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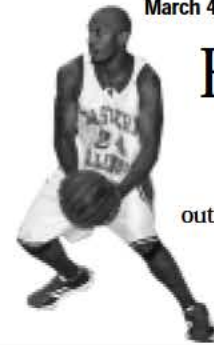
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Heading back to Murray

Eastern looks to change the
outcome from last year's 47 point
defeat against the Racers.



Library's publishing group now bankrupt

◆ Booth will receive journal and
magazine subscriptions until
prepayment for service runs out

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Booth Library is still receiving journal and magazine subscriptions, but only because publishers have honored subscriptions the library has already paid.

The company providing the library magazines and journals filed for bankruptcy Jan. 27.

RoweCom, which accepts money from libraries to purchase subscriptions through publishers, is trying to reclaim \$74 million from Internet investing company Divine Inc.

RoweCom is a library subscription subsidiary of Divine Inc. and says the parent company illegally obtained funds, leaving the subsidiary unable to pay publishers and librarians they supply in danger of not offering patrons reading material.

Divine, who filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Feb. 25, denies the charge.

Allan Lanham, Eastern's dean of library services, said the problems really began in December, affecting subscriptions the university has honored for more than 20 years.

"(RoweCom's) parent company has been siphoning funds from subscriptions," he said. "The danger is there, but in reality those journals continue to arrive because publishers have graced the situation by honoring the fact that the library has already paid."

The publishers have continued subscriptions for January, February, March and some publishers have already graced subscriptions for next month, Lanham said.

He said Booth Library has not received notification of any journals missing so far and does not have a list of subscriptions, if any, gone missing.

"As long as they continue to arrive, we will let corporate companies duke it out," he said. "Publishers have bent over backwards in trying to accommodate the library's needs."

He said weekly journals, commonly received by public libraries, would be the first to stop coming.

RoweCom was set to be replaced July 1 anyway, Lanham said. No company has been named to take over, said Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs.

However, he said only a "handful" of providers are available.

Eastern is involved in a larger lawsuit with other Illinois libraries, including Western Illinois University, Illinois State University and Governors State University libraries, Lord said.

Divine, who claimed \$400 million in capital in 1999, started to show signs of financial trouble in 2000.

"This is probably the major incidence in library history," Lanham said.



FILE PHOTO

ABOVE: The Student Rec Center was not yet finished when students returned to campus in fall 1991.



COLIN MCAULIFFE / PHOTO EDITOR

LEFT: Students play basketball and work out in the Student Rec Center on Monday. The center was finished in 1991, at a cost of \$6.4 million raised by student fees. More than 2,000 students visit the rec center each day.

'If you build it, they will come'

◆ More than 2,000 students visit Eastern's
Student Rec Center everyday

By Tim Martin
CAMPUS EDITOR

More than 2,000 students visit the Student Recreation Center each day lifting weights and playing basketball.

And from almost the beginning, interim President Lou Hencken knew it would be that way.

"I remember when we were first talking about putting the rec center in, and I remember I thought about the movie 'Field of Dreams,'" he said. "You know, that line: 'If you build it, they will come.'"

The 70,500-foot rec center was almost never built.

The original Student Senate referendum, proposed in 1988, was rejected by the student body in large part because tuition fees had jumped \$210 from the previous year.

"If we had passed that referendum, students would have had to pay the fee the following semester, even though they wouldn't see the rec center for two or three years," Hencken said.

The next referendum, which created a separate \$55 fee to help compensate the \$6.4 million cost, would not be charged until the Rec Center opened in the fall of 1991.

"I think something like 1,600 students voted, and it only passed by 20 votes," Hencken said. "But I remember thinking that it was a good decision because I was very confident

Stacking up against the rest

	Sq. feet	Visitors per day	Year built
◆ Eastern	75,000	2,500	1991
◆ University of Illinois	240,000	2,400	1971
◆ Western Illinois	71,000	2,000	1997
◆ Southern Illinois	NA	1,800	NA
◆ Northern Illinois	150,000	2,500	NA

students would use it."

Hencken said design teams were hired to accommodate students' requests for basketball, racquetball and volleyball courts, free weights and aerobics.

"We tried to look at what Eastern will need for as long as 20 years down the road as far as recreational trends," said Carol Pyles, dean of the College of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, in an article from the Aug. 17, 1991, edition of *The Daily Eastern News*.

The article also described the rec center as having a "crystal-ball architecture" that can be seen from the simple floor plan that will accommodate additions on both floors.

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Theater founder brings New York to Charleston

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Neighborhood Playhouse School of Theater graduate Tanya Woods brought her New York City acting charm to Charleston over 40 years ago.

Since then she co-founded Charleston Alley Theater, a local performing arts venue in what she refers to as the "Charleston theater district" across from Will Roger's

theater downtown.

Woods said this will be the theater's 15th season.

Woods and her fellow founders established Charleston Alley Theater because the Charleston Community Theater had resorted to primarily musical performances and had no established home.

"We wanted very much to do theater, and we wanted very much to have a home," Woods said.

She and her co-founders

Spotlight: People

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



searched for a building to host performances. The group settled on

the current theater site.

A benefactor made the down payment for the building, and shops and apartments within the building help pay for the theater space.

"It has a very large, high-ceiling room in back," Woods said.

The high-ceilinged room serves for theater space, which seats approximately 40 people.

"The audience is very close," Woods said. "We have space where

we can move the audience around."

Flexible theater spacing allows the audience to be arranged around the acting space in whatever way necessary to enhance the show.

"We just run it small," Woods said.

Charleston Alley Theater is a non-profit program that relies on ticket costs and donations for financing shows and upkeep.

SEE THEATER ♦ Page 7

Workshop focus on healing grief

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

A "Healing From Grief and Loss" workshop will discuss the grief process and how students can help themselves or support others through it.

The workshop will be presented by Treva Anderson, counselor at the Counseling Center.

Anderson said she will give students general information about the grief process and discuss how to deal with it, what to expect with the process and how to be supportive to others going through the process.

"I will also touch on factors that inhibit grieving, things that aren't helpful and that delay your coming to terms with a loss," Anderson said.

"The timing of the workshop is coincidental really, but I would imagine there are students on campus grieving the loss after Shannon's (McNamara) murder," Anderson said. "However, the

workshop is designed for all students going through any number of grief, loss or changes in life people could grieve."

Deaths aren't the only life events that cause grief.

"We typically think of grief occurring after death, but there are many types of things we could grieve, types of losses or change," Anderson said.

Anderson said people grieve over relationship changes, health changes, job/school changes, loss of income, giving up a dream or any number of things.

"I've talked with students individually or in groups about grief, but this is a new workshop," Anderson said. "I hope the audience might share ways they have coped with grief in the past, if they are comfortable, as well as ways they may want others to respond to them while they are grieving."

The workshop will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

First band concerts of semester set for today

By Jorge Sanchez
STAFF WRITER

Two musical ensembles are set to have their first performance of the semester Tuesday.

The Collegiate Band and Concert Band have worked the past month to prepare for their first performance of the semester.

The Concert Band is conducted by Joseph Allen and the Collegiate Band is conducted by Dennis Hayslett.

"It's hard to say how many people we expect to see at the concert, but hopefully there will be a good turnout," said Dan Crews, director of publicity for the college of arts and humanities. "The University's Grand Ballroom is set up to fit 200-300 people."

Concerts are typically per-

formed by the bands twice during the spring semester, Crews said.

The traditional and contemporary sounds of Persichetti, Copland, Ticheli, Gervaise and many others will be featured.

"I would love to attend the concert, but unfortunately, I'll be out of town for a function," Crews said.

"I'm looking forward to attending the Collegiate Band concert because last time I saw them perform, they sounded awesome," said Michael Power, a freshman physical education major.

The concert is open to all Eastern students as well as the general public and admission is free.

The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

CORRECTION

A story in Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly reported Roy Lanham's title. Lanham is a campus minister for the Newman Center.

The News regrets the error.

