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Senior psychology major Vionka Leal takes her first walk as the 2010 Miss Black EIU pageant winner Saturday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's Grand Ballroom.

Leal 39th winner of Miss Black EIU pageant

Domestic, child violence attributed in pageant speeches

By Nike Ogunbodede
Staff Reporter

Candace Collins, Miss Black EIU 2009, passed the crown to the 2010 winner Vionka Leal at the 39th Annual Miss Black EIU pageant Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Leal is the 39th pageant winner and is of both Cuban and African descent.

"It's a blessing, truly a bless-

ing," said Leal, who is a senior psychology major.

The pageant started with a speech by Black Student Union President DeMarlon Brown.

Hosts Alexandria Pannell and Andrew Hubbard managed to keep the crowd settled for the two-hour pageant with jokes and involved the audience in a question-and-answer contest during each contestant change, giving away a free dance ticket and T-shirts.

Leal's platform for the Creative Expression category — Fight the Violence — was close to her heart as she spoke about the growing violence in Chicago schools, citing *The Chi-*

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View photos from Saturday's Miss Black EIU pageant in staff photographer Danny Damiani's photo gallery on DENnews.com

cago Sun-Times' article about 25 public school children that have been murdered in the current academic year alone.

Brittney Carr, a junior psychology major, was a first-time attendee of the Miss Black EIU competition, but was excited to be there.

"I came to show support for my sorority sister," Carr said, pointing to the stage where

Pannell and Hubbard stood in front of the chattering crowd.

Chinenye Ezurike, a sophomore family consumer science major, talked about child neglect in a poem "Knock, Knock" by Daniel Beaty.

Erika Collins, a senior pre-nursing major, spoke about children who witness domestic violence.

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CORRECTION

Correction: Former professor not guilty of felony

A former Eastern music professor was not convicted of a Class 4 felony as reported in a headline and story in Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Terence Mayhue, 34, pleaded guilty Feb. 16 to a reduced charge of disorderly conduct, Class A misdemeanor, as part of negotiated plea.

He was sentenced to two years of probation, a \$500 fine and a stayed sentence of 180 days in jail, meaning it will not be served unless probation is violated.

An original Class 4 felony charge of obstructing justice was filed Aug. 25 and amended Aug. 26 in the Coles County Circuit Court, alleging that on or about June 6, 2009, Mayhue "furnished false evidence" to police by stating that he "did not know the origin of an email from 'jillpill' when in fact he did know the origin of said email."

The charge filed in court alleged that he did so "with the intent to prevent" his arrest or prosecution.

Probable cause to proceed to trial on the original felony charge was found at a preliminary hearing on Nov. 9. Mayhue pleaded not guilty to the original felony charge at that hearing.

The original charge was dismissed Feb. 16 as part of the plea agreement.

The DEN regrets the error.

UNIVERSITY

Sustainable energy plans in progress

By Sarah Ruholl
Administration Editor

Sustainability and integrative learning will carry Eastern through the next 10 years as overarching themes in the revision of the campus master plan.

President Bill Perry announced a finalized steering committee membership list for the project. Representatives on the committee include alumni, students, faculty, community members and other campus constituency groups.

"I talked to individuals around campus and others about who we should have from the different areas on campus," Perry said. "Also, I wanted the alums involved and the community involved. Some of the individuals are not only alums, but they're in the community."

The university will be working with Chicago-based architecture, planning and interiors firm Loeb Schlossman and Hackl to create energy sustainable plans for the campus.

"We're proposing a future with a new science building; a whole new structure," Perry said.

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WEATHER TODAY



Mostly Cloudy

HIGH 39°

Warmer conditions are expected this week with a slight chance of flurries tonight and tomorrow as overnight lows dip into the mid 20s. The sun will make lengthier appearances later this week as high pressure builds in the Midwest. Daytime highs for the weekend will reach into the upper 40s.

LOW 27°

WEATHER TOMORROW



Tuesday Mostly Cloudy High: 38° Low: 25°



Wednesday Mostly Cloudy High: 38° Low: 23°

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Jackson Hewitt offers tax advice for students

Jeremy Varel, a senior accounting major and tax preparer for Jackson Hewitt, will be giving students advice on taxes today.

The session, Tax 101: Tax Advice for Students, will provide information on filing tax returns, W-2 forms, filing a 1040EZ, getting refunds and other topics.

The session will be held at 6:30 p.m. today in room 2030 in Lumpkin Hall.

For more information contact Scott Stevens at 581-6119 or rsstevens@eiu.edu.

Silent auction at JAC starts today

There will be a silent auction at Jackson Avenue Coffee from March 1 to 5 to support orphanages in the Dominican Republic.

Items include gift certificates to local restaurants, local artwork and gift baskets.

All proceeds will go to the Orphanage Outreach, a non-profit organization that provides opportunities to orphaned, abandoned and disadvantaged children in the Dominican Republic.

For more information contact Gabby Gee at 217-622-9182 or gnggee@eiu.edu or visit www.orphanage-outreach.org.

—Compiled by News Editor Emily Steele

Chasing down the chute, up the ladder



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A human-sized game of Chutes and Ladders nears its end as graduate student Justin Schuch tries to catch 4-year-old Pearson Miller Saturday morning during Kids and Friends Weekend in Andrews Hall.

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I am Three reviewed

Assistant Online Editor Julia Carlucci talks about her first impression of the band, I am Three, in her podcast on DENnews.com.



Booth in pictures

Online reporter Jennifer Brown shows off her photos of Booth Library in her photo blog on DENnews.com.

CORRECTIONS

The headline for an article in Friday's edition of The Daily Eastern News on the University Professionals of Illinois was incorrect. Ellie Sullivan, the UPI president, said the state of Illinois was at "rock bottom" in regards to funding for higher education.

The location of the gentlemen's club discussed in a column in Friday's edition of The DEN was incorrect. The club is four miles east of Neoga.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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ATHLETICS

Men's basketball celebrates 100 years

All-Century Team, honored among festivities

By **Bob Bajek**
Sports Editor

The athletic department celebrated 100 years of Eastern men's basketball at the 100th EIU Basketball Celebration banquet Saturday at the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Dave Kidwell, assistant athletic director/special projects, said about 80 former coaches, players, team managers and trainers were able to attend.

The banquet honored the 10 members of the All-Century Team and the six best teams in Eastern's program history.

Panther great

Tom Katsimpalis, class of '52, is a member of the All-Century Team and spoke on behalf of its 10 members.

The Panther great noticed how much the game has changed.

"They are playing above the rim more," Katsimpalis said. "We weren't allowed to dunk the ball; in fact, you couldn't touch the net, the rim, the backboard, anything. The kids today are stronger, bigger, they jump higher

and shoot higher than we used to."

Katsimpalis remembered how different playing in McAfee Gym, formerly known as Lantz Gym, is to playing in Lantz Arena.

"The size of the floor was different," Katsimpalis said. "Lantz Gym was a little longer than regulation [94 feet]. The crowd capacity was different and it was more of a confined place. They put bleachers on the stage and folding chairs on the side marker."

He went to a New York Knicks try-out in 1952, but he decided to be with his wife Jeanette and his child.

"That life was not for me," Katsimpalis said. "It was for more bachelor-type guys."

Katsimpalis was an Eastern athletic administrator from 1959-1964, and from 1964-1974 he was the athletic director.

