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Some stiff competition

Eastern's men's basketball team hopes to dominate its division. Check out how they stack up.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

A drywall worker with Hannig Construction works on the ceiling Monday afternoon in the new addition of the Tarble Arts Center.

Use of existing Tarble structure will resume within this month

By Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Even though Tarble Arts Center renovations are not complete yet, its existing structure is scheduled to be used soon.

Director of Tarble Arts Center Michael Watts said the part of Tarble not under construction will be used within a month, after being closed for more than a year.

"About 90 percent of the center [Tarble] is complete, the contractors indicated that this [will be] substantially completed by mid-March," Director of Physical Plant Facilities Planning and Management Karl Helmink said.

"Hanning Construction is in charge of the overall project schedule," Helmink said. "We check on them [the construction company] on a regular basis."

The contractors need to coordinate items with one another, Helmink said.

"We are not early [on completion of the new part], we are scheduled to be done in April but we will take most of the summer to get it up and working," Watts said.

The new part of Tarble will include a large room for public programs, plays, receptions, recitals and an e-gallery

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—Karl Helmink, director of physical plant facilities planning and management

which has computer hook-ups for new media-based technology. An office and meeting room are also included in the addition.

The cost of the renovation is approximately \$ 2.3 million.

Even though the major construction is done, there are many odds and ends that Hanning needs to attend to.

"The mechanical and electrical systems need to be completed and commissioned," Helmink said.

"Painting, carpeting, flooring, cabinets and blinds need to be installed and doors and hardware need to be installed."



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

George Lopez, a carpenter with Hannig Construction, sands the end of a baseboard Monday afternoon in the Tarble Arts Center addition.

IBHE will unveil budget

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Illinois Board of Higher Education Tuesday will act on a \$2.34 billion general funds budget, which if passed, could mean \$47 million for Eastern.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said if the IBHE approves the \$2.34 billion budget as it is presented, Eastern's funding will be the same as last year.

"Our funding from the state will remain the same as last year," Cooley said. "It will be flat with no increase or decrease."

Eastern received \$47.6 million from the state during fiscal year 2004, Cooley said.

The IBHE asked Eastern to cut its administration costs by 25 percent in FY 03, 04 and 05. A difference of \$774,000 still needed to be cut last year, Cooley said.

That difference was subtracted in a preliminary budget presented to Eastern from the IBHE last January. After Eastern requested the money be replaced, it was restored to the preliminary budget, Cooley said.

The budget process has several steps, including approval from the Illinois General Assembly and Gov. Rod Blagojevich's office, and can take months to finalize.

"(The IBHE) sends preliminary budgets to universities seeking input and asking for reaction," Cooley said. "This gives universities an opportunity to respond."

If any cuts are made in the preliminary budget, universities have the chance to restore some of that funding.

The IBHE will then vote on the budget, as they will do Tuesday, and it will be sent to the governor's office of management and budget if it is passed, Cooley said.

That office will then prepare the budget for the entire state in time for the governor's State of the Budget address Feb. 18.

That total budget then goes to the general assembly for debate

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Student fee issues surface at subcommittee meeting

♦ U of I IBHE member explains referendum regarding Student Government at meeting

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

A student from University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign spoke to students from all over the state at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Saturday about a recent referendum having to do with the abolishment of the Student Government.

Mark Weber, alternate Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Board member at U of I, spoke during one of the subcommittee meetings in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Union, which was led by Student Senate Speaker George Lesica.

Weber was one of the few U of I representatives, and students involved in the meeting asked Weber to explain the referendum filed at U of I in October.

"Supposedly there was some scandalous abuse of student money," Weber said.

Weber said he was not certain

what kind of abuse was done, but that caused discussion about U of I's use of their Student Government.

Weber said the Student Government has no requirements to support any certain groups on campus. For instance, Weber said they don't have to fund any student organizations, which is why money ended up in a place it shouldn't have been.

"They're not required to be responsive," Weber said. "But, they are held accountable."

Weber said he understands why they were held accountable

because they are student leaders and money should not be misused.

"They represent the student body," he said. "It's not that they are abusing their authority, it's really just what are they trying to get out of it."

The Daily Illini reported an appeal to void the referendum was denied in November by the Student Elections Commission because 4,100 petition signatures were stolen. There hasn't been any recent news from the referendum.

Lesica said Eastern's Student Government doesn't fund student

organizations either and spend a lot of money on government expenses.

"We'd be worried about unfairly funding one organization," Lesica said.

The Student Senate recently passed a motion to give \$1,095 to Eastern to spend on food for the visiting students.

Eastern served all guests Saturday night after the meetings and Sunday at noon after the meeting.

"The meeting overall went very

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Today
Snow/showers
29° 14°
HIGH LOW

Wednesday
Partly cloudy
29° 25°
HIGH LOW

Thursday
Snow/showers
33° 26°
HIGH LOW

Friday
Flurries
33° 19°
HIGH LOW

Saturday
Snow/showers
30° 14°
HIGH LOW

Sunday
Partly cloudy
23° 16°
HIGH LOW

Monday
Partly cloudy
31° 16°
HIGH LOW



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

University workers had to fix a broken water main Friday afternoon in the South Quad after temperatures caused the pipe to burst, and flood out into the quad.

Cold weather problems still plaguing campus property

By Michael Habschmidt
STAFF WRITER

The cold of the winter days and nights can cause problems ranging from bodily harm to people to damages to our buildings and structures. The latter has been occurring much more often than usual this winter, with water freezing in pipes causing the pipes to burst and flood areas around them.

Most people have been lucky in all of these cases, and suffering was minimal to no property damage. For some of these people, it was just an inconvenience.

Water, when frozen, expands to a larger size. When temperatures turn cold, water flowing through pipes is sometimes not heated enough and freezes. When the water freezes, it expands and the pipe expands with the ice, causing it to weaken and burst. The ending result is a broken pipe with water gushing out of it.

These incidents have occurred six times during the past month

at Eastern. Pipes burst in two Carman Hall rooms, the elevator equipment room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and once more in the South Quad.

Over the past weekend, the water pipes burst again two more times, this time occurring in the Greek Court. The water pipelines in the Alpha Phi building and the Lambda Chi Alpha building burst and flooded the chapter rooms of each Greek house.

"As far as I know, no student rooms were affected by the water pipes and no personal belongings of any student suffered water damage," said Robert Dudolski, director of Greek Life. "Of course, the cause is related to the temperatures over the weekend and some problems with the heating system in those two buildings not operating correctly."

Dalias Price, local weather observer and former Eastern professor, said the weather has been strange and extreme.

Temperatures have been much colder than usual, he said, with temperatures reaching down to 12 degrees below zero last Saturday. The old record low was 11 degrees below zero that same date more than 40 years ago.

These extremely cold temperatures were the cause for the excessive amount of water pipes bursting, which is usually a normal event in the colder months of the year.

The extremes, with the subzero temperatures the past few days and the warmer, 35 to 36 degrees Monday and possibly for the next few days, are a good sign, Price said. They serve as a sign that the Winter will soon be over, but the nearly subzero temperatures will be back.

Reed said the Greek Court water lines are their biggest concerns. "We are tracing the root of the cause of the problems and trying to prevent this in the future," he said. "We are paying quite a bit of attention to it."

Council to resolve rancid water issues

By Jessica Youngs
CITY EDITOR

The recent taste and odor of Charleston city water can be attributed to used up Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) at the water treatment plant; however, at tonight's City Council meeting, these irritations will be on their first step towards correction.

The council, which has been taking bids for new GAC, plans to award a final bid at its 7:30 p.m. meeting tonight, 720 Jackson Ave.

According to the council agenda, the bid will likely be awarded to Carbon Activated Corp. for \$19,890.

"We started replacing the GAC every few years; however, because of funny weather, our GAC died," Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill said.

Normally, the water at the treatment plant flows through the GAC, which is located in a large pit in the

ground, and the GAC grabs the "bad guys," Cougill explained.

Other items to be discussed include:

- ◆ An amendment to close a section of parking on Ninth Street because of the stop light construction at the intersection of Ninth Street and Lincoln Avenue.

