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Eastern gets ready for
Southeast Missouri tonight.

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BOT OKs hefty coal contract

◆ A total of \$2,646,061 approved during Dec. 19 meeting with Indiana contractor Black Beauty

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

A contract with Black Beauty Coal Co. in Evansville, Ind., will keep Eastern heated through 2005 with up to 30,000 tons of coal.

The contract was approved during the Dec. 19 Board of Trustees meeting, said university spokeswoman Vicki Woodard.

Woodard said the contract allows Eastern to spend up to \$1.45 million on coal and will last from Jan. 1, 2004, to June 30, 2005.

The contract also gives Eastern the option to renew the agreement for two additional one-year periods with an increase in price not to exceed 2.5 per-

"They're buying the lower sulfur coal so they don't have as much to deal with."

—Vicki Woodard, university spokeswoman

cent per each option period.

Black Beauty was the only company to respond to Eastern's bid invitation, while eight other companies did not respond.

Director of Purchasing Monty Bennett said those companies were B2Gsource Inc., Dynamic Security, Freeman Energy, Illinois Coal Sales, Loemaker Enterprises, Tartan Energy Inc., Turriss Coal Company and Mineral Resources Inc.

Last year the contract was held by Freeman Coal Sales Inc. in Springfield

for up to \$850,000 per contract year, Bennett said.

Woodard said the power plant on campus has several problems that do not allow it to handle sulfur in coal very well. The coal specified in the contract is a low-sulfur coal with a .66 sulfur content. Until repairs can be made, Eastern will continue to buy lower sulfur content coal from dealers outside Illinois, Woodard said.

"They're buying the lower sulfur coal so they don't have as much to deal with," she said. "We like to stay in Illinois as much as we can but they're doing what they have to do to meet the sulfur reduction needs."

Bennett said funding for a power plant replacement will be from several sources including capital projects, money from the state, matching grant funds from the Illinois Coal Board, grants from the federal government and financing from a

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Warmth welcomes outdoor work

A roofer works on the ridge cap of the new Unique Homes property on Ninth Street Monday afternoon. Monday's temperatures. Former Eastern professor and local weather observer Dalias Price said there has been only a miniscule amount of snow thus far in Charleston as compared to its average of 10 inches around this time of the year. See story Pg. 3.

O'Fallon Police relieved to have nabbed suspect

By Jamie Fetty
SENIOR WRITER

The O'Fallon Police Department has only had to worry about one homicide in the last four years, but it took all those years to make an arrest.

The metro-east town, which purports on its Web site to have the lowest crime rate in Southern Illinois, was the site of an Eastern student's bizarre murder on New Year's Eve, 1999.

As Amy Blumberg, 20, from nearby Collinsville, worked in her uncle's O'Fallon dance store while home on break, she was shot once in the head and died.

O'Fallon police first turned the killing of the Eastern junior and Sigma Kappa sorority member to the St. Louis



Amy Blumberg

Metro Major Case Squad, a task force of more than 400 detectives from homicide units in Illinois and Missouri, O'Fallon Police Capt. Jim Stover said.

The Case Squad, which has tackled tough murder cases for more than 36

years, usually zeroes in on one case for five days at a time before handing it back to the original police squad. It stayed on the Blumberg case for eight days, Stover said.

After that, one O'Fallon officer was assigned to work the case full time and a hotline for tips was set up.

"It didn't get very many calls," Stover said.

But as the four-year anniversary of Blumberg's death approached, O'Fallon police were led to Edward "Eddie" Scott Phillips. The 37-year-old Mount Sterling man was in jail in Schuyler County for charges in Brown County, which does not have a jail. Police will not reveal what led them to Phillips, who is also going through a messy —and now public — divorce. They still think, as they said when the case broke, that the Illinois Department of Corrections truck driver did not know the family and consumer sciences major and Dixie Chicks fan.

Phillips' arraignment in St. Clair County is scheduled for Jan. 23.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Eastern Illinois campus police do not enforce parking violations during the first week of class.

UPD closely patrolling Pemberton lot

By Evan Hill
CAMPUS EDITOR

The University Police Department is monitoring the Pemberton Hall parking lot to prevent students from parking cars in the fire lane while they pick up their books from textbook rental this week.

A UPD document states residents will only be allowed to park in the "Pemberton Hall drive" only to drop off "personal 'move-in' items" during the first week of school. The document also states UPD "will be monitoring this area very closely the first week of classes."

Officer Art Mitchell of UPD was assigned to keep the cars moving in the Pemberton parking lot Monday. He said UPD will continue to monitor the area as needed for the rest of the week.

Lori Vozari, Pemberton Hall's associate resident director, said any student with an upper-class parking permit can still park in the normal spots.

"People going into the bookstore were parking in our fire lane," Vozari said. "It was just an incredible amount of congestion."

However, Vozari said the problem is worse at the beginning of fall semesters and the end of spring semesters. At the beginning of the fall 2003 semester, a fire alarm at Pemberton Hall showed how the parking congestion could affect emergency workers' access to the building in an emergency.

Bill Metzler, a firefighter paramedic for the Charleston Fire Department, said a fire alarm resulting from a faulty smoke detector on Friday, Aug. 20, showed how serious the congestion problem could be.

He said the fire trucks arriving at the west side of Pemberton Hall could not access standpipe connections that allow the fire trucks to give support to the building's sprinkler systems.

"We know it gets congested when people move in and out, but we do need access to those in case an emergency comes up," Metzler said.

In addition to congestion in the Pemberton Hall fire lane, many cars were parked illegally along Fourth Street. However, Lt. Mark Jenkins of the Charleston Police Department said the CPD is usually more lenient on parking offenses along the 1500 block of Fourth Street this time of year.

"We usually allow it for textbook rentals," he said. "We don't give many tickets."

Jenkins said the problem is not as bad this time of year as it is at the beginning of fall semesters and the end of spring semesters.

Vozari said the problem is worse at those times because of students moving in and out completely

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Students have another shot to get vaccinated

By Megan Jurinek
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

As flu season reaches its peak, Eastern students are being given another opportunity for vaccinations.

Eastern's Health Service is offering flu immunizations from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today through Friday free of charge in the Human Services building.

However, the vaccine is not the injection previously offered. It is a live inter-nasal vaccine known as Flu Mist.

Dollie Kilgore, a Health Service registered nurse, said the mist was easier to administer than the injected vaccine.

"It's simpler because we don't have to puncture the skin, so in that sense, it's a lot easier," Kilgore said.

Eastern's Health Service is administering the Flu Mist because they were unable to obtain any more of the injectable vaccine after giving about 1,300 last year, Kilgore said.

Kilgore said she does not yet know if the mist is any better than the injection, but she said its effects should be about the same.

"It is new in the market so its a little bit more difficult to say whether it's better or not," Kilgore said. "The side effects are about the same." Precautions are taken when administering the vaccines.

"You have to be real careful with the mist. It cannot be given to people under the age of five and over the age of 49," Kilgore said.

Others who should not get the inter-nasal vaccine are people who have trouble with heart, lung and kidney diseases, diabetes, asthma,



DAILY EASTERN NEWS ILLUSTRATION
BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Student Health Services is offering free flu shots for students and \$10 for university workers.

anemia or other blood disorders.

"It's not going to harm anyone, especially in the age group that we are giving it to because we are giving it to college-age students."

The Health Service is not expecting any specific number of students to come in to get the inter-nasal vaccine, but they have 500 doses in stock, Kilgore said. The mist is initially frozen but when ready to be administered is injected as one-half dose into one nostril and the remaining dose in the other.

"Students who were given the vaccine today reacted fine to it, but were a little surprised because it is a nasal thing," Kilgore said.

If interested in receiving the Flu Mist vaccination beyond this week's schedule, students must call the Health Service and make an appointment.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

By the end of next week, the Panther Shuttle bus will have a new schedule that will be easier for students to read.

Changes ahead for shuttle bus

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate Shuttle Bus Committee has been working on many projects to improve the shuttle bus system for the semester.

Adam Howell, last semester's chair of the Shuttle Bus Committee, said he has had many ideas since he became chair of the committee.

"The shuttle bus system is one of the best aspects we have," Howell said.

Last semester, the committee worked on new shuttle bus schedules to give to students. The new schedule that will be issued early on this semester will be easier to read and hopefully won't confuse students, Howell said.

"(This system) needs to be very efficient," Howell said. "There is unlimited potential for this system."

