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## Case could mean gag for speech

◆ *Blair Lord: Censorship has never been a topic of discussion at Eastern*

By **Tim Martin**  
CAMPUS EDITOR

No matter what the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit rules in a case that could allow university administrators to censor student newspapers, many say the ruling won't change a thing.

"(Censorship) has never been a topic at any meeting I have attended," said Blair Lord, vice president of academic affairs. "I have no interest in getting embroiled in that conversation."

The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago heard oral arguments in the would-be groundbreaking case last Tuesday.

The case *Hosty v. Carter* — involves Governors State University's censorship of its student newspaper, *The Innovator*.

In October 2000, Patricia Carter, Governor State's dean of student affairs, ordered Regional Publishing, the newspaper's printer, to halt all publishing.

Carter said *The Innovator* must be first reviewed for journalistic standards, grammar and punctuation by an administrator and not by the newspaper adviser Geoffrey DeLaForcade before being published.

"Separating substance from style is just impossible to make a standard, it's completely unworkable," James Tidwell, a journalism professor, said. "The courts have always agreed that you can't."

Ever since Carter decided to censor *The Innovator*, a new edition has not been published.

Even if the courts rule in favor of Governors State, administrators at Eastern say they wouldn't censor student publications.

"At times I don't agree with our student newspaper or any newspaper at that," said Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations. "But I also believe in the fundamental constitutional right of free press and free speech."

Lord agrees with Nilsen's stance.

"I don't see an Eastern committee having this discussion now or in the foreseeable future," he said. "I stated my view, but that also reflects the view of the office at Eastern."

Margaret Hosty, *The Innovator's* managing editor, Jeni Porche, *Innovator* editor-in-chief and Steve P. Barba, an *Innovator* reporter, filed a lawsuit in January of 2001 that their First Amendment rights to free expression were violated.

The case was ruled upon in original jurisdiction on Nov. 13, 2001, that all students' claims against trustees and administrators would be dropped, except for against Carter.

The case was sent to appeals court, and it was at this point that the Student Press Law Center, based in Arlington, Va., stepped in.

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COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Jennifer Eakley, a sophomore English and speech communications major, works out at the Student Recreation Center, Monday evening in Lantz. One of Eakley's New Year's resolutions was to lose weight.



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Becky Smith, a speech therapy grad student, studies for her final test as a grad student Monday evening in the Booth Library.

## PROMISES, PROMISES

◆ *Students begin annual attempt to keep their New Year's resolutions*

By **Caitlin Prendergast**  
SENIOR REPORTER

Students who resolved to work out in the new year may have to fight for a treadmill.

Traditionally, over 3,000 students flock to the Student Recreation Center daily during the first week of classes, said Ken Baker, director of campus recreation.

"This place is busy all the time, no matter what time of year it is," Baker said of the Rec Center.

However, Baker accredited the after-break rush in part to students eager to fulfill New Year's resolutions.

Losing weight is one of the most popular modern resolutions, [www.wilstar.com's](http://www.wilstar.com) New Year's

page stated, but the tradition didn't start out this way.

When the early Babylonians began celebrating the new year some 4,000 years ago, creating the oldest of all holidays, the most popular resolution was to return borrowed farm equipment, the Web site stated.

The Babylonians' new year was observed in the spring, and the holiday, complete with vows of self improvement, lasted 11 days.

"Each day had its own particular mode of celebration, but it is safe to say that modern New Year's Eve festivities pale in comparison," the Web site stated.

By the time the ancient Romans were on the scene, the party was still around, but the date had changed.

The Roman calendar was continually tampered with by various emperors until the Roman senate

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## Lincoln Log Cabin more than just a wooden house

By **Jamie Fetty**  
MANAGING EDITOR

The name "Lincoln Log Cabin" may be a little misleading to first-time visitors of the state historic site. The former homes of Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln and Stephen Sargent are now working farms with oxen, cattle, crops and some colorful characters who bring it to life.

"A lot of people who come expecting it to be a Lincoln site are surprised we have living history farm activity," said former superintendent Tom Vance.

During the summer months, historical interpreters dressed in

period clothing work the 1845-style farms and demonstrate everything from sheep shearing to quilting, Vance said.

Vance ran the site for 28-and-a-half years before retiring in December to devote time to long-term site projects. He works about half time now, helping the site with transition and volunteering.

The replica of the Lincoln cabin was built in on its original site in 1929 when the state of Illinois acquired the land. The items furnishing the homes are of the 1840s and 1850s, though none are known to have belonged to the Lincolns, according to literature from the Illinois Historic Preservation

### Coles County

◆ In the spotlight  
this week is Lincoln Log Cabin.  
This article is part of a series  
focused on events, people and  
organizations in our community



Agency.

The area became a state park in 1936 and wasn't a state historic site until 1975. The Lincoln cabin had always been there, but the emphasis didn't shift to the farm's history

until then, Vance said.

That's when a barn and "out-buildings" joined the cabin, along with fencing and gardens, Vance said. The site became a living history farm with interpreters that help raise crops and livestock.

Thomas and Sarah Bush Lincoln were the father and stepmother of Abraham. The couple and their children were on their way out of Illinois on their way to Indiana after a harsh winter in Decatur. While stopping in Coles County to visit relatives, the Lincolns were convinced to stay and try farming Illinois again.

The Lincoln farm was a traditional farm, Vance said. Sargent,

who originally lived about 10 miles from the site, was a more well-to-do farmer.

"The Sargents were more progressive and interested in new developments," Vance said.

The Sargent home was relocated to the site in 1985, Vance said.

The site aims to educate mostly about farming during the 1840s, during the industrial revolution.

"There was a change from things being homemade to factory-made," Vance said. New developments in agriculture and transportation also had a big impact on 19th century farm life.

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Sunday  
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Monday  
Mostly cloudy



36° 13°  
HIGH LOW

## First blood drive of semester in late February

◆ *American Red Cross, committee have set goal of 150 donors at biggest event of the semester*

By Jennifer Chiariello  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The American Red Cross and the blood drive committee will hold one more large blood drive with a goal of 150 donors and many smaller drives with goals of 50 donors this semester.

The first blood drive, sponsored by the blood drive committee and Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, will be Feb. 22.

To give blood, donors must be 18 years of age or at least 16 years of age with parental consent, weigh a minimum of 115 pounds, cannot be tattooed within the past year and body piercings must have been done in a sterile environment.

All donors will be tested at each blood drive prior to donation to ensure eligibility.

The American Red Cross will provide medical technicians to draw blood at all

drives. The organization sponsoring the drive, with help from the blood drive committee, will volunteer and help recruit donors. Members of the community and students also volunteer at the blood drives.

The blood drive committee has been a part of Eastern for years and currently consists of 10 members.

In the fall semester, the blood drive committee and the American Red Cross held over five blood drives, Danny Battista, president of the blood drive committee, said.

"We are trying to get more recognition, hold more drives, and recruit more members. Each pint of blood could save up to three lives and blood supply is at its lowest. The more we raise, the better off everyone is," Battista said.

Any university-sponsored group that would like to sponsor a blood drive or any students who would like more information about the blood drive committee or donating, can contact the blood drive committee or the American Red Cross.

### POLICE BLOTTER

#### Hit and Run

It was reported on Jan. 2 that a 1991 Mitsubishi was struck by another vehicle when it was parked in the south Lantz parking lot, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

#### Possession of controlled substance

Travis M. Owens, 18 of Charleston, and Bryant A. Furry, 19 of Charleston, were arrested at 1:57 a.m. on Jan. 3 at Greek Court on possession of controlled substance, burglary, criminal trespassing to state supported property and criminal damage to state supported property, police reports stated. The incidence is under investigation.