- ◆ A resolution to grant permission for the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department to hold the annual Friendly City 5-Mile Foot Race on May 8.

- ◆ Five separate ordinances for providing funds for sensible rehabilitation within the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District will be considered.

- ◆ A resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the city and a janitorial service to provide services to the Charleston Police Department, City Hall and the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum.

FACULTY SENATE

Discussion on forum, presentation planned

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate Tuesday will discuss its annual faculty forum and a presentation made last week by an athletic task force.

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter said senate members will have a chance to discuss their opinions on the presentation made by Task Force Chair Gail Richard at last Tuesday's meeting.

"I want to find out what the senate members have to say about the report we had last week," Carpenter said.

Richard, several faculty members and two students were in charge of finding alternate ways to fund athletics.

The task force suggested keeping the amount of state appropriated funds the same and raising some student fees.

The meeting last week was adjourned and senate members were told to research the topic and form questions for discussion.

The Faculty Senate's annual faculty forum will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The forum will take the place of the senate's regularly scheduled meeting and will address several topics relating to the campus and community, Carpenter said.

"We'll take roll and go right into the forum," he said.

The senate will also discuss the possibility of evaluating administrators and creating a faculty member position on the Board of Trustees.

Evaluating administrators is something that has been on the senate's agenda for quite some time, but no action has been taken.

Senate member Bud Fischer supports the idea and would like to see a system like this in place at Eastern.

"I think that most people on this campus are evaluated by peers," Fischer said. "There's no reason that shouldn't happen for administrators."

The idea of a faculty member on the BOT has also been suggested by the senate in the past.

"For a long time, ever since the creation of the Board of Trustees, there has been the desire to have a faculty trustee," Carpenter said. "That's been on the back burner for several years."

The senate will discuss the possibility of a faculty member on the BOT but appointments to the board are made by the governor. Carpenter said the discussion will focus on what the senate's approach should be for having a faculty BOT member.

The Faculty Senate will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

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The column on Page 2 of Monday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* reported a panel on raising interracial children would be presented by Minority Affairs Wednesday. The panel was an event planned for last year and will not take place this month.

The News regrets the error.

SUGGESTIONS

If you have any suggestions or ideas for articles you would like to see in *The News*, feel free to contact us at 581-2812 or jpchambers@eiu.edu



Hearing set in shooting case

By Carly Mullady
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Coles County Circuit Judge Mitch Shick set another hearing date before the jury trial for defendants in the Oct. 24 off-campus shooting.

Marc D. Griffin, 21, Chicago, and Crystal P. Lovemore, 19, sophomore undeclared major whose last known address is 1151 Johnson Ave., appeared in court Monday for a status hearing.

The two are facing aggravated discharge of a firearm charges for knowingly firing a firearm into the residence, 1514 12th St., where seven people were present the night of Oct. 24.

During Monday's hearing, Lovemore's attorney Fred Johnson, Mattoon, said he has issued subpoenas to Charleston addressing Miranda Rights and search and seizure for the case.

Circuit court records show Lovemore's attorneys filed motions for suppression of statements and evidence seized. Assistant State's Attorney Duane Deters said the state filed a motion for joinder and a motion for discovery.

Shick gave Deters until

Wednesday, Feb. 11, to send Johnson and Griffin's attorney, Bernard Shelton, Chicago, the discovery motion information.

Griffin and Shelton were requested to attend the upcoming hearing although Deters and Johnson's motions will be addressed.

"The evidentiary part of my motions will be several hours long," Johnson said.

Shick will rule on the motions and details for jury trial are expected to be addressed.

"If I grant the motion to joinder, I'll set the jury trial post-haste," Shick said.

He said he would prefer scheduling the jury trial to begin either the week of March 15 or March 22.

Probable cause was established Dec. 1, relating both defendants to the crime.

Charleston Police Department Detective Kevin Paddock testified Griffin and Lovemore were arrested Oct. 24 after police received a shots-fired call and occupants of the 12th Street home identified a suspect's vehicle. The two were apprehended near Domino's Pizza on Seventh Street and Lincoln Avenue, where the house's occupants identified them as being near

the home prior to the shooting.

One occupant, William G. Bumphus, told police he saw Griffin and Lovemore behind the home before the shooting.

Amral L. Johnson, junior sociology major and Panther football player, a resident of 1514 12th Street, and former Eastern basketball player Kyle E. Hill, Bolingbrook, told police Griffin tapped on the window and said "Do you want to gun play?"

Paddock testified Hill and Johnson told him 5-7 shots were then fired.

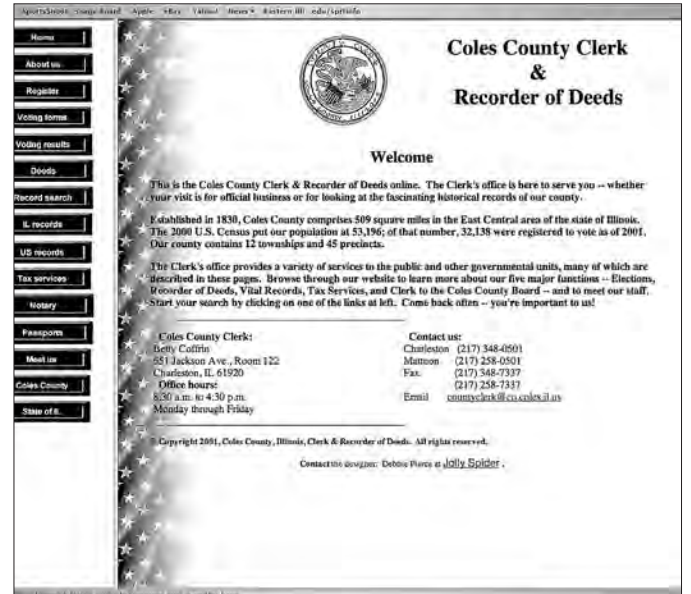
Paddock said police found a 45-caliber gun in Griffin's vehicle at the time of arrest. A trace on his Firearm Owners Identification card listed Griffin as the owner of a 45-caliber Smith and Wesson.

A crime scene technician said shell casings found at and around 1514 12th Street were 45-caliber casings, Paddock said.

All pending matters for the case should be addressed at the upcoming hearing.

"I want to wait until I rule on the pending matters to set the jury trial," Shick said.

The next hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Coles County Courthouse.



www.co.coles.il.us/CoClerk/index.htm

The new Web site for the office of the Coles County Clerk provides links and information for all of the office's functions.

New Web site boasts useful tools, records

◆ Coles County residents can now retrieve public records, pertinent court information online

Web access:
www.judici.com

By David Thill
STAFF WRITER

Coles County residents will no longer have to go to the courthouse or even call the circuit clerk's office to get court records.

Beginning Jan. 13, residents could access all of their information online.

Coles County Circuit Clerk Vicki Kirkpatrick has been working on the system since May 2003 to make it easier for residents to access records.

"People are always welcome to call the office or come in," Kirkpatrick said. "This just provides them another avenue to get their records."

Kirkpatrick said the system is very user-friendly. No password is required, but there are still safeguards in place to keep others from seeing potentially dangerous information.

"Anything that would be avail-

able to the public is now available online," she said.

Kirkpatrick said there are a number of things that can be found online that someone may need to know. Residents can get their court dates, type of case, record sheet or disposition.

Attorney Paul Komada feels the new system is a large improvement over the existing methods of retrieving records.

"It's like a new world," he said. "It's like going from the Stone Age to the Electronic Age."

Frequently, Komada said he would need to go to the courthouse; however, with the new online records he not only saves time, but also clients save money.

He said finding information on the site is not difficult.

"Once you are on there once or twice, it becomes very simple to use," Komada said.

Coles County Circuit records can be found at www.judici.com.

Black contributors to be focus of lecture

By Lacey Everett
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty interested in hearing about the contributions of blacks to our society and using lessons learned in their everyday lives should attend tonight's lecture by Dr. Mark P. Orbe, associate professor of Western Michigan University.

