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CAMPUS | STUDENT LIFE

## Move-in goes smoothly for students

Few problems seen by students returning to campus for spring semester

By **HEATHER HOLM**  
Activities Editor

Students have been moving back into Eastern's residence halls all weekend.

Move-in started at 9 a.m. on Friday.

Whether they were moving in early for job training or sometime during the weekend, no big problems were seen by residents on campus.

Craig Deardorff, a senior dietetics major, said he did not see many major problems.

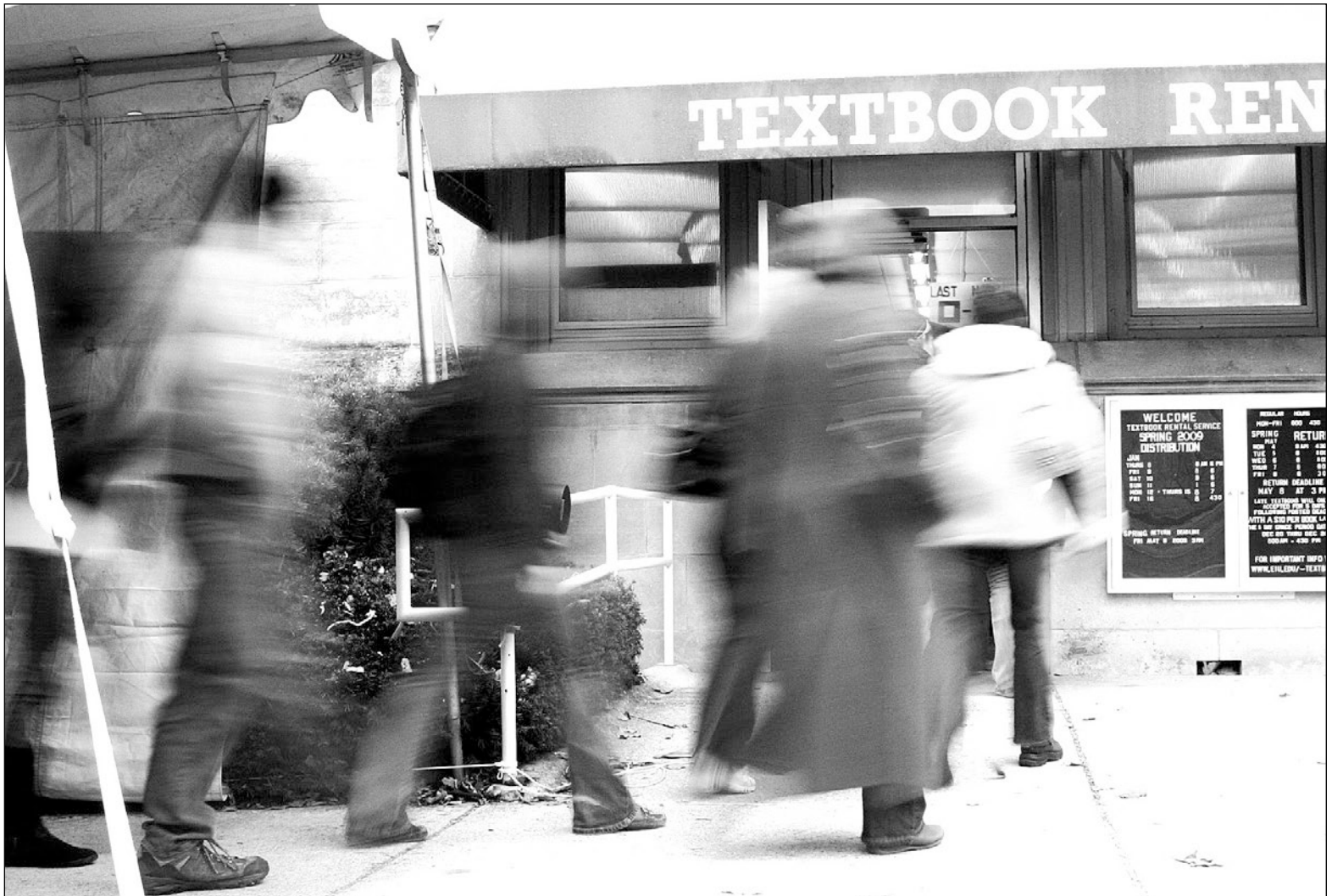
However, he said a lot of people who live on the fifth floor of Taylor Hall South always have trouble.

"I've seen people have to carry their stuff up there because of the lack of elevator and it does not look like fun," he said.

Deardorff lives in the south tower of Taylor Hall, but he lives on the second floor so it does not really affect him.

Erica Burns, a sophomore history major, said if people do live on the fifth floor of the south tower of Taylor Hall, then there are usually people there that are ready to help.

"I didn't have any trouble at all," she said. "I thought it was



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students line up to go into the Textbook Rental Service building on Sunday afternoon. Textbook Rental Services will have extended hours from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. this Monday through Thursday because of the start of the spring semester.

easier than when I moved in at the beginning of the year and not as chaotic."

She also said that being back, people look like they have changed a lot.

Brianna Harden, a sophomore pre-nursing major, said things went smoothly as she moved into

her dorm in Lawson Hall.

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CAMPUS | ORGANIZATION

## University Board to announce spring concert soon

Group has many activities planned for semester

By **HEATHER HOLM**  
Activities Editor

University Board is close to announcing the artist that will perform at Eastern this spring.

"We are in the very final stages and will probably know by the end of the week," said Sheila Hurley, concerts coordinator.

Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life, said they are very close to actually issuing a statement.

"We are getting in touch with our agent, and we need a contract so it's an official event," Brinker said.

Brinker said an offer was put out right before the holidays and that the artist's management looked at the offer, and it has been accepted.

The performer will be announced sometime in the upcoming week.

"I do expect to get the contracts (Monday)," Brinker said. "It will probably be a couple days because we have to confirm the venues and the dates."

UB has many more events planned besides the concert as well.



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jason Mraz and Billy "Bushwalla" Galewood performed in Lantz Arena on April 25, 2008, for University Board's spring concert.

"UB has a great track record with coming up with new ideas," Brinker said.

The first event, Up All Nite: Blue Invasion Extreme Sports, is scheduled to take place from 8 to 11 p.m. on Wednesday in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

Brinker said she thinks this Up All Nite is going to be big.

On Wednesday, Jan. 21, University Board Mainstage is going to be having its first Open Mic Night of the semester from 8 to 10 p.m. in 7th Street Underground.

Mainstage will expand its Open Mic Night by having a 'So You

Think You Can Rap' contest on Thursday, Jan. 29 from 8 to 10 p.m. in 7th Street Underground.

The rap contest will feature DJ Ruff Ryd and will feature a battle between 20 contestants similar to the movie "8 Mile."

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UNIVERSITY | FACULTY

## Finalists named for business affairs post

One Eastern, two outside candidates to visit

Staff Report

Three finalists have been selected in the search for the next vice president for business affairs.