'Running Runts'

Don Eddy, Eastern head coach from 1968-1980, spoke about his "Running Runts" team of 1968-1969, in which had no player taller than 6-foot-2 and only played seven men.

Eddy said the "Running Runts" put the bar high for the following teams who were more talented and had more height.

Eddy recalled when Lantz Arena would fill up because students and

town residents wanted to see a team that played full court offense and defense the whole game.

The team finished 13-13.

"We had the right guys who were already here and they were not on scholarship," Eddy said. "None of them were star players in high school, so they had no credentials. So the only way they were going to survive was do exactly what we told them. All the energy and intensity and unity possible was needed or they were going under."

Eddy coached the 1976 and 1978 Division II third place teams.

He said there was a crisis for the 1976 team. Brad Warble, the team captain, was injured for most of the season and the team started 7-7.

Eddy said the team felt sorry for itself, so he had extremely hard practices the next four days to break the team's apathy and refocus its goals.

The Panthers won 15 straight games after that.

During Eddy's era, people packed Lantz because the team won, played hard and broke the color barrier, the coach said.

Eddy said former head coach Rich Samuels from 1981 to 2005 brought in top talent when the program went to Division I and continued the success Eddy began.

Part of that success was recruiting

Members of the All-Century Eastern Team

Andy Sullivan, '46
Tom Katsimpalis, '52
Charlie Thomas, '78
Craig De Witt, '80
Jon Collins, '86
Kevin Duckworth, '86
Jay Taylor, '89
Kyle Hill, '01
Henry Domercant, '03

Jon Collins, class of '86. Collins was drafted by the Denver Nuggets and is a member of the All-Century Team.

"It's been since probably '86 or '88 since I've been here and the school's changed so much," Collins said. "I actually got lost (Friday) night."

Playing in the NBA was not a big deal for Collins.

"I just played my game," Collins said. "Coach (Rick) Samuels was a great coach and he let you do what you could do. So I tried to do the same thing after I left Eastern to play to my strengths."

Gentle giant

Maxine Duckworth, the mother of Kevin Duckworth, class of '86, accepted the All-Century Award for her son. Kevin died on Aug. 25, 2008 from congestive heart failure.

"Kevin has made me so proud; I'm

having a hard time to find words," Maxine said. "But everywhere I go, everybody just loved him, and I see parts of him I didn't know."

"I don't care what nobody says. Kevin was a gentle giant and he knew how to treat people."

Matt Britton, '01, and Jesse Mackinson, '04 were some members from the 2001 NCAA Tournament team who appeared at the banquet.

Britton said All-Century Team members Kyle Hill and Henry Domercant were fun to have as teammates.

"They were great individuals and talents," Britton said. "Kyle was an extraordinary combination of athletic ability, talent and competitiveness, and Henry was one of the hardest workers I've ever been around."

Britton said he is impressed with the Panthers this season, and said they have to play at a high level for three games in the OVC Tournament to make the NCAA Tournament.

Mackinson said he misses the camaraderie with the players and the competitiveness of Panther basketball.

Britton is dean of students at St. Anthony of Padua High School in Effingham and coaches the boy's team. Mackinson is a self-employed farmer.

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Exhibit brings century of basketball to life

Teams throughout the years honored

By **Julia Carlucci**
Assistant Online Editor

While cutting through Booth Library to avoid winter's last stand, students will have the chance to learn about a century of basketball at Eastern.

Both Booth Library and Lantz Arena have exhibits celebrating 100 years worth of men's basketball.

The Lantz Arena exhibit is near Ray Padovan Pool, while the library's exhibit is located in the North Lobby.

Teams from throughout the years are represented in the exhibits.

The 1950-1953 teams, known for their 52 straight home winning streak, are up in the exhibit along with the original 1910 team that played in the Pemberton "cracker box" gym, now Textbook Rental.

Sandra King, a graphic designer for the athletic department, designed both exhibits.

"You just take all the pieces you have, all the photographs and assemble them so that they're aesthetically pleasing," King said.

In Lantz Arena, the display has photos of the teams lined up in vertical columns.

"All the history we have in our exhibit, it's here in Lantz," King said. "It's got the [Kevin] Duckworth signed ball. It's got the Duckworth jersey. We kept all those here for our exhibit."

While King was putting the exhibit together in Booth Library, Bob Hillman, the university archivist, offered some playbooks, letters and an old

megaphone.

Booth has large posters displaying team photos from almost every decade. Some scorebooks are opened to pages with handwritten scores from winning games alongside the now famous players' names.

One photo has two players with coach Charles Lantz in it. The open scorebook below holds the name of the players. Nearby is a letter to Lantz congratulating him on the season that ended.

While looking through the exhibit, Hillman pointed out a group photo with Tom Katsimpalis in it.

Hillman noted that Katsimpalis would later become a coach at Eastern. Hillman said there is another photo, not in the display, of the group together about 30 years later.

"They were a real close-knit group," Hillman said.

Along with some open scorebooks are Eastern yearbooks.

The yearbooks have several different pictures not on display.

Not all the photographs on display have captions. Hillman said some of the older ones only have the year because that was the only thing known about the photos.

"There's such an irony that we have very few color photographs," King said. "Everything was printed in black and white back in the day. So you would have to take the black and white photos and the color photos and put them together, add some color to make it flow."

The exhibits will remain open until March 10.

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PHOTOS COURTESY OF UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES

The unbeaten team of Eastern Illinois State College has only one player above six feet tall. Coach Bill Healey, 41, (far right) says teamwork makes up for the squad's lack of height. (Left to right) Player Bob Lee, No. 3; Jim Johnson, No. 19; Tom Katsimpalis, No. 13; Norm Patberg, No. 12; Roger Dettro, No. 8. Katsimpalis is 6 feet 2 inches tall. The other players are all six feet or under. (United Press Photo) 2/11/52



Eastern Illinois State Normal School Basketball team 1910. Top row: Dave Kime, J. Service, Charlie Hill; Front row: Grove Butler, unknown player, Carl Kibler, J. C. Brown-coach, unknown player. Named by Maurice Hampton March 18, 1973.

IEWS



Dan Cusack

Step back from your 'comfort'

There is a new MTV show called "The Buried Life."

The premise of the show is simple: Four or five guys travel around the country completing 100 different tasks they want to do before they die. They have been doing this for a number of years and have done some insane stuff.

No matter what you think of the guys, the thing is, they go for it.

In a recent episode, they wanted to play basketball with President Obama and although they did not get to play with him yet, they bothered everyone in Washington D.C. in order to get a chance.

They reached his press secretary, various congressmen and other top people in Washington D.C. Sure, they have cameras following them around, but for four regular people, that is impressive.

Although most of the people on the show are a bunch of tools, you have to give them credit. Most people talk about going after their dreams, but few actually do anything about it.

How many times have you sat with your friends and came up with a cool idea? Probably one million times. How many times have those ideas actually happened? Probably not even once.

In my life, I have pretty much played everything safe. When I chose a high school, I picked the one closest to home. When picking colleges, I picked the cheapest state school and the one my sister attended.

A lot of times in life we fall into a groove and don't break out of it. We go to the same parties, talk to the same people and do the same things every day.

Every once in awhile, we must force ourselves to do something different.

If you never break your cycle, very rarely will anything exciting happen.

