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Storms spark precaution

Resident assistants remain updated on changing weather

By JESSICA CANTARELLI
CAMPUS EDITOR

Sunday night's severe weather conditions and tornado watch/warning have left many residents of Central Illinois on their guard for future storms.

Scattered storms and high winds with a high and low of 57 degrees are expected for most of Thursday as well as early Friday morning.

It was reported that tornadoes touched down in Moultrie County, north of Champaign, toward the west side of Interstate 57.

Jennifer Ketchmark, a weather person for WEIU-TV and WAND-TV, said as of now, a storm is expected to occur either Thursday or Friday and residents should take precautionary measures.

"With it being so far out, we have to see how the front develops to our west," Ketchmark said. "It could be a repeat of Sunday, it could be less severe than Sunday or it could blow over."

Ketchmark said people should keep up to date



A bolt of lightning rips across the Charleston sky Sunday night. Storms throughout East-central Illinois caused major power outages, as well as tree and house damage.

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with weather conditions, especially at this time of year.

"The main problem on Sunday was straight-line winds up to 70 mph which is the same intensity as an F1 tornado," she said. "People this time of year, keep your eye to the sky. Stay in tune to weather professionals on TV or Internet."

Dalias Price, official weather observer for Charleston, said this year is the peak time of year for tornadoes in this area.

"Even the tornado activity at its highest covers limited area thank goodness," he said. "They are certainly very dangerous and we should always be on the lookout. We have wonderful service provided by the weather bureau that keeps us up to date."

Finding safety in a basement is an ideal place, but for people who do not have basements or live in apartment buildings, places without windows such as bathrooms or closets are the next best spots.

Mallory Alcock, a sophomore social science studies and elementary education major, is a Resident Assistant in Pemberton Hall. Alcock said she waited by her phone Sunday night for a call from the Associate Resident Director, who would tell her whether or not to move all residents into the basement in case conditions became more severe.

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Six senate members dismissed

Members failed to meet office hours, diversity requirements

By LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Senate members Dave Keyes, Scott Sakoda, Cole Rogers, Jessica Rinkel, Eric Glenn and Cerra Wilson have been removed from the organization for a combination of not completing office hours, missing committee meetings and not completing the diversity requirements.

Internal Affairs chair Heather Janik said this is the largest number of people to be removed at one time.

"I believe last semester we didn't have anyone removed," Janik said. "I would have never expected this to happen."

Janik said she thinks those who were removed didn't feel the bylaw would be followed through.

"There's definitely a lot of irresponsibility," Janik said.

Janik said one member didn't realize there was a committee meeting when they returned from spring break, but everyone else in the committee was at that meeting.

"It's a lack of responsibility for taking care of things you should be taking care of," Janik said.

Removed senate member Rinkel said she felt the members who had absences should have been given notices as promised in the first meeting of the semester.

"I specifically raised my hand and (Janik) said we would receive a notice if we had an absence," Rinkel said. "I felt like they were trying to make a point to remove us so quick and they didn't do their part in telling us when we had an absence."

Removed senate member Glenn said he was aware that he received three absences and felt it was fair.

"It was nobody's fault but my own," Glenn said.

The completion of office hours, which has consistently been an issue for some senate members, requires that members dedicate two hours of their week for work relating to senate.

"Office hours can be completed from the time the senate meeting ends on Wednesday nights until 2 p.m. of that next Wednesday," Janik said.

"It was nobody's fault but my own."

ERIC GLENN,
REMOVED STUDENT
SENATE MEMBER

Greek Sing presents many themes

Patriotism, Broadway among the performances sung Sunday night

By JACLYN GORSKI
STAFF REPORTER

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and Kappa Delta sorority were the winners of their respective divisions at the Greek Sing competition Sunday afternoon in Lantz Arena.

Greek Sing was composed of seventeen fraternities and sororities performing a variety of songs within each chapter's chosen theme.

Alpha Phi's theme was the 80's and they performed songs such as "Heaven is a Place on Earth" and "Like a Prayer."

Sig Ep performed a variety of James Taylor songs.

"They're pretty simple but pretty catchy songs," said Matt Gidcumb, a junior marketing major and member of Sig Ep.

Kappa Delta performed a medley of songs from the Broadway musical "Wicked," including its headlining piece, "Defying Gravity."

Phi Kappa Theta fraternity came in fourth place during their first Greek Sing appearance, performing songs such as "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful" in color-coordinated patriotic polos.

Patrick Sweeney of Delta Tau Delta fraternity and Jessica Natale of Delta Zeta sorority hosted Sunday's performances, introducing each group of singers and announcing their theme as they walked onstage.

Chapters put a lot of thought into their themes every year.

When choosing their songs, sororities and fraternities have rules they need to follow, said Levi Bulgar, a sophomore psychology major and member of Sig Ep. The songs cannot contain alcoholic or sexual references, the fraternity or sorority is allowed to make minor changes to the lyrics of the songs, and the performance must be less than five minutes.



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The women of the Kappa Delta sorority sing songs from the Broadway production of "Wicked," which won them the Greek Sing competition Sunday afternoon in Lantz Arena. Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity won first place for the fraternity division with songs by James Taylor.

Bulgar said this was done because there were children in the audience. "We're trying to break the stereotype (of the Greek community)," Bulgar said.

After choosing their songs, fraternities and sororities may practice their routines weeks or months in advance in order to have flawless performances.

"Chapters have been practicing for a couple months," said Tim Bussman, a senior accounting major and member of the Greek Week steering committee.

"The performers have put in countless hours to prepare for Greek Sing," said Greek Life director Bob Dudolski.

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GREG WALKER
SENIOR
JOURNALISM MAJOR

"Compilation albums are a joke."

It really blows my mind that albums like this exist. You know what I'm referring to. Who hasn't caught a commercial for "NOW That's What I Call Music"?

The album is made up of a compilation of current hits packaged into one nice little package.



RYAN TERRELL
SENIOR
JOURNALISM MAJOR

"Where else would you find leagues with team names such as Master Batters and the Beef Curtains in softball?"

If you are like me and played a sport in high school but just weren't talented enough to continue playing at the collegiate level, intramural sports are an excellent chance to compete, besides the occasional weekend drinking game of course.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
58	63	57	72	61
35	43	57	49	43
Sunny	Mostly Sunny	T-storms	Partly cloudy	Sunny

WTF?

Couple loves fish and each other

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRETHREN, Mich. — A couple brought together by a passion for fishing was married at, where else?, a river's boat ramp.

William Nickel read a short poem Friday before asking Vickie Wright to join him in the Manistee River during their wedding ceremony.

They were dressed in fly fishing gear, with white flowers attached to their vests.

Family members observed the ceremony from a dock rather than church pews.

Nickel had proposed to Wright a little over a year ago and asked her to meet him at the river for their wedding.

He recalled introducing Wright to the sport of fishing, saying she has enjoyed it ever since.

"I taught her how to fly fish," Nickel said. "She has been catching a lot more fish lately."

Coach sued over insults

ARCADIA, Calif. — When Michael Oddenino's teenage daughter complained that her softball coach was insulting her teammates,

he took the dispute off the diamond and into a court.

Oddenino, an attorney, filed a lawsuit in Superior Court claiming coach Don Riggio inflicted emotional distress on a player when he called her "a 2-year-old" and frequently called other players idiots.