#### Stolen Property

At 9:15 a.m. Jan. 8, it was reported that a portable CD player and 37 CDs were stolen from a vehicle parked in the University Estates Lot, Charleston police reports stated. The crime is believed to have occurred at about 11:30 p.m. Jan. 7.

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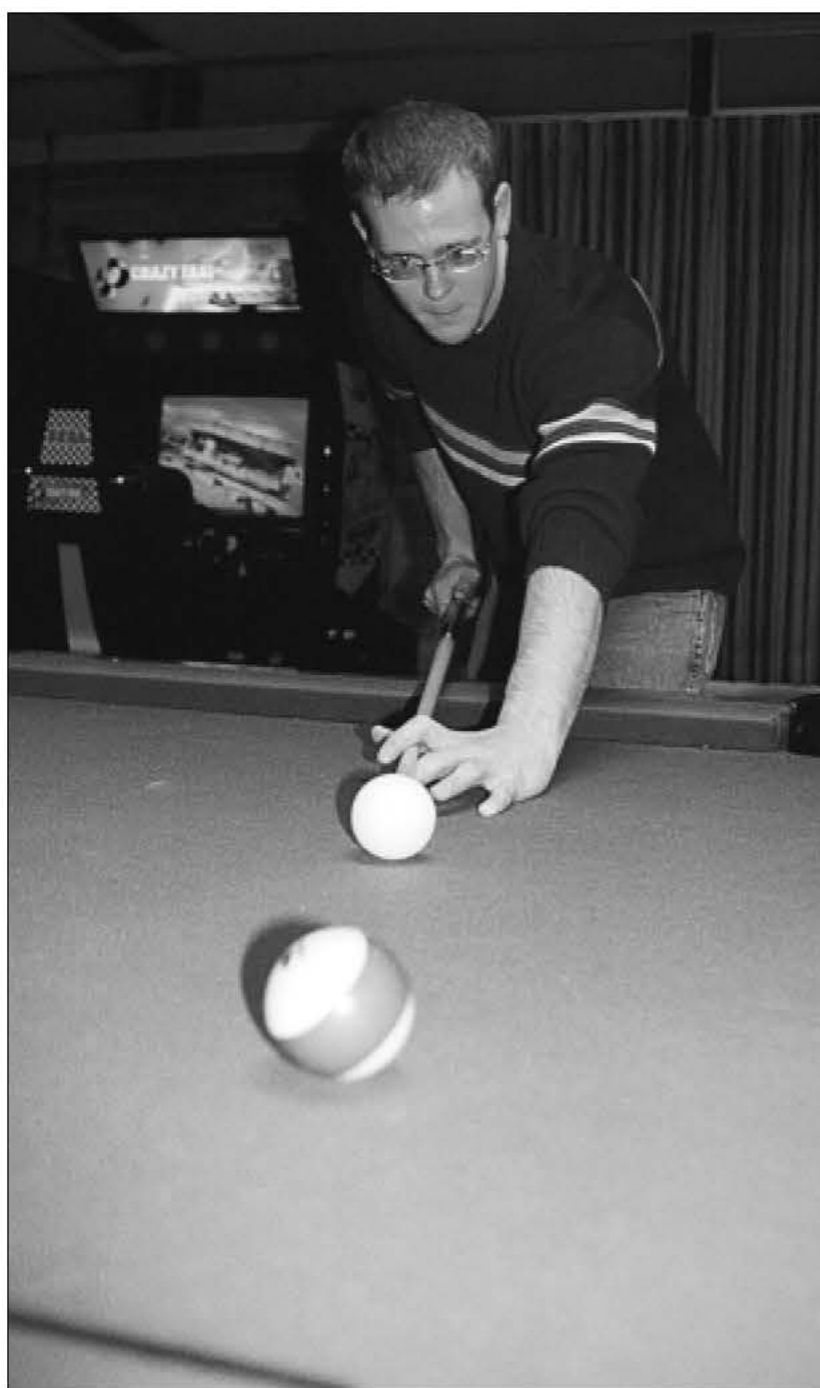
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### Line 'em up

Wes Koehler, a freshman computer information sciences major, lines up a shot during a pool game with a friend Monday evening in Taylor Hall lobby.

## Academic freedom tops discussion

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate will continue to discuss academic freedom in its first meeting of the semester.

The senate approved the issue as the topic of a faculty forum to take place Jan. 28, and discussed possible issues of the right of privacy on computers, freedom concerning shared governance and academic freedom in the classroom for the event.

Faculty forums are scheduled every year and have covered such topics as technology and shared governance, said chair Ann Zahlan.

The city received a trade of \$480,000 of tuition waivers in exchange for university possession of a portion of Seventh Street fol-

lowing a December vote by the Board of Trustees.

The university will acquire the street from Hayes to Lincoln avenues to allow for the expansion of the Doudna Fine Arts Center as part of the Campus Master Plan.

The senate will discuss the trade as a point of clarification about the exchange, Zahlan said.

"The first reaction was, 'What happened?'," she said. "Some people in the senate felt we hadn't been told about it ahead of time. The (senate) executive committee had been told about it."

The senate also could continue discussion on furthering student involvement in grade appeals, she said.

The issue was initiated by the Student Government, which

passed legislation in the Student Senate pushing for greater student representation. Zahlan said the Faculty Senate is split on the issue.

The senate established a subcommittee to discuss faculty involvement in the Council on University Planning and Budget at its last meeting.

The CUPB met Dec. 13 and is composed of 36 faculty, staff and student members, 11 of whom are faculty. The senate said the subcommittee could research increasing that number.

The senate also could appoint senate members to the Comprehensive Technology Committee, Zahlan said.

The Faculty Senate meets at 2 p.m. Tuesdays in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

## Alternative Spring Break offers service

By Jennifer Chiariello  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Alternative Spring Break is an opportunity where teams of college students, faculty and staff travel to different areas of the country to engage in community service and experimental learning in a place other than Charleston.

The Newman Catholic Center has 16 different sites available to students this year. Trips to Mexico and Nicaragua were closed before winter break, but trips to Canada and 13 other locations in the United States are still available.

"It's an excellent opportunity for students to put their faith in action," said Holly Walters, campus minister and coordinator of Alternative Spring Break.

The projects assigned on trips depend on the site and may include

building homes, home repairs, preparing meals for the homeless, working with children, outside trash pick-up, gardening, nature education, preparation and delivery of meals and working with people with disabilities, ex-convicts or refugees.

Preference is given to Eastern students, faculty and staff, but other students also are eligible to attend. Students from various schools also will be working at many of the sites.

Students enrolled for any trip must agree to live in the community with other volunteers, to engage in no alcohol or drug use, to get up in the morning or when they are scheduled to do their volunteer work and to meet in the evening for reflection.

Some of the trips will leave March 8, but the majority of the trips will leave March 9, and most

trips will return March 15.

The cost of the trip is \$130, which includes site fees, van transportation, housing, most meals and a T-shirt.

The first deadline for applications is Feb. 2 to give students time to meet in advance with group members and the site leader. If sites are not full, students may still apply. With the application a \$25.00 non-refundable deposit must be turned in.

"I encourage all students to try Alternative Spring Break once and to do it early on, not senior year, because they are going to want to do it again, and it could be a life-changing experience," Walters said.

Students interested in more information on participating in Alternative Spring Break should call the Newman Catholic Center or stop in for a brochure.



# Cini allows DNA in Mertz trial

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

Circuit Judge Dale Cini denied a motion made by former Eastern student Anthony B. Mertz's defense attorneys that DNA evidence be barred from Mertz's trial.