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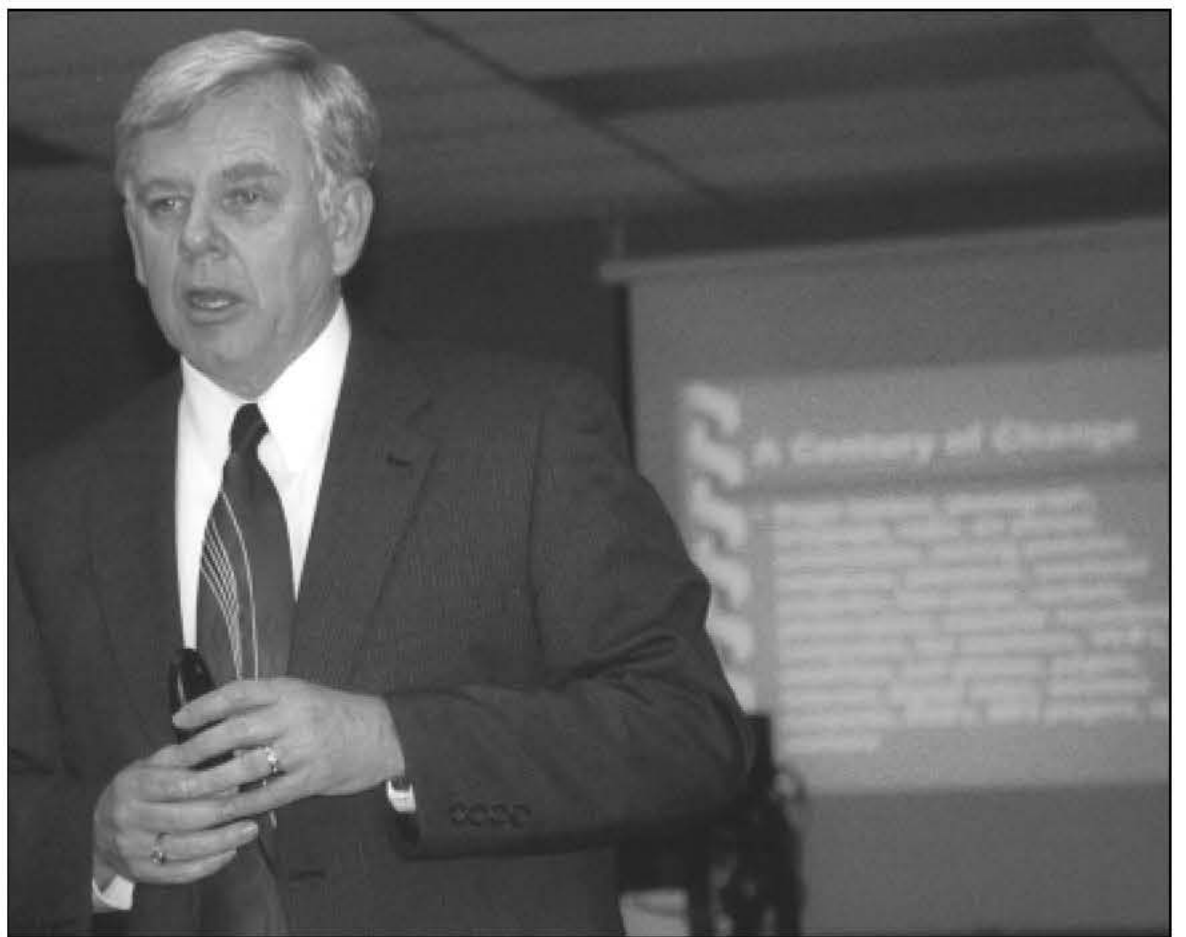
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Charles Rohn, dean of the College of Education, discusses new technologies in schools Monday evening in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Some of these technologies are schools that give students their own laptop computers which students can use at school and at home.

Dean: Learn technology now

By Matthew Kent
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Adjust to technology in education or be left behind was the advice of an Eastern dean Monday night.

Charles Rohn, dean of the college of education/professional studies, said at the school of technology's global centennial symposium that education has dramatically affected technology over the last 100 years.

He said educators have challenges since young people know how to use technology better than them. He also emphasized educators need to be prepared because technology will affect them 30 years from now.

"The ability to keep up is tremendously difficult," Rohn said. "By 2020, computers will have the processing power of the human brain."

He also talked about virtual campuses and how students are obtaining their degrees online.

"There have been educators who have asked whether we can maintain the quality of education through this," Rohn said.

He said third-grade students in a local county in Virginia have decided to not use textbooks, but instead are using laptops for all courses.

"There are no copy machines; no paper clips, no staples," Rohn said.

He said he has a great concern about the move that they have made.

"It's an incremental change and a broad sweeping-revolution change — they have jumped off the edge of the cliff," he said.

He also said people need to find an appropriate balance and said it's a challenge. He added that technology and computers aren't

going to solve problems in the world but said, "We can't ignore the opportunities that technology offers us."

Kipp Kruse, department chair of biological sciences, said technology has drastically affected biology. He spoke about biotechnology, a method used to produce useful biological substances.

He said the issue of cloning is "an ethical and moral issue that needs to be debated among legislators and philosophers."

He said science is a process that needs to continue.

"There is an 80 to 90 percent probability that cloning stem cell research will save your life or the life of a loved one within the next 10 years," Kruse said.

He added that biotechnology will "produce medical advances beyond our wildest dreams. Never be afraid of science," Kruse said.

Greek councils win top awards

By Jennifer Chiariello
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

For the third year in a row, both the Interfraternity and Panhellenic Councils brought home top awards in their division for outstanding council programming at the Mid-American Greek Council Association conference Feb. 20-23.

A portion of the convention is dedicated to recognizing outstanding programming efforts of university and college greek communities from across the nation.

A special committee composed of national Student Affairs administrators judge each of the awards presented at the convention; 17 states and more than 200 universities belong to the region, and the conference is held annually, with as many as 1,600 attendees, a press release stated.

A delegation of 26 Eastern students representing the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council Executive Boards plus chapter representa-

tives from the council fraternities and Panhellenic sororities spent the weekend attending workshops and keynote speakers on topics covering all aspects of greek life, a press release stated.

The Panhellenic Council was awarded the Sutherland Award recognizing the best programming by a Panhellenic Council and the Interfraternity Council was awarded the Jellison Award for the top programming by an Interfraternity Council.

The councils also received the Linda Wardhammer Kaleidoscope Award for their collaboration with the University Housing and Dining Service's Multicultural Committee by helping to sponsor the "Beyond Words-Museum of Oppression" program.

"We sponsored it ("Beyond Words-Museum of Oppression"), gave money to put it on and appreciate everything housing did because they allowed us to receive the award," council president Russ White said.

White said the Kaleidoscope Award is not given out every year.

"It's given out when councils show they are doing outstanding programs other schools in the nation aren't doing," White said. "It shows we are a step ahead of other greek communities and how strong of a greek community we actually have."

Both councils each received seven individual awards for specific programming efforts. The council also received awards in the programming areas of academic achievement, council management, philanthropy and community service, leadership and educational development, membership recruitment, public relations, risk reduction and management and self-governance and judicial affairs.

"The awards ceremony is really nice," White said. "The last night there is a formal dinner. It's nice to see everyone in a formal sense and see people from your national organization from other schools."

Business majors enjoy little-known Lumpkin lab



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Eric Knuth, lab manager for the Lumpkin Computer lab, sits at his desk and checks his email Monday afternoon in the Lumpkin Computer Lab. Digital cameras are one of many things that students can check out from the computer lab.

By John Hohenadel
STAFF WRITER

Many students face the dilemma of crowded computer labs at Booth Library and the Information Technology Services lab.

But the Lumpkin computer lab could serve as an alternative to the frequent overflowing.

Lumpkin has approximately 160 computers open to all Eastern students.

Most of the computers have CD burners and DVD players. All of the computers have 250-megabyte Zip drives and are able to print in either black and white or color.

Many of the computers have 18-inch flat screen monitors and some have up to two gigahertz of processor speed.

Although most students who use the lab are business majors, the lab is open to all students.

"We try and offer everything we can to make it convenient," lab manager Eric Knuth said.

If a student requests a certain type of software, chances are Lumpkin has it.

"We do our best to try and acquire that for them. If you need it for education, it's here, and if not, we'll do our best to

get it for you," Knuth said.

The Lumpkin computer lab has more than just computers.

"Beyond the computers available to students, we also have digital cameras, web cams and scanners available to students," Knuth said. "If students have their Panther Card, digital cameras are allowed for one hour at a time."

Even with all the equipment available to students at Lumpkin, most prefer Booth Library.

"Many students don't realize that we even exist," Knuth said.

Some students do not realize that there is a computer lab in Lumpkin.

"When I first came here, I didn't even know about the Lumpkin computer lab — I just kind of found it," Tricia Bartels, a senior marketing major, said.

Jason Diekemper, a senior industrial technology major, said he thinks Lumpkin should do a better job of promoting itself.

"I think they should put ads in the paper to publicize the Lumpkin computer lab," he said.

Students may be surprised to hear where the money for these computers comes from.

"The computers in this lab are partly funded by student fees,

and what's left over, the state matches," Knuth said.

Knuth said Lumpkin also has a special lab for students that are interested in networking.

"We have a fully, self-contained and isolated network so if errors are made, it does not affect the rest of the campus," Knuth said.

If students are struggling to find what they are looking for on the computers in the Lumpkin lab, there is always someone around to help.

"Our student workers have an average grade point average of 3.4, so they can easily assist with just about anything," Knuth said.

Lumpkin computer lab is not often packed with students, but senior marketing and economics major Kelly Garrard doesn't think that is a bad thing.

"I think the Lumpkin lab is primarily for business students, and they all know about it," Garrard said. "The fact is that the Lumpkin lab is open to all Eastern students, but they do not seem to take advantage of it."

"We have a website that shows what hardware and software we have," Knuth said.

"It also gives you a virtual

Student Senate gets criticism for violating diversity bylaw

By Avian Carrasquillo
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

As the deadline for Student Senate members to fulfill their diversity requirement nears, the Student Government is receiving some criticism for not having it fulfilled.

Jessica Jarrett, chair of the Diversity Affairs Committee, reported to the Student Senate that she had received some questions from Cynthia Nichols, director of Civil Rights and Diversity, over the diversity requirements and was embarrassed to say that they had not all been completed.

