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The world's first plant of its kind, named FutureGen, may come to Illinois, and the announcement has the community excited.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dorm upgrades to be voted on

Remodeling and utility upgrades to cost \$3.42 million

By Sara Cuadrado
University Reporter

The Board of Trustees has two purchases to vote on at today's meeting in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union.

Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, said the board is required to approve any pur-

chase of more than \$250,000.

"If the Board of Trustees gives their approval, the University will move forward with the purchases," Nilsen said.

One item on the agenda for a purchase approval is the Douglas Hall remodeling and utility upgrades.

The cost for these services is \$3,421,914, broken down between general contracting, plumbing, heating, ventilation, electrical, fire protection, abatement and contingency.

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ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, introduces one of four teachers picked to present research to the Board of Trustees on Friday afternoon in the Grand Ballroom.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senate elections start today in Union

By Chris Walden
Student Government Reporter

Student Government elections for open Student Senate seats are today and Tuesday.

Voting booths will be present from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and in Coleman Hall. Students are required to have their Panther Card with them to vote.

Eastern currently has two different parties running for the open seats: The Student United Party (SUP) and the United Party of Students (UPS).

The Parties

The Student United Party has existed since the spring of 2006, using the slogan of "Giving Students What They Want."

This year, Levi Bulgar, student

SUP AND UPS ONLINE
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executive vice president, has said he wants the party to act differently in the elections and next semester.

"Instead of telling students what they want to hear, it's time about we listen to what they have to say," Bulgar said. "We shouldn't make campaign promises we can't keep."

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ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Tyler and James of Boy Scout Troop 141 roast chestnuts for parade watchers Saturday evening at the Charleston square for "Christmas in the Heart of Charleston."

'TIS THE SEASON

By Michael Peterson
City Editor

"Christmas in the Heart of Charleston" brings community together for yuletide activities




With live reindeer, carriage rides, roasted chestnuts and a parade featuring Mr. and Mrs. Claus, Saturday's Christmas in the Heart of Charleston made the town feel a little bit more like Christmas.

The event, a 13-year tradition on the square, drew many visitors in spite of the cold.

"I think it was a great turnout. We had a large crowd during the parade," said Karen Peterson, Charleston Tourism member and co-chair for the Christmas in the Heart of Charleston committee.

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EIU WEATHER

TUESDAY  63° 50° Showers Calm Winds	WEDNESDAY 62° 35° 	WEATHER BRIEF Expect colder conditions to prevail today. A small chance of snow showers are expected Tuesday night into Wednesday. Rain or snow is possible on Thursday and Friday as temperatures begin to rise into the lower 40s for the weekend.
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Ten-year contract for parking lot design services may be approved

TRUSTEES, FROM PAGE 1

The University would bring in six different recommended companies to accomplish the different areas of work.

The project includes all labor and materials needed to demolish and re-develop the toilet and shower rooms on all floors in Douglas.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining, said they will be taking out additional rooms as well to make the bathrooms larger and install some individual private bathrooms.

"The Office of Housing has a long-term plan to provide similar shower and toilet upgrades to all of the residence halls," Nilsen said.

Hudson said Douglas was chosen because it had the lowest satisfaction on surveys that were filled out by residents.

About 40 percent of the sample saying they were dissatisfied with the bathrooms.

Lincoln Hall is next on the list, followed by Pemberton Hall.

The project will also work to accommodate future fire alarm upgrades in Stevenson Hall and the installation of sprinkler systems in Lincoln and Stevenson.

Hudson said, according to state law, all dormitories must have sprinkler systems installed by 2013.

Hudson said Douglas will also have kitchenettes on every floor, a recycling center to encourage more recycling and speakers in every room for emergency announcements.

Douglas will also have an electrical update.

Hudson said when the buildings were originally wired, they had less demands for electricity.

Now, they have to rewire to han-

dle all the demands needed today.

All of these updates can only happen if the board approves this purchase today.

The second item the Board would need to approve is a 10-year contract for university parking lot design services, which includes the design of a parking lot maintenance plan for the campus.

The cost of this is not to exceed \$500,000 during the 10-year period.

"This contract will allow the university to contract with a company to provide annual maintenance services to the university's parking lots," Nilsen said.

Nilsen said the other items on the agenda for the meeting are important, as well.

"We know the Board of Trustees members are busy, and we try very hard to use their time wisely," Nilsen said.

Event has changed since 1994

CHRISTMAS, FROM PAGE 1

"I think the weather has caused a lot of people to do some things and then go on home ... I don't think it was this cold last year," said Peterson.

In addition to Santa Claus, the parade featured the Grinch, Santa's elves, Rudolph, Miss Coles County, and a live reindeer.

The parade's grand marshal was Eastern President Bill Perry, who was joined by his wife, Linda.

Many of the stores on the square had live-action windows, featuring real people performing for onlookers.

The Candy Cane Lane dancers performed a dance routine to holiday songs in the window of The Shirt Factory.

In the window of BuffaloCODY, the Jacqueline Bennet Dance Center dancers performed various scenes of "The Nutcracker."

The Charleston High School

French and Spanish clubs sang Christmas carols in different languages.

Everything from the carriage rides to the roasted chestnuts were free.

And Christmas in the Heart of Charleston was not just for Charleston residents; Eastern students showed up to the weekend event, as well.

"I heard about it through friends, and we just decided to come out and get out of the dorms to celebrate the holidays with friends," said Cody Czmyr, sophomore family and consumer sciences major. "(The parade) was nice. It was small, quick and fun."

The Christmas in the Heart of Charleston event was started in 1994, said Sally Cougill, one of the original organizers of the event and wife of former Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill.

"Back then, they didn't really do much other than this older gentleman - who is now deceased - named

Mr. Halsey who had a little sleigh, and he used to bring a Santa around the square," Cougill said. "The high school pep band would stand on the courthouse steps and play a few tunes when Mr. Halsey would bring Santa around - and that was it. And I thought that was kind of sad."

She convinced her husband to do something bigger to celebrate the holidays in Charleston.

Cougill said she thinks Christmas in the Heart of Charleston is an important event for the town.

"This is probably the most people you will see on the square on any given point in time," Cougill said. "It gives the town the feeling of unity. And I think it is good for our citizens to come up on our square and just see the beauty of it."

So few of us see that anymore. It gives people a chance to step back in time ... It's a good family time, and it gives older people a chance to remember what this square was like when they were young."

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Today's blog: Graham Milldrum on the benefits of nuclear power.



EASTERN WOMEN WIN

Eastern women's basketball team won its first game of the season Saturday night against Loyola (Chicago) at Lantz Arena. Sophomore guard Dominique Sims led the way with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Non-stop music at McAfee

All applause held until end of the Holiday College Concert

By Ashley Mefford
Activities Reporter

Milton Allen, wind symphony conductor, had an idea for a concert that had never been done before at Eastern.

"I wanted a concert that showcased all aspects of the music department," he said

The Holiday College Concert was Sunday afternoon at McAfee Auditorium and featured the major ensembles and studio and chamber ensembles of the music department.

Allen had the idea to bring all the bands and choirs together in one concert.

The concert would be department-wide and held every other year.

"It's collective, a variety of styles," Allen said. "This concert shows the depth of the department that no other concert does."

The concert included many opportunities for audience participation.

The first song performed was "O Come All Ye Faithful," in which the choir sang the second verse and the audience sang the remaining verses.

"The First Noel" and "Angels We Have Heard On High" were also sang by the audience while accompanied by the orchestra.

The concert played non-stop music.

All applause was held for the end of the concert.

During the concert, the Brass Quintet, Camerata, Concert Choir, ESO Brass Ensemble/Percussion, Flute Quintet, Jazz Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, String Quartet and Tuba Trio performed.

The years that the college concert is not being held, other concerts will showcase one musical group.

Richard Rossi, director of University Mixed Chorus, said the music



SAMANTHA STRYKOWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The EIU Concert Choir performs "Magnificat" by Leonardo Leo during the Holiday College Concert Sunday afternoon in the McAfee gymnasium south auditorium.

It's collective, a variety of styles. This concert shows the depth of the department that no other concert does."

Milton Allen, wind symphony conductor, on the quality of Sunday's concert

department would be alternating concerts year by year.