Cini's Dec. 30 ruling will give the jury power to decide if genetic evidence links Mertz to the death of another Eastern student, Shannon McNamara.

Mertz is accused of breaking into McNamara's Fourth Street apartment on June 12, 2001. He allegedly strangled McNamara, then stabbed and sexually assaulted her post mortem, police reports stated.

In the Dec. 30 hearing, Cini abided by his Jan. 2002 ruling that Mertz remain jailed without bond. Mertz, 26, is facing the death penalty if convicted on charges of home invasion, first degree murder and criminal sexual assault.

In an earlier hearing, Charleston police Detective Kevin Paddock's testimony claimed a more than billion-to-one likelihood that blood found under McNamara's fingernails matched Mertz's DNA.

Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters said DNA is only one of the many pieces of evidence the prosecution holds against Mertz.

A box cutter similar to ones used at the Recreation Center where Mertz worked, a credit card with Mertz's name and a piece of latex police claimed matched a pair of gloves in Mertz's apartment were all found at the crime scene. Police also discovered a kitchen knife with what appeared to be blood on it in the dumpster behind Mertz's apartment.

Mertz's defense unsuccessfully motioned charges be dismissed due to the unconstitutional nature of the death penalty.

A defense motion that forensic psychiatrist Dr. Park Dietz, of Park

Dietz and Associates, not be allowed to testify for the prosecution was also denied by Cini.

Defense Attorney Williams requested that Dietz, who testified in both Jeffrey Dahmer and John Hinckley Jr.'s murder trials, not testify because his examination was based on a strategy the defense will no longer be using.

Originally, the defense's strategy was using intoxication as a defense. However, at a December hearing, Defense Attorney Paula Phillips announced the use of an alibi defense.

Defense's filed documents claimed Mertz was with a man, Brian Beavers, at one of the two men's apartments from early evening June 11, 2001, until noon on June 12.

Williams claimed Mertz's right of opposing self-incrimination would be overlooked if Dietz were to testify. Cini agreed that prosecution information could only be used with the intoxication defense but also ruled in favor of the prosecution's plan for Dietz to testify during Mertz's sentencing.

Cini also denied a defense request that jurors be chosen by individual interviews rather than the group interviews typical in Charleston.

A final hearing before jury selection will be held Jan. 21 at 1 p.m.

"Here, any ending motions will be presented," Deters said. Currently, Deters is unaware of any pending motions to be filed by the prosecution.

Jury selection is scheduled for Jan. 27. It is a process that Deters said should last four or five days.

Mertz's potential death penalty trial should commence following Jan. 27's jury selection. Former Governor George H. Ryan's recent capital punishment decision and actions will not be relative to Mertz's case, Deters said.



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Tim Wilkerson, the local area network support specialist, answers a computer question from a student on the phone Monday evening in the new ITS desk, located in the Gregg Computer Lab.

## ITS help desk moves to Triad

◆ Relocated offices to handle WebCT, campus email complaints

By Mary Carnevale  
STAFF WRITER

To improve student satisfaction, an Information Technology Services unit called Client Services and a relocated help desk have been added to provide technical support.

The help desk was originally located on the third floor of the Student Services Building.

The number of telephone lines has been increased to reduce busy signals and a new number, 581-HELP, has been created.

E-mail, WEBCT and other information technology support are now handled through the

help desk as part of the other big change.

According to a press release, students should no longer go to Student Services for e-mail accounts and password resets, but instead go to the Gregg Triad.

A new Web services desk also has been created to assist departments, staff and faculty with their Web pages and provide the Web resources support.

The reorganization was done to improve convenience and usability of the ITS resources on Eastern's campus.

Client services, formerly known as User services, will continue to operate the Gregg Triad Open Computer Lab and provide other services as it did before. Now the help desk will be run through Client Services

as well.

The reorganization, according to the press release, was based on the need to provide "as much end-to-help and customer service as possible."

Shannon Urzedowski, a junior elementary education major, has worked at the desk in the Gregg Triad since fall of 2002, and she said students have already expressed their appreciation.

"Students had to go to several different places in order to get all their questions answered," she said. "Now, they can get all their information from one place."

Jackie Aleck, a junior sociology major, uses the Gregg Triad frequently and likes the changes that have been made.

"It's so much more convenient for me," she said.

## Sexual assault trial will begin today

Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

Former Eastern student Condrick A. Sanders, 23, will be facing trial at 9 a.m. today for criminal sexual assault charges.

If convicted of criminal sexual assault, Sanders could face four to 15 years imprisonment.

Sanders was indicted by a Coles County Grand Jury May 24, 2002, under charges of rape. He has since been free on bond.

Sanders is accused of forcing intercourse with a woman who

was unable to consent on Feb. 17, 2002.

This is the second trial of three unrelated criminal sexual assault cases indicted May 24 of last year.

Antwan G. Oliver, 21, who was accused of forcing intercourse with a woman on Jan. 21, 2002, was found not guilty in December because the prosecution could not prove force.

Louis A. Taylor of the Chicago area, is accused of engaging in intercourse with a woman who was unable to consent on April 6, 2002. Taylor is yet to face trial.

### Cabin:

During peak season site can see up to 500 visitors a day

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Interpreters staff the site from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday from April to October, and the site is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday the rest of the year.

During the peak season, the site can see more than 500 visitors on a busy Sunday, Vance said. In all, 115,000 people visited

the site last year.

A lot of Eastern students visit the site, usually when parents are visiting, Vance said. Students from the historical administration program of Eastern's history department help with the annual Harvest Frolic, interpretation, antiques collections and broom making.

They've created a rotating exhibit in the Sargent gallery for the last two years, the first focusing on springtime on the farm and the second on summertime, Vance said. This year, the classes will create a fall exhibit and next year they'll showcase winter.

The site hosts a number of educational events throughout the year. In May, "Sheep to Clothing"

demonstrates the processing of wool. June's "Hammer-In" invites blacksmiths for educational presentations. During the Fourth of July, the site holds a celebration with a period picnic, patriotic speeches and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. On the second Sunday in August, the site hosts its Bluegrass Festival.

The big event comes in October with the Harvest Frolic, which relives the times of neighbors collaborating for a big task, in this case the harvest. The Sargent farm hosts an agricultural fair. Saturday is a day of entertainment with hay rides and a barn dance. Last year, Vance said, 5,000 people came to the Frolic.



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## EDITORIAL

# Don't abuse university policies

A cough or a sneeze here or there, a really bad headache, tonsils so swollen you can't swallow without wincing in pain — all varying degrees of being sick.

Depending on a teacher's attendance policy, students who missed class might have to get an excuse at Health Services. Now, unless students are really sick, they will not receive a walk-out statement used as documentation of being sick. This change is fine, but it could pose a problem.

Students, don't abuse the Health Services' excuse policy, or your teacher's policy, for that matter. In a perfect world, teachers should be able to completely take their students' word and trust the students when they say they are too sick to come to class. However, we do not live in a perfect world, and some students will lie to play hooky.

One problem that could result from Health Services not giving walk-out statements to students who are not really sick is more students could lie about being sick.

A student who didn't feel like going to class one morning could say, 'I had an upset stomach. Health Services won't give you an excuse for that, but I was so sick.' That lie is abusing the system and the teacher's trust. Don't do it.

Staying home even when you're just a little sick is abusing the system.

It's true that people sick with a cold or the flu do not need to go to the doctor. Some over-the-counter medicine or some chicken noodle soup and 7-Up are really all the medicine a doctor can provide. Just as it is true that people with colds do not need medical attention, it also is true that their absence doesn't have to necessarily be marked unexcused.