This weekend, I traveled to Indianapolis to go to a Professional Bowling Association event. Probably as recent as last year, I would not have gone.

My friends and I always talk about going to events like this, but about 98 percent of the time we don't.

By forcing myself out of my comfort zone, I got to accomplish two things I have always wanted to do: I got on a nationally broadcast TV program and I got to have drinks with a professional athlete (if you consider a bowler a professional athlete).

Cross two things off my list.

I think over the next few years I am going to try to do as many of the things I have always wanted to do as possible. I'm young, I have no dependants and we will probably only have until 2012, when the world ends, anyway.

So, I will go out and try to play craps with Charles Oakley.

I will learn how to base jump and then jump off a tall building, and hopefully not die.

I will attend a Michigan-Ohio State football game in Columbus, Ohio.

I will eventually travel west of the Mississippi River, possibly on my first airplane ride.

I will find the guy from Extreme Makeover: Home Edition and punch him in the face.

The thing is, anything we want to do is possible, we just have to have the courage to get out of our comfort zone and go for it.

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THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

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

With social networking comes great responsibility

Millions of people around the world log on every day. They feel the magnetic pull forcing them to get online and share information with the rest of the world through photos, Tweets, profile updates and more.

But with the ease of typing a person's name into a search engine like Google and getting quick results, the user's true self may shine through to those he may not want to: Potential employers. Some of the things you wanted to keep private, well, you just didn't think things through well enough to achieve that after applying for that new job.

As reported in an article in Thursday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, there is great possibility that potential employers will check applicants' Facebook pages.

Luke Steinke, a professor in the school of technology, said he knew of some employers who do, in fact, check Facebook accounts of those applying for a position. The consequences of using social media like Facebook or Twitter irresponsibly could have long-term effects for those users, he said.

"You never want to give an employer a reason to not interview you or to not allow you to go further in the interview process," Steinke said. "If you're giving them a reason by either posting pictures that are inappropriate or making statements that are inappropriate, you're hurting yourself in the long run."

It makes sense for employers to do this to cover themselves, so people seeking jobs need to adjust to the reality

"Think from a professional's point of view. What would he find offensive or distasteful?"

of the situation. The article also pointed out how people who work for an organization reflect that organization, so people should be cautious of items they share with the world.

From commenting on a friend's wall about how wasted you want to get this weekend to posting pictures of the weekend's drunken debauchery the day after, connecting with friends should heed better discretion.

But if you must post those items to your wall or Twitter feed, then change the privacy policy of those sites. For Facebook, a user can simply log on and click on "Privacy Settings" to manipulate those for his benefit. With this, one can decide what people can see on his profile, whether it's personal information, photos or comments. One can also decide who specifically is able to see said information.

There is a similar setting for those who use Twitter, to allow certain people to see one's Tweets. Both are easily stated on each Web site, so users have no excuse anymore. Applicants should put themselves in a better situation to get hired, especially those who are graduating in May.

Think from a professional's point of view. What would he find offensive or distasteful?

Change that. Take the beer bong photo down. Get rid of your profile information that talks about your affinity for certain illegal substances. Really, anything that could be potentially distasteful, just take it down. It's better to be safe than sorry.

If you are going to use social media, use it wisely.

FROM THE EASEL



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Writing proposal misrepresented by coverage

Dear Staff of *The Daily Eastern News*:

Because every article about the Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) proposal in this paper has had at least one factual error and since few people read corrections published in *The Daily Eastern News*, I write this letter to address your coverage of the WAC proposal.

While I have been aggravated by *The DEN's* reporting on this proposal because articles have provided inaccurate information, I agree with the recent editorial's senti-

ments about how education is poorly funded.

However, blaming the writing ability of students on K-12 education or state appropriations is simply blaming someone — a rhetorical move that doesn't move the university to a coherent solution to the needs you note in the editorial.

In one paragraph *The DEN* contend, "The university should look into the addition of more writing classes for the good of all students," yet in the paragraph following that assertion you state that more courses could be "overkill."

What is your position or solu-

tion other than blame? If you feel it's a strong or ineffective proposal, then state your reasons and back them up with significant support.

In short, the WAC proposal would create more consistency within the general education curriculum for all students. As of right now, many students would meet the proposed requirements, but a very small minority would not.

One of the goals of college education is for students to grow as independent writers and thinkers, and taking strong writing-intensive and writing-centered courses will help students reach those goals.

In addition, effective writing-intensive courses can connect to the initiative for integrative learning since WAC pedagogy uses writing as a means to learn subject matter more effectively.

As a whole, WAC-influenced classrooms employ reflective writing to help students understand the complex ideas of academic disciplines while introducing the discourse of those disciplines.

Dr. Tim N. Taylor,
Director,
Writing Across
the Curriculum

EVENT

Kids and Friends Weekend a barrel o' fun

Magician and escape artist perform

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

Among board games, an obstacle course, Rock Band, the movie "Planet 51" and bingo, children who attended Kids and Friends Weekend were also able to see magician and escape artist Dan Martin as the main attraction Saturday.

Martin performed such stunts as beating the world record for coming out of a straightjacket, making a \$5 bill disappear and reappear inside of a balloon and solving a Rubik's Cube inside his mouth.

He performed the stunt in 57 seconds.

Martin also did a trick for the younger audience members where he switched the places of peanut butter and jelly on a table to the song "Peanut Butter Jelly Time" from the television show "Family Guy."

Amanda Wood, a junior English major, attended the show with her family.

Lila Wood, her little sister, along with Cadence and Jared Summers, her younger cousins, really liked the show.

Justin Schuch, a college of student affairs graduate student, was impressed and still kind of dumbfounded how Martin tore up his \$5 bill inside of an envelope and then made the money reappear inside a black balloon.

"I thought the show was great and it is nice to have something different," Schuch said.

Amanda Woods said her family

was excited to come and see her college ever since they found out about the Kids and Friends Weekend a few weeks ago.

Woods was also on the committee that put the weekend together.

"I was actually really surprised at the turnout," Woods said.

She said kids also enjoyed having their pictures taken earlier in the day.

"There were pictures in the Triad and the Stevenson LSD complex," Woods said. "We had kids ranging from five or six to about 18 years old with about 10 kids."

Temetria Hargett, resident director for Lawson Hall, said more kids and their families came out than expected.

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Members of the Residents Hall Association hide in the basement of Andrews Hall while playing a game of sardines Saturday during Kids and Friends Weekend. Sardines is played by one person hiding and the other players finding and hiding with them leading to a large group of people in a tiny space.

HISTORY

Eastern kicks off Women's History and Awareness Month

WHAM celebrated on campus and worldwide

By Emily Reid
Staff Reporter

Women's History and Awareness Month at Eastern got a head start on Friday from a world-renowned female astronomer.

Heidi Hammel, a professor of physics and astronomy at the Space Science Institute, presented her lecture "Cosmic Collisions" at an astronomy colloquium on Thursday afternoon and later joined female students for "Missions, Myths, and Free Advice," a discussion about science and mathematics and the roles women play in the fields.

Hammel discussed a range of topics, from her difficulties with physics classes in college to her work on the James Webb Space Telescope, the partial successor to the Hubble Space Telescope.

Hammel also shared her hopes for the next generation of scientists, saying that the groundwork for new missions must be laid decades in ad-

vance in order to further discoveries in the field.

