by Franz Xavier Biebl was performed by the University Men's Chorus.

"O Come All Ye Faithful" by John Rutter was performed by the Choral Ensemble and the audience.

Rossi and Murchie said that the night was a success and the musicians peaked in their performances during the concert as well. It was the best performance they could have done, Rossi said.

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#### Donato

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"After the Hawaii game they told me that they felt more comfortable with Cole," Donato said. "I don't understand why they made the move. I thought I was doing OK."

After transferring from Ball State, Stinson was brought in to compete with Donato this spring for the position, which Donato won coming out of fall camp.

"He was recruited by Munoz and eventually they made the move to the guy they felt more comfortable about to begin with," Donato said. "I guess it's their team and they can do whatever they want."





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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | MIZZOU TOURNAMENT

## Panthers split, earn consolation title at Tiger Classic

**By Marc Correnti** Staff Reporter

Eastern regained its defensive prowess by earning a split and the consolation title at the Tiger Classic in Columbia, Mo.

The Panthers suffered a heartbreaking 67-66 loss to Alabama A&M in Saturday's tournament opener, but bounced back Sunday against winless Creighton with an 81-71 victory that helped propel them into Thursday's Ohio Valley Conference opener at Tennessee

"I think we were all devastated by the way we played (against Alabama A&M)," Eastern coach Brady Sallee said.

"I was happy with how we came

back against Creighton. We stepped up and looked like the team we were earlier in the season."

The Panthers (3-4) followed a strong defensive effort against Alabama A&M (36 percent shooting) with a dominant defensive performance in holding Creighton to only 32 percent.

Rachel Galligan posted a careerhigh 27 points and nine rebounds in the victory against the Bluejays. It was Galligan's third straight game of 20-plus points.

"She wants the ball more this year than last," Sallee said. "She's making good decisions out there. She's doing everything we've asked

With the Panthers and Bluejays tied at 22, Eastern used a 10-0 run that included a three-point play from Brittney Coleman and a 3-pointer from Meggie Eck that sandwiched two Jessica Huffman

The spurt helped the Panthers gain momentum that led to a 43-27 halftime lead.

The second half was much of the same, with Eastern busting out of the gates on a 10-2 run that pushed the Panthers largest lead of the game to 24.

The Panthers faced different obstacles in Saturday's loss to Alabama A&M. Unlike Sunday's wire-to-wire dominance Creighton, Eastern found itself down by 17 points in the second half against the Bulldogs.

The Panthers mounted a furious rally in the closing moments that was capped off by an Ashley Thomas 3-pointer to put Eastern up 63-61 with 1 minute, 57 seconds left.

But a Crystal Malone layup put the Bulldogs up 65-63 with 33 seconds left, helping seal the victory for Alabama A&M.

Galligan, who was named to the all-tournament team, finished with 20 points, while Eck chipped

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#### MATT DANIELS | OUT OF BOUNDS

## Robinson's legendary shot

Mike Robinson stood in the hallway outside the Eastern men's basketball locker room after Saturday's night 73-70 win against Arkansas State, talking on his cell

He was spreading the word about what he had just accomplished no more than five minutes before.

Four friends were congratulating him and Robinson had a wide smile on his face that might still be there this morning.

The quiet but confident, 5foot-11, 180-pound Robinson took time to stop calling everyone in his phone to answer a reporter's questions.

And the whole time answering the questions, he still had a smile on his face.

What the sophomore point guard did five minutes prior put an end to the most exciting men's basketball game seen at Lantz Arena since the Henry Domercant era ended five years ago.

Robinson's 40-foot buzzerbeater shot doesn't compare to UCLA's Tyus Edney's full-court, 4.7 second dash to the hoop in the 1995 NCAA Tournament.

Nor does it compare to Valparaiso's Bryce Drew's game-3-pointer against Mississippi in the 1998 NCAA tournament.

But it comes damn close.

When Robinson attempted the shot, it appeared so natural to him. But it is.

Robinson usually stays after practice and works on shots like his game-winner Saturday. It showed, with his release, looking like it does on any normal 3-point attempt, and the ball having a nice backspin.

Like Robinson's teammate Billy Parrish said, the only question was

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whether Robinson was going to bank it in or swish it.

When the ball was on its descent and the red light on the backboard flashed, it was clear the ball had a chance to go in.

And as soon as it did, some Eastern students stormed the court, with Robinson running toward the band and his teammates in hot pursuit after him.

