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CAMPUS | RELAY FOR LIFE

JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

President Lou Hencken gets hit in the face with a whipped cream pie to help raise money for Relay for Life during the all-night event Friday evening and Saturday morning in Lantz Fieldhouse.

Still believin' ...one step at a time

Students, faculty, survivors walk to raise money for cancer research despite rainy weather at '80s-themed Relay for Life event

By Rachel Alejandro
Staff Reporter

Not everyone who signed up for Relay for Life walked the first lap of Friday's event.

It was reserved to honor cancer survivors, such as Kathleen O'Rourke, an Eastern alumna and professor of Family and Consumer Sciences.

As the music began, O'Rourke and other survivors, wearing green T-shirts, began the initial lap at Lantz Fieldhouse to the applause of the students and faculty who raised more than $41,000 toward cancer research for the American Cancer Society.

Each survivor carried purple and white balloons representing the number of years they battled the illness. After completing one lap, they walked outside and let their balloons go.

Lesa Amacher, income development representative for ACS Illinois Eastern region, said it was the best survivor lap she had seen.

Originally scheduled outdoors, the all-night event was moved indoors to Lantz Fieldhouse because of rain Friday afternoon, said Matt Thompson, president of Colleges Against Cancer at Eastern.

But the weather did not dampen the spirit of the participants or the organizers.

Students constructed a makeshift tent city in the middle of the track with sleeping bags, pillows, blankets, folding tables, camping chairs, coolers and even a loveseat.

Students also brought their own board games and cards to stay occupied in between walking.

Lauren Giovagnoli, income development manager for Illinois' Eastern Region of the American Cancer Society, said hosting the event indoors brought more intimacy and togetherness to participants.

"It was like one huge slumber party," she said.

This year's theme for Relay for Life was "Don't Stop Believin'," a lyric from a song by the 1980s rock band Journey. Members of the Relay planning committee dressed the part by wearing side ponytails, plastic hoop earrings and leg warmers.

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JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern President Lou Hencken explains the 2007 fall budget at Friday's CUPB meeting. He said a good chunk of money will likely come to Eastern this year.

Lack of quorum postpones vote

CUPB had 17 members at Friday's meeting

By Graham Milldrum
University Reporter

The Committee for University Planning and Budget was unable to proceed with any business discussed at Friday's meeting because of low attendance.

A quorum – 19 of the committee's 37 members – was needed to vote. But only 17 committee members were present.

Eastern President Lou Hencken spoke to the committee on the expected state funding increase Eastern will receive.

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UNIVERSITY | PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

Student attendance sparse during candidates' forums

Few students show interest, knowledge of presidential search

By Matt Hopf
Student Government Reporter

The three university presidential candidates visited Eastern and held forums with students, faculty, staff and members of the community the week after spring break.

Student attendance was not high at the forums for university presidential candidates Sue Kiefer Hammersmith, William Perry and Blair Lord, but multiple members of the Student Government attended the meetings.

Student Senate member Jeff Melanson attended all three candidates' student forums.

"I would love to see more students … they'd experience a process that they won't be able to see again," Melanson said.

He also wished more time was allowed for the candidates to be questioned.

"I had several more questions, but not enough time," Melanson said.

Dave Keyes, student vice president for academic affairs, who attended the student forum for Kiefer Hammersmith, said that it was the quality of students who attended the forum that made the forum well worth it.

"Students that did attend did ask several good questions," Keyes said.

Student Senate Speaker Kent Ohms thought that the forums he attended – Kiefer Hammersmith and Perry – went well, overall.

» SEE **FORUMS,** PAGE **6**

Presidential announcement set for BOT meeting next week

The new university president will be formally introduced at a Board of Trustees meeting during the week of April 9.

Robert Webb, chair of the Presidential Search Committee, said there would be a news conference and public reception to help introduce the new president. The chosen candidate is currently undergoing contract negotiations.

"Obviously, to be able to announce a new president, that's what we're going to be doing," Webb said.

Sue Kiefer Hammersmith is the provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Blair Lord is Eastern's provost and vice president for academic affairs.

William Perry is the vice provost and a professor of mathematics at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX.

Current university President Lou Hencken announced his retirement last August. His contract expires June 30.

– Matt Hopf, Student Government Reporter

Students vs. Vegetables

Studies show adults ages 18-24 avoid getting their nutrients

By Erika Strebel
U-Wire

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — When Lauren Waller, a University of Illinois freshman, selected food from the buffet in the dining room at Lincoln Avenue and Allen Residence Halls, she went straight to the salad bar after placing salmon on her plate. Whether cooked or raw, Waller said she tries to incorporate some kind of vegetable in her meal.

"I like vegetables," she said. "They're good for you."

However, Waller is a rare find among today's college students, according to the results of the 2005 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System released by the Center for Disease Control. The survey of more than 347,000 people in the United States found that adults ages 18 to 24 eat the fewest vegetables compared to other age groups. Also, four-fifths of them admitted to not eating vegetables at all.

In Illinois and 13 other states, less than 20 percent of young adults ate at least three servings of vegetables a day. Currently, the government recommends two to three servings of vegetables a day, depending on a person's health status, age, height, weight and daily activity level. The government's goal is to get 50 percent of Americans to eat at least three servings of vegetables a day by 2010, according to the Center for Disease Control.

James Finkle, a freshman in engineering, said he avoids vegetables because they just don't taste as good. He said the freedom of choice in buffet-style dining rooms allows students to choose only what they like.

"When it comes down to pizza and cake vs. vegetables, what would you choose?" he said.

Anthony Brown, production chef at the Allen Hall and LAR dining room, said he walks around the cafeteria during mealtime to make sure students squeeze in vegetables, encouraging students to take advantage of available salad bars.

"I'm always getting on students about eating vegetables," he said.

Sue Dawson, Hendrick House food service director, said Certified Private Housing dining services try to make vegetables look and taste pleasing by not overcooking them or adding too much seasoning or oil. Hendrick House contracts with fraternities and sororities and places a cook in each house who collaborates with students to create menus.

"We do not have any clients that say 'We don't want veggies,'" Dawson said.

But unlike students who live in residence halls or in fraternities and sororities, those who rent apartments or condos like Ben Slater, a sophomore in engineering, have to go grocery shopping for their vegetables and prepare them.

"It's hard to keep a good diet for someone who's away from home," Slater said. "Lots of students don't know how to cook or have time."

Usually, Slater said he purchases canned corn or beans that he microwaves. Sometimes, if he plans to cook, he purchases fresh vegetables.

Lisa Burgoon, a food science instructor and former dietitian, said one common misconception that may lead students to shun vegetables is the belief that fresh vegetables are better.

She said canned, frozen or dried vegetables are just as nutritious as fresh vegetables.

These would be better buys for students since they have a longer shelf life and are less expensive.

Rebecca Roach, a visiting food science instructor, said there are plenty of things students can do to incorporate vegetables into their diet.

She said that when students eat out at Jimmy John's or Subway, they can order extra vegetables. Roach encouraged students to give vegetables a chance.

"Your tastes change as you get older," she said. "I really want college students to explore and experiment with vegetables."

Transfer made easy

Community colleges keep up with 4-year universities in Illinois

By Kate Stickelmaier
U-Wire

NORMAL, Ill. — Statewide community colleges have come a long way since the Illinois Junior College Act of 1965.

Former Illinois State University professor Richard Nimz currently serves as an academic adviser at Illinois Central College, however, it is his involvement with a committee of ISU professors during his time employed at ISU that helped to set this law.

"An idea team pulled the ideas together that eventually became the law," Nimz said. "The original intent of the law was that every citizen in the state of Illinois could go to a community college within driving distance of their homes."

With the establishment of Heartland Community College, a "big gap" in the state's college system was filled in the early '90s, according to Nimz.

Additionally, Nimz said Heartland was created last due to the fact that ISU and Illinois Wesleyan University were already mainstays in McLean County.

"Over the years, those underserved areas have voted themselves into a community college," Nimz said.

In Illinois, community colleges account for 65 percent of the student population enrolled in a higher education institution, according to Nimz.

"The four-year schools, by raising their tuition, are pricing themselves out of the market," Nimz said.

While the Bloomington-Normal area may be, by some accounts, considered to be a classic example of a "college town," there are some major differences between its community colleges and universities.

For example, in the state of Illinois, community colleges such as Heartland are prohibited from supplying students with school-operated housing.

"The intent was that community colleges were to be commuter colleges," Nimz said, "ICCs do have apartments on campus, but...(they) are operated by an agency."

Sophomore fashion merchandising major Elizabeth Batchelor attributes this fact as being the biggest difference between attending community college and a four-year university.

"I think the only real difference is the living situation... you have a job, you have household responsibilities," Batchelor said.

According to Nimz, another notable difference is the average age of students at ICCs compared to ISU or other state universities, which is 27.