The lecture, "How can we honor those who came before and pave the way for those who follow?: Learn to live life backwards," will be at the 7th Street Underground at 6 p.m.

"Those in the audience will be challenged to think about the particular ways in which their everyday actions can serve as a bridge between the legacy of the past and the potential of future generations," said associate professor Norman Greer of speech communications.

Orbe will touch on the legacy of

blacks, a theme of connections among different cultural groups. Orbe will also present three different modes of operation which are survival, success and significance, Greer said.

"He [Orbe] is a noted speech communication scholar with a great reputation," Greer said.

Orbe teaches a number of courses at Western Michigan University including Intercultural Communication, Interracial Communication and Interpersonal Communication. He has also contributed to a long list of publications including a book titled, "Co-Constructing Culture."

Orbe received his doctorate's degree at Ohio University, his master's degree at the University of Connecticut and his bachelor's degree at Ohio University.

"[Black History Month] is important because of the diversity of the campus," Greer said. "It

is important that people are able to hear about the past contributions of blacks and that connections are made. Union through unity is made through connecting."

Students have also been vocal about the importance of Black History Month.

"It is important to celebrate because many black people today have drifted away from what is important in life, like morals, values and self-worth," said Lynnette Brown, senior journalism major.

"Media is too focused on hip-hop reality. Black History will help focus black people on the fact that there is more to life than 'bling-bling' and they too can make a difference."

"Learning about other cultures and different people's backgrounds is always good," Ashley Walz, junior English major, said.

Eastern preps for crucial NCA accreditation evaluation

By Julie Bourque
CAMPUS REPORTER

In almost a year to date, the North Central Association will be visiting Eastern for its accreditation process.

Eastern has been preparing for this date week-by-week for the past year and will continue the process in the year to come.

The NCA visits Eastern every 10 years, and next February will be

the committee's ninth visit.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president of academic affairs, said the process is one of the most important academic activities at Eastern. Accreditation is required for participation as an institute of higher learning and to receive federal funds and student aid.

The NCA looks at Eastern in its entirety and requires it to meet five criteria including the following: mission and integrity, prepara-

tion for the future, student learning and effective teaching, acquiring, creating and applying knowledge and engagement and service.

Jill Owen, NCA Committee co-chair, said for the past year the committee has been meeting on a weekly basis determining what evidence Eastern provides to meet the NCA criteria and then working on retrieving that evidence.

Lord said Eastern's NCA Committee created a self-examina-

tion process and an accreditation survey designed to allow faculty, staff, students and a wide range of constituents to provide input on how well they believe Eastern is meeting the NCA criteria.

Owen said she encourages everyone to participate in the NCA self-study because it will not only show the NCA how Eastern is meeting its criteria, but will also give everyone on campus a chance to state how they feel Eastern is

meeting the requirements.

"I think this survey will help with not only the NCA self-study, but will also help us plan where we want to go for the next 10 years," Owen said.

According to Owen, the NCA Committee has finalized the accreditation survey and subcommittees are forming rough drafts from the data collected showing how Eastern is meeting the requirements.

The Lovely Ladies of
Alpha Sigma Alpha
Would cordially like to invite any ladies interested in *Spring Informal Rush* on
Tue February 3rd and Wed. February 4th at 7 PM!
Come join us at the Alpha Sigma Alpha
Chapter House(1004 Greek Court)
dressed in casual attire
To RSVP or for more information call Ashley at (815) 636-6000
We look forward to meeting you!
Life should be an adventure, what's your rush?

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EDITORIAL

Recognize Black History Month

This month is one of the longest celebrations of the year, but it's not always recognized as such.

Black History Month devotes February to recognizing the successes and struggles of race and culture.

There should at least be an attempt to not just let the month pass by.

"It's an opportunity to celebrate a great culture that has contributed to America in several ways," Zelda Gardner, academic adviser with Eastern's Gateway Program, said last week.

The battle for equality wasn't just fought through the lives of public figures such as Martin Luther King Jr., but through the devotion of an entire culture pushing, pushing and pushing more for rights.

The struggle was always local and at a distance.

The first black faculty member wasn't hired at Eastern until 1960. The university also introduced the state's first African American studies undergraduate major and minor in 1970.

Students will have many opportunities even at Eastern to recognize the accomplishments of the past and the pure history behind black backgrounds.

A range of events coordinated by the African American Heritage Celebration Committee will be offered almost every day this month.

Dine at the African American Heritage banquet this weekend, watch a WEIU-TV special on sickle cell anemia and how it largely affects African Americans, go to a Gospel Explosion event or sample soul food at a dinner Feb. 22.

The *Daily Eastern News'* minority publication, *Diverse*, published a complete calendar of the events in its Jan. 28 issue.

Much of the events you just have to sit down and open your eyes to. WEIU is showing over 20 specials and series throughout the month.

Honor the actions of Rosa Parks, remember the sit-ins in diners for the bravery the demonstrations exemplified, reflect on all the civil rights groups formed to help blacks with everything from daily struggles to broader concepts of equality.

Leaders such as King and Parks are familiar faces, but learn some new ones.

The university is a learning environment, take advantage of its resources, especially this month.

Read a book, watch a movie, start a discussion about a month that remembers so much emotion, success and pain.

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

At issue

February is Black History Month.

Our stance

Students should attempt to not just let it pass by; everyone can learn more about the month's history and celebrations.

OPINION

Living life instead of watching it



Matt Williams

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Television is evil. The older I get, the more I come to realize I have wasted far too much of my life on TV.

Most of the material offered as television entertainment is a disease that infects the American population. Aside from news coverage and sporting events, there are very few programs that merit any kind of viewing.

"Reality TV," "American Idol" and the random sitcom that only lasts one month before it gets canceled all need to be stricken from people's daily routines.

"Reality TV" isn't all that real, "American Idol" is just plain annoying and sitcoms are less funny every episode without movie stars trying to revive their careers with guest appearances.

I can't help but wonder how much better of a person I would be today if I hadn't been a routine watcher of "Home Improvement" or "Family Matters."

The countless hours I spent watching the "Tool Man" and Steve Urkel could have been spent doing something much more productive and meaningful.

Maybe I would have been a better high school soccer player or learned something more useful than what I shouldn't do while making home repairs.

"The countless hours I spent watching the 'Tool Man' and Steve Urkel could have been spent doing something much more productive ..."

Who really knows, but this story is something to learn from.

I have a friend who did an experiment to see why other friends really came over to his house. His house used to be the place where we would go when nothing else was going on, which in my town was almost every night.

Most of the time people would just come over, sit on the couch in his room and then proceed to watch TV until they got bored and wanted to return to their own homes.

During this time, very little is said and very little is accomplished. After the removal of the TV, he found a great decline in the people who came over, and if people did stop by, they left earlier than usual.

It is sad to see how much our friendships were based on TV and when that evil electric box was substituted for a deck of cards, how few people wanted to be around.

This made my friend realize who really was his friend and who wasn't. He hasn't regretted the change and said he would much rather read a good book than spend a half hour watching a pointless TV program.

This experiment has also caused a change in my routine. I already watch very little TV because of my busy schedule, but out of nowhere I became interested in reading.

During Winter Break, I willingly entered a book store on more than one occasion, something I hadn't done since the days of reading the Bernstein Bears and Dr. Seuss.

I have never been one who was interested in reading books for entertainment and can't remember the last time I read one from beginning to end that wasn't required in a class.

Almost everyone has a "can't miss" TV show, but when someone has 10 "can't miss" shows, that person better be evaluating his or her social life a little.

My friend's experiment can be a good lesson to all, and people should try to see how different their lives are if they turn off their TV from time to time.

People need to live more and sitting in front of a TV is definitely not the way to do it. Take the "growing lazy American tag" away from us and do something useful with your time.

Cartoon by Gia Hyos



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Help needed in Illinois first

There are a few globally minded people on campus whose work and commitment to their cause is second to none, but whose minds are unable to let them see where their energies are really needed.

In Coles County alone, there are dozens of small communities suffering from a lack of jobs and industry.

