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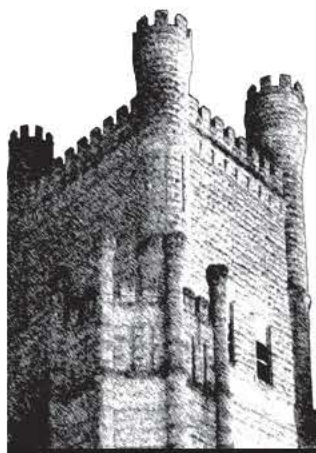
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## NURSING PROGRAM



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Workers gather around the Nurses' Station on the fourth floor of Sarah Bush Lincoln Memorial Hospital Tuesday afternoon.

## Hurting for nurses

### National shortage affects hospitals, universities

BY KAYLA CROW  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The country is feeling the effects of a nursing shortage, as Eastern continues to work toward offering a nursing degree on campus.

According to a Jan. 2, article by the Voice of America News, the United States currently has more than 100,000 empty nursing jobs.

The article also states that the U.S. Labor Department expects there to be 800,000 positions available by the year 2020.

The shortage is also affecting many hospitals in Illinois and the nursing programs that train their nurses.

Eric Benson, vice president of Human Resources at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, said the hospital has slightly experienced the shortage.

While there are some openings at Sarah Bush, its vacancy rate is still below the national average, he said.

The reason the hospital has not had as many vacancies as many other hospitals across the country, is because it actively recruits nursing students from across the state.

Benson said the hospital gets many of its new nurses by going to job fairs at colleges and universities throughout the state, including Bradley University in Peoria.

Marilyn Miller, nursing student coordinator at Bradley, said the university's program currently has 283 students, which is much higher than last year's enrollment. She attributes this increase in part to the nursing shortage.

"It definitely (is a factor)," she said. "Because of the shortage, students know nurses can get jobs when others can't."

The students who go into nursing are almost guaranteed a job because the current shortage is not expected to get any better.

An article in the Sept. 19 *Chicago Sun-Times* reported that by 2020 Illinois alone will have a nursing shortage of 21,000 people.

According to the article in the Voice of America News, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed new laws aimed at attracting new nurses to the state's hospitals.

These laws include awarding grants for students studying nursing, making it easier for foreign nurses to practice in the state and prohibiting hospitals from making their nurses work overtime, the article stated.

Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center is tak-

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## STUDENT SENATE

## Rock wall on its way

BY LAUREN MOORE  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate decided, despite mixed opinions, \$100,000 of students' money will go toward building a rock-climbing wall in the Student Recreation Center.

In addition to the \$50,000 SRC fund for the wall, an item was passed to accept \$50,000 more from the Apportionment Board.

The item passed 24 to 4 to 2.

Jillian Ruddy, vice president for business affairs, said she thought the wall was a valuable opportunity for students who are interested in using it for recreational and educational purposes.

Last week, Ken Baker, director of the SRC, presented his idea for the wall, which included what type of walls were being looking at, where it would go and the results of a survey taken of more than 700 students at Eastern.

Approximately 76 percent of the students said they felt the rock-climbing wall would be a good investment.

After discussing the idea with students, student body president Ryan Berger wasn't convinced the wall would benefit the students as a whole.

"I have some concerns on the presentation," Berger said. "I don't think some of us realize how big of a deal it is. We're using \$100,000 of fees, and there are mixed opinions from students."

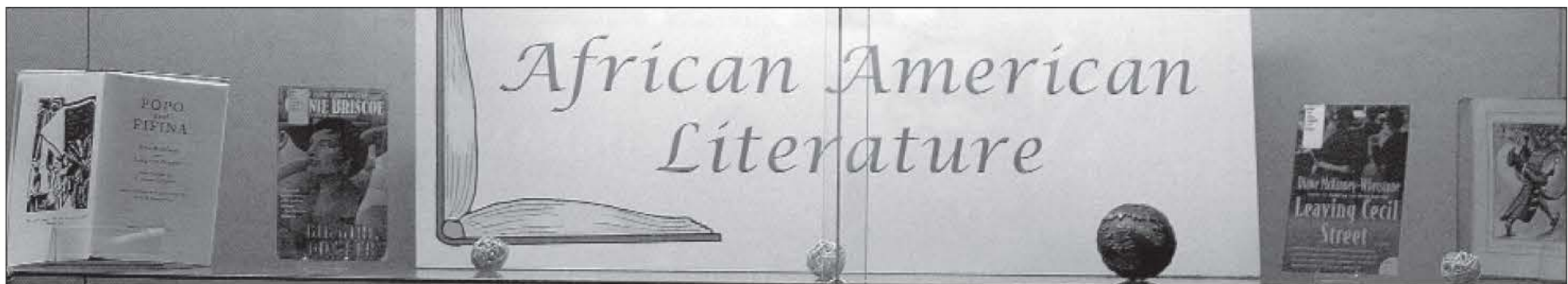
Berger said he personally felt the wall was a great idea, but senate members should vote yes only if they had talked to students and believed this is what they want.

Diversity Affairs chair, Tori Frazier, said she didn't believe students would use the wall consistently.

"I talked to people, and they said it would be cool and look neat, but they would use it sporadically," Frazier said. "They feel the money could be used in bet-

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## 'We're just doing other things'



JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

### City does not officially honor Black History Month

BY ROB SIEBERT  
STAFF REPORTER

Charleston city officials currently have no plans to celebrate Black History Month. According to City Manager Scott Smith, the city does not intend to disregard the importance of the month. Rather, Charleston City Council

only officially recognizes state holidays, such as Presidents Day, Good Friday and Memorial Day, among others.

Smith said he anticipates that the council will acknowledge Black History Month at a future meeting, but that will be the extent of it.

"It's not that we're not supportive, we just don't outright acknowledge anything not sanctioned by the state," Smith said.

Smith noted that the council has always been supportive of Eastern's Black History Month cel-

Booth Library has created a special display featuring many well-known, African-American authors and novelists for Black History Month.

ebrations. He cited that former Mayor Dan Cougill, as well as various city officials, have often attended Eastern's African-American Heritage Banquet in previous years.

The Charleston Carnegie Public Library also does not intend to take any celebratory measures.

"There's no particular reason (the library does not celebrate)," Children's Librarian Judy Looby said. "We're just doing other things."