"It reflects badly on Student Senate if we're trying to promote diversity and we're not fulfilling our diversity requirements," Jarrett said.

Student Senate members have until Thursday to complete the diversity requirement.

Jarrett estimated that so far she has received 16 to 20 reports from senate members out of the 30 in Student Government.

"I think it's just a matter of procrastination, but I've been pushing the requirement all semester," Jarrett said.

This also has been the case in the previous two semesters since the bylaw went into effect.

Nichols said that she casually asked some students about the sto-

ries she had read in The Daily Eastern News regarding the issue.

"Several students talked about how the requirement came about and some of the issues," Nichols said. "I do not have much direct knowledge about the Senate's discussions."

Student Senate member Tim Edwards co-authored the diversity bylaw.

"I think it shows student (senate members') true colors," Edwards said. "I made the bylaw so people couldn't sugarcoat being down with diversity. If you can't go to one meeting or an event per semester with people unlike yourself, you are showing that you don't want diversity."

"To me it is as clear as black and white with no gray in it. Either you want it or you don't. It is a real problem."

Edwards said Student Government itself is not a diverse organization.

"People who don't go to the events to fulfill the diversity bylaw can be judged by the student body and that judgment is obvious," he said. "They don't support it! They want to stay in their comfort zone."

"This is not just Eastern but the world we live in. The (senate members) are scared of what is different from them."

Edwards said he thinks the bylaw did its job.

"Everyone can see who cares

less about diversity, so next time a voter casts a ballot, they can remember which student (senate members) up for election don't care about diversity," Edwards said.

Student Body President Alison Mormino said an unfulfilled diversity requirement is not reflective of an apathetic Student Government but an overburdened one.

"Personally I don't think one event per semester is too much to ask, but I can't speak for everyone," Mormino said. "When you have committee meetings, meetings for RSO's, hall council meetings and academics, a diversity requirement on top of all that can be too much," Mormino said.

Mormino said the diversity requirement is only a part of the solution for diversity.

"It only goes so far to send a person to a meeting or event. It may or may not raise that person's awareness, but it doesn't raise the level of awareness on campus," Mormino said.

Student Senate member Alecia Robinson, who fulfilled her diversity requirement, said it was a good way for Senate to get involved.

"Instead of preaching diversity they should act on it and fulfill their diversity requirement," Robinson said.

Faculty to weigh in on statewide testing idea

By John Chambers
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate could make an assessment about a statewide testing initiative Tuesday.

The testing pilot, sponsored by the The Pew Charitable Trusts, is being introduced in five states including Illinois but will be optional to private and public universities.

The testing involves each academic discipline developing exams or other measures to assess what students have learned during the first two years of college and closer to graduation, according to an Illinois Board of Higher Education press release.

The IBHE is pushing the initiative for testing similar to that seen in kindergarten through 12th grade.

English professor David Radavich will speak to the senate on feedback gained through the Illinois Federation of Teachers conference held in Chicago last month.

"In college you have so many diverse areas that the assessment needs to be on a departmental basis. It's not clear to me how much more testing students need," Radavich said last week.

Junior college Black Hawk College in northern Illinois has advanced more toward the testing.

"The senate has not yet taken a position on it — we are looking at it," chair Anne Zahlan said.

The Faculty Senate will also hear discussion from English professor Bonnie Irwin of the IBHE faculty council on the testing.

The council generated a variety of opinions, Irwin said.

"There was some discussion whether it's better to be involved in the process early or stay out of it completely," she said. "Standardized testing is not good on any level of education because I think you can end up teaching to the test."

The senate subcommittee on faculty development will lead another discussion.

Sociology professor Reed Benedict, subcommittee member, is working on a survey for faculty as to what kinds of services they want to see in teaching.

The survey will touch on faculty goals and what it will take to meet those goals, Benedict said.

Last week the senate heard reports from several university employees involved in the electronic writing portfolio, a collection of submissions showing the progression of student writing over their college career.

The senate is compiling questions and comments to offer feedback from the discussion, Zahlan said.

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EDITORIAL

Center convenient addition

The department of Housing and Dining Services' decision to add a new convenience center connected to the Thomas dining hall is already one of the most useful campus additions in recent history.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services, said the Thomas Convenience Center served more than 1,200 customers in its first week of business. Hudson also said the store made about \$600 a day in its first six days of business after it opened last Monday.

"I think people are warming up to it," Hudson said. "They are getting more aware of it."

The university should strive to give the students as much variety and as many choices as possible. The new convenience center in Thomas accomplishes just that mission. Eastern students now have an easily accessible alternative location to buy snacks and drinks at.

Eastern's other convenience centers on campus at Carman Hall and the Panther Pantry in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union also provide this option, but the location of the Thomas dining hall's convenience center brings another alternative even closer to the majority of Eastern's on-campus residents.

The new Marketplace, as it's been dubbed, will help students save time.

Students who need to purchase food or drinks and who would normally travel to area stores in Charleston don't have to leave the confines of Eastern's campus to do so.

During the week from 8 a.m. to midnight, the convenience center is open, making snack foods available to students virtually all day long. When the dining centers are closed between meals, the convenience center is open.

This allows students who might miss meals because of class or work schedules another chance to get something to eat.

The convenience center also gives the students a greater variety of items to purchase with their Dining Dollars.

Because the students have an increase in options to spend their dining dollars on, they will be able to make better use of their respective dining plans.

Because the new Thomas Marketplace adds to the on-campus options students have for food, it helps the university better serve its students and helps the students get the most out of their dining plans.

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

At issue
The convenience center in Thomas Hall

Our stance
The Marketplace provides students in the South Quad a convenient place to shop for snacks.

OPINION

Mr. Rogers provided solace



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For most children, it's a familiar scene.

The opening credits flash on the screen with a clay model of a Pittsburgh neighborhood in the background. The camera then takes us to a cozy living room as a slender, soft-spoken man walks through the door.

As he changes into a zip-up sweater and comfortable shoes, he sings his token tune.

"It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor..."

Fred Rogers, creator and star of the Emmy-award winning "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," began his popular children's show the same way for more than 30 years.

He was a morning staple for children across the country, taping 1,765 episodes until his retirement in 2000.

When his final episode aired on PBS in August of 2001, Mr. Rogers ended the show as he always did, assuring his child viewers, "I'll be back when the day is new, and I'll have more ideas for you."

Last Thursday, Mr. Rogers died at the age of 74, losing his battle with stomach cancer. Children and adults alike continue to mourn the death of the gentle soul, who was one of the most influential individuals of the Twentieth Century.

"Sadly, Mr. Rogers won't be back when the day is new, nor will he have any new ideas for you."

Mr. Rogers was more than a television personality. He taught generations of children about sharing and loving their neighbors, and his appeal was phenomenal.

His show was simple, yet captivating. Mr. Rogers' quiet demeanor kept the attention of children all ethnicities, whether they were tuning in from a mansion in Beverly Hills or a one-room apartment in Cabrini Green. He was an icon. One of my parents' favorite stories involves a rare public appearance by Mr. Rogers. When I was just two months old, my mom and dad took my two brothers, both toddlers at the time, to see a \$1 show with Mr. Rogers at the Auditorium Theater in Chicago.

At least 5,000 people packed the venue, and the noise of screaming children was almost too much for my parents to endure. My brothers, who were usually well behaved, were going nuts with anticipation, and then it happened.

Mr. Rogers took the stage, began singing "It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," and the entire room went completely silent.

Every kid in that room was transfixed by the man onstage.

That was the power of Mr. Rogers.

I remember watching "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" every morning as a child. My parents didn't even have to watch me as I sat in my Wonder Woman Underoos, glued to channel 11 for another half-hour with my beloved "neighbor." My favorite episode was the one where Mr. Rogers took his audience on a tour of a Crayola factory. Who knew watching machines melt wax into colorful crayons could be so fascinating?

