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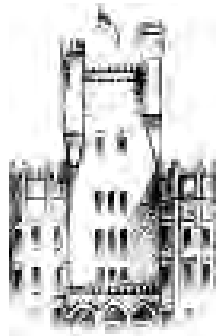
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750 Eastern students will graduate Saturday

By Maura Possley
Campus editor

1,655 students are eligible for graduation this semester

Approximately 750 students are expected to partake in Saturday's commencement ceremony out of 1,655 students eligible, Martha Hackler, office systems specialist, said.

Graduates have increased this fall compared to last fall's 1,000 students. However, the ratio of students walking through the ceremonies has dropped this year.

All eligible students to graduate

have the opportunity to participate in graduation.

"It's their personal choice whether they want to walk or not," Shelly Flock, Media Relations director, said.

Flock encourages students to participate in the ceremonies. "For myself...graduating was a very rewarding experience," she said.

Eastern has changed graduation somewhat this year by having three ceremonies, Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, said.

The first ceremony will be at 9 a.m. for the Graduate School and College of Sciences. The second, at 1 p.m., will be for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences and College of Arts and Humanities graduates. The third ceremony, at 5 p.m., will be for graduates of the College of Education and Professional Studies and the College of Adult and Continuing Education.

Eighty students will be enjoying

the ceremony from the Graduate School, 115 students will take the stage from the college of sciences; 171 for the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences; 125 will participate from the College of Arts and Humanities; 190 will participate from the College of Education and Professional Studies and 42 students will wear their caps and gowns from the Board of Trustees Degree Program, Hackler said.

If Eastern would have stayed with the traditional two ceremonies, graduates would only potentially have four or five tickets, instead of seven to dole out to family and friends, Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, said.

"We want to allow students to bring their families," Nilsen said.

Three ceremonies provide more opportunity for students to have family and guests at the ceremony "to enjoy and observe the

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Mandy Marshall/Photo editor

Sgt. Ron Osborne of the University Police Department finishes his duties Monday afternoon in the front office of the University Police Station. Behind Osborne are the dormant ticketing machines for issuing parking tickets. These machines get heavy use when students are confused about where to park. The Parking Committee met to discuss modifying the signs as to limit confusion among drivers.

Committee votes to swap parking

By Jamie Fetty
Administration editor

The Parking Committee voted Monday to change the designations of certain spots from staff/faculty to student, and vice versa, beginning next semester.

A great number of staff spots in the lot south of Lincoln-Stevenson-Douglas are often empty, university police officers said. Currently, a row of spaces facing the softball fields are designated for faculty and staff, but the committee passed a recommendation Monday to change those to upperclass student spaces. The row facing Fourth Street will change to faculty and staff parking in such a way that the quantity of each stay the

same, following a recommendation from Anu Sharma and Mutki Upadhyay, faculty representatives on the committee.

Another recommendation from the committee suggests rewording signs in parking lots that say "student parking" to indicate whether the spaces are for upper- or underclass students. Bill Davidson, chair of the Student Senate university development and recycling committee, suggested color-coding signs to eliminate confusion.

Committee members discussed issues of a reserved spot for the Resident Director of Pemberton Hall, but others dismissed the idea, saying that the move would create an influx of

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Freshman class helps bring back 'Billy'

By Maura Possley
Campus editor

Math professor Andrew White and his university foundations class have worked to raise \$1,000 to resurrect Eastern's mascot Billy the Panther.

White said that his foundations class wanted to do a project that would increase school spirit on campus for their required community service project.

With that goal in mind, the students agreed to bring back mascot, Billy, and after checking with Dr. Rich McDuffie, athletic director, White said he approved the project.

To raise funds, students bought and sold "bring back billy" t-shirts, and collected money at football games and in various dorms.

From those efforts the class raised \$1,000, but were still short \$400, since Billy's suit would cost \$1400.

University Board member Katie Strejc got word of the students' efforts to bring back the mascot and presented the idea to the UB. The UB decided to find the remaining \$400, with the intent to use Billy for promotions on campus.

As a result, the apportionment board, which funds the UB, supplied White with the \$400 needed.

Billy will be walking around campus and passing out fliers for random campus events, because "everyone likes Billy," Caleb Judy, vice chair of the UB said.

White is very impressed with his students as well as the administration who has helped them to "bring back Billy."

"Dr. McDuffie has been very cooperative with me. He's helped me a great deal," White said.

"I appreciate that and I'm proud of my students."

Eastern has been without a mascot for two years since the costume was worn out.

"You couldn't see out of the eye holes," Jennifer Czupryn, a student of White's, said.

The athletic department was unable to buy a new suit for the mascot after it was worn out, although they would have liked to, McDuffie said.

"Bringing back Billy just wasn't a high enough priority (two years ago)," he said.

"I think (bringing back Billy) is great. Anytime you can get (people) excited about things on campus that's great."



File photo

"Billy" the Panther will soon return as Eastern's mascot.

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One-act plays to begin tonight

By Alicia Capraro
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The Eastern theater department will perform their highly anticipated student-directed one-act plays starting tonight at 7 p.m. and continuing through Thursday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

These plays are both casted and directed by students. Most of the plays being performed are well known, but condensed into one act.

"There's a lot to look forward to, especially from a comedic aspect," Deborah Donovan, director of "The Importance of Being Earnest: A Trivial Comedy for Serious People," said.

Donovan mentioned that the

students directing the plays must have previously taken the advanced-directing course through Eastern's drama department.

"This is the second show that I have directed," Donovan said.

"I chose this play because I did my honors thesis on Oscar Wild, and I knew it would be great to put a new twist on a classic play."

The audience can expect a modernized, comical satire about the upper class, Donovan remarked.

In addition to directing, students are casted for roles. Jeff English, who stars in "The Investigation," was given his role on short notice, but will be participating in two of the one act plays.

"We usually get about a month

to prepare our lines, especially when taking on a large role, but I had Thanksgiving break and this week for rehearsal," English said.

"The Investigation" is a murder mystery about a detective, played by English, who has to interrogate a child about his connections to a murder.

"I'm used to playing the typical nice, funny guy role, so this was a change for me," English said. "My character uses psychological tactics and intense dialog, but I like it. It's a great part."

Tickets can be purchased at the box office to see these or any other one act plays. Prices are \$8 for adults, \$6 for faculty, staff and senior citizens and \$3.50 for students with a Panther Card.



Veronica Espinosa/staff photographer

Lights, camera, action

Jennifer Pepsnik, a senior theater major, directs her actor, Kevin Burke, a theater graduate, before the dress rehearsal of "Spreading The News," Monday night in the Green Room of the Doudna Fine Arts Center. This show and two other student-directed one acts will be performed tonight, Wednesday and Thursday evening.

