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Men's basketball coach makes
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101 reasons to bid adieu

Eastern will not renew women basketball coach Linda Wunder's contract

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern found 101 reasons for women's basketball coach Linda Wunder not to return to Charleston next season.

Director of athletics Rich McDuffie announced Monday Wunder, the women's head basketball coach for the past five years, will not have her contract renewed for the 2004-2005 season.

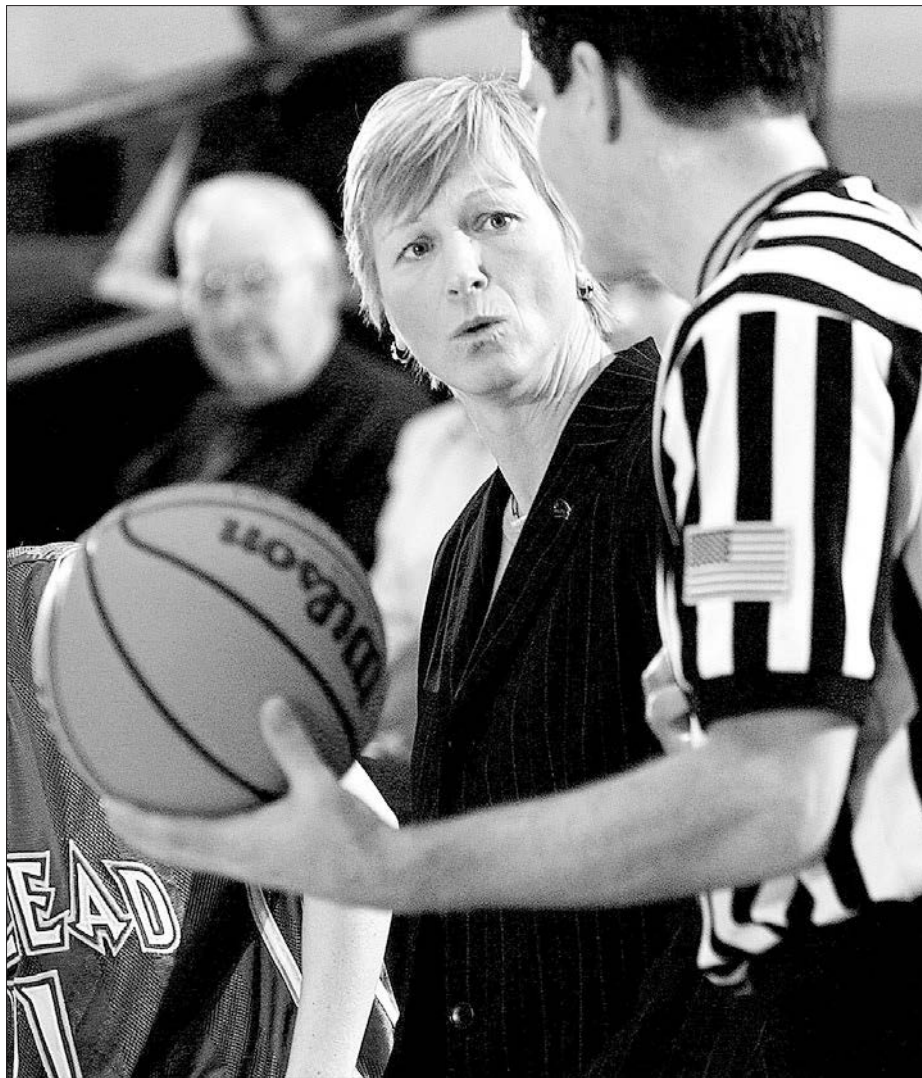
"It was simply disappointing that there was no further development over the past three years," McDuffie said. "I felt we needed new leadership right away."

In five years at the helm, Wunder compiled a 36-101 record with the Panthers including an 8-19 overall and 5-11 in the Ohio Valley Conference this season, which placed them ninth in the 11-team league.

Before coming to Eastern, Wunder had successful seasons at Division-III Wisconsin Stevens-Point, Miami (Ohio) and Fresno State but never had more than eight wins in Charleston.

"When you have a high expectation level for yourself and you don't meet those goals it's hard to say exactly what happened," Wunder said. "It's kinda like when a student expects a 4.0 (GPA) and gets a 2.5."

McDuffie confirmed Monday he informed Wunder two weeks ago that Eastern would not renew her contract next season. Eastern was 36-101 under Wunder.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Former Eastern Illinois University women's basketball coach, Linda Wunder, argues with an official during a game against Morehead State University Feb. 19 in Lantz Arena. Eastern's department of athletics announced Monday that it will not renew Wunder's contract next season. Eastern was 36-101 under Wunder.

Universities attempting to comply with law

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Three other state schools are trying to comply with an ethics law that requires all state employees to document their time worked in 15 minute increments.

Rebecca Rausch, spokeswoman for Gov. Rod Blagojevich, said the deadline for universities to be compliant with the law and have a system in place for recording the time was March 1.

Administrators from Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University and Western Illinois University are still working on ways to record the time of their state employees as required by the ethics law.

Ken Zehnder, assistant director of external relations for Northern, said "We will meet the March first deadline in terms of policy and hourly workers," but a system for state employees who receive a salary may not be in place.

Zehnder said Northern President John Peters created a committee to develop a plan for the college to follow and to study the ethics requirement.

"The group the president has put together hasn't come up with a proposal yet," Zehnder said and added more clarification will be needed in the law.

Eastern President Lou Hencken said he would also request more information and clarification on the requirements of the law and an interpretation of the law from the Attorney General or the ethics commission.

Zehnder said the law just requires universities to have a process in place and said Northern will proceed depending on what its committee recommends.

Scott Kaiser, assistant to the president at Southern, said "We plan to comply. We're still determining how exactly we will accomplish that."

Kaiser said the law has raised concerns from faculty members and said they have voiced those opinions to administrators at Southern.

"I think there are general concerns from faculty about how exactly they will be required to log their time," Kaiser said.

Southern has people on both of its campuses working on the implementation process, Kaiser said.

Bruce Biagini, university legal council for Western, said an online test will be given to all employees, who will then be graded on their performance. Employees will read the ethics law and then will be asked specific questions about the material they just read, Biagini said. If an employee fails the test, they will be required to take it again.

"I think it's going to work very well," he said. "We need to make sure (employees) understand this is the law and they need to comply with it. This is not optional."

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Massaging your stresses away



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Rachel Pinson, junior exercise science major and massage therapist for the Health Education Resource Center, gives a massage at the HERC Monday afternoon.

By Ryan Terrell
STAFF WRITER

In an effort to help alleviate the stress college students endure, Eastern's Health Services is now offering chair massages given by a certified massage therapist.

The massages can be purchased in five, 10 or 15 minute sessions costing \$1 per minute, which can be charged to students' accounts.

"A lot of times people are not adequately prepared for tests," Davidson said. "The massages will not entirely solve your stress problems, but will help alleviate the symptoms of stress."

Massage therapy is currently only open to students, but Davidson said the service may soon be open to faculty.

Michelle Drum, owner of the Razorz Edge, a local salon and day spa, said massage therapy can help to lower blood pressure, heart rates, relieve tight muscles and improve breathing motions.

"People who are stressed out tend to breath from the diaphragm up when they should be breathing more deeply than that," Drum said. "Massage therapy can help you breathe correctly and increase the amount of oxygen your body gets."

"Muscles in the human body accumulate toxins over a long period of time. These toxins tighten your muscles, causing discomfort. The human touch can help dispel those toxins in your muscles," she said.