Looby cites preschool story hours and craft programs as the activities with which the children's section of the library is currently occupied.

Like the city council, Looby assures that the library does not intend to disrespect Black History Month. In previous years, Looby has asked children to write what their dream is, as a tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. She has also helped many students with black history-related school reports.

In contrast, Carl Sandburg Elementary School does intend to celebrate the month and to educate the students on its importance.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Apportionment board on own agenda

Discussions about the Apportionment Board's own bylaws and line-item transfers in its budget are on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

AB chair Jillian Ruddy said the board might also discuss the outline of budget presentations that will take place between Feb. 16 and March 2.

Student Government, University Board and Campus Recreation all make budget presentations for the coming year.

If these fee-funded groups need a larger budget, the Apportionment Board must approve the new budget prior to its presentation to the Student

Senate, Ruddy said.

During budget approval, the Apportionment Board makes corrections to budget requests to make sure that they are worded correctly and more likely to be approved, she said.

The Apportionment Board will meet at 7 tonight in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Peace Corps presents info session

Students interested in joining the Peace Corps, or learning more about it, can attend an information session

at 6 tonight in the Martinsville Room on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Korean War experiences taught through film

Eastern's Asian Cinema Organization will sponsor the showing of "Taegukgi: The Brotherhood of War" at 6 tonight in the Phipps Lecture Hall in room 1205 of the Physical Science building. After the film, the ACO will hold a discussion for students and faculty to learn about the experiences of soldiers in the Korean War.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Art contest deadline

11a.m. | African American Heritage Celebration Art contest entry deadline. Afro-American Culture Center.

Technology Events

2 p.m. | This workshop is intended for individuals wanting to learn how to use the basic features of SPSS. CATS Training Lab, McAfee 1214.

'School Daze'

5 8 p.m. | Movie part of African American Heritage Month Celebration. Lumpkin Auditorium.

STIR CRAZY



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Laura Colgan, a sophomore communication disorders major, patiently waits while her chicken stirfry is prepared in the Carman Hall dining center Wednesday afternoon

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Bill threatens federal loan interest rates

DAILY KENT STATER (KENT STATE U.)

KENT, Ohio - Students may soon be able to borrow more money through federal loans - but the government would also be able to take more from students.

A budget reconciliation bill will most likely create federal savings by increasing the cost of borrowing loans, said Mark Evans, director of student financial aid.

The bill is trying to balance the

federal government's budget by cutting funds to programs. It could trim up to \$12.7 billion from student loan programs, about a third of the total proposed cuts, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education. A final draft of the bill still needs to be approved by both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Currently, interest rates for federal loans can change, but they will become fixed if the budget bill passes, Evans said.

Caffeine affects students' health, teeth and wallets

THE LOUISVILLE CARDINAL

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Consuming soft drinks is America's other favorite pastime. In 2000, the average American consumed more than 53 gallons of soft drinks, according to the National Soft Drink Association. In 2004, soft drink giants Pepsi and Coca-Cola both earned over \$20 billion in sales.

But for every gulp to quench your thirst, you're adding miles you'll have to run later on the treadmill, increasing your risk of health problems and dropping a buck and a quarter into Pepsi's or Coke's company bank account.

"People take in more calories than their body burns, which leads to weight gain," said Nancy Kuppersmith, an instructor and nutritionist for U of L's Family and Geriatric Medicine department.

WTF?

Puppies used to move drugs, 3 die

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Colombian drug dealers turned puppies into couriers by surgically implanting them with packets of heroin, federal authorities said Wednesday.

Investigators believe the ring used the dogs, as well as human drug swallows, to conceal millions of dollars in liquid heroin on commercial flights

into New York City for distribution on the East Coast.

Ten puppies, including Labrador retrievers, were rescued during a 2005 raid on a farm in Colombia, the Drug Enforcement Administration said, while announcing more than 30 arrests.

A veterinarian had stitched a total of 3 kilograms of heroin into the bellies of six pups. Three later died from

infections after the drugs were removed.

It was unclear how many dogs were used in the overall scheme, and investigators do not know their fate after they arrived on U.S. soil, said John P. Gilbride, head of the DEA's New York office.

"I think it's outrageous and heinous that they'd use small, innocent puppies in this way," he said.



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# New state law cracks down on meth making

## Cold medications buyers now subject to logs, limits on medicines

By ROB SIEBERT  
STAFF REPORTER

Both methamphetamine dealers and people with colds in Illinois might be fresh out of luck thanks to a new state law put into effect on Jan. 15.

The new law requires individuals purchasing Sudafed, Nyquil and other cold medicines containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine to be 18 or older. In addition, purchasers must present a valid identification and sign their name to a buyer's log. The names will then be entered into a statewide database, which will allow police to track meth producers.

Customers are also limited to purchasing two packages of regulated cold tablets per month.

"The best way to cut down on the use of meth on a local level is to restrict its availability," said Lt. Hank Pauls of the Charleston Police Department. "And you can't make it without (ephedrine and pseudoephedrine). You're going to be a little more apprehensive about showing your ID and signing a registered document."

Mark Peyton, commander of the East Central Illinois Drug Task Force, said Coles County is one of the leading counties in the state of Illinois as far as methamphetamine problems are concerned.

While Peyton thinks the new law is a big step in the fight against meth, the problem will persist.

"I do think it will have an effect, but I would not say it'll be a crushing effect," he said.

Since the laws inception, some local pharmacies have experienced mild complaints but nothing serious enough to note specifically, he said.

Amy Malmen, a pharmacist at the Medicine Shoppe in Mattoon, notes that a customer's intentions can sometimes be painfully obvious if they conveniently don't have an ID.

Even before the law's passing, some pharmacies had already begun logging names. According to Malmen, the Medicine Shoppe has been doing so for four months.

Meanwhile, pharmacist Steve Cull of Prairie Medical Pharmacy in Charleston is simply

### Information on Illinois' new methamphetamine law:

Passed on May 2, 2005

Took effect Jan. 15

◆ **No cold medicines containing ephedrine and pseudoephedrine can be sold to consumers under 18 years old**

◆ **Buyers must show valid identification and sign buyer's log**

◆ **Consumers are limited to two packages of cold medicine tablets per month**

◆ **Iowa, Missouri, Alabama, Georgia, Oregon and Oklahoma have adopted similar laws or practices to cut down on meth production and use**

happy to be a part of the solution to the meth issue.