"We would be alternating the college concert with the ESO holiday concert," he said. "The college concert and the Handel's Messiah concert would be happening in the same year."

The college concert included all the musical groups to take the pressure off one group having to perform by itself.

"Having the college concert was a shared responsibility," Rossi said.

Jackie Bretz, senior music education major and wind symphony member, said most of the rehearsal of the college concert was done in their respective musical groups.

"The musical groups had one rehearsal with everyone on Saturday," Bretz said.

The community was a major factor in the decision to host the concert.

Josh Kumpula, graduate assistant in the music department, was involved in the percussion ensemble

and the wind symphony.

He said he thought the community would enjoy hearing all aspects of the music department in one place.

Sam Fagaly, director of the jazz ensemble, liked the idea of a college concert.

"Having a concert that included the whole department appealed to the community," Fagaly said.

The next musical concert is Handel's Messiah on Dec. 7 at McAfee Auditorium.

Students lead theater performances

Seniors Bailey Murphy and Abigail Carter directed acts

By Heather Holm
Staff Reporter

A variation on theater was a part of two acts performed this weekend. Students called the shots.

Bailey Murphy, senior theatre arts major, directed "The Murderest Mystery of All," which was written by Garin Jones.

Abigail Carter, also a senior theatre arts major, directed "Cast Spell," written by GERALYN HORTON.

About 50 people were in attendance at the Saturday night show.

Murphy thought directing was a great experience.

"I had good actors and it was challenging, but in a good way," Murphy said. "You have a lot more preliminary work and have to tell the actors what you are thinking."

With an antique bureau, old furniture and an old-fashioned carpet on the stage, audience members were reminded of the set of the movie or board game "Clue."

They worked hard to make their characters realistic, and it helped that they were friends with the playwright."

Bailey Murphy, director of "The Murderest Mystery of All," on her cast

The first act featured a doctor, host, maid, an older woman, a younger flirtatious woman and a guy in a leather jacket.

The host was going to kill all the characters, until his plan got foiled and somebody else took control.

The audience responded well and laughed at what the doctor, the host, and the guy in the leather jacket did and said, especially the doctor's obsession with prefixes, and one of the host's comparisons of playtime to dog years.

They also gasped along with the characters when the lights went black twice during the play.

The host's mother was the one writing the play, which provided a humorous surprise for the audience.

The second act – "Cast Spell," didn't get any laughs, only thought-provoking silence from the audience.

On the stage were an alcohol table, boxes, a couch and some card table chairs.

The act dealt with actors after a bad performance and their obsessions with the supernatural.

Whenever one of the characters would tell a ghost story, bright green light would illuminate the stage and nothing more. Everything else went black.

Sophomore theater arts major Crystal Grissom said she liked the first act better than the second.

"I liked the first one better because the second one scared me more," she said.

She said she thought they both were well-directed, and one of her classes did a table reading and thought the second was very surreal.

Andrew Hicks, freshman communications major, played "Rich" in "Cast Spell."

He said he thought it was a new experience, and liked that students directed the plays.

"I definitely liked acting in the play, and having a student director made it more fun," Hicks said.

He said the supernatural aspect is not as controversial now than in previous years.

"I think it was an interesting twist," Hicks said. "It is a lot more widely accepted than it used to be."

Murphy said she thought her actors did a great job.

"I think they worked hard to make their characters realistic, and it helped that they were friends with the playwright," she said. "I also thought the script was very well-written, and I tried to accentuate it at some of the key points."

The play was performed at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Village Theatre.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Early Birds get worm, or at least an extra \$100

Students signing the Early Bird housing contracts for Fall 2008 will be given \$100 in Dining Dollars for the Fall 2008 semester.

The opportunity to sign up runs through Dec. 14. Contracts are available in the Housing Office located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

For more information, see www.eiu.edu/~housing/ebdcontract.php, or call 581-5111.

Last paycheck issued after New Year's day

Student workers and graduate assistants will have their January paychecks direct deposited into the accounts Eastern has on file unless changes are made in the Student Payroll Office by Dec. 12.

January 2008 pay will be reported as 2008 taxable income.

If workers close their current direct deposit accounts, January pay will be returned to EIU.

The Student Payroll Office is located in Room 217 of Old Main.

Deadline for returning textbooks approaching

The deadline to return textbooks to Textbook Rental is 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14.

A fee of \$10 per day will be charged for each book returned after Dec. 14.

Students may return textbooks any time during the semester, and textbooks do not have to all be returned at the same time.

Textbook Rental Service will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 through Thursday, Dec. 13 and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14.

W-2 address update needed for students

Employees and students must update the address where their W-2's should be sent.

To do this, students should contact the records office. International students should contact the International Office, and employees should contact Human Resources.

If one is unsure what office to contact, call the Payroll Office at 581-7799 or e-mail cjnelson@eiu.edu for help.

How to write a competitive proposal

From noon to 1 p.m. today in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, there will be a presentation on creating competitive proposals. Also presented will be examples of recently funded proposals.

The Council on Faculty Research rewards two rounds of funding each year – one in the fall and one in the spring.

For more information, contact Bob Chesnut at 581-8453.

– Katie Anderson,
Campus Editor

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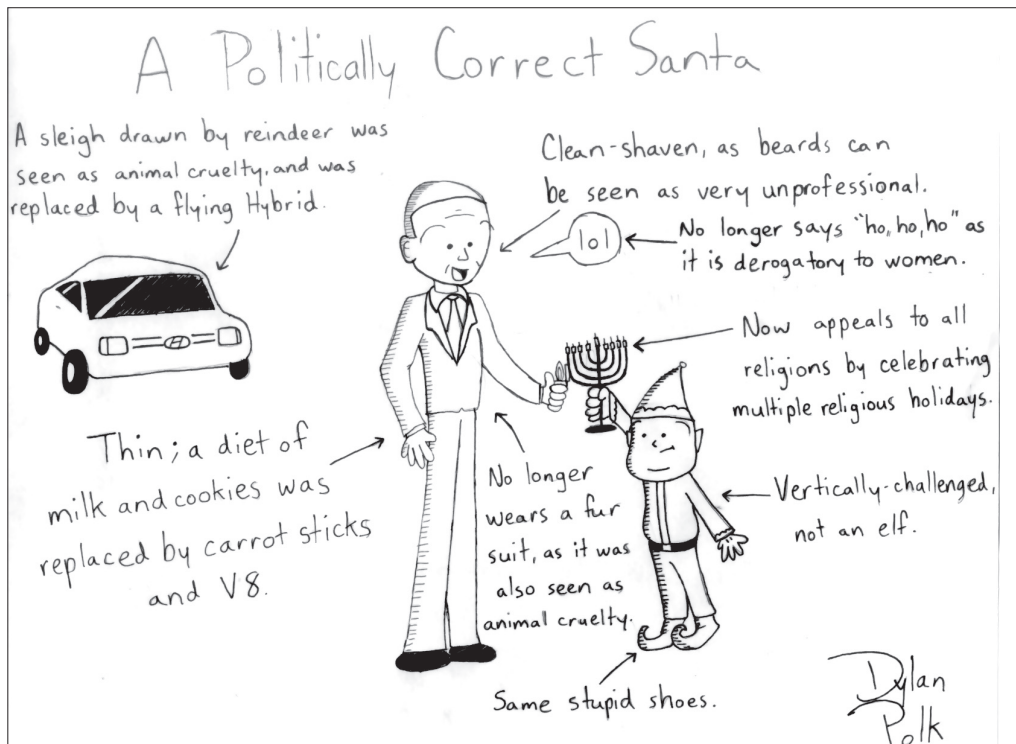
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KATIE ANDERSON

The hidden
costs of art

As campus and community members eagerly await their first steps into the elegant, copper-sided Doudna Fine Arts Center, as the theater department drools in anticipation at the new costume shops, black box theatre and proscenium theater, as the surrounding community licks its lips at the new businesses Doudna will potentially bring to Charleston, John Sigler, associate director of support services at Eastern, is concerned.

“As the university has grown larger in square footage, the BSW labor pool has stayed the same or shrunk, and our budget for purchasing equipment and products has not kept pace with inflation and campus growth,” Sigler said.