The massages at Health Services are given by Rachel Pinson, who holds a national certification for therapeutic massage and bodywork. Pinson said she employs a general Swedish technique in massages on the back, arms and neck.

"We offer various kinds of stress therapy," Pinson said. "From the massages to breathing exercises or meditative therapy."

Pinson said she first proposed the idea of massage therapy for students to the recreation center, but they declined the offer. She then went to Health Services, who liked the idea of offering massage therapy as part of their stress-free program.


"We're still experimenting with it," said Eric Davidson, associate director of Health Services. "We've had about 10 students come in for the massage so far."


Students interested in massage therapy can make appointments by calling 581-7786.


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Monday
Light showers

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A smooth stroke

University painters Jeff Downey (right) and Steve Pearcy paint the frame around a window at the entrance of the University Ballroom Monday afternoon in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

Speaker talks ERA

By Katherine Roche
STAFF WRITER

The United States is one of the few countries in the world which does not give women equal rights in its national constitution.

Laurel Prussing said most Americans think the Equal Rights Amendment, or ERA, is already an amendment in the United States during her lecture last night in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Prussing, a former Illinois state representative from the 103rd district, tried to debunk this myth in the lecture titled, "ERA, Simple Justice... It's Time."

The Equal Rights Amendment would amend the United States Constitution to give equal rights to women, just as the Illinois state constitution already does. Already with 35 state legislators in support of the Equal Right Amendment, three more states are needed for ratification.

A nationwide movement known to the Equal Rights Amendment supporters as the, "three-state strategy," is working to get voters from each district in Illinois to persuade their state senators to be in favor of ERA. Prussing urges that just one well written letter or phone call can make a difference.

"Even a simple phone message asking to support ERA can make a difference," Prussing said. "You don't have to discuss pros or cons, they just need to know the people in their district want them to support ERA."

In 2001, the president of ERA-Illinois introduced the motion to the Illinois House. Seventy-one votes were needed, and it received 70. Illinois is the only northern state not to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment.

Based on a poll by the Chicago Tribune in 2003, 65 percent of voters are in support of ERA, with 19 percent being opposed. Prussing stressed polls are not enough, it's the state senators that need to be persuaded.

"Some of the senators that voted against ERA voted no simply because they didn't want to deal with people screaming in their face about it," Prussing said.

Prussing said the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment would change the attitude in society, change pensions and health care and would help the high unemployment rates decrease. Prussing is the founder of ERA Yes!, which works for ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment.

CHARLESTON CITY COUNCIL

Hiked water rates may become part of next billing period

◆ *City council will decide ordinance's fate at tonight's meeting*

By Jessica Youngs
CITY EDITOR

A proposed increase in water and sewage rates could take effect for the next billing period if the Charleston City Council moves to pass an ordinance amending the rates at its meeting tonight.

Tonight's meeting will be the second look at the ordinance that was placed on file for public inspection two weeks ago, said City Manager Scott Smith who is

recommending a 3.2 percent increase per 1,000 gallons of water used.

The council will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the council chambers located at 520 Jackson Ave.

According to the ordinance, current Charleston residents' water usage is metered at \$7.11 for every 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons. With the proposed increase, residents would pay \$7.34 for every 1,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons.

After 10,000 gallons of use, the old rate of \$6.85 could be increased to \$7.07 per gallon.

The university pays a slightly smaller rate per 1,000 gallons.

In other business, Smith said

he is recommending that the council table an ordinance amending amusement licenses for coin-operated machines.

The ordinance, which was placed on file for public inspection at the last council meeting on Feb. 2, received numerous inquiries and a letter, Smith said.

He said he is recommending the council table the ordinance until a public hearing can be conducted in April.

Other items to be discussed include:

◆ A resolution abating Thea property tax levy for general obligation bonds for the water

treatment plant.

◆ An ordinance previously placed on file for public inspection amending garbage licenses for scavenger services within the city to \$100 for a license and \$50 per vehicle.

◆ An ordinance amending Ordinance Title III, Chapter 8 raising the license cost for mobile home parks from \$25 to \$50. Smith said tonight's ordinance has been modified since the last council meeting which recommended changing the \$25 per park license fee to a \$10 per lot fee.

◆ A resolution authorizing the extension of an agreement with ABM Farms to farm the

Walden Tract adjacent to the waste water treatment plan for the amount of \$33,000.

◆ A resolution requesting street closure on Sixth Street from Jackson and Monroe avenues and on Monroe Avenue from Sixth to Seventh streets for the Gregg Toland Day Festival on Sep. 25.

◆ A bid award for a three-year mowing contract with Maddison Landscaping Lawn services for \$98,895.69.

◆ An ordinance providing for sensible rehabilitation within the Tax Increment Financing District for the sidewalk area around the courthouse on the Square.

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Viruses, outdated wiring spurs Internet system failure

◆ *Rewiring project will solve network woes, debut by next semester*

By David Thill
STAFF WRITER

Some Eastern students living on campus spent the weekend without Internet access because of an ongoing war. Information Technology Services is waging against computer viruses.

"Certain buildings were blocked over the weekend because of viruses," Administrative Coordinator for ITS Max Swango said. "We are still fighting the problem; there are still a lot of machines to work on."

The problem stems from individual students who are not downloading Microsoft Windows security patches or updating their virus protection software as often as they should, he said.

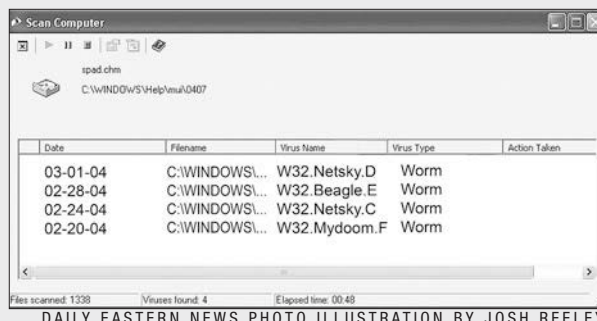
In Need of the Internet!

◆ The following residence halls are still waiting for Web access:

- ◆ Douglas
- ◆ Lawson
- ◆ Pemberton
- ◆ Stevenson
- ◆ Thomas

◆ Andrews, Carman, Ford, Lincoln, McKinney, Taylor and Weller residence halls have Internet access

*As of Monday afternoon



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY JOSH REELEY

Hudson said ITS is working on the problem to try to find a solution to get the Internet service to a stable level.

In addition to fighting the viruses, ITS is in the process of updating the current network infrastructure. This process includes a complete replacement of wiring and networking hardware in the administrative side of the network.

Director of ITS John Henderson previously said that the current wiring was outdated and was causing the network to crash earlier this year.

However, the current virus problems will not affect the progress on the updates, Swango said.

The rewiring project began Jan. 27, and is scheduled to be completed by Aug. 15.

Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining services, said the students need to update their software because the viruses affecting the network are "so devastating."

"System instability is not up to what the students deserve," Hudson said.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS
3-year-old Jack Bennett helps his 2-year-old sister Jenna cross a bridge on the playground Monday afternoon at Morton Park on Lincoln Avenue.

Students flock to Charleston parks to escape winter blues

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER

As the weather continues to show signs of spring's arrival, many Eastern students are taking advantage of the warmer temperatures and venturing out to local parks.

Brian Jones, the director of the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department, said students are eager to escape the indoors.