"I think if it's going to help the meth problem at all, it's entirely worth it," he said.

While the process may be an inconvenience to those actually suffering from cold symptoms, Pauls is certain that it's hardly a serious one.

"Two boxes (of Sudafed) a month is a reasonable amount. Plus, there are other medications available," Pauls said. "It's just unfortunate that (these drugs have) an ulterior use."

Illinois is not the only state to place restrictions on cold medication. Alabama, Georgia and Oregon are among the other states that have passed such laws.

Iowa and Missouri were among the first states to restrict the purchase of cold medicine. But the first state to create a database for frequent buyers was Oklahoma after individuals whose car contained a meth lab killed three state troopers in a car accident.

The law was passed on May 2, 2005, and other states have been following suit ever since.

"As this takes hold in each state, we're hoping to push pill buyers across the border," Pauls said.



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A new apartment complex, Grant View Apartments, is being built at Grant Avenue and First Street. Construction should be finished in time for students to move in to the complex this fall.

## New apartment complex going up on 'good location'

By KRISTEN LARSEN  
CITY EDITOR

Another apartment complex will be available for students who want to have a place of their own off campus this fall.

The new complex, Grant View Apartments, is being built on Grant Avenue and First Street on what seems to be the last of the "good location," said both Mayor John Inyart and complex co-owner Chad Lowell.

Along with Grant View Apartments, there are several other complexes such as Brittany Ridge Apartments and Park Place Apartments that are close to campus.

With only a parking lot between the new apartments and Lantz Arena, residents should be able to watch football games from the second floor of the new complex, Lowell said.

Grant View Apartments is a family-owned business run by Chuck and Ronda Lowell, and their son and daughter-in-law, Chad and Kristi Lowell. The complex is being built on land owned by the family.

"I lived there (the family land) when I was going to Eastern and was in classes in Coleman and Lumpkin," Chad Lowell said. "And it was nice still being so close to campus."

The complex is targeted toward students, mainly those with classes at Lantz. Students interested can start signing leases now, Lowell said. One of the 10 available units has already been rented.

The complex will be two stories with five units on each level. Each unit is a four-bed-

room apartment with two full baths. The units will also be fully furnished and the complex will have a washer and dryer.

"It will be a nice addition to the neighborhood," Inyart said.

Brittany Ridge like Grant View Apartments, is close and it has four-bedroom apartments located behind Carman Hall.

"It's very convenient for students and a lot seem to like it," said Doug Sager, who owns six units.

Unlike Grant View Apartments, Brittany Ridge units are three stories each, with a bedroom on the bottom floor, a living area in the middle and three bedrooms upstairs.

Right across from the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and University Police Department are the Park Place Apartments. The apartments have been recently remodeled with new carpet, linoleum and paint.

"We fixed the apartments that might have been beaten up by previous tenants," said Jennifer Harris, manger of Park Place Apartments.

Park Place Apartments are fully furnished with covered parking. Some of the apartments also have balconies.

"Right now if a person signs the day they view the apartment, they can receive \$100," Harris said.

Harris said many people not in college wouldn't be happy in the apartments because the complexes are geared toward students, but they would not turn non-students away.

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### COMMENTARY



**SARAH WHITNEY**  
MANAGING EDITOR

## IT HAPPENS SOMETIMES

It has been about a year since my boyfriend and I moved in together, and we’re still as much in love, if not more than before. This was proved to me beyond a reasonable doubt yesterday, when we woke up to a war zone.

In June, we adopted two half-blooded himalayan kittens. They are the best-behaved kittens, and I will never again own a cat that isn’t partially pure bred.

For Christmas, my step-grandma, who used to breed himalayans, gave us an automatic cleaning kitty litter box. It looks like a blue and white mini-spa. Sensors line its sides, and after a cat does its business, a metal rake zips back and forth through the litter and dumps the poop into a box, which opens automatically.

This present was really mine. Working on the paper several hours each day keeps me very busy, and the last thing I want to do when I get home is to clean the cats’ litter box.

Anything that makes my life easier, I can get excited about. So, I assembled the kitty palace as soon as I got home.

The new box fascinated Mirri and Rashka, our two kittens. It was the jumbo, deluxe version so it came with a huge lid and it’s own blue awning, under which the kittens crouched while I pieced the thing together. After I poured the litter into what seemed like a kitty-sized grand ballroom and attached the awning and front porch (a white, fluffy board that the special kitty can wipe her delicate paws on as she exits her

**“The rake had clogged, and the apartment was covered in dirty kitty paw prints.”**

bathroom palace), both kittens moved in.

So much affluence confused Mirri. She sat under the awning and tried to scoop the litter out of the box with her striped,

gray paw. It was adorable. Rashka’s gold eyes peered out from the back of the box where he was investigating the rake. He looked like a gray, fluffy lion sitting in its cave.

The directions suggested leaving the box on the lowest settings for the first two days, as the moving rake might scare the cats. But this wasn’t true.

As soon as I’d plugged the box in, flipped the switch, and activated the rake, the kittens went on red alert, like they’d spotted a mouse. The moving rake fascinated them. For the next few days, when the litter box began to clean itself, I’d hear pitter-patter of kitten paws across the kitchen floor as they scampered to watch. I could almost hear their amazement.

Alas, the convenience of not having to clean the litter box on a regular basis was only temporary. Yesterday, Andrew and I woke up to a war-zone. The rake had clogged, and the apartment was covered in dirty kitty paw prints. Cat crap was everywhere — the kitchen and bathroom floors, my desk and the couch cover.

Sh\*t had happened.