"That's your job, you young women out there," Hammel said, regarding the huge portion of unknown material in the universe. "Solve this for us, please."

Hammel also dispelled a few myths about science, saying that one does not have to be brilliant to become a scientist, math is just a language like any other, and scientists can and do have lives.

Besides, being a scientist is far from the most difficult job one can choose, Hammel said.

"Being a mom is much harder than being a scientist," she said.

Hammel told young women in the audience to be brave, even when they are scared, intimidated, unsure or ill prepared, and cited another young woman's difficulties she had heard about at a conference as an example.

The woman, who was failing physics and went back to her dorm room to cry every night, told a professor about her problems. The professor, who was sympathetic to the woman's situation, gave her some advice.

"She said, 'Honey, I cry. We all cry. It's what you do after you finish crying that makes the difference,'" Ham-

mel said.

Amanda Tavenner, a senior physics major, said she enjoyed hearing Hammel's viewpoints and advice.

"It was really interesting," Tavenner said. "I'm sure a lot of women here got a lot out of it."

Hammel's visit was just a prelude to the upcoming events of Women's History and Awareness Month. This year's theme is "Women, Poverty and Economic Justice."

Jeannie Ludlow, the director of women's studies, said this month offers a chance to consider how poverty affects not only American women, but women worldwide.

"We could draw attention to the conditions of women in other countries," Ludlow said.

Sace Elder, a history professor and head of the WHAM committee, said it is important to have a month dedicated to highlighting and examining the accomplishments of women worldwide.

"It serves to make women's issues prominent and spark interest," Elder said.

Mary Gray, a communication and culture professor at Indiana University Bloomington who will be on campus Thursday, quoted the poet

George Santayana to signify the importance of WHAM.

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Gray, who will speak about her work with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth in rural America, said WHAM gives everyone—not just women—an opportunity to reflect on the status of gender in society.

"Where does it matter? When is gender, as a category, used to hold people down or lift them up? Why does gender persist as a social category at all?" Gray asked. "To even begin to address those questions, we have to look at how the meaning and texture of women's lives have shifted over time."

For Gray, the month is more than just a reminder of women's history.

"We celebrate women's history to remember not just how far we've come but to consider the fights we've lost," Gray said. "For example, remembering what life was like for young women before they had legal and healthy options to control their own reproduction reminds us that that fight is far from over for women who do not have the economic or social means to access those rights."

The celebration of women's history in the United States has evolved over the years starting with Women's History Week, a celebration that began in California in 1978 to coincide with International Women's Day. The weeklong celebration became a nationwide movement, and Congress passed a resolution establishing an entire month for National Women's History Month.

Elder said Eastern has celebrated women's history since the 1980s and, as members of what was once the EIU Women's Studies Council found that one week was not enough for all of the activities to honor women's history and draw attention to women's issues, the members expanded the celebration to a month long event.

International Women's Day, March 8, is a global event dating back to 1911 that celebrates the economic, social and political achievements of women, according to international-womensday.com. In some countries, such as China and Russia, it is a national holiday.

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NATION

Supreme Court scrutinizes gun control

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gun control advocates think, if not pray, they can win by losing when the Supreme Court decides whether the constitutional right to possess guns serves as a check on state and local regulation of firearms.

The justices will be deciding whether the Second Amendment — like much of the rest of the Bill of Rights — applies to states as well as the federal government. It's widely believed they will say it does.

But even if the court strikes down handgun bans in Chicago and its suburb of Oak Park, Ill., that are at issue in the argument to be heard Tuesday, it could signal that less severe rules or limits on guns are permissible.

The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence is urging the court not to do anything that would prevent state and local governments "from enacting the reasonable laws they desire and need

to protect their families and communities from gun violence."

By some estimates, about 90 million people in the U.S. own a total of some 200 million guns.

Roughly 30,000 people in the United States died each year from guns; more than half of them are suicides. An additional 70,000 are wounded.

The new lawsuits were begun almost immediately after the court's blockbuster ruling in 2008 that struck down the District of Columbia's handgun ban. In that case, the court ruled for the first time that individuals have a right keep guns for self-defense and other purposes. Because the nation's capital is a federal enclave, that ruling applied only to federal laws.

The challenges to the Chicago area laws, which are strikingly similar to the Washington law, are part of an aggressive push by gun rights proponents in the courts and state legislatures.

Courts are considering many gun

"How many more of our citizens must needlessly die because guns are too easily available in our society?"

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley

laws following the justice's 2008 decision. Massachusetts' highest state court is examining the validity of a state law requiring gun owners to lock weapons in their homes.

Two federal appeals courts have raised questions about gun possession convictions of people who previously had been convicted of domestic violence misdemeanors. A suit in Washington challenges the capital's ban on carrying loaded guns on public streets.

Lawmakers in several states are pushing for proposals favored by the

National Rifle Association and other gun rights groups. The Virginia Legislature is considering repealing a law that limits handgun purchases to one a month. That law was enacted in 1993 because Virginia was the No. 1 supplier of guns used in crimes in other states. A separate proposal in Virginia would allow people with a concealed-weapon permit to take hidden guns into restaurants that sell alcohol, as long as those patrons don't drink.

Chicago is defending its gun laws at the high court. Mayor Richard Daley said a ruling against his city would

spawn even more suits nationwide and lead to more gun violence.

"How many more of our citizens must needlessly die because guns are too easily available in our society?" Daley said at a Washington news conference last week that also included the parents of a Chicago teenager who was shot on a bus as he headed home from school.

Annette Nance-Holt said her only child, 16-year-old Blair Holt, shielded his friend when a gang member boarded a bus and began shooting at rival gang members.

"You might ask, 'What good is Chicago's handgun law if so many of our young people are still being shot?'" Nance-Holt said. "All I can say is, imagine how many more would be if the law were not there."

Gun rights advocates say such killings should serve as reminders that handgun bans and other gun laws do nothing to protect people who obey the law.

STATE

Former Belvidere mayor found not guilty of theft

The Associated Press

BELVIDERE — A former northern Illinois mayor has been found not guilty of stealing a political yard sign.

Former Belvidere Mayor Rory Peterson was charged with misdemeanor theft in the March 8 incident.

Peterson testified that he moved the sign belonging to former Ald. David Deckert but that he didn't steal it.

Peterson said the sign was in the public way, a violation of city code. He

said he moved it to private property.

Judge John Young found him not guilty after a bench trial but warned him to leave the moving of signs to elections officials in the future.

Prosecutors alleged that the 53-year-old former mayor took the sign because he supported Deckert's opponent. Peterson denied that claim.

Volunteer award nominees sought

CHICAGO — An Illinois commis-

sion is looking for nominees for volunteer service awards.

The Serve Illinois Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service is accepting nominations through March 19.

The panel says the Governor's Volunteer Service Awards recognize volunteers who have "made a difference in Illinois."

The awards will focus on five areas: economic opportunity, education, environmental conservation, health and

veterans' affairs.

The Serve Illinois Commission is a 25-member, bipartisan board appointed by the governor.

Winners will be notified by April 2 and will be invited to a luncheon at the Executive Mansion in Springfield on April 12.

Quinn says It. gov. should love dogs

CHICAGO — Gov. Pat Quinn says it's important for the state's

lieutenant governor to be a dog lover.