Jeff Cooley, who served as the vice president for business affairs since 1999, retired on Dec. 31.

President Bill Perry named Paul McCann, director of business services/treasurer, interim vice president for business affairs on Dec. 2. A permanent vice president for business affairs is anticipated to start by April 1.

William Weber of Charleston; Patrick Kirby of Buda, Texas; and Donald Chrusciel of Ames, Iowa were announced as finalists in a Friday press release.

The chair of the search committee received 39 applications for the position during the nationwide search.

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## EIU WEATHER

<b>MONDAY</b>  <b>33° 18°</b> <b>Wintry Mix PM</b> <b>5-10-15/20</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>  <b>18° 5°</b>  <b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>23° 4°</b>	<b>WEATHER BRIEF</b> Expect a chance of rain and snow to begin this afternoon and evening. A slight chance of snow on Wednesday. Arctic air will move in on Thursday with highs in the single digits. <small>For more conditions visit: <a href="http://www.dennnews.com/weather">www.dennnews.com/weather</a></small>
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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

## Michelle's fashion



BONNIE TRAFELET | MCT

Clothing designer Maria Pinto stands in her studio on 135 N. Jefferson St. in Chicago. Pinto has designed fashions for Michelle Obama.

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

## Fergie, Josh Duhamel tie the knot

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Dutchess is a bride.

Her manager says Fergie and Josh Duhamel have been married.

Manager William Derella said

by e-mail that the 33-year-old "Fergalicious" singer-actress, whose real name is Stacy Ferguson, and the 36-year-old "Transformers" actor were married Saturday at the Church Estates Vineyards in Malibu.

The pair had been dating since

2004 and were engaged in 2007.

The Black Eyed Peas singer launched her solo career in 2006 with the hit album "The Dutchess" — the title is a misspelled variation of the title formerly held by Sarah "Fergie" Ferguson, the Duchess of York.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

## Florida sheriff seeks portly 'ninja' in theft attempt

The Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — A ninja, or at least someone dressed like one, is lurking in the shadows of Palm Beach County.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office says a heavyset man

with a visible potbelly and a ninja costume unsuccessfully tried to steal two different ATMs over the past two weeks.

Security video from the automated teller machines showed the unidentified man dressed in a black ninja outfit with a hood

that showed only his eyes.

Authorities say the first attempt was made at a bank on Dec. 29 and the second at a Walgreens on Tuesday.

Authorities did not say how the man tried to steal the machines.

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STATE | LAW

# Emergency response law in effect

State requires all universities to plan, practice for emergencies annually

By KRYSTAL MOYA  
Administration Editor

The campus' emergency response plans are in no immediate need of revision upon the enacting of the Illinois Campus Security Enhancement Act, which took effect on Jan. 1 after being signed by Gov. Rod Blagojevich on April 22.

The General Assembly was motivated to act on the bill after the Northern Illinois University shootings on Valentine's Day last year.

"The tragedies that occurred on the Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University campuses provided an unfortunate reminder that colleges and universities are not immune to acts of senseless violence," said Gov. Blagojevich in a press release from the passing of the law. "This new law sets Illinois apart in our efforts to make sure students and faculty members on college campuses are as safe as possible."

A committee has continuously updated Eastern's plans at various points during the year since the Northern shootings, said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

"Eastern Illinois University is prepared to effectively respond to a variety of emergency situations," Nadler said. "We frequently update our policies as well as train and practice emergency situations."

Eastern began vigorous revisions and additions to the emergency response plan after the shootings at Virginia Tech.

Eastern is in "substantial compliance with the act," Nadler said.

Illinois is the first state to require all state universities and colleg-

es to plan and practice their emergency responses annually. The law also stipulates that colleges and universities must combine their efforts and cooperate with local emergency response agencies and mental health agencies.

"Colleges and universities in Illinois have long recognized the importance of implementing measures to ensure the safety of their students," said Andrew Velasquez III, director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, in the release.

"This act will strengthen those efforts by ensuring consistency in their planning efforts and encouraging coordination with their local emergency response agencies," he said.

Eastern coordinates with the University Police Department, Charleston Police Department, Mattoon Police Department, Health Service and Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in the event of these emergencies.

The law also states "all Illinois higher education institutions will be required to develop and exercise an all-hazards emergency response plan and an inter-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional campus violence prevention plan."

EIU's comprehensive plan not only covers shootings, bomb threats and terrorist activities, it also covers chemical spill response and prevention and asbestos, mold and lead control. The plan also covers traditional natural disaster scenarios as well as less threatening plans for waste minimization and fluorescent lamp collecting.

Prevention and safety tips are outlined on the campus' Environmental Health and Safety Web site. The Act also requires the development and implementation of a campus violence prevention committee and campus threat assessment team, which the university currently has.

Blagojevich continues to push for



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Blue emergency poles, like this one outside of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, are set up throughout campus for police to assist in personal emergencies. For campus-wide emergencies, there is an emergency response contingency plan set up for campus and city police, fire department and other emergency personnel to respond to situations such as shootings, bomb threats, fires, severe weather and natural disasters.

legislative approval of another task force recommendation that would create a \$25 million Campus Security Enhancement Grant Program.

The program would make available funding for campus security response and violence prevention training programs, projects to enhance emergency communications, and planning and execution of campus-wide training exercises.

Funding for this initiative is included in the proposed Illinois Works capital program.

The program and bill that would approve this grant have been put on hold as the sorts through the economic disarray of the budget and local economy.

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CAMPUS | STUDENT SENATE

## Newest turnover could affect Student Senate

New speaker must appoint 8 senators, members wary of rookies

By BOB BAJEK  
Student Government Editor

As students adapt to a new semester, the Student Senate will have to adapt to the large turnover that happened last month.

Student Senate member Isaac Sandidge, who was the Student Senate speaker in the fall, said the turnover was the biggest one he has seen in the four years he has been on the senate.

Only 17 students ran for 25 open seats. Nine of them were up for reelection.

With eight new senate members elected and eight who will be appointed, Sandidge thinks inexperience will come in to play. The former speaker said "rookies" will not speak up as much in the meetings and shares their ideas in discussions.

Some of the challenges Sandidge acknowledged for the spring senate will be the continuity in the committees.

**"I wanted to build a senate of wolves instead of the sheep that has been there for the last few years, but it is kind of biting me now."**

— Isaac Sandidge, Student Senate member

"With the big turnover, it's hard to get things done with people leaving the committees," Sandidge said. "The veterans have to step up."

As speaker, Sandidge said one of his goals was to foster teamwork. However, he ran into opposition from the senators on ideal logical issues.

One example was the proposed expansion of required office hours from two to four hours a week. The proposed bylaw change failed in a 17-9 vote on Oct. 29.

"I appointed strong minded people," Sandidge said. "I wanted to build a senate of wolves instead of the sheep that has been there for the last few years, but it is kind of biting me now."

Sandidge said as a senator, he will be more active in committee work and expressing his opinions again

since, as speaker, he could not interject his opinion as he led the meeting.