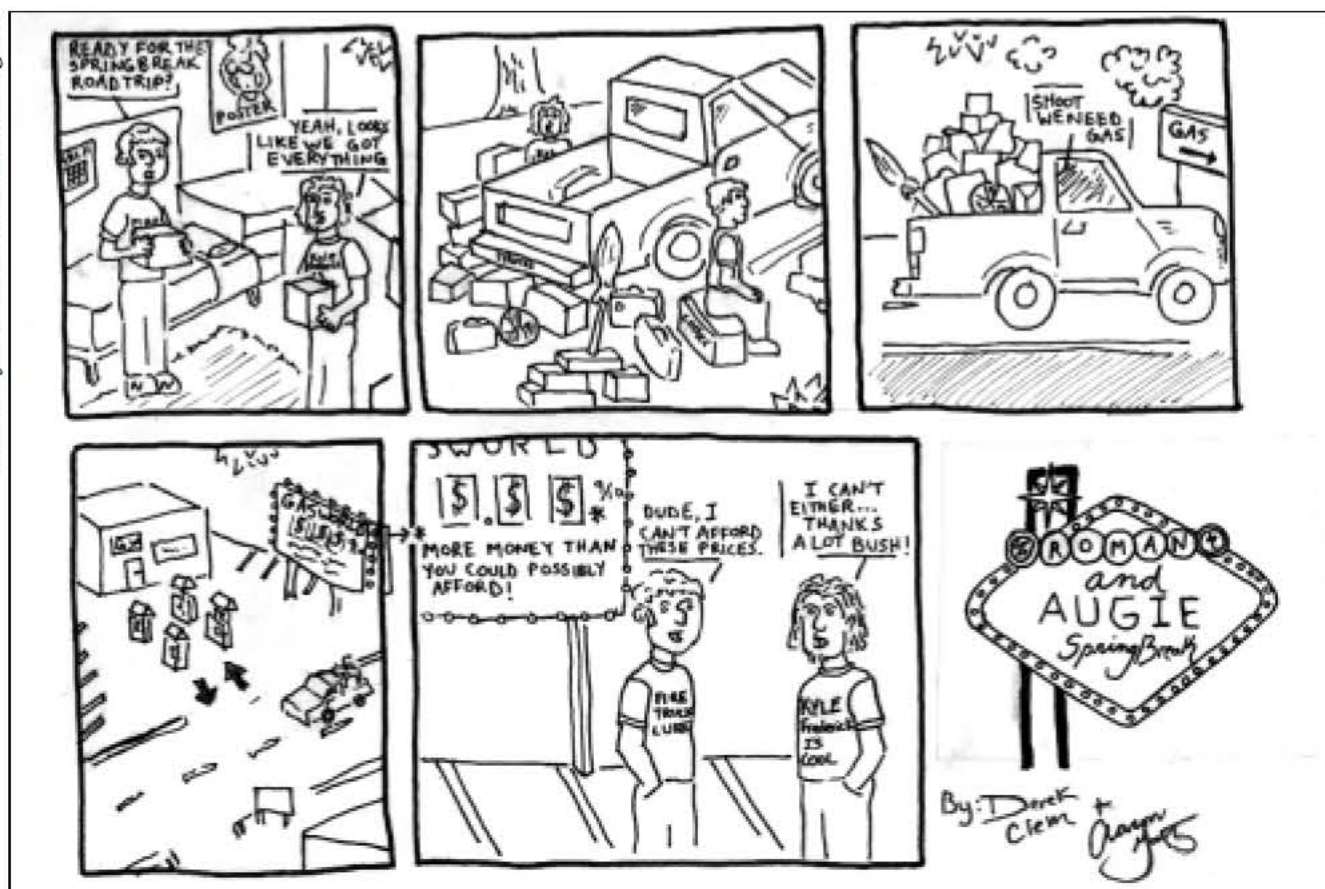
I also loved the "Neighborhood of Make Believe," a puppet kingdom that was only a trolley ride away. And I'll never forget the most valuable lesson Mr. Rogers taught me — I'll never go down the drain.

Sadly, Mr. Rogers won't be back when the day is new, nor will he have any more ideas for you.

But his collection of timeless shows can still be rerun for future generations of kids to learn from.

In a world so full of violence and uncertainty, it's comforting to know "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" always will be a safe place for children to go.

Cartoon by Derek Clem and Aaron Amganci



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Force not needed to disarm Saddam

We can only achieve peace through non-violent actions. If violence was the answer for peace we would undoubtedly be at peace right now. Given America's past history of trying to achieve peace through war unsuccessfully, why don't we try non-violent responses?

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor titled "Anti-war nonsense needs to stop now," published in the Feb. 19 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, and "Letter on Bush displayed ignorance," published in the Feb. 24 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. I am not going to say whether the writers are right or wrong. I am simply going to inform readers of the facts.

It is well-known Saddam Hussein should be disarmed, but I do not believe force is needed to achieve this. The inevitable is not necessary. Right now, inspectors are in Iraq trying to determine if Saddam has weapons of mass destruction. We should let the inspections run their course

before we use force. We must not forget who gave Iraq those weapons back in the 1980's. Also, let us not forget who provided and trained Osama bin Laden with our weapons. I believe the biggest oversight of all this is what about our weapons of mass destruction? Why isn't anybody calling us out or doing inspections in our country? Is it different because our weapons of mass destruction are here to uphold freedom and democracy?

As far as 9/11 and Saddam being connected, that is simply pure propaganda put out by our government. Saddam did not support or contribute anything to the attacks that took place on 9/11; none of the hijackers were from Iraq. And no evidence exists that shows Iraq helped in any way. The only connection 9/11 has to Saddam and Iraq is Bush is using 9/11 to gain support for his war for oil in Iraq. It is my understanding the families of the victims of

9/11 do not agree with our government's stance of attacking Iraq.

The argument of supporting our military comes up frequently, and many say the anti-war people are not supporting the military. I find the case to be quite the opposite. I believe by not supporting this war, you are supporting the military more than by supporting the war. Talk to any veteran, talk to your uncles and grandfathers, and ask about their experience in Vietnam and Germany. They will tell you it was a horrible experience, or may not even want to tell you a thing because they do not want to relive that experience.

I believe our military does not want to go to war,

and we should appreciate those of us who are against them leaving their families and jobs behind. I am sorry, Mr. Laurent, but you are going to have to get used to all the anti-war posters and articles. They are here to stay. Wherever you go, someone will be opposed to our government's selfish actions. Instead of criticizing them, Mr. Laurent should stop and listen to them, and he might actually learn something. We all live on this planet together, and it is about time we start to try to live with each other. Stop the blood from being our oil. Practice peace.

Ryan McClure
Junior art major

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: The Daily Eastern News accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues. They should be less than 250 words and include the authors' name, telephone number and address. Students should indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed. Depending on space constraints, we may edit letters, so keep it concise. Letters can be sent to *The Daily Eastern News* at 1811 Buzzard Hall, Charleston, IL 61920; faxed to 217-581-2923; or e-mailed to majones@eiu.edu

Senate meets with students to discuss campus issues

By Holly Frejlich
STAFF WRITER

The Student Senate met with interested students Monday to discuss issues students consider problems on campus.

Led by Lindsey Baum, chair of the Student Relations Committee, the discussion was geared toward the problems with maintenance crews on campus. Mace Boshart, senior biological sciences major, attended the open forum and had much to say on the topic of maintenance.

"I just find it ironic that the people who are supposed to be maintaining the grounds on this campus are actually the ones destroying it," said Boshart. "They have jobs that require them to keep the grass neat and kept up, yet they drive their trucks right up on the grass."

Ryan Siegel had a response to this and many other comments directed toward the Student Senate members.

Siegel said there is no way for unions to carry their tools around campus without using trucks. The crews are encouraged to use caution when working. This led into an even deeper discussion about the grass on campus.

The students had concerns with the lack of growth of the grass in the South Quad.

Ryan Herdes, chair of the Development and Recycling Committee, said most of the problems arise when students engage in various activities or

walk across freshly laid sod on the quad.

Siegel said once the Human Services Building is built, traffic in the South Quad may be affected and possibly be lessened. The expansion and rebuilding of the campus was also an issue that students had questions on.

Siegel told students in regard to Seventh Street closings: "They are not going to close the street before it is necessary."

"The university is waiting to hear from contractors as to when the street will absolutely need to be closed for construction," he said. "Most likely the closing will not occur until the end of the semester."

The reoccurring issue of parking was also brought to the attention of the Student Senate members. Siegel said he thought there would be no advantage to adding more parking any time soon and there were no plans to do so. However, he added parking in the future would be a strong possibility.

The last topic brought up at the meeting was a request to allow students to use their dining dollars, or cash-to-chip, to pay at the coffee shop in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Siegel said the housing office is not in control of the coffee shop, and for that to happen, the housing office would have to take over possession of the shop. This would be a decision that would inevitably have to be



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Ryan Siegel, a sophomore pre-engineering major, talks to members of Student Senate about parking issues on campus during the student senate open forum Monday evening in the Casey Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

made by Keith Bliss, the present owner.

At the conclusion of the open forum, Lindsey Baum had a mixed reaction to the evening.

"I was disappointed with the turnout of the event. I was hoping to see more students attend," Baum said. "However, a few good ideas, such as adding

the coffee shop to Panther Cards, were brought up. We feel that any meeting that results in at least one good idea was successful."

City Council to address land conservation agreement

By Carly Mullady
CITY EDITOR

Charleston's city council will discuss authorizing a \$2,000 tourism fund expenditure for the Illinois High School Association Spring Spectacular during Tuesday's meeting.

The council will also authorize an agreement with the state for financial participation on a Fourth Street bridge project.

The approval of a right-of-way acquisition of property for the same project will also be

addressed.

Council members will also decide on amending the ambulance service billing ordinance.

Execution of the Agreement for Like-Kind Exchange of Real Estate between the city and the Corley property will also be considered by council. This agreement will convey the exchange of property from Corley ownership to city ownership.

The Corley land is part of the Woodyard Memorial Conservation Area project. The Woodyard family left land to the

city to be made into a conservation area. That funding, combined with state grants, is going to pay for the preservation of land surrounding Lake Charleston.

To own the property surrounding the lake, the city must purchase the Corley property. Rather than a financial commitment, city property will be exchanged for ownership of the Corley land.