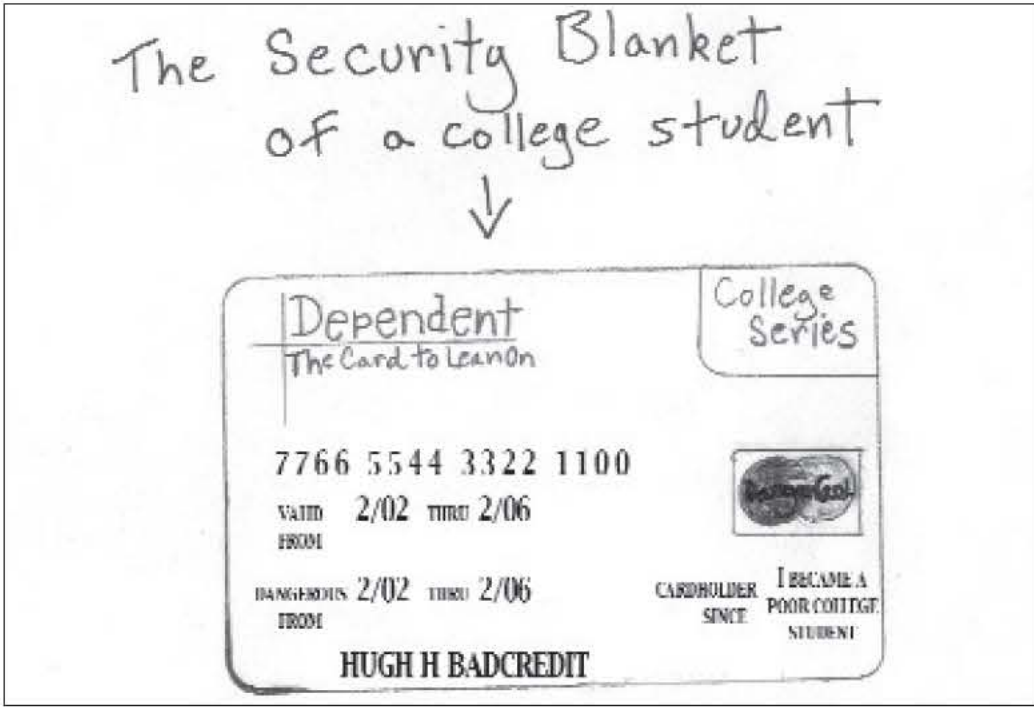
Instead of getting mad at each other or the cats, Andrew and I worked together to contain the damage. I bathed Rashka, while he mopped and vacuumed the floors. Then I disinfected the floors, cabinets and tables, while he went to Wal-mart and bought a new litter pan.

The kitty palace turned out to be more of a nightmare than a time-saver. But everything is mostly returned to normal, now. The floors are clean and so is my desk. The couch cover will have to be washed. Both kittens, while somewhat disgruntled, are clean. And the palace is stored away in my car trunk.

It’s better that way.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY BRIAN O’MALLEY



### EDITORIAL

## College lesson: credit card 101

Students on campus are constantly barraged with credit card offers in the mail.

Students have to be aware that the reason they are being sent these offers is because the credit card companies know that they are a vulnerable group.

There are the constant bills piling up along with having to buy supplies for classes. Many students are out on their own for the first time in their lives.

At the same time, they are continuously just short of cash and that helps them make the decision to take out a credit card.

Credit cards can be beneficial but students must learn how to manage them before they take them out. There are clear advantages to credit cards.

When a student absolutely needs money, then a credit card can be put to good use. But students have to know when an emergency is real and when it is fabricated.

Another advantage is the fact that getting a credit card establishes a credit line that companies use to determine whether people are financial risks or not. It is a never-ending circle that students should be aware of.

In order to get a credit card a student must have good cred-

#### At issue

Credit card use among college students.

#### Our stance

Students should be aware of the dangers of credit cards. When used correctly and paid on time, credit cards can be a very convenient and helpful payment method. Bills not being paid on time will give a student bad credit.

it, but in order to establish good credit they must have a credit card.

The advantages are offset by the disadvantages of getting a credit card. But knowing these disadvantages will help students benefit from the cards.

Suze Orman, financial expert from MSNBC, listed some things that credit card users should avoid doing in order to manage their credit cards effectively for Yahoo.com.

The obvious one is to avoid making late payments. One reason to do this is to make sure that your rate doesn’t change. A zero percent card can be increased into the double-digit range just for missing a payment deadline.

If you have multiple cards, your late payments on one can affect your interest rates on the others.

Students should also not use it as an ATM card. Cash advances can be charged at higher rates than your credit card.

By becoming more aware of what they are doing to their credit, students will be able to use credit cards to their advantage.

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

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MORE THAN ONE MONTH NEEDED TO LEARN HISTORY

America is one of the most ‘colorful’ countries in the world, and thus, the basis for millions of immigrants during the development of this country.

In light of Black History Month, Morgan Freeman, a prominent African-American actor recently appeared on an interview shunning the concept of Black History Month. He claimed that black history could not be learned in a month, and that he felt it was more racist to only devote one month to the culture.

“When is White History month?” Freeman added.

I absolutely agree with him. The answer is there is no white history month, and there shouldn’t be. As a Native American, I do not push for a Native American history month, or any other month dedicated to a race. Rather, we should learn all races and the roles they have played and the lives that were sacrificed for this country.

I completely agree with celebrating influential players in our country, the Lincolns, and MLK Jr.s. These people realized something that I feel has been lost in

recent years, the idea of country over self.

Rather than learn from historical figures, we hear that certain cities should be “chocolate cities” a comment from the mayor of New Orleans how can our problems with racism be cured if statements like this are made? Underneath the person to your left and right, regardless of color we are all Americans and we should make every effort not to forget that.

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*February not officially  
Black History month*

Principal David Carey said the teachers will emphasize the importance of African-American men and women in the country's history and teach the students about the strides they have made.

The school will also enlist the services B.F. McLarren, a retired Eastern professor, to perform as Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 9. Among other things, McLarren will speak to the children about Lincoln's role in black history.

Carey noted that such lessons are even more important now with the death of Coretta Scott King on Tuesday.

"We're all making sure we talk to the students about the Civil Rights Movement, Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King, Jr., and their leadership," Carey said.

In 1840, a Coles County census reported that of 9,616 citizens, 33 were African-American, which amounts to 0.3 percent.

In 2000, 160 years later, 1,215 residents, or 2.3 percent, out of 53,196 residents were black.

Statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau show that the population of black residents in the United States, including those of more than one race, comprised 13.4 percent of the total U.S. population as of July 1, 2004.

Eastern has 20 events scheduled in celebration of Black History Month, including the African-American Heritage Banquet, the Miss Black EIU Pageant and various panel discussions and guest speakers.

**Alito casts first vote in death penalty case**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito dealt Wednesday with his first case, a complex Missouri death-row appeal that kept him and his fellow justices at work well into the night.

Earlier, at his second swearing-in ceremony in two days, this time in the ornate East Room of the White House, Alito received hearty applause from lawmakers and fellow Supreme Court justices. He was lauded by President Bush as a man of "steady demeanor, careful judgment and complete integrity."