Howell created a program called "Senate Ride Along," which will have several senators riding the shuttle bus to assure it's going to the right places at the right times.

"(The designated driver bus program) worked great for three years. I'd like to bring it back."

—Adam Howell, chair of Shuttle Bus Committee

"It's just to make sure they're going to the right places," Howell said.

Another project that was worked on before the break was the phone hotlines, which students can call and find out information or leave messages and comments.

The new and improved phone hotlines will be up and running within the next few weeks.

"It's better than it was," Howell said.

At the Nov. 19 senate meeting senators Alecia Robinson and Kyle Donash said the phone hotline was a good idea.

"People don't have to worry about reading it," Robinson said. "It's definitely a step in the

right direction," Donash said.

The senate approved \$278.40 last semester for the new phone service.

Student Senate Speaker George Lesica will assign a chair for each committee in the senate.

Howell said if he is chosen to continue as chair of the committee he will start on a new project that will have schedules placed at all shuttle bus spots printed on a sign bolted to a pole in the ground.

This system is the way bus services are run all over, Howell said.

Another project Howell said he will work on, if he is still chair, will be a designated driver bus much like the "Gus Bus," which was a staple at Eastern in the early 90s that drove people home from bars.

"It worked just great for three years," Howell said. "I'd like to bring it back."

Howell said the designated driver program has been a service fraternities and sororities have been working on forever, and Howell would like to get the Greeks involved if the service were to happen.

"(Greeks) have been doing this for years," Howell said.

BLOTTER

Domestic Battery

Donald J. Graziano, 24, 2508 Charleston Ave. Apt. 5, Mattoon, was arrested Jan. 11 at 521 N. 11th St. on charges of domestic battery and threatening a public official, according to police reports.

Illegal Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor

Rachel L. Titus, 18, 2508 Charleston Ave. Apt. 5, Mattoon, was arrested Jan. 11 at 521 N. 11th St. on charges of illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor, police reports said.

Driving under the Influence of Drugs

Adam J. Boyle, 20, 720 N. 31st St., Mattoon, was arrested Jan. 9 at 18th Street and Madison Ave. on charges of driving under the influence of drugs, possession of cannabis, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to signal correctly, according to police reports.

Violation of Bail Conditions

Tyler R. Masilis, 19, 401 Broadway, Mattoon, was arrested Jan. 9 at 727 20th St. for violation of bail conditions, police reports said.

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The column on Page 2 in Monday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly reported the class, African American Influences on Dance in the United States 1518-1990s, as taught through Lake Land College. The class is offered through Eastern, but only taught at the college.

SUGGESTIONS

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





Maggie Bitautas, a sophomore physical education major, tones her leg muscles in the Student Rec Center Monday afternoon, as part of her New Year's resolution to get in shape.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY DANIEL WILLIAMS

Campus programs aid students in quest to stick to resolutions

By Matt Rennels
STAFF WRITER

The tradition of making New Year's resolutions is often followed by breaking them, but students at Eastern can find support on campus to help resolve their resolutions.

When asked what her New Year's resolution was, sophomore elementary education major Mallory Huffman had romance on her mind.

"To meet a decent guy," she said.

Yuvonne Williams, a family and consumer sciences graduate student, plans to get into shape. She said her course of action is the recently popular Atkins Diet.

Instead of dieting, many students just head to the student recreation center this time of year. Ken Baker, director of campus recreation, said 3,300 people entered the center the first day of class last year.

He said the number typically stays above 3,000 until the end of the week and will gradually drop until Spring Break. A significant decrease will be noticed around that time.

"The whole idea of getting fit is something you do all year-round," Baker said. "We try to get people to achieve a healthy lifestyle."

New Year for a New You

◆ Look no further than campus to fulfill those New Year's resolutions

◆ Students can receive support and encouragement from the following campus programs and organizations:

1. Various fitness classes and intramural sports programs sponsored by the Rec Center
2. Learning Assistance Center at Ninth Street Hall
3. Trio academic support program
4. The Counseling Center

To cater to the students using the center, the recreation department offers additional aerobics classes, intramural sports pro-

grams and pilates.

For students resolving to bring their grades up, Eastern offers several academic assistance programs. Students are encouraged to visit the Learning Assistance Center at Ninth Street Hall where students have access to individual tutoring, computer labs and workshops.

Another source of academic support is a program called Trio that serves first generation and low income students and those with learning disabilities.

Trio Assistant Director Cindy Boyer said she had students lined up outside of her office Monday. She said she hopes to see increased involvement by Trio's 175 students.

The program offers services including personal advising, workshops, tutoring and resume developing.

Sophomore special education major Amber Logsdon said her resolution was "to stop being naive and realize my surroundings and things around me."

Students can relieve stress caused by keeping their resolutions at the counseling center.

The center is staffed by psychologists, counselors and graduate students, and it provides free and confidential counseling to more than 600 undergraduate students.

Fund-raising strategy concerns Senate chair

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter said department chairs are concerned with low financial returns from telemarketing fundraising, but supporters say it is working.

After hiring outside telemarketing firm Ruffalo Cody last spring to call Eastern alumni for financial support, Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations, said the fundraising efforts are paying off.

"There are three goals that we've established to help us raise money," Nilsen said. Those goals, "expanding annual funds, increasing endowment and expanding the infrastructure," are goals Ruffalo Cody is meeting, she said.

"We're still looking at final data," Nilsen said. "The success of any annual fundraiser is to have repeat donors."

In addition to maintaining repeat donors, increasing the number of new donors and upgrading the database with new phone numbers and addresses is an important goal, she said.

"(Ruffalo Cody) has allowed us to be successful in each of these areas," Nilsen said. Carpenter said several department chairs believe they are receiving less money from alumni because Ruffalo Cody's fee is too high.

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—David Carpenter, Faculty Senate chair

Carpenter said.

Although using a telemarketing firm like Ruffalo Cody is "common practice," the results from the company have been, "less than stellar," Carpenter said. "Our departments aren't getting the money they think they should," he said.

Nilsen said, "there is a cost to any fund raising activity and that cost tends to be higher when seeking new donors."

Ruffalo Cody is a small part of the overall fundraising program, Nilsen said.

Nilsen, along with several other faculty members, will make a presentation during the Faculty Senate meeting and will discuss fund raising with senate members. "The intent is to talk about the direction of fund raising over the next three years," she said, while Carpenter said the meeting will be mostly informational. The Faculty Senate will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

Weather to remain mild

By Nicole Nicolas
FEATURES REPORTER

This week's forecast appears to be warm with no sign of snow, which is unusual for January.

Local weather observer and former Eastern professor Dalias Price said there has only been a trace of snow this month compared to the Charleston average of approximately 10 inches.

Price said Charleston is in the midst of a "mild spell." Monday's temperature reached as high as 40 degrees when normally it would only be approximately 36 degrees.

The good news is that no zero-degree weather is expected throughout the week, Price said.

"The warm weather in Charleston is due to the air masses moving over, drifting to the south and returning, coming out of the south where it's warm," Price said.

According to the National Weather Service's Web site, Tuesday's high temperature will be near 43 degrees. It will also be partly cloudy with temperatures

as low as 25 degrees at night.

The site said Wednesday is expected to be mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain. The high is forecast at approximately 44 degrees.

Wednesday's nighttime low is forecast at 23 degrees with winds increasing from six to 14 mph.

Thursday's weather is expected to be partly cloudy with temperatures reaching a high of 36 degrees.

The temperature is forecast to drop to 19 degrees Thursday night with partly cloudy conditions, the site said.

Friday appears to be a gloomy day, mostly cloudy, according to the National Weather Service. The temperature is forecast to reach as high as 38 degrees. The temperature is expected to continue to drop to about 23 degrees Friday night.

The high temperature for Saturday is forecast near 39 degrees with mostly cloudy conditions and a projected low near 21 degrees at night.

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EDITORIAL

Eastern is home away from home

With a fresh start at a new semester, students should take advantage of all Eastern's campus has to offer.

Whether getting immunized at the local Eastern Health Service or catching up on celebrity gossip in one of the magazines Booth Library offers, the university seems to offer all the comforts of a small city.

Students pay in tuition and fees for many of the facilities and programs offered on campus, so why not use what you already bought?

So be true to your New Year's resolutions, especially if they are to get involved and save money.

Health Service is now giving students a chance to sniff away the flu. The flu vaccine can be administered to students through a live inter-nasal solution known as Flu Mist. And this week students can receive it without an appointment.