Quinn made the pronouncement Saturday at the International Kennel Club Dog Show in Chicago. He owns a Yorkshire terrier.

The Democratic governor brought a scroll to the show that proclaimed Saturday as "Humane Pet Treatment Day" in Illinois.

He says having someone who loves dogs as his running mate is "a great way to win the election."

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The four Miss Black EIU candidates, sophomore family and consumer sciences major Chinenye Chi-Chi Ezurike, senior pre-nursing major Erika Collins, senior psychology major Vionka Leal and sophomore pre-nursing major Courtney Chambers, are first introduced to the crowd at the Miss Black EIU Pageant Saturday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's Grand Ballroom.

LEAL, from page 1

Courtney Chambers, a sophomore pre-nursing major, talked about domestic violence.

A panel consisting of Janice Collins, Forrest Jackson, James Williams, Kiran Padmaraju, PJ Thompson and James A. Wallace judged the contestants.

President Bill Perry was also in attendance.

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Miss Black EIU

Chinenye Ezurike was first runner up, Erika Collins was second runner up, and Courtney Chambers was third runner up.

The contestants received pageant awards and there was a dance after the event.

Miss Black EIU began in 1971 and the first winner was Debbie Miner.

WORLD Scientists defend warning after tsunami nonevent

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — The warning was ominous, its predictions dire: Oceanographers issued a bulletin telling Hawaii and other Pacific islands that a killer wave was heading their way with terrifying force and that "urgent action should be taken to protect lives and property."

But the devastating tidal surge predicted after Chile's magnitude 8.8-earthquake for areas far from the epicenter never materialized. And by Sunday, authorities had lifted the warning after waves half the predicted size tickled the shores of Hawaii and tourists once again jammed beaches and restaurants.

Scientists acknowledged they overstated the threat but defended their actions, saying they took the proper steps and learned the lessons of the 2004 Indonesian tsunami that killed thousands of people who didn't get enough warning.

"It's a key point to remember that we cannot under-warn. Failure to warn is not an option for us," said Dai Lin Wang, an oceanographer at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii. "We cannot have a situation that we thought was no problem and then it's devastating. That just cannot happen."

Hundreds of thousands of people fled shorelines for higher ground Saturday in a panic that circled the Pacific

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ic Rim after scientists warned 53 nations and territories that a tsunami had been generated by the massive Chilean quake.

It was the largest-scale evacuation in Hawaii in years, if not decades. Emergency sirens blared throughout the day, the Navy moved ships out of Pearl Harbor, and residents hoarded gasoline, food and water in anticipation of a major disaster. Some supermarkets even placed limits on items like Spam because of the panic buying.

At least five people were killed by the tsunami on Robinson Crusoe Island off Chile's coast and huge waves devastated the port city of Talcahuano, near hard-hit Concepcion on Chile's mainland.

ENERGY, from page 1

"We should build that in such a way that it doesn't cost us anything for utilities somehow. We want to use geothermal, solar; we want to build the structure with materials that you're not going to have to replace and you're not going to have to paint every so many years."

In addition to sustainability, the committee will be looking at ways to cultivate integrative learning opportunities into new facilities.

"We're going to see that interaction is facilitated and motivated," Perry

said. "You can do that in different ways, one is with open architecture so you can see each other. We want to have a way to funnel them to converge and sit and talk about their science and what they're doing in class. We want easy, natural places for students and faculty to sit together and talk, mentor."

Other issues set for discussion in the master plan include the re-purposing of the old steam plant building and Textbook Rental facility, as

"There's nothing more sustainable than using what you've already got."

Steve Shrake, associate director of design and construction

well as space constraints in Coleman Hall, according to Steve Shrake, associate director of design and construction.

One possible use for the steam plant that is in discussion is a one-stop student services building.

"There's nothing more sustainable

than using what you've already got," Shrake said.

The plan, which will be completed in the fall, is not a set outline of what will happen on the campus, according to Bill Weber, vice president for business affairs. It will have five, 10 and 15-year goals.

"You'll see a lot of dream in the long-range," Weber said.

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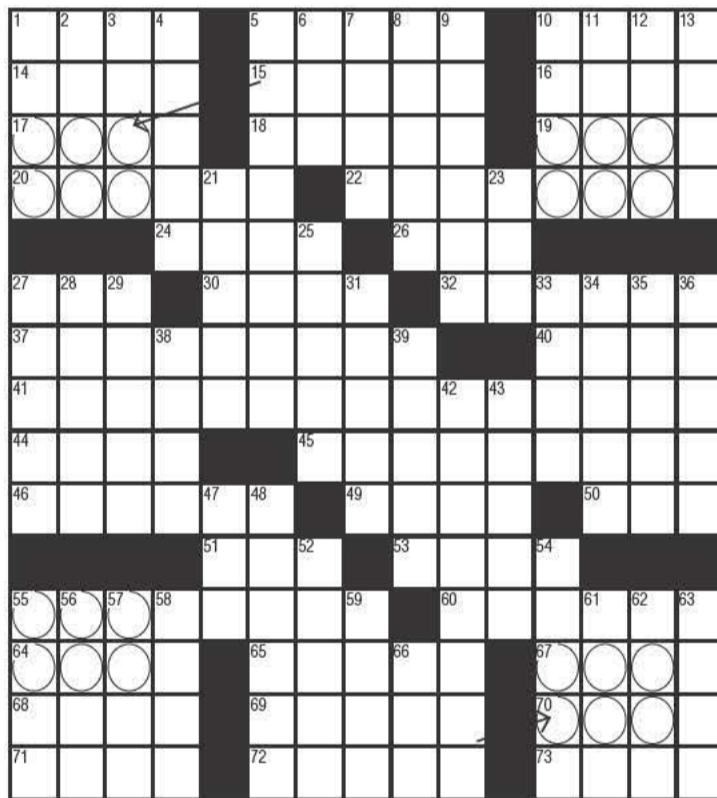
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CHAMPIONS, from page 12

Her 20 points was one of a handful of outstanding performances from the team, including red-shirt sophomore Megan Gingerich's efforts.

Gingerich won the high jump, 800-meter run and helped the distance medley relay and the 1,600-meter relay team to victories. She won the high jump against 16 other competitors and won on a jump-off.

"My legs were pretty much dead," she said. "I was getting sick of jumping."

In the 800-meter run on Saturday, Gingerich held off Murray State senior Taylor Crawford. Crawford was last year's OVC Female Athlete of the Championships.

She won by less than a second with a time of two minutes, 15.4612 sec-

onds to Crawford's time of 2:15.4662.

The men's team needed a strong Saturday after a third-place standing on the first day.

"We had some spots where we came up a little short," Akers said. "It was a little nerve-wracking to tell you the truth. The guys really had to battle."

Akers was impressed with both the men's and women's 800-meter competitors. Sophomore Sean Wiggan led a one through four finish and Gingerich helped a one, four through sixth-place finish for the Eastern women.

Red-shirt freshman Jacob Mitchell captured the 55-meter dash. Senior Chandra Golden was second in the 500-meter hurdles.