After being sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts, Alito said, "I don't think that anyone can become a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States without feeling a tremendous weight of responsibility and a tremendous sense of humility."

Alito's first vote was straightforward. He and other justices refused to give Missouri permission to speed up plans to execute a man who killed a teenage honor student.

The court was dealing with three more appeals filed Wednesday in the case of Michael Taylor, who would be Missouri's first inmate to be executed this year. Reporters and witnesses were gathered at the state prison awaiting word from the high



CHUCK KENNEDY/KRT NEWS

**President Bush watches Judge Samuel Alito joined by his wife, Martha-Ann Bomgardner, at a ceremonial swearing-in by Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts, Wednesday, February 1, 2006, as Associate Justice of the United States in the East Room of the White House in Washington D.C..**

court on whether to go ahead with the execution.

Separately, the court, acting without Alito, rejected Taylor's appeal that argued that Missouri's death penalty system is racist. Taylor is black and his victim was white. He filed the appeal on Tuesday, the day that Alito was confirmed by the Senate to replace Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.


"The death penalty as practiced in the state of Missouri discriminates against African-Americans such as (Taylor), such that it is a badge of slavery," the justices were

told in a filing by Taylor's lawyer, John William Simon.

Taylor's legal team had pursued two challenges — claiming that lethal injection is cruel and unusual punishment and that his constitutional rights were violated by a system tilted against black defendants.

Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, a pro-death penalty group, said Taylor had only a long-shot appeal because of federal limits on when courts can hear final pleas from death row inmates.


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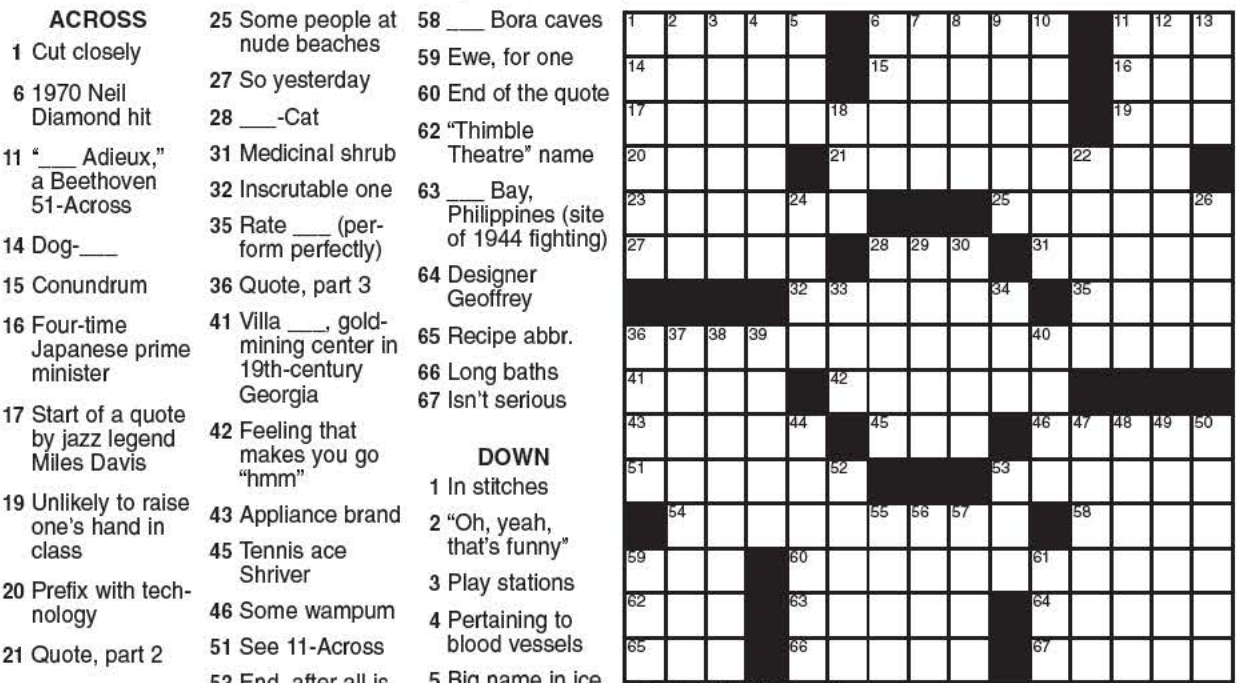
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Panthers' main concerns come from within

Samford fell into second place in the OVC after losing at Murray State 59-38 Monday. Before the Panthers (5-14, 4-9) have to deal with the methodical Bulldogs, they'll have to be ready to run with the Gamecocks. But the high-powered Jacksonville State offense doesn't equate to a stifling defense, LaPlante said.

"We play just a little bit different style of play than the majority of teams play at, but when we're effective at it, we're difficult to beat," he said. "I think a lot of the other teams get a little excited when they play us because they know they're going to have the potential to have a career night."

Jacksonville State's opponents are averaging 79.9 points per game.

"If they get beat, it's usually because the opponent gets above 90 points or right at it," Miller said.

But their offense more than makes up for

any defensive shortcomings.

Miller said Jacksonville State has the ability to score a lot of points — fast. He said the Panthers will have to use a combination of defenses to thwart the streaky offense.

"They're going to have spurts, and when they're in one, you've got to change something," Miller said. "If they get you twice, you've got to do something different."

"If they get into a spurt early, you could see us using all five timeouts in the first 10 minutes."

The motor behind the Gamecock offense is senior point guard Walker Russell, who leads the OVC in assists (6.58).

Miller said in a conference full of guards, Russell's versatility makes him unique. He can shoot, he can pass and he directs the league's best offense.

But, despite the contrasting offensive styles of Jacksonville State and Samford, the Panthers' main concerns are internal.

Miller said his team can't allow a quick tempo or a slow tempo to dictate the gameplan.

"It's going to be important for guys to play the way we've been trying to play in all phases," Miller said. "If we get a good shot at the basket, we need to take it. And if not, we need to work until we get a shot we want."

MEN'S TRACK

Tough competition awaits Eastern

By DERRICK JOHNSON II  
STAFF REPORTER

The past few meets have produced quality competition for the Panthers.

The same can be expected this weekend, particularly for two Eastern runners.

Sophomore Chris Wesson and freshman David Holm hope to lead the Panthers this weekend at the Hoosier Relays at Indiana University.