Health Service also provides other medical treatment, but is a place students can look to for nutritional information and as a pharmaceutical supplier.

Entertainment the University Board organizes as well as Eastern's sporting events, are free to students, with the exception of concerts. Comedians, speakers and other entertainers have scheduled appearances throughout the year and the performances are free to students.

The Counseling Center organizes free workshops each month to provide students with advice and helpful information. Counselors are also available for those wishing to schedule personal sessions. The center, open 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, can help students with various issues including time management, how to handle stress and other concerns.

Do not forget the Student Recreation Center. In addition to exercise equipment, an indoor track and basketball courts, the Rec also offers intramural sports, personal trainers and exercise classes.

Career Services can help students find internship and locate work after graduation. Career service advisers also offer help and advice on formulating resumes and cover letters and provide students the opportunity to post resumes online to employers through their Web site.

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

OPINION

Bush dreaming in outer space?



Matthew Stevens
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Many radio stations across the country are now beginning to call our commander in chief, "Anheiser Busch," and it's becoming very clear that the nickname fits.

It's my personal belief that President Bush gets together every weekend with his old fraternity brothers at the University of Texas and begins to slam down about a 12-pack of Lone Star beer. It's after this challenge that Bush deliberates his future legislation.

The latest brain buster from the man in the White House is that we need to go to the moon. Hmm, I was under the impression Mr. Busch (I mean, Bush) had people on the payroll to give him advice to the effect of been there, done that.

Don't get me wrong, I'm a big believer in NASA and these people are coming up with scientific breakthroughs that we take for granted. For example, those pictures from Mars are amazing visual images.

Apparently, our president may be interested in seeing if anything can survive on Mars. Anybody whose taken an astronomy class for five minutes knows the conditions on Mars are too cold for living beings to remain alive. John Glenn was quoted as saying that it's a really good idea to venture to the moon but would like to see more

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money be put into the space shuttle before this operation gets off the ground.

Well, there's some decent logic. Before we send three or so people in a tube and control their lives for several months let's make sure that we have the technology to ensure the space shuttle doesn't blow up on impact. It's reasonable people that make these connections before making irrational state-

ments.

I believe it was Washington Post columnist Tony Kornheiser who said, "why doesn't he just hand the keys to the White House over to Howard Dean and say 'Here, take it.'"

For the good of the country, that may be the best decision Bush could make if he intends to continue with these groundbreaking forms of legislation that only continue to make him look like he's literally and figuratively out in space.

What I suggest to our president is probably what his cabinet members are constantly preaching to him. In fact, it's something my father has been saying to me since I was in junior high. (Anybody find it interesting that I'm giving our president fifth grade advice?) Here goes but Mr. President: in that ten-second window between when potential words go from your brain to your mouth, make it 20 or 30. This way, you can have more time to elevate what you'll be saying to millions of people.

Otherwise, put the for sale sign outside of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. and let's begin the Howard Dean era. Not that I'm promoting the leading democratic candidate, but at least when he speaks, I don't question if he was inebriated when the ideas come to be existent.

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Speaker looking to fill vacant senate seats

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate Speaker George Lesica will fill the nine committee chair positions with senate members he feels can handle the responsibility.

Each committee chair holds the position for a semester, then it is up to the speaker to choose who will occupy the spots for the next semester, Lesica said.

"All chair positions will be filled by the most qualified senator who applies for the position," Lesica said.

Senate members who held a committee chair spot last semester are highly considered, but there are no guarantees, Lesica said.

"Previous experience as chair of the committee will naturally be taken into account but no positions are guaranteed," Lesica said.

Each committee will have a chair by the third senate meeting of the semester, Lesica said.

"If I'm very satisfied with a particular position's applicant pool, I'll hire someone next week," Lesica said.

Ryan Herdes, former chair of the university development and recycling committee, said he will not apply again for the chair because he has registered for 21 credit hours, but will still be a senator.

"It'll be George's job to hire the person he feels will be appropriate for the position," Herdes said.

Of the 30 senate positions only 22 are currently filled, Lesica

"Previous experience as chair of the committee will naturally be taken into account but no positions are guaranteed."

—George Lesica, student senate speaker

said. Not only does Lesica have to fill committee chair spots, but he is looking to assure that there will be 30 senate votes on legislation this semester.

"I will pass out the applications at Wednesday's meeting," Lesica said.

Former Student Senate Secretary Jeff Collier has been approved and will officially fill one of the eight spots at Wednesday's meeting, Lesica said.

Lesica said he urges all non-senators to apply if they are interested and also said he is happy some spots are open.

"It's good to have vacancies because there are freshmen who didn't want to run right away, but will be interested now," Lesica said.

All applicants will talk to Lesica and he will decide if he feels they have the qualities to hold a senate position, Lesica said.

"It's a little less intimidating to just have to talk to one person rather than a whole group," Lesica said.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Katie Whitworth, of Charleston, checks out a movie Dec. 10 at the Charleston Public Library.

Charleston library celebrates centennial with festivities, fun

By Michael Schroeder
CITY REPORTER

Charleston Carnegie Library celebrated its 100th birthday Monday. The festivities went from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and included balloons, cake and free T-shirts.

Ruth Straith, the Circulation Manager at the library, said there were definitely more people than usual who came through the library for the party.

Although she could not give a definite number of people, she said, "(the library) had 200 pieces of cake and it is nearly gone."

Among those who consumed some of the cake were Lindzie Douglas, 7, and Taylor Douglas, 9.

Taylor, who is a proud owner of his own library card, said, "We were returning a book and getting a book and found the party."

Both he and his sister come to the library quite frequently with their mother and were glad to be

Did You Know?

- ◆ The Charleston Carnegie Library is named for Andrew Carnegie as result of his monetary grant
- ◆ In the early 1900s, Carnegie libraries served as prominent fixtures in many Illinois towns

Charleston is not the only city with a Carnegie Library. In the early 1900s Carnegie offered money for libraries nationwide. Many of these libraries were located in Illinois, Straith said.

"Most of the libraries were put on hills as the focal point of the town, however many have had to close due to a lack of room to expand," she said.

On the other hand, Charleston has the area to expand.

An 18,000 square foot expansion is in the works. This expansion will be able to keep the original building intact as the focal point of the library, Straith said.

The only holdup in the expansion is finding the money.

"With the financial problems the city and state is facing, we have a harder uphill battle for the money," Straith said.

However, the plans are already done and now it is just a matter of obtaining money.

there for the 100th birthday party.

"The 100th birthday was actually on the 11th, but we didn't want to hold the party on a Sunday," Straith said.

"The library is named after Andrew Carnegie because he granted the money to get the library started," she explained. "In the contract the city had to supply the land and the yearly stipend."

BOT: Network infrastructure upgrade also approved at the group's Dec. 19 meeting


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debt service agreement.


The BOT also approved a \$1,184,250 network infrastructure upgrade contract that represents the second phase of the overall campus network


upgrade.

An \$11,811 contract change order was also approved for design services associated with construction of the new Human Services Building.



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New Charleston directors boast experience, enthusiasm

◆ *Editor's Note: This is the first in a series profiling Charleston's new city employees*

By Jessica Youngs
CITY EDITOR

Over the holidays, the city of Charleston added two new department directors to its staff.

Brian Jones, the new Parks and Recreation Department director, took over the position Nov. 18, after the previous director, Scott Smith, took over the city manager position.

Smith had been previously holding the director position in addition to the manager position on an interim basis since August.

The other position filled over break was that of Public Works Department director, a title receiver by Curt Buescher.

Dean Barber, the previous director, is now working as the resident engineer for the city's new water treatment plant building project, Smith said.

"They're both doing very well," he added.

Parks and Recreation Director

"It's been pretty hectic," Jones said of his life as the new director.

He said his office was one of the last to be redone at City Hall, following a May 2003 fire, so he spent his first weeks on the job dealing with renovations.

"For about a week we shuffled furniture from one office to the next and back," he said. "That was interesting."

In addition to office jumping, Jones said he has spent a lot of time searching for someone to hire into his previous position as athletic supervisor.

After hiring C.J. Applegate for the job, Jones thinks his next task will be to help train the new supervisor much like Smith helped to train him.

As athletic supervisor for six years, Jones said he was in charge of "anything sports related" ranging from boy's baseball and adult volleyball leagues to national Punt, Pass and Kick competitions.