All you need to do is go uptown in Charleston, away from the main streets to see where that energy would be better spent. Poverty and unem-

ployment, the decay of schools and main streets, is a problem affecting towns all over Illinois.

While campus groups are helping increase the wages of workers in other countries by dimes and nickels, organizations like the United Peoples Association are struggling to get support for projects helping people right here at home. Students, teachers and every other citizen is needed to stem the tide of drug abuse, poverty and social decay happening right next door.

Every citizen of Illinois should enjoy their share of hope for a better future. Unfortunately, a mass blindness to social problems in America has made this dream all but an illusion. All students should help to make Illinois a place where our children can have a hopeful life where they aren't afraid of

when their next check will come or whether they can get good health care for them or their parents. I think this an attainable goal if we all work together.

Michael Kleen,
junior philosophy major

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Class rarely canceled due to winter weather

By Kate Henderson
STAFF WRITER

It's something elementary students pray for, middle schoolers thrive on and high school students can't wait for — snow days.

When it comes to college, those days seem to disappear, but why?

Judy Gorrell, executive secretary for President Lou Hencken, said the president makes the decision about whether or not to close the university.

Hencken said travel is what is taken into consideration when deciding about closings and cancellations.

"Both the roads coming to the university and the sidewalks on the university campus would have to be deemed impassable prior to canceling classes," he said.

Continuing education courses held off-campus go through a separate process before they are canceled. Will Hine, dean of the school of continuing education, makes all cancellation decisions regarding off-campus courses. He was unavailable for comment.

Hencken said he can only remember one-time classes were canceled at Eastern.

"The last time that I can remember classes being canceled was in 1991 or 1992 and that was caused by an ice storm, followed by snow, followed by more ice and then the university lost electricity," he said.

The University of Illinois has only closed down once in the past 20 years, said Robin Kaler, interim associate chancellor for public affairs at U of I.

Kaler said the closing caused so much confusion that administrators at the time concluded it was probably best to "never completely shut down again."

Instead, the officials suggested it be left to the discretion of teachers and students to decide whether to try to get out in bad weather.

Hencken said that if Eastern did find it necessary to cancel classes, he would encourage students to watch WEIU-TV, listen to WEIU radio and check Eastern's web site, <http://www.eiu.edu/>, for more information.

Rival candidates to face-off in fiery Democratic debate

◆ *Congressional hopefuls will present platforms, battle incumbent for support in Illinois' 15th district race*

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The University Democrats are hosting a Democratic Debate Tuesday between David Gill and Ralph Langenheim for the 15th Congressional District.

Keith Taylor, co-chair for the University Democrats, said the candidates are battling against each other and current Congressman Tim Johnson to fill the respective Congress seat for Illinois' 15th district. The winner will be determined at the primaries on March 16.

The debate will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Room 2140 of Coleman Hall, Taylor said.

Gill is a doctor of medicine in Clinton and Langenheim is a

retired geologist from the University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign. Langenheim, if elected, would be one of the oldest members of Congress at 81.

According to an Illinois Congress Web site, Tim Johnson was elected to his second term in November.

Taylor said Johnson has done a good job, but Gill or Langenheim will beat him.

"He's definitely not a bad guy," Taylor said. "He's definitely beatable."

Taylor said he supports Gill because he seems willing to work on issues that need tweaking.

"Langenheim is a conservative Democrat, while Gill is more progressive minded," Taylor said.

Since Gill is a doctor, he has worked on countless health issues, which Taylor said is very worthwhile.

"His stance on national health insurance is fantastic," Taylor said.

Langenheim told the *Champaign News-Gazette* that he hopes to

apply his background to energy supplies and environmental protection problems.

The University Democrats were formed last semester with 10 members and have increased to more than 60 since, Taylor said.

The debate will only help the Democrats receive more members, he said.

"The debate will draw more attention to us," Taylor said.

Even though they've had a huge increase, Taylor said. "They haven't done a lot to get members."

"We've done the bare minimum," Taylor said. "We have so much more on our plate."

Taylor said the 15th Congressional District is in need of a person who can handle economics, which is a topic Taylor said will be discussed in-depth at the debate.

"The 15th district is a pretty economically blotted area," he said.

The University Democrats are going to meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the same room as the debate, Room 2140 of Coleman Hall.

Eastern alumnus to speak about pharmaceutical success

◆ *High-profile Ingram returns to Eastern after accepting prestigious industry award*

By Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Eastern Business Administration Graduate Robert Ingram, vice chairman of GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, will lecture

tonight at 7 p.m. in Lumpkin Auditorium.

According to a press release, Ingram began his career in the pharmaceutical industry as a professional sales representative and ultimately became CEO and Chairman of GlaxoWellcome. He co-led the merger and integration that formed GlaxoSmithKline, the world's second largest pharmaceutical company.

At 60, Ingram was mandated to retire and asked by the board to serve as vice chairman of

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Pharmaceuticals at GlaxoSmithKline, the press release said. In his role, Ingram is a member of the Executive Committee

and Board of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association.

Ingram also serves on the Board of Directors of Edwards Lifesciences Corporation, Lowe's Companies, Inc., Molson, Inc., Nortel Networks, Valeant Pharmaceuticals International and Wachovia Corporation. He serves as chairman of OSI Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Ingram was asked by former U.S. President George H. Bush to form and chair the CEO Roundtable on

Cancer. He also currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Cancer Society, the press release said.

On Jan. 18, Ingram was awarded the King Legacy Award recognizing his efforts in national and international service on behalf of GSK. The annual award is presented in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and his legacy, it is given each year to recognize the contributions of individuals and groups who have positively impacted the national and international communities.

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Suspect faces five charges in alleged abductions

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A man whose former wife and two children were abducted over the weekend was charged Monday with federal kidnapping and four state charges, including attempted first-degree intentional homicide.

David M. Larsen, 39, appeared Monday in U.S. District Court in Milwaukee on the kidnapping charge, without handcuffs and wearing street clothes. Magistrate Judge Aaron Goodstein ordered him held for another three days so investigators could gather more information.

The federal complaint against Larsen said he told investigators he hit his ex-wife, Teri Jendusa-Nicolai, in the head with a baseball bat after she threatened him with a hammer.

Larsen was also charged Monday in Racine County Circuit Court with attempted first-degree intentional homicide while armed,

kidnapping while armed and two counts of interfering with child custody.

A message left by The Associated Press for Larsen's federal defender, Dean Strang, was not returned Monday.

The complaints said after Larsen was arrested Saturday in Illinois, he told investigators where his two children could be found, but initially denied having seen his ex-wife.

He later changed his story, saying he was on his knees in the dining room of his home putting something into the children's backpack when "suddenly he saw his ex-wife standing over him with her pants around her ankles and a hammer in her hand. He stated that he rolled out of the way, grabbed a baseball bat and struck her in the face," according to the state complaint.

Larsen refused to tell investigators where his wife was,

but a detective found several phone numbers in Larsen's wallet, including one for a rented storage locker. Jendusa-Nicolai was eventually discovered there, severely beaten, bound in duct tape and stuffed in a plastic garbage can.

Jendusa-Nicolai, 38, was in serious condition at Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Ill. Monday, where she was being treated for blunt force trauma, hypothermia and frost bite, hospital spokeswoman Kim Waterman said.

"She definitely won't be going home any time soon," Waterman said.

Dr. Daniel Resnick said Jendusa-Nicolai's body temperature was slightly above 80 degrees when she was brought to Lutheran General Hospital.

"If she would have been elderly or young and not a young healthy woman, as she is, she

probably would not have survived," Resnick said.

Her brother, Mike Jendusa, thanked police and the storage unit employee for saving his sister.

"It is a miracle and we thank God for that," he told reporters outside the hospital.

Prosecutor Mario Gonzales said Larsen could face more charges, depending on the seriousness of Jendusa-Nicolai's injuries. He will be held in a federal institution in the Milwaukee area until his next scheduled court appearance Thursday, Gonzales said.