Eastern clashes with members of the Big Ten Conference and other schools at Gladstein Fieldhouse in Bloomington, Ind.

Wesson expects the meet to be even better than those in the past, he said.

"It's definitely one of the better meets we've been in with better competition," Wesson said. "We'll be competing against some people who made Olympic trials."

Holm agrees with his teammates' assessment.

"Indiana is a big university so I expect there to be a lot of good competition all across the board in each event," Holm said.

The promise of good competition has the Panthers excited to compete. Wesson will be competing in both the 800-meter run and the 4x400 meter relay while Holm is competing in the 800-meter run, the 4x400 and the distance medley relay. Wesson expects Holm to put on a good performance at the Hoosier Relays he said.

"Dave Holm is probably going to do real good in the 800 meter and the 4x400," Wesson said. "He'll really help us get some points this weekend."

Wesson isn't the only one who has high hopes for Holm. Holm also has his sights set high for this weekend.

Aiming for a personal best

among other goals, Holm said he is definitely looking forward to competing.

"I'm looking to set a new personal record because I haven't ran a fresh 800 since before Christmas," he said. "I'm looking forward to the distance medley relay because I've never ran it before and we've got a pretty good team that might qualify for nationals."

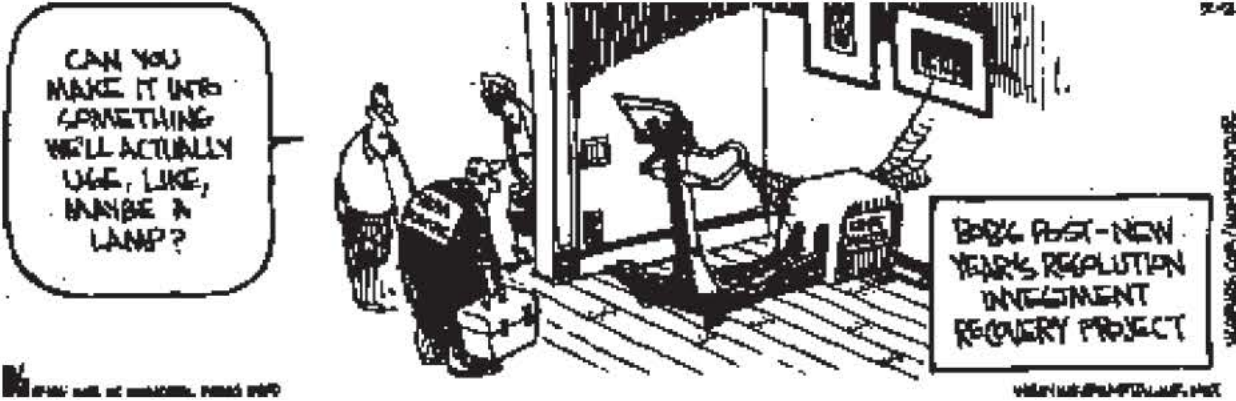
In order to be competitive this weekend the Panthers had to put a lot of time into their training. Many coaches and athletes raise the level of their training in order to make competition easier. This has been the case many times for Wesson, he said.

"These past couple of weeks practice has been hard and I'm kind of tired," Wesson said. "Sometimes the meets have been easier than the practices, which is a blessing."

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## Confident Panthers off to Alabama to keep momentum

BY MARC CORRENTI  
STAFF REPORTER

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

# Eastern looking to gain more experience



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Freshman Vicki Dzura takes a leap during the EIU Mega Meet held Jan. 21 in Lantz Fieldhouse as part of the long jump event.

## Indiana meet will not be scored

By KATIE ANDERSON  
STAFF REPORTER

The Panthers will experience some déjà vu this weekend. Last weekend the team ventured to the hills of Wisconsin to face the Big 10 schools and other stiff competition. This week they travel out of the state again and will compete at another non-scoring meet, this time at the University of Indiana. Eastern, however, will find more than a change of geography in this meet. The Hoosier Relays is a two-day meet, with Friday as a day for preliminaries and Saturday reserved for finals. With more than 1,000 athletes competing, the competition will be high, said Judy Wilson, women's head distance coach at Indiana. "A strong field should yield some impressive results," said Eastern

assistant coach Nate Davis. Mile times from Alabama, Lindenwood, Southern Illinois Carbondale and Southern Illinois Edwardsville are ten seconds faster than any current Eastern runner. The larger schools in the competition have athletes running the 200-meter dash in the 26 and low 27-second range. Eastern currently only has one runner, freshman Violet Nwordu, who has run under 27 seconds this season. That occurred last weekend at Wisconsin as Nwordu ran a 26.21 race. The long jump is another event where Eastern will face athletes with better distances. Belmont, Arkansas, SIUC, and Lindenwood all bring long jumpers who have landed 17 feet or better this season, a length that Eastern's farthest jumpers have just began to reach. "We are finally doing full approaches for long and triple jump," said freshman jumper Vicki Dzura. Teammate Jenna Uhe and Dzura have been improving with each meet. "Our team

**"This meet is an awesome opportunity for our freshmen vaulters because they are presented with some really good competition in the open event..."**

NICOLENE GALAS, JUNIOR POLE VAULTER

goal is just to keep improving so we will be ready for conference," Dzura said. Despite entering the meet with low-seeded times and distances, the women are excited to compete—and also excel. "The team goal is also to be hungry and step up our game so that we can take risks in competition and set new heights for ourselves," said freshman jumper and thrower Nicole Walcott. Walcott will be throwing the shot put at the meet Saturday. "I really want to focus on this event and throw a PR (personal record)," she said. "I really want to get in that zone and be mentally as well as physically strong for the meet." Sophomore Amy LeJuene is

also looking forward to the weekend, particularly the relays. "In relays you are often more motivated because you have teammates counting on you to do your job." Eastern's 4x400 relay team has continued to improve the last three meets, and if the women can drop a second or two off each split, their relay could be running with some of the fastest women in the Midwest. Junior pole vaulter Nicole Galas said the meet can only help the freshman vaulters. "This meet is an awesome opportunity for our freshmen vaulters because they are presented with some really good competition in the open event, giving them a chance to push themselves a little harder to jump higher," she said.

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### In-state schools not always chosen

If you happen to read a recruiting story, it usually involves high school players saying something about having a tough time of deciding where they wanted to go and not making a decision until the last minute. Another recruiting oddity that comes to mind is why most people feel that coaches should get the best players from their state. What, are there only good football players in Illinois?