"Whenever the weather gets warmer, everyone wants to get in the sun and enjoy outdoor activities," Jones said.

Many parks around the area suit the needs of the public, especially those of Eastern students.

Stretched over 440 acres, Lake Charleston contains many opportunities for the public to get outdoors, Jones said.

Lake Charleston, located south on Route 130, is home to various amenities, including a hiking trail, fishing and boating docks and picnic areas.

According to Jones, there are many possibilities at Sister City Park, the closest park to Eastern's

“Whenever the weather gets warmer, everyone wants to get in the sun and enjoy outdoor activities”
Brian Jones, director of Charleston Recreation

campus. The park, also located south on Route 130, contains basketball courts, baseball diamonds and soccer fields.

The city has just added two sand volleyball courts, and the tennis court will be open for public use as

soon as a new net is installed, Jones said.

Found on Vine and Division streets, North Park's distinguishing characteristic is its skate park, the only one in the city.

"The skate park is up there for rollerbladers, skateboarders and cyclers," Jones said.

The park also includes basketball courts and softball diamonds.

Most students use the area parks to take a break from the rigors of college life.

Melanie Taggart, a freshman undeclared major, sees the city parks as a place to relax and escape the pressures of school.

"(The parks) give me a chance to hang out with friends and have a good time," Taggart said.

Jacky Bodis, a freshman career and technical education major, agreed with Taggart saying she'd like to have a picnic in a city park.

Gabrielle Burke, a freshman psychology major, said she enjoys being outdoors, regardless of which park she visits.

"I enjoy relaxing, taking my best friends and having good conversation," Burke said.

Presidential scholarships to aid 20 freshmen in fall 2004

By Evan Hill
CAMPUS EDITOR

High school seniors seeking an affordable education now have an added incentive to attend Eastern next fall.

Twenty incoming freshman beginning school during fall 2004 will have an opportunity to have their tuition and fees paid at Eastern for four years, Herbert Lasky, dean of the Honors College,

said. President Lou Hencken said he originally proposed the Presidential Scholars scholarship at an October 2003 board meeting of the EIU Foundation.

The EIU Foundation encourages philanthropy and develops private sector support to Eastern, according to their web site, <http://www.eiu.edu/~found>.

Hencken said the foundation is in the process of setting up an

endowment to pay for four years of tuition and fees for 20 incoming freshman who meet "very high academic standards."

Lasky said the criteria requires that applicants graduate in the top 10 percent of their class, graduate high school with a 3.5 cumulative GPA and have an ACT score of at least 30.

The recipients are also required to maintain good academic standing with Eastern's Honors College

for four years, Lasky said.

According to the Honors College's web site, the honor's program requires students graduate with at least a 3.5 cumulative GPA. Students are also required to take a minimum of 25 credits of honors classes during their time at Eastern.

Lasky said the presidential scholars are selected by the Honors Council. The nine person council is composed of three stu-

dents, six administrators and faculty members. It is chaired by Martha Brown, dean of Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Science.

Hencken said the goal for the program is to raise \$1.5 million for the endowment in the next three or four years. Though the goal is several years off, the first group of 20 students will receive the scholarship for the fall 2004 semester.

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EDITORIAL

Governor recognizes funds needed

Dear Gov. Blagojevich,

Thank you for proving it is possible for Eastern to receive money for the renovations to the Doudna Fine Arts Center. The university was finally awarded \$46 million last week by the Capital Development Board, helping prevent irreversible harm to the school and students.

Thousands of dollars will no longer be lost each year to rent a temporary facility while the existing arts center sits empty, waiting for construction crews to convert it into a modern facility. Eastern has rented two facilities for more than \$152,000 to hold classes while Doudna is under construction.

The project will still be behind and ensue extra costs in addition to the time delay since the funds were not released earlier.

Construction will add 90,000 square feet to the 104,000 existing structure. There are hopes work will begin by May, President Lou

Hencken said last week. The finished Doudna building could lead to additional enrollment, helped by the extra classrooms, he said.

If the funds were not approved at all, Eastern would have had bigger problems and been forced to reconsider the project. Plans would have been redrawn and sacrifices could have been made. Amenities that would help Eastern's faculty perform its job more efficiently and increase its productivity could have been cut.

It is an especially positive thing funds were still awarded to our university in the midst of current state budget deficit.

This is an example Chicago schools are not always given top priority for the release of funds.

The money was not initially expected to come through for the next fiscal year.

The university can continue to move forward in its goals to provide students with an affordable, high-quality education.

Eastern is home to the minds of over 10,000 students and over 1,600 dedicated faculty and staff members; all of whom are worthy of the best this state has to offer.

Thank you for remembering us.

Sincerely,

The editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*

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OPINION

Take your coat off and stay awhile



Matt Williams

News editor and semi-monthly columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

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I walked into my house Friday afternoon to find four of my six roommates had gone home for the weekend. On the nicest weekend since November, my roommates along with several others, left Charleston with only two weeks remaining until Spring Break.

It is sad to say this is not a rare occurrence on this campus. Eastern has rightfully earned the tag of a suitcase campus and the students need to open their eyes to what they miss by skipping town on a regular basis.

I hear students complain about how there is nothing to do in Charleston, the Internet doesn't work or there is nowhere to park on campus. I just don't get why people would make a two to three hour drive each weekend or pay \$50 for a bus ticket when they have a large social base right in front of their faces.

Eastern isn't that bad of a place to be, and students should stick around long enough to figure it out. There are more than enough of things to do if one looks hard enough and there are plenty of things to be proud of about Eastern.

Just driving through the heart of campus and down Seventh Street during the weekend, I couldn't help but smile to see people outside enjoying the nice

"Eastern isn't that bad of a place to be, and students should stick around long enough to figure it out."

weather, making the most of their time staying on campus.

Games of bean bags, basketball, playing catch or just putting some hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill is a great way to spend a weekend afternoon. At night, there is bowling, movies, bars, parties, sporting events and much more.

While students complain about the lack of activities, they also complain about the lack of quality at Eastern.

They want better Internet. While in today's society the Internet is widely used for both information and communication, remember it was not too long ago we didn't have the Internet.

Eastern has a library in the middle of campus with many informational sources and there are more ways than e-mail and instant messenger to stay in contact with people.

There aren't any parking

spaces. Get used to this because it may get even worse, but it may be for a worthy cause. This campus is not all that big so driving is not a necessity unless you commute every day. People should suck it up and take the extra 15 minutes that it takes to walk or bike to class.

I warn the complaints could increase when the Doudna Fine Arts Center is being built because the many workers who will be constructing it will need somewhere to park.

So next time you think about complaining that everything "sucks" on this campus, be reminded you have Division I athletic teams you choose not to watch and you go to the second smallest school in the nation with a daily school newspaper.

Remember you can look outside and see the stars and can feel safe in the nice little community of Charleston.

Remember you can stare at Old Main or walk into the Booth Library entrance to see the architectural nuances. It's actually quite refreshing and makes one appreciate the school a little more.

Put those suitcases back in the closet and those complaints right back in your mouth because this place isn't half as bad as many people seem to think it is.

Cartoon by Gia Hyos



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gay marriage should be civic issue

Why does civic marriage only apply to heterosexual men and women in the majority of the United States? Why do some conservative groups wish to ban same-sex marriage by a Constitutional amendment? These are two questions, which I have recently asked myself as these issues have been brought up in the news media recently.