Jendusa-Nicolai was found about 19 hours after she called 911 from the bed of her former husband's truck, saying he had abducted her, authorities said.

They were first alerted to trouble at Larsen's Wind Lake home around 11 a.m. Saturday,

when the Racine County Sheriff's department received a call from Jendusa-Nicolai, who said she was having trouble breathing. Deputies went to her home, but found no one there.

Around 1 p.m. Saturday, Jendusa-Nicolai made the 911 cell phone call in Milwaukee County, saying she was lying in the bed of a pickup truck covered with a tarp and restrained by tape.

The children were riding in the front of the pickup and did not know Jendusa-Nicolai was in the back, Gonzales said.

Racine County Sheriff's deputies returned to Larsen's home, where they allegedly found blood on the carpet in the dining room and scattered throughout the home. Deputies found a pair of women's sweat pants with duct tape on them in a trash can and a hammer, the complaints said.

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Under the proposal, the license's current owners would receive \$156 million, and the state would get \$350 million in cash. Blagojevich had hoped to get at least that much from the license sale to help ease the state's budget crisis.

Penn National proposed that the company and minority investors in the casino would spend about \$255 million to build

a casino and 200-room hotel in Rosemont, where Emerald had planned to locate. Investors would provide \$10 million of the cost, Penn National representatives said.

The company, which owns Hollywood Casino in Aurora, would then sell the casino and hotel to the state for \$1.

"If it means more money for the state and more money for schools and health care and public safety, if it means that we can better regulate because we're going to be the ones who are ultimately responsible for it, then I think it's something we need to take a look at," Blagojevich said.

Grey questioned how the state

could regulate a casino it owns.

"People don't trust the state to spend their money wisely. Why would any citizen expect that the state owning a casino wouldn't take advantage of any angle it could to take their money?" Grey said. "The house always wins and in this case, the state is the house."

If the Illinois Gaming Board accepts the bid, Illinois would own 80 percent of the casino and private investors would own the rest. In exchange, Penn National would manage the casino for 20 years and receive 10 percent of its gross revenue. Penn National expects to earn between \$40 million and \$50 million annually.

IBHE: Budget for fiscal year 2005 will be down compared to 2004

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and Eastern usually gets called to testify before several appropriations committees, he said.

This budget process began at Eastern 18 months ago, Cooley said.

"Our (Board of Trustees) passed this budget in June of 2003," he said.

Don Sevener, communications director for the IBHE, said the budget will be presented to the IBHE by IBHE executives.

"Overall, the budget for fiscal year 05 as it relates to uni-

versities will be down just slightly as compared to fiscal year 04," Sevener said.

"The overall general fund budget for higher education is \$2.3 billion, of that, \$1.3 billion is for public universities."

The Illinois Board of Higher Education will meet at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the College of Lake County, Room C005, in Grayslake, Ill.

Money: Funding of student organizations discussed

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well," Lesica said.

The group discussed further issues surrounding the funding of student organizations, Lesica said.

"The most interesting discussion over the weekend was the one dealing with student fees being used to fund student organizations," Lesica said.

The event was a success and another IBHESAC meeting will be held within the next two months at another Illinois school, Lesica said.

"Everyone was very pleased with Eastern's hospitality," he said.



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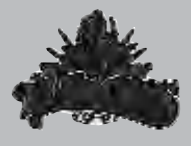
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Fed-up Attorney General takes on Illinois sex offenders

CHICAGO (AP) — When Attorney General Lisa Madigan heard about a former convict whose picture on the state's public sex offender registry was outdated and unrecognizable, she got fed up.

She had heard stories of other offenders who disguised themselves in their registry pictures, were not registered or listed incorrect addresses and races.

"I was furious. That was the straw that finally broke the camel's back," Madigan said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Madigan called Secretary of State Jesse White, asked for the offender's driver's license picture, sent it to Illinois State Police and, within hours, the person's new picture was on the Web site.

The state's first female attorney general, who campaigned on women's and family issues, has channeled her frustration with the management of sex offenders in Illinois into an effort to fix things. So far, her efforts are having modest results.

She was the catalyst behind a review team formed in December to ensure the registry is accurate and current. In six weeks, the team has tweaked how the registry works and outlined procedures to help make sure convicted sex offenders sign up.

◆ Recent changes to the Illinois convicted sex offender registry

CHICAGO (AP) — Since December, a law enforcement team created by Attorney General Lisa Madigan and charged with improving the Illinois convicted sex offender registry has made some progress. Some of the changes or proposed changes include:

◆ The registry, which is accessed through the Illinois State Police Web site, does not list the crime for which sex offenders were convicted. The team plans to add that information to the registry by the end of February.

◆ The team has added a link to the state Department of Corrections Web site from the registry to allow people to look up the criminal history of a convicted sex offender in prison, on parole or on mandatory supervised release.

◆ Since Jan. 27, the registry has listed whether sex offenders are current with their registration.

◆ The Department of Corrections has changed its process to ensure parole agents are aware when a convicted sex offender leaves prison and must register. Parole agents also will be notified by e-mail 30 days, 15 days, 10 days and five days

before a convicted sex offender's

annual registration date.

◆ Corrections also plans to tell local chiefs of police or sheriffs when a convicted sex offender is leaving parole or probation.

◆ Madigan might call for legislation that would require convicted sex offenders to have a photograph taken annually for the registry and would stiffen the penalty for not registering from a Class 4 felony, which carries a possible sentence of one to three years.

"The sex offender registry is a tool that is only as good as the information that's on it," Madigan said. "We're not providing the public with the type of information they need to protect themselves and their families."

Members of the review team — including Chicago and state police, the Cook County state's attorney's and sheriff's offices, the Illinois

Department of Corrections and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police — say they are impressed with the group's progress so far.

"We brought all the parties to the table, and the communication was immediately open," said team member Tom Braglia, president of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police who is also Elmwood Park police chief.

The state's online registry now contains sex offenders' photos, names, addresses and dates of birth. It also lists whether an offender's victims were younger than 18.

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people to look up the criminal history of a convicted sex offender in prison, on parole or on mandatory supervised release.

The team plans to add that information to the registry itself by the end of February, said Cara Smith, policy director for Madigan's office.

The team also has outlined procedures to help ensure convicted sex offenders register. And last week, the registry started listing whether sex offenders are current with their registration.

"Instead of continuing to bury our heads in the sand and say, 'You fix it, you fix it,' everyone's fixing it together," Smith said.

Madigan's interest in the issue is consistent with her career as a state senator, when she pushed for changes to laws dealing with domestic violence and sexual assault.

"If we don't find a way to reduce those tragedies, we aren't doing our jobs," Madigan said.

Political analyst Don Rose said the management of sex offenders might not be uppermost in many voters' minds, but he called it a significant issue.

"It's certainly a hot issue, and any stringent measures against sex offenders will be very well received politically," Rose said. "It has resonance with women, with families. It's a no-lose."

Former law student pleads guilty to planting dangerous pipe bomb

CHICAGO (AP) — A former law student pleaded guilty Monday to planting a pipe bomb that hurled jagged chunks of metal hundreds of feet when his former girlfriend opened her car door.

Dino Greco, 28, of Schaumburg signed a plea agreement with federal prosecutors that calls for him to serve 15 years in prison for the attack.

Greco also sent a sexually explicit video of himself and the woman to her parents, aunt and uncle and co-workers and was suspected of other bombings as well, prosecutors said.

"Obviously, these are horrible and sad events," U.S. District Judge Wayne R. Andersen said. He set sentencing for July 1.

Prosecutors say Jeanette Morgan's life was probably saved on April 27, 2001, when her car

door stuck as she tried to open it. Because she had been struggling with the door, she avoided the full brunt of the blast when the bomb exploded.

"I had metal in my face, my hands were cut, I had hearing problems," the 22-year-old community college student said Monday. "I still have hearing problems."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Levine said rage caused Greco to send the video, and it was "the same rage he showed when he planted this pipe bomb."

Only weeks before the blast, Morgan had obtained an order of protection requiring Greco to stay away from her. Greco, who never finished law school, admitted he threatened violence if Morgan didn't pay a lingering debt.