"The major difference in the freshman and sophomore class is the non-traditional student," Nimz said. "They bring a sense of maturity through life experiences."

The percentage of students who are employed at ICCs is also considerably higher, according to Nimz.

"I believe 85 percent of our students work and go to school," Nimz said.

While progress is and will continue to be made, many community colleges across the state have begun to tailor their course material to meet the equivalent of classes at a four-year-university after the passage of the Illinois Articulation Initiative.

The goal is to help eliminate the difficulties associated with transferring credits.

"(The Illinois Junior College Act) has fulfilled its mandate from 1965 and many community colleges are trying to offer more classes," Nimz said.

"We have some courses where we use the same textbook (as a four-year university)."

However, there are still some kinks in the system as Batchelor discovered when transferring from Rock Valley College in Rockford to ISU this semester.

"If anything, the four-year universities need to be more accepting of transferring credits," Batchelor said.

"The classes are just as challenging (at a community college). If the student does the work, then who are you to say that it's not up to your standards."

Despite the fact that community colleges serve the overwhelming majority of the state's college student population, the schools do not receive the majority of the funding, according to Nimz.

"If you look at the percent of funding by the state, they are way under funded," Nimz said. "The state needs to reevaluate who serves the community."

However, overall, Nimz feels pleased with the progress that community colleges have made over the years.

"Illinois is pretty advanced in terms of (its) outlook on community colleges," Nimz said. "The focus has been on providing services to the community."

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Ashmore to host resort

Lincoln Springs Resort offers paintball, golf, fishing camping and water park

By Erica Morisco
Staff Reporter

Arcola's Rockome Gardens resort may be getting some friendly competition with Ashmore's new camping resort.

Lincoln Springs Resort, opening in mid-May, is a new destination created for family vacations and daytime outings.

Even though Rockome is a resort with a similar concept to Lincoln Springs, David Kirsch, the chief operations officer for Lincoln Springs, doesn't foresee Rockome Gardens to have any decline in business.

"We see each other as increasing the amount of tourists by advertising each other," Kirsch said. "Their theme is totally different and it gives everyone something new to see."

Besides being home to a giant statue of Abraham Lincoln, Lincoln Springs also offers many outdoor adventures for students and families on its 130 acres of land.

Lakes for fishing, paddle boating or canoeing will be available with rental equipment for each guest.

Food, beverages and bait will be available by the lake.

The resort also includes a Civil War-themed paintball course. Guests can bring their own equipment or use rental equipment. Any team who claims victory gets a certificate and a photo taken with famous Civil War generals.

Visitors can walk through Abe's Garden, featuring a conservatory with small kiosks that explain different stages of Lincoln's life.

"There is a lot of Lincoln History in Coles County so a lot of things are about or relate to his era," Kirsch said.

Activities like mini golf and an 18-hole professional course are available to golf enthusiasts. The landscape includes gradual hillsides, streams and waterfalls.

Inside is a family center located in the front of the resort complete with a gaming room with a computer, console games and stations.

Other projects in progress include a water park that will include a zero-depth pool, waterslides and bumper boats.

Go-karts and a petting zoo are also on the agenda as well as part of the expansion of the resort.

"We are expecting to open attractions as construction is completed," said Sarah Miller, the Marketing Coordinator for Lincoln Springs.

Lincoln Springs is hoping to give Eastern students a place to have fun on the weekends.

"I can't wait until Parent's Weekend. My family loves camping so this is such a great opportunity," said Amanda Meyers, a junior early childhood education major.

For more information or details on events and attractions call (217) 345-3424.

weatheroutlook

TODAY
76˚ | 58˚
Sunny

TUESDAY
76˚ | 37˚
Strong storms

WEDNESDAY
46˚ | 30˚
Partly cloudy/wind

PERFORMANCE | DANCE

JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Asha Sharma, from Mustaphi's Kalta Dance theatre in Minneapolis, performs a historical north Indian dance called Kathak dance during the kick-off reception Sunday afternoon for Asian-American Heritage Month at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

'Experience This!'

Students, faculty and community members begin celebration of Asian-American Heritage Month

By Molly Clutter
Staff Reporter

Students filed into the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union carrying more than 40 colorful Asian flags.

The students were there to celebrate Asian-American Heritage Month. "Experience This," is the month's theme.

The kick-off reception Sunday afternoon had many cultural experiences.

The procession was followed by musical performances by graduate student Kozue Ebina and Keith Wright, a music professor.

After the performances, Asha Sharma performed Kathak classical dancing.

Sharma is a member of Mustaphi's Katha Dance Theatre in Minneapolis, Minn.

Katha dancing is a prominent style of North Indian classical dance.

The dancer represents all of the characters of the story by using gestures, facial expressions and graceful movements of the limbs.

Katha dancing uses intricate rhythm, brisk movements, and complicated footwork.

The reception ended on a parade of cultural dress by Eastern students.

The students wore different styles of dress from different Asian countries.

Jinhee Lee, faculty adviser of the Asian-American Association, said the reception was to introduce diversity in a group.

"The reception was to inform the university community what is available to them on campus," said Lee, who is also the assistant professor of the history department.

Rajit Mazumder, who is another assistant professor of the history department, said Asian-American Heritage Month is about being proud of your heritage.

"It is a celebration of being Asian in America," he said.

The Asian-American Association has been a part of the campus community for five years, but this is only the second year the campus has recognized April as Asian-American Heritage Month.

Mieko Fujiura, a senior art history major, said she is looking forward to Asian-American Heritage Month, especially the recipe book fundraiser April 15 at 1 p.m. in the Cultural Center.

"We took recipes that are specific to our childhoods and memories," Fujiura said. "We thought it would be a good idea because we are a diverse group."

JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Asha Sharma, from Mustaphi's Kalta Dance theatre in Minneapolis, is the sister of Eastern assistant professor Anu Sharma in the psychology department.

MIEKO FUJIURA | ASIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

"There will be a lot of Facebook events going out this year."

The book will vary from family recipes to favorites like macaroni and cheese, she said.

Fujiura, who is also president of the Asian-American Association, thinks that some people on campus don't realize that there is an Asian American Heritage Month.

"I think a lot of people are unaware, but it is understandable for this is only our second year of celebrating," Fujiura said.

Fujiura said that most people will hear about Asian-American Heritage Month through word of mouth.

"There will be a lot of Facebook events going out this year," Fujiura said.

The next event of Asian-American Heritage Month will be a piano recital featuring Ebina at 7:30 tonight in the Tarble Arts Center.

CAMPUS

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campusbriefs

Carman Dining to have baseball theme for opening day

» In celebration of Major League Baseball's Opening Day, Carman Dining will serve a special ballpark-themed meal.

The opening day menu is a themed meal put on for dinner and will be served from 4:45-7 p.m.

The opening day meal is themed Cubs and Cardinals because most people around here are either Cubs or Cardinals fans, said Jamie Huckstead, assistant director of Stevenson Dining.

The usual Jump Asian menu will still be served.

– Nicole Milstead, Senior Campus Reporter

Japanese student to perform at piano recital at Tarble tonight

» Kozue Ebina will perform at 7:30 tonight at the Tarble Arts Center as part of Asian-American Heritage Month.

Ebina is a pianist and was born in Aomori, Japan.

She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Sapporo, Japan.

In 2006, Ebina finished second in the annual Peck Music Competition as a graduate student at Eastern.

– Marco Santana, Campus Editor

policereport

» Driving Under the Influence – Theodore John Tebbe, 23, of Breese was arrested at 2:59 a.m. March 25 at Ninth Street and Roosevelt Avenue on the charge of driving under the influence.

» Theft – It was reported March 26 that a yellow bike was stolen from a bike rack on the north side of Lantz Gym.

– It was reported March 29 that a theft occurred at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The incident is under investigation.

» Hit & Run – It was reported March 26 that a red 1999 Pontiac was struck and damaged by another vehicle while it was parked in the Ninth Street student lot.

» Criminal Damage to Property – It was reported March 27 that an unknown person or persons damaged a black 1995 Mercury while it was parked in the Ninth Street student lot.

ourmistakes

» Scott Parrino was misidentified on Page 3 of Friday's edition of The Daily Eastern News.

Parrino sent a letter of resignation to Levi Bulgar, chair of the Apportionment Board. Parrino cited other family obligations and the fact that he is leaving Eastern for the rest of the semester as reasons for resigning from his seat on AB.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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VIEWS

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COLUMNIST | MICHAEL PETERSON

Mixing CDs is an art

There is an art form out there that has been slowly gaining in popularity since the 1980s. It is simply know as "the art of the mix-tape." However, these days they are known better as "mix-CDs" and they have begun to consume my life.

For music enthusiasts, mix- CDs are the perfect gift for friends, family, significant others or even "potential" significant others. Being the poor college student that I am, if I can't afford to buy someone a gift, I just pop open my iTunes and start working. It is a personal gift that truly comes from the heart.