Jones' strong athletic back-

New Kids on the Block

◆ The city of Charleston recently filled two department director positions:

Brian Jones

- ◆ new Parks and Recreation Department director
- ◆ previously served as Charleston's athletic supervisor for six years

Curt Buescher

- ◆ new Public Works Department director
- ◆ previously employed by the Illinois Department of Transportation
- ◆ attended Eastern in its two-year pre-engineering program

ground made him well-suited for the supervisor position - he played short-stop and second base for Eastern and second base for the Pittsburgh Pirates for three years.

After returning to Charleston, Jones said he "came back home, finished up at school, got married and worked a couple of jobs."

Jones said he felt as though the time was right for him to move up when Smith left the department to become city manager.

"I really felt like it was a good opportunity for me to advance in the city and become the director of the recreation department," he said. "I felt like it was a pretty good fit for me."

Since the move, Smith has been helping Jones through the transition.

On the parks end of the depart-

ment, Jones will oversee items such as the city's contracted mowing services and its janitorial service.

Smith said it has been strange seeing a new person holding the position he has held since March 1990.

"It didn't hit home until I went upstairs and found all of my personal effects located in the board room and now I have to move those things down to my new office," Smith said.

Jones probably feels uncomfortable holding the new position as well, Smith said, but he added that they'll both do fine and adjust to the change.

"I'm going to give (being director) my best effort," he said. "I sure hope that things work out so that I can hold this job for a long time."

Public Works Director

Buescher, who filled the second director position over the holidays, said he has been "learning everyday duties" that include becoming familiar with the waste water plant, water treatment plant and the capability of the department's crews. Buescher attended Eastern in its two-year pre-engineering program and then transferred to University of Illinois where he graduated in 1991, he said.

Prior to accepting the director position, Buescher was employed by the Illinois Department of Transportation, where he helped plan and design engineer permit issues.

Buescher said he accepted the new position because he was "ready for additional challenges."

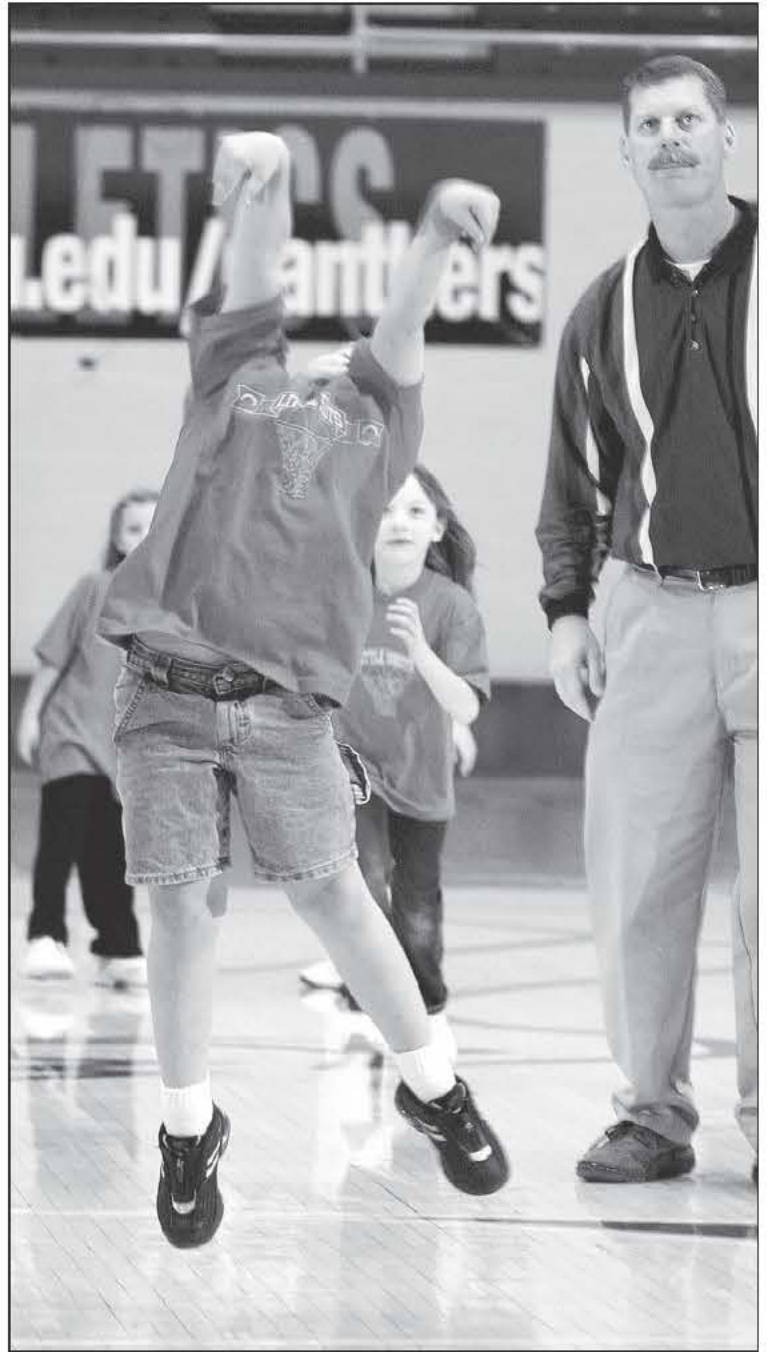
Now as the new public works director, he said he has a lot of variety in his job from overseeing street crews to utilities.

"It's really interesting," he said.

Some large city construction projects, such as the installation of stoplights on Ninth Street and the construction of a new water treatment plant, now face Buescher in his new position.

Because Barber is still working with the city as an engineer, he has been able to help Buescher become familiar with the workings of the director position, Smith said.

Four other city positions were



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Brian Jones has taken over as the new director of parks and recreation for the city of Charleston. Jones is seen here helping children during a half-time exhibition at the men's basketball game against UIC Dec. 2 in Lantz Arena.

filled over holidays in addition to the department directors. Those also taking office were Deborah Muller as City Clerk, John Inyard as a Police and Fire Board member and Ed Thomas as a Parks and

Recreation Department Advisory Board member. Dustha Goddard will be starting her new job as the Human Resources and Accountants Payable Clerk today.

DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Traffic tries to squeeze through Fourth Street behind the Physical Sciences Building Monday afternoon while students get their textbooks from textbook rental services. Vehicles are not supposed to park in the fire lane of Pemberton, or along Fourth Street.



Parking:

Pals can be helpful in easing parking situation

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instead of only bringing some items home for Winter break.

Student helpers called Panther Pals are deployed to help residents move in at the beginning of fall semesters, and Vozari said the Pals usually handle the parking situation during

those times. However, she said it is better to have the UPD handle parking this time of year.

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Newspaper publisher found guilty of Hussein's agent

CHICAGO (AP) — A community newspaper publisher accused of spying on Iraqi dissidents in the United States was found guilty Monday of serving as an unregistered agent for Saddam Hussein.

The jury took less than two hours to convict Khaled Abdel-Latif Dumeisi after the weeklong trial.

"This sends an important message that people can't come to our country and spy on their fellow

residents," U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Fitzgerald said.

Dumeisi, 61, was convicted of failing to obey a federal law that requires agents of foreign governments to register with the Justice Department.

Prosecutors maintained that the Palestinian-born Dumeisi spied on Iraqi dissidents because he was desperate for money and admired Saddam Hussein as the only true friend of the Palestinian cause in

the Mideast. They cited evidence of at least \$3,000 in payments from the Iraqis to the debt-ridden publisher.

The jury also convicted him of conspiring not to register, lying to an immigration officer and lying to a federal grand jury. Dumeisi faces up to 25 years in prison at sentencing March 30, but he is likely to get much less time under federal sentencing guidelines.

Dumeisi was not charged with

espionage, nor was he accused of terrorism.

His tiny suburban newspaper, Al Mahjar, was full of articles critical of U.S. Mideast policy and praising the now-deposed Iraqi leader.

Prosecutors launched the trial by showing a videotape of a speech Dumeisi gave at a birthday party in honor of Saddam at the Iraqi mission to the United Nations in New York. Prosecutors said the U.N. mission was a hotbed of intel-

ligence agents.

In the speech, he referred to Saddam as "our great leader" and "our inspired leader" and praised him for missile attacks against Israel, "the Zionist stronghold," at the time of the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Witnesses said Dumeisi received training in spying on a trip to Baghdad and even got a pen that was actually a combination tape recorder and camera.