Sometimes, a person is so miserable with a cold, he or she cannot muster the energy to go to class. Other times, a cold is a slight annoyance, but that person can still attend class. Students have to determine whether they are well enough to go to class or sick enough to stay at home.

College is different than grade school. You're paying for your education, so really going to class is your choice. But it's also the professor's choice to set an attendance policy. It's in your best interest to go to class. If you're sick, stay at home, but if you're not too sick, go to class, and don't abuse the change in the excuse documentation at Health Services.

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

**At issue**  
The new excuse policy at Health Services

**Our stance**  
Students must discipline themselves to go to class and not abuse professors' attendance policies.

## OPINION

# Ready, set, race to the rec



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The race is on; who will win? It's our own reality series — who will keep their new year's resolution the longest?

The holidays are over and it's a new year. We're all broke, and we're back at school — going to classes again and turning over new leaves.

So how many of us made new year's resolutions? A good majority, I'm sure. And I am willing to bet a majority of them include working out — getting fit or whatever you would like to call it.

I can't think of any kind of facility anywhere that has the boost in business like health clubs do after the first of the year.

People may resolve to manage their money better, but people don't all flock to the bank. Even if they do, there are many more banks than health clubs. Maybe students resolve to study more, but the library won't get crowded until further into the semester.

Of course, in the tradition of people resolving to get fit, Eastern's Student Rec Center is no different, meaning it's just as crowded.

In past years, I've quit making new year's resolutions, but this year

"So I, like many others, am trying to turn over a new leaf and get fit."

I decided I may as well try it. I'm sick of my habits — laziness, eating too much junk food, drinking too much pop — the list goes on and on.

So I, like many others, am trying to turn over a new leaf and get fit. Who knows how long it will last? Hopefully with my schedule I can keep up with it. It's going pretty well so far, and I'm hoping it will remain a priority.

Exercising is important. In the past when I've done it and kept doing it, I've felt the difference. When I'm stressed out, exercise is a way to get rid of the stress and it boosts my energy, among other benefits. So keeping all this in mind, I ventured to the rec this past weekend — the first time in more than a year I have done so. It wasn't too crowded since people were still moving in after the break.

I don't have any morning classes, so I'm hoping the rec won't be too crowded in the mornings, since

that's when I'll go. Monday morning was not too bad, though I'm sure the crowds will arrive soon.

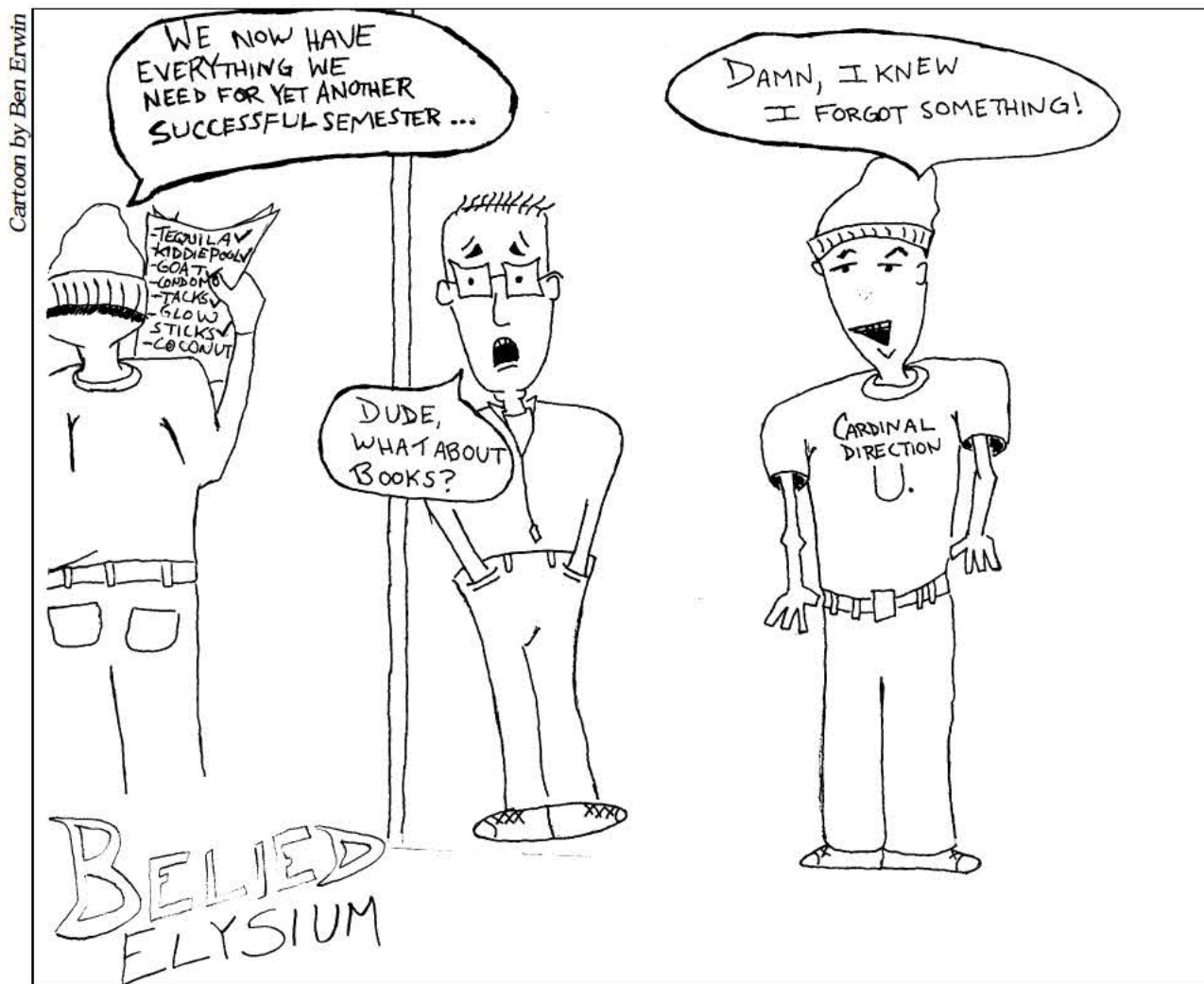
How long will the crowds be around? Without a doubt, they will likely thin in a few days, a week, probably a month.

We all have grand visions of keeping our new year's resolutions, of improving ourselves. But then classes and jobs get in the way or we find other ways to spend our time. Even if we are not busy, we procrastinate. Often I decide to clean when I want to procrastinate on something I need to get done.

The key I've found is prioritizing my time. If I can allot a certain time for studying, working out and all my other tasks, it will be 10 times easier to get going. Last semester I did a pretty good job managing my time without the work-out portion.

Another problem I know I'll have is motivation. Doing the same thing will get boring eventually. But changing up the work out is supposed to help. And setting a goal should be helpful as well.

I've heard all of this before. I guess all I can do is just keep going and see where I end up.



## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Article on Oliver trial disappointing

I have never been angrier with a *Daily Eastern News* article than I was Dec. 13. The article was meant to inform people why Antwan Oliver was innocent of rape. Given the article, I wonder if the jury was ignorant of women's rights.

Mr. Tulin, Oliver's attorney, stated the woman made no attempt to run away (is this his idea of an excuse?!). She said, according to Tulin, "I don't know if I want to do this." And she herself is on the record as having said "no" repeatedly. Even if you omit her testimony, you're still left with Oliver remembering an "I don't know ..." and THAT is as good as a "NO" in these situations. It was his responsibility to back off and he didn't.

