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CHARLESTON | ECONOMY

# Charleston undergoes facelift

**Bankok Thai Restaurant comes to town as La Bamba, China 88 and Judy's Hallmark close**

By Rob Siebert  
Senior City Reporter

The Charleston that students returned to this past weekend is a bit different than the one they left in December.

Three local businesses have closed their doors, one business has changed its name, and preparations are being made for a new addition to Lincoln Avenue.

## Restaurants

The building that used to house China 88, at 1140 Lincoln Ave., is now home to a Thai restaurant, Bankok Thai Restaurant.

The restaurant offers 49 different dishes including soups, salads, appetizers and vegetarian meals.

Owner Tommy Chant said the reason he wanted to open a restaurant in Charleston was to serve a different type of town.

Chant and his wife Noi also have a Thai/Chinese restaurant in Champaign called Golden Wok.

Chant noted that the main difference between Chinese and Thai food is the spices. The couple said Thai has more kick and less grease.

“We are here to meet nice people, serve them the best food and just do the best we can,” Chant said.

La Bamba, the Mexican restaurant at 1415 Fourth St., closed its doors shortly after students left for break.

La Bamba's former owner, Ramiro Aguas, or the corporate offices of La Bamba could not be reached for comment.

## Retail

Another change is Judy's Hallmark, 2160 Woodfall Drive, will be closing after 23 years in business. January 31 will be its last day in business.

Franchise owner Dennis Shackleford decided to close the store shortly after suffering a heart attack last year. He originally planned to close it in June, but decided to finish out the year.

Shackleford owns several other Judy's Hallmark shops in Rochester and noted that not running the Charleston location would make things easier for him.

All items in the store are currently selling at 25 percent off.

In spite the store's closing, Shackleford said the shop always did good business.

“It's been a great run,” Shackleford said. “We've had a lot of loyalty from our employees and a lot of loyalty from our customers.”

## Gas Stations

Meanwhile, a construction team from



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Noi Keodara (front) and Dee Chantha prepare one of many Thai dishes Monday afternoon at the New Bangkok Thai restaurant. This restaurant moved into the space that China 88 once occupied.

Big Muddy Services is working to remove contaminated soil from the ground that used to house a BP station at 419 W Lincoln Ave.

Matthew Alli, a heavy equipment operator with Big Muddy, said that the soil below the station was contaminated by leaks in the station's gas tanks.

“Our job is to remove the contaminated soil and put clean soil back in,” Alli said.

While not all of the targeted ground has been uprooted yet, Alli said that in the end the underground area will be filled with sand, which compacts easier than clay, and then covered with rock.

Further away from Eastern, the Citgo station at 100 Miller Road is now a BP station.

Amy Brigham, a cashier whose father runs the station, said that the only change to the station is its name and the fuel it uses.

As opposed to Citgo fuel, it now uses BP fuel.

Brigham said that the Miller Road station is one of many Citgos pulling out of the Midwest.

Citgo is a subsidiary of Petróleos de Venezuela (Venezuela Petroleum), and the company's reputation suffered because of anti-American comments made by the company's owner, Brigham said.

# Eastern cats not necessarily unwelcome

**Community members, university employees take care of strays**

By Sarah Whitney  
Senior Reporter

Fierce golden eyes peeked from underneath an evergreen bush by Weller Hall last winter break, waiting for Myrna Thomason to fill a red plastic Dixie bowl with dry cat food.

The stray cat ensured Thomason retreated a few paces before venturing near the fresh food and water. The cat's eyes darted between her and then back to check his surroundings, while the food attracted his pink nose and overcame his fear.

Thomason dubbed him Baby. He was small – only three months old at the time – with brown fur and darker striped markings and fox-like ears.

Stray or feral cats on campus are not an uncommon sight to those who pay attention.

They might not always be visible during daylight hours when students populate the quad walking to and from class, but after dark a quick eye can catch a glimmer from a pair of eyes behind a bush at Booth Library or the shadow of a tail disappearing into a dumpster by Andrews Hall.

Library assistant Kathleen Kuhlig-Carter is one of these people.

“It's about an every day thing,” she said.