The suit sought \$3 million for intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress, negligence, a civil rights violation and sex discrimination.

But Superior Court Judge Jan Pluim dismissed the case, writing in her March 14 decision that there is nothing wrong with "a coach pushing an athlete to excel, and in so doing, using words that in another context would be considered rude, demeaning and even intimidating."

The suit had alleged that Riggio "took advantage of his position of authority to engage in an abusive pattern of excessive intimidation and humiliation of the female players, frequently calling them 'idiots,' and belittling them for minor errors."

Said Riggio: "I'm just glad it's over. Now we can move forward and do what we're there for, and that's to coach."

TUGS



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

James Mihalovich, a senior physical education major, pulled as the anchor position for the Sigma Nu Big Men tugs team Monday afternoon. Both Sigma Nu teams beat Delta Sigma Phi in the first round.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Student loan sale will take months, chairman says

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The decision to sell all or part of the state's \$3.8 billion student loan portfolio will take months, which could affect Gov. Rod Blagojevich's plans to use the money in this year's budget, officials said.

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission, the nonprofit state agency that manages the loans, will consider several options, including selling some of the loans and partner-

ing with for-profit loan providers, said commission chairman Donald McNeil.

The commission likely will not take action until the summer.

"If they (lawmakers) say, 'Do you think we can raise X?' the answer will be, 'Yes. No. Maybe,'" McNeil said Friday.

Blagojevich wants to use the money from selling the loans to help fund a college tuition tax credit program and boost state funding to public universities.

Becky Carroll, spokeswoman for Blagojevich's budget office, said the sale will probably generate more than \$100 million, and will not be needed until families file their income taxes next year.

"They are poised to generate hundreds of millions of dollars off the sale, which will far surpass the revenue needed," Carroll said.

McNeil is scheduled to appear Wednesday before the state House Higher Education Committee to discuss the potential sale.



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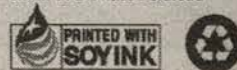
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Transgendered: from man to woman

Professor takes a new twist on 'Vagina Monologues'

BY NICOLE WESKERA
STAFF REPORTER

Sandy Stone told nearly 50 students what it's like to be a transgendered person in the "Neo-vagina Monologues" Monday night. "Every atrocity in history has been made in the face of 'normal,'" Stone said. "I'm not normal."

Eastern is the third stop on Stone's tour. "Nobody knows what the hell a transgender is," Stone said. "And since vaginas can't talk, I'm interpreting for them."

Stone talked about the hardships she had to face on the playground at school and even in her current life.

"When you're a boy, but a little girl inside, (other kids) look at you oddly," she said. "And they tend to kick the shit out of you at recess."

As a college professor at the University of Texas at Austin, she said the school is not completely free of bigots, but this is just one of the many obstacles she has had to overcome.

Stone said while she was growing up, the words "transgender" and "transsexual" did not exist.

Stone began the long and arduous transformation into a woman by taking pills from the black market that would redistribute her weight, giving her hips and a waistline.

Then came the painful electrolysis, she said. "The only way to get rid of your beard is through electrolysis, which is a very painful process that I underwent for six years, seven days a week," Stone said.

Stone decided to undergo surgery so she could feel complete as a woman.

When she went to the clinic to talk to the doctor, she was asked if she was 100 percent sure she wanted the surgery.

"Nobody ought to be 100 percent sure about anything," Stone said. "Anyone who is 100 percent sure of anything is probably crazy."

She was told to go out into society and live for a year as a woman, including getting a job, and after a year, if she still wanted the surgery, she could have it.

"So I went off, back to purgatory," Stone said. "I was a woman,



Sandy Stone, a professor at the University of Texas at Austin, speaks Monday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union about her experiences and life as a transgendered individual.

but, anatomically, I was a man."

She felt the surgery was necessary for her, but she said, "It wasn't until years later that I realized you can be a woman without having surgery."

To top off her monologue, Stone broke into song, ending part one of her three, which totaled 78 minutes.

"If (my vagina) had said anything when I was born, it probably would have said 'It's dark in here,' and I live to tell my story. I only have my voice," Stone said.

Students in attendance embraced Stone's story.

"I think (the monologue) was an interesting portrayal of someone else's life, and an important one because it shed light on something we normally don't see," said Jim Qualls, a senior history major.

Others agreed, and said they enjoyed a fresh outlook on life. "It's nice to have someone at Eastern to expose people to transgender ideas and what it's really like other than the stereotype," said Tessa Stouffer, a freshman music education major.

Exercise is key as Sassy 6 take the lead

BY KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

The Sassy 6 took a controlling lead this week in the activities category of the Reshaping Coles Biggest Loser Challenge by commanding a 1,125-point lead over the second-place Wanna Bees. Having a total of 5,124 points, each team member is doing almost two hours of exercise each day.

The team controls the whole board, also leading in fruits and vegetables and water intake categories.

"Everyone has noticed how they are feeling better and having more energy throughout the day," said team member Dr. Kimberley Hollender.

Carol Roberts, a Sassy 6 team member, has

noticed she has more stamina and is not as short of breath when doing activities.

"I was so out of shape that I would be out of breath just to bend down and tie my shoes," Roberts said.

Roberts walks every morning for an hour with her husband and then does another hour of exercise at night on recently purchased home workout equipment.

"I used to say I'd just work out tomorrow. Then tomorrow would come and I say 'I'll just work out tomorrow,'" Roberts said. "Now if I don't do it, I feel guilty."

People should have 30 minutes of cardio activity three to four times a week, Hollender said.

"You want to be out of breath for it to be considered a cardio workout," she said. "But

How to make exercise easier

1. Schedule workouts
2. Work out with a friend
3. Set small goals each week
4. Reward yourself when you reach your goals

- From Snyderhealth.com

you should be able to have a little conversation. If you can't get any words out, then you are working too hard."

However, she said if participants are not out of breath at all and can speak too easily, they are not working hard enough.

But exercise does not necessarily mean heading to the gym, running on a treadmill

and lifting 50-pound dumbbells.

Other forms of moderate activity include walking, cleaning the yard or scrubbing the floor. It also includes any sport activity such as volleyball, basketball or softball.

For those unable to afford a gym membership or find time to head to the gym, home videos and workout equipment is another alternative.

Weight loss isn't an instant thing and not seeing results may be discouraging. But healthy weight loss is only one to two pounds a week. It could take up to 12 weeks before the body starts reacting and changing, according to Snyderhealth.com.

"Our bodies aren't designed to sit and do nothing," Hollender said. "They are meant to be out doing activities."




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COMMENTARY



BRIAN O'MALLEY
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THE ONLY THING TO FEAR IS ...

No matter what some people say, even the toughest of tough guys get scared by one thing or another. But, there is a distinct difference between being scared of something and actually having a phobia of something.

Most people think if they consider spiders gross, then they must have arachnophobia. That's not necessarily true. Having a phobia is beyond just being bothered by an insect or an animal, it's about a natural fear bad enough to affect your daily life.

Some of the most common fears are those of spiders (arachnophobia), heights (acrophobia) and confined spaces (claustrophobia). Those fears are so common that words like arachnophobia and claustrophobia are used often. Besides those, it's surprising the kind of fears that exist out there.