The article mentioned there were inconsistencies in the young woman's testimony. Where are they? Perhaps the inconsistency lies in her friend's statement that she

was "horny" that night. That she found Oliver to be an attractive man. For the record, I am a woman. I get "horny," and I'm even attracted to some men around campus, but that doesn't mean I go out looking for sex, and it certainly doesn't give a man the right to force me into a situation in which I'm not comfortable.

I feel bad for this girl. She, like many other women, was betrayed by the court and media. To that young woman, "I'm sorry."

Megan Glosser  
Junior studio art major

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Hilltop Convalescent Center would like to express our gratitude to the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity of Eastern Illinois University, as well as its House Mother,

Annette Lynch, for the beautiful and creative Christmas display. They volunteered their time and a lot of hard work to decorate the gazebo and front lawn of our facility. We are so appreciative of such an excellent group of young men that would show such consideration and kindness. They shared freely of their time off to supply and decorate Hilltop with such artistic, dazzling scenes. They dealt with freezing temperatures and harsh wind that made their work much more of a challenge.

Our residents enjoyed watching their workmanship immensely and shared traditions of their own past celebrations. They were so considerate and thoughtful, their

display was so well done, and that will remain a very special memory for our residents, staff and visitors who enjoyed their creativity.

Thank you again, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, for such a special kindness to our seniors in this area, and we are so lucky to have students such as yourselves in our area.

Edith Matthew  
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# Interim RHA president to stick to goals



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Kristina Heldmann, a senior psychology major, looks up a phone number for a student on the phone, Monday afternoon at Carmen Hall front desk. Heldmann took over the presidency of RHA recently.

◆ *Leverence steps down from executive board to become resident assistant*

Avian Carrasquillo  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Residence Hall Association was left without a president after Kevin Leverence accepted a resident assistant position.

Kristina Heldmann was named interim president of the Residence Hall Association over semester break. According to the RHA bylaws, Leverence's position makes him ineligible to hold an executive board position.

Leverence said housing staff are not allowed to vote in RHA matters and executive board members must vote, which meant he had to step down.

Heldmann, who was RHA vice president last semester, was vacationing in Virginia over the break when she got a message from Kevin about his departure from the RHA executive board.

"It happened very unexpectedly at the last minute, but Kristina was an amazing vice president, and I have no worries. I'm sure she will do just fine," Leverence said.

Despite the shake up, Heldmann remains confident that the RHA will have no problems and has a few different options.

"The RHA is in a state of transition with Kevin leaving. My graduation this May leaves a lot of things up in the air. I could keep my vice president position and we could nominate someone else for president,

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or I could remain president and we could elect a president for next year in our April elections," Heldmann said.

Leverence, who was in his second term as RHA president said he will try to ease the transition period with guidance.

"I will be a big resource for Kristina. I will try to help out as much as possible, but my time will be limited," said Leverence.

Heldmann, a senior psychology major from O' Fallon, transferred to Eastern in the spring of 2001 from Illinois State University and has been involved in RHA since then.

"My job as vice president was to make recommendations for changes to committees for short-term and long-term goals. I really enjoyed my work," she said.

Heldmann said the RHA remains focused on its goals from last semester, which include resolving issues students have with slow Internet connections in the residence halls.

"There's a lot of things we have to resolve, but the main thing is not to get ahead of ourselves," Heldmann said.

The RHA will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in Thomas Hall.

# City of Charleston attorneys push for case dismissal

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

Attorneys for the city of Charleston are seeking a dismissal of a case initiated by two City Council members whose terms are to be cut short because of a previously overlooked state statute.

Council members Marge Knoop and Lorelei Sims filed for a declaratory judgment in November which requires someone of higher power to review materials and make a decision.

The city's attorneys are seeking an extension and dismissal on the grounds that two other council members, Larry Rennels and John Winnett, should be included in the suit. The court hearing for this request is sched-

uled for mid-February.

"We are glad the case dismissal request is based not on merit but on a perceived technicality," Sims said. "Our information, material and data supports due cause."

The lawsuit includes Mayor Dan Cougill, City Manager Alan Probst and City Attorney Brian Bower.

In November 1996 elections, a referendum passed to change Charleston's government from commission form to city manager form.

"The city manager form passed by overwhelming numbers," said Cougill. In May 1997, the ordinance was adopted to be effective beginning the next council.

The statute requires council

members to serve staggered terms. In order to form the staggered terms, following the first election as a city manager government, the two council members receiving the fewest votes can serve only two-year terms.

In the April 3, 2001 election, Knoop and Sims were the two elected city council members who received the fewest votes. Therefore, their terms are scheduled to end after only two years.

Both Knoop and Sims have petitioned to run for reelection but do not feel they are giving in. Both resisted running again until another candidate petitioned.

Cougill said that in October or November of 2001, during city manager briefings, the League

of Women Voters inquired about the staggered terms required in that government form.

This was apparently the first mentioning of term staggering regulations. In the next council meeting's executive session, attending council members were informed of the statute.

"We maintain we ran for four year terms. The people elected us for four years, and we should serve that term," Knoop said.

Since Bower was included in the lawsuit, he could not defend the City of Charleston, so the Chicago Law Firm Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Rolek was hired.

"We went out to find an appropriate lawyer to serve the city in this lawsuit," Cougill said.

This particular firm helped co-

author the Illinois Municipal Law Book, according to Sims.

"Municipal law is this firm's forte," she said.

She and Knoop are fighting under the idea that this could have been prevented if it were approached differently.

"We shouldn't have to run for reelection because we were elected for four years," Sims said.

Cougill voiced his apologies that the statute was overlooked for so long, but he is adamant in sticking to the laws of a city manager government.

"This May will mark the third year; if this law is ignored, everything passed since we've become city manager could technically be illegal," Cougill said.

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Joey's will have room to hold more seating for customers and will expand its staff.

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Speaker of the Senate Bill Davidson was re-elected by the Student Senate after more than an hour of speeches and debate.

Davidson had criticized many members during the state of the senate address for using their senate seat to simply pad their resumes.

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## December

### Joey's changes locations

Popular local restaurant Joey's Place announced plans to move from its location at 423 Lincoln Ave. to the building that housed Angle's Pizza at 850 Lincoln Ave.

Joey's will have room to hold more seating for customers and will expand its staff.

### Davidson re-elected speaker

Speaker of the Senate Bill Davidson was re-elected by the Student Senate after more than an hour of speeches and debate.

Davidson had criticized many members during the state of the senate address for using their senate seat to simply pad their resumes.

### Man acquitted of rape charges

A Coles County Jury took 30 minutes to hand down a not-guilty verdict in a two-day rape trial of former Eastern student and football player Antwan G. Oliver. The trial featured conflicting testimony on whether or not the sex was consensual from the 19-year-old woman plaintiff, an Eastern student, and from Oliver. The woman said she believed the justice system failed her.



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# Additional farmland left to Eastern in Moler-Austin estate

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Corn and soybeans could help pay student tuition next year.

The university received an additional 35 acres last week in addition to 43.13 farmland acres given to Eastern in November by Identa Moler-Austin.

Profits from the land will be awarded as scholarships to sophomore or upperclassmen students studying to be English instructors. The monies are intended to be received by graduates mostly from Coles County.

The scholarships also carry a requirement of a minimum 3.0 grade point average and will not be awarded until Fall 2004, said Karla Evans, executive director of development.

The awards can't be distributed until 2004 because the profits from the corn and soybean crop cannot be harvested until season, Austin said. The university now has the option of selling the land or holding it under farm management.