I looked it up and discovered that 49 other states have high school football, which means out-of-state schools can recruit the players. It's why I never understood why Weber took so much flak when he didn't sign Scheyer, but never received much credit for signing flashy Indianapolis guard Eric Gordon, regarded as a top 2007 recruit in the country. So, as you're reading why Eastern Illinois couldn't get the No. 1 quarterback in the country, you should ask yourself this question: Who cares? Marc Correnti is a junior journalism major. If you think that prospective journalists should have a National Signing Day, tell him so at EIU3583@yahoo.com.

## SIGNINGS:

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### Panthers sign three ends

coordinator Roc Bellatoni. Losing only one starter on the offensive line because of graduation, center Pascal Matla, offensive coordinator Mark Hutson agreed with Spoo in saying that Spears is strongly in the mix of someone who might start. The Panthers lose three starters from the defensive line, including first-team Ohio Valley Conference selection Kory Lothe. This is one

position where Spoo and his staff are still looking, despite signing three defensive ends in Nathan Galan, Colin Luczynski and Rashaad Rigby. Galan, from Lakeland, Fla., was a first-team all-state linebacker from Evangel Christian last year. Bellatoni sees Galan, a linebacker in high school, as a type of pass rushing defensive end that Lothe developed into. "One area that we probably came up short was the defensive end position where we probably would have taken another recruit there, but we didn't get that," Spoo said. The team still has scholarships available and three recruits are

planning a visit this weekend. The team has not handed out all their scholarships in hopes of landing a D-I transfer at defensive end, Spoo said. Seven of the 13 recruits are from Florida, upping the number of players from the Sunshine State to 30 on the Panther roster. "I'm sure the kids look at it and feel like they're not really leaving home," said Spoo about Florida being a hotbed for Eastern recruiting. Regardless, with some of the recruits being red-shirted next year, Spoo is still happy with the recruits signed so far. "As is the case every year we'll not know how good a class it is for a length of time," he said.

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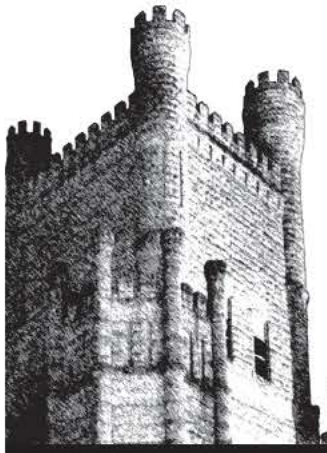
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<b>TODAY</b>	W-BASKETBALL AT JACKSONVILLE STATE	5 p.m.
	M-BASKETBALL AT JACKSONVILLE STATE	7:30 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	TRACK & FIELD AT INDIANA	Through Sat.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>SWIMMING VS. ST. LOUIS</b>	noon
	<b>WRESTLING VS. NORTHERN IOWA AND WYOMING</b>	2 p.m.

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston



**THE SIXTH MAN**  
**MARC CORRENTI**  
STAFF REPORTER

## Signing off on National Signing Day

Wednesday marked National Signing Day for high school football players.

One thought came to mind: Who cares?

Is there anything as pointless as fawning over high school athletes and where they will be signing to play college football or basketball?

It's ridiculous.

It's as overblown as Super Bowl week, with the exception that there is actually an NFL game on Sunday.

Most coaches will tell you that recruiting is the lifeblood to their programs and that without it, the world would be uncivilized.

They say these things because they don't want high school athletes thinking that they don't care about them. In reality, they will tell you recruiting trips are as fun as a root canal.

It seems like the hype over signing day and recruiting has gotten out of hand lately, especially in Illinois where Illini men's basketball coach Bruce Weber is watched like a hawk in every recruiting move he either makes or doesn't make.

There was a lot of hubbub over the spring in where Glenbrook North High School's Jon Scheyer was going to college. Was it Duke or Illinois?

Once again, who cares?

For the record, Scheyer chose Duke and Illini Nation jumped down his throat faster than Dee Brown leads a fast break.

Imagine that. All these people that Scheyer never met condemning him for not picking cornfields over tobacco.

To make things worse this year, ESPNU offered "election-style" coverage regarding signing day.

There are also Web sites, like scout.com and rivals.com, dedicated to following recruits around and what choices they made. The Chicago Tribune reported that rivals.com has over 150,000 subscribers paying at least \$9.95 per month.

Why would you pay 10 bucks a month for rumors? Much like signing day, it doesn't make sense.

It looks like the NCAA is trying to turn signing day into their version of the NFL Draft, where you can visit "war rooms" and get interviews of where your favorite defensive tackle will be signing.

The only thing missing is Mel Kiper, Jr.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Different styles next for Panthers

*Eastern goes to Samford, JSU for next two*

BY DAN WOIKE  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panthers men's basketball team faces contrasting styles when it travels to Alabama to play Jacksonville State tonight at 7:30 and Samford at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The Panthers face the Gamecocks and their Ohio Valley Conference-leading offense. Jacksonville State is scoring 77.7 points per game, 17 more than Eastern's last-ranked 60.6 points per game.

"We definitely like to try to play up-tempo," Gamecock head coach Mike LaPlante said. "The style of play, we want to make it a lot of possessions."

And less than 48 hours after running up and down the court with Jacksonville State (9-10, 7-6 OVC), the Panthers face a Samford team that likes to slow things down.