A key piece of evidence against

Greco was a single hair investigators found stuck to tape used in building the bomb. The DNA in the hair matched Greco's.

Prosecutors said Greco's name had surfaced in connection with other bombing cases, but he was never charged in them.

In one case, in 1992, a high football player's home was bombed following a fight with Greco in the high school cafeteria.

In 1994, a man went into Greco's back yard after being pelted with eggs while driving by. He said he expected to find 8-year-old pranksters but, instead, three men beat him with a baseball bat. Greco was acquitted in the beating. But later, a pipe bomb exploded at the home of a female witness, and a detective who investigated the case found a pipe bomb on his property.

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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Marmot predicts more winter

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. (AP) — If you're tired of winter, Punxsutawney Phil had a message for you Monday — get used to it.

After a rap on an oak stump roused him from his home on Gobbler's Knob, the world's most famous furry forecaster "saw" his shadow this chilly Groundhog Day morning, which according to tradition means six more weeks of winter.

Phil even included a topical reference in his proclamation — to the capture of Saddam Hussein.

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'Partial-birth' law overturned

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A federal judge struck down Virginia's ban on a type of late-term abortion Monday, saying the law violated privacy rights and failed to make an exception for the health of the woman.

U.S. District Judge Richard L. Williams called the ban on what opponents call partial-birth abortion "impermissibly void for vagueness."

The judge blocked the law last July, the day it went into effect, calling it a "no-brain case." He also has challenged the use of the term "partial birth infanticide" by the law's backers, saying it was an attempt to alarm the public.

Virginia's law outlawed a procedure generally performed in the second or third trimester in which a fetus is partially delivered before being killed.

Lawyers for the Center for

Reproductive Rights, who filed the suit, argued that the law was unconstitutional because it disregarded a four-year-old Supreme Court ruling allowing the procedure when the health of the mother is threatened.

The state law contained no such health exception.

"Courts across the country — including the U.S. Supreme Court — have been clear that such bans are an unconstitutional threat to women's health and lives," Nancy Northup, president of the center, said in a statement Monday.

The group said the lawsuit was a precursor to a challenge to the limited federal ban, which is already being challenged in Nebraska, New York and California. About 30 states have enacted versions of partial birth abortion bans, but in many cases they have been over-

turned in court.

Virginia Attorney General Jerry Kilgore said Monday's decision was not unexpected, but he plans to appeal.

"This ruling is not surprising, given the number of times we have had to appeal rulings on similar legislation to higher courts," said Kilgore, a Republican.

The suit alleged that Virginia's "vaguely defined" ban could subject doctors to criminal prosecution even for safely performing a more common type of second-trimester abortion known as "dilation and evacuation," as well as obstetrical procedures that help women suffering miscarriages.

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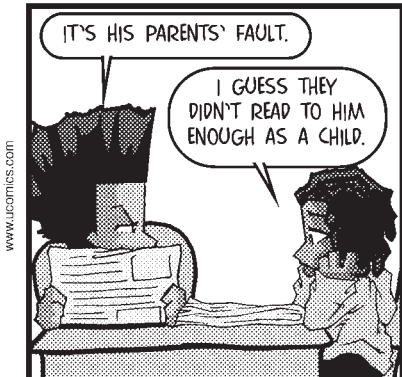
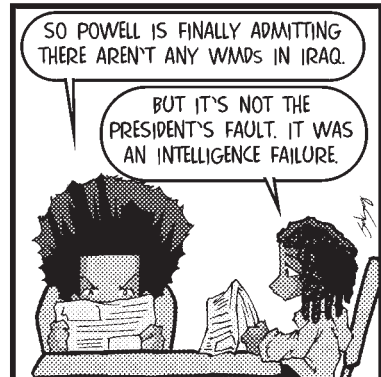
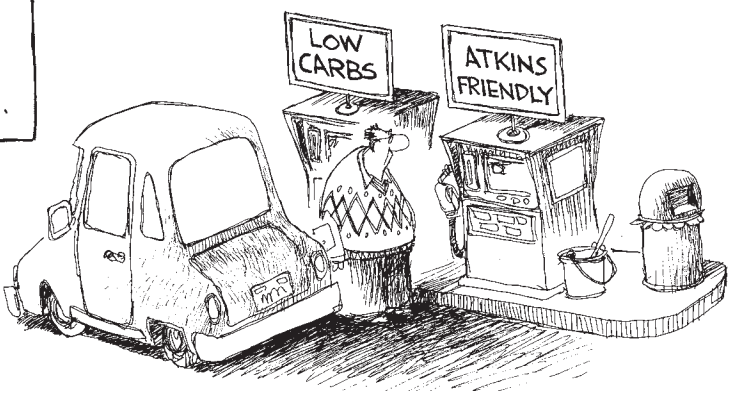
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HOW TO TELL WHEN A FAD HAS PEAKED...



Gilbert:
Plent of talent returning

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in slugging percentage, bases on balls, home runs and runs batted in for the Panthers, almost unheard of for a shortstop.

Cammann may not be the most graceful fielder but he definitely gets the job done at the "hot corner." Fans may remember diving stop after diving stop turned in by the Idaho native against Eastern Kentucky in a three-game home series last April, and the Panthers will expect more of the same this year.

Former second baseman Chris Uhle will move to the designated hitter position to replace Pignatiello, and what Eastern will lose in power they will certainly gain in speed and batting average. Statistically speaking, Uhle has converted his last 20 stolen base attempts and is the returning leader in total bases, doubles and triples for Eastern.

On the mound, besides incumbent ace Jarad Marshall (34 wins over the last three seasons) Eastern will be young but certainly not lacking potential.

A big key for Eastern will be sophomore righty Mike Budde. The Providence Catholic graduate moved back and fourth from the bullpen to starter last season before finally sticking in the rotation. In 18 appearances Budde posted a 1-4 record with a 8.44 earned run average, but showed signs of dominance in a 11-1 victory over Eastern Kentucky that saw him go the distance giving up just four hits and one run.

If that Mike Budde shows up, Eastern will be set with a reliable one-two punch at the top of their staff. Not to mention, Budde won't have any big game jitters as he's pitched in his fair share of important contest in high school with Providence among the best in the Chicago Catholic League.

Lanky lefty Jason Pinnell has the potential to shine in relief if he can cut down on his walks and sophomore Alex Chapple should improve with more work.

The Eastern baseball team certainly has a promising outlook. If certain pieces fall into place this year the passion and elation won't be limited to Wrigleyville and Busch Stadium.

Gold:
High school coach says Marino is one of his best players ever

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"Coach Bailey always tells us we can lose any game to any team," Marino said. "We have to treat every team as if they're a quality opponent."

In basketball, and most other sports for that matter, people talk about whether a player is coachable or not. Marino said he knows he is one of the more talented players on his team, but he also realizes that doesn't mean his coach can't get on him.

"He'll get on me the same way he'll get on a junior," Marino said. "He still tells me everything I'm doing wrong, and it makes me better."

"He tells me I'm doing a good job, but not to get a high head," Marino said. "Coach explains the season as a marathon and each game is a mile of that marathon. We have to run each mile one at a time."

In his years of coaching at St. Patrick, Bailey has seen many good basketball players, but feels Marino is one of the best, if not the best leader he has ever seen.

"He's as good as anyone. He does it by example, he's vocal, he practices and plays hard and he works at his game. There is no harder worker than Matt."

— Mike Bailey, St. Patrick High School coach

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One method Bailey uses to measure a player is whether or not he is a gym rat.

"There is no hungrier gym rat," Bailey said.

Bailey said Samuels has heard some good things about Marino and has asked him for some game tape.

Marino said he would be interested in going to Eastern for a number of reasons.

"I know my brother's there, and the majority of Pat's kids have gone there the last two to three years, so I know people there," Marino said. "I also like that it's not too far from home and it's a Division I-A basketball program."

If Marino were to come to Eastern, he said he wouldn't want to be one of those kids who rides the bench until his senior year.