Austin, who turns 90 in November, graduated from Eastern Illinois State Teachers College in 1930 and continued to teach high

school English and Latin at four different state high schools for 20 years.

The land donated is part of an original 160 acres eight miles outside of Charleston located across from where Austin was raised.

Austin said her parents were great believers in education, and she started educating others at a time when she never made more than \$5,000 per year.

The award can be given to the same recipient each year if the individual qualifies, Evans said.

"It is through the generosity of individuals like Identa who make

donations to the endowment that students will reap the benefits of scholarships in perpetuity," she said. "Donors who have the foresight to give to education make an impact on society for generations to come."

The amount of funds generated from the farmland cannot be determined now because it depends on crop productivity and the farm prices, said Shirley Moore, president of the university Foundation board.

Moore said the foundation has an opportunity to directly impact students.

"One of the best things about the

foundation are the (gifts) that come in directly benefit students," she said. "I hope there are more people like Identa. She's just such an amazing woman."

Austin said she has planned for several years to donate acres to Eastern, and the scholarship funds will allow recipients studying English an opportunity they might not have previously had.

Austin appreciates her background that has given her the ability to donate the land parcels to Eastern, she said last week at the donation ceremony at the Neal Welcome Center.

## Speech: Local experts say case is not likely to affect Eastern's students

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"The students contacted us in the fall of 2000," said Mark Goodman, executive director of Student Press Law Center. "They went to the appeals court without an attorney, and it was then we asked the court if we could argue in behalf of them, as a friend-of-the-court brief and the judge agreed."

On Jan. 7 oral arguments were held before Judges John Coffey, Ilana Rovner and Terence Evans.

Mary Welsh, Illinois assistant attorney general, represented Governors State and argued there was little difference between an

administrator signing off to publish the newspaper and a newspaper adviser. Welsh also cited the 1988 Supreme Court decision to give Hazelwood, Mo. high school the power to censor their newspaper as grounds for colleges to do the same. She also cited a decision, *Kincaid v. Gibson*, that was later overruled in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit that ruled in favor of colleges looking to censor newspapers.

Welsh finished her argument by saying, as a Jan. 9 *The Star of Tinley Park* newspaper states, "The law is so unsettled in this area that we would like the court to give us some guidance."

The judges asked Dick Goehler, an attorney from Cincinnati defending *The Innovator*, whether or not the school could require review for only grammatical or spelling errors.

Goehler said there could be no separation between grammar and

spelling from substance.

Scott Sievers, an attorney for the Illinois Press Association, one of 25 professional journalism organizations defending *The Innovator*, said the verdict coming in the next six to eight months is unpredictable.

"I don't have a gut instinct, but I hope the court rules in favor of student rights," he said. "From what I heard about the oral hearings, the students' rights got the worst of it, but I had a boss defend a paper in Charleston, and we had thought he had got beat pretty badly, but we ended up winning."

Goodman thinks the judges were not fully informed on the topic.

"The questions the judges asked reflected that they do not have a clear understanding of the free press university publications are entitled to," he said.

Sievers said he thinks a decision in favor of Governors State will hinder college journalists.

"I don't think that decision would

be under good academic policy," he said. "In the real world, you can write and publish what you want without interference or censorship from the government. If they can't do it, why should universities be able to?"

Goodman said the Student Press Law Center will continue to defend the students' rights even if the court rules against them.

"We will help out the students, even if that means we have to get an overruling," he said. "This is the first or second most important journalism case ever to go in front of a court."

Whatever decision the court makes, Tidwell said *The Daily Eastern News* and other Eastern publications will not be affected.

"It won't affect us one iota," he said. "The policy has been established, and if you look at the internal documents, administration will not and cannot control student publications."

"There has been too much tradition established here for too long, and maybe I am being naive, but I don't think there will be an impact here — either way, business will go on as usual," Tidwell said.

Faculty members believe the First Amendment should be upheld.

Goodman questions where the censorship of the First Amendment will extend.

"It's not just the student media that will be affected, it will affect other expressions with students and faculty," he said. "The standard on the *Hazelwood* case limits faculty expression by saying the school can censor what a professor teaches, when they can punish them for saying something they don't like."

"By giving leeway to the administration or university, there is no authority saying they can't use their power to stop views that are contradicting or unpopular."

## Promises: More exercise a popular resolution for many students

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declared Jan. 1 to be the beginning of the new year in 153 B.C., the Web site stated.

Many early Christians denounced New Year's celebra-

tions as paganism, and the holiday has only been celebrated by Western nations for about the past 400 years. The Web site stated the early traditions were centered around the belief that what a person did or ate on the first day of the year could affect the luck they would have throughout the year, which carried over into the current practice of making resolutions.

New Year's has since evolved into a time for not only making resolutions, but breaking them as

well.

A *USA Today* poll in 2001 found that 115 million people vow to change one or more aspects of their lives each year, but 80 percent will not succeed.

Baker predicted the Rec Center will be packed with students fulfilling new year's resolutions for three to four weeks, but attendance usually dwindles as personal goals fall short.

"By the time we get back on the 13th, a lot of resolutions are already broken," Baker said.

Several students returning to school were still attempting to stay true to the various resolutions they made.

Erika Sundheim, a senior fashion merchandising major, said her goals for the new year are to graduate and to get in shape before entering the "real world."

Exercise was also a top priority for Rachel Atwood, senior speech communication major. In addition, Atwood said she wants to quit drinking as much so hangovers won't impede her from attending

class, but she doubts she'll be successful at either venture.

"I make (resolutions) as a joke," she said. "Who really sticks to them anyway?"

Jayson Johnson, a speech communication graduate student, doesn't have to worry about sticking to his New Year's goals. Johnson refuses to follow tradition and make resolutions.

"I don't think you need to have a certain day to make a goal," Johnson said. "The opportunity is always there."

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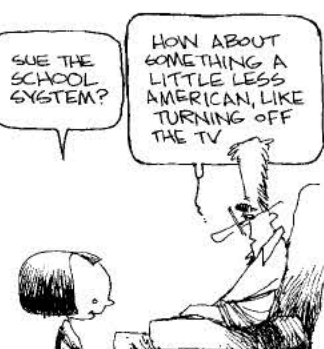
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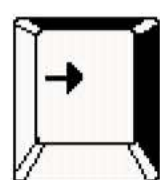
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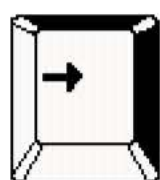
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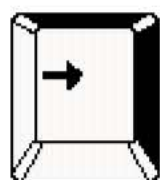
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OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL NEWS

# Richardson III resigns after gun tirade

By Aaron Seidltz  
STAFF WRITER

In an odd turn of events, Tennessee State head basketball coach Nolan Richardson III resigned from his position. His resignation took place after an altercation with an assistant coach that led to Richardson going to his car to find his gun.

The event took place on Christmas night, and was provoked by an argument between Richardson and his assistant coach Hosea Lewis. The argument started because Lewis misinformed the players on when the practice was to take place, thus

only four players showed up for the practice.

As the argument progressed, Richardson told Lewis "wait right here I'm going to my car and I got something for you," according to Lewis' account of the incident to the police. At this point Richardson went to his car for a crowbar, but instead came back into the building with a gun. While it has been reported that the gun was unloaded, the event cost Richardson his job.

To avoid any further incident, Lewis ran from the gymnasium while Richardson went to his car. After coming back into the gym, Richardson was calmed down by

another co-worker until he finally ended his tirade.

Richardson was immediately suspended by the university. Not long after being suspended, Richardson resigned from his head coaching position, relinquishing the job to Lewis on an interim basis. Tennessee State will begin to look for a new head coach for next season to replace Lewis.