I am a Roman Catholic Christian, and I don't agree with the practice of homosexuality for religious and personal reasons. However, I am not prepared to force others to adhere to the beliefs that I have acquired over the span of my lifetime. Two homosexual adults who understand the responsibility and commitment associated with a civic marriage and wish to be married should be allowed to do so. As long as the couple upholds its civic duty to each other, they

should be allowed to receive the same benefits given to heterosexual couples.

I have heard the criticism that marriage is a religious sacrament and right bestowed by God and church upon a heterosexual couple; most if not all Christians would agree to this. Why then must couples apply for a marriage at a local courthouse? Aren't couples often married by a justice of the peace? It seems a long time ago marriage and its Christian meaning was affixed into the body of many laws in this country. If we want to consider our county free from persecution, then we must see how the line drawn between church and state is being blurred and the injustice that is a direct result of it.

I agree with the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling on the unconstitutionality of civil unions. If

someone feels gay couples only deserve civil unions, I offer this criticism: why not make every couple apply for a civil union license or to be united by a justice of the peace. What I saying is that religion has no place in determining the nature of a person's relationship at the government level. All should be protected by the laws of our country move equally.

If a homosexual person can meet the requirements of citizenship and uphold the civic duties of a marriage, then they should be allowed to experience the same freedoms granted to heterosexual couples by our national Constitution. Arguing that the traditional definition of

marriage is between a man and a woman only brings religious influence into a civil issue, which should be devoid of discrimination based on religious preferences. You don't have to agree with the act of homosexuality to see that peoples' freedoms are being infringed upon by simple differences in the interpretation of a word. My solution would be to either allow gay couples the civic right to marriage or change the wording of civic laws in order to remove religious bias from our government.

Mace Boshart,
senior premedical major

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Tarble wing opens today following 2003 closing

◆ \$2.3 million addition project scheduled for completion sometime this spring

By Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The original part of Tarble Arts Center will reopen Tuesday after being closed since July 2003.

The Tarble staff offices, which were relocated to Lawson Hall during the renovations and closed the afternoon of February 27, will reopen on Tuesday after employees move back to their old offices on Monday.

According to a press release the staff at Tarble will begin preparing the galleries for exhibitions from Tuesday until March 12.

The exhibition program will start up again when Pulp Fact and Fiction: Dennis Morris and AIE Student Artists opens on March 12 in the Brainard Gallery.

The 2004 all-student show will open March 13 in the main galleries of Tarble.

Tarble Arts Center Director Michael Watts said between Tuesday and March 12 when the first exhibit opens staff will be busy getting resituated and gearing up for the new exhibits and galleries.

"Students can submit their work Thursday and Friday for the all student show, and Monday judges will be picking which art will be presented during the show. After that the art will be hung in the gal-

Tarble Arts Center hours

Tuesday through Friday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Sunday	1 to 4 p.m.

◆ The center is closed Mondays and holidays

eries and preparations will be made for the shows," Watts said.

Watts said the new space in Tarble will reopen sometime this spring, he is not sure when. The carpeting needs to be laid and mechanical things need to still be adjusted in the new part.

A formal rededication of the Tarble Arts Center is set for Oct. 7.

The hours of the new Tarble Arts Center are as follows: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

Tarble is closed Mondays and holidays. Beginning in March the educational programs, visiting artist lectures and other programming will be held at Tarble.

Tarble Arts Center has been closed since July 2003 due to the \$2.3 million addition project, made possible by gifts from the family of Newton E. Tarble.

FACULTY SENATE

New committee to generate ideas for next faculty forum

By Kevin Sampier
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate Tuesday will discuss the formation of a committee to handle its annual faculty forum.

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter said the committee would be in charge of generating topics for the next faculty forum instead of the entire senate.

This standing committee would do a big chunk of the work for the entire senate and would then recommend topic ideas for the forum, Carpenter said.

The committee would focus only on planning the faculty forum and would most likely be composed of three to five members, Carpenter said.

Senate Member Jean Wolski said the senate's bylaws will most likely have to be changed before a standing committee like this could be created. In the past, an ad hoc committee was created, Wolski said.

"We want to make sure everyone is there before we discuss it," she said and added if no one has a problem, the senate may ask for a vote on the creation Tuesday.

A discussion on last Tuesday's annual fac-

ulty forum will also take place, Carpenter said. The summary statements made at the end of the forum last week told of what each group of faculty members discussed.

"I want to see if there are any proposals coming out of those round table discussions; proposals we could make to the administration," Carpenter said.

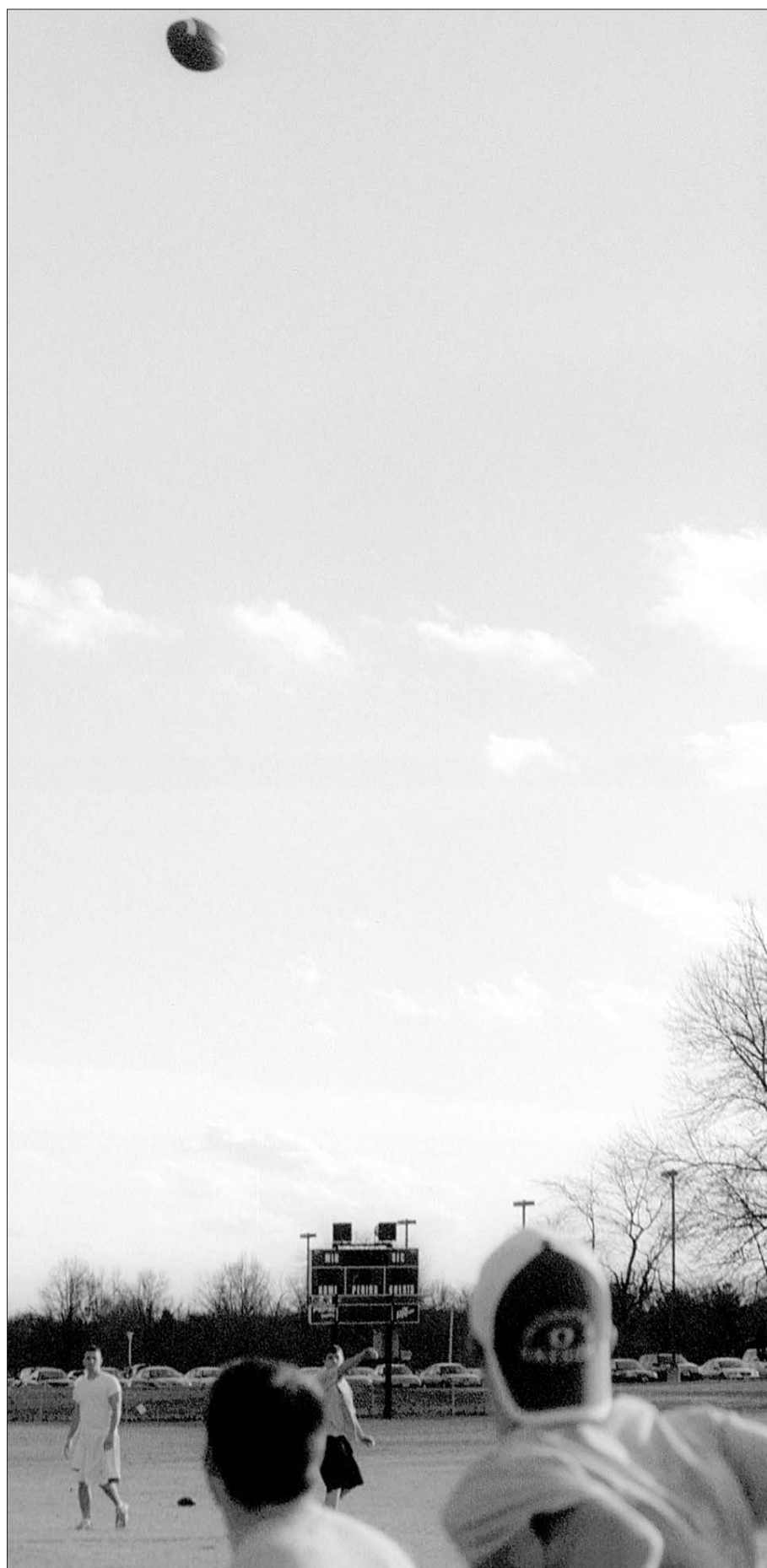
The Faculty Senate's Election Committee will discuss upcoming senate elections as well as those to the TEAM grants council.