I first began my love affair with mix-tapes when I was a freshman in High School. I had just seen the movie "High Fidelity" where Rob Gordon, the main character, is a music snob and a mix-tape enthusiast. Gordon says, "To me, making a tape is like writing a letter — there's a lot of erasing and rethinking and starting again. A good compilation tape, like breaking up, is hard to do." After watching this movie I figured out the perfect way to win the heart of a particular girl of my affections: I would make her a mix-CD! And the songs (at least most of them) would all express my "feelings." Yes, please try to not laugh at me, OK?

You do need to realize this was before the beautiful days of iTunes and playlists. It was much harder back then. I sat intently in front of my dad's computer with a stack of 19 CDs to my left and one blank CD to my right. I had to individually feed each CD one-by-one until each song had been burned onto the blank compact disc. The whole process took me about 40 minutes (not counting the time where I was brainstorming and writing down which songs would make the cut). In the end, my plan didn't end up working. We just stayed good friends, but she loved the CD and still has it to this day.

Even though my diabolical plan didn't work, it didn't stop me from continuing to make mix CDs for friends and girlfriends. It is also a great way to turn someone on to good music that you love. It's just like the old saying goes: "Share the wealth."

Making a good compilation doesn't even have to be for other people; you can make them for yourself. They can be great for long car rides, or you can create mood or theme CDs — my personal favorite type. For example, just a few of the "Mood CDs" that I have made include: Feelgood mix, Pissed-off mix, Sad-songs mix and Cheesy Mix.

Think I'm crazy? Well, I'm definitely not the only mix-tape fanatic in this world. The Web site www.artofthemix.org is a community that allows users to post song lists of mixes they have made or want to make. You can even find books about mix-tapes. One popular book is Thurston Moore's "Mix Tape: The Art of Cassette Culture."

So, whether you are using a cassette, a CD or just swapping mp3s, I believe the art of making mixes for people will always be around as long as music exists. Now get out there and start mixing!

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ourview

Search gives city no say

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The move to Charleston may be an adjustment for Eastern's next president.

While Blair Lord currently resides in Charleston, the other two candidates come from the Green Bay, Wisc. and College Station, Tex., areas.

College Station has a population of more than 80,000 while Green Bay's population tops the 100,000 mark.

Coming from a large city like those to the population–20,000 city of Charleston might be difficult for these presidential candidates.

One change that could be made to help the situation would have been to include someone from the city of Charleston on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

Charleston Mayor John Inyart said though no one from the city was involved in the search, he is confident the members of the committee did take the city adjustment size into consideration.

While the committee may take this factor into account, we at *The Daily Eastern News* still believe someone from the city should have been involved on the search committee.

The university and the city work hand in hand on many projects throughout the year, and a strong relationship between the heads of the two institutions is a key to success.

The Eastern president and the mayor meet monthly to discuss issues that involve both institutions. When appropriate, some of the vice presidents also attend these meetings.

The two groups hold these meetings so everyone is aware of what is going on with each institution, so neither is reading news for the first time in the newspaper, Inyart said.

The two groups also work together closely at times like Homecoming, when both institutions are affected by the activities of the others. Times like Family Weekend, move-in and move-out also draw a lot of incoming traffic to the city.

At times like these, the university population draws a large crowd into the city economy with hotels, gas, food and souvenirs.

Communication between the two institutions is essential at times such as these, so it is important that Eastern's next president be willing and open with the city government.

Another key reason a representative from the city should have been involved with the search process stems from other individuals on the committee.

Angela Griffin, director of Coles Together, was involved as a member of the committee. Coles Together is the economic development organization for Coles County.

Being that Eastern is the largest non-retailer employer in the county, it makes sense that a representative from Coles Together served on the committee. But a representative from the city should also join this county one.

The relationship between the university and the city has thrived for more than 100 years.

Eastern's next president needs to be sure to carry on this legacy and help continue to evolve the relationship between the two institutions.

Without a strong relationship, the city and the university will surely encounter problems that could be detrimental for both groups.

This should be avoided at all costs.

Inyart said he looks forward to working with whoever becomes Eastern's next president, and that person should share the same sentiment.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.
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OTHER VIEWS | BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Following a recent accident that cost the life of a 17-year-old girl, the Salt Lake City Council is discussing a proposal that would ban cell phone use while driving throughout the city. If the measure passes, Salt Lake City will join a growing list of cities that have prohibited jiving on the phone while driving on the road.

A 2006 study completed at the University of Utah found that motorists who talk on cell phones are comparable to drunk drivers with blood alcohol levels of .08 percent. This study prompted Utah lawmakers to consider and debate a bill at the latest state legislature to prohibit anyone under the age of 18 from operating a wireless telephone while driving.

We shouldn't need a law to encourage us to use wise judgment. We shouldn't need a law to remind us to take care of others as well as ourselves.

FEATURED BLOGGER

"Two Illinois teenagers who were hoping to light the Hollywood sign on fire, failed to do so while visiting Oakwood, Calif. this week. The Los Angeles Times reported that the 160-acre blaze was the largest in the heavily populated Hollywood Hills area in almost two decades, killing brushland above the Warner Bros. Studio and Forest Lawn cemetery."

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COLUMNIST | ADAM TESTA

Charleston different than Champaign

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This is Charleston, not Champaign.

If you think otherwise, maybe it's time for a reality check.

Lately, though, it seems like many people want Charleston to become more similar to a big city.

These people need to realize the small town atmosphere of Charleston is a major draw to the town for many students.

The streets of Charleston are not littered with national chain businesses, especially once people get off Lincoln Avenue.

This may be changing soon.

A national coffee chain is officially coming to Charleston, and this could spell trouble for area coffee shops.

The town already has three coffee shops, and all of these businesses will more than likely suffer with any national chain that comes to town.

But this is not just a discussion of coffee. This is a discussion of the American dream. The Horatio Algers story. Starting a small business in a small town and making a living from it.

Think about it from a larger business perspective.

If someone decided they wanted to open a Denny's in Charleston, it would be bad news for businesses like What's Cookin' and Lincoln Gardens.

Another 24-hour option to Lincoln Gardens and another breakfast alternative to What's Cookin'.

How about if businesses such as Target and Best Buy opened in Charleston? Wouldn't that be amazing news for students?

Maybe for students, but not for business. Businesses like Positively Fourth Street would suffer from this business venture.

Now, the point here is not to say that big business is bad. Every town needs national chains as well as local ones to thrive.

In the Charleston fast food industry, McHugh's has managed to stay alive while many other businesses including Blimpie, Wendy's and La Bamba have headed to the fast food graveyard.

While it would be nice for Charleston to maintain this small town focus, the economy of central Illinois may change completely in the coming years.

With Mattoon and Tuscola being finalists in the selection process for the FutureGen plant, which will be the first zero-emissions power plant in the world, the area economy might see significant growth.

The plant would bring countless jobs and research opportunities to the area. Experts estimate that people from all around the world will visit the final site where the plant is built.

This large economic growth would be great for the city, the county and the area, but it may change the landscape of how people view Charleston.

Hopefully, if the FutureGen plant is built in Charleston's backyard or otherwise, the town will continue to maintain a small town feel that separates it from larger cities, even those the size of Champaign.

We can live with Jackson Avenue instead of Starbucks, What's Cookin' instead of Denny's and Positively Fourth Street instead of FYE.

Keep Charleston the way it is; that's the reason many of us are here.

Adam Testa

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Dance the night away

EIU Dancers perform two-hour recital for their annual concert Saturday evening in McAfee Gym

The EIU Dancers performed their annual concert Friday and Saturday at McAfee Gym.

The two-hour show, which was sponsored by the physical education department, featured original choreography by members of the group.

Music ranged from the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Toni Braxton, to the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Celia Cruz.

There were 24 songs total and costume changes between songs, including one 10-minute intermission halfway through the show.

The Dancers' director, Jeanna McFarland, joined the group onstage midway through the second act for "Appalachian Breakdown," a high-energy romp she choreographed.

Marc Genson, a freshman biological sciences major, was one of six males to perform in the show with McFarland and the EIU Dancers.

The officers for the EIU Dancers are President Melissa Pritzl, Vice President Krystle Gravitt, Secretary Kelly Maher and Treasurer Stephanie Mair.

– Marco Santana, Campus Editor

Above, Jessica Lambert, a sophomore history major, and Selena Watts, a sophomore biology major, jete during their performance of "Heat it Up," choreographed by Lambert and Chrissy Delligatti, a junior elementary education major.

At right, members of the EIU Dancers leap through the air while performing "One With You," choreographed by Selena Watts, a sophomore biology major.

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Stephanie Mair, a junior early childhood education major; Allison Brinati, a freshman elementary education major; and Lynn Gearica, a freshman secondary education major, perform "Secret I Keep," choreographed by Mair and Kelly Maher, a junior elementary education major, during the EIU Dancers' Rhythm Unleashed performance Saturday evening in McAfee Gym.