He works with Building Service Workers (BSWs), property management, maintenance and other areas of Facilities Planning and Management.

Sigler’s concern lies in the upcoming opening of Doudna. With the addition of approximately 300,000 square feet, Sigler wonders how his department will stretch to accommodate the new facility, a concern he had in 2006 when Blair Hall renovations were complete.

“As of now, there is no new money for the BSWs needed to keep it clean,” he said.

To keep the new building maintained, Sigler said the Special Projects Crew segment of the BSWs will have to be dropped.

The SPC workers are responsible for keeping the hallway floors waxed, carpets clean, and other projects the campus community requests.

Sigler said funding for the BSWs comes from the state-funded personnel services account under the vice president of business affairs.

He said the campus hopes to get an increase in funding from the state budget, based on its increase in square footage.

Not only will the opening of Doudna increase the space that needs to be regularly cleaned, but also space that will be heavily used from functions such as concerts, plays and clinics.

Sigler said he expects to need another three or four janitors to keep up with the demands of the new center.

To cope with this deficiency, the SPC will be dismantled.

Sigler said the SPC currently receives many compliments about how nice the floors look and the level of cleaning.

“I can’t say it’s going to be as good as this now,” he said.

Sigler said the work the SPC does will be added on to the current BSW as part of their regular job, and the current SPC workers will go to Doudna as BSWs.

“If we don’t get more budget money, then the fact is we can’t increase the number of BSWs, and we just have to add more square footage to everyone,” Sigler said.

Just like BSW funding, there has been no increase in funding for carpenter shops or electricians to handle the new demands.

While the campus is excited about the prospect of our shiny, new fine arts center, we need to pay attention to how it will be funded once the construction fences come down.

Katie Anderson is a senior journalism major and the campus editor.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Opening up the paths
of money and power

Democracy thrives on interaction, especially at the most local level. A city council reacts more quickly than a national government, after all.

But that responsiveness demands interaction from the electorate.

This week is the chance for students to be active on the most local level – that of their student government.

Elections will be taking place today and tomorrow for the open 22 seats on the board of the 30 total.

Cole Rogers, student body president, has confirmed that his Student United Party will not be the only party running in this election.

This is a good thing.

Currently, the senate is comprised almost totally by the SUP, with only a few independents to fill out the ranks.

In any situation, a one-party government is not ideal.

SUP is not some sort of monolithic entity that relentlessly crushes all opposition.

But what is needed is an alternate voice, a way for the disaffected to contact their leadership.

One alternate is the United Party of Students, a recently formed opposition party.

(Disclosure: Eric Hiltner, the photo editor and a member of the editorial board, is a UPS candidate for off-campus.)

This is an alternate voice, but even if the UPS leads to an effective alternate party, the issue is not truly solved.

Voices are now concentrated in two places instead of one. It’s a definite improvement but only changes a static one-party system to a slightly less static two-party one.

The real solution depends on the individual actions of students.

This is a small campus, one in which a few

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dollars at a copy center can print enough fliers to ensure coverage of most notice boards on campus.

The candidate can be his or her own campaign manager, and friends can form an effective campaign staff.

There is no need for massive and expensive efforts like those at the national level.

This is democracy on its smallest and most vital level.

With 22 seats open, this is an excellent chance

for a few independents to work their way into Student Senate.

Do not make the mistake of thinking that the senate has no real powers.

It has the ultimate control of students on Apportionment Board, which manages more than half a million dollars, funding the activities of student activities of all stripes.

Most attempts to take more money from students must go through the senate, since it controls changes in fees and tuitions.

That is an enormous amount of power that goes unappreciated.

Last semester’s increase on students avoided having to go through the senate by virtue of it being a raise of cost on new students, not the students who elected the current senators.

It’s far too late to start a campaign, but votes can definitely be cast for the options outside of the current party.

Voting only requires a Panther card and will only take a few moments.

Take the time, make a difference.

“This is democracy on its smallest and most vital level.”

Student Senate elections: Choosing your candidate

ELECTIONS, FROM PAGE 1

“We’re all about listening to what the students want and following through with it,” Bulgar said.

The United Party of Students is a party created in the this semester, using the slogan “We Deliver.”

In its first year of running in the elections, Student Senate member Megan Ogulnick said the party is a direct response to the Student United Party.

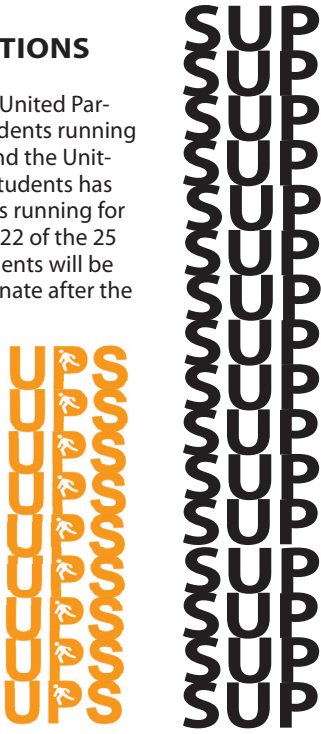
“We can offer students something other than SUP. We aren’t making any promises this semester, but we want to involve the student body in Student Government,” Ogulnick said. “We have a Weblog students can get in touch with us through, and we want to hear what the students think.”

UPS WEBLOG

upsdelivers.blogspot.com

THE PROPORTIONS

The Student United Party has 16 students running for senate, and the United Party of Students has nine students running for senate. Only 22 of the 25 running students will be elected to senate after the elections.



THE LIST

The following is a list of the students running for next semester’s open student senate seats. The seats are divided into three districts.

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	Chris Kromphardt	UPS
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	Ryan Kerch	UPS
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	Miriam Torres	SUP
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	Kyle Collom	SUP
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	Jeremy Menefee	SUP
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	Kevin Pavloski	SUP
	Sarah Shaw	SUP

Note: Because the elections only have five candidates for six openings, the senate will appoint its sixth member at the beginning of the next semester.

Disclosure: Eric Hiltner, the off-campus candidate, is the photo editor for the DEN.

THE RULES

- Students are not allowed to vote twice. Those in violation of doing so will have their votes thrown out and ignored.
- Election rules laid down by the university prohibit party members from campaigning within 100 feet of voting booths. This includes giving handouts or putting up fliers, in addition to candidates being that close to the booths.
- The new senate members elected after the polling will be announced at Wednesday’s Student Senate meeting.
- The Student Senate will have its final meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

FutureGen supporters rally

By Michael Peterson
City Editor

With the announcement of the location for the FutureGen plant just weeks away, a pep rally in support of bringing the plant to Illinois was thrown at the Arcola High School gym yesterday.

FutureGen will be the world’s first zero-emissions coal-fueled power plant and is a \$1.5 billion project.

FutureGen would reduce nitrogen oxide and sulfur emissions to zero and would capture carbon dioxide. It would also produce hydrogen, which could be used to fuel pollution-free vehicles. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the prototype will be the cleanest fossil fuel-fired power plant in the world.

“After two long years, we have finally reached the home stretch,” said Julie Moore, Opportunity Returns program regional manager with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Oppor-

tunity, to the crowd. “To celebrate, we thought an old-time pep rally was appropriate ... No pep rally is complete without a band – and we’ve got three of them.”

The Arcola High School drum line performed, as well as the Mattoon High School marching band and the Eastern Illinois University Jazz Ensemble.

The featured speakers were Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity director Jack Lavin, Sen. Dick Durbin, and Southern Illinois University President Glen Poshard.

There was even a guest appearance by Santa Claus himself, who threw foam coal out to members of the audience.

During his speech, Lavin announced that the United Mine Workers of America International endorsed Illinois for FutureGen.

Lavin quoted a portion of the letter that Cecil Roberts, UMW International President, sent to the FutureGen Alliance.

“The Illinois model sets the stage for a second and third generation of FutureGen projects throughout the world,” he read. “It’s a simple matter, in our opinion. A coal project of this importance belongs in a coal state.”

Lavin appreciated the support. “Honestly, what better endorsement can you get than that?” he said.

Illinois has the support of the states of Wyoming, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan and Wisconsin. The coalition of these states accounts for 75 percent of the coal produced in the United States.