Current Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin knows first hand the test of getting new members. In the spring election, he ran against five others for five seats and lost. Griffin fought for a fall appointment and gained it.

"In my speech (when I was appointed as Student Senate Speaker), I described how all five of the senators are currently not on the senate and how three left before the year started," Griffin said. "I wanted to be appointed and serve the students."

"The problem with students leaving the senate is a time-management issue. It is something that I will stress to the appointed senators so they understand what they are getting into."

Griffin said there are four at large appointments, three off-campus and one on-campus appointments left. At large appointments can be either on- or off-campus.

To fill these positions, Griffin said he will use advertising in *The Daily Eastern News* and faculty newsletter to spread the word of the eight open seats.

He also said he will e-mail the department chairs to pass the word of the available senate seats for faculty to rely to their classes. The speaker also wants to use the EIU Events e-mail.

Griffin said applications would be sent to interested students. They would have to write a personal statement why they want to be on the senate and then schedule a one-on-one interview with Griffin.

The last step is approval by the senate on the consent agenda at a student senate meeting.

The speaker hopes to fill in the positions soon but said he will not fill in the seats arbitrarily.

"If there are only five (qualified) people, I will go with five," Griffin said.

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**Eight open seats in Student Senate**

Eastern's Student Government is accepting applications for eight open Student Senate seats. Applications are available today in the Student Activities Center, Room 2070 in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Applications must be returned by 4 p.m. Jan. 27. For more information, contact Student Senate Speaker Drew Griffin at dpgriffin@eiu.edu.

**Spinning paintings open '09 Tarble Arts season**

An exhibition of a series of silk-screened canvases that spin on the walls will be featured at Tarble Arts Center from Thursday through Feb. 22. Paul Henry Ramirez, New York City artist and creator of the canvases, will open the exhibition with a talk at 7 p.m. on Thursday. A reception for the artist will follow. Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

**Lincoln's life depicted through folk music**

Award-winning folk singer Chris Vallillo uses historic narratives, contemporary folk music and period folk songs to present the life of Abraham Lincoln.

The Abraham Lincoln in Song Workshop is at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site in Lerna and is free and open to the public. For information, call the School of Continuing Education at 581-5114.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Emily Zulz

## BLOTTER

A counterfeit bill was received on Dec. 12 at First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, the University Police Department said.

Fraudulent charges made to a debit card were reported on Dec. 12, police said.

A gray Mercury and a yellow Chevrolet were reported damaged on Dec. 15 while parked at Pemberton Hall, police said.

A silver iPod was reported stolen on Dec. 15 after it was dropped outside Taylor Hall, police said.

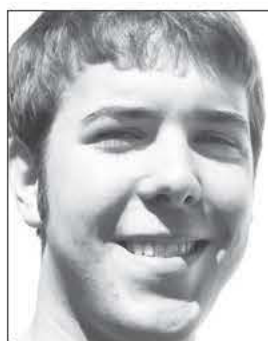
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Let's hear it  
for Bollywood

With the advent of winter, American cinephiles have come to anticipate the arrival of a slew of new films strategically timed to compete for the Oscars. The incentive for film studios to release their "best" movies as close to award season as possible to build up a buzz is so great that theaters can be overwhelmed by the glut of "films" and blockbuster Hollywood "movies" competing for screen space. Of course, that is not to say that the most ardent fan will not be able to see "Milk" or "Gran Torino;" one just has to look a bit harder.

This search can serve as a metaphor for many of these Oscar bait films. These films tend to emphasize acting or artistic storytelling, which many moviegoers tend to eschew in favor of movies with big explosions. However, those who see these films are able to dig a little deeper into what cinema can offer and maybe even catch a glimpse of its future.

Danny Boyle's "Slumdog Millionaire" is one such Oscar hopeful. Set in Mumbai, the film tells the story of Jamal, a "slumdog" who manages to find himself on the Indian version of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire." Against all odds, this uneducated pauper finds himself knowing answer after answer thanks to the experiences he has endured in his young, tragic life.

Boyle, a director best known for films like "Trainspotting" and "28 Days Later," threw his fans a curve ball with "Slumdog Millionaire." While the director rarely works within the same genre, his decision to expand his traditionally British oeuvre with a film set in India highlights the attraction of this flourishing Asian country. India has long had its own movie industry, which is often referred to generally as Bollywood. "Slumdog Millionaire" is not the only example of India's growing presence in American theaters. In 2007, Wes Anderson, an auteur best known for quirky independent films like "The Royal Tenenbaums" and "Rushmore," released "The Darjeeling Limited," which was characteristically Anderson, but took place primarily on a train traveling through India. With "Slumdog" and "Darjeeling" Boyle and Anderson's love letters to India, they captivated audiences with stories that embraced the majesty of the country.

If "Slumdog" is nominated for an Oscar, it might very well go the way of past Oscar darlings like "Little Miss Sunshine" and "Juno," from being little-seen to skyrocketing in popularity when the larger American audience gave them a chance. Also, those films' success sparked a trend of similar films; "Darjeeling" and "Slumdog" have the potential to inspire similar demand for Indian films in American markets. Potentially surpassing the influence of consumer demand is a recent business deal. In a move to distance itself from Paramount, Steven Spielberg's Dreamworks Studios successfully partnered with Reliance Big Entertainment, an Indian-based firm that invested \$1.6 billion in the company.

Clearly, directors are taking a shine to India, and India is in turn investing in Hollywood. While this may lead to a more Indian-flavored American cinescape, ultimately it's up to the moviegoers and their tastes. Could "Slumdog" be this year's "Juno"?

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## Drawn from the News | Dylan Polk



## STAFF EDITORIAL

Roland Burris' nomination  
to be taken seriously

While the rest of us were busy spending time with our families and putting on holiday pounds, Gov. Rod Blagojevich was enjoying the perks of his job while he still could.

In the true spirit of the holidays, on Dec. 30, the embattled governor finally gave President-elect Barack Obama's vacated Senate seat to Roland Burris, former Illinois attorney general and comptroller.

Though a technically valid nomination, Burris' eligibility was called into question by state and federal officials, citing federal corruption charges against Blagojevich and the subsequent arrest early last month.

Obviously, any name Blagojevich chooses for any position is going to face intense scrutiny. Burris is no exception.

Following the nomination, Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White refused to sign the Senate's recommended certification form.

Under Article 1 Section 5 of the U.S. Constitution, Senate members ultimately have final say over who joins the Senate. However, the Senate also has a standing rule — Rule 2 — which requires signatures from the candidate's governor and secretary of state.

In short, Burris' nomination has reached an impasse.

The federal government is wary of the nomination, as it should be. Any recommendation from Blagojevich should be approached cautiously.

However, he's still the governor.

Despite the Senate's objections, Blagojevich's recommendation is 100 percent valid and, as far as we know at this point, ethical. On Thursday, Burris testified before a House commit-

tee, claiming he had no part of the pay-to-play scandal that is currently wrapping itself around the governor.

But just because Blagojevich is under investigation doesn't take away the validity of his nomination.