Workshop will help with handling loved ones' problems

By Heather Robinson
Activities editor

Students wanting to become better friends are encouraged to attend the "Helping a Friend in Need" workshop tonight at 7:30 in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

This workshop is designed for students who want to help their friends with their out-of-control problems, but don't know how to go about doing so.

"Helping a Friend in Need" is

sponsored by the Counseling Center. Sandy Cox, a counselor at the Counseling Center, will be the keynote speaker.

"I will be focusing on issues that arise if you have concerns about a loved one in your life," Cox said. "I will tell the audience how to go about addressing their friends when they believe that their friend's problem is getting out of hand."

"We will talk about how to obtain professional services if the problem is that severe and also how to address problems that aren't as serious," Cox said.

Cox also mentioned that she will

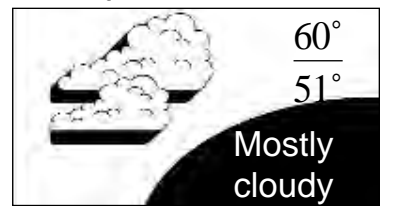
give basic helping skills on how to help friends through any problems they might have, and she will provide tips on how to refer a friend to a professional service.

Participants in the workshop will not be asked to share confidential information, but will have the opportunity to address their individual issues, Cox noted.

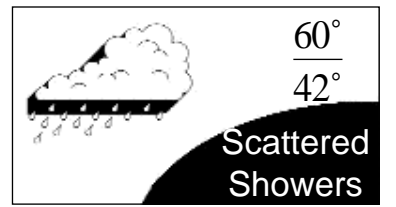
"I will provide the audience with case examples of frequent problems their friends might encounter," she said. "This will give the audience a chance to interact and gain valuable information on how to resolve such issues."

seven-day forecast

today



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday



Saturday



Sunday



police blotter

Domestic battery

■ Jeffrey M. Gerlick, 23, of 315 Polk St. was charged with domestic battery and criminal damage on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 1:45 a.m., a police report stated.

Traffic accident

■ A three-car traffic accident occurred at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and 9th Street on Saturday, Dec. 2 at 4:57 p.m., a police report stated. The cars involved were driven by Devin M. Heisner, 21, of Highland; William H. Zuhane, 86, of Mattoon and Mark P. Woolwine, 24, of Joliet, a police report stated.

O'Hara enjoys solving problems, loves his job

By Jessica Danielewicz
Student government editor

Student Body President Hugh O'Hara says the most important aspect of his job is also his favorite.

"I like going out and talking to people," he said.

O'Hara said he enjoys getting out and talking to groups so he can hear what their concerns are and try to help them with their problems or send them to someone who can.

It's important to O'Hara to help students out no matter how small their problems may seem and he finds satisfaction in doing so.

"I love my job," he said.

O'Hara said his job involves working on projects he campaigned on, collaborating with senate members and student vice presidents on their projects, serving as a student representative on several university committees and speaking at various occasions such as graduation.

"I have to go to a lot of meetings," he said.

However, he said he spends most of each day dealing with whatever issues come up that week.

"It doesn't sound like a lot, but you have your hand in everything."

During the fall semester, O'Hara has managed to accomplish some of his goals, including getting more people involved in the Student Senate and examining the tuition and fee process.

In the past it seemed that there would be only a few highly involved senate members doing all the work but he said this semester more people have gotten involved.

Another goal met during the fall semester was the examination of the fee process, ensuring that fees are spent in the right place. While the new system had technical problems at first, he thinks the process works pretty well.

In his spare time, O'Hara likes to play golf or just hang out with friends.

"I'm kind of a nerd," he admitted.

Before becoming student body president, O'Hara began his senate involvement as a non-senate member of the Tuition and Fee Review

Committee. When he became a student senator, O'Hara became a senate member of that committee.

Last spring Hugh O'Hara he served as the chair of the Student Action Team, chair of the External Relations Committee and the City Council Liaison.

The graduate student in political science from Shorewood said he hopes to complete his master's this summer.

O'Hara is also a member of the Political Science Association and Model Illinois Government, and two summers ago he served as a congressional intern.

"It was cool, especially during an election year."

Some goals O'Hara wishes to focus on for the upcoming semester include becoming more involved in lobbying for state funding, increasing voter turnout in student elections and implementing a car pool program.

He said if Eastern can get its voice out on lobbying, "it might help out our funding situation."

O'Hara said that Speaker of the Senate Joe Robbins is working on online voting, which could increase voter turnout. Although he said this fall's turnout was good, O'Hara said it can definitely be better.

The car pool program is one for which O'Hara campaigned. O'Hara said such a program would involve an office somewhere on campus where students could call for rides home from bars, parties or anywhere else, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

A potential problem for this program is funded.

"I promised when I ran that if I did this it would be free," he said. "I plan on keeping that promise."

The program was going to be based on the program offered at Texas A & M, but O'Hara said representatives from that university have yet to get back to him so he began looking into it on his own.



Presidential search pushed back, committee agrees to create profile

By Pat Guinane
Associate news editor

The Presidential Search Advisory Committee Monday extended its timeline and agreed to draft a profile of the university for potential candidates to view.

Committee member Bud Fischer, biological sciences professor and Faculty Senate chair, said the committee has pushed back its schedule two weeks. An additional week was added to budget time for checking the references of preliminary candidates and another week was added to compensate for spring break.

However, the revised schedule still has the committee making its final recommendations before

Eastern's Board of Trustees meets on April 15.

The preliminary reference checking will take place the week of Jan. 28. That will be followed by the selection of eight to 10 candidates to be interviewed off campus the week of Feb. 11. Between Feb. 27 and March 1, off-site interviews will be conducted in Indianapolis.

Then finalists will visit campus the week of March 18 and the search committee will conclude its work on April 4 when it will select at least three finalists to submit to the BOT.

The committee instructed Jim Appleberry, consultant from Academic Search Consultation Service, the firm hired to aid in the presidential search, to begin drafting

the university profile on Monday. The committee will review that profile on Jan. 7, the first day of the spring semester, Shelly Flock, Media Relations director said.

Appleberry was at Eastern last week, meeting with various campus and community groups to discuss issues currently relevant to the university. Flock said Appleberry described Eastern as a "strong, very committed institution ready to work with the next president," and that the need for stable leadership was a concern expressed by many of the groups he met with.

In addition to the profile, Appleberry will also provide committee members with a form designed to aid them in reviewing candidates' credentials, Flock said.

New administrator could be named today

By Jamie Fetty
Administration editor

Faculty Senate may finally hear today who the new Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs for Technology will be.

"They've been trying to hire someone for a while, I'm hoping we'll find out something tomorrow," senate chair Bud Fischer, biological sciences professor, said Monday.