Robinson was lifted up by teammate Ousmane Cisse and for the 30 seconds that ensued, Lantz Arena felt like Cameron Indoor

Robinson's career should not be defined by his breath-taking shot to give Eastern a 73-70 win. He is, after all, only a sophomore and has two-and-half more years as a Panther to firmly cement his legacy at Lantz Arena.

He did have some flaws in Saturday's game, committing four turnovers and only having two

Those four turnovers will be pointed out by Eastern head coach Mike Miller to Robinson, but can be overlooked when Eastern players and coaches look back on this game five years from now.

By then, Robinson won't have to spread word by himself about what he did Saturday night.

By then, it will be already be listed in the records book and implanted in the minds of every one of the 1,076 people who were at Lantz on Dec. 2, 2006.

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#### Spoo

FROM PAGE 12

"He is a person who has brought integrity and strong leadership to not only our football team, but our entire athletic program."

Word about Spoo's return reached the players this week.

"What not many people understand is that we look at Coach Spoo as more than just a coach,' Thomas said. "He's a mentor and father figure for a lot guys and so he was never gone in our minds."

Initially the university stated Eastern's head coach would be out for four to six weeks, but once that timetable was up speculation started as to when, or if, Spoo would retake the position.

(Spoo) says he wants to coach as long as (Penn State head coach) Joe Paterno," Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said earlier this week. "Coach is 70 (years old) and Joe is 80."

"It's a question that was being asked by many high school players and their parents," said Eastern BOB SPOO

HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

"I'm excited about getting back to the day-to-day business of running the team."

assistant head coach Mark Hutson. "Now all we have to do is take the news release to them."

Hutson served as acting head coach for the 2006 season in Spoo's

"It takes away some anxiety and basically means we're back to normal," Hutson said.

After making periodical visits to the offices and meetings at O'Brien Stadium, Spoo's main focus is offseason recruiting with National Signing Day three months away.

"It gives us some continuity with recruiting responsibilities and takes some of the anxiety away," Hutson



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MEN'S BASKETBALL | DEFENSE

## Eastern limits Arkansas duo

Panthers hold Banks, Wells to 21 combined points in dramatic win

> **By Matthew Stevens** Sports Reporter

The main difference in Eastern's dramatic 73-70 win was the low scoring output of Arkansas State's two-man, inside-outside combination.

The debate is whether the low numbers of Adrian Banks and Issac Wells were because of Eastern's defense or if the pair of upperclassmen leaders took themselves out of the game.

The duo came into Lantz Arena averaging 36 points combined and were held to a total of 21 points and eight rebounds, while having nine turnovers.

"Other guys were scoring and that's why they didn't get many shots," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said. "I thought our defensive effort was inconsistent."

With the game tied at 70 with 33 seconds left, Arkansas State called a timeout and ran a play for Banks to take the last shot. Instead, Eastern forced a Ryan Wedel 3-pointer with six seconds to go. Wedel missed, Eastern's Billy Parrish grabbed the rebound, passed it to point guard Mike Robinson, who made a 40foot 3-point attempt at the buzzer.

However, Indians' head coach Dickey Nutt has no regrets on the play, expect for the final outcome.

We shot it with our best outside shooter with one second left in the shot clock," Nutt said. "I'm not disappointed with who took the shot and we couldn't have held it any longer. It's just a kid made a 50-footer and now I've got a hurt locker room."

Banks entered the game averaging 20 points per game, 50 percent shooting from the field and 53 percent from beyond the arc. He finished with 15 points on seven of eight shooting, but did not attempt a 3-pointer. Banks made the only two shots he attempted in the first

"I think the first half is an example of Eastern Illinois reading their scouting report," Banks said. "I'm not used to double teams and teams concentrating on me yet."

Banks was coming off a 25point effort in a 86-60 loss at No. 14 Memphis. The junior guard was averaging 26.5 points per game against the two Ohio Valley Conference opponents ASU had played this season (32 at TennesseeMartin, 21 against Austin Peay).

"We weren't aggressive as a team early and made an adjustment to get him more looks in the second half," Nutt said.

Miller was concerned the entire game that at any moment Banks could carry Arkansas State to a

"I'm not sure we'll see a better guard," Miller said. "Somebody that can make shots like that and he does it so efficiently. He's very, very difficult to deal with."