Civil rights lawyer files lawsuit challenging Utah ban on polygamy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A civil rights attorney challenged Utah's ban on polygamy Monday, citing a Supreme Court ruling that struck down a Texas sodomy law.

The lawsuit says Salt Lake County clerks refused a marriage license to a couple because the man was already married to another woman, who had consented to the additional marriage.

In denying the marriage license, the county violated the plaintiffs' First Amendment right to practice their religion, attorney Brian Barnard said in the complaint.

The suit said polygamy is the plaintiffs' "sincere and deeply held religious tenet." The complaint does not say what religion

the plaintiffs observe.

The suit argues that the Supreme Court protected defendants' privacy in intimate matters when it struck down laws criminalizing gay sex last June, ruling that two gay men who were arrested after police entered their apartment and found them having sex were "entitled to respect for their private lives."

Polygamy, a felony under Utah law, was part of the early beliefs of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints but was abandoned more than a century ago as the territory sought statehood.

Some fundamentalist Mormons continue to believe in polygamy, and an estimated 30,000 in the West practice it.

Lawyers representing other polygamists have recently cited the Supreme Court ruling. Last month, the attorney for Tom Green, a convicted bigamist and child rapist, argued his client's convictions should be thrown out in light of the case. The appeal of Rodney Holm — who was convicted of bigamy and unlawful sexual conduct with an underage girl — also cites the Texas case.

Brian Barnard, who represents the couple in the most recent case, said his suit isn't clouded by rape or sexual misconduct. The plaintiffs are identified as G. Lee Cook, an adult male; his wife, D. Cook, who had given her consent to the additional marriage; and J. Bronson, an adult female.

Ad showing children laboring to pay off deficit wins contest

◆ *The 15 finalists in ad contest were announced last week; some 1500 people sent in applications*

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An advertisement showing images of children toiling on a grocery line and in a tire factory coupled with a simple line of text — "Guess who's going to pay off President Bush's \$1 trillion deficit?" — was chosen by a liberal advocacy group that invited people to enter a contest to create their own anti-Bush commercials.

The ad was chosen as the winner of the "Bush in 30 Seconds" television ad campaign sponsored by the online political organization MoveOn.com, which announced the winning ad Monday.

"It was judges' favorite by far, but also our members' favorite," said Eli Pariser, MoveOn's campaigns director. "It's about the future of the country and the effects of what Bush's policies will have."

Some 1,500 people sent in ideas, which were voted on by MoveOn members.

The 15 finalists were announced last week, with the winning ad selected by a panel of judges including Democratic consultant James Carville and

"It was judges' favorite by far, but also our members' favorite."

—Eli Pariser, MoveOn campaigns director

filmmaker Michael Moore.

"I wanted to point out how the Republican administration are big spenders, and it's my children and your children who are going to be footing the bill," said the winner, Charlie Fisher, a former Internet advertising executive.

The contest hasn't been without controversy. At least two submissions comparing Bush to Adolf Hitler appeared on the MoveOn Web site in December, prompting angry denunciations from Jewish groups and Republican National Committee chairman Ed Gillespie, who called it "political hate speech."

MoveOn representatives apologized, but the organization found itself on the defensive for much of the closing week of the campaign. Fisher's ad and some of the runners-up will air on CNN from Saturday through next week, when

Bush delivers his State of the Union address, Pariser said.

Illinois priest accepts prison deal in abuse case

CHICAGO (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest began serving a five-year prison sentence Monday after he agreed to plead guilty to charges of sexually abusing three children at a suburban Chicago church in 1984.

Fred Lenczycki, 59, pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated criminal sexual abuse for each of the victims, who prosecutors said were 12 when he fondled and ogled them at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Hinsdale.

"He wanted to get this case behind him," defense attorney Vincent Cornelius said.

The Illinois statute of limitations on sex crimes did not prevent prosecution because

Lenczycki later spent years outside the state when he was dispatched to Montara, Calif., for counseling and later to the Archdiocese of St. Louis, where he was a hospital chaplain. Had he remained in Illinois, the case would have been viable only for three years.

DuPage County State's Attorney Joe Birkett said he was pleased with the sentence.

"This is a good day for victims, but it's not going to undo the harm that's been done," Birkett said.

Birkett said he settled the case to avoid the chance that Lenczycki would get probation at trial.

Cornelius said the plea agreement was difficult for him to accept, though he did not advise his client to reject it. He said the lack of recent evidence and Lenczycki's offsetting good deeds during his time as a priest could have mitigated a sentence at trial.

Lenczycki spent Monday night at the county jail awaiting transfer into Illinois Corrections Department custody for assignment to a prison.

Birkett said he would ask the church to ban Lenczycki from a return to the priesthood, though Cornelius said, "He is very much resolved that his career as a Catholic priest is over."



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NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Schoolbus overturns, 26 injured

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A school bus overturned on a highway Monday morning, injuring the driver and many of the 26 children aboard.

The bus was carrying St. Louis students, ages 6 to 11, to a school in suburban Chesterfield as part of a voluntary desegregation program.

The accident happened on Interstate 64 about 10 miles outside the city limits. The bus flipped over after the driver crested a hill and found traffic was backed up. She tried to stop, but the bus skidded about 100 feet on its side, the Highway Patrol said.

No other vehicles were hit. Children were able to get out through a back door and through the front, where the impact knocked out the windshield.

The driver, Linda Gilley, 50, of St. Louis, and an 8-year-old were seriously hurt, and both underwent surgery late Monday. A 10-year-old, originally said to be in serious condition, was treated and released, a hospital spokesman said.

Hospital officials said most of the injuries were bumps and bruises.

New Jersey grants benefits to gays

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — New Jersey became the fifth state to recognize same-sex partnerships Monday, but activists said they will not stop the fight until openly gay couples can legally marry.

Under the new law, domestic partners will gain access to medical benefits, insurance and other legal rights. New Jersey also will recognize such partnerships granted in other states.

The bill does not authorize gay marriage, which is against the law in New Jersey and Gov. James E. McGreevey said he would not support legislation that would amend the state's marriage laws to include same-sex partners.

The law will not force businesses to offer health coverage to same-sex partners of employees but does require insurance companies to make it available. It also allows a surviving partner to gain property rights and other survivor's benefits.

"This legislation is a matter of fundamental decency," McGreevey said before signing the law.

Japanese delegation reviews mad cow

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Japanese scientists met with U.S. agriculture officials Monday about the investigation into mad cow disease, as more cows from a Washington state dairy farm were killed.

Agriculture officials are killing 129 cows from the farm in Mabton with ties to a Holstein that had the disease. Nine cows were euthanized Saturday and 22 on Monday, said a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Poll: Voters mixed on Blagojevich

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Nearly half of Illinois voters approve of the way Gov. Rod Blagojevich is doing his job, according to a new opinion poll, and a solid majority say he has generally kept his campaign promises during his first year in office.

Asked to rate Blagojevich's job performance, 7 percent said "excellent," and 40 percent responded "good." Thirty-three percent rated it "fair" and 12 percent "poor." Eight percent were undecided.

"We feel good about that," said Blagojevich spokeswoman Cheryl Jackson. "Only 12 percent gave us an unfavorable rating. Fair is not negative. It's a wait-and-see vote. The governor has only been in office a year, and they want

to wait and see how he continues to do."

When asked whether Blagojevich has kept his campaign promises, 58 percent said "yes" and 21 percent said "no." Twenty-one percent said they weren't sure.

The poll was conducted for Copley News Service and has a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points. Mason-Dixon Polling & Research Inc. questioned 625 registered voters last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Kent Redfield, a political studies professor at the University of Illinois at Springfield, said that while any politician wants an approval rating above 50 percent there is no reason for Blagojevich to panic.

"He inherited a situation in which it is

difficult for him to be proposing a lot of new things," Redfield said. "Get a booming economy, a lot of new programs, do something with education and you could be in really good shape four years from now."

Blagojevich, a Chicagoan, gets good ratings from voters in Chicago and Cook County, where 54 percent rate his performance "good" or "excellent." Voters in southern Illinois also give the governor fairly high marks: 49 percent approval.

Blagojevich's lowest approval ratings came in central Illinois. Only 37 percent of voters said Blagojevich is doing a "good" or "excellent" job. Even more telling, 19 percent of central Illinois respondents give him a "poor" rating, more than in any other region.