Charleston's lawn mowing bid's contractor will be awarded the city contract as the sole mower for the city.

The council will award Eastern Illinois Precast the bid for Charleston High School's Sports Complex. Eastern Illinois Precast was the lowest bidder at \$12,232.80.

A resolution of support for the Scholastic Recognition, Inc., revolving loan fund is also on the meeting's agenda.

Council members will decide on authorizing the extension of an agreement between the city and ABM Farms.

An Illinois Housing Development Authority grant's

acceptance will be announced tonight. This grant will support a financial assistance program for single-family home owners who occupy the residence they own.

A follow-up city code amendment from the previous council meeting will be addressed by council members this week. The amendment of the city code's Title II, which covers financing disposal of hazardous materials and environmentally damaging substances, has been placed on display for public inspection since the Feb. 18 meeting.



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Students hear of Harriet Taylor Mills' exploits from Millikin guest speaker

By Greg Walker
STAFF WRITER

As a part of the Women's History and Awareness Month a keynote speech was delivered Monday about a woman who to some was known as "tempestuous" and "shrew."

Harriet Taylor Mill, the woman, proved to be ahead of her time.

Jo Ellen Jacobs, the current chair of the department of philosophy at Millikin University and Eastern Illinois alumna, delivered the presentation Monday night. The main points that Jacobs touched on was Harriet's role as a lover and as a mother.

Jacobs said, Mill was born in 1807 and lived until 1858, but still had many ideals that are a lot more common today than back then. She married John Taylor at the age of 18, to end up finding her future husband John Stuart Mill, considered to be one of the smartest individuals ever, while pregnant in 1830. The two went on to get married and made an interesting couple.

The couple collaborated on different essays and articles, such as John Stuart Mill's famous "Principles of Political Economy,"

which Mill was rumored to have written a chapter of, Jacobs said.

The Mills shared a passion that is not usually seen in marriages and relationships and envied by most, Jacobs said. They told each other what was on their mind and they never held themselves back in conversations and letters between the two. They believed in role-switching, in which John would pour tea and play the piano for his wife, and she would do such uncharacteristic things for women during that time, such as arrange financial affairs.

They shared everything together, but in their marriage that lasted 20 years, they never had sex. The reasons of which are not completely known, but a sickness of John may have been the reason. John still remained a very passionate man.

Jacobs said, Harriet was also a different kind of mother. Some felt that she smothered her daughter Helen, who was also very smart while growing up. Harriet did not let her daughter go to school but instead wanted her daughter to be by her side during some of her travels. This led to her daughter becoming a "mama's girl" as her life went on, making it difficult for

her not to be with her mom.

Jacobs said back in 1992 she had decided to look into Harriet Taylor Mill on a whim, and as Jacobs said, she fell into it.

At the London School of Economics, Jacobs said she came upon boxes and boxes of letters and essays still yet un-transcribed.

"No one else would of had the chance to transcribe it," Jacobs said. So she began the task of transcribing countless Harriet Taylor Mill works and has been involved with her for 20 years.

Amanda Dietz, a freshman undecided major, said: "She's very passionate about Harriet. It was well put together."

Michelle Rebellato, a senior women's studies intern, agreed and said: "Harriet Taylor Mill's dedication and passion for her marriage and children only enhanced her intellectual abilities. It was incredible to learn about her intimate and professional life."

Jonelle DePetro, Eastern's assistant professor of the philosophy department, said: "She was an excellent choice, scholar, local person, and an inspiration for our students. Mill was a pioneer during her time, just like how Jacobs is during ours."

Hearing set for Quincy student charged in puppy's drowning

QUINCY (AP) — A March 19 preliminary hearing has been set for a Quincy University student charged with throwing a puppy from a bridge into the Mississippi River last month.

Daniel J. Hollenkamp, 22, a senior from Carlyle, made his first appearance Monday in Adams County Circuit Court, accompanied by his parents and attorney, Richard "Riff" Scholz.

"All of the facts have not come out," Scholz said after the brief hearing. "There is much more to this than the rumors and accusations. If all the facts come out, you will see a totally different picture of Daniel Hollenkamp."

Scholz said his client is an honors student and tutors other students.

Hollenkamp was charged last week with felony cruelty to animals. Prosecutors say he threw a 14-week-old puppy from the Bayview Bridge late Feb. 20 or early Feb. 21.

The dog has not been found. Police said the minimum drop

from the bridge to the water's surface is about 70 feet.

State's Attorney Barney Bier declined to speculate on a motive, but said police reports indicate alcohol may have been involved.

Bier said Hollenkamp was president of Alpha Delta Gamma fraternity at Quincy University and the puppy, a border lab-terrier mix, was owned by two other fraternity members.

Hollenkamp has since resigned as president and given up his fraternity membership, according to a statement from Alpha Delta Gamma's national office in St. Louis.

If convicted, he faces up to three years in prison and a \$25,000 fine. He is free on \$500 bond.

The university also has launched a disciplinary inquiry, but any action will be confidential because of the Federal Education Right to Privacy Act, said campus spokeswoman Tracy Orne.

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Mertz heckled by inmates

CHARLESTON (AP) — One of the four guards who took convicted killer Anthony B. Mertz to prison says other inmates heckled Mertz shortly after his arrival at the Stateville Correctional Center near Joliet.

Mertz, the first person sentenced to death in Illinois since former Gov. George Ryan cleared death row in January, was taken to prison a day after he received the sentence from a Coles County jury. The same jury convicted him of killing 21-year-old Eastern Illinois University student Shannon McNamara in June 2001.

Coles County Courthouse security chief Oren Lockhart said

other inmates being processed at Stateville knew who Mertz was when he walked into the room last Thursday.

"For a short period of time, those prisoners started chanting 'death row,'" Lockhart said. "He was definitely disturbed. Guards removed him and we didn't see him again."

Lockhart said Mertz, whose 27th birthday is Wednesday, said nothing and showed no emotion during the 150-mile trip, but he slumped over when he heard the inmates' chants.

"If he wasn't afraid, he's crazier than I thought he was," Lockhart said.

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— Oren Lockhart

Prison guards also knew Mertz was headed for death row, and made comments such as "you guys are famous" upon their arrival, Lockhart said.

Mertz was processed at Stateville and then was taken to death row at the Pontiac Correctional Center.

Build:

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On Aug. 29, 1991, the rec center was opened for students two weeks late and far from perfect.

The delays were caused by inclement weather and a lack of materials.

"They had so much rain (that) at one point some of the holes overflowed," said Charles Cobert, vice president of business affairs, in an article from the Aug. 30, 1991, edition of the *The News*. "There's not much done as anticipated. Last month they ran out of supplies."

When the Rec Center opened, construction on the wood floors in the aerobic area and inserts for the badminton and volleyball courts were still in the works.

But construction aside, equipment shipment delays resulted in only 1/3 of the rec center's capabilities to be used.

On Aug. 29, the rec center consisted of 10 Schwinn Airdynes, stationary bikes with arm motion and a fan; one stationary bike; an upstairs jogging track and basketball area. To say the least, the rec center has evolved greatly from its early days.

Ken Baker, director of student recreation, said the rec center now has eight treadmills, 18 elliptical trainers, 16 stationary bikes, eight steppers, 34 select-rise weight machines, six gyms, an aerobics room, dance studio and 4,000 pounds of free weights.

"The rec has just exploded since 1991," said Baker, who assumed his current position in 2000. "And we have doubled equipment in the last three to four years."

However, the biggest addition the rec center has recently made has nothing to do with free weights or abs class — restrooms were not added until 2001.

"We had originally planned to add restrooms, but our money was dried up after we realized Lantz did not have any elevators to accommodate people with disabilities," Hencken said.

"My theory was that students wouldn't mind walking 70 to 75 yards to another restroom, but from the day it opened, we got comment after comment saying we had to put in restrooms."

Bathrooms aside, the rec center also added 13 or 14 electrical outlets, with the major addition being the "cardiotheater," consisting of 23 television monitors and new dumbbells.

The enhancements and the growing trend toward nutrition has culminated in to 2,000 to 2,500 students visiting the rec center a day.

And the same trend is being seen at other public universities in Illinois.

At the University of Illinois-Champaign-Urbana, Tony Clements, director of campus recreation, said the university's Intramural Physical Education Building has between 800,000 to 900,000 members pass through it every year. The building was built in 1971, and in its 240,000 square feet holds nine full-size basketball courts and 3,000 feet of cardiovascular workout area. U of I also has a satellite location on the other end of campus totaling 35,000 square feet.

Western Illinois University has a 71,000 square feet facility that was built in 1997, Judy Yeast, associate director of campus recreation, said. Western's Student Recreation Center has four basketball courts and five racquetball courts and has 1,800 to 2,000 students pass through daily.

At Southern Illinois University, Brian Lukes, assistant director of facilities said, 637,000 people passed through the student rec last year.

Northern Illinois University has a 150,000 square feet Student Recreation Center and has 175 pieces of cardiovascular and weight training equipment. John Sweeney, director of campus recreation, said 2,500 people come through every day.