The senate will also discuss a resolution it and Student Senate passed in recent weeks that would extend exceptionality to 12 hours.

If the President's Council was to approve the suggestion, students would be able to walk in spring commencement 12 hours shy of their graduation requirement. Currently students must be within six credit hours of graduation to walk.

Increasing exceptionality

“They’ve been trying to hire someone for a while, I’m hoping we’ll find out something tomorrow.”

Bud Fischer,
biological sciences professor

President Lou Hencken, Fischer said.

Les Hyder, journalism department chair, who serves on the Faculty Advisory Committee of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, will speak to the senate about issues the IBHE will discuss at its Dec. 11 meeting in Chicago.

The senate will also receive an update on the recipients of Technology-Enhanced-and-Delivered Education Grants, hearing how the process went and who got what, Fischer said.

The senate received a thank you letter from former President Carol Surles, thanking it for a get well card and resolution commending her contributions to the university during her presidency, Fischer said. Surles resigned to seek treatment for breast cancer in July.

The senate meets at 2 p.m. in Buzzard Hall Room 2504.

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Take another look

The Commencement Committee decided Friday not to make a recommendation yet on summer commencement — a wise choice. The committee has decided to bring the Council on Academic Affairs into the decision, but campus input shouldn't end there.

Eastern did not have a summer commencement ceremony last summer; the last time a summer ceremony was held was in 2000. This semester, the committee had been considering recommending the reinstatement of summer commencement.

However, the issue of reinstating summer commencement is currently linked with the issue of exceptionality. The committee prudently decided that because summer commencement is intertwined with exceptionality, an academic policy, the CAA should weigh in on exceptionality before a recommendation on summer commencement is made. On Thursday the CAA will create a subcommittee to examine the issue of exceptionality.

Eastern's current policy on exceptionality allows students to walk through commencement in the spring if they are within six credit hours of graduation. Reinstating summer commencement would seemingly pave the way for an end to exceptionality. Students within six hours of graduation would no longer be able to walk early. They would instead participate in summer commencement.

While exceptionality has brought focus to the academic side of commencement, the participants in graduation must also be considered.

Students, of course, are the largest group involved with graduation, so it is imperative the Student Senate asks its constituents whether they want summer commencement brought back.

The next largest group involved with graduation is the faculty. Some Faculty Senate members have spoken out against reinstating summer commencement and instead favor expanding exceptionality to 12 credit hours, so students completing internships and other summer programs can walk through commencement in the spring.

The Faculty Senate also should consult its peers and evaluate their thoughts on reinstating summer commencement.

If both senates can present the CAA with their constituents' views on summer commencement, they will greatly help the CAA's subcommittee examine exceptionality.

If the subcommittee's final report on exceptionality reflects the opinions of students and faculty, then so too should the Commencement Committee's final recommendation to the President's Council. So, theoretically, summer commencement will only make a comeback if that is what the campus wants.

■ The editorial is the opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

Senate election turnout not 'good'

It's easy to spot when there is a politician in the room. They're the ones who always seem to turn a negative into a positive, a wrong into a right, and a scandal into an accident. Student Body President Hugh O'Hara is a good politician.

In Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, O'Hara was quoted as saying the turnout for the fall Student Government election was 'good.' That is somewhat of an exaggeration.

I've always been one to hold others and myself to the highest standard possible. The staff of this newspaper that worked for me throughout this semester realized that, and the majority of them met my expectations. O'Hara, on the other hand, needs to adapt similar goals.

In the same article, O'Hara said having 100 students vote was considered a success. In relation to other elections, I'm sure this is true. But why sell yourself short? O'Hara shouldn't settle for mediocre, or in terms of this semester's election turnout, pathetic.

As a leader of this university's student body, O'Hara, along with other members of Student Government, should do whatever it takes to get students to the polls, but as our reporting indicated, O'Hara and the rest of his staff were at a loss as to what else could be done.

This is sad. After all, these are the people who we elected to make life here at Eastern a little easier. What's to stop O'Hara and other members of Student Government from giving up on a really important issue that Student Government members may someday come in contact with? If they can't get people to vote, then how are they going to get the Board of Trustees to adopt policy?

As a parting gesture to this university and to my friends



Chris Sievers
Staff writer

"I've always been one to hold others and myself to the highest standard possible."

(taxes) and representation. Our country's history was founded on these two principles, so there shouldn't be a problem getting people to be passionate about the issues.

Second, Hugh, you yourself have to be passionate about the issues. Now, I don't question your dedication to the students and this university, but I do question your publicity techniques. It takes more than an article or two in the paper to get people out to vote. Publicity is the key. Use forums, visits to campus groups and a full-fledged advertising campaign. After all, if students don't know where and when to vote, they are not going to cast their ballot.

Finally, competition is the key. This semester's election was almost dead before it started. In some districts, one vote would have elected the person running for an open seat on the senate. More recruitment is needed. Human nature tells us that people like a good fight. Take, for example, the last presidential election. Competition drove that election. The same is needed at Eastern.

In the end, if members of Student Government adopt and implement these ideas, then this representational body will become less of a "rubber-stamp" organization and more of a successful government elected by more than one percent of the student body.

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in Student Government, I'm offering these suggestions as ways to motivate the student body. Consider it a good-bye gift from me before I walk across the stage on Saturday to become an official Eastern alum.

First, Hugh, you have to get people to care about the issue at hand. In this case, items on the ballot concerned student fees

More input needed

The decision to wait on a recommendation for summer commencement is a good choice.



Stand behind and support the university, basketball team

My roommate and I would like to respond to Matthew Taylor's view on Eastern's patriotism. We agree with Mr. Taylor in terms of how our nation has pulled together during these devastating times. However, we were a bit offended and appalled with his blatant disregard to all the other patriotic symbols our school has put forth. We do not understand the motive of the attack on the basketball team's actions. It is a bit petty, don't you think? What

do you suppose another university would say if they read this article, from an Eastern student, bashing and having no respect for his own team and doubting their morals? It makes the rest of the student body look heartless. Mr. Taylor did not represent our school in this article at all (which seems to be the point). Be proud of how Eastern has handled the situation. Maybe the basketball team has

Your turn

Letters to the editor

plans to represent its country in its own, private or personal way! Mr. Taylor wrote this article without knowing the facts, without knowing what the future plans of the team are. That is pure disrespect and false representation. Give them the benefit of the doubt. How would you feel if someone doubted you in this manner? Stand behind your school, pull together and support it. Do not try to fight it.

Whitney Darner
sophomore, Recreation Administration major

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City looks at increase in proposed tax levy

By Brandi Volk
City editor

The Charleston City Council will discuss tonight a proposed tax levy for \$2,603,460 for the fiscal year 2002/2003, an increase over last year's levy.