Company recalls 5,000 pounds of frozen beef

HARVEY (AP) — A suburban Chicago company has recalled more than 5,000 pounds of frozen beef brisket dinners that may be contaminated with listeria bacteria, which can cause serious food poisoning, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In a news release, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Sunday that American Kitchen Delights Inc. of Harvey was voluntarily recalling the dinners.

Being recalled are cases of frozen "Beef Brisket with Potatoes, Spinach and Gravy United Code 9229. According to the news release, the 8.7-ounce dinners were produced Dec. 31, 2003 and shipped to a wholesale distributor in Arizona and that none of them had reached consumers.

The USDA said the problem was discovered through routine microbiological testing.

SIU finds director for Public Policy Institute

CARBONDALE (AP) — Southern Illinois University officials on Monday named Mike Lawrence interim director of the school's Public Policy Institute, a think tank started by

the late former Sen. Paul Simon. Lawrence, a former Springfield bureau chief for the Chicago Sun-Times, served as associate director before taking over the top post.

He will oversee the institute until a national search is conducted for a permanent replacement, Chancellor Walter Wendler said.

Inmates flood cells with toilet water in protest

A handful of inmates at the Livingston County Jail were sick of the puffed rice cereal that had been on their breakfast menus day after day, so they flooded their cells with toilet water.

Although they got a chocolate-flavored cereal the next morning, jail officials say that was only because the other cereal had been used up. The protest cost the inmates some privileges, and they had to clean up the mess.

Incidents like last week's in Pontiac don't always make news but are common throughout Illinois and the United States, experts say.

"Larger jails and prisons have problems like this on a daily basis," Livingston County Sheriff Bob McCarty said. "It's one of the primary means of expressing displeasure with the system."

Charles Fassano, a director of the John Howard Association, likened such protests to the democratic process.

"Instead of voting with a ballot, they vote with their food trays and toilets," said Fassano, director of the prisons and jails program for the Chicago-based prisons watchdog group.

Illinois pays \$25 million to assess property holding

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Some lawmakers are wary of Gov. Rod Blagojevich's plan to pay a politically connected group of firms \$25 million to review the state's property and leases.

The three-year deal with Illinois Property Asset Management could save hundreds of millions of dollars by selling unnecessary office space or consolidating operations, officials of the Democratic administration said.

Upon his arrival in office last year, Michael Rumman, director of the

Department Central Management Services, said there was no complete inventory of owned or leased property, including more than 60 million square feet of office space.

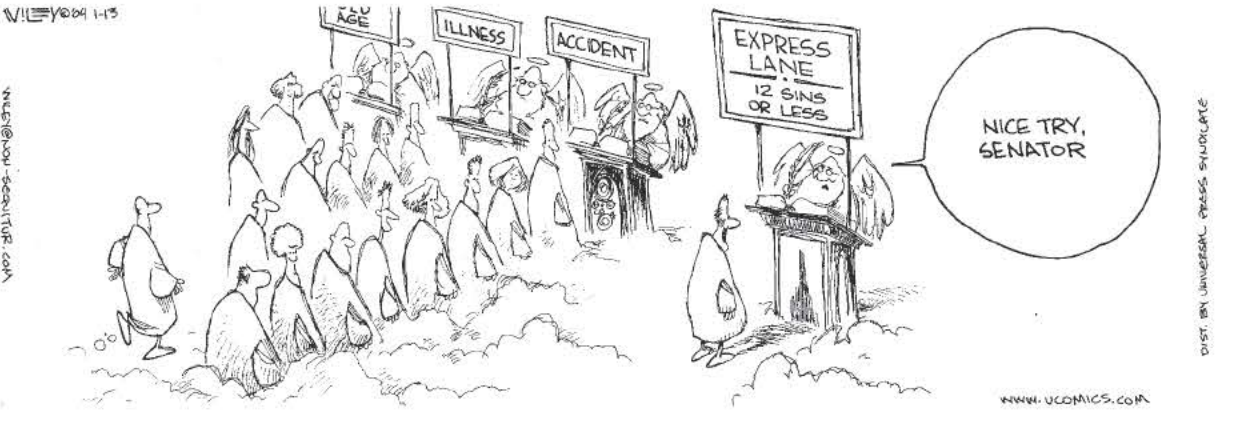
"What we're trying to do is clean up the last 30 years," Rumman said. "How did we get to this state, because it's absolutely atrocious the way our administration received this mess."

He predicted the review could save the state \$100 million to \$200 million by determining how much state-used

property is worth, its maintenance costs and future space needs. That could lead to the sale of some property and merging some operations into others.

Illinois Property Asset Management is a consortium of five firms, including a division of Mesirow Financial Inc. Mesirow advised Blagojevich on his \$10 billion pension-borrowing deal last year. As a consultant, it employed William Filan, brother of Blagojevich budget director John Filan.

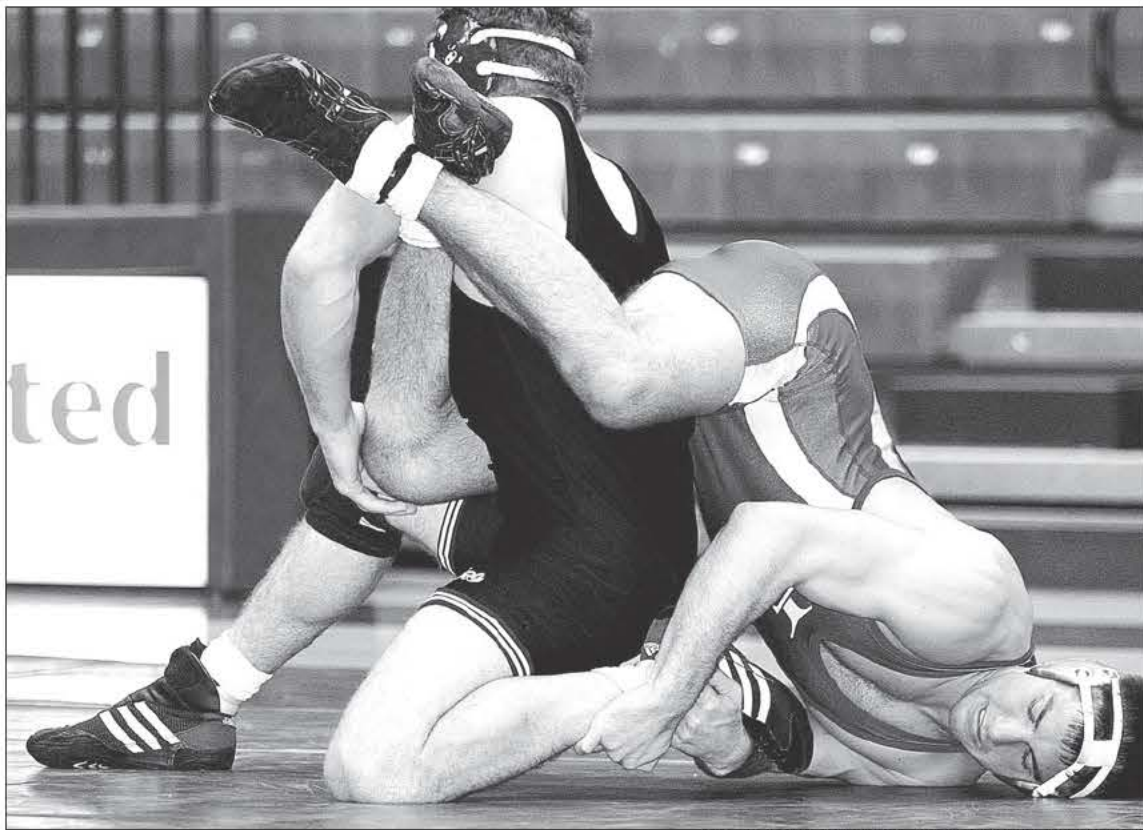
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Eastern junior Pete Ziminski grapples against Northern Iowa University sophomore Michael Shedek in the 285 pound match Friday evening in Lantz Arena. Eastern lost its home opener 44-3.

Panthers take a rest

◆ *Mounting injuries, losses force fatigued wrestlers to take time off*

By Dan Renick
STAFF WRITER

The Panther wrestlers will take a break after another big loss, head coach Ralph McCausland said.

Eastern dropped to 4-6 after a 37-3 loss to Northwestern Sunday at Lantz Arena. Injuries forced seniors Matt Veach and Pat Dowty as well as Jim Kassner, Adam Sesso and Kenny Robertson to sit out of against the Wildcats.

"These were the guys placing in tournaments all year," McCausland said. "It's frustrating that now that duals have come they have to sit on the bench."