While Athletic Director, Teresa Phillips, declined comment, she was quoted by the Associated Press as saying, "I am pleased that I can say the situation has ended. I'm really ready to move forward and look to bring some

positive, new leadership for Tennessee State men's basketball."

For the Tennessee State basketball program it might be easier to move forward than most would think. Even though the program is under heavy speculation with the departure of Richardson, Phillips has already received notice from many top level programs for possible candidates.

Tennessee State may have had doubts about how long they were going to keep Richardson even before this event. Through his career at Tennessee State, Richardson only managed a record of 23-41, and his program

was under investigation by the NCAA for possible rule violations. Even throughout all of this negative publicity directed toward the university, Phillips still remains positive about attracting a new coach to the program.

Phillips was quoted in *The Tennessean* as saying, "I don't think a good pool will be a problem. We're in Nashville and in the OVC; I think we have no reason not to have a great basketball program. I think in the 13 years I have been here, all I've heard is that TSU basketball is a big diamond in the rough. It's still pretty much a plum of a job."

# Offense without its all-conference charm

By Matt Meinheit  
SPORTS EDITOR

When Morehead State extended Eastern's losing streak to nine games last night, Eastern was without one of the key elements of its team, junior center Pam O'Connor.

O'Connor has spent most of this season in street clothes waiting for her doctor to clear her for action.

After tearing her anterior cruciate ligament last spring and fracturing her patella during her rehabilitation, O'Connor was progressing ahead of schedule in November according to team trainer Katie Rybak.

At that point in the season, O'Connor was cleared to participate in practice but only in non-contact

drills. On Dec. 13 she had her final doctor appointment where she was expected to be cleared for action. Since then, O'Connor has been participating fully in practice and has been dressing for games. However, Eastern head coach Linda Wunder has not put the preseason Ohio Valley Conference First-Team selection in a game.

"When Pam is ready, she will play," Wunder said. "It's up to her when she feels she is ready."

A year ago, O'Connor led the Panthers average (18 ppg) and field goal percentage (.605).

This season, junior guard Lauren Dailey is the only Panther averaging over 10 points a game with 12.7 ppg. Last season, Dailey was the Panthers' second leading scorer

with 11.6 ppg. Through 12 games this year, the Panthers were averaging 58.3 points per game, down from 61.5 ppg a year ago.

A large reason Eastern's scoring has not dropped much from last season is the improved play of senior forward Brooke Gossett and junior center Allison Collins.

Gossett has brought her average up from 6.3 ppg last season to 9.8 this year. Collins, who was used as a reserve most of last season, is averaging 6.8 ppg.

Another reason the Panthers' offense has kept up with last year's team is the play of newcomer and Mattoon native Megan Sparks. The 5'9" freshman guard is averaging nine ppg after a 12-point night against the Eagles Monday. Sparks

has found a spot in the starting lineup; last night she made her sixth start. She is third on the team in rebounds with 52 and in assists with 27.

With O'Connor back in the lineup it's definitely possible for the team to surpass its offensive numbers from a year ago.

The question is, why is Wunder keeping one of the best players in the conference off the court?

The idea of getting O'Connor a medical red-shirt for this season has been presented to

Wunder and O'Connor, thus allowing O'Connor two full seasons of eligibility opposed to a year and a half.

"Red-shirting is a strong possibility, but Pam has the final decision," Wunder said.

### Final Score

	
<b>Eastern Panthers</b>	<b>Morehead State Eagles</b>
<b>70</b>	<b>75</b>
(1-12, 0-3)	(10-5, 3-1)

High Scorers	FG-FGA	TP
Eastern		
L. Dailey	6-12	14
B. Gossett	5-6	13
M. Sparks	4-11	12
Morehead State		
K. Brown	6-14	18
T. Turner	6-11	17
D. Williams	5-10	11

### Williams:

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at representing your country in the Olympics, you make the decision.

The last question that is left is: what happens if he can't cut it as a pro soccer player?

Soccer players are not known for getting large contracts with millions of dollars each year. If soccer does not work out for Thompson, the money he does earn will not support him for the rest of his life.

The good thing about Nike-Project 40 is that it puts money toward education for the players who decide to sign with them.

Good player plus high stock plus educational funding equals the right decision by Thompson to go pro.

### Grapplers:

## Wrestlers show promise

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Duals. The slimmest margin of defeat was 14 in a 17-31 loss to Drexel. In their other three matches, the Panthers failed to score in the double digits as a team.

Eastern forfeited two weights in each match except for its fourth match against Cleveland State, which the squad was forced to forfeit three weights.

Coyle walked away from Columbus with three wins and a loss. Lepper had the second best showing for the Panthers at the Buckeye Duals with a 2-2 record. Dowty,

French and sophomore Dexter Wright (125) were the only other Panthers to record wins in Columbus.

Eastern also competed in one of the most prestigious meets in the country during Winter Break.

The Panthers finished 33rd at the Midlands Meet held in Evanston.

DeFilippis was the only Panther to finish above .500 at the Midlands with a 3-2 record. Veach and Ziminski finished with 2-2 records, but the rest of the Panthers finished under .500.

"You look at the teams that were entered in this, and it was just incredible," McCausland said. "It was a great experience for the guys."

### Loss:

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Preseason first-team selection Travece Turner added 17 points, while senior center Tasha Gales recorded a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds in 32 minutes.

The Panthers continue to improve on taking care of the basketball by recording only 15 turnovers, which is 10 fewer than Saturday night against Eastern Kentucky and the first time Eastern has been under 20 since the nine-game losing streak started.

"With only 15 turnovers, we handled it much better," Wunder said. "I just felt we didn't come out in the first half playing hard."

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THURSDAY	M basketball vs. Murray State 7:10 p.m. Lantz Arena
FRIDAY	Wrestling vs. Indiana 7 p.m. Lantz Arena
SATURDAY	M basketball vs. Tenn.-Martin 7:10 p.m. Lantz Arena
	W basketball vs. Tenn.-Martin 5:15 p.m. Lantz Arena

## OVERTIME



Matt Williams  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

## Thompson is ready for the next level

Leaving school early to pursue a career in professional athletics is becoming more and more common as the years go by. Some even decide to skip the college experience all together and go straight to the big show.

Players begin to count money signs in their sleep at the thought of putting away their pencils and papers early to cash in on big contracts that are waiting for them in the professional waters.

Most of the time I would like to see players go through school and earn a degree or at least attempt to get a year or two of college in before trying to make a living playing sports.

Sometimes players are not ready to enter the real world of agents and year-round traveling.

But in the case of Eastern men's soccer player Jason Thompson, I think he made the right choice to skip his final season as a Panther.

The junior standout forward made himself eligible for Major League Soccer's Super Draft being held on Friday. Here are a few reasons why Thompson made the right decision on deciding to keep his Eastern No. 22 jersey off for good.

To begin with, he is really, really good. He was one of only 12 players that signed with Nike-Project 40, a developmental program for the best of the best of collegiate and high school-aged players.

This is a guy that has scored six goals in a game not once, but twice. He is one of the most dangerous goal scorers in the country with the ability to slot his laser shots past any goalkeeper.

The second reason is that he is healthy and currently has a high stock because of his national experience. He is also guaranteed a roster spot with one of the 10 MLS teams, which would not be guaranteed to him if he decided to come back for his senior season.

Coming back for his senior season could put him at risk for an injury or he could have an off year with the departure of starting defenders Ryan Hunt, Bobby Ewan, Ben York and midfielder Aaron Aguirre.