The FutureGen Alliance is expected to choose the winner of the four finalists by mid-December. The four finalists are Mattoon; Tuscola; Odesa, Texas; and Jewett, Texas.

“I’ve read that Texas claims ‘game over.’ That couldn’t be farther from the truth,” Lavin said.

If FutureGen is placed in Illinois, it will help the local economy signif-



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Jack Lavin, Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity director, speaks at the FutureGen pep rally Sunday at Arcola high school.

icantly. The plant would add 2,500 jobs during its construction phase and 500 once it is completed.

Even though the FutureGen decision time is nearing, Lavin said he thinks holding a pep rally will help Illinois’ push for the site.

“I think (the FutureGen Alliance) have evaluated all the technical things – such as the geology, the infrastructure and all that

– and it is probably a close, tight race,” he said. “What’s going to put us over the top is having eight other coal states, and the United Mine Workers, supporting Illinois – but also having the community support of east central Illinois behind us to show them the community support is there, and they are going to do everything they can to make FutureGen successful.”

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WEIU helps bring Christmas to troops

TV and radio stations sponsor event to send greetings to soldiers

By Chris Lee
Staff Reporter

When Brandon Combs, a Charleston resident, walked into the WEIU-TV office on Friday, he didn't know exactly what he would say.

He just knew it was the right thing to do.

"I know a few people that have gone over there – mostly friends – but I just wanted to get a general message of support out there," Combs said.

Combs – like more than 40 other community members who flowed in and out of the office for nearly 12 hours – came to participate in WEIU-TV and WEIU-FM's "Holiday Wishes to Our Troops."

"Our troops are always being thought of, but especially at this time of year," said Ke'an Rogers, WEIU's publicity and promotions

manager. "We just wanted to let them know that we're thinking of them."

The event allowed community members to record a holiday greeting for U.S. troops serving overseas.

The messages could be in general support, like Combs' message, or for a specific friend or family member.

Some notable faces even stopped by the office to record a greeting.

"Representative (Chapin) Rose and Senator (Dale) Righter came by in the morning to show support," Rogers said. "Support from the community was great. The turnout met and exceeded our expectations."

While the first event was largely a success, Rogers said for future events like this, some changes might be made.

"We would advertise further in advance," she said. "We, essentially, came up with this idea three weeks ago and had to get it together quickly. Next time, we'll probably have some more ideas, and we'll implement them accordingly."

Nothing is official, but there are



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Jana Johnson, the membership manager at WEIU, hugs Building Service Worker Diana Kennedy while watching her taped "Holiday Wishes to Our Troops" message to her son SSG. Bill Newton, who is currently deployed to the Philippines, in the WEIU offices on Friday morning.

plans for a similar event for Memorial Day or the Fourth of July, Rogers said.

"We want to make sure they know we're thinking of them," she

said. "This is a free service we're providing for the community and our troops; we want to keep this going."

The recordings can be downloadable at weiu.net and weiuhitmix.net

from Dec. 17 until Jan. 5.

"We are putting it online so no matter where (the troops) are, they can see it," Rogers said.

Women prevail in Battle of the Sexes games

Students compete in Up All Night events hosted by UB

By Jessica Leggit
Staff Reporter

One hundred people were surveyed.

They were asked to name something that might annoy a college roommate.

"Passing gas," said the red squad.

Friday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, students attended the "Up all Night: Battle of the Sexes" social sponsored by University Board and spent the evening participating in entertaining activities.

Andrew Hubbard, UB special events coordinator, said the board, along with the Union, planned for

the event months in advance.

"We wanted to leave a small margin for error," said the sophomore corporate communications major.

At the event, students had a chance to battle it out in game shows like Family Feud and Battle of the Sexes.

Game Show Gurus, an entertainment company from Hoffman Estates, provided the equipment for the games.

Melissa Kearns, senior elementary major, said she enjoyed every minute of the games.

"It was awesome," she said.

During the game show, men and women were placed on opposite teams for the Battle of Sexes.

Both the women and men had to hula-hoop, stuff balloons in their clothes, limbo and perform other activities to be the ultimate winner.

By a close margin, the women won.

Kearns walked away from the event with a proud smile on her face.

"I rock at trivia," she said.

While the game show was being held in the Grand Ballroom, students had an opportunity to participate in other social activities.

"We tried to have an intercourse sponsorship by making events coincide with each other," Hubbard said.

Students had the opportunity to test their stress levels, watch a movie, laugh out loud with comedian Retta or take time out with a masseuse.

"The massage will be the highlight of this event," said Sarah Grant, senior elementary education major.

During the events, bachelor and bachelorette pads were set up for the students.

Hubbard said each room was

arranged according to stereotypical opposite sex interests.

For the women, chocolates, a vegetable tray and a DVD of the MTV series "The Hills" decorated the room.

The men enjoyed "The Dave Chapelle Show," and "World Championship Wrestling" while eating nachos and sub sandwiches.

Both of the rooms contained sign-up sheets for five minute massages.

The company Massage on the Go provided the service.

Joy Holmes, the masseuse, said she felt good energy since the event started.

"Young people are exciting," she said.

Grant said the massage was just what she needed.

"It was complete serenity," she said.

Students were seen with pina

colada slurpies, balloon characters and face-painted masks.

Pictures also were taken for the backdrop of dry erase boards.

Unfortunately, the line became too long, and people were turned away.

But this did not stop students from forming a long line for balloon characters.

Students requested Disney characters, aliens, and monkeys hanging on a palm tree for their balloon creations.

At 10 p.m., Hubbard said he thought there were about 400 people enjoying the festivities.

Omar Solomon, junior communications studies major, was pleased with "Up all Night."

"It felt good to get involved and just relax," Solomon said. "This was a good way to help me get my mind off of upcoming finals."



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Aiding Appalachian poor helps Va. Tech students heal

Killed student’s parents organize trips in daughter’s memory

The Associated Press

JONESVILLE, Va. — Her red-tinted hair pulled up off her neck, Courtney Lynne Bush squinted in the fall sunlight as she plunged her power drill into a neoprene screw, attaching a piece of new tin roof.

On the ground below, an overalls-clad Kate Andrukonis bounced on and off a ladder as she directed installation of kickers – support beams – to keep a wall from caving in while a concrete foundation was laid.

They were among about 30 Virginia Tech students who traveled nearly 200 miles to paint and put up siding, roofs and gutters at five houses. The journey to Virginia’s southwestern tip was organized this fall, but it had its genesis years ago, when an Illinois teenager named

Austin Cloyd discovered that helping poor folks in central Appalachia live more comfortably enriched her own life.

Then, last spring, Austin Cloyd was shot to death – one of 32 people on the Virginia Tech campus who died at the hands of Seung-Hui Cho, before he killed himself.

Her parents, Bryan and Renee Cloyd, were determined to turn their grief into a positive force by carrying on the service work their daughter pursued for four summers. It was the Cloyds (now Blacksburg residents – Bryan teaches accounting at Tech) who organized two fall weekends of volunteer labor for the faith-based Appalachia Service Project, with more trips in the spring.

The point of the weekend, however, was to help others. The events of April 16 rarely were mentioned.

Some of the work crew didn’t even know beforehand that the trip was in Austin Cloyd’s memory. One was Braxton Cox, a fifth-year architecture student. “I just like doing service,” he said.

“It’s a blessing to see ... other young people ... who care about important things.”

Braxton Cox, Appalachia Service Project volunteer

“It’s really a blessing to see that there’s other young people, people my age, who care about important things,” Cox said. “When you’re in school, you see people who just party all the time.”

Andrukonis didn’t know Austin Cloyd, but has vivid memories of being locked down in a basement classroom following the shootings in April. She remembers when she was allowed to leave, and how she walked alone across the huge main lawn ringed with state troopers.

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,” she repeated, over and over, as she walked.

And here she was, seven months later, on a crisp November weekend, leading a volunteer crew – sawing

and hammering a dilapidated addition to a 200-year-old log home fit for a museum.

“We can just be college kids who want to serve, who want to do construction and get dirty,” said Andrukonis, a sophomore and longtime ASP volunteer who was a paid staffer at one of its Kentucky centers last summer. “We don’t have to be somebody else, somebody who’s healing.”