"We are asking for \$100,000 more than last year. With the increase in new building construction it will actually equate to a property tax decrease for most residents," said City Manager Bill Riebe. "The amount of new construction will more than offset the \$100,000 increase which is a good thing."

From the city's portion, residents will not see an increase on taxes, he said.

"The reason why we need more money is we will see about \$420,000 in new expenses resulting from insurance premiums and retirement funds," Riebe said. "We have to do it."

Also, the council will debate a proposal to increase the rates of the city's ambulance service. For residents and students, the current rate, which was set in 1986, is a flat fee

of \$120 each time they call for an ambulance. It has been proposed that the flat fee be raised to \$150, which is a 20 percent increase.

Non-residents currently pay \$200 each time they use the ambulance service plus additional charges. It is proposed that the fee for non-residents be raised to \$360.

"We are trying to match the other ambulance services," Riebe said. "This helps us actually fund the ambulance service."

The council will also discuss appropriating \$1,000 from the city's tourism funds for the "Legends of the Game" weight-lifting clinic scheduled to be held Jan. 19 and 20 at Charleston High School.

In addition, the council will discuss donating a Photo-Spectrometer to Charleston High School to be used by area high school students.

"It's another tool that allows kids to learn about water quality," Riebe said. "It will make the class more fun. It's actually used in the industry."

The council meets tonight at 7 p.m. in the city council room of city hall on the Square.



Mandy Marshall/Photo editor

Campaign stop

Justice Sue Myerscough speaks with attorney Steve Ryan after her campaign stop at the Chamber Board room of the Coles County Courthouse Monday afternoon. Myerscough who is from Springfield is a candidate for the Supreme Court of Illinois in the Fourth Judicial District.

Student member may soon appear on Charleston development committee

By Jessica Danielewicz
Student government editor

Student and city leaders have been working to add a student member to the Charleston Economic Development Committee, which looks into recruiting new businesses to the Charleston area.

Daryl Jones, student vice president for public affairs has been working to get a student member added to the committee to represent student interests, and he is hoping to

accomplish that goal by January.

However, Cindy Titus, executive director of the Charleston Area Chamber of Commerce, said she does not know if it will be done by then.

The committee has been in existence in the past, but it will begin doing more, Titus said.

She said the committee's redevelopment is still in the organizational phase and expects the committee to start having organizational meetings in January.

Titus said that other committees are working on marketing and making materials to send out to potential businesses, and until that is done, the committee cannot do anything.

"You have to have things to show," she said.

Jones said there are no set qualifications for the student member since it is a new position with no prior occupants.

He did say for sure that the applicant would need to make at least a two-year commitment, because

bringing new businesses to Charleston will be a long term process of at least 18 months or more.

Titus agreed about the long-term commitment; she said she does not want a new student each semester because it would take too long to get them up to speed on what's going on.

Business majors might be more prone to apply because of the nature of the position, Jones said, adding that applicants should be motivated and have good communication skills.

Applications should be available for the position early next semester, Jones said. There will most likely be some sort of interview process for the applicants.

The idea to add a student to the committee was brought up by Mayor Dan Cougill at a meeting between residents and students at City Hall, Jones said. When students complained that there weren't entertainment alternatives in Charleston, this idea was brought up as an eventual solution.



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Afghan factions approve framework for post-Taliban administration

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany (AP) — Four Afghan factions agreed early Tuesday on a framework for a post-Taliban administration, making speedy progress after the United States pressured the northern alliance to drop obstacles threatening to derail talks on Afghanistan's political future.

In a night of hectic diplomacy, White House official Zalmay Khalilzad telephoned northern alliance leader Burhanuddin Rabbani in Kabul, winning a promise to release a long-delayed

list of candidates for the interim administration, U.S. envoy James F. Dobbins said.

With the list finally on the table, delegations representing the northern alliance, exiles loyal to former King Mohammad Zaher Shah and two smaller exile groups quickly finalized the text of an agreement establishing a 29-member interim governing council, U.N. spokesman Ahmad Fawzi said.

He said they would haggle over who would sit on the council on Tuesday. A Western diplomat said

that could take another 48 hours.

The northern alliance, which has captured Kabul and much of the country from the Taliban with the backing of U.S. forces, has promised to transfer power to the 29-member interim administration once it is formed.

Dobbins, who has been prodding the four factions meeting in Germany to reach a workable accord that will be respected on the ground, unleashed his diplomats after he concluded that the alliance was stalling on the list of names to prevent an agreement.

U.S. bombs wipe out farming village

KAMA ADO, Afghanistan (AP) — Children's shoes, bits of charred carpet and cooking pots litter what is left of this hamlet, along with dead cows and sheep. Here and there are craters, some 20 feet wide. One holds the tail fin from a Mk83 1,000-pound bomb.

The United States says it is targeting Osama bin Laden's followers around this village in north-eastern Afghanistan. But anti-Taliban leaders say local villagers, not terrorists, are dying in the raids because Americans are using faulty intelligence.

On Monday provincial officials brought reporters to see what they said was the destruction done by U.S. bombs at Kama Ado, about a half-hour walk along a trail from the nearest town.

Witnesses and survivors say U.S. warplanes dropped more than 25 bombs in four passes over the village on Saturday. One resident, Kamal Huddin, said 155 of the 300 residents were killed.

"We were farmers. We were poor people. And we didn't have any contact with any organizations," Huddin said. His dust-

covered face was streaked with tears as he dug out his few remaining possessions — a few clothes and a wooden plow.

In Washington, Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem told reporters he had seen no evidence to support reports of U.S. bombs striking civilian villages in the area.

"We have heard anecdotal reports that this is an area where Osama bin Laden has been using some of his wealth to buy local village chieftains' support," Stufflebeem said.

Mohammed Zeman, the provincial anti-Taliban defense chief, says up to 1,200 non-Afghan fighters may be hiding in the White Mountains, specifically in cave complexes near Tora Bora and Mawal, more than six miles from Kama Ado.

But Zeman insisted that his men control the Kama Ado area, that the village elders have pledged their support in fighting the Taliban and al-Qaida.

He also said anti-Taliban fighters have been among the bombing victims and showed reporters the bodies of seven of his men.

Thousands of gallons of gasoline spills

FAIRHAVEN, Mass. (AP) — A tanker truck overturned and spilled thousands of gallons of gasoline that closed a major highway and prompted residents to evacuate their homes for several hours early Monday.

The truck overturned late Sunday on Interstate 95, and the highway's two eastbound lanes were closed between Fairhaven and nearby New Bedford.

Residents left 25 nearby homes as a precaution and stayed away for sev-

eral hours.