There is a Web site called phobialist.com that lists hundreds

of phobias in alphabetical order. If you suffer from cyclophobia, then that means you are afraid of bicycles. Let's say you're nephophobic; that means you're not fond of clouds. Looking through these lists, I found that there is a fear of hands, tombstones, constipation and

"If you suffer from cyclophobia, then that means you are afraid of bicycles. Let's say you're nephophobic; that means you're not fond of clouds."

even phobias themselves.

There are fears that are very generic and may mean a number of things, such as a fear of injury. And there are also fears of things as specific as one of the color white. Just about anything you can think of, there's probably a listed phobia, and probably someone who actually deals with it.

Remember, I said "just about" anything can be included into a phobia. A fear that I'm sure I have, but can't find a name for, is a fear of whales. I know that sounds absolutely ridiculous and there's no way it can affect my daily life, but it's true.

When I was in the first grade, there was a photo in one of our science books that showed a group of guys in a row boat, just feet away from a blue whale's tail sticking vertically out of the water. It scared the heck out of me. I couldn't look at it.

In the last five years, the problem has gotten worse. It's at the point where I'll see a whale on TV and my eyes will close and my head will jerk away from the screen without my control. And sometimes, if I get a good look at a whale, I get these wicked shivers through my body.

I know what you're saying. "You never have to worry about whales." It's true. And for that I'm fortunate. It would be pretty hard to accidentally run into a whale. There are people that have cathisophobia: the fear of sitting. There are also fears of sleeping, being touched, the outdoors, etc. Obviously, I don't have to worry like people with those fears have to.

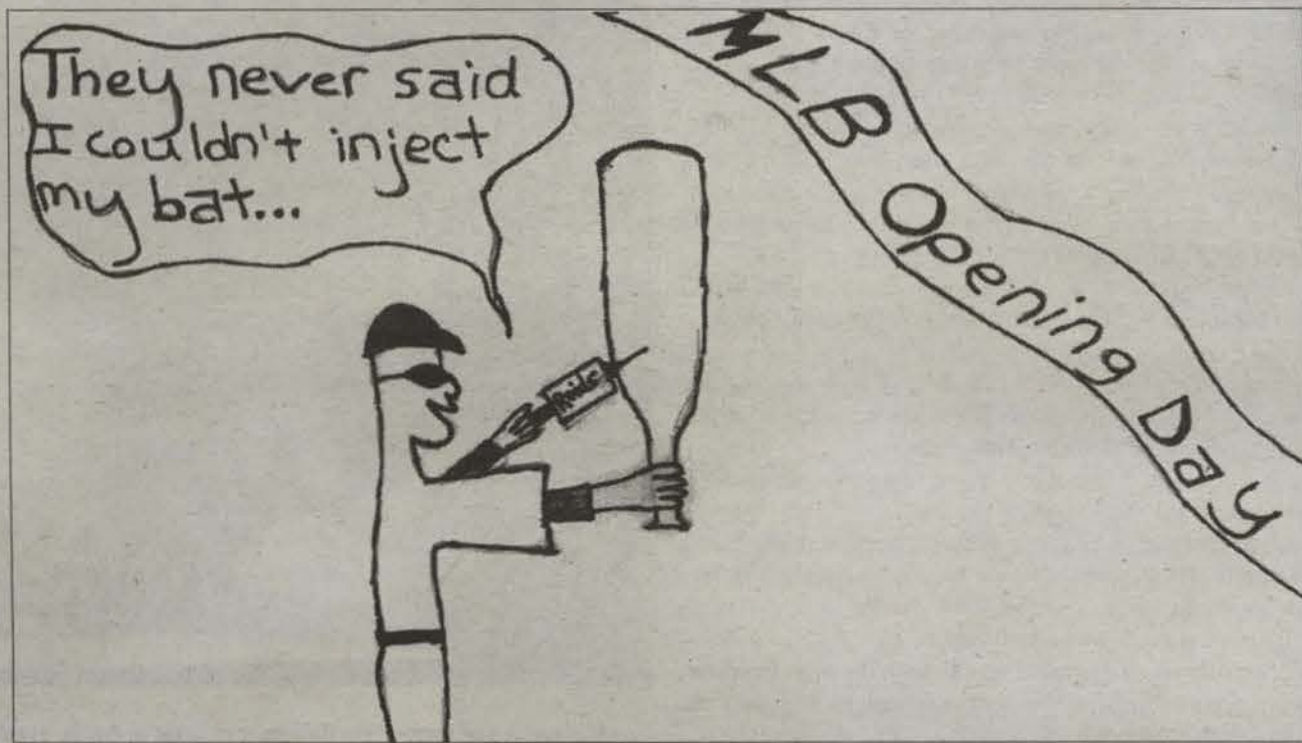
But that doesn't stop it from being true. There is no name for a fear of whales, but I have it, so it exists. One site informed me that a fear of whales is a subcategory of thalassophobia: a fear of the sea. I am pretty sure many other people have fears that just sound ridiculous like mine. I have friends who have some off-the-wall fears as well. Just about everybody has one thing out of the ordinary that freaks him or her out.

For the longest time, I didn't tell too many people about my fear, but lately, everybody I know has found out one way or another. So now I hear whale references daily. One of my coworkers and I bought some fish to put into the newsroom. It didn't take long before the whale comments came rolling in.

My fear is out in the open and I'm not ashamed of it. Again, I didn't chose to be afraid of whales, I just am.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON BY HOLLY MOHR



EDITORIAL

Senate has duty to release information

The Student Senate removed six members last week for failure to meet the requirements of membership.

The Daily Eastern News found out about this last Wednesday when some of the removed senate members sat in the audience during the weekly senate meeting. However, it took until Friday to confirm the information with anyone involved with the senate. That shouldn't be the case.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the removed senate members were still listed on the Student Government Web site, and no press release had been sent.

This may have been a simple case of phone tag that can happen between two groups of busy people. But it fits a pattern of the Student Government Association trying to protect the image of the senate at the expense of informing the student body they are supposed to serve.

Twice in recent years, including earlier this semester, the senate has closed a legally mandated open meeting for improper reasons when the discussion was likely to turn critical of senate members or programs (such as the Big Red Dot Campaign).

As its members prepare for an election in two weeks, it is time to remind the Student Government of Eastern that

At issue

The Student Government not been releasing senate information immediately.

Our stance

The Student Government has a priority to serve the students, and students have the right to know if members of the senate are removed.

openness is always preferable to secrecy, and that they are here to serve the students of Eastern and not the organization itself.

Open government is one of the pillars of democracy. That is why the state has an Open Meetings Act. Because the Student Senate has access to money from student fees at this public university, they are required to follow the Open Meetings Act.

Regardless of the legal requirements, the government members are elected with the understanding that they will represent the students who voted them into office. It is their job to fulfill that duty.

The senate members in question had missed a combination of committee meetings, office hours and the diversity requirement. Their removal from the senate was the right way to go about it.

At least one of the two parties, the United University, are campaigning this election period on making the senate more accessible to students. Let's hope they remember that the first time an issue comes up that does not reflect well on their organization.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COMMUNITY MEMBERS DESERVE THANKS

The Coles County Animal Rescue and Education Center raised \$351.51 at the Bingo for Better CARE event held on Wednesday, March 8.

We appreciate *The Daily Eastern News* for running an announcement on the day of the event. The journalism department case studies class, who organized the event, would like to thank the management and

employees of the Charleston Moose Lodge #1388 for donating their building, services, Bingo cards and time.