Courtney Bush did know Austin Cloyd; they became fast friends when they met as freshmen last February. She still addresses notes to her fellow international relations major on Facebook, and she has drawn close to Bryan and Renee Cloyd.

She didn’t know of Austin’s ASP work until after her friend died.

NATION BRIEF

The Associated Press

Police identify body as missing college student

WICHITA, Kan. — Police on Saturday identified a body found earlier in the week as that of a missing Butler Community College student.

The identification of the body of Emily Sander, 18, was confirmed by a forensic odontologist, El Dorado Police Chief Tom Boren said.

Police also said Saturday they were re-interviewing witnesses, family and associates of suspect Israel Mireles, 24 and his pregnant 16-year-old girlfriend.

Sander, 18, disappeared late Nov. 23 after leaving a bar with Mireles outside El Dorado, and police labeled Mireles a suspect in her disappearance.

The body was found Thursday about 50 miles east of El Dorado, along U.S. 54 near the Woodson County town of Toronto.

STATE BRIEFS

Power restored after storm pummels Illinois

ROCKFORD — Police say snow from a winter storm partially contributed to a Rockford car accident that killed a 13-year-old girl.

Saturday’s two-car accident occurred on a snow-packed road.

Meanwhile, utilities say lights are back on for most people who lost power during the weekend’s storm.

In Northern Illinois, up to 105,000 customers lost power at least briefly. By Sunday morning, all but 14,000 had power restored.

Belleville might ban donation boxes

BELLEVILLE — The metro East community of Belleville may ban outdoor clothing donation boxes amid growing complaints from residents that the boxes aren’t well kept and aren’t helping local charities.

A city committee recommended removing the boxes, but Mayor Mark Eckert is asking city leaders to postpone drafting an ordinance banning the boxes until January when he has a time to meet with area clergy.

Residents have complained items are stolen from the boxes or discarded around them.

NIU offers training in disaster response

School hopes to teach students to effectively handle emergencies

The Associated Press

DeKALB, Ill. — Earl Hansen wants to buy an airplane. But not the entire plane – just the fuselage.

Hansen, an associate professor with Northern Illinois University’s Department of Technology, and assistant professor Dennis Cesarotti want the body of an airplane to teach students how to effectively handle disasters and emergencies in a productive, methodical manner.

“You can’t manage what you don’t know,” Hansen said. “If you don’t have the equipment, it’s hard to train your people. You want to expose students to as many learning opportunities as possible.”

NIU is one of eight Illinois universities offering certificates for completing classes involving skills that can be used to mitigate home-

land security emergencies. Between terrorist attacks and natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, as well as the recent wildfires in Southern California, the need for people familiar with the proper way to manage an array of disasters has grown, Cesarotti said.

He also said the key to homeland security isn’t complicated.

“It comes down to three things: Where do you go? What do you do? What do you do it with?” Cesarotti said. “That’s something even residents of a small town need to know in an emergency situation, not just the responders.”

Cesarotti and Hansen have students study natural disasters and terrorist attacks to show that while disasters might differ in size, scope and circumstance, all call for a level of strict organization, confident decision-making and cooperation among different specialists, Hansen said.

“We asked students to go back to their communities and find out their emergency protocol from their

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communities,” Hansen said. “Ninety-eight percent of them came back and said they were told they couldn’t give out the evacuation routes, because they’re afraid terrorists could get it. It’s the most asinine thing I’ve ever heard. What good is a plan if people don’t know about it?”

The online introductory class in the program has students role-playing disaster management situations. One of the regular assignments involves students acting as the mayor, governor or county emergency coordinator or in other management roles; students make decisions in a disaster from that role’s per-

spective.

Students’ personal biases often come out in the chosen courses of action – often in ways that would be detrimental in a real disaster, Cesarotti said.

“You have to put that aside sometimes and figure out what to do for the majority of people,” Cesarotti said. “I have a student who loves her pets. Now, I’m not an animal-hater, but she wants to organize and commit staff and resources to getting the animals to safety. I probably wouldn’t put that No. 1, past people in retirement homes, schools or hospitals.”

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL | BCS BOWLS

Illinois, USC to meet in Rose Bowl

The Associated Press

The Rose Bowl got its traditional matchup, after all.

Southern California is going back to Pasadena for New Year's Day for the third straight year, and fourth time in the last five seasons. The Trojans will play Illinois, which made it

back to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1983 after Ohio State earned a spot in the national championship game.

The Trojans (10-2) are one of several teams that can gripe about not being in the national championship game on Jan. 7.

The Illini orchestrated one of the

best turnarounds of the year after going 2-10 last season. Illinois (9-3) knocked off Wisconsin when it was ranked No. 5, and then stunned No. 1 Ohio State – doing it at The Horseshoe, no less.

This is Illinois' first trip to the postseason since the 2001 season, when it played in the Sugar Bowl.

LSU earns spot against Ohio State in BCS title game

LSU won the sport's version of the lottery, being picked to play Ohio State for the championship and leaving about a half-dozen other candidates with plenty to complain about.

The No. 2 Tigers (11-2) will play

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Sugar: Hawaii vs. Georgia
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No. 1 Ohio State (11-1). They will play Jan. 7 at the Superdome in New Orleans.

NFL | NEW YORK 21, CHICAGO 16

Playoff possibilities dwindle

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Eli Manning redeemed himself just in time, and the New York Giants dealt the Chicago Bears' playoff hopes another staggering blow.

Manning led two late touchdown drives and Reuben Droughns scored on a 2-yard run with 1 minute, 33 seconds remaining to lift the Giants to a 21-16 victory against the Bears on Sunday. Manning was awful for most of the game but delivered in the latter stages after throwing four interceptions the previous week in a drubbing by Minnesota.

The embattled quarterback threw

a 6-yard touchdown pass to Amani Toomer, which was initially ruled incomplete, with 6:54 left to cap a 75-yard drive and pull the Giants within 16-14.

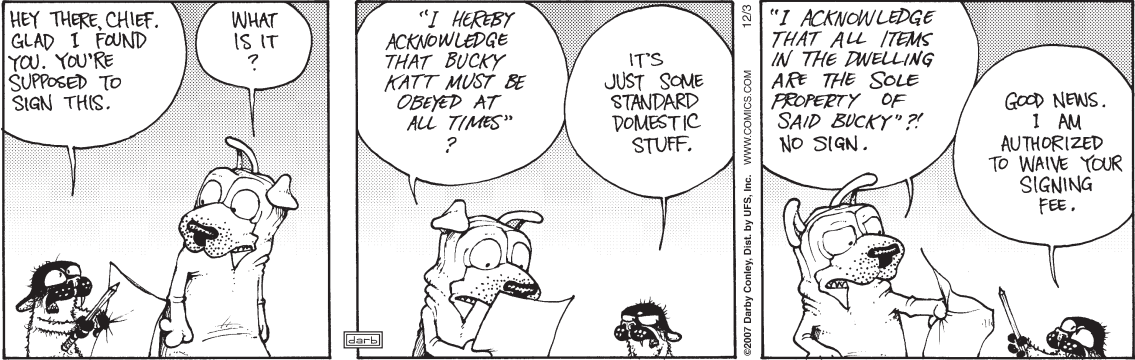
After the Bears punted, the Giants launched a 77-yard drive that ended with Droughns running around right end with 1:33 left. Manning hit David Tyree with a 24-yard pass and threw a 15-yarder to Plaxico Burress that put the ball on the 2.

The Bears got the ball with 1:28 remaining and marched on the 41 to the Giants 28, before Rex Grossman threw three incompletions — the last one broken up by James Butler.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | BY STEPHAN PASTIS



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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1022

- ACROSS
- 1 Does sums

5 Pillow filler

9 Flapper hairdos

13 Scuttlebutt

14 Like a manly man

15 Escapade

16 Part of the eye that holds the iris

17 ___ and pains

18 What "thumbs up" means

19 Bandleader in the Polka Music Hall of Fame

22 Explosive initials

23 Pinocchio, famously

24 Mock

28 Dance with a wiggle

30 Lord

31 Card that's taken only by a trump

32 Mail carriers' assignments: Abbr.

34 Creamy soup

38 City where Van Gogh painted sunflowers

40 Suffix with suc- and lact-

41 Pacific republic

42 Substantial portion

45 Pile

46 Component of bronze

47 Permit

48 Washington's Capitol ___

50 Precipitates at about 32°F

52 Left hurriedly

54 New Deal program inits.

57 One who lost what's hidden in 19-, 34- and 42-Across

60 Hawaiian isle

63 More than perturbed

64 "Unfortunately ..."