Kuhlig-Carter works at the library from 4:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. During her dinner breaks, she likes to walk around campus. Her favorite spots to visit are the study garden where she'll see an occasional stray cat and further north toward Old Main where she'll see a grayish-blue cat.

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ROBBIE WROBLEWSKI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Coles county animal shelter employee Julie Deters explains a cat's history to an interested person over the phone, while Chester peers into the camera Wednesday afternoon.

## » CATS

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Then once or twice a week, she'll see another white tabby running across the Alumni Quad toward Coleman Hall.

Coles County does not have a cat leash law, so workers at the Coles County Animal Rescue and Education Center will pick up a loose dog, but will not capture a stray cat.

This partially explains why so many feral cats live in Coles County, said Amber Furry, an animal control worker at the shelter.

But the main reason is that people don't spay or neuter their cats, Furry said.

A kitten can have kittens of her own when she's five months old. If she has five female kittens and in five months she and those five other kittens each have a litter of five kittens, that's 36 cats. In another five months, those 36 kittens can turn into 216 kittens, then 1,296 then 7,776 and then 46,656 cats just within three years – each having a litter every five months – spring from 1 cat.

"If I had to go pick up all the cats in Coles County then, oh my gosh," Furry said.

### College kitties

The more rural a university's campus, the more likely it is to have stray cats on campus.

Illinois State University's campus, located in Normal, houses more than 20,000 students. Normal has a population of 45,386, and right next door, Bloomington (where Illinois Wesleyan is located) has a population of 64,808.

Capt. Keith Gehrand has worked for the Illinois State police for more than 25 years.

He said there aren't many stray animals on campus.

"I can't remember the last time someone reported a stray cat on campus," he said.

The problem is the students who dump their pets, said Garie Burr, co-owner of the Central Illinois Small Animal Rescue, which is located 14 miles from Illinois State in Colfax.

"It is a problem because it is a university town," he said. "Students often don't have the money to get pets."

Students are no different at Eastern.

Many students get pets, then realize they can't keep pets because of their landlord or other reasons,

Furry said.

Northern Illinois University sits on the edge of DeKalb, which has a population of 48,000. Northern's Campus Police only see stray cats occasionally. Sgt. Joe Przybyla said he remembered on two occasions a cat birthing a litter of kittens in a windowsill.

The first time the police called animal control. But officers adopted the second litter of four kittens – two gray, a tiger and a black kitten.

Tails Humane Society in DeKalb can hold up to 140 cats. The shelter is a no-kill shelter and is very close to being filled.

April Arrecis has worked at the shelter for a year and a half and volunteered before that.

"We generally don't have people walk in the door with feral cats," she said.

Carbondale, where Southern Illinois University is located, has a population of 25,597. The 2005 university enrollment is 19,124 students. Tim Crosby, marking coordinator for Southern, said the campus does not have a problem with stray cats.

Farmland, a park and forests surround Western Illinois University. It's located on the edge Macomb, which has a population of 20,000. The university's enrollment is 13,400.

"We have a lot of wildlife on campus," said Darcie Shinberger, the university's public information specialist.

From Aug. 1 until Dec. 11, Western campus public safety office has filed reports of one cat stuck in a drain pipe, one cat stuck in a fence, three loose dogs, six-raccoon related incidents, two injured birds, and a deer banging his head on a library window.

Shinberger said the grounds department does see a lot of cats out and about on campus.

"They come into contact with stray cats around residence halls and the graduate apartment complexes that are boarded by woods, and obviously around some of the dumpsters and in trash cans," she said.

To control the animal population, live traps are set for the animals. Raccoons and opossums are released back into the wild while cats are taken to the animal shelter, Shinberger said.

### Eastern's wildlife

Gary Hanebrink, safety officer at Eastern, follows a similar procedure when wild animals try to make Eastern's campus home.

A year ago, a fox couple settled in the golf course.

"Usually it takes a few sightings before we try to act on a tip," Hanebrink said. "Like foxes – they roam so large an area they might be on a transit through our property."

But not in this case, as the female gave birth to a litter of kits. Hanebrink called in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the family was moved to a more remote location.