Granted, Blagojevich should be removed from office. The evidence is so overwhelmingly against him that it's utterly foolish to combat it.

But he's still the acting governor and is allowed to choose a replacement for Obama.

In 1967, U.S. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell Jr., D-New York, was stripped of his position by the House of Representatives following allegations that Powell had misused funds for personal use. Powell took the case to the Supreme Court, which ruled the House had acted unconstitutionally by removing an elected official and restored Powell to his seat.

Powell's case sets precedent for the Burris debacle. Although the Senate may not like it, Blagojevich's nomination is still legal and should be considered despite the governor's current legal problems.

In two years, we may choose to replace Burris ourselves, but until then, the Senate shouldn't place Burris in the shadow of Blagojevich's corruption.

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## OTHER VIEWS ON THE NEWS

## ISRAEL ACTS INAPPROPRIATE

**HARVARD** — On December 27 — as both the inauguration of President-elect Barack Obama and Israeli elections began to approach — Israel responded to a recent increase in rocket attacks out of Gaza with a series of bombardments on Hamas targets that has now lasted almost two weeks. The Israeli Defense Force followed the bombardments with an incursion into the territory after night fell on

Saturday. Most sources now report the death toll in Gaza at around 550 and the United Nations has stated that at least a quarter of these people are civilians. The strikes have been successful in destroying symbols of Hamas's governance in Gaza and killing at least one major military leader.

The international appeal for a ceasefire on both sides of the conflict must not be ignored. The indiscriminate rock-

et attacks perpetrated by Hamas have killed several Israeli civilians since the conflict began and amount to little more than criminal terrorist action. Hamas's method of securing and maintaining power through such violence is illegitimate and appalling.

Nonetheless, the Israeli response has been inappropriate and short-sighted.

Harvard Crimson

## COLUMNIST NEEDED

The Daily Eastern News has a Thursday spot open for anyone in the Eastern community to submit a bi-weekly column. For more information, contact Opinions Editor Dylan Polk at 581-7942 or at [DENopinions@gmail.com](mailto:DENopinions@gmail.com).

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Senior communications major Kacie Kruse unloads her car after arriving back on campus Sunday evening.

## » Move-In

FROM PAGE 1

"I have been here for a while because I moved in early, but pretty far it has gone smoothly with all the residents," she said. "So far, one person forgot their keys, but that was it."

Keith Darby, a senior geography major, said that things in Thomas Hall seemed to go pretty nicely as well.

He said there were no big problems with people moving in.

"Everything has gone smoothly," he said.

Becky Kazmierczak, a freshman political science major, said only people who were moving in for the

**"So far, one person forgot their keys, but that was it."**

**— Brianna Harden, sophomore pre-nursing major**

first time seemed to have problems.

Amy Jennings, a senior elementary education major, said it was a pretty good move-in and newer residents seemed to move in on Friday and Saturday while others moved on Sunday.

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## » Finalists

FROM PAGE 1

Weber currently serves as associate vice president for academic affairs, director of Summer Sessions and interim university budget director at Eastern.

Patrick Kirby is the associate vice president for financial affairs at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas.

Chrusciel is the associate director of Facilities Planning and Management at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

All the candidates will visit Eastern for on-campus interviews.

Candidates will meet with different groups on campus including the Business Affairs Council, the Council of Chairs and an open session with faculty, students and staff.

Weber is scheduled for on-campus interviews on Feb. 11 and 12, with the open session at 4 p.m. Feb. 11.

Kirby will visit Eastern on Feb. 16 and 17. He will meet with faculty, staff and students at 4 p.m. Feb. 16.

Chrusciel is scheduled for on-campus interviews on Feb. 23 and 24, meeting with faculty, students and staff at 4 p.m. Feb. 23.

The campus open sessions will be located in Booth Library, Room 4440.

The vice president for business affairs reports to Perry and serves on the President's Council and as treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

They are responsible for the supervision, coordination and administration of the Budget Office, Business Services, Information Technology Services, Human Resources, Facilities Planning and Management, Environmental Health and Safety, Records Management and broad areas of service related to these units.

## » Board

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The winner of the contest will get to record one song with producer Jim Thompson, a photo shoot and 50 CDs to hand out.

"Registration forms will be available for ('So You Think You Can Rap?') starting today and should be turned in by Jan. 21 to the Student Activity Center," said Lauren Phillips, Mainstage coordinator.

The actual competition on Jan. 29 will take place from 8 to 9 p.m. with a mixer from 9 to 10 p.m.

Pantherstock is another big UB event, and Aries Spears, who used to be a regular on Mad TV, will be coming to Eastern in late April.

"It is such a wide range in the types of programs, and I am very impressed with the spring line-

**"We are trying a lot of new things on campus, and I think we will have a higher range of people at our events. We will have 'So You Think You Can Rap?' and we have never done that before."**

**— Sydney Stanhope, vice chair for University Board**

up," Brinker said. "We had a good fall semester, but are bringing in a bigger lineup for the spring semester."

Brinker said there would be something for just about everyone with the UB programs that

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are coming up.

University Board Lectures and Cultural Arts are two committees that are going to bring a fresh approach to University Board, Brinker said.

This spring, UB will jumpstart UB Lectures and UB Cultural Arts, she said.

"Both those committees have a lot of potential," Brinker said.

Brinker said she thinks there

are several good programs students can be a part of.

"UB has worked real hard this spring to work with other departments," Brinker said. "The union, housing and dining, and athletics all have strong partnerships with UB."

Sydney Stanhope, vice chair for UB, said this semester should be exciting because UB is going to be working with the Student Recreation Center and other organizations on campus.

"We are trying a lot of new things on campus, and I think we will have a higher range of people at our events," Stanhope said. "We will have 'So You Think You Can Rap?' and we have never done that before."

Stanhope said that the UB is trying a lot of new things this semester.

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## CAMPUS | NEW YEAR

# Students hope to keep 2009 resolutions

## Students create resolutions for mind, body, soul

By KRISTINA PETERS  
Editor in Chief

Seth Jarvis does not normally set a New Year's resolution, but this year the time felt right.

"I drink way too much pop," said Jarvis, a sophomore elementary education major.

Drinking less pop is a part of Jarvis' resolution to eat better.

"That's pretty much all I drink," he said.

Jarvis said now that he is back at Eastern, he will have a better time

keeping his resolution. He said when he was at home it was harder because the selection was not as good, but with the dining halls on campus, he now has juice on demand.

Brooke Davis also set a resolution to eat better, and she hopes to cut out the candy. Davis, a freshman biological science major, said candy is her favorite food.

She said keeping her resolution is going well as opposed to past resolutions she has made.

"I'm horrible at keeping them," Davis said.

To fight a craving to consume junk food or candy, Davis said she resorts to chewing gum.

"I will keep this (resolution)," she said.

Brian Walsh exhibits the same confidence as Davis in keeping his New Year's resolution.

Walsh, a senior business management major, set a resolution to work out more at the Student Recreation Center to get back in shape.