"There was the... danger of explosions so I woke up the children and we had to leave," Mary Anne Polchlopek told WCVB-TV.

Some of the 9,000 gallons of fuel that spilled reached a stream feeding a pond that supplies Fairhaven's water, but collection booms placed in the stream prevented contamination of the town's drinking water, said Mark Merchant, a spokesman for the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency in Massachusetts.

However, a wetland area near the spill will require an extensive cleanup, said Teresa Barao, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Police said the cause of the accident remained under investigation. Truck driver Harry Eggleston, 54, was taken to a Boston hospital for treatment but his injuries were not believed to be life-threatening, authorities said.

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Adam's Mark, NAACP reach settlement

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Adam's Mark hotel chain will pay \$1.1 million to settle allegations it discriminated against black guests during a 1999 black college reunion in Florida.

The settlement ends a boycott by the organization against Adam's Mark and legal action by the hotel chain against those who canceled contracts as part of the boycott.

The case stems from a lawsuit filed by five black guests who attended the 1999 Black College Reunion in Daytona Beach, Fla. The five claimed they were overcharged, given inferior rooms, forced to wear neon orange wristbands and required to carry their own luggage.

Fred S. Kummer III, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Adam's Mark, said the company denies it discriminated against the guests, but agreed to the settlement to end the court battle.

Under the settlement, the plaintiffs will receive

\$100,000, while other guests who were discriminated against at the reunion will be paid from a \$400,000 fund. The Florida attorney general's office has put aside \$1,000 for each guest on the list of 400 for that weekend.

Four historically black colleges will also receive payments totaling \$600,000.

As part of the agreement, the 24-hotel chain has agreed to monitoring by the NAACP and others, said NAACP president Kweisi Mfume. The company had previously agreed to company wide diversity training as part of a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice, a company spokesman said.

Adam's Mark also agreed not to pursue legal action against those who canceled contracts totaling about \$3 million as part of the boycott, Mfume said.

The settlement "means that the many days spent marching in picket lines and protest rallies, that work has paid off," Mfume said.

Project would use sewage sludge as paving material

WAUKEGAN (AP) — There's a plan afoot to begin paving roads in Lake County with material derived from the area's sewage.

The North Shore Sanitary District, which serves portions of Gurnee, Libertyville Township and lakefront communities from Zion to Lake Forest, is proposing a novel solution to the age-old question of what do with human waste.

The agency wants to use land it owns on Waukegan's lakefront to build a \$21 million processing plant that would take sewage sludge and turn it into harmless, odorless, glasslike pellets.

It would sell the pellets that eventually would be used to make

roads, shingles and ceramic tiles.

The plan, hotly opposed on several fronts, is among a dozen or so similar proposals across the country, including one for a massive plant in Detroit that would handle all human effluent from the Motor City.

Only one such plant is operating today.

The goal is to eliminate the current practice of dumping stinky — and chemically polluted — waste into landfills, according to Brian Jensen, general manager of the sanitary district.

"There's no panacea for disposing of sewage," he said. "Every method has its drawbacks. But when you get all done, which one

is the most environmentally friendly? I think it's this one."

He said the agency would not make money, but the project would be good for the environment.

Some environmentalists praise the process for providing an alternative to landfills, which can render an area useless for decades, run a slight risk of polluting groundwater and are becoming increasingly expensive in growing areas like Lake County.

But innovation aside, several environmentalists say mercury emissions from the process are its Achilles' heel, and until the young technology can do something better with the poisonous metal, they regrettably prefer landfills.

Graduate

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graduation," Lord said.

Ceremonies this year will be held in Lantz Arena.

Although this year's seating has

improved, being more comfortable and safer, "we actually lost about 800 available seats," Nilsen said.

Along with the addition of a ceremony, the tone of the ceremonies will be less formal, trying to keep it more focused on the graduation.

This year there will be fewer

speakers, cutting down on "talking heads continuing to talk," Lord said.

But students will still experience all that graduation embodies. The goal is to "get a few speakers to speak," but still have students "get the presidential handshake," he said.

Parking

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other Residence Hall Directors and Resident Assistants request-

ing their own spots.

The committee briefly discussed the idea of building a parking garage, which comes up every year, Adam Due, acting chief of the University Police,

and Kristen Wooden of Student Senate both said.

Adding a parking garage would be very expensive and could create a haven for crime, Due said.

Mob boss 'Skinny Joey' Merlino sentenced to 14 years in prison

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In another blow to Philadelphia's already crippled Mafia family, former boss Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino was sentenced to 14 years in prison Monday for racketeering.

"Ain't bad," Merlino, 39, told family members sitting in the gallery. "Nine's better than the death penalty."

Merlino's lawyer said that with good behavior and time already served, his client could be out in about nine years.

Going back more than two decades, every Philadelphia mob boss since Angelo Bruno has either been murdered or sent to prison, prosecutors noted after Merlino was led away in handcuffs.

"Other people have assumed leadership positions," federal prosecutor David E. Fritchey said. "But with each one of these prosecutions, they suffer blows of attrition. We're down to the fourth string."

While a jury acquitted Merlino of the most serious charges against him last July, he and six co-defendants were convicted of a series of racketeering offenses including extortion and illegal gambling.

The sentence handed out by U.S. District Judge Herbert Hutton was less than what prosecutors had asked for. Merlino was also ordered to repay almost \$338,000 and was fined \$25,000.

Prosecutors had asked the judge to go above federal sentencing guidelines and give Merlino up to 24 years behind bars. The guidelines called for 11 to 14 years.

Merlino and six others found guilty after a racketeering trial that featured testimony from several top mob informants, including former mob boss Ralph Natale.

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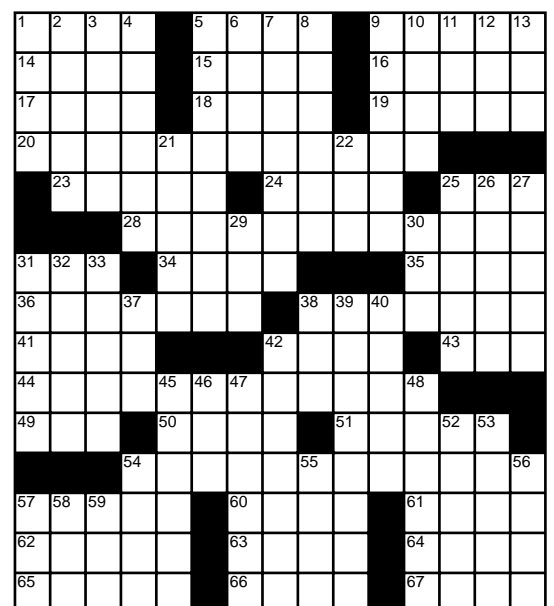
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Jordan misses game with injury

WASHINGTON (AP) – More than eight years and two retirements later, Michael Jordan is finally going to miss another NBA game because of an injury.