65 Give a hard time

66 Nobodies

67 Small field size

68 Branch of Islam

69 Plow pullers

70 Jean who wrote "Wide Sargasso Sea"
- DOWN
- 1 No longer a minor

2 Couch

3 Made a stand and would go no further

4 Polaris, e.g.

5 Bangladesh's capital, old-style

6 Color of fall leaves

7 "Thank goodness!"

8 Rhinoplasty

9 Chap

10 Tree loved by squirrels

11 Maidenform product

12 Cloud's site

14 Psycho

20 90° turn

21 Ushered

25 "Fantastic Voyage" actress

26 Honda division

27 Get ready to drive, in golf

29 ___-friendly

30 Agents under J. Edgar Hoover, informally

32 Balsa transports

33 Path

35 Booty

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37 Comedian Mort

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44 Oedipus' realm

49 Wedding vow

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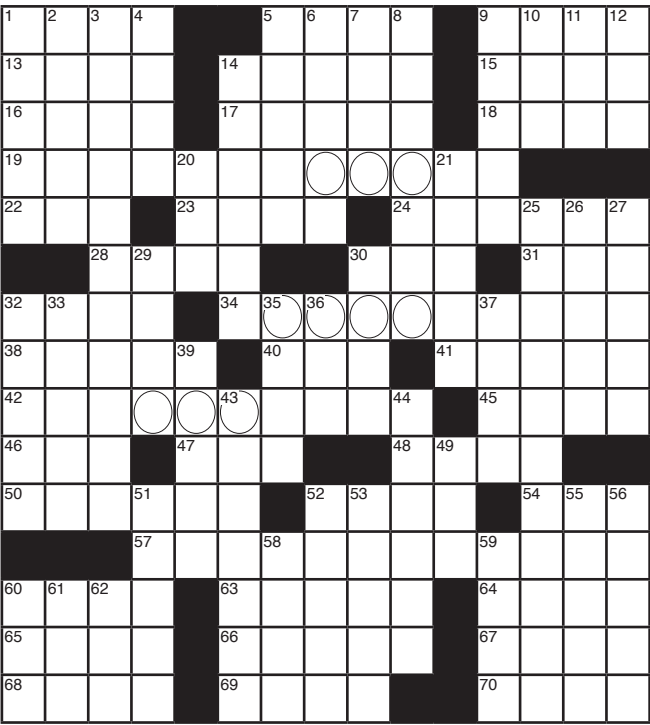
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Junior forward Lindsey Kluempers looks for a teammate to pass while she is guarded by Loyola of Chicago's sophomore forward Elyse VanBogaert. Kluempers finished with eight points and six rebounds.

Panthers get contributions from bench

FROM WIN, PAGE 12

Eastern finished 20-of-24 from the free throw line, which contrasted with Thursday night's shooting performance from the free throw line, when the Panthers finished 14-of-26 against the Sycamores.

"It goes back to our execution," Canale said.

The Panthers only turned the ball over 15 times, which is a season low. Last season, the Panthers turned the ball over about 20 times a game.

Sophomore guard Jessica Huffman finished with 10 points, three assists and two rebounds.

Eastern's bench also contributed to the game with 25 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists. Junior forward Julie Lipperd added nine points and four rebounds. Sophomore guard Ashley Thomas also had six points. Red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards added eight points and five assists.

Eastern 70, Loyola of Chicago 52

Loyola (Chi.)	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
	m-a	m-a	o-t				
VanBogaert	32	3-6	0-1	0-3	1	1	6
Hylton	29	2-8	0-0	2-6	2	4	4
Boeke	15	1-3	0-0	0-3	2	5	2
Collins	38	5-13	6-7	1-4	3	2	17
McCloskey	34	2-9	0-1	1-3	4	2	5
Garcia	8	1-3	2-2	0-1	0	1	4
Randle	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Thurmann	23	5-5	1-3	2-4	0	2	11
Marshall	14	1-4	0-0	1-3	1	5	3
Lucas	5	0-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
TOTALS	200	20-55	9-14	8-34	14	23	52
Percentages: FG: .364 3-point goals: 3-10 Blocked shots: 5 Steals: 3 Turnovers: 17							

Eastern	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
	m-a	m-a	o-t				
Klook	23	4-9	2-3	1-5	0	4	10
Kluempers	29	2-5	4-4	1-6	2	3	8
Huffman	18	4-9	1-3	0-2	3	5	10
Canale	28	1-7	2-2	3-7	1	2	4
Sims	26	4-11	4-4	3-9	3	2	13
Baker	1	0-0	2-2	0-0	0	0	2
Sturvelant	11	0-0	0-0	2-4	0	1	0
Edwards	24	3-5	0-0	0-2	5	0	8
Thomas	24	2-6	2-2	0-1	1	1	6
Lipperd	16	3-8	3-4	2-4	1	1	9
TOTALS	200	23-60	20-24	15-44	16	19	70
Percentages: FG: .383 3-point goals: 4-13 Blocked shots: 2 Steals: 9 Turnovers: 15							

The Panthers open Ohio Valley Conference play at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lantz Arena against Tennessee Tech (1-4).

Johnson burns Panthers with 3's

FROM STREAK, PAGE 12

By the time Johnson made his sixth 3-pointer of the game, the Hawkeyes (5-4) led 40-24, and any chance of Eastern winning its first game against the Big Ten school in five appearances was nonexistent.

Byrne said the Panthers were surprised they played Iowa, which lost 72-67 in overtime Friday to Louisiana-Monroe.

"I went there and thought we were not going to play Iowa, unless it was in the championship," he said.

Martin led the Panthers with 18 points and finished as the lone Eastern player to score in double figures. Forward Jarryd Cole added 10 for the Hawkeyes, who made 10-of-22 3-point attempts (46 percent).

Rice 55, Eastern 49

The Panthers leading scorer didn't make a single field goal. Eastern turned the ball over 18 times for the fourth time this season.

Eastern had a late lead and a chance to win its first game against a Division I opponent this year.

But Rice, from Conference USA, closed the game on an 8-0 run to give the Owls their first win of the year.

Martin, who struggled throughout the game and finished with three

points after missing all nine of his field goal attempts, made two free throws to give the Panthers a 49-47 lead with 2 minutes, 55 seconds to play.

"I just think the shots weren't falling," Martin said. "I was getting open looks. Guards weren't really pressuring me. Shots were just not falling."

A three-point play by Rice's Patrick Britton gave Rice a 50-49 lead with 1 minute, 25 seconds left to play. Britton made a layup, was fouled by Catchings and made the free throw to give Rice the lead the rest of the way. Sophomore center Ousmane Cisse then committed a turnover with 55 seconds left before Eastern could attempt a shot.

Rice's Jasen Williams hit a 3-pointer with 27 seconds left to give the Owls a 53-49 lead and wipe out any chances of an Eastern win.

Mike Robinson was the lone Eastern player to finish in double figures as the junior guard finished with 12 points. Williams scored 20 to lead the Owls (1-5).

"Definitely beating ourselves is the main thing right now," Byrne said. "Things we can take care of. People are going to make shots, but at the same time, are we getting hands in their faces? We're just not playing good basketball right now."

Laird succeeds without facilities

FROM TEDDER, PAGE 12

Individually, Laird has had five first-place finishes in both the 1 and 3-meter diving events this season.

Even with the disappointing performance at the House of Champions, Laird still placed fourth of 14 divers. Laird said he trains with two boards and a TiVo and takes whatever advice he can from his parents and Eastern head coach Ray Padovan.

But Laird said he knows Padovan is busy being the coach of both men's and women's swimming teams as well as helping out the divers.