After a one-game suspension for violating an undisclosed team rule, junior forward Issac Wells struggled coming off the bench in his return.

"I thought he did a good job moving and getting back into the flow of the game," Nutt said. "We'll get him going again but I give him credit for setting up his teammates."

The Indians' leading rebounder (7.7 rebounds per game) and second leading scorer (14.3 ppg) had a season-low six points, while shooting three of 10 from the field and grabbing six rebounds in 30 minutes.

"He's just a finisher. He shot fakes, drives past you and dunks," said Eastern guard Romain Martin. "We knew all about the guys, especially Banks and Wells."

#### Buzzer

FROM PAGE 12

After 50 or so students stormed the court following Robinson's shot, the officials gathered to review the shot on the television monitor at courtside to check if it was released before time expired.

A three-minute review of the play followed; with Eastern coaches and Arkansas State head coach Dickey Nutt gathering around the

"They eventually showed it to me and it does clearly show the ball was out of his hands," Nutt said. "It's been a long time since I've seen something like that. Eventually if you stay in the game long enough, you're going to see it."

Robinson said he knew the shot had left his hands before the buzzer went off, but was preparing the team for overtime in case the basket didn't count.

Eastern (3-5) wouldn't have been in the position it was to win the game if it wasn't for the play of

The freshman out of Minneapolis ored a game-high 22 points

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on a multitude of 3-pointers, driving layups and 10-to-12 foot floating jump shots above the taller opponents.

"He is a very good offensive player," Miller said. "He's got a lot of different things he does."

After Julio Anthony converted a three-point play to put Eastern ahead 60-57 with 7:02 left, Martin upped Eastern's lead to eight in the span of 40 seconds by hitting his third 3-pointer and then making two free throws.

ASU (4-6) would then go on a 7-0 run to tie the game at 66 and take a 70-69 lead with 2:37 remaining.

Parrish hit one of his two free throws to tie the game at 70 points with 1:25 left before setting up ASU's last offensive possession and Robinson's half-court miracle

"I guess fortunate for us, Mike's one of those guys that practices those kinds of shots all the time,"

"He'd probably rather throw up 15 or 20 of those than work on some 15-foot shots. We've had a lot of games go against us that were kind of similar that way. We were fortunate."

#### Eastern 73, Arkansas State 70

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A. Banks	32	7-8	1-1	0-2	1	3	15	
Wedel	26	4-11	3-3	0-4	3	2	14	
Jones	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	
Morgan	16	1-2	5-6	1-1	0	4	7	
Y. Banks	11	1-2	0-0	0-1	1	1	3	
Jackson	6	2-3	0-0	0-0	1	0	4	
Farmer	18	3-7	2-3	1-3	0	4	8	
Ajasin	3	0-2	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	
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Robinson	34	6-11	2-2	0-4	2	2	16
Martin	27	7-11	5-6	0-0	1	3	22
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## Junior passes on '07 season

#### Reasons behind former starting QB's decision are unclear

**By Matthew Stevens** Sports Reporter

What is clear is Eastern junior quarterback Mike Donato has played his last game with the Panthers. Everything in between is still up in the air.

Eastern head coach Bob Spoo dismissed Donato from the team last Monday for conduct detrimental to the team but the team, nor athletic department, will specify details. The Panthers'



Donato quarterback

starting quarterback through the first five games of the season has a different story.

Donato stated Saturday he is foregoing his final year of eligibility after being benched for the final eight games in favor of Cole Stinson, along with a constant conflict between himself and quarterbacks coach Jorge Munoz.

"There was a conflict and it was a tough situation all year, to be honest," Donato said.

Repeated attempts to contact members of the Eastern coaching staff were unsuccessful.

Donato ended the 2006 season with 689 passing yards with eight touchdown passes interceptions.

The four-year letter winner pointed to the 2006 first round playoff loss against Illinois State as "the hardest game I've ever had to watch in my entire career." Stinson was 15 of 30 for only 79 yards and three interceptions in Eastern's 24-

"They said they felt more comfortable with (Stinson) in situations where we had to throw the ball and sure enough we had to throw it and you saw what happened," Donato said. "I think if they'd given me the opportunity, we would be in the second round and playing Youngstown (Saturday)."

The Broadview native is set to graduate in Mav.

Donato refuted the rumors that the relationship between him and the coaching staff is what led to him getting benched or not returning next fall.