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» Step

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A variety of music was pumped through a PA system as participants walked the track, and three bands played live during the event. Slippery When Wet, a 1980s rock cover band, was also in full hair-band attire with bushy wigs, red bandanas, moon boots and denim jackets.

For 15 minutes, there was silence and stillness in the Fieldhouse during the Luminaria ceremony. Participants wrote the names of those who died of cancer on white paper bags and placed them on the inside of the track. Glo-stiks were used to light the bags instead of the traditional tea lights because of the building's fire codes. Participants sat quietly, on and off the track, as each name was read aloud.

Most of the teams walked the relay in shifts, where at least one person from the team was on the track throughout the night. But one participant finished the entire event in what he called a "test of my endurance."

Will Graf, a senior business management major, completed the entire event without leaving the track, except once for a quick bathroom break.

"My girlfriend brought me some food

LOU HENCKEN | PRESIDENT

"It makes me proud to be the president of EIU when you see the students coming out to an event like this."

and my friends have been giving my water and keeping me hydrated," Graf said.

Graf's grandmother died from breast cancer when he was younger and has an aunt who was diagnosed with cancer a few months ago.

"The least I can do is give up a night of partying to come out and raise money for cancer research," he said.

This year brought out two more teams than last year for a total of 42. President Lou Hencken said it never ceases to amaze him how much students are willing to help out.

"It makes me proud to be the president of EIU when you see students coming out to an event like this," Hencken said.

Hencken believes that with enough money, researchers are going to find a cure for cancer.

» Quorum

FROM PAGE 1

The CUPB held its second meeting of the year, intended as a chance to circulate information about the university.

Hencken said the university expects to receive a 1.8-percent increase in its state funding, which comes out to roughly $900,000.

In past years, the committee would have been upset with such a little raise, Hencken said, but with years of no raises or reductions in funding, they are less irritated.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education is set to release about $7 million to universities throughout the state.

Since Eastern is the only state school starting a nursing program, Hencken expects Eastern will receive quite a bit of that funding.

The amount the state is sending depends on how much the state brings in on taxes.

Of the projected money, most is going for students between kindergarten and 12th grade.

"Education doesn't stop at the 12th grade," Hencken said.

He wants to try to lobby for more funding to be spent on higher education.

This will also be the first year that most of the cost of education will be supported by new students, Hencken said.

This is because most students are covered by the guaranteed tuition, where their tuition will not rise for four years at Eastern.

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, discussed legislation of importance to the university.

She debuted the Legislation Tracker on the External Relations Web site, which lists the 204 pieces of legislation the office is keeping an eye on.

The site can be organized by a number of factors, including type, bill number and what house the bill is in.

Nilsen drew attention to six of the 204 pieces of legislation, spending much of her time discussing House Bill 1434, which would make it possible for community colleges to award bachelor's degrees.

Eastern is strongly against community colleges gaining bachelor's programs.

She called it "mission creep," something common with House Bill 414, which would allow community colleges to build residence halls.

She also said that Eastern will be sending a bus to lobby state legislators April 13.

She wants people to sign up early to come, since there are 55 seats on the bus.

She said it will be a great time and a good way to see how the state legislature functions.

» Forums

FROM PAGE 1

Ohms said he wasn't surprised that there was a low student turnout for the forums, which he partially attributed to students having class.

Student Body President Sean Anderson was one of the two student members – Amanda Raz, student executive vice president, was the other – to be on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee.

He said that someone he brought to one of the forums didn't even know why it applied to her.

"A lot of students didn't know why their president is important," Anderson said. "Not a lot of people know what the president does."

Many people don't know that students have a say in the process, he said.

Hannah Chamberlain, a freshman special education major, said she was unaware of the search for a new university president.

"I'd care if I knew about it," Chamberlain said.

Some students, like Jon David, a sophomore communication studies major, and Faith Elam, a junior English major, heard about the search but said they knew little about the process.

David suggested running messages on the campus information channel to inform students.

Elam knew about the search but didn't pay much attention to it.

She suggested that another way to get students involved was to set up a tent outside to inform the students about the candidates.

Students might think there is something being given away if it were outside, Elam said.

She also suggested that fliers be passed out to the students.

Robert Webb, chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, said he wasn't aware of the number of students that attended the forums.

"I would be hesitant to say that there was student apathy," he said. "I say there is student interest."

There was a lot of coverage by the media and Webb believed that the students were following it. The meetings were scheduled to be as convenient as possible for students, Webb said.

"I imagine students had class," Webb said.

Although students were welcome to attend any of the five open sessions throughout the day, the sessions that were supposed to be primarily for students were all held at 2 p.m. The new university president will be publicly introduced at a Board of Trustees meeting the week of April 9.

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Database to fight AIDS

HIV patient names to be tracked in all 50 states by year's end

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The names of people infected with HIV will be tracked in all 50 states by the end of 2007, marking a victory for federal health officials and a quiet defeat for AIDS advocates who wanted to keep patients' names out of state databases.

Vermont, Maryland and Hawaii, the last states not tracking the names of HIV-positive people, are quickly moving toward adopting names-based surveillance.

Eight other states and Washington, D.C., began collecting the names of HIV patients last year, and Massachusetts switched in January.

The states are bowing to federal pressure so they won't lose money for medications and health services for patients.

This is the first year federal funding has been tied to names-based surveillance of HIV.

More than $1.4 billion in federal money will be distributed this fiscal year based on new formulas that include numbers of people with HIV counted by states using names. In some states, including Illinois, millions of dollars are at stake.

That's why advocates say they've quit fighting; although they still worry that collecting names will deter some people from getting tested and seeking treatment, and about the possibility of names being released due to security breaches.

"I have patients who are very high-profile individuals; physicians in practice, people who are politicians" who don't want their real names reported, said Dr. Dan Berger, medical director of NorthStar Healthcare in Chicago's Lincoln Park.

In a 2005 security breach in Palm Beach County, Fla., the names of 6,500 HIV and AIDS patients were mistakenly e-mailed to 800 county health workers. Other security breaches have occurred in California and Kentucky.

Some worry that names-based reporting could have the greatest effect on whether minorities and the poor get tested and treated because they may be less likely to trust the government to keep their names secret.

In a low-income Chicago neighborhood 10 miles from Berger's office, patients now are told they must release their names to the state to get medications.

Bruce Jackson, director of the Gift House, which offers HIV testing and counseling in southwest Chicago, said some clients are apprehensive, fearing their families or friends will find out they're infected.

Reporting names "can affect if (disadvantaged people) come back for care and it can affect how they describe to other people their experience of getting tested," said Catherine Hanssens of New York's Center for HIV Law and Policy.

State borrows $1 million for compensation

Plan to pay state's death benefits for fallen troops' families

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The state will borrow $1 million from a veterans health insurance program to compensate 22 families of fallen soldiers and Marines that have been waiting for death benefits, officials said Sunday.

Under the 2004 Line of Duty Compensation Act, families of Illinois troops killed while on active duty are entitled to about $277,000 from the state, the same benefit granted to those of police officers and firefighters who die on the job.

Casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan have been higher than expected, overwhelming the fund, state officials have said. So far, Illinois has paid more than $27 million in death benefits to 102 troops' families.

"These families have endured a great loss, they should not have to wait months and years for the slow wheels of bureaucracy to turn," said Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn in a statement.

Four families that have been waiting the longest will get the full benefit, Quinn and Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs Director Tammy Duckworth said at a news conference Sunday.

Each remaining family will get $50,000, borrowed from the Veterans Care health insurance program, Duckworth said.

"We are taking immediate action to help these 22 families and as this war continues, we will be taking steps to address the needs of the growing number of families of our fallen heroes," Duckworth said. "We are determined to keep our commitment to those who have sacrificed so much for our freedoms."

A bill to inject $5 million into the fund did not pass the Legislature last year, and a sponsor for a similar bill this spring has not yet been found. The money borrowed from the Veterans Care program will be returned when the Legislature approves the extra money, officials said.

Once the funding comes through, the Court of Claims will give the families the rest of the money, with the first funding going to the families who have waited the longest.

"Both the governor and I have a commitment to these deserving families in their time of great financial and emotional need that we are going to keep," said Duckworth, an Army helicopter pilot who lost her legs in combat in Iraq.

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Horses will likely be trucked to slaughterhouses in Canada

» DEKALB, Ill. — Two hundred horses are likely on their way to Canadian slaughterhouses now that a court ruling has indefinitely shut down the last three horse slaughterhouses in the United States, including one in DeKalb, a state official said.

A federal appeals court's decision Wednesday to block the Agriculture Department from providing horse meat inspections for a fee effectively shut down operations at Cavel International Inc. in DeKalb, Ill.

Blagojevich strikes deal on $7 billion property tax relief plan

» SPRINGFIELD — A new version of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's plan to fund health care coverage and education increases a proposed tax on businesses by $1 billion to provide property-tax relief.