Laird talked about how other schools have separate diving tanks and full-time diving coaches, but when he talks about his diving preparations and his achievements thus far, the gap between training facilities and athletes does not seem that big. It seems the work ethic and determination of an athlete may warrant more respect than is normally given. The respect usual-

ly comes from successful results, yet Laird has commanded both successful results and a good work ethic.

Still, it would be ridiculous to say a well-funded program with a big training facility would not help an athlete reach his or her peak and help consistency. There is a direct correlation between success of Division I schools with well-funded swimming and diving programs and their athletes. The House of Champions proved that too, with Ball State taking first place in both the men's and women's competitions.

But Laird placing fourth means Eastern is doing a good job with its program, though it certainly could afford more funding.

Laird's placing also shows Padovan, coaching in his 42nd year, has been doing a great job balancing the swimmers and divers as a near lone act. Though it would be great to have more training facilities here for the swimming and diving team, they can be successful with minimal facilities.

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MEN’S AND WOMEN’S SWIMMING | HOUSE OF CHAMPIONS RECAP

Panthers fail to meet expectations

Teams unable to reclaim last season’s finishes

By Adam Tedder
Sports Editor

“As a team, it was the worst we’ve performed all year.”

That was the initial reaction Eastern head coach Ray Padovan had to the results of the two-day House of Champions meet hosted by Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis.

The women’s team finished in seventh place of eight teams with 198 points, while the men’s team finished in last place of seven teams with 361 points.

Ball State took first place in both men’s and women’s competitions, scoring 795 in the women’s competition and 783 in the men’s.

Last season, the men’s team placed in third, and the women’s placed in fourth.

Padovan said the results were not what he expected them to be.

“We didn’t have any great expectations,” he said. “But I didn’t think we would perform as poorly as we did. We never responded.”

Assistant coach Kim Fischer agreed with her coach’s assessment of the weekend.

“Overall, that’s not how we expected to finish,” Fischer said. “But



Ray Padovan



Kim Fischer



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore swimmer Lauren Stotts swims the breaststroke during the Panther Invitational on Nov. 3 in Lantz Natatorium. The women’s swimming team would place seventh of eight teams in the House of Champions meet this past weekend.

a big difference from last season is there were two new schools. They were Division I and have more scholarships.”

Wisconsin-Green Bay was a new team at the meet this season.

Fischer said some of the schools have fully funded programs and bigger training facilities, which also played a part in the weekend results.

No Panthers finished with a first or second finish for the meet. Senior diver Joe Laird placed fourth of 14 spots in the men’s 1-meter with 269.75 points.

But both Padovan and Fisch-

er agreed though the meet was disappointing, there were some positive outcomes.

“Well, there were some good swims,” Padovan said. “Three or four swimmers swam season bests – but 40 or so didn’t.”

Fischer said she sees this as an opportunity to judge where the team is now.

“It was an eye opener,” she said. “We need to work over Christmas break.”

Padovan said the team will work hard in practice and is encouraging his swimmers to work hard during

the break.

He said the Panthers will travel to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., for their annual training trip, but it is important for the swimmers to practice on their own.

The trip will last from Dec. 27 to Jan. 5.

Sophomore Emily Immel said she believes the team will take Padovan’s advice, especially after this past week’s



Emily Immel

performance at the House of Champions.

“I think everyone will work hard,” she said. “Coming off the (Thanksgiving) break, we need to take the initiative to practice hard.”

Padovan said when the Panthers return from break and the Ft. Lauderdale trip, he considers it to be a reset of the season.

He said the second-half of the season is more important than the first, and he thinks the Panthers will be ready for it.

The Panthers will host Millikin at 5 p.m. Jan. 11 at Lantz Natatorium.

SCOREBOARD

Iowa 57, Eastern 45

Iowa	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
	m-a	m-a	o-t				
Cole	29	4-5	2-3	3-4	0	3	10
Looby	25	3-3	0-0	1-8	1	5	6
Johnson	35	9-13	0-0	1-5	1	1	25
Peterson	36	1-6	0-0	0-2	2	0	2
Kelly	27	1-9	0-0	0-2	4	1	3
Palmer	6	1-4	1-1	2-4	0	0	3
Angle	19	2-5	2-3	0-0	3	2	8
Bohall	4	0-0	0-0	0-1	1	1	0
Tate	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	2	0
Gorney	10	0-1	0-0	1-2	0	1	0
TOTALS	200	21-46	5-7	8-29	13	16	57
Percentages: FG: .457 3-point goals: 10-22 Blocked shots: 2 Steals: 5 Turnovers: 16							

Eastern	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
	m-a	m-a	o-t				
Catchings	32	1-2	6-7	1-3	0	3	8
Byrne	26	0-3	0-0	0-5	2	2	0
Cisse	21	1-2	0-1	0-2	0	1	2
Martin	27	5-13	4-4	0-1	0	1	18
Robinson	15	0-4	0-1	0-0	1	0	0
Laser	17	0-0	0-0	0-2	1	0	0
Parrish	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Willhite	17	3-4	0-0	0-2	3	1	6
Anthony	12	1-2	1-1	0-2	1	1	3
Jolliff	26	3-6	2-2	1-2	0	1	8
TOTALS	200	14-37	12-15	4-23	8	11	45
Percentages: FG: .378 3-point goals: 5-10 Blocked shots: 0 Steals: 8 Turnovers: 15							

MEN’S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

NAME:	RECORD:
• Austin Peay	3-4 (1-0 OVC)
• Murray State	3-2
• Southeast Missouri State	4-4
• Tennessee- Martin	4-4
• Eastern Kentucky	3-4
• Tennessee State	2-3
• Samford	2-4
• Morehead State	2-4
• Jacksonville State	2-5
• Eastern Illinois	1-6
• Tennessee State	2-6 (0-1 OVC)

MEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Thursday	Tennessee Tech	Lantz Arena
Saturday	Tennessee State	Lantz Arena
Dec. 17	Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky
Dec. 19	Morehead State	Morehead, Ky
Dec. 29	Bowling Green	Bowling Green, Ohio
Jan. 3	Murray State	Lantz Arena
Jan. 5	Southeast Missouri	Lantz Arena
Jan. 7	Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn.
Jan. 10	Tennessee Martin	Lantz Arena
Jan. 12	Eastern Kentucky	Lantz Arena
Jan. 17	Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

NAME:	RECORD:
• Samford	6-2
• Eastern Kentucky	3-1
• Murray State	4-2
• Southeast Missouri State	4-3
• Austin Peay	3-3
• Tennessee-Martin	3-3
• Jacksonville State	3-4
• Morehead State	2-5
• Tennessee State	2-5
• Tennessee Tech	1-4
• Eastern Illinois	1-7

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Thursday	Tennessee Tech	Lantz Arena
Saturday	Tennessee State	Lantz Arena
Dec. 19	at Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.
Dec. 21	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.
Jan. 3	Murray State	Lantz Arena
Jan. 5	Southeast Missouri	Lantz Arena
Jan. 7	at Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn.
Jan. 10	Tennessee-Martin	Lantz Arena
Jan. 12	Eastern Kentucky	Lantz Arena
Jan. 17	at Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.
Jan. 19	at Tennessee State	Nashville, Tenn.

MEN’S SWIMMING STANDINGS

NAME:	RECORD:
• Centenary	2-0
• South Dakota State	1-0
• Western Illinois	3-1
• Oakland University	1-1
• Eastern Illinois	2-4

WOMEN’S SWIMMING STANDINGS

NAME:	RECORD:
• Western Illinois	5-0
• Centenary	2-0
• IUPUI	2-1
• Oakland University	2-3
• South Dakota State	0-2
• Eastern Illinois	0-6

Upcoming Meets:

Dec. 27 at Ft. Lauderdale College

Jan. 11 Millikin

Jan. 19 at Valparaiso

Jan. 26 IUPUI

Feb. 2 Saint Louis

Feb. 21 at Summit League Championships



SWIMMING RECAP

The men's and women's swimming teams competed at the House of Champions meet during the weekend.

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TRIPLE THREAT



Brady Sallee

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee (above) and the Panthers won their first regular-season game of the year when they defeated Loyola of Chicago Saturday night 70-52. Eastern is now 1-7 this season. The Panthers next game will be Thursday against Tennessee Tech. The Panthers open up the Ohio Valley Conference season at Lantz Arena.