Jordan had fluid drained from his right knee Monday and will miss the Washington Wizards' game at San Antonio on Tuesday, the start of a four-game road trip.

An MRI revealed no serious damage to the knee, so Jordan might return for Thursday's game at Houston.

"My body is sending me messages, and I need to listen," Jordan said. "I hope to be ready to play on Thursday."

Jordan hyperextended his knee during a preseason game, and this was the second time he has had fluid drained from it. He has been bothered by soreness and swelling in the knee — on top of the tendinitis he has felt in both knees since he resumed workouts earlier this year.

At 38, Jordan has barely been able to practice for more than a week.

When he does, he can't make it through the entire session.

Jordan is averaging 24.8 points and 38 minutes per game and is shooting just 40 percent, well below his career average. He also leads the league in shots taken and shots missed.

"We're pleased with the results of Michael's examination," Wizards general manager Wes Unseld said. "Michael will rest the knee for a few days and continue his treatment so that he can return as soon as possible."

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But those setbacks didn't stop the Panthers from achieving their ultimate goal — the NAAs.

The Panthers graduate six seniors this year, each having played a different, yet important role on the squad. Leslie Przekwas, Amy Heimann, Hahn, Kim DeMage, Carrie Stevens and Rebecca Ooyen all contributed in numerous ways.

Despite the loss of six players, Winkeler said she feels there will be plenty of talent left on the team to lead the squad to more success. And a new recruiting class will also help fill in some of the gaps.

"We have a lot of positives coming back next year," Winkeler said. "Even though we'll be a lot younger, we'll have a lot of experience."

That experience comes in the form of freshman Erica Gerth, who led the team in kills per game (3.27), freshman Lindsay Perkins and juniors Karen Liss and Jennifer

Fisher, who both saw plenty of playing time this season.

"I think it's good that the freshmen and other underclassmen have played in the NCAA tournament and have seen that not everyone on the team has to be a leader," Heimann said. "Even though we weren't ranked all year, they saw what it takes to be a good team. We were really faithful to our goals and that's something that we didn't do in the past."

Winkeler said there are some similarities between her recruiting class and the seniors who will be leaving after this year.

Jessica Ackerman of Pecatonica has an offensive game comparable to Gerth's. Sarah Neidospial, a 5-foot-10-inch outside hitter comes from what is arguably one of the best high school volleyball programs in the state — Mother McAuley.

Local recruit Nikki Fowler (Sullivan High School) will provide some backup for Perkins at the setter position. Laura Shuette, a recruit from St. Charles, Mo., is comparable

to Heimann.

"She's a hard-nosed player," Winkeler said. "She can always find a way to win."

Megan Kennedy, a 6-foot-1-inch recruit from Lyons Township, along with Eastern freshman Shana Ruxer, will try to fill the void left by Przekwas at middle hitter.

Winkeler recently signed Chandra Hensley, who played for her in her last season at Parkland Community College, as a transfer. Hensley redshirted last season, but returned this year.

"She's very athletic," Winkeler said. "And she's also very coachable."

Heimann said she's confident the Panthers can make a tradition out of qualifying for the NCAA tournament, similar to one established by Southeast Missouri State in recent years.

"I think after we have left, everyone will know how to be a leader, but they'll know that the team can't have just one," Heimann said. "There'll be a team of leaders next year — the same as this year."

White on a quest for new head coach

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) – Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White packed his bags Monday and headed off in search of a new football coach.

If history is a guide, the quest won't take long.

"He will come back with a new coach, or at least having gotten some things accomplished toward finding a new coach," associate athletic director John Heisler said.

Heisler said he didn't know where White was headed or how long he'd be gone. White's last high-profile search for a coach was quick.

In July 2000, he left South Bend

late on a Tuesday afternoon after Matt Doherty resigned, flew to Italy to interview P.J. Carlesimo and came back Friday morning with Mike Brey as basketball coach of the Irish.

"It was quick, it was fast," Brey said.

Brey said White contacted him a day before Doherty resigned to take the North Carolina job and asked him if he was interested. Brey met with White after he returned from Italy.

"He looked like he hadn't slept. He looked like he had that suit on for 24 hours. He had a lot of things going on," Brey said.

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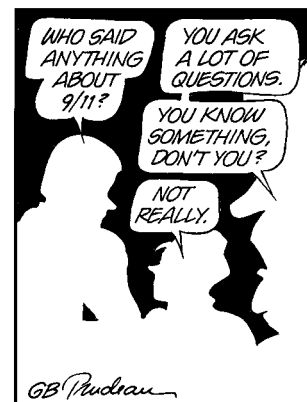
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Wrestlers take victories at Northern Iowa

By Kevin Mulcahy
Staff writer

Despite intense competition in attendance at the University of Northern Iowa Open Sunday, Eastern was able to prevail with the help of Louis Taylor, who took first place in his debut performance this season.

NCAA tournament veteran Louis Taylor made his seasonal debut on Sunday after recovering from an injury, picking up where he left off as he took first place at the UNI open.

"I was anxious for him to get out on the mats," head coach Ralph McCausland said. "It was hard for him not competing, but he handled himself very well. He showed a lot of composure in his last match."

Taylor faced a UNI opponent in the final bout, and finished 4-3.

"We chased him around for four minutes," McCausland said. "Then we received a bunch of stalling calls in the last minutes. Taylor's opponent really only scored one offensive point. "We wrestled well," McCausland

said. "It was a long day, but it was a good tournament."

McCausland reported that the competition was a little different because the tournament was hosted on a Sunday, rather than on a Saturday like in the past.

"There was lighter competition than I expected," McCausland said. "After seeing it change from a Saturday to a Sunday tournament, some teams decided to do things differently."

While the change made it easier for the Panthers to travel to Northern Iowa and prepare, it made it more difficult to get home.

"There is no day of rest. We just get home and get back into it on Monday," McCausland said.

Besides having a few alterations in attending teams, the tournament still showed talent. Some highlights of the tournament were sophomore Pat Dowty, at 133 pounds, taking fourth place, finishing 4-2 all day.

"Dowty wrestled a very good tournament," McCausland said. "He lost two really tough matches, but he had some great opportunities and

wrestled well."

At 149 pounds, sophomore Tim Loeffel wrestled 3-2 on the day while freshman Andy Coyle was one match away from placing at the tournament, finishing 2-2

Junior Frank DeFilippis, who wrestled at 157 pounds, finished 3-1, but was removed from the tournament after suffering a questionable neck injury.

"Frank was taken out after dinging his neck," McCausland said.