And at Illinois State, their 37,000 square feet rec center sees 900 to 1,000 people a day and has two basketball courts and a three-lane track.

Theater:

Local playhouse relies on ticket sales, patron donations to survive

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"We exist on tickets and what we make, plus donations, but it is still pretty skimpy," Woods said.

Despite the low income, Woods said, they have wonderful people, great costumes and great music.

"We're a small group," she said. "But we welcome anyone who wants to come."

Charleston Alley Theater has open auditions for its performances. Actors, set designers and builders are welcome to join the acting troupe for any production.

In addition to a core group of people who have been with the group all along, any interested citizens are encouraged to participate.

"We have had a lot of kids from Eastern perform for us, a lot of talented kids," Woods said. "The only problem is, they graduate."

The theater group has put on a vast selection of performances ranging from dramatic readings to Broadway musicals.

Eastern English professor

David Radavich wrote a few of the plays that the Charleston Alley theater has performed.

Actors have performed dramatic readings of poetry and classical literature like "Canterbury Tales," "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolff?," and Chekov's "Cherry Orchard."

Original works like English Professor Stokes' "Bethel Grove," a tale similar to Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthologies," have been performed as well.

"It is a wonderful staged reading," Woods said.

"Bethel Grove" will be performed at Eastern's "Celebration: A Festival of the Arts" in May.

Modern plays by Christopher Durang are personal favorites of Woods, who said the group has put on a few of Durang's works.

"It is a little offensive to some, but it is an especially unique kind of humor," Woods said.

Alley theater performers have done Shakespeare tragedy, comedy and history performances.

"We have done 'King Richard III,' 'Macbeth' and 'The Merry Wives of Windsor,'" Woods said.

The variety of performances keeps actors and audiences interested in Charleston Alley Theater.

"We try to do different things," Woods said. "You can't get the same people to always do the same

things."

Woods said the actors perform physical theater.

"We like doing things physically and really doing them as much as possible," she said. "However, you can't kill someone on the stage Friday and expect him to be there Saturday."

The theater group performs four or five shows annually. Woods said she enjoys performing and working with local theater programs.

While Charleston is a great contrast to New York City, Woods said she has made herself happy since moving here over 40 years ago.

"I have to admit, when we arrived here and I was in the hotel room, I turned my face to the wall and wept," she said.


Charleston's square and university atmosphere keep Woods entertained.

"We're very happy to have a theater here," she said.

Since her sad arrival years ago, Woods opened Lincoln Bookstore in addition to her theater life and settled happily in the area.

She has dedicated her talents to theater and helped to establish Charleston Alley theater, another local performance venue.

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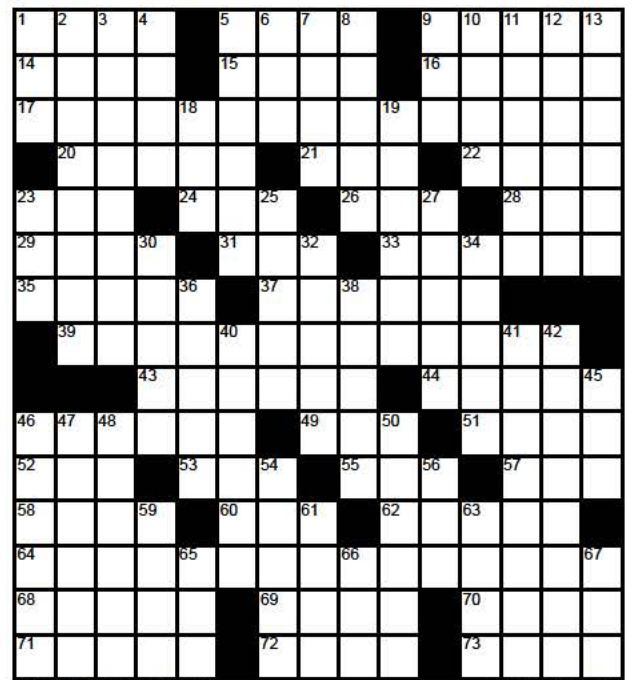
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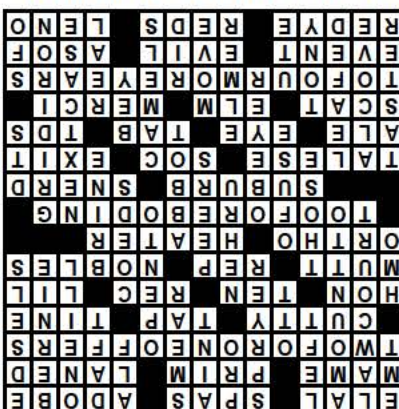
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Airline to Tel Aviv
 - 5 Soothing spots
 - 9 Pueblo dwelling
 - 14 Broadway Auntie
 - 15 Strait-laced
 - 16 Like a highway
 - 17 Some bargains
 - 20 Sark
 - 21 Make use of
 - 22 Trident feature
 - 23 Sweetie
 - 24 Top rating, perhaps
 - 26 room
 - 28 Diamond
 - 29 Not the finest dog
 - 31 Be an agent (for)
 - 33 Dukes and ears
 - 35 Prefix with graphic
 - 37 Punk's pistol
 - 39 Overly ominous
 - 43 Scarsdale, e.g., to New York City
 - 44 Dummy Mortimer
 - 46 "Honor Thy Father" author
 - 49 Part of S.P.C.A.: Abbr.
 - 51 Door sign
 - 52 Maugham's "Cakes and _____"
 - 53 Look over
 - 55 A bartender may run one
- DOWN**
- 1 C.P.R. expert
 - 2 Where some suits are pressed
 - 3 Be the equivalent of
 - 4 Hit the road
 - 5 More agile
 - 6 In favor
 - 7 "Say it so!"
 - 8 Sling mud at
 - 9 Sitcom extra-terrestrial
 - 10 Off one's trolley
 - 57 42-Down scores: Abbr.
 - 58 Ella Fitzgerald specialty
 - 60 "Slippery" tree
 - 62 "____" beaucoup
 - 64 Reelection toast?
 - 68 Happening
 - 69 Devil's doings
 - 70 Starting from
 - 71 Turn blue, maybe
 - 72 Cincinnati team
 - 73 TV host who wrote "Leading With My Chin"



Puzzle by Richard Chisholm 1/21/03 (No. 0121)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



- 11 Tip of Massachusetts
- 12 Songwriter Taupin
- 13 Classic Fords
- 18 Mel of the Polo Grounds
- 19 Willing to try
- 23 Patient-care grp.
- 25 Associate of Gandhi
- 27 Yale students starting in 1969
- 30 Not these
- 32 Jury's make-up
- 34 Pickling need
- 36 Helpful
- 38 Monastery head
- 40 Compliant one
- 41 Cry heard in a 2-Down
- 42 Where Giants and Titans clash
- 45 Skid row woe
- 46 Wine expert
- 47 Dinette set spot
- 48 Flipped (through)
- 50 Desert ruminants
- 54 Bugs bugged him
- 56 Former Tunisian ruler
- 59 Cousin of an Obie
- 61 Pull up stakes
- 63 "Get ___!"
- 65 Western native
- 66 Free (of)
- 67 Bay area airport letters

Grade:

Student athletes have mixed feelings on rule change

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"We did lose 10 student athletes after first semester. Some of them had already been on probation so we did not lose 10 kids that were eligible. They were students all trying to get reeligible," Ralston said.

Ralston said she has been giving coaches and players written warnings if the students athletes' grades start to drop.

"They just need to do their work," Ralston said.

Some athletes believe the old regulations

were fine despite the consultation by Eastern with the Student Athletic Advisory Committee.

Marcus Jackson, a junior on Eastern's baseball team, believes the regulations are a bad idea.

"We already have some pretty big demands, and as long as we are going to class and maintaining a good GPA, I think it was fine," Jackson said.

Bridget Owen, a sophomore on Eastern's softball team, thinks it would put more pressure on the athletes.

"I just think you would have to be an over-achiever to maintain what they want," Owen said. "I just think it seems like you have to exceed the 15 credit hours, rather than just keep the limit to meet this criteria."

Beth Rhodes, a senior on Eastern's swim

team, worries about student athletes who don't decide their major right away.

"I think it's bad because what if they just decided their major and have been here for two years but they have been playing the whole time and they automatically have to stop playing because they haven't been working on their degree," Rhodes said.

Rhodes also said it isn't fair to students who started their college education before the rule change. Some athletes are still not exactly sure how they feel about the new change.

C.J. Weber, a junior on Eastern's tennis team, said he understands why the rule change is needed, but he still has mixed feelings.

"I understand why they are trying to get people through school. They do not want the people to just play the sport; they actually

want them to get an education," Weber said.

"Also, to a certain extent, Eastern doesn't have requirements like that for regular students, and I don't know why they should do that to student athletes."

Weber understands both sides of the argument but thinks at smaller universities it should not be as big of a deal.

Jonathan Meier, a sophomore on Eastern's swim team, thinks it could be a good cause but also thinks it could hurt some athletes in the long run.

"Eastern is making sure athletes get their degree and not just taking blow-off classes to participate in athletics," Meier said. "On the other hand, people may be working towards their degree, but they may be working a little slower, so it would hurt them even though they are getting their degree still."