Walsh said he thinks he can keep this resolution.

"This semester my workload is easier," he said, adding that it allows him to set more time aside for the gym.

Walsh said in the past he was able to keep his resolutions most of the time.

"I try to pick something not too major," he said. "Something I

can accomplish."

Not all resolutions are health related. Annie Brown, a junior biological science major, set a resolution to get better grades and raise her GPA.

"Last semester, I didn't do as well as I thought in organic chemistry," Brown said.

She said she hopes to keep her GPA above a 3.0.

Brown said she sets a New Year's resolution most of the time and thinks she does OK at keeping them.

"Towards the end of the year I forget them," she said.

Darryl Moffett, on the other hand, sets a resolution every year and makes sure he sticks to them.

Moffett, a junior physical education major, set several New Year's resolutions for 2009 and all of them connect to his main goal of focusing on being his best.

He hopes to do this by studying more, making sure he graduates from Eastern on time and having a closer relationship with God.

To obtain a closer relationship, Moffett said he is working on praying everyday.

"That's a big resolution I need to do," he said. "I set these (resolutions) because it can make be a better person now and in the future."

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## STATE BRIEFS

The Associated Press

### Springfield reports fewest homicides in 19 years

SPRINGFIELD — Springfield police say the number of reported homicides in 2008 was the lowest in nearly two decades.

Police reported four murders in the state's capital last year.

That's nearly half the number reported in 2007 when there were seven.

The lowest number in recent years was in 1989 when there were

three for the city of nearly 120,000.

Springfield police say a street crimes unit has been focusing efforts in high-crime areas.

Officials have been focused on getting guns off the streets.

### 4-year-old Chicago boy dies in dog attack

CHICAGO — A 4-year-old Chicago boy died after he was mauled by his family's Rottweiler.

Chicago Fire Department spokeswoman Eve Rodriguez says the boy was found at 3:18 p.m.

Sunday in the backyard of his Southwest Side home.

He was taken to Holy Cross

Hospital, but died from his wounds by the time he arrived.

Rodriguez says the Chicago Department of Animal Care and Control took the dog away. She says the boy's family had more than one dog.

Chicago Police Department spokeswoman Sgt. Antoinette Ursitti says officers are investigating but no one has been charged.

### Rockford considers economic woes

ROCKFORD — Rockford city leaders have proposed \$7.5 million in budget cuts, saying

the municipality's economic and financial conditions are worsening.

Andres Sammul is the Rockford finance director.

Sammul predicts Rockford will have a \$5 million deficit in 2009.

Rockford Mayor Larry Morrissey says it's important to cut more than the expected deficit because the city does not know how bad the economic downturn will be.

The proposed cuts will be considered at a city budget retreat on Jan. 24.

The budget is due March 31. Some possible cuts include \$1.7 million from the fire department and \$1.7 million from the police department.

### Rabid bat found in Chicago

CHICAGO — The discovery of a rabid bat in Chicago's Lincoln Square neighborhood has prompted the city to issue a warning against any contact with bats or other wild animals.

The Chicago Board of Health says a house cat discovered the bat in an apartment near Lawrence and Western Avenues and woke up a man and woman in the dwelling.

The couple saw the bat lying on the floor and trapped it with a bucket, and then called staff from Chicago Animal Care and Control to remove it.



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NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

**Salmonella prompts peanut butter recall**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — An Ohio distributor says it has recalled two brands of its peanut butter after an open container tested positive for salmonella bacteria. Preliminary laboratory testing found salmonella bacteria in a 5-pound container of King Nut brand creamy peanut butter, the Minnesota Department of Health said Friday.

**Storm blankets across Midwest, New England**

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A weekend winter storm blanketed parts of the Midwest and Northeast with up to a foot of snow, causing a 59-vehicle pileup and at least four traffic fatalities.

In New Hampshire, three buses and two tractor-trailer rigs were among 59 vehicles that crashed on snowy Interstate 93, sending a dozen people to hospitals Sunday morning and temporarily shutting down a stretch of the highway's northbound lanes.

WORLD | CONFLICT

Israeli forces advance into Gaza

The Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli ground forces made their deepest foray yet Sunday into Gaza's most populated area, with tanks rolling into residential neighborhoods and infantry fighting urban warfare in streets and buildings with Hamas militants who kept up their rocketing of southern Israel.

An Israeli army spokeswoman said residential neighborhoods in Gaza are riddled with homemade bombs and booby traps, including mannequins placed at apartment entrances to simulate militants and rigged to explode if soldiers approach.

The army "is advancing more into urban areas," said the spokeswoman, Maj. Avital Leibovich. "Since the majority of the Hamas militants are pretty much in hiding in those places, mainly urban places, then we operate in those areas."

Late Sunday, dense plumes of smoke from explosions rose over Gaza City and heavy gunfire was heard just

south of the city.

Early Monday, Israeli navy gunboats fired more than 25 shells at Gaza City, setting fires and shaking office buildings, including the local bureau of The Associated Press.

The military said that in general, the targets are Hamas installations but had no immediate information about the shelling that began just after midnight.

Gaza medical officials say at least 870 Palestinians, about half of them civilians, have been killed in the conflict that began Dec. 27 with Israeli airstrikes on Hamas buildings, as well as suspected rocket launch sites and smuggling tunnels on the Egyptian border.

Thirteen Israelis, including 10 soldiers, have died.

German and British envoys pressed efforts to negotiate an end to the war even though Israel and Hamas have ignored a U.N. Security Council resolution calling for an immediate and durable cease-fire.

Outgoing Prime Minister Ehud

Olmert said Israel had made progress in its objectives in the Gaza offensive but was not finished yet.

"Israel is nearing the goals that it set for itself," Olmert said. "However, further patience, determination and effort are necessary in order to achieve those goals in a way that will change the security reality in the south."

While Olmert's comment signaled no immediate end to the offensive, it indicated that Israel is wary of an open-ended conflict with an unclear agenda.

Israel wants to end years of rocket attacks by Hamas on its southern population, a complex goal that could require Egyptian or international help in shutting off routes to smuggle weapons into Gaza from Egypt.

Israel has been bombing tunnels that run under the Egypt-Gaza border.

Hamas, in turn, demands that Israel open Gaza's blockaded borders as part of any halt to the fighting.

WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

**Vatican diplomat Cardinal Pio Laghi dies**

VATICAN CITY — Cardinal Pio Laghi, a longtime Vatican diplomat who went to Washington to try to dissuade U.S. President George W. Bush from launching the 2003 invasion of Iraq, has died. He was 86.

Laghi died Saturday evening at a Rome hospital where he had been treated for some time, Vatican Radio said.

**Somali pirate's body washes ashore with cash**

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The body of a Somali pirate who drowned just after receiving a huge ransom washed onshore with \$153,000 in cash, a resident said Sunday, as the spokesman for another group of pirates promised to soon free a Ukrainian arms ship.

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Murphy

FROM PAGE 12

So Eastern's 'cradle of head coaches' will have to wait a while, at least until Shanahan is offered a job, and he will be.