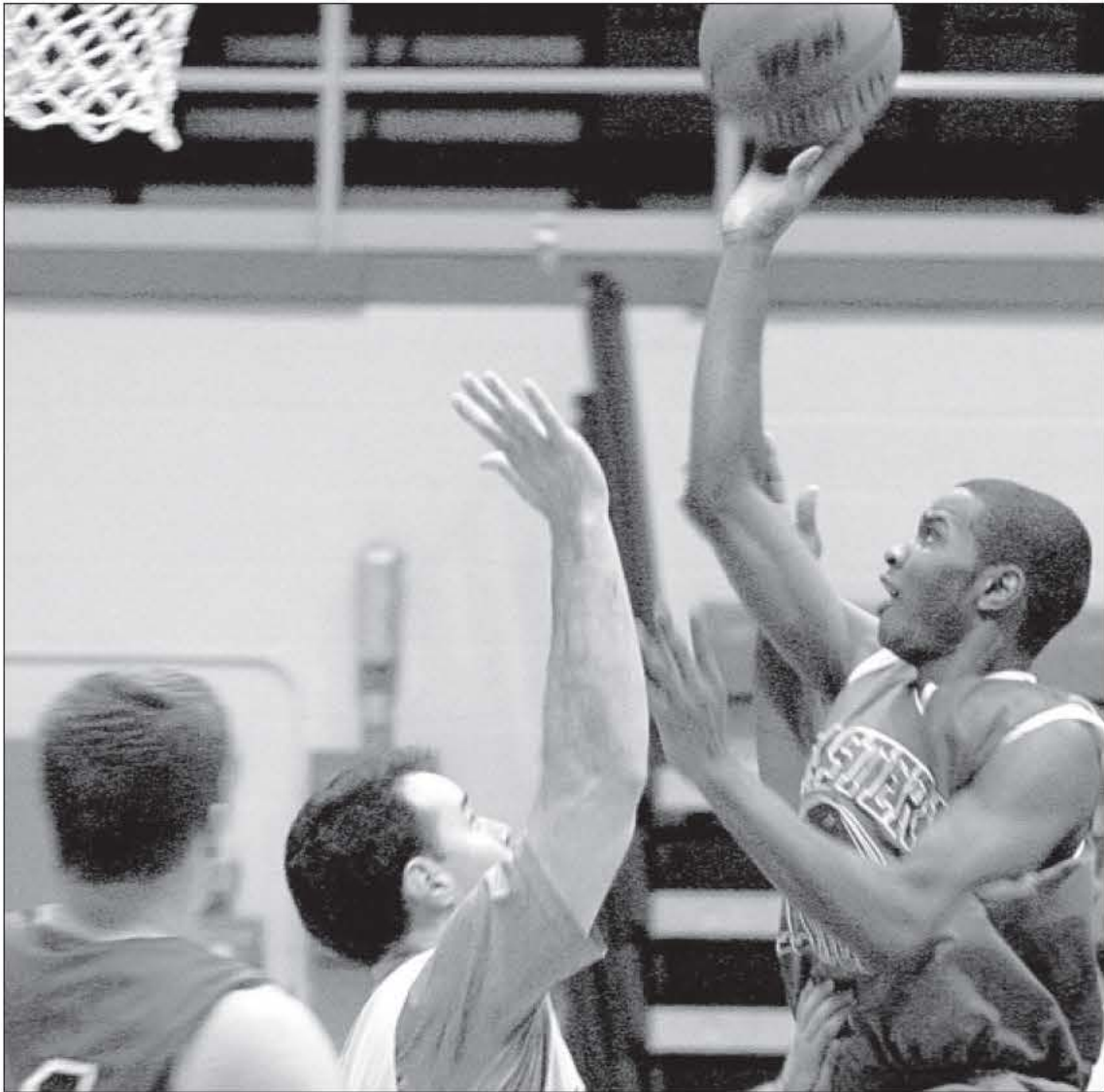
"They really get the most out of their possessions," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said. "It's a complete contrast."

Samford (14-6, 10-3) runs a Princeton-style offense, filled with back cuts, perimeter shooting and open lanes to the basket.

"Their offense is very efficient," Miller said. "They do a good job in utilizing their possessions."

Samford is leading the conference in field goal percentage (49.6 percent) and three-point shooting (41.1 percent).

The Bulldogs also are getting the job done defensively, holding opponents to



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

**Junior Guard Bobby Catchings goes up for a shot over assistant coach Chad Altadonna during practice on Tuesday afternoon in Lantz Arena.**

58.9 points and 30.3 rebounds per game — both league bests.

Miller said Samford is a lot more than an unconventional offense, there's talent there too.

"If your guys can execute it and

make plays, it looks really good," he said. "We're not going to let our guys think that way, that it's a system."

Leading the way for the Bulldogs is senior forward J. Robert Merritt. Merritt's hitting nearly half (49.7

percent) of his three-point shots and is averaging 17.2 points a game.

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## FOOTBALL

# Panther signees to make immediate impact

## 2006 Panther Signees

### OFFENSE

- ◆ OB Ron Jordan, Westerville, OH
- ◆ OL Cory Meyer, Bradley, IL
- ◆ OB Valshun Powe, Bloomington, IL
- ◆ OG Ryan Spears, Rockford, IL
- ◆ QB Cole Stinson, Estero, FL

### DEFENSE

- ◆ LB Sean Campbell, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- ◆ DB John Gadson, Orange Park, FL
- ◆ DE Nathan Galan, Lakeland, FL
- ◆ DB Rashad Haynes, Rockledge, FL
- ◆ DE Colin Luczynski, Frankfort, IL
- ◆ DB Omar Palmer, Miami, FL
- ◆ DE Rashaad Rigsby, Country Club Hills, IL
- ◆ LB Nathan Shortridge, Lauderhill, FL

## Seven of 13 recruits come from Florida

BY MATT DANIELS  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Two transfers highlight the list of 13 new Eastern football players who signed national letters of intent on Wednesday.

six-foot-5, 240-pound junior quarterback Cole Stinson and 6-foot-4, 310-pound junior guard Ryan Spears are the two transfers that could vie for not only playing time, but also starting roles.

"I think they are going to contend for starting positions," said head

coach Bob Spoo. "As in the past, we will play our best players and if they are able to come in and beat out the veteran players, so be it."

Stinson comes to Charleston after two years at Ball State in the Mid-American Conference.

He only appeared in two games for the Cardinals last season after throwing for 1,101 yards and 5 touchdowns with only 2 interceptions his freshman year.

Stinson also started four games for Ball State that year.

"He probably has as good an arm as there is in college and that's coming from my experience," said wide receivers coach Jorge Munoz.

With returning starter Mike Donato back, competition should be intense at the quarterback spot, as Andre Brown, a Division I transfer from Northern Illinois ran the scout

team offense this past fall.

Brown will also be part of the quarterback competition once spring practices start.

Throw in last year's backup quarterback, freshman Kyle Kniss, and the competition at the quarterback position will be a focal point heading into the spring.

"We'll have great competition at that position, and I think it will make us a better football team," Spoo said.

The Eastern coaching staff didn't hesitate to accept Spears, a player they were trying to recruit out of high school after he decided to leave Western Illinois.

"When he wanted to leave Western, this was the first place he inquired about," said defensive

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