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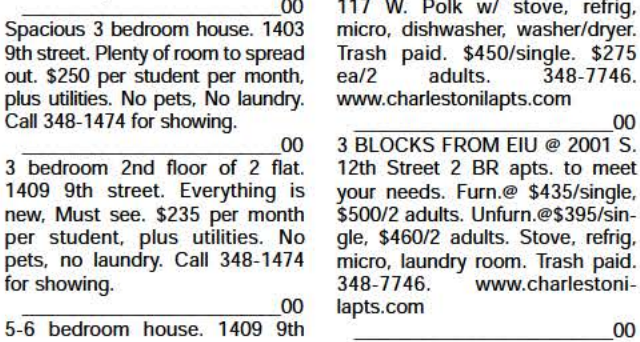
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2003 Ohio Valley Conference Men's Basketball Tournament



#1 Austin Peay (20-7, 13-3)
WHEN: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday
WHERE: Clarksville, Tenn.

#8 Eastern Kentucky (11-18, 5-11)

STAFF PREDICTIONS:
Bloomquist - Austin Peay
Meinheit - Austin Peay
Williams - Austin Peay

WHEN: Noon, Friday
WHERE: Nashville, Tenn.

STAFF PREDICTIONS:
Bloomquist - Murray
Meinheit - Murray
Williams - Austin Peay

#4 Murray State (16-11, 9-7)
WHEN: 7 p.m., Tuesday
WHERE: Murray, Ky.

#5 Eastern (14-14, 9-7)

STAFF PREDICTIONS:
Bloomquist - Murray
Meinheit - Murray
Williams - Eastern

WHEN: 11 a.m., Saturday
WHERE: Nashville, Tenn.

#2 Morehead State (19-8, 13-3)
WHEN: 6 p.m., Tuesday
WHERE: Morehead, Ky.

#7 SE Missouri (11-18, 5-11)

STAFF PREDICTIONS:
Bloomquist - Morehead
Meinheit - Morehead
Williams - Morehead


WHEN: 2 p.m., Friday
WHERE: Nashville, Tenn.

STAFF PREDICTIONS:
Bloomquist - Morehead
Meinheit - Morehead
Williams - Morehead

#3 Tennessee Tech (18-11, 11-5)
WHEN: 7 p.m., Tuesday
WHERE: Cookeville, Tenn.

#6 Tennessee-Martin (14-13, 7-9)

STAFF PREDICTIONS:
Bloomquist - Tenn. Tech
Meinheit - UT Martin
Williams - Tenn. Tech




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STAFF PREDICTIONS:
Bloomquist - Morehead
Meinheit - Murray
Williams - Morehead

Predictions made by news editor Nate Bloomquist, sports editor Matt Meinheit and associate sports editor Matt Williams.

2003 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament



#1 Austin Peay (24-3, 16-0)
WHEN: 5:30 p.m., Tuesday
WHERE: Clarksville, Tenn.

#8 Murray State (8-19, 4-12)

STAFF PREDICTIONS:
Bloomquist - Austin Peay
Meinheit - Austin Peay
Williams - Austin Peay

WHEN: Noon, Friday
WHERE: Nashville, Tenn.

STAFF PREDICTIONS:
Bloomquist - Austin Peay
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#4 Tennessee-Martin (12-15, 9-7)
WHEN: 7 p.m., Tuesday
WHERE: Martin, Tenn.

#5 Morehead State (16-11, 9-7)

STAFF PREDICTIONS:
Bloomquist - Morehead
Meinheit - UT-Martin
Williams - Morehead

WHEN: 11 a.m., Saturday
WHERE: Nashville, Tenn.

#2 SE Missouri (17-10, 11-5)
WHEN: 7 p.m., Tuesday
WHERE: Cape Girardeau, Mo.

#7 Eastern (6-21, 5-11)

STAFF PREDICTIONS:
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Meinheit - SEMO
Williams - SEMO


WHEN: 2 p.m., Friday
WHERE: Nashville, Tenn.

STAFF PREDICTIONS:
Bloomquist - SEMO
Meinheit - SEMO
Williams - E. Kentucky

#3 Eastern Kentucky (18-10, 10-6)
WHEN: 6 p.m., Tuesday
WHERE: Richmond, Ky.

#6 Tennessee Tech (11-16, 6-10)

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Meinheit - E. Kentucky
Williams - E. Kentucky



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Panthers' last chance



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Freshman guard Megan Sparks is second on the team in scoring with 11 points per game.

By Matt Meinheit
SPORT EDITOR

Looking at Southeast Missouri State's roster might remind Eastern of better days from this past summer when they traveled to Australia for a series of exhibition games.

The Otahkians (17-10, 11-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference), who have three players (junior guard Sarah Costello, sophomore Miah Shelford and freshman forward Shannon Proffit) from Australia and New Zealand on their roster, have defeated Eastern in seven of their last eight meetings.

In the past two years, SEMO has outscored the Panthers (6-21, 5-7) by an average of 17.5 points per game.

This year, SEMO defeated Eastern by 15 to start the conference season in Cape Girardeau, and on Jan. 30, SEMO beat the Panthers by 18 in Lantz Arena.

In both games this season, four of SEMO's starters have scored in double digits. In the first game, junior guard Kenja White scored 23 points to lead the Otahkians in scoring. In the second game, Preseason All-OVC First Team selection senior guard Lori Chase led SEMO with 20 points.

This season Chase has moved up from 10th on SEMO's all-time leading scores list to fourth with 1,456 career points. Chase will move into third place on SEMO's all-time scoring list with eight points Tuesday.

The Panthers might actually prefer playing at SEMO. The first time the two teams met, the Panthers held the lead for most of the first half before suffering a second half collapse, a problem plaguing the Panthers for the past two years.

When the two teams met in Lantz Arena at the end of January, the Panthers trailed the entire game except for junior guard Lauren Dailey scoring the first two points of the game. SEMO followed Dailey's two points with nine unanswered points and coasted to a win while Eastern fumbled with the ball committing 27 turnovers (a season high at that point).

The winner of Tuesday's game will face the winner of the No. 3 seed Eastern Kentucky vs. No. 6 seed Tennessee Tech Friday afternoon in Nashville, Tenn., at the Gaylord Entertainment Center.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Panthers open spring in Arizona

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern's women's golf team will look to bottle its successful fall campaign and carry it into its first match of the Spring season.

The Panthers will travel to the far west coast to compete in the East/West Rio Verde Collegiate in Arizona.

"There isn't a tournament that we can't win or compete in this Spring session," Eastern head coach Jay Albaugh said.

The Panthers earned three second-place finishes during the Fall session and had three players averaged lower than 8-over-par 80. The Panthers will rely heavily on experienced players this season as seniors Tyra Fredricks, Kristin Hoff and junior Amanda Minchin will lead the six-player squad.

Fredricks earned a Top-10 individual finish in each of her four meets this fall and posted three under par rounds. Currently, the Panthers' top player has shaved seven strokes off her 2001-2002 average.

Hoff started the fall season with a second place finish (73-72 - 145) after falling in the sudden death playoff at the Cardinal Classic hosted by Ball State University. However, Hoff ended the season with seven of her last eight rounds in the 80s and didn't receive another Top-10 finish.

Minchin has dropped her average score three strokes to a 6-over-par 78 and took home three consecutive Top 10 finishes. The Saskatchewan native tied Fredricks with a 5-over-par 149 at the very difficult Great Smokies Invitational at Waynesville (N.C.) Country Club.

Albaugh is concerned about the chilling temperatures creating a rusty start to the spring session especially in the short game department.

"Because of the weather, we haven't done anything involved in the short game," Albaugh said. "We may struggle out of the gate because of our rusty layoff and the lack of practice time."

The 11-team field will compete at the Quail Run course (par 72, 6,069 yards) which challenges players with well placed bunkers, eight water hazards and Bermuda greens which are known to be difficult to read.

The overall favorite will be the Toledo Rockets who are predicted to finish second in the Mid American Conference and are led by juniors Sara Boogaard and Breanne Hall.

Eastern and Western Michigan will be hosting the event with other schools competing Arkansas Little-Rock, Chicago State, Cleveland State, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Loyola, North Texas and Xavier.

Time:

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Samuels stressed Eastern will need to be strong on the glass to be successful against Murray. The Panthers were out-rebounded by 18 Saturday at Tech.

"That was our achilles heel at Tennessee Tech, and Murray is just as strong a rebounding team, so our focus will be to keep Murray from getting easy baskets on put-backs," Samuels said.

Eastern will also have to shut down senior cen-

ter James Singleton. Singleton blew up for 38 points including eight three-pointers two weeks ago at the Regional Special Events Center.

Anderson said their key will be containing Domercant.

"(Domercant) is at the top of his game right now and that's a very scary situation," Anderson said.

"We've got to find a way to do a solid job defending him without fouling."

The winner will face the winner of No. 1 seed Austin Peay vs. No. 8 seed Eastern Kentucky at noon Friday in Nashville, Tenn.