Hanebrink doesn't mind the resident cats on campus. If a faculty, staff or student is concerned about a stray cat they can call him.

"Most of these cats are self-sustaining," he said. "They're really skittish around the public."

But, if there were a problem with a stray dog or cat, the university would work with Furry and the animal shelter.

Hanebrink mentioned that faculty and staff or residents have adopted most of the stray cats on campus.

### University stray cat policy

So does Hanebrink and the university have a problem with the campus community leaving food out for the stray cats?

"We don't want to encourage habitation for them, but we haven't discussed it with anyone particular," he said.

That's fine with Thomason.

She works in acquisitions in Booth Library – a place most students will never see. Her office cubicle is decorated with Christmas mugs, state magnets and St. Louis Cardinals' World Series paraphernalia.

"If I was down to my last dollar and a cat was hungry, the cat would get the dollar," she said. "I'm just like that."

Today, the brown tiger-striped kitty Thomason fed last semester now lives with her sister and answers to Tiger.

But a new cat has taken its place. It's gray and white. Other library workers said they've seen it too, and it could even be the same cat Kuhlig-Carter saw running across the Alumni Quad. Others have said they think there are actually two cats.

"I fed him this morning but I haven't seen him," Thomason said before Christmas break. "It's not like Baby was because Baby was right there all the time. Sometimes he would wait for me because he knew I was coming."

But regardless, Thomason will keep putting out cat food under the bush at Weller Hall.

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CAMPUS | CONSTRUCTION

# Blair Hall restoration wins award

By Julie Morss

Senior Campus Reporter

Blair Hall, the third oldest building on campus, was awarded the "Renovation/Restoration Project of the Year Award" in the December issue of the Midwest Construction magazine.

"It's an honor," said Mona Davenport, director of Minority Affairs, about working in the award-winning building.

The magazine article detailed how the building was restored to its original look.

The building's interior was badly damaged from water, and the roof of the building collapsed onto the 3rd floor because of the fire on April 28, 2004.

Eastern chose to renovate rather than tear down the building because of the growing campus.

After the renovations, the building contains a broad variety of facilities. These include classrooms, the Graduate School, the international program, grants and research departments, the Study Abroad program, Department of Continuing Education, general counsel's office, minority affairs, the Gateway Offices, Sociology/Anthropology and African-American Studies departments.

"It's great to be back," Davenport said.

The building's exterior was made of Indiana limestone and the interior was wood.

The fire-damaged wood was replaced with new wood to replicate the original.

The roof was replaced with a material similar to slate made from recyclables.

"We picked out everything from seat cover, furniture, and color of the wood," Davenport said.

The building installed mechanical and electrical systems that met with the Illinois Historical guidelines so Blair Hall would not lose its historical integrity, according to the article.

"This building has history," Davenport said "We preserved it very well."



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Assistant sociology and anthropology professor William E. Lovekamp and Shelly Tate, a senior sociology major and research assistant, discuss research in Lovekamp's new office on the third floor of Blair Hall Monday evening.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MAGAZINE ARTICLE

Eastern's project goals for Blair Hall after the fire was featured in the December edition of Midwest Construction magazine:

»The demolition, design and renovation of the historic facility in two years.

»Getting departmental support for new space configuration.

»Keeping the period look of the building and satisfying the Illinois Historical Preservation Association guidelines while integrating modern technology.

»Fitting new mechanical and

communications systems within teaching and office space.

»Adding underground space beneath the west addition for the mechanical room.

»Working within the confines of an old building shell while meeting the demands of current building codes and laws.

Conduit and cable trays were installed to meet the electrical and communications needs.

Other systems installed included automated sprinkler systems, display cases, controlled lighting, Americans with Disability Act accessibility and energy management control.

Blair Hall was also featured on the November cover of the PM Engineer. KJWW Engineering Consultants of St. Louis, earned

top honors from the magazine for its Blair Hall restoration project.

"Steve Shrake is always telling us that Blair Hall won another award," Davenport said. Shrake is Eastern's manager of design and construction.

The article also states how Eastern officials decided to restore the building over demolishing it.