But there have also been reports that Shanahan might take a year off and wait, which is fine. And there are also rumors that he could somehow end up with the Cowboys and end up with another former Eastern quarterback — Tony Romo.

Former Eastern assistant coach and player Randy Melvin was also fired at the end of the season. Melvin, the defensive line coach for the Cleveland Browns, was fired along with the rest of the personnel after a disappointing 4-12 season. Additionally, former Eastern quarterback Sean Payton's New Orleans Saints underachieved to an 8-8 record and finished in last place in the NFC South.

Fortunately, Brad Childress and Mike Heimerdinger made notice by making it to the postseason.

Childress, an Eastern graduate, avoided a late December collapse as the Minnesota Vikings head coach by making the playoff, but the Vikings lost in the first round.

Heimerdinger, is working miracles though, as the Tennessee Titans offensive coordinator.

The Titans scored more than 74 points than last season, and the Titans sported the NFL's best record. Heimerdinger, in his first season back with the Titans, has helped them convert 62.2 percent of their

red-zone opportunities after converting 36.3 percent last season.

Heimerdinger was inducted into Eastern Hall of Fame this past fall and has made the Titans a team feared in the NFL.

But unfortunately, the Titans lost on Saturday.

"He has made a big difference with his play-calling, his choice of plays, and also his demeanor," Titans general manager Mike Reinfeldt told to *The Chicago Tribune*. "The expectation level is up on offense. You can

see it in practice and in games. The offense is just more efficient. He has done a heck of a job."

Dan Pompei, the NFL beat writer for *The Tribune*, thinks that Heimerdinger could be offered a job.

And it would be nice to have another cradle of coaches for Eastern again. And if Shanahan gets a job, there could be a total of four. Then Eastern would be truly distinct.

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Bench

FROM PAGE 12

Redhawks' senior guard Kenard Moore led all scorers with 20 points, while Williams was kicked out of the game in the second half for receiving his second technical foul.

Eastern split its Winter Break games, finishing with a 3-3 record while winning two of its three OVC conference games. The Panthers lost to Chicago State, Bowling Green and beat Missouri Valley College. The Panthers lost at Tennessee Tech on Jan. 5 67-60 before Saturday's win against SEMO. The Panthers will return to action on 8 p.m. Thursday as they take on Eastern Kentucky at Lantz Arena.

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OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
Austin Peay	5-1	9-7
Morehead State	5-1	8-9
E. Illinois	3-2	6-9
E. Kentucky	3-3	9-7
Tennessee State	3-3	5-11
Tennessee-Martin	2-3	9-6
Jacksonville State	2-3	8-6
Tennessee Tech	2-3	8-7
Murray State	2-3	7-8
Southeast Missouri	0-5	3-13

MEN'S B-BALL

Eastern 83, SE Missouri 63

**EASTERN (6-9, 32 OVC)**  
Parrish 2 1-2 5, Marion 4 2-4 10, Martin 3 0-0 8, Cisse 7 2-2 16, Lasey 4 4-4 14, Dorlack 0 1-2 1, Wright, Jr. 0 0-0 0, Hamilton 0 0-0 0, Smith 1 0-0 3, Granger 3 4-4 10, Sanders 0 0-0 0, Suljic 6 4-4 16. Totals: 30 18-22 83.

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (3-13, 5 OVC)**  
Williams 4 2-4 10, Maxwell 2 1-2 5, Russell 1 3-5 5, Moore 8 0-0 20, Herring 6 1-1 14, Kirk 0 0-0 0, Jones 1 2-2 5, Hill 2-8 0-0 4. Totals: 24 9-14 63.

**Halftime:** Eastern 36-28, 3-pointers: SEMO 6-19; Eastern 5-11. **Turnovers:** SEMO 12, Eastern 9. **Fouls:** SEMO 16; Eastern 15. **Tech:** SEMO - Williams, C (2). **A:** 3,022.

OVC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Team	OVC	Overall
E. Illinois	4-1	10-6
Murray State	4-1	9-6
Austin Peay	4-2	8-9
Tennessee State	4-2	8-9
Morehead State	4-2	10-8
Southeast Missouri	3-2	7-8
E. Kentucky	3-3	6-8
Tennessee Tech	1-4	3-13
Jacksonville State	0-5	3-12
Tennessee-Martin	0-5	2-13

WOMEN'S B-BALL

SE Missouri 58, Eastern 51

**EASTERN (10-6, 41 OVC)**  
Sims 4 0-0 11, Klumpers 0 2-2 2, Galligan 5 1-2 11, Canale 1 2-0 4, Edwards 2 2-2 7, Weiler 1 0-0 2, Kloak 5 4-5 14. Totals: 18 11-14 51.

**SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (7-8, 32 OVC)**  
Blunt 2 1-2 5, Glenn 2 6-8 10, Beck 2 1-1 6, Nixon 1 5-6 8, Daugherty 8 0-1 19, Fite 2 2-2 7, Sharpe 1 1-2 3. Totals: 18 16-22 58.

**Halftime:** Eastern 31-22, 3-pointers: SEMO 6-23; Eastern 4-18. **Turnovers:** SEMO 12, Eastern 21. **Fouls:** SEMO 16; Eastern 19. **Tech:** None. **A:** 1,231.

Run

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Trailing by one point with 1 minute, 41 seconds remaining, Eastern threw away two consecutive passes against the Redhawks full-court press, leading to easy layups by Southeast Missouri senior guard Sonya Daugherty and sophomore forward Lauren Sharpe.

"I think their press gave us some trouble at the end of the game," Eastern junior forward Maggie Kloak said in a postgame interview on WEIU-FM. Kloak led the Panthers with 14 points.

Daugherty led the Redhawks with 19 points. The Panthers return home Thursday as they continue OVC play against Eastern Kentucky at 5:30 p.m. at Lantz Arena.

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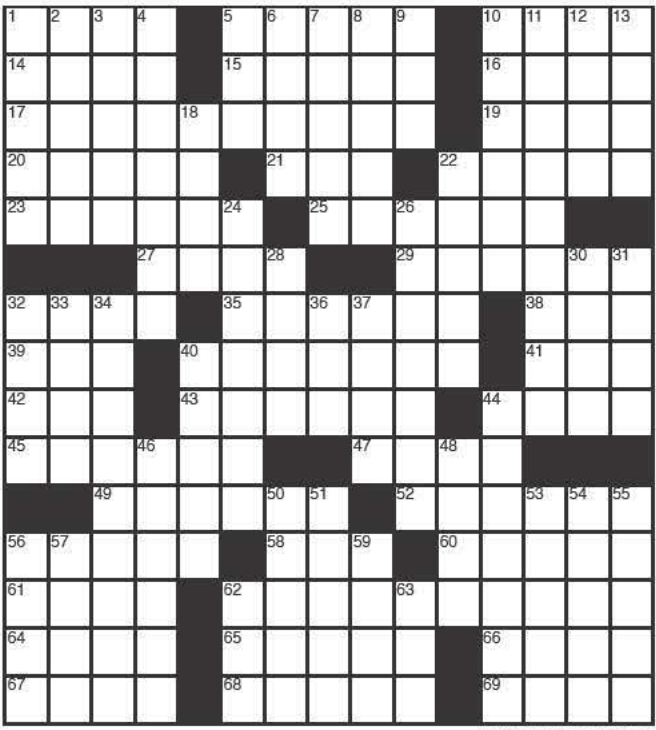
GET FUZZY | BY DARBY CONLEY