Thanks also to all of the local businesses who donated prizes, including American Beauty Hair Salon, A New Look, City Scapes, The Body Shop, The Razor Edge Salon & Spa, Arby's, Dairy Queen, Family Video, Cody's Road House, Cracker Barrel, Alamo Steak House & Saloon, Positively 4th Street Records, Jamaican

Tan, Holiday Inn Express, Midas, Jitters and Bliss, Jackson Avenue Coffee, Midgard Comics, Subway, Hampton Inn and Claire's Boutique. Thanks to the community members who came out to support CARE!

KATHLEEN GORE AND KATIE FLODIN
CO-CHAIRS OF THE
PUBLIC RELATIONS CASE STUDIES CLASS

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CREDIT: IT'S NOT A GAME

Health Education Resource Center teaches students how to manage their finances

By JENNIFER CARLISLE
STAFF REPORTER

Terms such as pro-rated interest or APR are enough to make a college student's head spin when trying to build credit.

Stephanie Ogle, a financial health coordinator, and Marissa Smith, a financial health coordination intern in the Health Education Resource Center, informed students of ways to protect their credit while offering outreach for students to meet financial goals and advice during stressful situations Monday night.

"I came to support Marissa and Stephanie and reap the benefits of learning more because I am a card holder," said Cleopatra Watson, a freshman communications major.

Watson received credit applications in the mail and decided to use Ogle and Smith's services and reviewed the applications before making her decision.

An audience of 16 gave the speakers of "Putting the Pieces Together: Solving Your Credit Card Puzzle," much praise as they related to the student audience, while explaining all the advantages and disadvantages of credit cards with a game of bingo. Prizes of money magnets and piggy banks



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Latoya Hill, a senior education major and Mandelyn Wheeler, a junior business management major, play credit card bingo Monday night in Klehm Hall during a seminar sponsored by the Health Education Resource Center. The seminar was led by Stephanie Ogle, financial health coordinator, and Marissa Smith, financial health coordination intern. They gave students tips, such as making copies of everything in their wallets and keeping financial records.

were awarded to those who paid attention to the presentation.

"This was very helpful," said Jennifer Cooper, a junior family consumer science major.

"It goes more in detail than classes and helps reinforce what I've learned," Cooper said.

Other helpful topics that were addressed were avoiding identity theft and debt, payday loans, cash advances, balance transfers and eliminating credit card debt altogether.

"The breakdown of cash advances and modern day shark loans really helped me understand things better," Watson said.

Smith informed students of the "Do Not Call List," which can be found at

www.donotcall.gov and the "Opt Out Number," (888) 567-8688, in which students can block credit card companies from harassing phone calls.

"The best advice I was given was about the 'Do Not Call List' and the 'Opt Out' number, because credit card companies send me too much stuff in the mail," said Sean McCurtis, a junior physical education major.

A continuum of "Solving Your Credit Card Puzzle," will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 10, in Klehm Hall Room 1418.

For more information, students may also contact Ogle or Smith in the Health Education Resource Center in the third floor of the Student Services Building.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

WEIU-TV newscast wins first in region

WEIU-TV "News Watch" has been awarded a regional first place in the Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Award in the Television Newscast category.

WEIU-TV will now be one of 12 regional winners to be eligible for the national award, to be announced in the middle of May.

'Sports Issues' to cover local, national topics tonight

WEIU-TV and *The Daily Eastern News* will present "Sports Issues" tonight at 6:30 p.m. on 88.9 FM.

The show will feature associate sports editor Matt Daniels and former sports reporter Matthew Stevens discussing campus sports as well as national sports news.

Charleston library to hold annual spring book sale

The Charleston Carnegie Public Library's annual spring book sale is going on today and Thursday.

The sale will be held in the basement meeting room and the children's floor in the library.

Events for Tuesday	CGS MEETING	STUDY ABROAD INFO	WOMEN'S HISTORY	WHAT IS YOUR MAJOR?
	2 p.m. Council on Graduate Studies meeting Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union	3:30 p.m. Register for this event at: www.eiu.edu/~edabroad/ calendar.html Lawson Hall Classroom (basement)	5 p.m. Women's Studies Awards Reception Ceremony Tarble Arts Center	5 p.m. Workshop for students who are undecided or considering a change in major Charleston Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

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FACULTY SENATE

Plans for Faculty Retirement Reception, development workshops to be discussed

Electronic writing portfolios explained to members

By KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern's Faculty Senate will address the Faculty Retirement Reception, which the senate is co-hosting with University Professionals of Illinois.

The senate will also hear announcements on two Faculty Development workshops. "Managing your Workload" will run from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and "Fast but Fair Methods to Assess Grading and Writing" will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

The senate will also view letters from Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, about the Enrollment Management Advisory Committee and the Honorary Degree IGP.

E-mails from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee about collective bargaining will also be read. An e-mail from John Allison and Charles Delman from UPI about collective bargaining will also be in the communications for the senate.

Faculty Senate will hear reports from its elections, student-faculty relations and facul-

ty-staff relations committees, among others.

Possible items for the last meeting of the semester and the next semester will also be discussed, which include external relations, creating a faculty handbook and the senate's vision of the future for the university.

At its meeting on March 21, the senate heard from Karla Sanders, director of the center for academic support and achievement, and Daiva Markelis, Writing Across the Curriculum representative to the Committee on Assessment and Student Learning, about the Electronic Writing Portfolios.

The two explained how the portfolios are reviewed by a group of volunteers who then form a focus group to talk about what they saw in the papers.

Many senate members expressed concern with the project and said many students do not understand the portfolio and the people who read them do not know important things like the student's level or major.

Sanders said the program is used to evaluate writing overall and not at a specific level and that she is willing to hear suggestions

from faculty members about the portfolios.

Student Government representatives Jill David and Jeff Melanson informed the senate of resolutions that the Student Government had recently approved.

The resolutions ask that each department submit its advising procedures and graduation requirements to the Student Government and that the advising form used by Ninth Street Hall be submitted as well.

The Student Government plans to take this information and the forms and post them online where students will be able to find them.

The Faculty Senate voted to support the resolution with 10 yes votes, one no and one abstention.

- ◆ What: Faculty Senate Meeting
- ◆ When: 2 p.m.
- ◆ Where: Booth Library, Room 4440

Ordinance could allow landlords to keep a close eye on student water bills

By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

The City Council's agenda focus will include amending Ordinance Title 2 Chapter 2C, which entails water billing and property owner responsibility during today's meeting.

The council will vote on a new ordinance that would allow property owners to pay a \$10 annual fee for each property they own and receive a duplicate of the water bills from the properties.

This would allow property owners to watch water usage and see if a small leak or other problem results in a bill increase. This ordinance will also assist property owners in returning security deposits.

"This is an opportunity to help out property owners by giving them an additional tool to manage their property," said City Manager Scott Smith.

The council will vote on a 5.5 percent increase in water and sewer rates. Instead of the previous rate of \$7.80 per 1,000 gallons, all metered users of the city, excluding Eastern's campus, will be charged \$8.23 per 1,000 gallons. Eastern's rate would change from \$7.51 per 1,000 gallons to \$7.92 per 1,000 gallons.

Another ordinance, which would give the water department authorization to announce and maintain water department policies, will be voted on. However, it is prohibited from instituting any rule or policy that would be a cost to the customer without first going to the City Council.

"This is an opportunity to help out property owners by giving them an additional tool to manage their property."