Eastern junior

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Freshman center Ousmane Cisse raises sophomore guard Mike Robinson to celebrate the Panthers' 73-70 win against Arkansas State on Saturday at Lantz Arena. Moments before, Robinson hit a 40-foot game-winning shot at the buzzer.

## Eastern beats the buzzer

Sophomore Robinson hits 40-foot shot at game's end for win

**By Matt Daniels** 

Sports Editor

Eastern head coach Mike Miller is thankful Mike Robinson stays after practice, hoisting up half-court shots.

His sophomore point guard made those half-court practice shots pay off at Saturday night's game.

Robinson's 40-foot heave at the buzzer went straight through the net and gave Eastern a 73-70 win against Arkansas State in one of the most dramatic games in the last five years at Lantz Arena.

"Mike's been practicing those shots since the summertime," said Eastern freshman guard Romain Martin. "So I already knew it was going to go in."

ASU point guard Ryan Wedel missed a 3-pointer from the left wing with six seconds remaining and Eastern's Billy Parrish gathered in the rebound. Parrish, on the left block, passed it to Robinson, who was standing five feet

Robinson took dribbles to get just past halfcourt before he let the 40-



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Officials for Saturday's game watch a replay of the final shot by Eastern sophomore guard Mike Robinson. The shot was ruled good after a three-minute review.

"I was standing behind him and he dribbled and he lined it up, it looked like a jump shot," Parrish said. "I was just wondering if he was going to bank it or swish it. That was my only question."

Robinson said he used his speed to his advantage on the

"I know I'm kind of the fastest guy on the court so I tried to get down there as fast as I could," Robinson said. "I saw time was running out so I just pulled up, followed

through and it went in."

The play almost didn't happen, as Miller was thinking about calling a timeout after Wedel's miss, he said.

"I was watching the clock and watching what was going to happen and almost outcoached ourselves there," Miller said. "And when Billy rebounded it, he kind of hesitated for a minute and I was right on the verge (of calling a timeout)."

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FOOTBALL | SPOO'S RETURN

# He's back

#### Eastern head coach resumes full-time duties

**By Matthew Stevens** 

Sports Reporter

Bob Spoo is back.

After missing the entire 2006 season because of a medical illness and watching



Eastern head football coach

the final three home games from the press box, Eastern head coach Bob Spoo has returned to full-time duties as of Friday.

"We knew that the big guy would come back; it was a matter of time," junior linebacker Donald Thomas said.

A press conference will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. at O'Brien Stadium where Spoo will speak about the state of the Panthers football program.

Spoo was hospitalized this August and spent several months in rehabilitation for the illness.

"I'm excited about getting back to the day-to-day business of running the football team," Spoo said.

Barring any setbacks, Eastern's all-time leader in wins will be on the sidelines for the spring game and the season opener Sept. 8 as the Panthers travel take on his alma mater Purdue.

"Coach Spoo has been the face of this program for many years," Eastern director of athletics Rich McDuffie said in a press release.

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## triplethreat



Buzzer beaters are a rare part of college basketball. But when they do happen, they are remembered for a while.

Eastern men's basketball point guard Mike Robinson (above) put his name among Tyus Edney, Richard Hamilton and Danny Ainge, as players who have made a game-winning shot at the buzzer.

Although Robinson's 40-foot game-winning heave Saturday in Eastern's 73-70 win against Arkansas State didn't come in the NCAA Tournament, like the three names mentioned above did, it still should be remembered for years to come.

Here are three other prominent buzzer beaters in the last fifteen years of men's college basketball.

#### 1. Christian Laettner vs. Kentucky, 1992

- Replays of Laettner's turnaround shot at the freethrow line still make Kentucky fans cringe today. The Duke senior gathered in a full-court pass from Grant Hill and made a spot for himself in NCAA lore with his shot. Not to mention the fact the shot put Duke into the Final Four.

#### 2. Bryce Drew vs. Mississippi, 1998

 Valporaiso's Drew capped off one of the greatest inbounds plays in basketball history with a 3pointer on the right wing in this first round NCAA Tournament game. Drew received a tip pass from Bill Jenkins, followed through and put his name in the history books.

#### 3. Kenton Paulino vs. West Virginia, 2006

- Paulino followed Kevin Pittsnogle's game tying 3-pointer with a game winner of his own. Paulino received a pass from teammate AJ Abrams on the right wing and shot Texas into the Elite Eight as time

- Matt Daniels