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- ACROSS
- 1 Fill to excess
  - 5 "\_\_\_ la vista, baby"
  - 10 Milky white gem
  - 14 Earth Day subj.
  - 15 Less cordial
  - 16 Hoarfrost
  - 17 Many a mall outlet
  - 19 Slaughter in the Baseball Hall of Fame
  - 20 Scout master?
  - 21 California's Big \_\_\_
  - 22 "Just kidding" signals
  - 23 The "Na" in NaCl
  - 25 Citizen Kane's estate
  - 27 Nose-in-the-air type
  - 29 Tooth covering
  - 32 "Hey, over here!"
  - 35 Instruction book
  - 38 Dude
  - 39 Land to build a house on
  - 40 What the starts of 17- and 62-Across and 11- and 34-Down may each be a piece of
  - 41 A conceited person has a big one
  - 42 \_\_\_ de Cologne
  - 43 Not yet taken care of
  - 44 Gait faster than a walk
  - 45 Devoted
  - 47 Arthur of tennis
  - 49 Dons
  - 52 Muscle/bone connector
  - 56 Now, in Nogales
  - 58 By way of
  - 60 Polo who visited Cathay
  - 61 Dangerous shark
  - 62 Place to keep a report
  - 64 Get ready, for short
  - 65 \_\_\_ tube
  - 66 Carrier of coal from a mine
  - 67 Filly's father
  - 68 Swimmer Debbie who won three golds at the 1968 Olympics
  - 69 Upper house members: Abbr.



PUZZLE BY SARAH KELLER

- DOWN
- 1 Religious splinter groups
  - 2 Possible reaction from getting a cold shoulder?
  - 3 \_\_\_ fro
  - 4 Nose-in-the-air type
  - 5 \_\_\_ and hers
  - 6 Isn't idle
  - 7 Sitting Bull or Crazy Horse
  - 8 \_\_\_ cotta
  - 9 "\_\_\_ we having fun yet?"
  - 10 Frozen potato brand
  - 11 A.T.M. access code
  - 12 Not a good way to run
  - 13 Subtracted by
  - 18 Verb accompanier
  - 22 In a weak manner
  - 24 Instants
  - 26 Most at hand
  - 28 Madam
  - 30 Therefore
  - 31 Plunder
  - 32 "Not guilty," e.g.
  - 33 Fly high
  - 34 Five-card or seven-card game
  - 36 Prefix with classical
  - 37 Radius neighbor
  - 40 Ruling group after a coup
  - 44 Renters
  - 46 The Continent
  - 48 Powerful auto engine
  - 50 Sheeplike
  - 51 Fool
  - 53 Rapper with a professional title
  - 54 Neptune's realm
  - 55 Standards
  - 56 Concert equipment
  - 57 Mata \_\_\_
  - 59 "A Death in the Family" author
  - 62 What a "swish" basketball shot doesn't touch
  - 63 "It's c-c-cold!"

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## PANTHER BRIEFS

# Burge signs with Bloomington team

Tristan Burge, who had two all-Ohio Valley Conference seasons at Eastern as well as a brief stint with the Green Bay Packers' practice squad, has been signed by the Bloomington Extreme for the 2009 season.

Burge was a free agent signed by the Packers in 2007 after being named third-team All-American at Eastern, where he was second on the team in tackles and started all 13 games at strong safety in 2006.

Burge, a Romeoville native, went undrafted.

After being released by the Packers, Burge spent last season playing for the Rockford Raptors.

His six interceptions were third among Continental Indoor Football League defensive backs.

The Extreme's regular season begins March 14 at home against Sioux Falls.

Burge's brother, Perry, finished

his first season with Eastern football team.

## Rugby tryouts announced

Eastern women's rugby head coach Frank Graziano said there are plans for an informational meeting about walk-on tryouts for the 2009 squad.

The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday at the Lantz Arena Pool Lounge located next to Padovan Pool.

For more information, contact coach Graziano at (217) 581-7135 or via email at fgraziano@eiu.edu.

The Panthers who finished their 11th season this past fall with a n undefeated 10-0 record, is the only Division I squad in the nation.

All attendees must bring proof of insurance. Additionally, incoming freshmen must be registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse (visit [www.ncaaclearinghouse.org](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.org)).

"We have had several walk-ons make our squad every season," Graziano said. "That includes four current walk-ons, with many having earned starting spots."

## Baseball game moved

The Eastern baseball team will play in Mattoon for the second straight season.

The Eastern-Southern Illinois-Carbondale game has been moved from Coaches Stadium on campus to Peterson Park in Mattoon.

The game is to be played at 6:30 p.m. on April 29.

On April 15, the Panthers defeated Illinois, 13-3 in front of more than 1,700 fans at Grimes Field in Mattoon.

The Panthers are coming off a 2008 Ohio Valley Conference Tournament title and berth in the NCAA Lincoln Regional.

The Eastern-SIUC game is

expected to again feature free admission and pregame autographs.

The Panthers and Salukis are also scheduled to play March 4 in Carbondale.

Eastern opens its season in Hammond, La., for the second year in a row with a three-game series at Southeastern Louisiana, Feb. 20-22.

## Football players earn honors

Two Eastern football players earned honorable mention All-America honors as Pierre Walters and Chaz Millard were both named to The Sports Network All-American team on Tuesday afternoon.

Walters (6-5, 269) is a senior defensive end from Forest Park, who finished the season with 48 tackles including a team-high 16.5 for loss. He ended his EIU career ranking third on the career chart for tackles for loss. Walters was a two-time Ohio Valley Conference first team

selection and a 2008 preseason Buck Buchanan Award nominee.

He added 4.5 sacks, five quarterback hurries and one blocked kick during the 2008 season.

Millard (6-3, 289) is a junior right guard from St. Charles who was the only Panthers lineman to start all 12 games at the same position during the 2008 season.

He graded out at 93 percent for the season collecting 57 declat-er blocks for an average of 4.75 per game.

He was a preseason All-American selection and is a two-time first team All-Ohio Valley Conference honoree.

The Panthers finished the season at 5-7 and will open the 2009 season on Sept. 3 hosting Illinois State.

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## NFL | ROUNDUP

# McNabb, Eagles beat Giants to reach NFC title game

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Donovan McNabb will get another chance to chase that elusive Super Bowl title. Eli Manning threw away his opportunity to defend it.

McNabb made all the big plays that Manning did not, and the

Eagles eliminated the New York Giants 23-11 Sunday to reach the NFC title game for the fifth time in eight seasons.