The magazine emphasized the work of the construction company. The changes made to the

building included alterations to plumbing and water conservation, fire protection, equipment room expansions and improving system efficiency.

PM Engineer noted how KJWW Engineering Consultants finished the building under budget and on schedule for the summer session 2006 classes.

The article contained pictures of Blair Hall on fire, its rededication and bathrooms.

CAMPUS | RESIDENCE HALLS

# Cigarette blamed for fire at Andrews Hall

## Residence hall not evacuated, no injuries reported

By Cathy Bayer

News Editor

Charleston firefighter Kent Winnett's movie night was interrupted Sunday after an emergency call sent him to Andrews Hall.

Winnett was watching "Jackass 2" when 911 dispatch announced that leaves were burning in one of the large metal grills.

No one was injured in the blaze, and the residence hall was not evacuated.

Students outside Andrews Hall came in to tell Brittany Buchanan about the fire. Buchanan, a sophomore elementary education major, was working as the desk assistant and called 911.

The grate leads to a well next to a fireproof door that protects mechanical equipment in

## FIRE FACTS

A fire was reported at Andrews Hall Sunday night.

»**Injuries:** No injuries were reported.

»**Evacuation:** Andrews Hall was not evacuated.

»**Who:** Brittany Buchanan about the fire. Buchanan, a sophomore elementary education major, was working as the desk assistant and called 911.

»**Causes:** University Police Chief Adam Due said the fire probably started from a lit cigarette falling down the grate. The grate was filled with leaves and other combustibles, causing the flames.

»**Damage:** A fireproof door was damaged and will be replaced.

the next room.

The grate is there to ease the transportation of large mechanical equipment into the building.

The fireproof door did its job, since nothing

in the room was damaged.

The door, however, didn't fare well against the blaze.

After the fire was extinguished, Winnett sat on the grate watching three fellow firefighters and Charleston Fire Chief Kris Phipps pry off the toasted door.

University Police Chief Adam Due said the fire probably started from a lit cigarette falling down the grate. The grate was filled with leaves and other combustibles, causing the flames.

Phipps agreed and said this incident was evidence that people should be sure to use cigarette receptacles to dispose of used cigarettes.

The door will be replaced, said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

Hudson agreed that a cigarette was probably the culprit.

Building service workers cleared the charred debris.

-Kevin Murphy contributed to this report

## Faculty Senate to address higher ed

Journalism professor Les Hyder will update the Faculty Senate on the status of Illinois higher education progress and funding.

Hyder has been a representative for the Faculty Senate to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

"He has a good understanding of how IBHE works," said John Stimac, senate chair.

Today's meeting will include a summary of what happened in the fall semester. Stimac will provide a report from the executive committee's recent meeting.

The senate plans to hear the latest on the Faculty Forum for this semester and address the idea of other issues it would like to hear this semester.

The senate meets at 2 p.m. today in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

-Compiled by Jess Kinsella

## Textbook Rental

» Students can pick up spring semester books at Textbook Rental.

» Textbook Rental extended hours are as follows:

» Monday – Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

» Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

» Regular rental hours are:

» 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

» Students who drop a class must return books within two days to avoid fines.

## Deadline to drop a class

» Friday is the last day for students to add a class.

» The deadline to withdraw from Eastern or drop a class and still receive a refund is January 22.

» The deadline for students to decrease a meal plans for the semester is coming up. To change a meal plan, students should go to the housing office in the lower level of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union by 4:30 p.m. Friday.

## ourmistakes

» In Monday's edition of *the Daily Eastern News*, Mark Apa's fraternity house was incorrectly reported. Apa was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

» In the sports section of Monday's column, Matt Daniels' column, "Out of Bounds," was incorrectly labeled. It actually concluded on page 7.

## The DEN regrets the errors.

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# VIEWS

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## ourview

**ISSUE** | University considers changing EWP requirements without consulting students

## Portfolios continue to be a pain

Since it was first adopted in 2000, the Electronic Writing Portfolio has been criticized by students and faculty alike.

Also, since it was first adopted, the EWP has not changed.

Now, Eastern is considering making changes to the EWP to help develop a writing portfolio that is more convenient and meaningful. The Committee of Assessment of Student Learning is conducting a survey to point out the faults in the portfolio.