Eastern, who had six underclassmen in the line-up, lost the first five matches by close decisions and got their only points of the night from junior heavyweight Pete Ziminski's 2-1 victory. They also forfeited two weight classes and were technically failed at two other. Ziminski, 28-9, recorded the only Panther victories in their last two dual meets.

"The freshmen have stepped in with no qualms," McCausland said. "We need to keep them focused."

The Panthers had a short Christmas Break and have wrestled six dual meets in the last nine days.

"Physically and emotionally we are hurting right now," McCausland said.

The team is going to take time to get things back together.

"We're going to take a few days off to rekindle the fire," McCausland

said. "The boys need a break."

It is a perfect time to regroup before they welcome Big Ten powerhouse Purdue to Lantz, who is ranked #20 in the nation, next Sunday.

It's unclear if Dowty (15-6), and Veach, (22-4) who have both sat out the last two meets, will be in Eastern's starting line up, McCausland said.

McCausland is not opposed to holding out all of his experienced upperclassmen until the NCAA Regional meet if it rehabilitation takes that long. Eastern will compete against Air Force, Northern Iowa, Wyoming and Fresno State on March 6.

"Our key goal is the regional meet," McCausland said. "We want to give them the best chance to succeed."

Clemens unretires, signs with Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Roger Clemens throws quite a curveball, too.

Clemens changed course Monday, ending his much-ballyhooed retirement after only 78 days and agreeing to pitch with close friend Andy Pettitte on their hometown Houston Astros.

At 41, the six-time Cy Young

winner got a one-year deal for \$5 million. Instead of finishing in Yankee pinstripes, the Rocket splashed down in Spacetown.

"I took to heart what Wayne Gretzky told me and Michael (Jordan) and Emmitt Smith and even Johnny Bench," Clemens said. "It's great to come home."

Once his wife and four boys

approved, Clemens got the one final OK he needed to hear.

"My mother gave it her blessing," he said.

For more than a year, Clemens insisted 2003 would be his final season. But that changed after the Yankees lost the World Series and Pettitte left New York.

Blues gun down Hawks in shootout

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Chris Pronger scored twice and added an assist, and the St. Louis Blues prolonged Chicago's road woes by beating the Blackhawks 7-4 Monday night.

Chicago is winless in 14 straight on the road (0-13-0-1). The Blackhawks have not won away from home since beating Nashville on Nov. 7.

Christian Backman, Pavol Demitra, Scott Mellanby, Ryan Johnson and Mike Danton also scored for St. Louis. Mark Bell, Bryan Berard, Keith Calder and Alexei Zhamnov had the Chicago goals.

Neither starting goalie made it to the finish. St. Louis' Chris Osgood allowed four goals on 14 shots and was pulled for Reinhard Divis. Chicago's Michael Leighton got the hook in favor of Steve Passmore after giving up four goals on 16 shots.

The Blackhawks spotted the Blues a 3-0 lead in the first 12:14, then scored late in the opening period and three times early in the second to briefly take the lead.

Bell cut it to 3-1 at 17:02 of the first when his shot from the top of the left circle beat Osgood through his legs. Berard then scored a power-play goal from the left point 49 seconds into the second, and Calder put a bad bounce off the end boards past a surprised Osgood at 4:16 to tie it 3-3.

With the Blues again short-handed, Zhamnov gave Chicago the lead and chased Osgood when his shot sailed over Osgood's glove 50 seconds later. But Mellanby tied it 53 seconds after that on a wrist shot from the right side. That caused Leighton's departure.

Pronger scored what turned out to be the game-winning goal when he converted Weight's centering pass while moving in from the blue line at 10:06 of the second period. Johnson added an insurance tally at 8:55 of the third and Danton scored an empty-net goal with 1:31 remaining.

The Blues, who scored three goals in their previous four games, got three on their first five shots.

Dispute over rooftop seats now settled

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Cubs and most owners of rooftop bleachers that overlook Wrigley Field have reached an agreement that would require the owners to pay the team millions of dollars a year, officials said.

Under the 20-year agreement, owners of 11 buildings have to give the Cubs 17 percent of their gross revenue, Alderman Thomas Tunney said Sunday. With about 1,700 seats on the rooftops, it could cost owners more than \$2 million a year.

Owners for two of the 13 build-

ings did not agree to the deal and plan to take the issue to trial.

Calls to the Cubs by The Associated Press were not immediately returned Monday.

The Cubs had been arguing with the rooftop owners over plans to expand the stadium without obstructing the view from the rooftops. After negotiations broke down, the Cubs sued the owners in December 2002. The lawsuit accused the owners of stealing the team's product, copyright infringement and unjust enrichment at the Cubs' expense.

Bears' new choices: Grim, Smith for coach

LAKE FOREST, (AP) — Russ Grimm described himself Monday as a "blue collar guy, meat and potatoes" who would welcome the chance to coach the Chicago Bears.

Grimm, one of the "Hogs" who played in four Super Bowls as a guard with the Washington Redskins, is one of at least two finalists for the job and came to Halas Hall to make the rounds and answer questions Monday.

St. Louis Rams defensive coordinator Lovie Smith will do the same

Tuesday when he meets with Bears general manager Jerry Angelo, CEO Ted Phillips and the McCaskey family that owns the team.

Grimm, who is in the running this year for the Hall of Fame, has spent the last three years as the offensive line coach of the Pittsburgh Steelers. He also coached the Redskins offensive line and their tight ends after retiring in 1992 following an 11-year career.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Eastern driving toward first conference win

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern will be looking for that elusive first conference victory as the Panthers square off against Southeast Missouri State Tuesday evening.

The Panthers (3-10, 0-2) will attempt to knock off the preseason Ohio Valley Conference favorite in its own building.

"We need to become aggressive toward defending our home floor," Eastern head coach Linda Wunder said.

Wunder stressed that her squad needs to shoot the ball better in order to pull close games out in the final minutes.

"Those shots are going to fall but we have gotta take good shots," Wunder said. "Sometimes it's a matter of conference teams knowing your tendencies better."

The Eastern coach has been impressed with the defensive effort from her team in the two OVC losses as the Panthers have only allowed 62.5 points per game and opponents are shooting less than 38 percent from the field.

"I think we've done a good job defensively and I'm happy with the effort on that end of the floor," Wunder said.

The Otahkians have already received instant respect from the Panthers coaching staff when they sat down to scout them by being ranked number one before the season started.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Freshman forward Meagan Scaggs drives down the court against Tennessee Tech University Thursday night in Lantz Arena. Scaggs had seven rebounds in Eastern's 71-63 loss.

"They get credibility from us by returning a lot of players and the fact they defeated us three times last year," Wunder

said. The Panthers will rely on its three starters who are averaging double figures

in scoring. Junior Pam O'Connor is leading the team in points with 16.2 points per game along with senior Lauren Dailey earning 13.2 and sophomore Meghan Sparks putting up nearly 11.

Eastern understands that it needs veteran leadership to get the ball rolling in conference play.

"All of your captains have to step up because we can't sit back and wait for teams to hand us victories," Wunder said.

SEMO plays a up-tempo style and will attempt to rattle Eastern's pair of freshman guards (Meghan Casad and Melanie Ploger) by pressuring them with a full-court press.

"Controlling the tempo against them is a big key because they will pick us up full court but I'm pleased with the progress with our point guards," Wunder said.

SEMO also comes to Charleston with three players in double figures but is led by senior guard Kenja White who had 29 points in its 102-90 overtime win over Tennessee Tech.

Eastern does not consider this game a must-win yet, but understands that every conference game at home holds more value, especially when Wunder has beaten the Otahkians in five straight contests.

"We have to be able to defend our home court, but we're still trying to see where we stack up with some of the other OVC contenders," Wunder said.

Focusing:

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Thankfully for Sutton and the Golden Eagles, Griffin had an off-night on the offensive side scoring four points in 34 minutes of action, but made his presence felt by grabbing eight rebounds and swatting a pair of shots.

"He probably didn't have a typical 'numbers' game against us," Sutton said. "We kept him from getting the ball close to basket, but (defensively) he was the leading rebounder in the game."

For the majority of his career, Griffin has shined the brightest against tough competition. In December of 2002, Griffin dropped a career-high 22 points against a Southern Illinois University team that made the 2003 NCAA Tournament. Three weeks later, Griffin nearly put up a triple-double against Creighton's NCAA tournament team with nine points, 13 rebounds and nine assists.