"He is the best quarterback in the NFL," Eagles coach Andy Reid praised his guy. "I don't think I have to say anything more than that."

Manning, meanwhile, nev-

er resembled the poised quarterback who won last year's Super Bowl MVP award with that one perfect spiral to Plaxico Burress.

## Steelers unplug Chargers

PITTSBURGH — Fittingly enough, the Pittsburgh Steelers brought back the home-field advan-

tage to the NFL playoffs. Now they get to stay at home for the AFC championship game, and against the rival they dislike more than any other.

Pittsburgh shook off a 7-0 deficit barely two minutes into the game, shut down pint-sized playmaker Darren Sproles and returned some

normalcy to the NFL postseason by beating the San Diego Chargers 35-24 in an AFC divisional game Sunday. With a now-healthy Willie Parker running for 146 yards and two touchdowns, Ben Roethlisberger shaking off his late-season concussion to throw for a score and lead an efficient offense.



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SWIMMING | RECAP

# Senior stoked about intense practice

Florida trip allows for different exercises

By **KEVIN MURPHY**  
Sports Editor

Senior Elliot McGill felt like the Eastern men's and women's swimming teams are improving.

The Eastern men's swimmer said for the first time this season, the whole team worked hard, and there is a feeling that the Panthers are gaining momentum.

McGill was talking about an intense practice during the team's annual trip to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., for the College Swim Forum. The forum is run through the College Swim Coaches Association of America and is held at the Ft. Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, which is also home to the international swimming hall of fame.

"As a team, we have never had that really good kind of practice where we've done that well," he said.

The Eastern men's and women's swimming teams competed in CSCAA Bob Mowerson Sprint Meet on Tuesday afternoon, which came in the middle of their training.

The Eastern men's swimming team finished fourth out of five teams, while the women finished fifth of five teams. Both Illinois-Chicago teams won the sprint meet.

Eastern freshman Alex Green won the 50-meter freestyle.

But Eastern head coach Matt Bos was not concerned about the team scores.

"It was a little bit up and down



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Sheila Dugan swims the 100-yard breaststroke during the meet against Ball State on Oct. 11 in the Padovan Pool in Lantz Arena. The men's and women's swimming teams will have a meet this Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Padovan Pool.

for everybody," Bos said. "I don't think there's one individual on either side that stood out. And that's how good it was."

McGill said the Panthers did not want their season or career bests because that would mean they are peaking too soon.

He said that the Panthers usually begin to peak around the time of the Summit League meet.

McGill said the break was one of the best Florida trips the Panthers

### CSCAA BOB MOWERSON SPRINT MEET

Women's Team Scores  
1. Illinois-Chicago 241  
2. Centenary 152  
3. New Orleans 134  
4. Binghamton 131.5  
5. Eastern 123.5

Men's Team Scores  
1. Illinois-Chicago 252  
2. New Orleans 175  
3. Centenary 163  
4. Eastern 96  
5. Binghamton 89

have taken.

"The team had a great focus during all of the practices," McGill said.

He said the weather and the team's performance made this one of the best trips.

The Panthers also did a variety of training exercises including training in a longer pool, a 50-meter pool in Florida.

"It allowed us to do different kinds of sets," McGill said.

Both squads return to action at 2 p.m. Saturday at Padovan Pool to face Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis.

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Tennessee St. 61, UT Martin 54\*  
Murray St. 87, Austin Peay 77\*  
@SE Missouri 58, **E. Illinois 51\***  
\*Ohio Valley Conference games  
-All OVC games were on Saturday

### NFL

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KEVIN MURPHY

## Eastern coaches take hit

Eastern's prowess in the NFL took a hit during the Winter Break.

For starters, former Eastern quarterback Mike Shanahan was fired by the Denver Broncos.

While the Broncos faded down the stretch during the season, Shanahan built a program with the Broncos that included Super Bowl Championships in both the 1998 and 1999 campaigns.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 83, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI 63



KARLA BROWNING | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior guard T.J. Marion attempts a jump shot during Eastern's game against Western Illinois on Dec. 13 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers defeated Southeast Missouri 83-63 Saturday to move into third place in the Ohio Valley Conference. Eastern's bench scored 30 points against Southeast Missouri.

# Bench carries Panthers

## Team moves into third place in the conference

By DAN CUSACK  
Staff Reporter

The Eastern men's basketball team improved to 3-2 in the Ohio Valley Conference Saturday with an 83-63 road win against Southeast Missouri in Cape Girardeau, Mo. The win puts the Panthers in sole

possession of third place in the conference.

The bench for the Panthers (6-9, 3-2 OVC) was the difference in the game as they scored 30 points, led by junior forward Edin Suljic who tied junior center Ousmane Cisse for a team high with 16 points.

The Panthers have not won three conference games this early in the schedule since the 2001-02 season. They are a win away this season from

matching their total wins last season (7).

Five Eastern players finished in double figures as sophomore guard Tyler Laser scored 14 points and junior guard T.J. Marion and freshman guard Jeremy Granger each added 10 points.

Eastern went into the half with a 35-28 lead after opening up a close game with a 14-5 run with 7 minutes, 42 seconds remaining in the

half. The Tigers cut the lead to three on a dunk by junior forward Calvin Williams, but he was called for a technical foul. Laser hit the two free throws for the technical and the Panthers opened up the scoring. In the second half, the Redhawks cut the lead to four points with 14:23 left, but Eastern responded with an 11-2 run as Laser hit a 3-pointer.

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | SE MISSOURI 58, EASTERN 51

# Second-half run dooms Panthers

## Team commits 21 turnovers in loss

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At halftime of Saturday's game at Southeast Missouri, it appeared the Eastern women's basketball team was poised for a 5-0 Ohio Valley Conference start and its first win in Cape Girardeau, Mo., since 2001.

The Panthers blew a nine-point halftime lead and fell 58-51 to the Redhawks, becoming the last OVC team to lose a conference game and dropping to 4-1 (10-6 overall).

"We turned the ball over (14 times) in the second half and your efficiency on offense is killed when you turn it over that much," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said. "On top of that there were turnovers that were steals or led to them getting points and that hurt us a bit. It's hard to guard turnovers."

The Panthers led 31-22 at halftime, but shot just 5-for-25 from the field in the second half. They committed 21 turnovers for the game, including two late in the second half with the game still within reach.

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Women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee, center, talks to the team during a timeout from their game against Austin Peay on Dec. 6 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost 58-51 against Southeast Missouri on Saturday.

## EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
**Thursday vs. E. Kentucky** |  
5:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

MEN'S BASKETBALL  
**Thursday vs. E. Kentucky** |  
8 p.m. - Lantz Arena

SWIMMING  
**Saturday vs. IUPUI** |  
2 p.m. - Padovan Pool

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
**Saturday vs. Morehead State** |  
3 p.m. - Lantz Arena

MEN'S BASKETBALL  
**Saturday vs. Morehead State** |  
7 p.m. - Lantz Arena