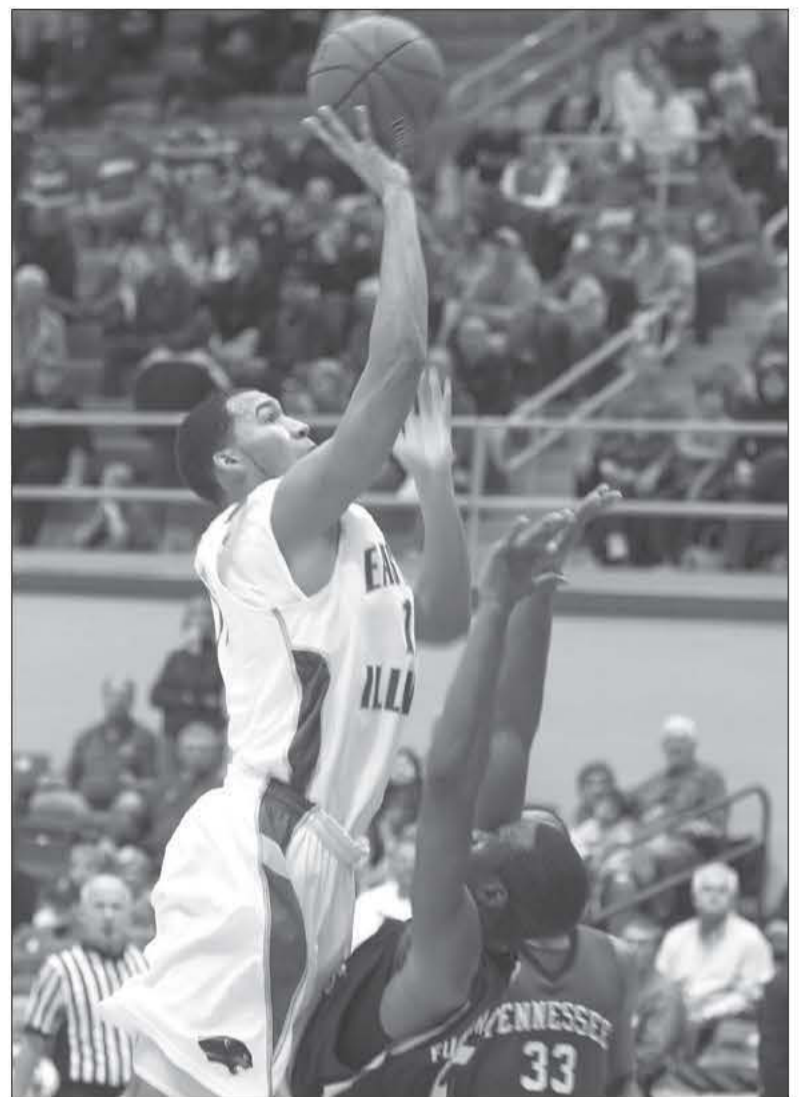
Freshman Lamarr Pottinger took the 55-meter hurdles title. Junior Dar-

ren Patterson took the 200-meter dash and followed up with a third-place showing in the 400-meter dash. Senior Marcus Williams was the runner-up in the 400-meter dash.

Senior Erin O'Grady was runner-up in the mile and won the 3,000-meter run. Red-shirt freshman Olivia Klaus was fourth in the mile. The 1,600-meter relay team and the distance medley relay teams took titles as well.

Senior Ian Winston was second in the high jump and second in the triple jump. Freshman Scott Mammoser won the pole vault. Sophomore Queenie Adeboyejo won the triple jump.

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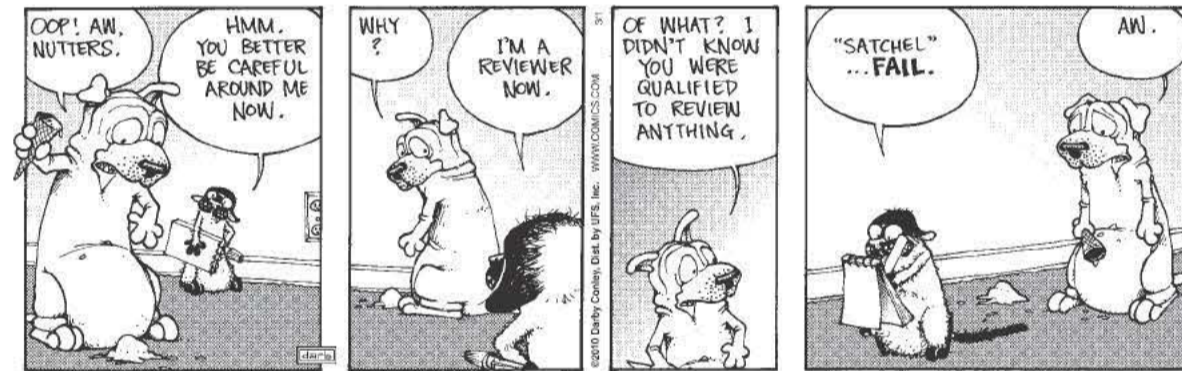
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Eastern red-shirt freshman forward James Hollowell leaps over his opponent to take a shot during the game against Tennessee State Saturday in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat the Tigers 66-61.

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The game was tied at 61 with 1:32 left when red-shirt freshman forward James Hollowell swished a jumper, blocked Nobles layup and had a key rebound on a Tiger miss with 15 second left.

"I was guarding (Tiger freshman forward Robert Covington) and staying more to his side and I was a little off the post side," Hollowell said. "Someone yelled for me to help and I see Nobles driving so I reacted to the ball and made a play."

Hollowell had eight points on the game, while adding 11 boards and three blocks.

Eastern will play Eastern Kentucky (20-11, 11-7 OVC) in Lantz Arena at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

The Panthers split their season series with the Colonels.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Baseball swept for second weekend

The Eastern baseball team saw its rough start to the season continue this weekend as the Panthers were swept in a three-game series against Belmont in Nashville, Tenn.

The sweep was capped off by a wild, 10-inning game that saw Eastern score seven times in the final three innings to send the game. The Bruins won it in the bottom of the 10th.

Junior right-hander Brent McNeil struggled early and was not aided by his defense, which committed seven errors Sunday. McNeil lasted just 2 1/3 innings, allowing six earned runs and walking four.

Saturday's loss saw the Eastern bullpen blow an early, 7-2 lead as Belmont exploded for six runs in the bottom of the eighth for the comeback victory.

Junior right-hander Mike Recchia rebounded from a tough opening series loss and went five innings, allowing two runs on two hits.

But the combination of sophomore right-hander Mike Hoekstra, junior right-hander Dillon Roark and freshman left-hander Brian Hannig were unable to hold the lead for Recchia, allowing all six eighth inning runs. Hannig and Roark could not record an out in their appearances.

The Panthers, who lost 14 games all of last season, are 0-6 to start this season.

They hit the road again Friday and open a three-game series against Alabama-Birmingham in Birmingham, Ala. The two teams play at 3 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and the series finale is at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Softball wins three of four in Tulsa

The Eastern softball team finished 3-1 this weekend while competing in the Tulsa Embassy Suites Invitational in Tulsa, Okla.

The Panthers defeated South Da-

kota State 6-1, Texas State 4-1 and Missouri-Kansas City 10-5 before dropping the finale to Tulsa 11-2 in five innings.

Freshman pitcher Natalie Wunderlich picked up two of the team's three victories over the weekend. She threw a complete game, allowing four hits and one unearned run against Texas State, and notched a win in relief against Missouri-Kansas City. She allowed one earned run and two hits over four innings.