Carpenter said the council had its members appointed in the past but will now hold elections. The Faculty Senate will handle the process for all faculty elections, he said.

Carpenter will relate 11 communications to the senate, including two concerning a higher education commission act. The memos are from journalism department Chair Les Hyder and math professor Charles Delman.

The act would give the commission final say on what teachers would be tenured, which is a decision usually made at the campus level, Carpenter said.

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



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Having a ball

John Denk (bottom right), freshman undecided major, tries to intercept Chuck Bell's (upper right), freshman business management major, pass to Kevin Wolski (bottom left), freshman psychology major, while Tim Alberts (upper right), freshman history major, watches Monday afternoon on the rugby field.

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Eastern students, locals will plan to paint area houses

◆ *Informational meeting to educate interested participants about annual volunteer event*

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

A "Panther Service Day" informational will be held Tuesday to give students and community members a chance to volunteer in the event.

The informational will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Seventh Street Underground of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Student Body President Caleb Judy said "Panther Service Day" is an expansion of the "Bucket Brigade" event, which began at Eastern last year by then President Alison Mormino.

"This is my way of emphasizing bucket brigade," Judy said.

The Bucket Brigade program was originally created in 1988 by

Dale Neudecker, a retired State Farm Insurance agent from Alton. Since then, more than 800 homes have been painted in the River bend communities through programs similar to "Panther Service Day" and "Bucket Brigade."

Mormino picked up the idea in 2002 and on April 12 more than 150 students and community members worked together to paint seven homes of Charleston residents who weren't able to do it themselves.

The idea of the event, scheduled for April 24, is to bring Charleston citizens together with Eastern students to paint houses as well as clean front yards and parks, Judy said.

"The real benefit of the event is working together," he said. "It's great to get the students to volunteer, but getting the community members to help is the thing that means a lot more."

Information packets will be given at the meeting and are avail-

Panther Service Day Project

- ◆ Informational to be held at 6 p.m. today in the University union
- ◆ On April 24, Eastern students and members of the community will band together to paint local houses as well as clean yards and parks
- ◆ You can participate in the event by volunteering to paint and clean, nominating properties for the event, or making donations
- ◆ Last year, more than 150 volunteers painted seven Charleston homes
- ◆ Painting and cleaning materials, in addition to T-shirts, will be provided to participants
- ◆ Applications are due by March 30 and are in the informational packets available at the Student Activities Center in the union

able at the the Student Activities Center in the Union.

Judy said there are three ways a person can participate in the event. Those three ways are volunteering, nominating homes and parks to paint and clean up and

giving donations.

"We can get a lot of money donated, but volunteering is the most important thing," he said.

Judy said paint and other items were donated and What's Cookin' supplied lunch for all the mem-

bers. The applications for volunteering, nominating and donating, which are in the packet, are due by March 30.

Judy said after that date, paint, gloves, rakes and T-shirts for all in attendance will be purchased using the donations.

"Without the support from both the students and the community, it won't be a success," Judy said.

Joe Hoffmeister, sophomore political science major and volunteer, said the event will be beneficial for all who participate.

"It's nice to see different RSOs and the community working together for one cause," Hoffmeister said. "I like the unity of it."

Hoffmeister said she agreed with Judy that volunteers are needed more than any other aspect of the event.

"It's critical. Without the volunteers, it wouldn't be a community service day," Hoffmeister said. "And it'll wrap up the year nicely."

Wayne wins coveted "Miss Black EIU"

Editor's note: This story is being reprinted after it did not run in its entirety Monday.

By Gregory McElroy
STAFF WRITER

An audience of over 200 witnessed Tracey Wayne become 2004's "Miss Black EIU."

"It feels so great considering that I have never won anything of this magnitude in my life," Wayne, a freshman finance major, said.

Wayne was one of three contestants. Junior marketing major LaDonna Murphy and junior special education major Samantha Lampton also competed.

Pageant contestants were judged based on four categories. The first category is titled "creative expression" where the women were to convey an important message to the crowd. Next was the African garment category where the contestants adorned authentic-looking African garments. Contestants then displayed their unique talents in the talent portion, which was followed by the evening gown part of the event. During the evening gown portion, contestants were asked an impromptu question.

Wayne dazzled the crowd with her performance Saturday evening at the 33rd annual pageant in each the categories.

From Wayne's display of the African garment to her creative expression message urging people to vote, she displayed the poise desired in Miss Black EIU.

“It feels so great considering that I have never won anything of this magnitude in my life.”

Tracey Wayne, Miss Black EIU

"As far as the creative expression section," she continued, "I was constantly changing things I wanted to say every time I was saying it."

"But I really wanted to focus on encouraging people to vote because so many people don't realize the importance of voting and they neglect their right that so many of our elders have fought and died for."

Wayne brought crowd members to their feet with her talent performance. Her self-choreographed dance routine caught attention with grace as well entertainment.

The audience applauded specifically for her dance impression of Michael Jackson.

"It took a lot of work to bring it all together," Wayne said. "Myself and the

dancers that I worked with met three times a week the last few months for two hours each session.

"I originally was going to do a praise dance, but I didn't want to take away from LaDonna (Murphy, one of the two other contestants) and her great performance. I thought she did a very good job in bringing the words to the song to life through her dancing."

In the Feb. 26 edition of *DIVERSE*, last year's winner, Angela Beard, vice president of the Black Student Union and pageant coordinator, said she titled this year's theme "The Rose that Grew from Concrete" from a Tupac Shakur poem.

Director of Student Life Monique Cook-Bey, a pageant adviser, compared the theme to the progress African American women have made through dedication.

"Through hardship, they continue to blossom into beautiful flowers," she said. "It's not only for African American women, but anyone that can identify with the struggles of African American women."

Wayne, won many other gifts along with the crown, including scholarships, a 27-inch flat screen television, a DVD player and gift certificates to Wal-Mart and The Gap.

"I know have really big shoes to fill," Wayne said. "Angela did such a wonderful job this past year, but it's my prayer that I will be up to the task of wearing the 'Miss Black EIU' crown."

Study: U.S. has bigger bodies

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Well into what paleontologists of the future might call the Fast Food Drive-Thru Epoch, the most complete body survey conducted in 50 years shows Americans have super-sized, particularly in the waist and hips.

TC2, a company based in the Raleigh suburb of Cary, used light-pulsing, 3-D scanner technology to measure some 10,000 Americans of all ages and ethnicities. The SizeUSA survey confirmed that all those extra french fries have come with a price.

The study was funded by clothing manufacturers, the military and colleges and universities, all of whom have a keen interest in body sizes.