"We didn't feel that it was worth the risk to have him wrestle through, but he wrestled very well."

Sam Smith, a 165 pound junior, went 3-2 and was one match away from placing. Kyle Bracey finished 2-2 at 184 pounds. At the 197 pound, division freshman Jim Kassner went 3-2 throughout the day, and junior Ross Bracey ended the day 1-2. The Panthers didn't have any heavyweights in attendance because of injuries.

"There were no big boys this time," McCausland said. "Pete Ziminski has some shoulder problems and we didn't think that Joe



File Photo

Senior Kyle Bracey takes down an opponent in an invite last season. This weekend Eastern brought home victories from Northern Iowa.

Gleissners' ankle would be ready."

McCausland was pleased with the results, however, he knows there is still room for improvement.

"We wrestled well," McCausland

said. "We lost points, and in result we lost matches for not continuing to wrestle through situations. There will have to be consistency with training and weight."

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So this Christmas I wonder if Santa might ask a few alumni to pitch in so that Panther football fans can view the video tape.

OK, so a replay system probably won't change the officials' ruling. This is the NCAA and not the NFL, and referees don't have a video booth where they check

their calls, but if the stadium had replays at least the fans could confirm their frustration with the officials.

Speaking of frustration, maybe Santa could help out Eastern's special teams. Bill Besenhofer is a senior and the Panthers will have to find someone to take over punting and kicking duties next season.

And this weekend truly showed the importance of special teams. Poor kick coverage teams and a

blocked PAT put a lot of pressure on the Panther offense. Eastern's offense did score 43 points, the most of the eight losing NCAA playoff teams last weekend.

Scoring that often creates a lot of kickoffs, and many opportunities for returns against a coverage team that wasn't playing well.

In fact, Eastern could have just kicked the ball out of bounds, which it did once, and UNI would have had worse field position. Kicking the ball out of bounds

gives the other team the ball at their 35-yard line. Northern Iowa's average start was their own 45-yard line.

On Sunday, the Detroit Lions confirmed the importance of special teams when they missed three field goals in a three-point loss to the Bears.

And speaking of the Bears, it would be nice if Santa could bring them a spark for their offense, perhaps a healthy Anthony Thomas would do.

The Bears managed just 232 yards of offense against the winless Lions, and won by only three points. This was after producing only 235 yards and 17 points against the Vikings last week.

Finally, as every good Christmas list writer knows, you have to ask for more than you expect to get. So if Santa's still reading, I'd also like a new general manger for the hapless Bulls and maybe even a starting pitcher for the White Sox.

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Will firing Davie bring the Irish a national crown?

After five sub-par football seasons, Notre Dame is without a head coach, and most fans let out a sigh of relief at Bob Davie's removal.

While Davie may have led the Irish to a 5-6 season this year, more important to athletic director Kevin White was the overall 35-25 record of over Davie's five-year reign.

Davie was fired for having the third-worst winning percentage of any coach who has called Notre Dame home for at least three years.

He had an 0-3 record in bowl games, a 4-9 record against Big 10 opponents and an even more dismal 6-15 record against Top 25 teams.

And while the numbers are tilted to the losing side of the scale, the numbers that have been swept under the rug are the positive ones.

Most recently, Notre Dame defeated Purdue 24-18 Saturday, less than 24 hours before Davie's release.

The Fighting Irish also continued their expectations of a high graduation rate while upholding Notre Dame's history of class and etiquette.

But despite ending the first year of a five-year contract, Davie was never going to meet Notre Dame's expectations of its football coaches. The role of the head coach is more

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of an icon than a leader – and Notre Dame is just continuing its game of musical chairs in the coach's office.

As much as Davie is to blame for his overall 35-25 record while at Notre Dame, the university's reputation itself has slipped as one of the top football programs in the nation.

But will firing Davie eventually bring Notre Dame its 12th national championship?

Definitely not in the 2002 season. But in the cycle of recruiting, coaching and winning, it's could still happen in the future – Davie or not.

But White and staff have pointed the finger at Davie and decided the national championship would come without him at the helm of the Fighting Irish.

Notre Dame fans are still living in its

days of glory as the team dashes onto the field, pressing the rewind button on the VCR as the movie "Rudy" plays. The Fighting Irish require results from the head coach within the first two years. Davie didn't perform in five.

White sums summed it up in three simple words: "non-negotiable expectations."

It is a mold that few coaches fit in, and the narrow quest begins again for a face to take shape. Maybe South Bend will welcome back Oakland Raiders coach Jon Gruden, whose father was among the Fighting Irish past. Maybe not.

But I'll guarantee Davie will be more successful as coach anywhere other than at Notre Dame. I guess it's true what they say – the three most difficult jobs in the world are the Pope, the president of the United States, and the head coach at Notre Dame.

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The Paladin defense dominated the second half, holding the Hilltopper offense to just 76 yards. Furman stepped up from a 17-7 deficit for the win.

■ Lehigh – The Mountain Hawks won their first playoff battle in overtime, defeating Hofstra 27-24 to remain undefeated (11-0).

Lehigh will now travel to Furman after hosting Hofstra.

The Mountain Hawks lost Patriot League Offensive Player of the Year Josh Snyder for the

remainder of the season after the wide receiver tore his medial collateral ligament against Hofstra. Mike Sutton stepped in with 141 yards, including an 86-yard touchdown.

Quarterback Luke Ciannello threw 13-for-19 with 249 yards, 2 touchdowns and 59 rushing yards.

■ Northern Iowa – The

Panthers topped the Panthers from Eastern Illinois 49-43 to host Maine Saturday at 2:30 p.m.. Northern Iowa was dominated by Adam Bengue, who rushed for 177 yards and four touchdowns on 29 carries. Quarterback Griff Jurgens completed 16-of-29 passes for 235 yards and a touchdown.

■ Maine – The Black Bears

drove home from McNeese State with the 14-10 victory and will plan its second road trip Saturday to Northern Iowa.

Maine was led by tailback Royston English, who rushed for 144 yards and a touchdown on 33 carries. The defense forced three turnovers to give McNeese just 86 yards on the pass.

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Volleyball Season Wrap-up

Panthers' success set in stone



File Photo

Freshman setter Lindsay Perkins waits for the tip as senior middle hitter Leslie Przekwas gives backup in a game earlier this season in Lantz Arena.

Bucket of rocks once held team goals, now holds achievements

By Nate Bloomquist
Associate sports editor

The bucket is now overflowing for the volleyball team, achieving the goals placed inside at the start of the season.

A 20-win season, an OVC tournament title and the school's first ever NCAA volleyball tournament berth were among the aspirations of head coach Brenda Winkeler and her players.