"He's big and athletic and an extremely good passer," Sutton said. "We tried to double team him, but he finds the open guy to pass too."

Although Sutton has only coached against Griffin in three contests, he was quick to comment on the center's leadership abilities.

"(Along with guard/forward Damarcus Hince) he is part of the senior leadership," Sutton said. "He's involved in all the plays and makes his presence felt."

A transfer from Southwest Mississippi Community College where he won all-state honors averaging 14 points and 7.5 rebounds per game, Griffin established a new SEMO Division 1-A rebounding record with 314 last year. He was the runner-up for the OVC Newcomer of the Year award last season and this year was named as the top rebounder in the OVC by Lindy's Basketball Preview.

"He's definitely one of the premiere players in the league," Sutton said.



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Brandon Griffin 6-7, 215, Jr. 11.0 ppg, 7.2 rpg	C	Jesse Mackinson 6-8, 210, Sr. 5.7 ppg, 4.6 rpg
Norman Prather 6-3, 200, Jr. 5.0 ppg, 3.3 rpg	G	Emanuel Dildy 6-1, 180, Jr. 5.2 ppg, 4.0 rpg
Derek Winnans 6-2, 160, Jr. 12.6 ppg, 2.1 rpg	G	Jason Wright 5-10, 185 lbs, Jr. 10.0 ppg, 3.1 rpg

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In that game, Tennessee Tech came back from a 10-point deficit at halftime to take a 3-point lead at the 10 minute mark of the second half. From then on TTU went on a 13-0 run to cap the game and finish off the Otahkians.

"SEMO is a team we have to be careful with because they have improved from last year," Samuels said. "Their two losses at home will make them a very hungry team by the time they get here, and there is no doubt they will want that first conference victory."

One factor that will put the Panthers at a disadvantage will be the fact that they will have to play without junior forward Andy Gobjczynski, who will not play

against SEMO due to an inflamed right elbow injury. The seriousness of the injury is uncertain, as Samuels even thought that his forward would be back in action by Tuesday night.

"It's hard to tell about the length of the injury because it is something I have been playing with since before Christmas," Gobjczynski said. "I've had to get it drained three times so far, and it still is pretty painful."

Gobjczynski had worked this season to put himself back into the team's rotation, so this set back in his progress hurts the team as they continue to look for people step into leadership positions.

The OVC contest will start at 7:35 p.m. and is the second in a series of five straight games at home for Eastern.

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The Cubbies lost Kenny Lofton. I almost forgot why we picked Lofton up in the first place. Maybe I'm not the only forgetful one. Lets refresh our memories.

Corey Patterson went down early in July with a torn ACL. Therefore, the Cubs went out and got Kenny Lofton on July 22. Now that Patterson is back, I guess Lofton isn't quite necessary,

although he would be a nice back-up. Imagine a team so stacked they have Todd Walker and Kenny Lofton on the bench.

I don't even have to mention the pitching staff. I would like to see the Cubs get one more starter. Ahem, Greg Maddux, ahem.

Well, you don't even need a Maddux caliber pitcher. With the first four guys in that rotation I'd take Kevin Foster as a fifth.

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Not as good without Da Bears

Football is great. Over break I watched so much football I think I missed a few meals. And let me tell you, I rarely miss a meal.

There was Michigan and USC in the Rose Bowl. There was LSU and Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl. There was the Packers and the Seahawks. How salty does Matt Hasselbeck feel? There was the Packers and the Eagles. Favre's destiny meets Donovan McNabb's legs.

The best game I saw over break was the Carolina vs. St. Louis game. If anyone thinks they saw a better game over break, they're wrong. You probably haven't seen a better football game in the past year, with the exception when "Peanut" Tillman ripped the ball from Randy Moss in the end zone to send the Vikings back to Minnesota with an extra tally in the L column.

As good as all the football playoffs were over break, it was missing something. I can't quite put my finger on what it was. But it was missing...oh wait, that's right...the Chicago Bears!

As much as I love football, when my team is out of it I found myself not nearly as glued to the television as I would've been if the Monsters of the Midway were on. Don't get me wrong, I still watched a lot of football over break but not with the same intensity I would have if "Da Bears" were playing.

I guess I'm in denial. I mean, I've been walking around the past two weekends wearing a Jim Miller jersey and a bears cap.

With the Chicago Bears final loss to the Chiefs this season, my mind switched gears. What gear did my mind switch to? I'll give you a hint. It's round and you hit it with a bat. That's right, Baseball is on my mind.

The Cubs have made some huge moves. The two biggest moves that come to mind are the trade for first baseman Derek Lee and the acquisition of relief pitcher LaTroy Hawkins.

The Cubs went out with a bang last year but lets not talk about 2003. I may start crying. Next year is THE year. That's right Cubs fans, you heard it here first. The Chicago Cubs will win the World Series in 2004.

Just think about the middle of the lineup. I thought when we had Sosa, McGriff and Alou we were stacked but listen to these names. How about Sosa, Lee, Alou, Ramirez batting 3-6?

How loaded is the Cubs lineup? The man who was the hardest to strike out in the American League last year, Todd Walker, is on our bench! Imagine that!

With the loss of Jose Cruz Jr., Benito Santiago and Rich Aurilia, Barry Bonds would swim to Chicago and back if it meant the Giants could acquire the likes of Todd Walker.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

SEMO not so different



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Aaron Patterson scores two points under the basket against Austin Peay during Eastern's Saturday night in Lantz Arena. Patterson scored 12 points in Eastern's 60-53 loss.

Eastern having similar season

By Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

Similarities between Eastern and the Southeast Missouri squad that will be playing on Tuesday at Lantz Arena can be drawn from both of the teams performances early on in conference competition.

Both teams had golden opportunities to win their last game in the OVC. The Panthers (3-9, 1-1), who lost to Austin Peay in the final minutes, could have started off 2-0 in the conference but lost by seven points as the team faltered in the final few minutes of regulation.

SEMO (7-6, 0-2) also lost its last matchup in the OVC, and it was also a game that they could have won but did not play as well as needed in the second half to get a victory.

The SEMO loss was especially troubling for the team because last year they struggled in conference play. The Indians went 5-11 last year in the OVC, and two losses early this year have put the team in a tough position in the conference because they now travel to Lantz Arena in danger of losing their third in a row.

While Eastern has been tough to beat in Lantz, they still could not beat Austin Peay in a crucial conference meeting.

"Well, obviously, we want to take care of business at home and get victories," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said. "Going into the conference season we weren't playing well, but we have turned that around and it was disappointing that we didn't get that victory against Austin Peay."

In both of the teams' recent losses, the lack of experience in both squads showed as the pressure was on in the second half. The Panthers allowed a 7-2 run over the last two minutes of the game against the Governors, while the final two minutes didn't matter for SEMO as Tennessee Tech started their run with 10 minutes left in the game.

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Brandon Griffin

	FG%	PPG	RPG	APG
2002-03	57.3%	11.9	10.5	2.4
2003-04	51.3%	11.0	7.2	3.4
CAREER	55.0%	11.5	8.9	2.9

♦ Note: Griffin's stats from his two seasons at Southwest Mississippi Community College were not available.

"He's such a good passer near the perimeter that he is difficult to guard."

Mike Sutton,
Tennessee Tech coach

Focusing on the center

♦ Shutting down SEMO center Brandon Griffin is key to Panthers' game plan

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

If the Eastern men's basketball team hopes to continue their recent dominance over Southeast Missouri State and improve to 2-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference, the Panthers will need to shut down big man Brandon Griffin.

Eastern leads the all-time series with SEMO 15-12 and has won four of the last six meetings. But making that successful streak five of the last seven games will be a challenge, thanks in large part to Griffin.

Griffin, a 6 foot 8 inch senior center, ranks near the top in most of the major statistical categories for the

Indians. Heading into Tuesday's game with Eastern, Griffin is tops in field goal percentage (.513), and rebounds averaging just over seven per game. The Greensburg, La. native also leads the team with 44 assists and is third on the team averaging 11 points per contest.

Due to his solid all-around play, Griffin will more than likely give Panthers head coach Rick Samuels headaches during the game. If this is the case, Samuels should not feel in the minority. Griffin presented Tennessee Tech coach Mike Sutton plenty to worry about when the two squads met on Jan. 10.

"We spent a lot of attention in practice trying to stop him," Sutton said. "He's such a good passer near the perimeter that he is difficult to guard."

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