Blagojevich's revised plan, filed Friday night after legislators left the Capitol for a two-week break and forged in discussions with Senate President Emil Jones, includes a tax on business gross receipts that would bring in $7 billion annually, up from $6 billion in the original plan.

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The Associated Press

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An Alabama woman applies for disaster aid for hurricane damage. She files 28 claims for addresses in four states. It's all a sham.

Two California men help stage Internet auctions designed to help Katrina relief organizations. Those, too, are bogus.

More than 18 months after Hurricane Katrina decimated the Gulf Coast, authorities are chipping away at a mountain of fraud cases that, by some estimates, involve thousands of people who bilked the federal government and charities out of hundreds of millions of dollars intended to aid storm victims.

The full scope of Katrina fraud may never be known, but this much is clear: It stretches far beyond the Gulf Coast, like the hurricane evacuees themselves.

So far, more than 600 people have been charged in federal cases in 22 states; from Florida to Oregon, and the District of Columbia.

The frauds range in value from a few thousand dollars to more than $700,000.

Complaints are still pouring in and several thousand possible cases are in the pipeline; enough work to keep authorities busy for five to eight years, maybe more.

"The reason we're seeing such widespread fraud is individuals were evacuated to all 50 states. Katrina was a national phenomenon," says David Dugas, U.S. attorney in Baton Rouge, La., and director of a command center that's part of a special Hurricane Katrina Fraud Task Force.

"Everybody knew what was going on. Therefore, criminals knew what was going on."

Major disasters and fraud frequently go hand in hand.

It happened after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and Hurricane Andrew's devastating sweep through Florida in 1992.

People tried to cash in, falsely claiming to be victims.

After Katrina, the same thing happened: Disaster aid was sent to inmates who applied from prison and to people who claimed property damage and provided addresses of vacant lots or cemeteries, among many abuses documented in Government Accountability Office reports.

"We found several dozen schemes. There are probably a lot more out there," says Gregory Kutz, a GAO investigator who has testified about Katrina fraud six times on Capitol Hill.

"The real clever ones cover their trail and disappear and they'll never be caught."

GAO undercover investigators demonstrated how easy it was to cheat the system: Using phony names, Social Security numbers and addresses of damaged residences; such as the 13th floor of a two-story building; they still received several checks.

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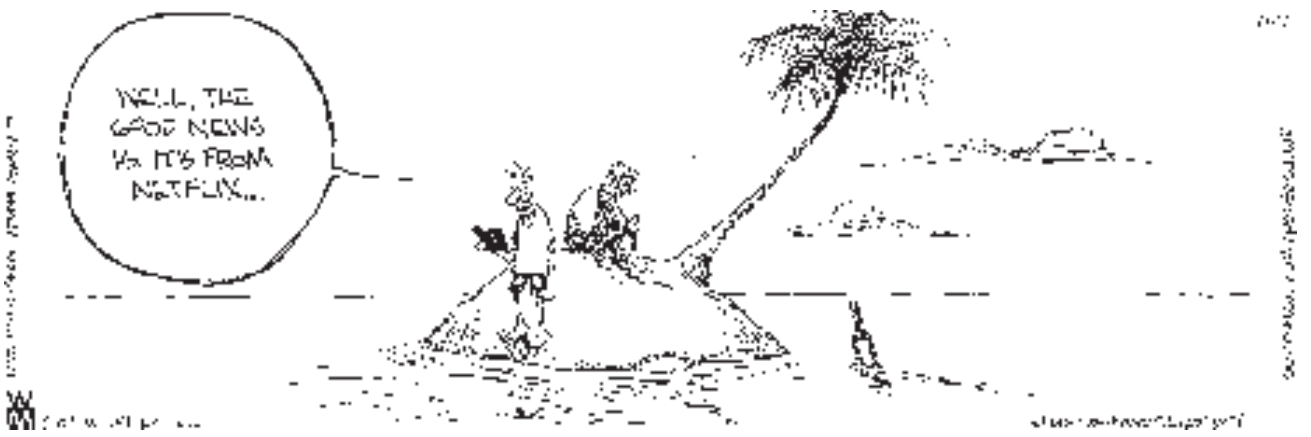

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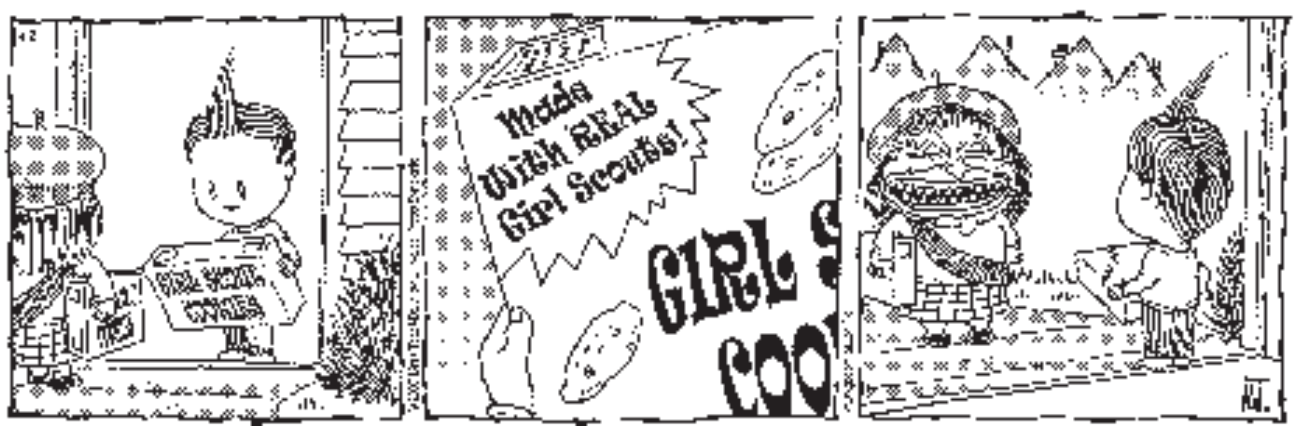

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit *www.sudoku.org.uk.*

Solution to Saturday's puzzle

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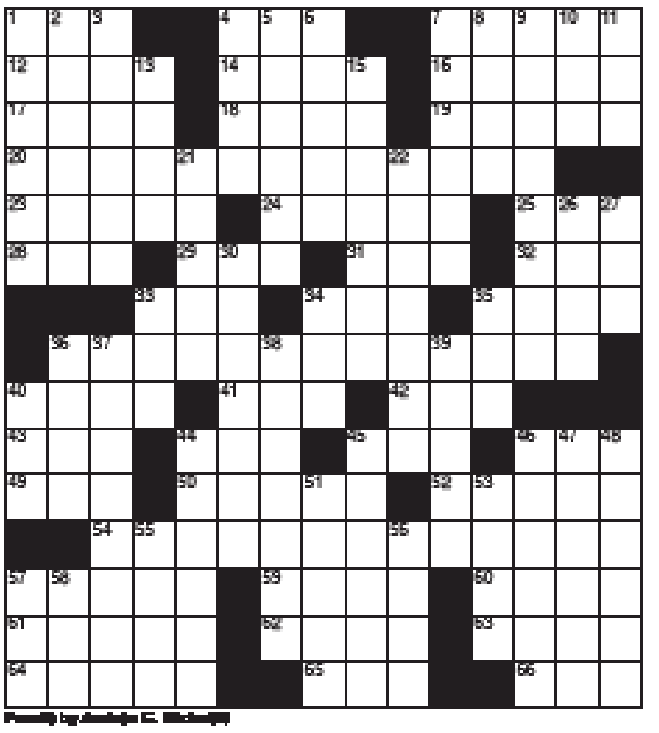

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1 "Survivor" shelter
4 Bill dispenser
7 Circumference
12 October birthstone
14 ___ Fox of Uncle Remus tales
19 "I love you," in Spanish
17 The year 1632
18 Be an omen of
19 Lady
20 007's introduction
23 Dustin's role in "Midnight Cowboy"
24 Sand holders at the beach
25 Slugger's stat
28 Mag. workers
29 Hip-hop doc?
31 Part of an ellipsis
32 Prominent part of a dachshund
33 Easy as ___
34 Except
35 Birthday dessert
39 Embroidered sampler phrase
40 Guns, as a motor
41 Caveat
42 Almost forever
43 Byron's "before"
44 "My girl" of song
45 Branch
49 Commercial suffix with Gator
49 Each
50 Map book
52 County on the Thames
54 Repeatedly
57 Soup eater's sound
58 Kitchen or bath
60 Aroma
61 Hearing-related
62 College digs
63 Tolerated
64 Tableau
65 Airport screening org.
66 Snake's sound

DOWN

1 Man of La Mancha
2 Transfer to a mainframe, maybe
3 Contaminates
4 Alphabetically first pop group with a #1 hit
5 ___ Foo!
6 Tragic woman in Greek drama
7 Maximally
8 Nasty
9 Nightmare
10 Britney Spears's "___ Stove 4 U"
11 Mr. Turkey
13 Jar tops
15 Aztecs, e.g.
21 "Panic Room" actress Foster
22 Ink scatter-upper
26 Under a 39-Across
27 Angle
28 Say again just for the record, say
29 Allowance, for short
34 Queen who might create quite a buzz?
35 Prefix opposite
36 Roll-call call
37 Orchestral intro
38 Weatherman Scott
39 "The Simpsons" dad
40 Agent, in brief
44 Just a taste
45 Noted family of financiers and philanthropists
46 Parenthetical comments
47 Panels
48 Pulls forth, as effort
51 In progress
53 Put away
55 Gulf land
56 Gwyneth Paltrow title role
57 Center to Stockholm
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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS | TENNESSEE ROADTRIP

Sasidharan remains undefeated

Women sweep OVC competition; men split

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

It was another trip to Tennessee and Eastern picked up two wins.