The team made its goals clear at the beginning of the season as each wrote objectives for the season on a rock and dropped the rocks into a blue bucket labeled "NCAA" in big bold letters. The future of the bucket wasn't certain at that time, but its impact on the team chemistry was all but set in stone.

"I think it really helped us keep focus," senior middle hitter Marcia Hahn said. "Right before the OVC tournament, we went through all of our goals to see which ones we had achieved and which we had left. I think we had been goal-oriented in the past - we all had our goals - but it helped to see it. I think it brought us all closer."

Winkeler set a personal goal at the beginning of the season to be more calm and to keep her composure. She said the bucket was also helpful to her.

"Just walking by it helped - I like the symbolism of that," Winkeler said. "It was good to know that they were there every day. It was a big part of the success this year. It'd be a good idea to put it in the trophy case next to the OVC trophy, but I don't think it'll fit there."

The chemistry helped the team battle through some tough losses. Eastern fell to Austin Peay midseason, and the loss dropped the Panthers from first place.

Eastern felt a 3-0 loss in Lantz Arena against Tennessee-Martin, which won the OVC regular season title.

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Wishful thinking for X-mas

Believe it or not, December is here and that means it's time for all the good boys and girls to finish their Christmas lists. The jolly old fat man can't bring you everything your heart desires if you don't let him know what you want.

Now, I have to admit it is getting a little late. In my younger days I made sure both mom and Santa had my Xmas wish list at least 40 shopping days before Christmas. Santa never seemed to mind the advance notice, but mom would often remind me that she had to cook Thanksgiving dinner before she could start hunting for presents.

Now that I'm older, I've been able to hold back on publishing my wish list until after I've had my pumpkin pie. I have also been able to refine my requests.

After Saturday's football game, this Christmas I want a video replay screen for O'Brien Stadium. And if the groaning and grumbling I heard in the stands during the loss to Northern Iowa is any indication, I'm not the only one who would like to see O'Brien equipped for replays.

It was the fourth quarter, and after a late-hit penalty resulted in a UNI touchdown, the Panther offense was charging back.

Eastern was close to getting back within three points, but an end zone interception gave UNI the ball.

The crowd, realizing that Eastern's season could be coming to an end, wanted a replay. It appeared as if Northern Iowa's Brent Browner was out of bounds when he grabbed the Tony Romo pass.

I heard many a fan ask why Eastern's new video replay boards weren't there when we truly needed them. After all, Lantz "Arena" is a bit more cozy than O'Brien. If you sit in the student section you're so close that you can see the players sweat.

As with most football stadiums, the same can't be said for O'Brien.

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Eight teams remain in national spotlight

By Kristin Rojek
Sports editor

Eight teams have been eliminated from the road to the Division I-AA national championship title, but eight more still face another grueling weekend of competition Dec. 8 in the quarterfinal round.

No. 1 Montana, No. 2 Georgia Southern and No. 3 Furman all continue to host playoff games in the second week while Northern Iowa earns the right to host as well.

Here's a breakdown of the eight teams remaining in the national spotlight.

■ Montana - The Grizzlies compete in their ninth consecutive playoff appearance, hosting Sam Houston State Saturday at 2:05 p.m. Montana saw Northwestern State last weekend, winning 28-19 on Grizzly turf.

While Montana trailed 13-0 early in the game, the Grizzlies took control with back-to-back scoring drives. The quarterback efforts were shared between Brandon Neill (7-10, 85 yards) and John Edwards (8-14, 101 yards) while tailback Yohance Humphrey led the offensive drive with 120 rushing yards, 4 receptions and two touchdowns. On

the defensive end, Ciche Pitcher dominated the line with nine tackles, four sacks, forcing two fumbles and recovered a Northwestern State fumble in the end zone for Montana's final touchdown.

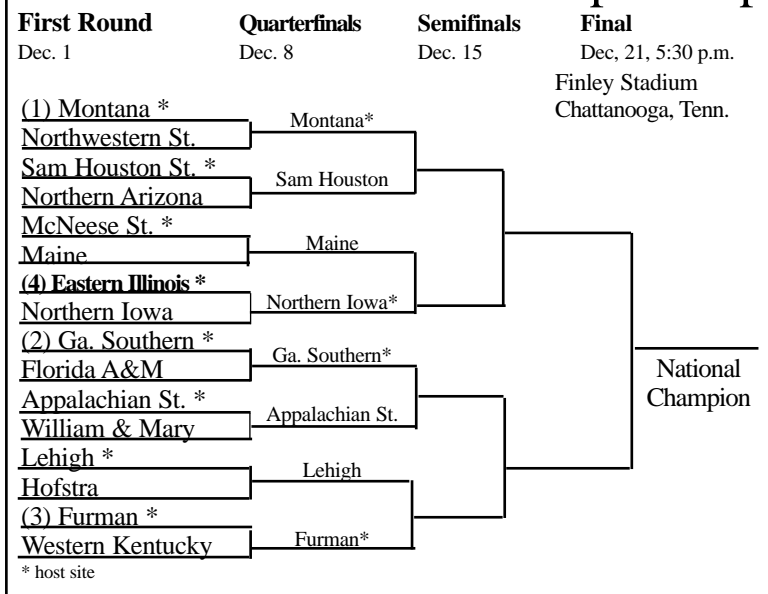
■ Sam Houston State - The Bearcats obtained their first-ever I-AA playoff win Saturday over Northern Arizona, 34-31 to face off with Montana Saturday. Sam Houston was led by quarterback standout Josh McCown, who threw 19-for-38 with 253 yards in an off-day. McCown threw a 58-yard "Hail Mary" to Matt Buss with 15 seconds remaining to set up the game-winning field goal by Alex St. Peter.

■ Georgia Southern - The Eagles defeated Florida A&M by a 60-35 margin to secure hosting rights in the quarterfinals. Georgia Southern will welcome Appalachian State Saturday at noon.

The Eagles dominated the field with 545 total yards with a season-high 161 yards tossed by quarterback J.R. Revere. Adrian Peterson rushed for 153 yards in his 13th consecutive game over 100.

■ Appalachian State - The Mountaineers will travel to Georgia

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Southern Saturday to take on the Eagles after defeating William and Mary 40-27 this weekend. Appalachian State is in its fifth consecutive playoff showing.

Running back Jimmy Watkins was the star of the Mountaineer offense, posting 216 yards and four touchdowns. The defense held William and Mary's offense scoreless in the first half, sacking their quarterback, David Corley, five times in the game.

■ Furman - The Paladins defeated Western Kentucky by a narrow 24-20 margin to host Lehigh Saturday at noon. Furman, however, will be without tailback Louis Ivory against Hofstra after rushing 33 times for 170 yards against Western Kentucky. Ivory sprained the medial collateral ligament in his left knee in the team's game-winning touchdown drive.

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