SCOTT SMITH, CITY MANAGER

The council will also vote on language changes to Title 2 Chapter 2C. In Section 4A, the language changed is water and/or sewer bills will be billed by the office of the Comptroller instead of the office of the City Clerk. In Section 4C, the language is changed to add that any accounts that have been disconnected due to nonpayment for at least 10 days shall be padlocked or the meters pulled to prevent usage until the account is paid in full. This is in addition to a \$25 fee to disconnect the water and a \$50 fee for re-connection.

The council will also vote to approve a raffle permit for Coles County Extensions Foundation on Aug. 3 at the Coles County Fairgrounds. The City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m.

Workshop to improve faculty essay selection

Two professors noticed weaknesses in EWP; suggest that teachers be more specific on paper assignments

By SARA CUADRADO
STAFF REPORTER

"Creating Successful Writing Assignments" will be presented Wednesday to help improve how teachers create assignments for papers, hopefully providing students with the ability to write better, more interesting papers.

This workshop is sponsored by Faculty Development and will be put on by the Committee for the Assessment of Student Learning's Writing Across the Curriculum. It will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"A big problem for students here at Eastern is absence of a purpose."

DAIVA MARKELIS, ENGLISH PROFESSOR

Two members of Eastern's English Department, Daiva Markelis and Robin Murray, are putting on this workshop based on what they saw in the Electronic Writing Portfolio submissions.

Both Markelis and Murray were on the committee that assessed the EWP sub-

missions from the last four years. They will interpret the results from the submissions and give faculty members ideas on how to help students improve.

"A big problem for students here at Eastern is absence of a purpose," Markelis said, regarding the papers she reads.

Markelis and Murray said they think teachers need to be specific when giving an assignment. Markelis said she believes the more specific an assignment is, the better the student will do on it.

Murray will give an overview of a good assignment during the workshop. They will also give sample assignments for different subjects.

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"We waited for the call to do what's called 'dumping the building,' which means we have to bring all the girls to a part in our basement where there aren't any windows," Alcock said. "We either wait for them to call us and tell us that or we do it when the sirens go off."

Alcock said there was no need to dump the building Sunday night, but some residents went into the basement on their own.

"I was a little nervous since this was the first time I had to deal with a situation like this, but now that I know what needs to be done, I feel more confident about what I would need to do if it happens again," she said.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining Services, said the university works with

the local police department, which notifies them in case people need to get to a safe area, such as residence hall basements.

"We send our staff out to knock on doors to make people aware of the issue in case there's a fast approaching storm," Hudson said.

"These days where so many people have TVs and computers on all the time, they find out as fast as we find out, and we try to reinforce that with our students so that they know what's going on."

All residence halls on campus have a windowless basement in case evacuation is necessary. Greek Court houses, however, do not have basements, but designated windowless areas where people can go to be safe.

Students miss class for sandbag duty

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FARGO, N.D. — Hundreds of students answered an urgent call for sandbaggers Monday to protect homes from the rising Red River, expected to crest about 20 feet above flood stage this week.

More than 660 students from three high schools joined the sandbagging effort, and did so well, so quickly that they were given the job of piling the sandbags as well as filling them, said Fargo School District spokesman Lowell Wolff.

"I think it's a heartfelt response on their part, not just trying to get out of school," he said.

Volunteers of all ages came out to fight flooding in the Red River Valley.

The Red River, which runs north along the North Dakota-Minnesota line, has been swollen by melting snow and heavy rains. The National Weather Service expects it to crest Wednesday in the Fargo area at about 37.5 feet; flood stage is 18 feet.

"This has been a very dramatic rise. We have not seen a 5-foot increase (every day) for two or three days — ever," city Public Works Director Dennis Walaker said.

If the river hits 37.5 feet at Fargo, it would match the level that caused the area's second-worst flood of the century, in 1969, Walaker said. The worst was in 1997 when the river hit 39.5 feet.

In the years since those devastating floods, however, the city has bought up

flood-prone land, removed homes and built new levees. In the area the students were filling sandbags to protect, about 75 homes were in danger of flooding.

The Red River already crested at Wahpeton, about 50 miles south of Fargo, after reaching 15 feet, about 5 feet above flood stage, the weather service said. Downstream, it was expected a crest Thursday at 47 feet near Grand Forks, 7 feet above flood stage.

"At 47 or 48 feet, we have no concern," said Jim Campbell, Grand Forks County emergency manager.

Two of the three bridges between Grand Forks and East Grand Forks, Minn., were closed, leaving only one bridge open between the two cities.

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She said office hours used to be recorded by using a time clock, and she has thought about creating a system where witnesses would be available, but she said it isn't her responsibility to baby-sit people.

"I've been racking my brain on this (issue)," Janik said.

She said she might try to rework the system over the summer, but has no specific idea right now on how to improve it.

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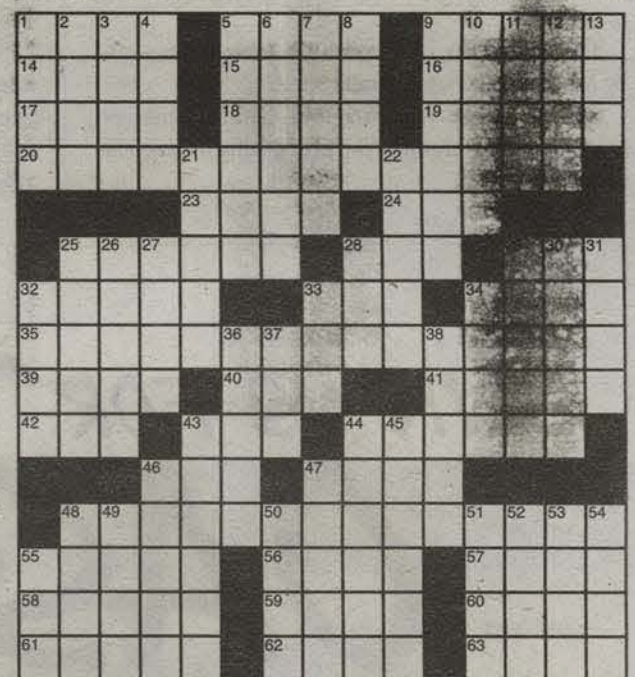
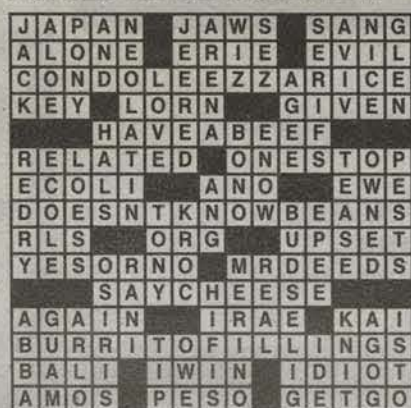
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Ones called to an accident, briefly
 - 5 Pic
 - 9 Oval letter with a line through the middle
 - 14 Italian money, once
 - 15 Tramp
 - 16 Autos, maybe, after owners miss their payments
 - 17 Foul mood
 - 18 Traitor Aldrich
 - 19 Hoover competitor
 - 20 Always
 - 23 Rules, for short
 - 24 ___ Moines
 - 25 Chlorine or bromine compound
 - 28 Be bedridden
 - 29 Onetime Heathrow sight. Abbr.
 - 32 Former secretary of state Powell
 - 33 Lumberjack's tool
 - 34 Holy Roman emperor ___ the Great
 - 35 Occasionally
 - 39 Items split in soup
 - 40 "Much ___ About Nothing"
 - 41 Pipe attachment
 - 42 Author Rand
 - 43 Nitewear
 - 44 Singer/actress Kazan
 - 46 Info supplier for a natl. security briefing
 - 47 Couch
 - 48 Time that won't come in all eternity
 - 55 Swindler's aide
 - 56 Ceremony
 - 57 Get in over one's head?
 - 58 Hi
 - 59 Opposite of sans
 - 60 Tag on a sale item
 - 61 Provide, as with funds
 - 62 Role
 - 63 Dish with tuna and cheese
- DOWN**
- 1 "Do it or ___!"
 - 2 ___ Cooper (car)
 - 3 Math class before calc.
 - 4 Clockmaker Thomas
 - 5 Under a parabol, e.g.
 - 6 Payment of respect
 - 7 Takes orders
 - 8 Coin action
 - 9 Bricklayer's tool
 - 10 "___ Johnny!"
 - 11 Fencer's blade
 - 12 Clock sound
 - 13 Query
 - 21 Singer Lopez
 - 22 "Farewell, mon ami"
 - 25 Sweetheart
 - 26 Highway through the Yukon
 - 27 Tall tales
 - 28 Rock's ___ Rose
 - 29 Popular vodka, informally
 - 30 Cooktop
 - 31 Television knob
 - 32 "Hottest spot north of Havana," in song
 - 33 Blood-typing system
 - 34 Arabian sultanate
 - 36 Holy Shi'ite city
 - 37 Show interrupters
 - 38 Water from France
 - 43 Kind of talk
 - 44 Opportunist of a sort
 - 45 Influence
 - 46 Bass's relative
 - 47 Jewish mourning period
 - 48 Not now
 - 49 Word repeated before West
 - 50 Snare
 - 51 Cheese type
 - 52 Workbench attachment
 - 53 Demonic
 - 54 What is left
 - 55 "___ Loves You"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Lisa Wiseman