The women defeated Tennessee State, 7-0 on Sunday and Tennessee Tech, 6-1 on Saturday. This is the fourth win a row for the Panthers (10-7, 5-2 Ohio Valley Conference).

"We came out and took care of business (Sunday)," said Eastern head coach John Blackburn.

The Panther women won at every singles position and doubles position on Sunday. Junior Sandra Sasidharan remains undefeated this season (17-0, 7-0 OVC) at the No. 1 singles position.

Sasidharan rallied to beat Tennessee Tech's Margot Carter, 6-4, 7-5, on Saturday. This was a matchup that featured two previously unbeaten players in conference action.

Blackburn said Sasidharan was down 5-2 and rallied back.

"She changed her style," Blackburn said. "She didn't panic. She stayed focused."

Eastern's win against Tennessee Tech came with two singles' wins coming by default (No. 5 and No. 6 singles).

Sophomore Natalie Martin won 6-1 and 6-3 at No. 2 singles and freshman Hayley Homburg won at No. 4 singles, 6-4, 6-4.

The Panthers picked up the doubles point when Martin and Homburg won 8-6 at No. 1 doubles. Sasidharan and senior Madina Mambetova won at No. 2 doubles 8-3 to sweep the doubles competition.

At No. 3 doubles, the duo of Sam Liniger and Annie Munch won by default.

The Eastern men saw its four-match winning streak end with a 5-2 loss against Tennessee Tech. The Panthers rebounded from Saturday's loss with a 7-0 defeat of TSU on Sunday.

"We were trying to be the aggressive team," Blackburn said in Sunday's win against TSU.

That aggressiveness worked as the Panthers (12-4, 4-3) won at all singles and doubles positions. The mens' only wins against TTU came at No. 5 singles (freshman Jeff Rutherford won 3-6, 6-4, 6-4) and at No. 6 singles (sophomore Jordan Nestrud won 6-4, 6-2).

"They're just a good team," Blackburn said of Tech.

The Panthers did not win the doubles point with only one win coming at No. 3 doubles.

Levaque and Nestrud won 8-2.

"There will be better tennis ahead of us," said Chuck Levaque, Eastern's No. 1 singles player.

MEN'S RESULTS

»Tennessee Tech 5, Eastern 2

» SINGLES:

Borja Zarco (TTU) def. Chuck Levaque, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1

Tiago Gilioli (TTU) def. Vuk Milicevic, 6-1, 6-0

Mitchel Hubert (TTU) def. Brandon Lenfert, 6-7(1), 6-4, 6-1

Louis Steyn (TTU) def. Chris Thomas, 6-1, 6-1

Jeff Rutherford (EIU) def. Juan Pablo Gomez, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4

Jordan Nestrud (EIU) def. James Bennett, 6-4, 6-2

» DOUBLES:

Gilioli/Zarco (TTU) def. Milicevic/Lenfert, 8-2

Gomez/Steyn (TTU) def. Thomas/Bush, 8-1

Levaque/Nestrud (EIU) def. Bennett/Hubert, 8-2

WOMEN'S RESULTS

»Eastern 6, Tennessee Tech 1

» SINGLES:

Sandra Sasidharan (EIU) def. Margot Carter, 6-4, 7-5 (4)

Natalie Martin (EIU) def. Amy Anstey, 6-1, 6-3

Marina Ruiz (TTU) def. Madina Mambetova, 6-1, 6-2

Hayley Hamborg (EIU) def. Evgenia Yartseva (TTU) 6-2, 6-2

Annie Munch (EIU) wins by default

- Sam Lininger (EIU) wins by default

» DOUBLES:

No. 1 - Martin/Homburg (EIU) def. Ruiz/Anstey (TTU) 8-6

No. 2 - Sasidharan/Mambetova (EIU) Carter/Yartseva (TTU) 8-3

No. 3 - Munch/Lininger (EIU) wins by default

No. 1 vs. No. 1 for the championship

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Now we'll see who's really No. 1.

Florida, the top overall seed in the NCAA tournament, and Ohio State, which finished the regular season as the top-ranked team, rolled into Monday night's championship game.

After a tournament filled with nail-biters, Saturday night's games were downright pedestrian.

Ohio State (35-3) beat Georgetown 67-60 despite more foul trouble from Greg Oden. Florida (34-5) romped to a 76-66 victory over UCLA in a rematch of last year's title game that wasn't any closer than the original.

It will be a title game rematch of sorts. The Buckeyes and Gators met for a title in January only it was on grass, not hardwood. The gridiron Gators won that one in an upset, beating Ohio State 41-14.

Now Florida is looking to add to its title collection. But the Buckeyes might want a little revenge for their football brethren. Yes, that was Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel sitting in the front row Saturday night with his Florida counterpart Urban Meyer across the way. Florida is trying to become the first team since Duke in 1992 to repeat, and the first ever to do it with the same starting lineup.

"They're a very, very good team," Florida coach Billy Donovan said of Ohio State.

"We got a chance to play them in December. It was a game where I think our team and their team have gotten better and improved as season has gone on."

The teams met in Gainesville in December, and it was barely a contest. Florida routed the Buckeyes 86-60, embarrassing them in every facet of the game. It was only Oden's fifth game back after offseason wrist surgery, and the Gators ran him off the floor.

He couldn't keep up with Joakim Noah or a gimpy Al Horford and finished with almost as many fouls (four) as he did points (seven) and rebounds (six).

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SOFTBALL | GAME PLAY

No timely hitting

Panthers leave six runners on base in final three innings of Saturday's loss

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore second baseman Sarah Coopert throws the ball to senior short stop Chelsea Adams between innings of Eastern's 3-2 win against Tennessee State at Williams Field on Saturday.

Tennessee State's Melanie Cruz took advantage of having runners in scoring position.

The sophomore leftfielder drilled a three-run double over Lauren Brackett's head in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader against Eastern, giving TSU a 3-1 lead, which it held for the remainder of the game.

Eastern had its chances after Cruz's fourth-inning, bases-clearing double, but couldn't capitalize on them like Cruz did.

The Panthers stranded six runners on base in the final three innings, stranding two on third base and three on second base.

The missed opportunities prevented Eastern from winning the second game Saturday.

"We had much better pitch selection in the second half of the game than we did in the first half of the game," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "We just didn't get the hit. We hit shot after shot. There were so many shots hit right at them."

Eastern had runners on second and third, with two outs in the fifth inning before second baseman Sarah Coppert grounded out to end the inning.

The next inning, the Panthers had an even better scenario, with runners on second and third and one out. But senior designated player Katy Steele lined sharply back at TSU pitcher Candace Hildebrand and then sophomore outfielder Angela Danca flew out to centerfield to end the inning.

"You just have to go up there thinking with a positive mind and we had a lot of pop-ups and stuff when runners were on," Coppert said, "so we just have to hit the ball on the ground more."

In the seventh, Eastern had runners on first and second with two outs, before freshman outfielder Megan Nelson grounded out to second base to end the game.

Junior pitcher Karyn Mackie, who is hitting .244 with one home run and eight RBIs after this weekend's series, said her approach when hitting in late-game situations with runners on base is to hit the ball on the ground, but make sure it gets out of the infield.

She did just that in the first game Saturday, when Eastern did capitalize on driving in runners in scoring position.

The Panthers trailed 2-1 heading into the sixth, but scored twice in the inning to come away with a 3-2 win.

Eastern did this by driving in runners in scoring position.

Senior catcher Sandyn Short singled to right field to start the inning and sophomore Chelsy Iapala and pinch ran for Short. Junior first baseman Robyn Mackie then singled as well to put Iapala in scoring position. Steele laid down a sacrifice bunt, which moved both runners up a base.

Then Danca came through.

The left-handed slap-hitter hit TSU pitcher Amanda Vaught's first pitch up the middle, scoring Iapala.