However, there is a flaw in the university's attempts to fix students' troubles: Students are not being asked to participate in the survey.

Mentioned in the Dec. 12 issue of the University Newsletter, the committee asks "all faculty, chairs and deans to take time ... and give their feedback in a survey about the Electronic Writing Portfolio."

But no action has been taken to review feedback from the students, though the students are the ones inconvenienced with the EWP.

All students using the 2001-2002 catalog and later must submit one writing assignment from a writing-intensive course each year for their writing portfolios.

Students who fail to do this will have their schedules put on hold, possibly resulting in thousands of schedules being put on hold each semester. On top of this, completion of the portfolio is required for graduation.

This requirement is just plain pointless and inconvenient considering faculty members actually evaluate only 10 percent of the portfolios.

In addition, each writing assignment has no specific length or requirement besides being from a writing-intensive course.

Many students send in their EWPs last minute and do not submit their best work because of the lack of requirements. This, in effect, ruins the whole purpose of the evaluation of the portfolios, which are supposed to be used by faculty members to determine the weaknesses of Eastern students' writing abilities.

If the university wants to take these portfolios seriously, EWPs will need to have more specific requirements. They will also need to be made more convenient for students, possibly being electronically submitted, instead of requiring students to hunt down hard copies and professors' signatures before physically dropping it off at 9th Street Hall.

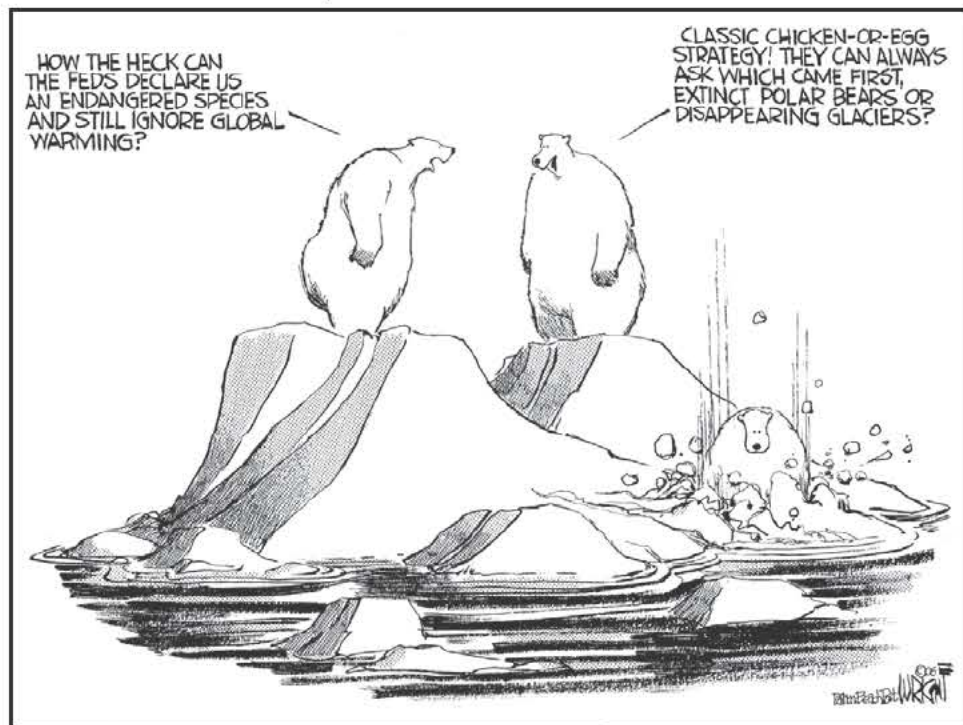
If the university had bothered to ask Eastern students, they would have given a similar response.

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## White Christmas? Keep dreaming

So, how were your holidays? Were they warm and cheery? Stressful and irritating?

Well, however your Christmas was, I bet I can tell you one thing that it wasn't. I bet your Christmas wasn't white (you know, with snow, not Caucasians).