Cubs and Cards explode in Opening Day victories

St. Louis 13, Philadelphia 5

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Albert Pujols homered twice, Scott Rolen hit a grand slam and the St. Louis Cardinals' potent offense pounded out 17 hits in a 13-5 victory.

Chris Carpenter pitched five effective innings for the win, though he wasn't as sharp as he was most of last season, when he went 21-5 and won the NL Cy Young Award. Carpenter allowed four runs and nine hits.

Rolen was 3-for-5 with four RBIs, Pujols was 2-for-2 with four RBIs and Aaron Miles had four hits, including two doubles and a triple. Every Cardinals starter, including Carpenter, had a hit by the time St. Louis completed an eight-run fourth inning.

Pat Burrell and Ryan Howard homered for the Phillies, who ended up with their worst opening-day loss since the Brooklyn Dodgers' 12-3 victory in 1935.

Pujols, the reigning NL MVP, hit a solo homer in the third and the Cardinals broke it open in the fourth. Aaron Miles had a two-run triple off Jon Lieber, and Rolen made it 10-0 when he homered deep into the left-field seats off Julio Santana after Jim Edmonds was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Cubs 16, Cincinnati 7

CINCINNATI — With another 16-run outburst, the Cubs showed they've mastered the art of the fast start.

Of course, finishing has always been this franchise's problem.

Chicago rolled to its fourth straight opening day victory Monday, 16-7 over a Cincinnati Reds team that could bring the president to town but couldn't stop the Cubs' run of first-game success.

Matt Murton homered in a five-run first inning, and Todd Walker singled home a pair of runs in a seven-run sixth that sent most of the capacity crowd to the exits on a windy, raw afternoon.

The Cubs set a franchise record for opening day runs in a 16-6 victory over Arizona last year, then wound up finishing in fourth place in the NL Central, right ahead of Cincinnati.

They scored five runs in the first inning, completed by Murton's three-run homer.

For the second year in a row, Carlos Zambrano failed to make it through the fifth inning of an opening day start.

NCAA:

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George Mason in the semis, a game the Gators won from outside and that guard Lee Humphrey ended early in the second with three straight 3s.

The scrappy Humphrey, a junior from Maryville, Tenn., and the only non-sophomore in the Gators' starting five, did the honors again in this one, spotting up for open looks against a collapsing defense early in the second half. His first 3, 80 seconds into the half, gave Florida a 39-25 lead and forced Howland to call timeout. A sloppy offensive possession ensued, then Humphrey came back with another 3.

After Ryan Hollins' dunk, one of the few easy baskets for the Bruins all night, Brewer hit a 3 to make it 45-27 and prompt yet another Bruins TO.

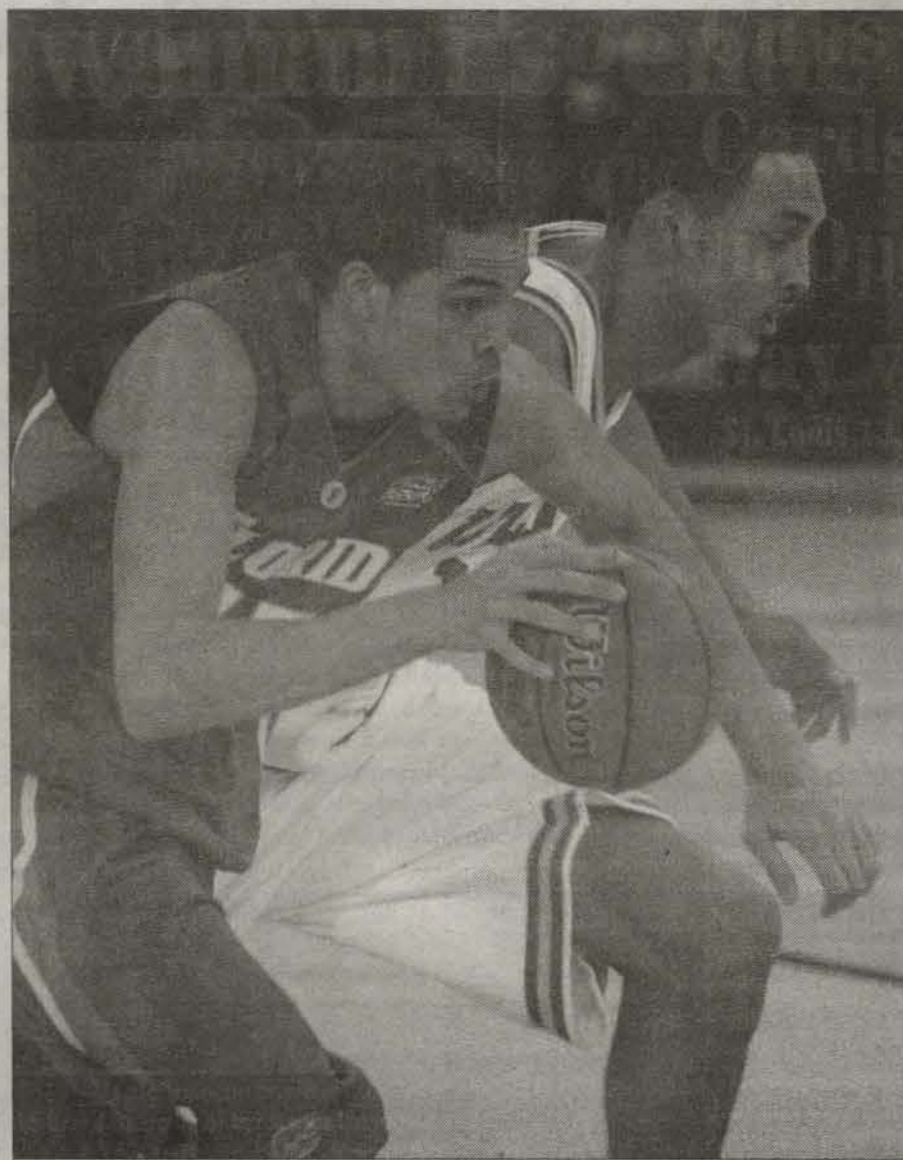
But there was no strategy to stop Noah. The 6-foot-11 son of tennis star Yannick Noah dunked, swatted shots and dominated the game, much like his dad did during his magical run to the French Open title in 1983.