Here are three reasons Eastern may win their second in a row.

1. Home court advantage — The Panthers are currently on a four-game home stand at Lantz Arena. The home crowd and familiarity of the facility will help the Panthers get their second win of the season. TTU was only 2-14 on the road last season with wins against Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State.

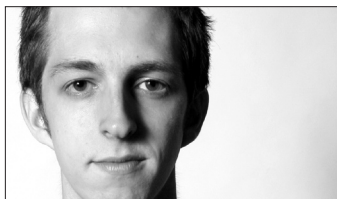
2. Momentum — The first win of the season has the Panthers the most excited they've been since the opening of the season. Eastern will benefit from going into the game with the momentum of their first victory.

The Golden Eagles haven't won since a Nov. 10 win on the road against Memphis.

3. Similar opponent — The Golden Eagles stand at 1-4 this season.

Tech has had its share of problems this season, so the game has no real favorite as both teams appear to be closely matched. Eastern swept TTU last season.

— Adam Tedder



ADAM TEDDER

Hard work pays off

Any athlete can tell you the road to success lies in hard work and training.

The same goes for college athletes, but with the different divisions, funding, training facilities and programs, some athletes do not have the same advantages.

Though this is no new subject, it always amazes me to see athletes who do not have as much success alongside those who have many training advantages.

The men's and women's swimming teams certainly fall under the category of being underprivileged when it comes to training facilities.

Yet the program has been mostly successful, albeit a few seasons.

Senior diver Joe Laird, as well as other divers for Eastern have made the most of their surroundings and training facilities to become accomplished divers.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 70, LOYOLA OF CHICAGO 52

SMILES ALL AROUND WITH FIRST WIN

Panthers win with strong defense, balanced scoring

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern players were grinning ear-to-ear.

The Panthers could not hide their excitement after they defeated Loyola of Chicago 70-52 on Saturday night.

It was their first win of the season. The Panthers (1-7) used a balanced offensive attack and limited the turnovers against the Ramblers (1-6).

"It's tremendous," Eastern women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee said about the win. "It's a tremendous step forward."

Sallee said the losses did not get to the team, and the players worked hard at practice each day.

Eastern went on a 10-0 run to open up the game with six points from sophomore forward Maggie Kloak.

Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale said winning felt like a marathon.

The Eastern team opened up the season with seven-straight losses and in Canale's freshman year, the Panthers lost six games to start the season.

Canale finished with seven rebounds and four points.

Loyola's Elyse VanBogaert scored the team's first points with 16 minutes, 21 seconds remaining in the first half.

STARS OF THE GAME

Eastern star:

Dominique Sims, G, So., 13 pts., 9 rebounds and 3 assists

Loyola of Chicago star:

Keisha Collins, G, So., 17 pts., 4 rebounds and 3 assists

Eastern sophomore guard Dominique Sims led the way with 13 points.

The Panola College transfer also had nine rebounds, three assists and two steals.

Kloak, who is starting in place of injured junior forward Rachel Galligan, finished with 10 points and five rebounds.

Eastern junior forward Lindsey Kluempers described Kloak as a work-horse.

Kluempers said the Elmwood Park native is strong and has developed a turn-around jumper like Galligan.

Kloak pumped her fist after she made a lay-up with 9:11 remaining in the game.

She was also fouled on the play by VanBogaert. Kloak converted her free throw for the three-point play, which extended Eastern's lead 54-38.

It was a unique moment for Kloak who finished 2-of-3 from the free throw line Saturday night.

She finished 4-of-10 from the free throw line Thursday night against Indiana State.



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Sophomore guard Ashley Thomas drives to the basket against Loyola of Chicago on Saturday night. The Panthers won 70-52.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | HAWKEYE CHALLENGE RECAP

'We're just not playing good basketball right now'

Panthers losing streak reaches six games with two losses in Hawkeye Challenge

By Matt Daniels
Staff Reporter

The good part for Eastern men's basketball is Ohio Valley Conference play starts Thursday.

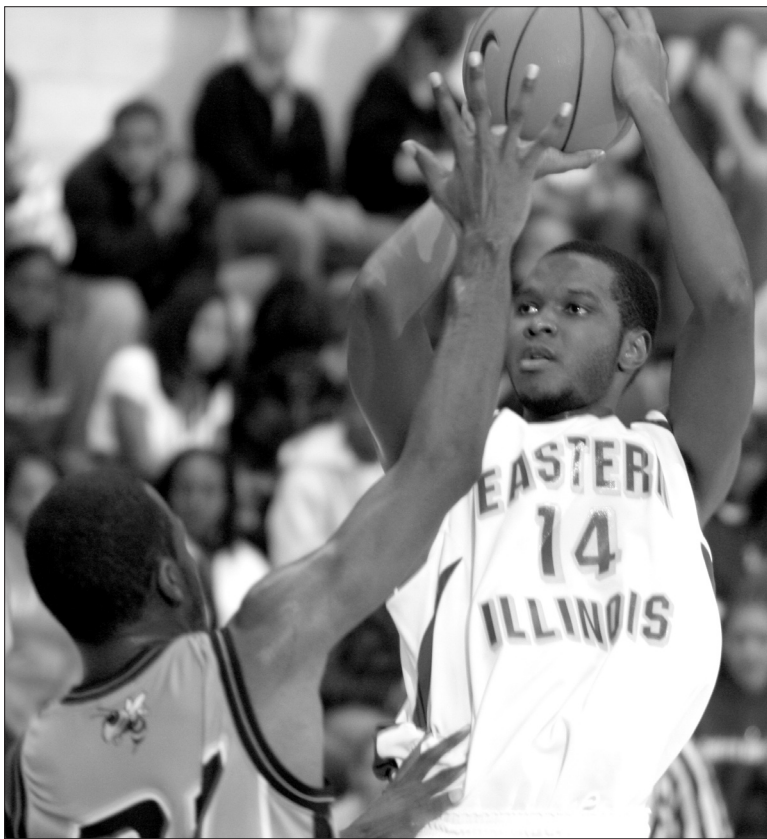
The bad part is important areas, like turnovers and defending the 3-pointer, haven't been corrected.

Eastern (1-6) lost both games this weekend at the Hawkeye Challenge in Iowa City, Iowa. The Panthers blew a late lead in Friday night's 55-49 loss to Rice and couldn't contain Iowa guard Justin Johnson in the 57-45 loss to the Hawkeyes on Saturday in the consolation game.

The Panthers turned the ball over 33 times in the two games and allowed teams to make 17 of 42 3-point attempts.

"It's frustrating because we all know we're better than how we're playing," said senior forward Jake Byrne. "No one's out there trying to do things wrong. We're all individually right now, not playing as a team."

The Panthers are in the midst of a six-game losing streak enter-



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Senior forward Bobby Catchings shoots against Harris Stowe on Nov. 10. The Panthers lost to Iowa and Rice this weekend. The Panthers lost 57-45 against Iowa on Saturday night.

ing Thursday's league opener against Tennessee Tech. In each of head coach Mike Miller's three seasons, Eastern has endured a losing streak of six games or more.

"We're just kind of down, but we also know conference games are coming up soon, so we just got to get ready," said sophomore guard Romain Martin.

STARS OF THE WEEKEND AT HAWKEYE CHALLENGE

Eastern star against Iowa:

Romain Martin, G, So., 18 pts., 1 rebound, 1 steal

Eastern star against Rice:

Mike Robinson, G, Jr., 12 pts., 3 rebounds, 3 assists, 1 steal

Iowa 57, Eastern 45

Senior forward Bobby Catchings had made two free throws to start the second half to keep Iowa's lead close at 24-21.

The first half had been a defensive struggle, but Eastern had closed the first half on a 7-0 run to trail 24-19 at halftime.

But after Catchings made his two free throws, that was the closest Eastern would get the rest of the game.

The 6-foot-6, 190-pound Johnson made his fourth 3-pointer on Iowa's ensuing possession to increase Iowa's lead to 27-21.

Johnson finished with 25 points and made 7-of-10 3-point attempts.

The Panthers mixed in a match-up zone defense in the second half, but Johnson took advantage of it.

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