"I want to go somewhere and play quality

minutes for the team as a sophomore, junior or even a freshman," Marino said.

Marino said he hasn't talked to Samuels yet because the Eastern head coach was on the road with the team. However, Bailey knows Samuels and is impressed with what he does at Eastern.

"Coach Samuels is a class act and has an outstanding basketball program," Bailey said. "He's one of the first guys high school coaches turn to and he's always been helpful."

When it comes time for Marino to make his decision, Bailey feels it won't depend completely on basketball. He said Marino will go where he and his family feel he fits best.

One place he will be sure to visit will be his brother's house at Eastern.

"I'll come down and visit Mike and talk to coach and after the season, I'll check out the teams and programs and make my decision," Marino said.

Stacking:
Other state college teams struggling

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fourth place in the conference, and are hoping to build upon a recent victory over Michigan that could have been the team's best game of the year. Against the talented Wolverines, who are 12-6 overall and 3-4 in the Big Ten, the Illini won the game by 15 at Assembly Hall in Champaign. Illinois' guards have been carrying the burden of the team as both James Augustine and Nick Smith continue to battle foul trouble in just about each game they play. This was the case again when they played Michigan, in response to the big men and their foul trouble the guards answered for the Illini. Luther Head hit on five three point attempts and scored a total of 18 points, and point guard Deron Williams helped bolster the offense with 15 points.

Illinois-Chicago Flames

After a solid 9-3 start against non-conference opponents, UIC faltered once they started to play

Big Ten Men's Basketball Standings

	BIG TEN	OVERALL
Wisconsin	5-1	14-3
Indiana	5-2	11-7
Michigan State	5-2	10-8
Illinois	4-3	13-5
Purdue	4-3	14-6
Iowa	4-3	11-7
Michigan	3-4	12-6
Penn State	3-4	9-9
Northwestern	3-4	8-10
Ohio State	2-5	10-10
Minnesota	0-7	8-11

Horizon League Men's Basketball Standings

	HL	OVERALL
UW-Milwaukee	10-0	15-5
Wright State	8-2	11-9
UW-Green Bay	7-3	13-7
Illinois-Chicago	6-4	15-7
Butler	4-6	8-11
Detroit Titans	3-6	9-10
Youngstown State	3-6	7-12
Loyola	3-7	7-13
Cleveland State	0-10	4-17

Missouri Valley Men's Basketball Standings

	MVC	OVERALL
Southern Illinois	10-0	16-2
Creighton	8-2	16-2
SW Missouri State	6-4	14-7
Wichita State	6-4	13-7
Northern Iowa	6-4	11-7
Drake	4-6	8-10
Indiana State	4-6	8-10
Bradley	2-8	9-12
Illinois State	2-8	6-12
Evansville	2-8	3-15

against other Horizon League teams losing three of their first five conference games. But riding a three game winning streak within the Horizon League, the Flames have brought themselves back up to the top of the conference. Currently they stand fourth in the league, with a 6-4 conference record, trailing only UW-Milwaukee, Wright State and UW-Green Bay. The Flames will probably have to wait until the conference tournament to have a stake in the conference championship since UW-Milwaukee is in control of the Horizon with a perfect 10-0

record. The type of basketball the Flames are playing right now is what was expected of the team upon entering the season. By the time they played Eastern on Dec. 2, the Flames were highly ranked among mid-major schools by ESPN.

Southern Illinois Salukis

Southern's Missouri Valley Conference season has gone through more than half way and could not have gone better for the Salukis. Southern has gone a perfect 10-0 to start but the one thing the Salukis will be looking for-

ward to is their two match ups against their top rival within the Missouri Valley, Creighton. The two teams are at the top of the conference as of right now, and Southern owns a two game lead over the Blue Jays. For Southern this season was in question a little after their coach who had led them to the NCAA Tournament two years in a row, Bruce Weber, left Southern for Champaign. But Southern has answered this season and is on pace once again to get to the tournament. The Salukis have won their last eight games, and their last loss was Jan. 2 to Charlotte.



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BASEBALL

Two Panthers gather early OVC awards

◆ Seniors Chris Uhle and Kyle Haines are Eastern's two representatives for the OVC preseason All-Conference team

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Nearly a month before the first pitch is thrown on the 2004 baseball season, Eastern received positive news as two Panthers were named to the Baseball America Preseason Ohio Valley Conference team.

Eastern seniors Chris Uhle and Kyle Haines were selected to the 12 player OVC squad named on Jan. 28, by the national publication.

Judging by last season's statistics both Panthers were very deserving. Uhle, playing a majority of the season at second base, hit .329 last season with 76 hits, 63 runs scored and 37 runs batted in.

Uhle has been a key part of the Panthers since his freshman year in 2001. As a true freshman, the Morton Grove native played in 25 games starting 12 with a batting average of .279. Uhle made most of his damage during a nine-game stretch in the starting lineup that saw him go 10-of-24 including two hits and two runs scored in consecutive games at Austin Peay and Northern Illinois.

Uhle avoided a sophomore slump by batting .277 with four home runs and 12 runs batted in over 49 games.

Haines, a junior college transfer from Olney Central, held down the shortstop position while batting .340 with 72 hits, 49 runs scored and 47 runs batted in. While at Olney, Haines hit .398 with 12 doubles, two triples, seven home runs and 40 runs batted in. He had a .914 fielding percentage and made solid contact at the plate, striking out just 12 times in 166 at bats.

Both players made an impact on the bases with Uhle perfect on 13 attempts and Haines able to swipe eight bases on 10 tries.

Austin Peay led the all-conference team with four selections as junior first baseman Chris Hyde, senior outfielder Ron Bethke and senior pitchers Jeff Mault and Devin Thomas all were honored.

Eastern Kentucky also had two players selected with senior third baseman Neil Sellers and senior outfielder Stephen Carter on the team. Sellers was selected by the publication as the league's preseason player of the year and top OVC prospect.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

After Task Force meetings took place last week, Eastern knows that there are no women's sports teams that will be available to be cut due to regulations that the university needs to meet under Title IX rules.

Eastern to keep all sports due to Title IX

By Dana Peterson
STAFF WRITER

Title IX requirements and civil rights have affected students in athletics at Eastern and ensure sports will not be cut.

"Title IX is part of the U.S. Education Amendments of 1972 which prohibit sex discrimination in education programs that receive federal financial assistance," said Cynthia Nichols, director of the Office of Civil Rights and Diversity. "Nearly every university and college receive federal funds so they must comply with Title IX."

After an athletic task force was created to find ways to reduce Eastern's reliance on state appropriated funds, the discussion turned to cutting some sports. The task force, chaired by Gail Richard, decided the benefits of cutting any of Eastern's 22 sports would not outweigh the negatives.

Richard said not only would cutting sports cause "hard feelings" between some students, it could violate Title IX and other rules set by the Office of Civil

Rights.

Instead of cutting sports to save money, the task force recommends student fees be raised slowly over the next five years, including the Grant-in-Aid fee.

Title IX has been applied to Eastern's athletics since the middle of the 1990s.

The U.S. Office of Civil Rights chose Eastern at random to see if their athletic program met up with the rules of Title IX, which it did not.

The expectations of Title IX were met in 1999. A significant part of Title IX is to be classified in one of three prongs, which is a way "universities can use to achieve effective accommodation of student interests and abilities in athletics."

The first prong requires universities have a "history and continuing practice of program expansion of the underrepresented sex," and is not used by many schools. The second prong says the sex that has the majority of the students, will be the majority of the athletes.

"At Eastern, women comprise 57.7 percent the student body, therefore approximately 57.7 percent of the ath-

letes would be female," Nichols said.