"Angie did a nice job of going back to line drives and ground balls," Schuette said. "Not trying to kill the ball and hit into little pop-ups. She was a little more disciplined in the first game and came through for us."

Karyn Mackie remained disciplined in her at-bat following Danca.

Mackie worked the count to 3-2, before driving Vaught's pitch to deep center field.

"I thought it was going to (get out), but the wind pushed it back in," Mackie said.

The long fly ball was deep enough to score Karyn's twin sister, Robyn, and give Eastern its 3-2 lead.

"She battled with two strikes and hit a nice shot to score her sister," Schuette said.

First game of Sat.'s DH

Eastern 3, Tennessee State 2

Inning by Inning								R	H	E
TSU	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	2
EIU	1	0	0	0	0	2	X	3	7	0

WP: Mackie, Karyn **(6-5) LP:** Gillette, Stacy **(1-3)**

E: Hill, Jones – TSU. **LOB:** EIU 5; TSU 4. **2B:** Short, Sandyn, Mackie, Robyn -EIU. **SB**: Perkins, Gregory –TSU. **SH:** Cruz – TSU; Steele, Katy – EIU. **SF:** Mackie, Karyn –EIU.

Key Inning: Bottom of the sixth
The Panthers rallied from 2-1 down and scored two runs. Sophomore outfielder Angela Danca drove in the first run with a single to centerfield, while Karyn Mackie hit a deep sacrifice fly to center field to drive in the third run.

Tennessee State 3, Eastern 1

Inning by Inning								R	H	E
TSU	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	7	2
EIU	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0

WP: Hildebrand, Cand. **(11-7) LP:** Jacoby, Kath. **(5-8)**

E: Metzger, Brown – TSU. **LOB:** EIU 7; TSU 9. **2B:** Cruz, Hildebrand -TSU; Adams, Chelsea –EIU. **SB**: Coppert, Sarah, Iapala, Chelsy, Mackie, Robyn, Brackett, Lauren –EIU. **SH:** Cruz

Key Inning: Top of the fourth
The walks finally caught up to Panther starting pitcher Kathleen Jacoby. TSU's Melanie Cruz lined a three-run double over Lauren Brackett's head in left field, giving TSU a 3-1 lead.

» Mackie

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Mackie said she took advantage of the strong wind blowing in at Williams Field. Wind gusts were up to 40 mph during the Sunday afternoon game.

"It just gave my ball a little bit more speed and it moved more," she said.

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette said Mackie being able to get ahead of hitters allowed her to mix up her pitches, varying from drop balls to changeups to curveballs.

"More than just even that one hit, I think there were two hard hit balls," Schuette said. "So it wasn't like we were playing great defense to help her out. She was pitching groundballs today."

Of the 21 outs Mackie recorded, 12 came via groundouts. She also struck out five, including the final two TSU hitters, walked one and only threw 78 pitches.

Mackie didn't allow a base hit after Perkins' single. Eastern senior catcher Sandyn Short said Mackie did a good job of hitting her spots throughout the game.

"When you're hitting your spots like that, it can make the batters look foolish," Short said.

Mackie certainly did make TSU (23-14, 4-7 Ohio Valley Conference) look foolish.

After the first inning, TSU right fielder Lauren Weber reached on an error by Eastern shortstop Chelsea Adams with two outs. That would be the last Lady Tiger runner to reach base as Mackie retired the last 16 TSU hitters.

"She pitched a great game and her drop (ball) was working really well," said TSU head coach Joyce Maudie. "We didn't make the adjustments we needed to make offensively and credit her because she put the ball down and away and we struggled with it. Winning is about timely hitting. We just couldn't get the timely hitting."

Eastern (13-17, 3-6) scored its only run of the game in the second hitting solely on timely hitting and aggressive base running.

Adams made up for her error in the top half of the second by reaching on a bunt single to lead off the inning. She advanced to second when TSU catcher Erin Finneran tried to pick Adams off first base, but her throw sailed high and wide into right field. Eastern senior Katy Steele lined the next pitch from TSU starter Candace Hildebrand through the middle and into centerfield. Adams rounded third hard, but the throw beat her to home plate. But the senior from Everett, Wash. slid to the outside of Finneran, hooked around her and made sure her left hand touched home plate before Finneran could tag her.

"I saw the catcher go to catch the ball so I knew it was going to beat me there," Adams said. "So my thought process was just slide around, get my body out of the way and just touch home plate before she tagged me."

Sunday's game

Eastern 1, Tennessee State 0

Inning by Inning								R	H	E
TSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
EIU	0	1	0	0	0	0	X	1	7	1

WP: Mackie, Karyn **(7-5) LP:** Hildebrand, Cand. **(11-8)**

E: Finneran – TSU; Adams, Chelsea – EIU. **LOB:** EIU 7; TSU 3. **3B:** Coppert, Sarah -EIU. **SB**: Nelson, Megan –EIU. **SH:** Cruz – TSU; Militello, Stephanie – EIU; **HBP:** Steele –EIU. **CS:** Nelson –EIU.

Key Inning: Bottom of the second
Senior shortstop Chelsea Adams got on with a bunt single and advanced to second base on a throwing error by Tennessee State's catcher. Senior Katy Steele drove in Adams for the game-winning RBI with a single up the middle.

» Road trip

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Manns went 2/3 of an inning, and gave up two runs on one hit, while walking two batters.

"Overall, I think our pitching was very wild," Budde said.

"We hit and walked too many people. It was all over the place this weekend," Budde said.

The Panthers rallied from a 4-2 deficit to score four runs in the fifth inning to take the lead for good.

Eastern second baseman Richie Derbak delivered a two-run single to tie the game at four, then the Panthers tacked on their two other runs because of an error by UTM's rightfielder.

Eastern played two seven-inning games on Sunday because the second game of Saturday's doubleheader was rained out.

The rainy conditions on Saturday played a role in a wacky ending in the Panthers' 8-7 loss.

The Skyhakws won the game in the eighth inning when Eastern catcher Kory Peppenhorst dropped the third strike and was throwing down to first base to get the out. However, Peppenhorst's throw was off-line, allowing the UTM runner on second base to come around and score.

"It was so muddy, there was a point at the end when we threw a wild pitch because it was wet on the mound," Schmitz said.

"Then (Peppenhorst) slipped in the mud going to get the ball to throw it to first. It was so wet out there," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said he was happy with how the Panthers came back from deficits this weekend.

"We are totally exhausted," he said. "These were three unbelievable games and really, I don't know why we didn't lose all three."

First game of Sun.'s DH

Eastern 8, Tennessee-Martin 5

Inning by Inning								R	H	E
EIU	0	0	4	0	2	0	2	8	12	0
UTM	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	3	2

WP: Budde, Mike **(2-0) LP:** Blackmon **(1-3)**

E: McLean, Nicodemus –UTM **LOB** - EIU 7; UTM 7. **2B:** - Kreke, Jordan, Chagnon, Mark, Huber, Erik, Meyer, Ryan –EIU. **HR:** Huber –EIU, Rezabek –UTM **HBP**: Renton, Rezabek, Parham –UTM. **SF:** Derbak, –EIU. **SB:** Spears, Nommensen –EIU. **SH:** Spears –EIU, Green –UTM.

Key Inning: Top of the Fifth
Senior first baseman Erik Huber hit a two-run home run in this inning to give Eastern a 6-5 lead. The home run was the seventh of the year for Huber. He is the team's home run leader, RBIs leader and leads the team in batting average.

Second game of Sun.'s DH

Eastern 8, Tennessee-Martin 7

Inning by Inning								R	H	E
EIU	1	0	1	0	4	1	1	8	9	1
UTM	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	7	7	3

WP: Derbak, Richie **(2-1) LP:** Cameron **(2-2)**

E: Varrassi –EIU; Destrade, Green, Rockholt–UTM **LOB** - EIU 9; UTM 11. **2B:** - Huber, Erik 2, –EIUGreen 2 –UTM **3B:** Chagnon, Mark –EIU. **HR:** Dudley –UTM. **HBP** McLean –UTM. **SF:** Huber –EIU. **SB:** Kreke, Jordan – EIU; Green –UTM. **SH:** Nommensen, Brett, Blaskovitz, Bryan –EIU. Nicodemus –UTM

Key Inning: Top of the Fifth
Eastern trailed 4-2 heading into the inning, but scored four runs to take a 6-4 lead. The Panthers scored the four runs on only two hits, with second baseman Richie Derbak singling in two runs. The other two Eastern runs came via an error by UTM's right fielder.

» Daniels

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Panther opponents have 50 more walks than Eastern (103-53). Eastern players know why they hold a bat in their hands: to swing it and hit, of course.

The Panthers managed to draw one walk in three games this weekend against TSU, while the Lady Tigers drew seven walks.

Eastern stole five bases this weekend, while being thrown out once. TSU was a perfect two-for-two in stealing off Eastern pitchers this weekend.