Size 8 has long been thought to represent the measurements of the average American woman. In the clothing industry, a size 8 officially is supposed to be a 35-inch bust, a 27-inch waist, and 37 1/2-inch hip.

But in the survey, white women ages 18 to 25 came in, on average, at 38-32-41, with white women ages 36 to 45 coming in at 41-34-43.

In truth, some manufacturers made the adjustment years ago. Some sell a size 10 as a size 8 to flatter women's vanity, TC2's Jim Lovejoy, who conducted the survey, said in a telephone interview Monday.

The last such survey of Americans' bodies was in 1941, and it was a low-tech undertaking, involving measuring tapes.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to review a decades-old practice in California prisons of segregating newly arrived prisoners by race.

California routinely assigns black prisoners to bunk only with other black prisoners for three months or more, a practice prison officials say helps keep prisoners safe from racial violence.

A black prison inmate challenged the practice as a violation of his constitutional right to equal treatment, and argued it flouted previous Supreme Court rulings striking down segregation in other areas.

"Intentional state racial segregation has been outlawed in this country for over half a century," lawyers for Garrison S. Johnson argued in asking the Supreme Court to hear his appeal.

The practice dates back more than 25 years, Johnson said.

California Attorney General Bill Lockyer countered that the segregation is temporary, and applies only to two-person cells in which inmates are housed when they first enter the prison system or when they are transferred from one prison to another.

The rest of the prison system is not segregated, and inmates are often allowed to eventually choose their cellmates without regard to race, the state said.

"The confined nature of the cells makes them potentially more dangerous than the other areas of the prison, Lockyer wrote in a court filing.

Racial violence is high outside prison cells, Lockyer said.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Pentagon alerts 18,000 more to duty

WASHINGTON (AP) — About 18,000 National Guard soldiers from four major units have gone on alert for likely deployment to Iraq late this year or in early 2005, the Pentagon said Monday.

The announcement underscores the deepening involvement of Guard and Reserve forces in U.S.-led efforts to quell the insurgency in Iraq and stabilize the country. So far 45 Guard and Reserve members have been killed in action in Iraq and 42 more have died of nonhostile causes.

The Guard units alerted are the 42nd Infantry Division headquarters from the New York National Guard, the 256th

Infantry Brigade from Louisiana, the 116th Cavalry Brigade from Idaho and Oregon, and the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment from Tennessee.

They will be mobilized over the next several months to conduct training before their new assignment, the Pentagon said.

The 42nd Infantry Division from New York will be the first National Guard division headquarters to serve in Iraq; other Guard division headquarters have served in the Balkans in recent years.

With receipt of the alert notices, members of those units are prevented from leaving the service until 90 days

after their mobilization ends.

The Pentagon did not say how long they would be on active duty, suggesting it may be less than the 12-month tours required of Guard and Reserve members now in Iraq and of those heading to Iraq this spring. Under the presidential authority used to mobilize for Iraq, they could be kept on active duty for up to two years.

The Guardsmen will be part of a larger force, probably totaling about 100,000 active duty and reserve troops, that is expected to take over for the contingent just beginning a one-year tour in Iraq.

Snowstorm closes in on South Dakota, area states

By The Associated Press

Heavy snow blown by wind up to 45 mph closed hundreds of miles of highways Monday in South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska, shutting down schools and at least one city government.

More than a foot of snow had fallen in parts of Wyoming, with 30 inches in the Colorado mountains, and snow

drifted onto roads in South Dakota on Monday as fast as plows could clear them.

"It's been snowing since Saturday night," totaling about 15 inches, said manager Norene Dvorak at the Mid-America Travel Plaza at Belle Fourche, S.D. Drifts were 5 feet high, as high as the letters on some stop signs, she said.

The storm was headed toward the

northeast, and the National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning for northeastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol closed 110 miles of Interstate 90 from Wall to the Wyoming state line because of snow, drifting and visibility that was down to zero in places. The highway reopened Monday afternoon.

Wunder:

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weeks ago she would not be retained for next season. Wunder and her players were informed of the news while they were still involved in the race for the eighth and final tournament spot in the OVC Tournament.

McDuffie stated he didn't want the athletic department to release the official statement until Monday.

"We held back the official notice because they were still in contention," McDuffie said. "I really can't provide a good answer for doing it that way but I could argue both sides of the issue."

McDuffie looked at the last three seasons under Wunder to evaluate her performance.

"I scrapped the first two years when she was trying to rebuild the program and needed to get new players," McDuffie said. "After that, we still were not successful in our conference."

Wunder made clear some of her

concerns were part of the system she was involved in, including hiring coaches and the competitive atmosphere of college athletics.

"The simple fact is we didn't win enough ball games, and today in college athletics you gotta win period," Wunder said. "Eastern wants to win conference championships and we couldn't do that."

McDuffie made very clear Eastern's goal is to be a consistent power in the OVC and he will begin the search to find the coach to do so immediately.

"I think it's a possible expectation to win conference championships, that's certainly a realistic goal," McDuffie said. "We fund women's basketball similar to most of the teams in our conference."

McDuffie will begin what he called a national search process to find a new leader of the program. The process will involve a search committee comprised of members selected by McDuffie himself. The members of the search committee will be announced soon but as of Monday members of the Athletic Task Force had not been contacted

by McDuffie.

NCAA faculty representative Gail Richard and physical education professor Bud Fischer were some of the notable task force members not contacted yet.

"What will happen is that our search committee will bring its recommendations of six or seven to me," McDuffie said. "The leader of the search committee along with myself will decide who of those six to bring in for an interview."

McDuffie stated some of the qualities he has in mind for his new head coach.

"I want someone excitable, an excellent recruiter, can develop talent and obviously represent the university in a professional manner," McDuffie said. "We do not have a preconceived notion what her or she should be."

The leader of Eastern athletics did give an example of what he may be looking for.

"Let's say we find somebody with documented success suppose a major Division I assistant and has won a Division II national championship, that person has big

time experience and head coaching experience as well," McDuffie said. "Is that the only type of person we're looking for, absolutely not."

Wunder did not have any regrets over the past five seasons at the helm and said she holds no bitterness toward the program in general. She is also unclear on her future plans as a coach in collegiate basketball.

"I think we weren't as consistent as I would've liked to be over the past three or four years," Wunder said. "I will be cheering for these great group players because they deserve the best."

"I'm not really sure what's next for me whether I explore some different options as a coach or non-coaching opportunities," Wunder said.

Eastern will need to replace its three seniors this recruiting season but a time table was not given for finding a new coach.

"We are looking for the best person for the job and so we will continue to search until that measure is met," McDuffie said.

Law:

Biagini: The deadline for compliance was Monday

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Several other plans are going to be in place at Western soon.

"The president has already required all vice presidents to start keeping track of their time," Biagini said.

"We're going to meet with the trade unions on campus and advise them (on the ethics law)."

Although the deadline for compliance was Monday, Biagini said

"We've got some time frames. We don't have to report these things immediately."



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- 20With little effort
- 21Itinerary word
- 23Nervous twitches
- 24Like an old cigar
- 25Repel, as an attack
- 2725-Down, e.g.
- 29Within view
- 30Marina event
- 35Drum majors' props
- 39Basin accompanier
- 40Coeur d'____, Idaho
- 42Feminine suffix
- 43Arnaz and Ball's studio
- 45Eat quickly
- 47Pick up
- 49Bering, e.g.: Abbr.
- 50Dark, heavy type
- 53A black key
- 58Colombian city
- 59Bruised item, maybe
- 60Automat, e.g.
- 61Ersatz gold
- 63Winter weather phenomenon
- 65Lauderer, at times
- 66Sheriff Taylor's son
- 67Former New York City mayor
- 68Admits, with "up"
- 69Not very much
- 70Part of CBS: Abbr.