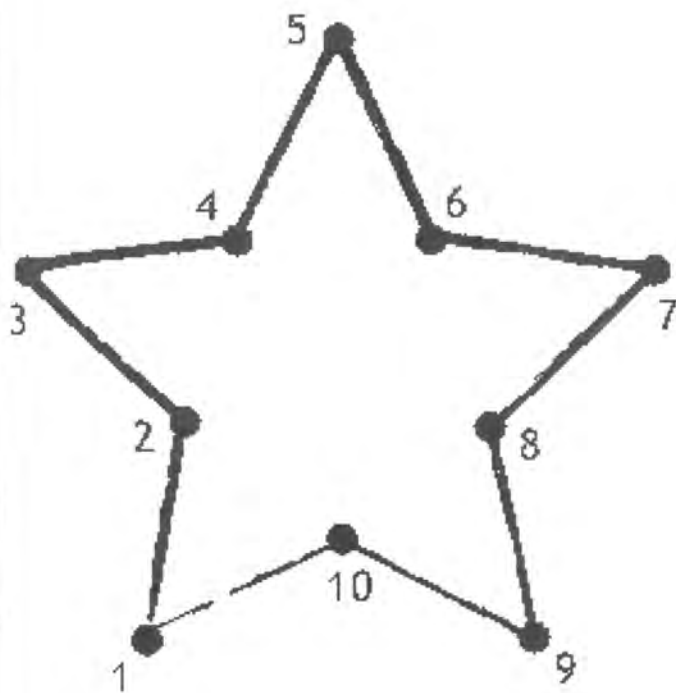
Eastern falls into prong three which requires it to "fully and effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex."

To comply with this prong, Eastern looked toward meeting interests of women that had previously been ignored.

Aside from making sure men and women's team numbers are equal, Title IX requires schools to have equality in other areas.

"(Eastern is) meeting the interest and abilities prong of Title IX through providing equitable operating budgets, coaching positions, scholarship budgets, facilities and support services," Eastern Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie

Currently, there are 11 women's teams and 11 men's teams at Eastern. In the future, McDuffie said he and the athletics program plan "to maintain the equitable status currently in place as well as to monitor the athletics interests and abilities of the female population on campus and for those interested in possibly attending EIU."



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Panther sports calendar

THURSDAY	W Basketball vs. Murray State	5:15 p.m.	Lantz Arena
	M Basketball vs. Murray State	7:35 p.m.	Lantz Arena
FRIDAY	Track & Field at Indiana	throughout day	
	M Tennis at IPFW	6 p.m.	
	W Tennis at IPFW	6 p.m.	
	Wrestling vs. N. Illinois	7 p.m.	



TEEN' OFF

Mike Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS
EDITOR

Cubs, Cards not the only game in town

As the temperatures continue to hover around the freezing mark it's never too early to think Spring, and for sports fans the reason to count the days until the sunny season arrives involves a bat and ball. Over the past few months we've heard a lot about two of the three teams a majority of the students follow. The Chicago Cubs went out traded for a power-hitting first baseman, signed a solid setup man and sharpened their bench. The Cubs National League Central rival, the St. Louis Cardinals, bolstered their pitching staff by trading away a pair of veterans and hope to have their all-star third baseman healthy for the entire year.

But what about the other baseball team students follow. The one with home games about a half mile

from where all the students live and the best part is we don't have to pay a dime to go see them play. That's right, overlooked by all of the major league baseball off-season excitement is the fact our Eastern team will hit the diamond with high hopes in a few short weeks.

Students may not remember just how heartbreaking last season ended for Jimmy Schmitz and Co. because most Panthers were long gone from Charleston when the final Eastern out was made on May 23.

Eastern entered the Ohio Valley Conference in Paducah, Ky., as the sixth seed but immediately made their presence felt by overcoming an 8-0 deficit to beat top seeded Austin Peay 12-11. The Panthers then came up with another upset a day later downing third-seeding Tennessee Tech, but the luck ran out as Eastern fell to Eastern Kentucky and Murray State on May 23.

The loss against the Racers was extremely tough as Eastern came from behind in the ninth inning down three runs only to lose by a score of 6-4 in a marathon 13-inning contest.

Tough way to end a season, but even tougher was the loss of nine seniors including catcher/designated hitter Bret Pignatiello, outfielders Danny Jordan and Kirk Walters and pitchers Damon White, Matt Tyson and Nate Stone.

While the Panthers will miss the heavy bats of Pignatiello and Walters and the innings eaten up by White and Tyson, Eastern shouldn't be taken lightly this season.

For starters the Panthers have a solid defense in the infield with Kyle Haines and Jeff Cammann back for their senior seasons. The fiery Haines is the returning leader

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hoping to find gold

Samuels expresses interest in St. Patrick H.S. senior

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

Last weekend at a high school shootout at North Park College in Chicago, Eastern men's basketball coach Rick Samuels expressed interest in a recruit out of Chicago.

Matt Marino, a senior at St. Patrick High School is the targeted prospect. More importantly, Marino, who is the starting point guard for St. Pat's, has led his Shamrocks to a 17-1 record earning his team the eighth ranking in the state.

The ranking is the highest for any St. Patrick's basketball team during the season.

Before the season, Marino played on an AAU team called the Illinois Warriors. The Warriors are the same team NBA star Darius Miles played on just two years ago.

"Matt has played with guys you'll hear about playing in the NBA in the next ten years," Matt's

Matt Marino

Height: 6' Position: PG
School: St. Patrick High School (Chicago)
(17-1) No. 8 in the state (class AA)
Big Game: at Westchester St. Joseph (No. 24)

STATE RANKINGS

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older brother Mike Marino said.

According to his brother, Matt hasn't always been the basketball star he is now.

"When we were younger, Matt was the quintessential tag-along," the elder Marino said. "Matt used to want to play basketball with us but

we used to tell him he stinks and wouldn't let him play."

He no longer has to worry about his brothers letting him play, he now has to worry about scouts critiquing every decision he makes on the court.

However, when scouts come to watch him play, he feels no pressure.

"Half the time I don't know who's in the crowd during the game," Matt Marino said. "I don't know if there are scouts in the crowd until they come talk to me after the game."

St. Pat's head coach Mike Bailey also reminds Marino from time to time if the Shamrocks weren't having such a successful season, he wouldn't be scouted as heavily.

Marino realizes in order to continue to succeed individually his team needs to win.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Junior forward Aaron Patters battles for control of a rebound with teammate Josh Gomes, sophomore guard. Rebounding, among other aspects of the game, has been one of the Panthers have struggled at so far this season.

OVC Men's Basketball Standings

	OVC	OVERALL
Austin Peay	9-0	12-7
Murray State	7-1	17-4
Samford	5-3	10-9
Tennessee Tech	4-4	10-9
Morehead State	4-4	9-10
Jacksonville State	4-5	11-9
Eastern Kentucky	3-5	8-11
Tennessee-Martin	3-5	8-12
Tennessee State	3-5	4-15
Southeast Missouri	2-6	9-10
Eastern Illinois	1-7	3-15

THURSDAY'S MATCHUPS

Jacksonville State at Austin Peay
Tennessee-Martin at SEMO
Samford at Tennessee Tech
Murray State at Eastern

Stacking up in Illinois

◆ *With over half the NCAA men's basketball season over, Illinois schools have a lot of making up to do*

By Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panthers have continued to struggle throughout the season as they have played against Ohio Valley Conference foes. The Panthers are in last place in the OVC currently and haven't won a game in the conference since their first game against Tennessee Tech on Jan. 8. The Panthers have been inconsistent on both the offensive

and defensive sides of the court, and have yet to figure out exactly who to depend on as leaders. For scoring, Eastern has not found one go-to-guy while the other teams in the OVC that are near the top of the standings have one guy who can consistently be the number one option for the offense. Currently, Austin Peay is at the top of the OVC at a perfect 9-0 in conference play. The Governors are 12-7 overall and have found success in the conference after only starting 3-7 against non conference opponents. Following the Governors in the conference is Murray State who only has one loss in eight OVC games this year. After Murray

State there is a little drop-off in the conference as the middle of the pack only has Samford above .500 in the conference, as they have gone 5-3. Behind them Tennessee Tech and Morehead State are both 4-4, and everybody after them has a losing record.

Illinois Fighting Illini

The Fighting Illini, who struggled under a new coach and the loss of crucial players from last year's team, are learning just how tough the Big Ten can be even if it is considered to be having a down year. Currently the Illini stand in

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