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Jesse Mackinson and freshman Josh Gomes will have to provide double-digits scoring efforts. Mackinson and Thompson will be forced to keep Murray's athletes off the boards.

Finally, Taylor will have to bring his one-man energy machine on the road to counter

the hostile Racer environment.

In layman's terms, Eastern will be forced to play a perfect game in Murray to leave with a victory.

No matter what happens Tuesday night, it will either be a repeat performance of last season's gruesome game or a repeat run to greatness.

Either way, these seniors have done it before and they will decide the Panthers 2003 destiny.



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Samuels challenges his seniors

It's my belief that we've entered the Twilight Zone.

Nearly 365 days ago, Eastern traveled to Murray State and was embarrassed with a 103-56 loss in what looked like the Ohio Valley Conference's version of a slam dunk contest. To quote Yogi Berra, 2003 is, "deja vu all over again."

So, Panther head coach Rick Samuels has decided to put all of his chips in the middle of the poker table going into a do-or-die game at Eastern's own personal purgatory.

Samuels is challenging all of the five seniors who will be competing in their final OVC Tournament.

"It comes down to the seniors throughout the entire rest of the way," Samuels said.

Guards Henry Domercant, Craig Lewis, J.R. Reynolds, Ramon Taylor and center Jan Thompson will lead the Panthers into arguably the most frenzied arena in the OVC at the 8,600 seat Regional Special Events in Murray, Ky. To make matters worse, Eastern is 1-9 at Murray State since joining the OVC in 1996 and has had its season end by the Racers twice.

"Going to Murray isn't a lot of fun," Samuels said.

Truer words have never been spoken. Let's just throw out the nine year stretch between 1990-1999 when Murray State pencilled themselves into the NCAA Tournament in November (for all you keeping score, that's Murray with 19 all-time post-season appearances and Eastern with two).

The one benefit three of these seniors (Henry Domercant, Jan Thompson and Crag Lewis) have is the 2001 OVC Tournament because if they've done it before, they can do it again.

In fact, this tournament may be setting up perfectly for a repeat run in 2003 because of fate. Two years ago, the Panthers beat Morehead State, Murray State and Austin Peay to win. If the seeds work out, Eastern will be forced to defeat those three schools once again, but not in the same order.

Samuels has been very clear that he is counting on all five of the seniors and not just NCAA second-leading scorer Henry Domercant. Domercant has been forced to carry his teammates in many games this season, and if he's forced to do it Tuesday night, the Panthers can expect to be blown out of the building once again.

To break the OVC career scoring mark, Domercant needs 15 points and that would be a perfect total for the OVC preseason Player of the Year because that could mean the other starters contributed more offense.

Lewis, Reynolds, junior

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ACADEMIC RULES



STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern Compliance Officer Betty Ralston and Eastern softball coach Lloydene Searle fight for time with senior pitcher Kristen Becker. New NCAA regulations give student athletes a tougher time but strengthens the emphasis on academics.

Athletes must make grade

♦ *The NCAA increased regulations on student athlete degrees*

By Jamie Hussey
STAFF WRITER

A new NCAA regulation is aimed at putting the student back in student athlete.

The new regulations took effect on the first of January this year.

Eastern Compliance Officer Betty Ralston said the NCAA changed the regulations to strengthen the academic aspect of collegiate sports.

"We have always had regulations, but we are increasing them and so is the NCAA," Ralston said. "We increased ours at Eastern earlier than they did in NCAA; we knew it

was coming."

Ralston said they got approval of this new regulation before putting it in to effect.

"These (regulations) were approved by head coaches, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, the Intercollegiate Advisory Board and the final say was from the Athletic Administration," Ralston said.

The new plan states the NCAA expects student athletes to earn 20 percent of their degree in a year based on a five-year plan.

The old regulation only required having 25 percent of their degree done after two years. The new regulation requires 40 percent to be done for the athlete to continue to participate in their sport.

Three years in the sport requires

the athlete to earn 50 percent of their degree under the old standards. Now students have to earn 60 percent by the end of the athlete's third year.

The last change was the smallest change with only a 5 percent difference between the new and the previous standard. Student athletes used to have 75 percent of their degree earned by their fourth year, now it is 80 percent.

"Eastern and the NCAA wants the kids to earn a lot of hours toward their degree and not a lot of hours that go toward a non-degree," Ralston said.

In order to get hours toward a degree, the NCAA requires student athletes to pass 24 credit hours in a year to stay eligible. Eastern and the NCAA has also raised that number.

Ralston said student athletes must pass 27 hours a year to stay eligible after the first year of schooling.

"If they take the classes that they are supposed to take, they should not have any problem meeting those new requirements," Ralston said.

This is Eastern's and the NCAA's first year of enforcing these new regulations.

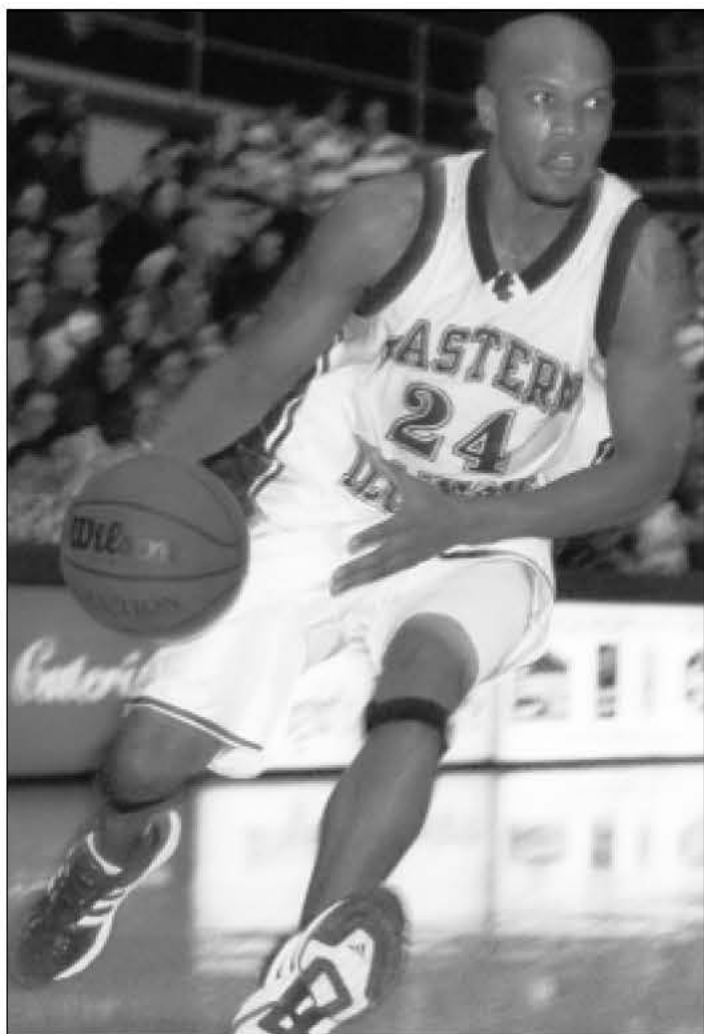
Ralston said Eastern did not lose any student athletes because they received plenty of advance notice about the change.

Another new regulation being enforced requires student athletes to pass a minimum of six credit hours a semester to play Ralston said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

It's do or die time for Panthers



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Guard Craig Lewis is one of five seniors that head coach Rick Samuels looks to have step up against Murray State Tuesday.

♦ *Eastern clashes with Murray State in first round of OVC tournament*

By Matt Williams
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

It's time to forget whatever has happened during the regular season and move on to what really matters: the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

Eastern's loss to Tennessee Tech and Murray State's win at Tennessee-Martin Saturday means nothing, as each team must win three more games to achieve their dreams of making it to the NCAA tournament.

The Panthers and Racers come together at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Regional Special Events Center for the second straight year.

"It's tournament time, and this is the time of year that you play for every year," Murray State head coach Tevester Anderson said. "In a league like the Ohio Valley Conference, the best chance you have of making the NCAA Tournament is to win this week."

The Racers (16-11, 9-7) beat the Panthers (14-14, 9-7) in both regular season games, giving them the tie breaker and home-court advantage for the first round.

"I'm happy to be hosting a first round game and be playing a team that we've beaten twice this year,"

Anderson said. "I think that our kids are pretty loose right now and we're pretty confident."

One thing will be different compared to the first two match ups this season. The Racers will be without junior forward Chris Schumate, who broke a finger on his shooting hand against Tennessee-Martin Saturday. He will likely miss the rest of the season with the injury.

Schumate averages 13.1 points per game and 4.4 rebounds this season and is a key leader for the Racers.

"It's unfortunate for our team and it's unfortunate for Chris," Anderson said. "He's been a consistent guy for us during the conference season and it'll certainly be a big loss for our team."

Anderson said he will look to senior Antoine Whelchel to replace Schumate in the starting lineup. Whelchel brings in eight points per game and has started in 16 games.

While the Racers will be looking to replace Schumate in the lineup, the Panthers will look to find scoring help for senior guard Henry Domercant. Domercant had more than half of the Panthers' points in their loss to Tennessee Tech last Saturday.

Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said he is confident his five seniors will step up and put forth a good effort.

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