Noah had five blocks by halftime, already one better than the NCAA championship game record set by Arizona's Loren Woods in 2001, and he finished with 29 for the tournament, shattering Woods' record by five.

Noah altered plenty of shots, too — enough that UCLA big men Hollins and Lorenzo Mata looked covered underneath when they weren't. That's what happens when you're facing an intimidating inside presence, and Noah was certainly that.

"They left us relying on our dribble penetration and they either blocked shots or changed a lot of shots," UCLA guard Jordan Farmar said.

His final block came with about 5 minutes left after the Bruins had cut a 20-point deficit to 12. Hollins tried to take it strong as a last-gasp effort to get back in the game. Noah stuffed the shot, grabbed the rebound and



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Florida's Joakim Noah tries to outrun UCLA's Ryan Hollins as the Florida Gators face the UCLA Bruins in the championship game of the Final Four Monday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Ind.

stood there calmly waiting for things to clear.

About two minutes later, Florida was back up by 16 and those Gator chomps were starting in earnest all around the RCA Dome.

UCLA had all the history behind it, and a pretty good team, to boot. The Bruins just

didn't have enough. Farmar, who chose

UCLA over Florida, was their only scoring threat. He finished with 18 points. His back-court mate, Arron Afflalo, finished with 10,

but was shut out in the first half, while this game was getting away.

WOIKE:

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It gave me time to reflect on my insecurities surrounding the White Sox. Mostly, they come from higher expectations after being tabbed as World Series champs in 2006 by Sports Illustrated, the Sporting News and some ESPN analysts.

This means the Sox will have to work harder to repeat, considering how well they used the Rodney Dangerfield method for success ("We don't get any respect.")

But during the rain delay, I realized the Sox had accomplished more than winning a World Series.

They became winners — a term rarely associated with Chicago baseball.

And after the rain slowed down, the Sox showed me winning baseball.

It was shortstop Juan Uribe showing patience at the plate; it was rightfielder Jermaine Dye legging out infield singles and stealing bases.

And, most impressively, it was Thome bringing the crowd to its feet with a colossal homerun into the rightfield bleachers

— a blast longer than any home run hit at U.S. Cellular all last year.

So, the White Sox are 1-0 and off to the best possible start on the road to repeating.

Though there's a lot of baseball left to be played, I can't wait for it to get here.

I got goosebumps when I saw the Sox unveil their World Series championship banner. But, even better, I got excited when I saw them play year two of World Series-caliber baseball.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Panthers open their spring schedule with pair of losses

Eastern finishes Governor's Cup winless

By MATT DANIELS
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern started the spring portion of its schedule this past weekend at the University of Illinois.

This was the first opportunity for Eastern to play after a scheduled March 24 game against Southern Illinois University Edwardsville was canceled due to poor field conditions.

The Panthers, coming off a season that saw them not qualify for the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2000, competed in the third annual Governor's Cup, coming away with an 0-2-1 record. The tournament featured all eight Division I teams from Illinois.

"It wasn't a real consistent performance," said head coach Tim Nowak about his team's weekend.

In the first game, Eastern played to a scoreless draw against Illinois State through 60 minutes of regulation.

Halves were limited to 30 minutes because of shortened rosters and time constraints on the game.

The Redbirds advanced with the win, beating the Panthers in penalty kicks.

In Eastern's second game, DePaul beat the Panthers 1-0 with a Blue Demon goal in the second half.

This wasn't nearly as heartbreaking as when the two teams met last fall, with DePaul defeating Eastern 1-0 on a goal with 17 seconds left on Sept. 2.

In the final game for Nowak and his team, Loyola (Chicago) defeated Eastern 4-0.

"The competitive level wasn't there throughout the day," Nowak said.

The host Fighting Illini won the tournament, pulling off a 1-0 win against Illinois State before prevailing against Northwestern 2-0 in the championship.

Jill Nowak, no relation to Tim, saw time in goal this weekend for the Panthers.

Last year's backup to Tiffany Groene, Jill Nowak was a senior this past season and will not be a part of the team next year.

But the senior can still participate in spring games, her head coach said.

With the graduation of Groene, the Ohio Valley Conference's all-time leader in shutouts, in December, the Panthers do not

currently have a goalie for next fall's roster.

However, Tim Nowak filled that need when he signed Jenny Williams out of Quincy High School as part of his first recruiting class at Eastern on Feb. 10.

Also included in that class were three out-of-state signees, defender/forward Maggie Garbis and forward/midfielder Alexis Miller, both from Missouri, and defender Cassie Shear from Michigan.

All 26 players on Eastern's roster last fall hailed from Illinois.

Tim Nowak is also facing the task of replacing three senior starters in Lee Ann Langsfeld, Lindsey Holcomb and Morgan Frericks.

Freshmen Jessica Burke, Ashley Slota and Lindsey Wilkening, sophomore Megan Ryan and junior Abby Bohnenstiehl all saw time in the defensive backfield.

Slota is the only one of the five to have significant playing time last season, starting 19 of the 21 Panther games.

Eastern is set to have games at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday against Millikin and a club team from Chicago, weather permitting, said Tim Nowak.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior forward Trisha Walter fights for the ball against Indiana State's sophomore defensive player Stephanie Anderson on Sept. 16. The Panthers went 0-2-1 this past weekend in the Governor's Cup at the University of Illinois.

TENNIS

Slumping teams to clash at Darling Courts

Women look to find first OVC win; men look to add second conference victory

By JOE WALTASTI
STAFF REPORTER

Two slumping women's programs will meet at the Darling Courts this afternoon at 2:30. The Panthers host the Austin Peay Lady Governors in a battle of two Ohio Valley Conference teams both looking for their first conference wins.

"We saw the women at the fall in the Evansville tournament," said head coach John Blackburn. "They had some pretty quality players so it should be a close match."

The Eastern women are coming off a loss at Eastern Kentucky last Saturday while the Lady Gobs are try-

"We saw the women at the fall in the Evansville tournament. They had some pretty quality players so it should be a close match."

JOHN BLACKBURN, COACH

ing to put a 7-0 loss to Tennessee-Martin behind them.

The Austin Peay men will also be visiting Eastern today as they look to shake a seven-match losing streak.

Austin Peay had lost three straight matches by a score of 7-0 before earning two points in a 5-2 loss to Tennessee-Martin.

The Governor men are like their

female counterparts in that they also are without a conference win. The Panther men received their first OVC victory Friday afternoon at Morehead State and hope to get their second conference victory against Austin Peay.