Once a Panther gets on base, even if they don't steal, they will be aggressive.

Example No. 1 (It didn't work)

In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, sophomore speedster Anglea Danca singled to lead off the inning.

The next batter, pitcher Karyn Mackie, successfully reached on a bunt, appearing to give Eastern runners on first and second no outs and a chance to add a run or two.

But Danca got greedy, trying to advance to third on the play. TSU's first baseman alertly threw over to third base, where TSU's catcher Erin Finneran alertly was waiting for Danca.

Finneran applied the tag and Danca was out by at least three feet.

Schuette slapped her hands while doing a mini-pirouette after Danca was called out.

But the aggressiveness isn't necessarily a bad thing, although in this instance it didn't work and the potential for a big inning was cut short.

Players want to play for a coach who's willing to take a chance, have the other team make a play in order to win.

This is what Schuette does.

Example No. 2 (It worked)

In Sunday's game, senior shortstop Chelsea Adams was out at home plate. Or at least it appeared she would be out.

Schuette sent Adams home after Katy Steele singled up the middle.

The ball was hit sharply on the ground to centerfield. TSU centerfielder Diana Clifford fielded the ball cleanly, got her momentum behind her and fired a strike to catcher Erin Finneran.

The ball beat Adams to home plate.

She should have been out. But Adams used her guile and play-making ability to hook slide past Finneran, reaching out with her left hand and touching home plate while sliding by it.

It was a perfect slide to end a perfect play at the plate.

"After I sent her, I was like 'Oh my gosh, the centerfielder's on the edge of the (infield) dirt.'" Schuette said. "But hey, she made a great slide and I was just so happy she got around the tag."

This situation worked out in the Panthers' favor and proved to be the winning run in Eastern's 1-0 win.

Schuette's aggressive style, when it works, is smart because it puts pressure on the other team to beat her team.

When it doesn't work, it puts Eastern at a disadvantage.

But I'd rather see a coach use an aggressive style rather than a passive one.

Schuette's team, in ninth place heading into Sunday's game, still needs more wins and better play to qualify for the six-team Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Will Schuette's aggressivness hurt or help the Panthers the rest of the year? It's unclear.

What is clear is that's Schuette's style and it won't change.

So next time you stop by Williams Field, make sure you bust out the Maalox's, shake up the Pepto-Bismol and hold onto your seats tightly if you want to watch Panther softball to the playoffs.

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SOFTBALL | EASTERN 1, TENNESSEE STATE 0

Mackie drops Lady Tigers

AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Senior designated player Katy Steele swings at a pitch vs. Tennessee State Saturday afternoon at Williams Field. The Panthers would go on to win two out of three games against the Tigers.

Junior keeps TSU off balance by throwing one-hitter

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Karyn Mackie avoided the one bad inning Sunday that had plagued her at times this year.

And Eastern's junior pitcher breezed through the rest of the game against Tennessee State en route to pitching a one-hit, complete game shutout in the Panthers' 1-0 win at Williams Field.

The win on Sunday gave Eastern the series win after the Panthers' split Saturday's softball doubleheader (Eastern won 3-2 in the first game and lost 3-1 in the second game). Lady Tigers' leadoff hitter Tamara Perkins singled to start the game, giving the perception Mackie might have a rough day in the pitcher's circle.

But after TSU's No. 4 and No. 5 hitters grounded out with runners on second and third base, Mackie didn't let the Lady Tigers threaten again.

"My ball was moving pretty well and my drop ball was really on today," she said. "It was my best pitch and they just weren't hitting it anywhere. It's pretty frustrating for batters, I think. Unless you wait for it to drop and wait for it to drive it, there's not much you can do about it."

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Out of Bounds

Panther softball keeps it interesting

Watching Eastern softball isn't for the weak-hearted.

A possible list of side effects watching this Panther squad could include: increased heart rate, sudden shifts in mood swings, anxiety and loss of appetite.

All kidding aside, the Panthers and second-year head coach Kim Schuette, certainly do make their games entertaining

Eastern sits with a 13-17 record and 3-6 Ohio Valley Conference record after winning two out of three against Tennessee State this weekend.

Both Panthers' wins came by the slim winning margin of one run, while TSU routed Eastern 3-1 in Saturday's second game (note the sarcasm).

In Schuette's time at Eastern, she preaches an aggressive base running philosophy, while having a disciplined but, you guessed it, aggressive approach at the plate.

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BASEBALL | GAME 1 EIU 8, UTM 5; GAME 2 EIU 8, UTM 7

Messy road trip turns bright

Pitching causes problem for Eastern during three game series

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

This weekend was a messy one for the Panthers while playing at Tennessee-Martin.

The second game of the three-game series was rescheduled for Sunday and Eastern experienced problems with its starting pitching, causing the Panthers to trail in every game.

But despite all this, Eastern managed to win its second consecutive Ohio Valley Conference series, coming from behind in both games Sunday to win.

The Panthers won the first game 8-5, and the second 8-7.

"In these seven inning games you have to come out early and we didn't do that," said senior first baseman Erik Huber. "We were behind early but no one gave up, no one put their head down and we came out with two out of three."

Huber did his part to help the Panthers win both games Sunday, going a combined 6-for-6 in the two games, with five RBIs and five runs scored.

Huber hit his seventh home run of the season in the fifth inning of Sunday's first game.

Huber's two-run home run put Eastern ahead 6-5. The Panthers had trailed 5-0 after the Skyhawks scored five runs in the second inning, but scored four in the third to pull within 5-4.

"I just put the bat on the ball," Huber said. "Our lineup helps a lot, I have pretty good people around me that get the job done too."

JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Senior left fielder Mark Chagnon makes a running catch during Eastern's game last Sunday against Tennessee Tech. The Panthers won their second straight Ohio Valley Conference series this weekend.

Eastern's starting pitching this weekend, however, did not please Schmitz.

No starting pitcher went longer than 3 2/3 innings.

"We need those guys to be making it into the fifth or sixth inning, and they aren't doing that right now and it worries me," Schmitz said.

Eastern changed pitchers in the second inning of the first game Sunday, with Schmitz replacing freshman starter Tyler Kehrer with senior Mike Budde.

Budde settled down and allowed one hit in 3 1/3 innings of shutout relief to earn his second win of the year. In the second game, junior Tyler Brandon had to come in for starter Mike Manns before the end of the first inning.

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PANTHER SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN'S GOLF
Today at Missouri State Tournament | All Day. Branson, Mo.

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Tuesday at Missouri State Tournament | All Day. Branson, Mo.

BASEBALL
Tuesday vs. Saint Xavier | 3 p.m. Coaches Stadium

SOFTBALL
Tuesday vs. Ball State | 3 p.m. Wiliams Field

MEN'S TENNIS
Tuesday vs. Western Illinois | 3 p.m. Darling Courts

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Tuesday vs. Western Illinois | 3 p.m. Darling Courts

WOMEN'S GOLF
Thursday at Illini Invitational | All Day. Champaign

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Thursday at Big Blue Classic & Multi's | All Day O'Brien Stadium

WOMEN'S GOLF
Friday at Illini Invitational | All Day. Champaign

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD
Friday at Big Blue Classic & Multi's | All Day. O'Brien Stadium

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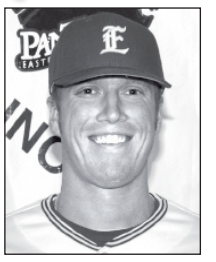

Today marks opening day for the Major League Baseball season.

While Eastern currently doesn't have a player active in the majors, and only one active in the minors (Kyle Haines, a 2004 graduate and shortstop for the San Jose Giants, a Class A affiliate for the San Francisco Giants), it does have somewhat of a tradition of major-leaguers.

Under current head coach Jim Schmitz, the Panthers have had 12 players drafted and expect senior first baseman Erik Huber (above), who had nine pro scouts look at him this past fall, to be added to this list.

But, in regards to the past, here are three notable Eastern alums that made their marks in the big leagues.

1. Kevin Seitzer – Seitzer, now the Arizona Diamondbacks' hitting coach, led Eastern to the 1981 Division II World Series. Drafted in 1983 by the Kansas City Royals, the Lincoln native enjoyed a 12-year career that saw him earn two All-Star berths.

2.Tim Bogar – The Arlington Heights native was drafted by the New York Mets in the 1987 draft and enjoyed a nine-year playing career. His best year came in 1995, where he hit .290 while driving in 21 runs as a member of the Mets. Bogar is now the manager of the Akron Aeros, the Indians' Double-A affiliate.

3. Marty Pattin – The namesake of one of Eastern's favorite bars on Fourth Street, Pattin enjoyed a respectable 13-year playing career. Pattin pitched for five teams in his career and the Charleston native's best season came in 1972 when he went 17-13 with a 3.24 ERA for the Boston Red Sox.

–Matt Daniels