Saturday's offensive explosion against Missouri-Kansas City saw three home runs, two by senior outfielder Denee Menzione. Menzione

finished the game 2-of-3 while junior first baseman Melinda Jackson also went yard, going 3-of-4 with six RBIs.

The Panthers will compete in its third consecutive tournament starting Friday when they head to Fayetteville, Ark., to compete in the Arkansas Razorback Invitational.

The three-day tournament will see the Panthers take on Iowa State, Southern Mississippi, Louisiana-Lafayette, Drake, as well as the host Razorbacks.

—Compiled by Managing Editor Collin Whitchurch

WORLD

WINTER OLYMPICS

Crosby's goal wins gold, Canada wins in OT

The Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Rest assured, Canada, the national honor is served.

With a flick of the wrist from The Next One, Sidney Crosby, Canadians found Olympic redemption Sunday.

The pall of a luger's death, a series of embarrassing glitches, a first half so dismal the hosts conceded the medals race, a loss to the upstart Americans in a preliminary game.

All but forgotten.

Canada is the Olympic champion in men's hockey, and the whole country can finally celebrate its Winter Games.

Canada survived one of the greatest games in Olympic history to beat the Americans 3-2 in overtime and cap the host country's record gold rush in Vancouver.

Crosby — hockey heir to Canada's own Great One, Wayne Gretzky — won it when he whipped a shot past U.S. goalie Ryan Miller 7:40 into over-

time after the U.S. had tied it with 24.4 seconds left in regulation.

Canada's collection of all-stars held off a young, desperate U.S. team that had beaten it a week ago and, after staging a furious comeback from down 2-0 on goals by Jonathan Toews and Corey Perry, almost beat the Canadians again.

With Canada less than a minute away from celebrating the gold medal, Zach Parise — the son of a player who figured in Canada's finest hockey moment — tied it with Miller off the ice

for an extra attacker.

The moment he scored, the groans of disappointed fans likely were heard from Vancouver to the Maritimes. But Crosby, scoreless the previous two games, brought back the cheers with his second post-regulation game-winner of the tournament, a shot from the left circle that Miller was helpless to stop. He also beat Switzerland in a shootout during the round robin.

It was close. It was nerve-racking. It was a game worthy of an Olympic

hockey final.

Before the game, Crosby received a brief text message from Penguins owner Mario Lemieux that said: "Good luck."

Now, Crosby joins Lemieux — whose goal beat the Soviet Union in the 1987 World Cup — and Paul Henderson, who beat the Soviets with a goal in the 1972 Summit Series, among the instant national heroes of Canadian hockey. At age 22, Crosby has won the Stanley Cup and the Olympics in less than a year's time.

NATION

BASEBALL

Healthy Mather again battling for Cards' 3B job

The Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — This time last year, Joe Mather was a heralded prospect competing for the starting third base job. After a year rendered moot by injuries, he's entered this spring with far less fanfare.

That's a little surprising considering he's essentially in the same position as a year ago.

"It happens," Mather said. "Guys get hurt and other guys come up and you are kind of forgotten until you prove you can do it again," Mather said.

Like last spring, Mather is battling

"It wasn't the end result that I wanted. It happens. Guys get hurt all the time."

Joe Mather, Cardinals infielder

David Freese for the starting job at

third, only this year he's healthy. Mather earned his first major league call-up in 2008, hitting .241 with eight home runs in 133 plate appearances before breaking the hamate bone in his left hand in September.

He never fully recovered from the ensuing surgery and ended up starting 2009 at Triple-A Memphis. Struggling with a wrist injury on the same hand, Mather didn't make it back to the majors. He opted for surgery to repair the cartilage in June, ending his season.

"It was very disappointing," Mather said. "It wasn't the end result that I wanted. It happens. Guys get

hurt all the time. It was a great learning experience. I had a great time watching the team play."

White Sox pitching coach: Jenks is behind

GLENDALE, Ariz. — After seeing Bobby Jenks pitch in a batting cage Sunday, Chicago White Sox pitching coach Don Cooper said his closer is trailing the other pitchers in camp.

"Bobby's got a little bit different schedule because he was just a tad behind," Cooper said.

Jenks is behind for several reasons, according to Cooper: his wife had

another child, the weather in Chicago was bad and Jenks had difficulty finding a catcher so he was limited to playing catch.

Cooper is also making a specific throwing schedule for starter Mark Buehrle to keep him fresh. Buehrle faded in the second half last season after throwing a perfect game on July 23, going 2-7 with a 4.78 ERA in 13 starts.

Right-handers Gavin Floyd, Daniel Cabrera, Carlos Torres and Daniel Hudson are expected to pitch Tuesday in an exhibition game against the Dodgers that doesn't count in the spring standings.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 79, TENNESSEE STATE 67

Seniors end regular season on victory

Team hosts first round of conference tournament

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

After the pregame Senior Night festivities, Eastern women's basketball head coach Brady Sallee paid his five seniors their dues as they were announced as the game's starting five.

While the pregame festivities had a happy, celebratory feel, the actual game was not so easy as the Panthers outlasted Tennessee State 79-67 in a gritty fight Saturday in Lantz Arena.

In a game featuring 41 turnovers and 48 personal fouls, Sallee said the Panthers had no choice but to play as the Tigers dictated.

"If we would've tried to play finesse and be cutie cute then we would've gotten our butts kicked," Sallee said. "And I'm not real sure that we aren't better playing like that."

With the all-senior starting lineup, Eastern gained an 11-7 lead in the first five minutes.

"I thought they did a great job," Sallee said. "There wasn't any slippage as far as I could see. I think they played their tails off which was exactly what I wanted them to do."

Sallee said he was paying the seniors their dues by starting them and having them contribute the opening minutes.

Once the regular starting five entered the game, the Panthers outscored the Tigers 22-19 for a 33-26 lead at halftime.

The Panthers came out of the locker room and outshot the Tigers from the free throw line and out-rebounded them, which Sallee said was a good winning combination.

While the Panthers turned the ball over 23 times, Sallee said he gives the Tigers credit for playing hard.

"We turned the ball over like we got paid for it," Sallee said. "I give Tennessee State a lot of credit. Clearly they had a lot riding on this game and they showed it."

"They played with a lot of emotion and they had no thoughts other than winning. Not a lot of people come in here thinking that so I give them a lot of credit."

A pair of freshmen, guard Ta'Kenya Nixon and forward Syd-



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern freshman forward Sydney Mitchell fights off an opponent while looking for a teammate to pass the ball to during the game against Tennessee State Saturday in Lantz Arena. The Panthers beat the Tigers 79-67.

ney Mitchell, led the Panthers as they pushed to the team's biggest lead in the second half, leading by 13 points.

Nixon scored 15 of her 19 points

in the second half, while Mitchell notched seven of her 12 that same half, too.

"I was just feeling it," Mitchell said. "I was into the game and I was

ready to go. I wasn't really thinking about what I was doing I just wanted to have fun."

Nixon managed the score proficiently despite sitting on the bench

"I thought they did a great job. There wasn't any slippage as far as I could see. I think they played their tails off which was exactly what I wanted them to do."

Brady Sallee, Eastern women's basketball head coach

First round of conference tournament

- #1 Eastern vs. #8 Tennessee State (5:30 p.m.)
- #2 Morehead State vs. #7 Murray State (4:30 p.m.)
- #3 Austin Peay vs. #6 Tennessee Tech (5:30 p.m.)
- #4 UT Martin vs. #5 Eastern Kentucky (7 p.m.)