The Panther's No. 1 singles player, junior Chuck LeVaque, recently had his four match singles win

streak snapped at EKV. The women's No. 1 singles competitor, sophomore Sandra Sasidharan, has been on and off the last few matches, winning three of her last five singles matches after starting the season with seven straight wins.

Austin Peay left their Clarksville, Tenn. campus Monday afternoon. This is unusual as teams tend to travel on the same day as their matches. But due to the long distance and early start time, the Governors are staying Monday night in Charleston.

Blackburn is in favor of this setup and said it should help Austin Peay.

"It's hard to step out of a van and play after a long drive," he said.

Tennis OVC Standings

Men:

◆ Austin Peay- 10th place in OVC (4-13, 0-4 OVC)

◆ Eastern- 7th place in OVC (7-7, 1-3 OVC)

Women:

◆ Austin Peay- 10th place in OVC (4-9, 0-4 OVC)

◆ Eastern- 9th place in OVC (3-11, 0-4 OVC)

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	BASEBALL VS. OLIVET NAZARENE	3 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	BASEBALL AT WESTERN ILLINOIS	3 p.m.
	SOFTBALL AT ILLINOIS STATE	4 p.m.

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White Sox good enough to repeat

It finally happened. The Chicago White Sox began their 2006 season as defending champions, and despite the new expectations and accolades, the Sox looked better than ever.

No amount of rainfall could stop the Sox from picking up right where they left off, winning — this time scoring a 10-4 win over the Cleveland Indians.

It was a day that couldn't get here fast enough.

Almost moments after the sounds of "Don't Stop Believing" echoed through the streets of Chicago, general manager Kenny Williams was looking to make the team better.

He traded a popular piece in the championship puzzle, Aaron Rowand, for an injured, old power hitter, Jim Thome.

He let Frank Thomas go to Oakland, verbally slapping him on the way out.

He upgraded one of baseball's best rotations by trading Orlando Hernandez for Javier Vazquez. He added depth by acquiring infielder Alex Cintron and allfielder Rob Mackowiak.

But despite all of that, I was still worried about my White Sox.

The bullpen, one of the team's strengths last year, doesn't look as strong.

Dustin Hermanson's back is still injured after an offseason's worth of rest and rehabilitation. Closer Bobby Jenks' came to into camp bigger than ever (in his case, bigger = fatter).

And in Sunday's win against the Indians, Cliff Politte struggled to throw strikes and get outs.

But one addition to the bullpen that came internally has already paid dividends. Brandon McCarthy, the Sox's next great starting pitcher, has been relegated to bullpen duty because of the Sox's rotation depth.

However, it didn't take long for McCarthy to make his mark, throwing three perfect innings after a three-hour rain delay cut starter Mark Buehrle's debut short.

Another question mark, rookie centerfielder Brian Anderson, silenced his critics early, ripping a double on the first pitch he saw.

The rain delay did give me time to think.

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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Bruins become Gatorbait

University of Florida dominates UCLA in second half; earns first NCAA basketball championship in school history

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Game, set, match—and a championship, too—for Joakim Noah and the Florida Gators.

The tennis star's son dominated UCLA with 16 points, nine rebounds and a record six blocks Monday night to key a 73-57 blowout that gave Florida its first national title in basketball and officially wiped away its reputation as only a football school.

Many thought it couldn't be done when Billy Donovan took over a basketball program that was almost an afterthought 12 years ago.

"Our faculty rep said to me before the game that when you start with something from scratch and you build it up to win a championship, that's something special," Donovan said.

For 40 lopsided minutes, the Gators (33-6) were too big, too long and too quick for UCLA, which came up a win short of its 12th national title on a night when legendary coach John Wooden watched from a hospital bed in LA after being admitted for an undisclosed illness that was said not to be serious.

Florida and Noah, voted most outstanding player in the Final Four, won by putting on a thorough display of versatility and unselfishness, a trademark of this team all season.

The Bruins (32-7) were on a defensive tear coming into the championship game, shutting down LSU's Glen Davis in the semifinals and allowing a total of 90 points in the last two games. Florida, though, was just too much to handle.

Noah capped it off with a monster dunk with 1:09 left. When the buzzer sounded, he laid flat on his back at halfcourt and let the confetti rain on

him. His teammates were in a pile a few feet away and Donovan was sharing hugs with his longtime assistant Anthony Grant.

"We're going shine all day, all night," Noah said. "Please don't be mad at us if we don't do a little homework the next couple of weeks."

The Gators won this by taking it right to UCLA early, looking down low to Noah, Corey Brewer, Al Horford and senior Adrian Moss, making the extra pass in the key and finishing with 21 assists, 10 of them from their frontcourt.

"They made it very difficult for us to get prepared," Donovan said. "Just trying to space the floor. And you have to extra pass against them."

It couldn't have been what Ben Howland's team expected had he scouted Florida's 73-58 win over

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BASEBALL



ERIC HILTNER/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior pitcher Konny Firlit throws against a University of Tennessee-Martin player during the second game of Saturday's double-header at Coaches Stadium. Eastern plays today at 3 p.m. against Olivet Nazarene at Coaches Stadium.

Eastern to face hot-hitting Tigers

Olivet Nazarene batting .326 as a team; Eastern looks to get 'back on track'

BY MARCO SANTANA
SPORTS EDITOR

The Panthers pitching staff held Tennessee-Martin to just six earned runs this weekend and won two out of three games.

But the Skyhawks are only hitting .247 as a team. NAIA Olivet Nazarene (15-10-2) comes into today's game hitting .326 as a team and has scored more than 10 runs in four consecutive games.

Olivet head coach Elliot Johnson can't explain his team's hot-hitting stretch.

"It's one hitter at a time," he said. "We hope we go to their place and hit the ball hard. There is no magic formula to hitting."

The midweek game, slated to start at 3 p.m. at Coaches Stadium, gives the Panthers (11-12) a chance to come back after dropping the final game of their series against the Skyhawks.

"We're looking to get back on track," outfielder Dan Fox said. "The loss was disappointing."

The Panthers swept a doubleheader Saturday before dropping their third game on Sunday.

Eastern got off to a good start but after taking a 4-1 lead, the Panther bats stopped working.

"We just got out of our approach," Fox said. "The loss was disappointing. We have to finish it off. Our starting pitching was great (this weekend)."

Freshman Jake Wade will be making the start on the mound for Eastern.

Wade has compiled a 1-0 record in four appearances (1 start), with a 2.03 ERA, third best on the team.

However, the freshman has not pitched since the Panthers 2-1 win on March 18 against Vermont.

Wade has been bothered by some stiffness in his throwing shoulder, a problem that he said is behind him.

"I've been throwing a bit, just trying to get it strong again," he said.

Wade will throw a maximum of three innings today, as the Panthers will need fresh arms as the team has five games over the next six days.

"I'm just going to go in there and try and throw strikes," Wade said about his start today.

Olivet Nazarene, the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference's defending champion, has won five straight games.

The Tigers scored 33 runs in a weekend doubleheader against Trinity College.

"We got a couple of guys back and that helped a lot," Johnson said. "(Designated hitter Nic Higgins) has had a real good start."

Higgins is batting .447 since returning to the lineup and has helped the Tigers go 9-2-2 in their last 13 games.

Olivet Nazarene shortstop John Arisohn is leading the CCAC with a .394 batting average.