DOWN

- 1Hibachi residue
- 2Toast choice
- 3Tibet's capital
- 4Like the Wild West
- 5Popular site for collectors
- 6Ford Explorer, e.g.: Abbr.
- 7Martin of "Roxanne"
- 8Martial arts wear
- 9"I ____ Rock" (1966 hit)
- 10Went back to the top
- 11Bit of silliness
- 12CD segment
- 13Get snippy with
- 18Up to, briefly
- 22Actor Holm
- 25High school subj.
- 26Ovine utterance
- 28Some prom night drivers
- 30Hospital unit
- 31Have markers out
- 32Loser to D.D.E.
- 33Lots and lots and lots
- 34A browser browses it, with "the"
- 36Lennon's lady
- 37Compass heading
- 38Six-yr. term holder
- 41It smells
- 44Topper
- 46Like most tires
- 48Baseball put-out
- 50Ballet rail
- 51"Stand and Deliver" star
- 52Après-ski drink
- 54McHenry and Sumter: Abbr.
- 55Olin and Horne
- 56Sheikdom of song
- 57Pounds on an Underwood
- 58Salon creation
- 60Director Kazan
- 62Jackie Onassis' sister
- 64Make a choice

Puzzle by Eric Berlin



STATE NEWS BRIEF

Governor plans to award firm hefty contract

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Although Gov. Rod Blagojevich has chastised companies that locate in foreign tax havens, his administration intends to award an \$11 million contract to a Bermuda firm that critics say is a corporate tax dodger.

Accenture is to get a computer consulting contract from the state. The company employs about 3,700 people in its Chicago offices but fewer than a dozen in its Bermuda headquarters. It insists that it pays state income taxes in Illinois and did not incorporate on the island in 2001 to avoid paying state or federal taxes.

"There are companies out there that use Bermuda as a shelter and don't pay their fair share of taxes in the United States. Accenture is not one of those companies," said Jim McAvoy, an Accenture spokesman.

Accenture previously was affiliated with Arthur Andersen and Andersen Worldwide, the accounting company that collapsed after the Enron scandal surfaced.

The company is represented by the lobbying firm of one of Blagojevich's advisers, former Democratic National Committee Chairman David Wilhelm.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Catholic Charities health plan to offer contraception coverage

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — In a precedent-setting decision, the California Supreme Court ruled Monday that a Roman Catholic charity must offer birth-control coverage to its employees even though the church considers contraception a sin.

The 6-1 decision marked the first such ruling by a state's highest court. Experts said the ruling could affect thousands of workers at Catholic hospitals and other church-backed institutions in California and prompt other states to fashion similar laws.

California is one of 20 states to require that all company-provided health plans must include contraception coverage if the plans have prescription drug benefits.

The high court said that Catholic Charities is no different from other businesses in California, where "religious employers" such as churches are exempt from the requirement. Catholic Charities argued that it, too, should be exempt.

But the Supreme Court ruled that the charity is not a religious employer because it offers such secular services as counseling, low-income housing and immigration services to people of all faiths, without directly preaching Catholic values.

In fact, Justice Joyce Werdegar wrote that a "significant majority" of the people served by the charity are not Catholic. The court also noted that the charity employs workers of differing religions.

High Court to review segregated prison cells

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to review a decades-old practice in California prisons of segregating newly arrived prisoners by race.

California routinely assigns black prisoners to bunk only with other black prisoners for three months or more, a

practice prison officials say helps keep prisoners safe from racial violence.

A black prison inmate challenged the practice as a violation of his constitutional right to equal treatment, and argued it flouted previous Supreme Court rulings striking down segregation in other areas.

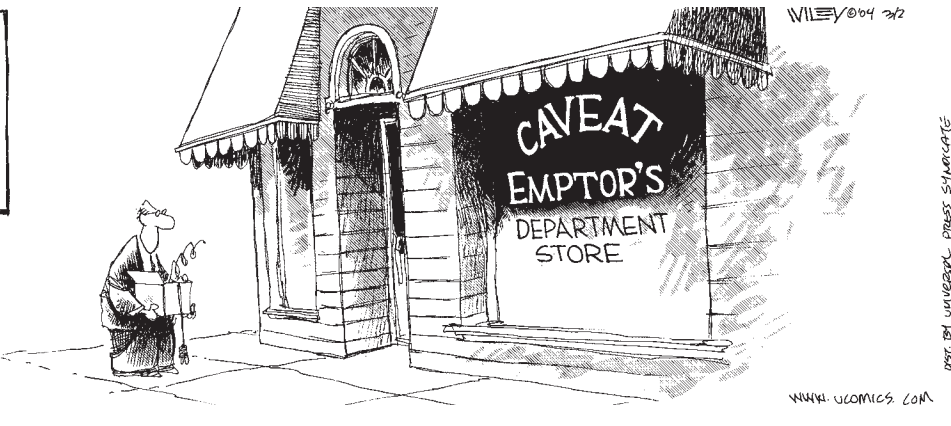
"Intentional state racial segregation has been outlawed in this country for over half a century," lawyers for Garrison S. Johnson argued in asking the Supreme Court to hear his appeal.

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Softball:

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The largest school Eastern played over the weekend was Boston College, which turned out to be the one game that Eastern lost by multiple runs. But, the Panthers were able to stay in the game with the Eagles who had already played multiple games this season.

The Panthers had the game tied at four up until the final four innings of the game, but had trouble keeping the Eagles down in those final innings.

The Panthers started freshmen Heather Hoeschen, who lasted until the fourth inning and gave up five runs over that time. Then Eastern turned to sophomore Ashley Condon who was effective until she was tagged for a home run in the seventh inning, resulting in three runs and the victory for the Eagles.

Overall, Searle was pleased with the experience her players picked up over the weekend, especially the young pitching staff.

"It was important for us to get those young pitchers some experience from this tournament," Searle said. "We were able to do that and get an idea of how these girls can perform, and that is what we needed."

Stevens:

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her job? Apparently, McDuffie had his mind made up before we even crossed that bridge.

I can understand the position McDuffie was put into. It was a lose-lose situation when he finalized his decision, but for the 2003-2004 season, wasn't sealed until the final game of the season. It's not out of consideration to expect McDuffie to handle a delicate situation a little better, especially when it could've affected the end of this season in a big way.

MEN'S GOLF



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Junior Kyle Averkamp lines up his putt on the seventh hole of Ironhorse Golf Course in Tuscoala Oct. 13

Weather washes away play

◆ *Early success for Eastern golfers doesn't count as rain ends play. The competition has been rescheduled for Tuesday.*

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Mother nature had it in for the Eastern men's golf team.

The Panthers opened the Tri-State Classic hosted by Tennessee-Martin on a roll in the first round of play.

A trio of players were under par from Eastern early in the day, including senior Kyle Maxwell and the former Charleston High School teammates of junior Ben Wochner and sophomore Dustin Sloat.

However, it was after five or six holes when heavy rains moved into the Tennessee area causing a cancellation of play and an interesting format for tomorrow's competition.

The meet at Pickwick Landing State Golf

Course in Pickwick, Tenn. will now be an 18-hole event with only Tuesday's round counting.