His exposure over the summer with the U-23 National team in their four-game tour of England, in which he was second in scoring with two goals, makes him a likely candidate to go in the early rounds of the draft.

Thompson would also have a better shot of making the team that will travel to Athens to compete in the 2004 Summer Olympics if he makes the jump to the MLS.

Finishing your final season for a mediocre college team or possibly having a chance

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## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Road win just out of reach in OVC loss



MATT MEINHEIT/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Senior forward Kayla Bloemer attacks the basket in a home game at Lantz Arena. The Panthers dropped their ninth straight game to drop to 1-12 overall and 0-3 in the conference.

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern women's basketball came painfully close to earning its first road victory in the 2002-2003 season but couldn't pull off the upset at Morehead State Monday night.

The 75-70 loss increased the Panthers (1-12, 0-3) road losing streak to 14, which stretches back to February of last year and extends their current losing streak to nine, equaling a school record.

"I told the team after the game, we played road games against three good opponents," Panthers head coach Linda Wunder said. "We must take care of business at home and see if we can start a winning streak."

With 5:11 left, the Panthers cut a 66-56 deficit down to three points on three different occasions in the last 1:09. However, clutch free throw shooting by the Eagles (10-5, 3-1) allowed them to escape Johnson Arena with a narrow victory. Morehead State hit seven of their final nine free throws to seal the win.

The Eagles went into the locker room with a shaky eight-point advantage, but came out to score the first four points to increase the lead to 38-26 before Panthers' senior center Brooke Gossett and junior guard Lauren Dailey made consecutive lay-ins off Morehead State turnovers followed by freshman guard Megan Sparks hitting one of her two three-pointers on the evening. Suddenly, the lead was down to five.

Eastern was able to stay in the game by forcing 11 of the Eagles 14 turnovers in the second half.

"We picked up the defensive intensity," Wunder said. "We forced turnovers and got some steals that keyed our more aggressive play."

Dailey led the Panthers in scoring with 14 by shooting six of 12 from the field. Sophomore guard Racheal Karos came off the bench to add nine points, four rebounds and two steals in only 16 minutes of action.

"Racheal did a great job in the second half coming off the bench. (Kandi) Brown was playing well for them, and Racheal did a good job of shutting her down," Wunder said.

Brown, the preseason Ohio Valley Conference second-team selection, scored a game-high 18 points but was held to six of 14 from the field and four of 11 from beyond the arc.

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# Grapplers take first in triangular meet

By Matt Meinheit  
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern's wrestling squad seems to be building momentum with two wins in a triangular meet at Duquesne.

The Panthers (3-6) were in Pittsburgh Jan. 16, to grapple with host Duquesne and American University.

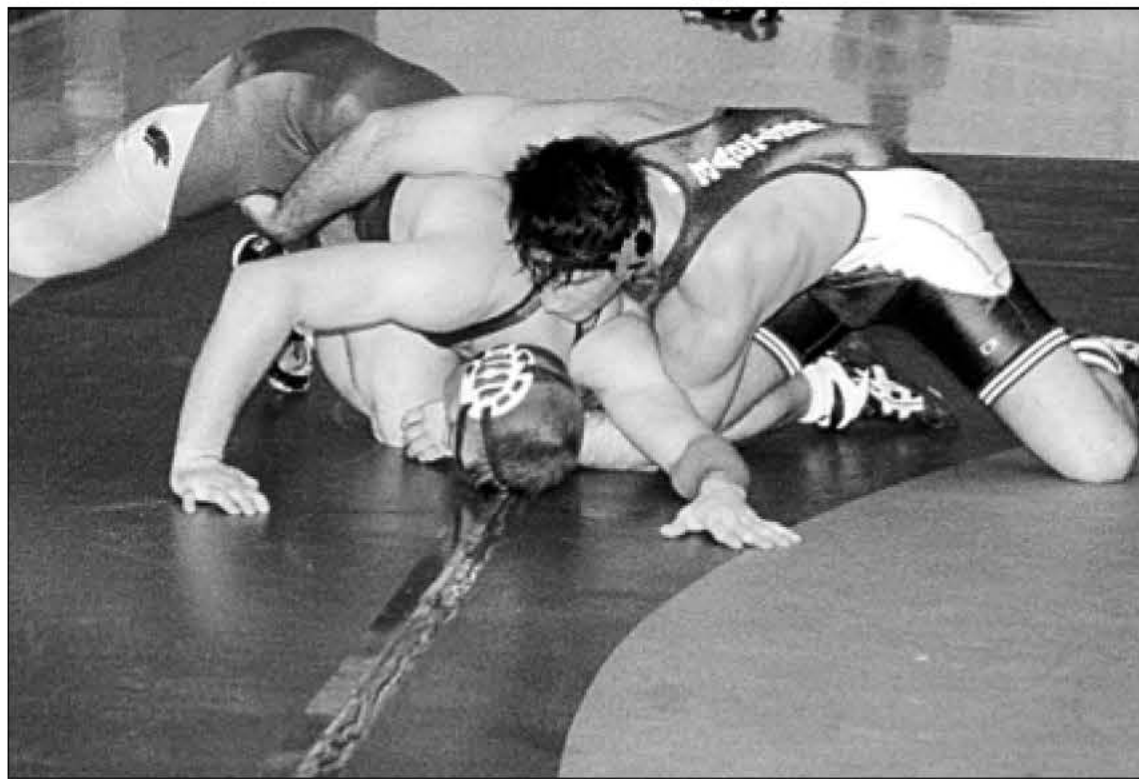
Eastern started with a solid 25-19 victory against American. Junior Mike Stanley (133), sophomore Andy Coyle (157) and junior Clay French (174) pinned their counterparts to give Eastern a combined 17 points in the team competition.

Against Duquesne, the Panthers won six of their matches while losing just one to take 27-24 victory. However, an injury-hobbled Eastern team was forced to forfeit three matches, giving Duquesne an 18-point advantage from the start of the meet.

Eastern wrestlers wrapped up three more pins, two more coming from French and Stanley. Eastern's third pin came from junior Jerod Bruner (141).

French and Stanley were not the only wrestlers to win both of their matches at Duquesne. Coyle won his match against Duquesne by an 8-2 decision. Junior Josh Lepper (184) won both of his matches as well. He won his first match against American with a 9-3 decision and his second match against Duquesne 3-1.

Sophomore Pete Ziminski (285, 14-13 this season) injured himself in the previous meet and was one of the matches Eastern was forced



FILE PHOTO

The Eastern wrestling team is coming off a successful triangular meet at Duquesne. The Panthers (3-6) pulled off victories over Duquesne (27-24) and American University (25-19) to win the meet.

to forfeit.

"We had to forfeit three weights and came away with some good wins," Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland said. "The guys proved to us that they could find a way to overcome the odds. We had to depend on each other. We couldn't come back and reload."

Eastern was in Columbus, Ohio Jan. 4 to wrestle in the Buckeye Duals Meet. The Panthers struggled against four different teams

including Clarion, Drexel, Buffalo and Cleveland State.

"We struggled there," McCausland said. "We left a few guys home due to injuries after the midlands."

Three notable Eastern wrestlers that did not compete in Columbus were senior Frank Defelipis (157, 10-6), junior Pat Dowty (133, 16-11) and junior Matt Veach (165, 23-9). Defelipis was nursing a torn bicep, while Veach had a sprained wrist.

"It was just one thing after another," McCausland said. "We were like the walking wounded when we went to the Buckeye Duals."

Several Panthers, including Coyle, French, Lepper and Stanley, fought through injuries while competing.

The Panthers lost all four of their matches at the Buckeye

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