All Games are Tuesday

for an extended period with a cut lip.

Nixon said her absence to the court frustrated her as the Tigers narrowed Eastern's lead.

"It was frustrating watching the lead getting cut when I wasn't able to be in the game," Nixon said.

Eastern outscored the Tigers 46-41 in the second half on its way to a 12-point victory, a fitting win for the seniors.

"You can't ask for a better senior night," Sallee said. "For this group to win a championship, do it on their home floor, in front of the crowd we did it in front of they deserve nothing but what they got."

The game ended the regular season, but more basketball is to come.

Eastern will begin its quest for an Ohio Valley Conference Tournament title Tuesday for the quarterfinal game against Tennessee State at 5:30 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

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VIEWS



Alex McNamee

So they meet again

For the Eastern women's basketball team, one test awaits before packing its bags for Nashville.

Tuesday, the Panthers will face a familiar foe, Tennessee State, in the first round of the OVC Tournament.

On Tuesday, three days will have passed since the Panthers defeated the Tigers 79-67 in Lantz Arena.

Eastern should be confident heading into the game being the tournament's top-seeded team, at home and recently disposing the Tigers 73 hours prior.

However, the Panthers should not get too comfortable because there were times in Saturday's game where the Tigers had Eastern on the ropes.

Eastern took a 33-26 lead into halftime, but right from the beginning of the second half Tennessee State began to chip away.

With 14:14 to go, the Tigers shaved the deficit down to a single point, trailing 43-42.

The Panthers did a good job of weathering the storm by scoring 13 of the game's next 18 points to open up a nine-point lead.

That spurt came with 10:04 left in the game. From that point on, the Tigers were barely able to get the game within eight points, despite squeezing it back to a five-point game nearly two minutes later.

Late in the game, Eastern held a 10-point lead with 4:52 to go, but two quick baskets shrank the lead to 67-61.

So, Tennessee State showed stints of offensive firepower; however, it was never able to put that into a combination lasting longer than five minutes.

For everything the Tigers did, Eastern seemed to have an answer.

Now, everybody knows that Eastern is good. And they would expect Eastern to have answers for anything thrown at it.

So, its performance Saturday is no surprise. Still, the Panthers need to go into Tuesday's game levelheaded.

Understand, Eastern is in the tournament but not yet in Nashville, Tenn. where the top four OVC teams will face-off.

A first round upset could happen and Tennessee State probably feels they could win because the last place they played was Lantz against Eastern.

The Tigers have a feel for the environment that Lantz brings.

One team's journey is going to end in Lantz and all statistical evidence points toward Tennessee State.

Tuesday's game will be feisty between the Panthers and Tigers, much like Saturday's game was.

Freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon had to step off the court for an extended period of time because she had a bloody lip.

There was much hacking — a total of 48 personal fouls.

After Tuesday, we will know who the tougher Cat is.

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TRACK AND FIELD | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS



DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman Bryce Hogan takes fourth place in the men's long jump Feb. 19 in Lantz Fieldhouse. The Eastern men's team won its 12th title at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships Saturday, while the women won their third title.

Panthers champs once again

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

A Southeast Missouri coach approached Eastern track and field head coach Tom Akers on Saturday.

The SEMO coach admired how Eastern's athletes always battle.

The Panthers battled as the Eastern men's and women's teams captured the Ohio Valley Conference Championships Saturday at the Wilma Rudolph Indoor Track in the Gentry Center in Nashville, Tenn.

The women's team edged Eastern Kentucky 142-128 in the team standings and the men's team battled past Southeast Missouri 178-150.5.

Eastern Kentucky finished third with 88.5 points and Tennessee State was fourth with 71.

On the women's side, Southeast Missouri finished third with 93 points followed by Austin Peay (72), Murray State (67), Jacksonville State (54), Tennessee State (42) and Tennessee Tech (36).

"We're going to have our work cut out for us in the outdoor season," Akers said. "It was not an easy victory by any means on either side of the ball."

The title is the women's third team title and third in the past four years. For the men, the title is its 12th title in 14 chances.

For the women, senior thrower Kandace Arnold needed two personal bests to hold off Southeast Missouri senior Ashley Brewer. Arnold won both the shot put and the 20-pound weight throw.

She broke her own school records again with her winning throws. Her efforts landed her the OVC Female Athlete of the Championships, the first of her career.

Arnold was not even listening when she got announced. She was busy taking pictures with her teammates.

"I was shocked," Arnold said. "I didn't expect it."

Arnold's best throw in the shot put (50 feet, 6 inches) came on her first throw. Her best mark in the weight throw (61 feet, .75 inches) came after Brewer threw further than 60 feet.

"She was ready to go," Arnold said. "I got into a zone."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 66, TENNESSEE STATE 61

Staying home for playoff action

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

The Eastern men's basketball team secured fourth place in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament by virtue of a 66-61 victory over Tennessee State Saturday in Lantz Arena.

The win also extends the Panthers' (18-11, 11-7 Ohio Valley Conference) win streak to seven, the longest in the program's Division I history.

"I'm pleased with the players and for the program," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said. "Tonight, we were lucky to have the karma in the building with our All Century Team and top teams and lettermen."

The game was close in the first half, with Eastern having a 30-24 edge.

Tigers' freshman guard Jacquan Nobles made an impact in the first half, shooting 6-of-10 for 16 of Tennessee State's 24 points. He was 4-of-6 from three-point land.

The Panthers passed well the opening 20 minutes, producing 11 of its 21 game assists. Two key assists were at the first half's conclusion with senior forward Edin Suljic hitting senior guard T.J. Marion for a floater. Marion then passed to sophomore guard Jeremy for an open jumper to push the lead to six.

In the second half, Eastern extended its lead to 39-26 on 4-of-5 shooting.

After opening up the lead, the Tigers began their comeback.

Tennessee State coach John Cooper called for a full court press that forced Eastern to commit six turnovers in the next seven possessions.

The Tigers made a 14-0 run during those possessions and nailed six consecutive baskets.

"I thought we put ourselves into a position where we had to be more aggressive," Cooper said. "We pressed a little bit in the first half but (Eastern) did a good job with it, but the whole accumulation of the press is to still stick with it and see how it works through the game."

Cooper said his team goes to the press to create offense when it is struggling to score points.

Miller said that stretch was not ideal for his team.

"We started out attacking the press and had some two-on-one breaks and made some bad decisions with passes," Miller said. "We had a travel, five second (violation), just a variety of things we didn't keep our composure with."

Eastern senior guard Jay Smith said the six turnovers on seven possessions because the press was not totally from the Tigers' defensive pressure.

"It really wasn't that hard," Smith said. "A lot of the mistakes we made were on our own. If we took our time with some of those and faced up and went, everything would have been good."

To put the Panthers on top, Smith hit consecutive threes to give Eastern a 54-50 lead with 7:19 left.

"It was good screens some of my teammates set and also the penetration of the point guards," said Smith, who had nine points. "Just a combination of both got me open."

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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Tuesday vs. Tennessee State
5:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

Men's basketball
Tuesday vs. Eastern Kentucky
7:30 p.m. - Lantz Arena

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Wednesday at Bradley
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