"It will be a shootout," Eastern head coach Mike Moncel said. "It's disappointing because our guys were doing so well but it's a good sign."

Moncel is confident that his squad can be very competitive in another all-southern school field and facing a vulnerable golf course.

"The course isn't very difficult and it's not a super strong field," Moncel said. "I can see us winning that kind of tournament if everybody is playing well."

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—Mike Moncel, Eastern golf coach

Eastern is coming off a seventh place finish in a 12-team meet at Charleston Southern Invitational where Moncel came away with a concern about the Panthers around the greens.

"Our short game killed us down in South Carolina," Moncel said. "We were just not used to fast greens and it's just not the same playing on those types of conditions."

In fact, Moncel believes Eastern's highest finisher Matt Kockler should've carded a better score but struggled on the greens with the blade.

"Matt played a lot better than he scored," Moncel said. "He had 11 three-putts in three rounds and if he could've cut those in half he would've been in contention for individual medalist."

Eastern will tee it up in Tennessee Tuesday morning with hopes of the same start that it had in Monday.

"They are hopefully use to that success as motivation for this short tournament," Moncel said.

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**THROWING
HEAT**
Matt Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Wunder's dismissal done wrong

Bottom line, Linda Wunder didn't get the job done when it comes to wins. Nobody can really argue with that and nobody probably will.

Fact - Linda Wunder lost 101 games in five years at Eastern and significant improvement wasn't being made in the program. Nothing wrong with that logic. Wunder's high for wins in a season at Eastern was eight and it's not exactly too much for expectations to include a double-digit win total.

The team failed to qualify for the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament for the first time in school history which has to be perceived as unacceptable. No problem there.

Maybe it was time for a change in the program and maybe a gem will be found during the search process. The concerns don't involve the final decision but the timetable of events that occurred before Monday's announcement is what it troublesome.

The problem is how the situation was dealt with by director of athletics Rich McDuffie.

McDuffie confirmed Monday that he knew he was not going to renew Wunder's contract two weeks ago. Therefore, the coaches knew of the impending consequence and more importantly, the players knew they were playing for a lame duck coach.

One problem with that - the team was still in contention for the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Chances are, it probably wasn't the best time to make such decision in the program during one of the most crucial periods of the season for the Panthers.

The motivation of making postseason play suddenly goes away when the players understand that they are essentially playing for a coach that won't be returning next year.

What's the point in going to a practice and listening to a coach that won't be in Charleston next year? These had to be thoughts going through the heads of Eastern players at least part of the time.

One would like to think this group would give a better effort during a two-game road stretch where they controlled their own destiny on whether or not they'd still be playing now. However, one can understand the perception that a player could've come to that is similar to "well, no matter what we do, coach Wunder won't be around next season so who cares?"

I would like to think that McDuffie was trying to do the fair and honest thing with Wunder by informing her as soon as possible of his decision but for argument sake, the decision didn't have to be made that early.

What if Eastern made it in the OVC Tournament? How far did Wunder need to go to save

SEE STEVENS ♦ Page 10

OVC MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Eastern guard Derek Hollyfield attempts to defend a player from Austin Peay during the Panthers' second OVC game of the season on Jan. 10. While the Panthers did not make the OVC tournament, their coach Rick Samuels gave his predictions on how the teams he knows best will perform in March.

Samuels picks 'em

Eastern coach Rick Samuels explains who he feels will find success in the OVC Tournament

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

Head coach Rick Samuels predicts Murray State will win the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

First round matchups

♦ 5 Samford @ 4 Eastern Kentucky

Samuels prediction: Eastern Kentucky in the closest game of the first round.

"Eastern Kentucky's been playing well as of late," Samuels said.

Eastern lost at Samford in the teams only contest by four points after the Bulldogs overcame a nine-point second half deficit.

The Panthers lost a close game to Eastern Kentucky on Feb. 21 at Lantz. Eastern built up 11-point leads on two different occasions in

the first half but the Bulldogs came back to take the win.

♦ 6 Jacksonville State @ 3 Morehead State

Samuels prediction: Ricky Minard will have a big night to lead the Eagles to victory.

Eastern was able to beat Morehead State by 17 points without much of a problem in the teams only battle of the year at Lantz on Feb. 19.

Unfortunately it was not the same story when the Panthers took their game to Jacksonville State on Jan. 31. The Panthers lost to the Gamecocks by five points.

♦ 7 Tennessee Tech @ 2 Murray State:

Samuels prediction: The Racers will win going away.

"They have great depth and they've been playing well as of late," Samuels said. "They also play a very physical defense."

When Murray State played the Panthers at Lantz Feb. 5, the Racers beat the Panthers going

away. It was much of the same in Eastern's final game at Murray State on Feb. 28 as the Racers defeated the Panthers by 30 points.

♦ 8 Tennessee State @ 1 Austin

Peay Samuels Prediction: Austin Peay wins in a close one.

"Austin Peay has been in a lot of close games and I'm not sure Tennessee State has the maturity level to win on the road," Samuels

said.

In the Panthers first OVC game of the year, Austin Peay won by seven points on Jan 10, at Lantz. Twelve days later it was like deja vu for the Panthers as they lost the rematch at Austin Peay by seven.

On Jan. 17, Bruce Price and Tennessee State came to Lantz. Price scored the final 10 points for the Tigers, leading them to a one-point victory. In the rematch at Tennessee State the Tigers snapped a six-game losing streak beating the Panthers 75-68.

Second round matchups

♦ 3 Morehead State @ 2 Murray State

Samuels Prediction: Murray State wins by a comfortable margin.

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SOFTBALL

Warm welcome in South Carolina

♦ Eastern started their season with three wins in five games at the Charleston Southern Invite

By Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panthers opened their season in the Charleston South Invite in South Carolina, and produced better numbers offensively than they had throughout most of last season.

Last year the Panthers scored a total number of 105 runs through 48 games, which was barley over two runs a game. Turning that completely around, Eastern opened with 28 runs in their five games in South Carolina.

The final three games they

averaged about seven and a half runs per game and won each of those game by at least four runs.

During the five game tournament, Eastern won three of the games. They ended up with victories against Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, Southern Charleston and UNC-Greensboro.

Eastern coach Lloydene Searle thought, before the team left for South Carolina, that the offense was ahead of the team's pitching at that point in time. While the pitching was solid for four of the five games, the Panther offense did heat up while down south and

Panther results:

- ♦ Albany L 2-1
- ♦ Boston College L 9-4
- ♦ IPFW W 9-3
- ♦ Charleston Southern W 7-2
- ♦ UNC-Greensboro W 7-3

gave Eastern a boost throughout the tournament.

"I definitely think that the way our offense played was solid throughout the games we played," Searle said. "Scoring

runs and coming from behind are two tough things to do when a team is playing its first games, and we proved that we could do both successfully over the weekend."

In the three victories for Eastern, the team averaged nearly eight runs a game and provided the pitching staff with leads that allowed the pitchers to go on cruise control.

In four of the five games, Eastern's starting pitchers turned in complete games. This pleased Searle because not only did those pitchers eat innings for the staff, they also pitched quality innings over those games.

The best example of that is the Panthers' loss to Albany, in which freshmen Andrea Darnell pitched a complete game but lost 2-1. Even in that loss, it was obvious that Eastern was close enough that one or two plays could have changed the outcome.

"It was nice to see that three of our pitchers were able to get their first victories with us under their belt," Searle said. "The offense provided us with the opportunity for victory, and they (the pitchers) were able to finish off the games solidly."

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