I know mine wasn't and I know that I spent a silly amount of time wondering if I was the only one finding the frequent contrast between the leafless trees up against

the sunshiny goodness of a cloudless blue sky to be just a little (what's the right word here? Unnerving? Eerie?) ominous.

This time of year is generally seen as a time when people are to forget what has gone before and look ahead to the future, to refresh one's ideas and renew one's self, I thought it would only be appropriate to remind everyone of just how badly the future could suck.

Of course, there are still people who do not believe that global warming exists.

For evidence of this exemplary display of intellectual obfuscation (I know, I like that word too) look no further than last month when outgoing (that word's not so much cool as it is important) chairman of the US Senate Committee of Environment and Public Works announced the release of a booklet that challenges global warming "alarmism."

On the Senate's Web site, they claim that 2006 was a year filled with both scientific studies that refute global warming and defections by renowned scientists such as "French geophysicist and Socialist Party member Claude Allegre" (Yes, they actually included his political party. Look! He's a Eurocommie! That makes us credible, right? Erm, no.)

The big problem with this claim is its heavy reliance on an Internet posted study by Massachusetts Institute of Technology

professor Richard Lindzen that was later published first in the *Wall Street Journal* and then repeated to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. However, it has not appeared in an academic peer-reviewed journal. Conversely, the study he's trying to refute, by Naomi Oreskes, a history of science professor at University of California San Diego, was published in the journal called *Science*.

At the end of this study that reviewed

a large sample of academic studies over a 10-year period, Oreskes's data "demonstrated that there is no significant disagreement within the scientific community that the Earth is warming and that human activities are the principal cause."

If you don't believe her or them, well just look at the world around you – major hurricanes wiping out cities, tsunamis decimating islands, tornadoes where they shouldn't be, famine and drought (like the one going on in Australia right now) – all these are symptoms that have occurred and will continue to occur as we continue to prolong the interglacial period in which we live with our constant and largely unchecked emission of greenhouse gases.

Long story short: sure, get out there and enjoy the lovely sunshine and record-breaking temperatures, but for the sake of future generations at least turn the lights off when you leave the house.

**"Major hurricanes wiping out cities, tsunamis decimating islands, tornadoes where they shouldn't be, famine and drought – all these are symptoms of global warming."**

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GUEST COLUMNIST | MICHAEL STRANGE

## Victory of Democrats not the end of the war

Lunatic; i.e., "wildly foolish" web dict., the former comes close to describing Bush II, Cheney, Rumsfeld-Gates, but does not accede to their collective criminality in Iraq-Afghanistan and around the world; i.e., "democracy" at gunpoint.

Enter now that geriatric gang of 9 – Baker, Eagleburger?! (a complete synoptic) muddling Bush's foolish Iraq policies as unwinnable and that it will take 18 months or so to reconfigure "our" troops as "imbedded" teachers and trainers to those whom they think will support Bush's puppet regime who ever they are or will be when armed U.S. influence evaporates in Iraq.

To quote Yogi Berra, "it sounds like 'deja vu' all over again," e.g. China-Korea – Vietnam-Iran all in 1949-53 were wars started under the cover of anti-communism used by the United States government and the capitalist bourgeoisie to confront the United Nations mandate (1948) that granted statehood to former western capitalist colonies and their right to self-determination under that mandate. To date, the only U.S. puppet who has succinctly expressed a truth in these seminal wars has been Kofi Annan (U.N. Chief) that "Iraq (is) worse now than under Saddam!!" a blanket indictment of bourgeois extremist morphology.

Just as in 1968 and now 2007, the Democrats have regained power, as Nixon did. In 1968, this was due to public alienation over the Vietnam War and Johnson's "stay the course" lunacy.

Now let's go back to 1953 and the election of Dwight Eisenhower whom inherited and then stopped the Korean conflict (a police action) after Truman had fired General (wet foot of "nuke" China fame) MacArthur, Truman's own erstwhile Rumsfeld. A truce was sealed (Korea) and a state of war has existed since. Bush II, using Asia as a template for Arabia, factored in his and Cheney's "pre-emptive war" dogma to invade Afghanistan-Iraq pleading "terrorism" as a cover.

The larger question remains: why was Saudi Arabia not invaded since they too are represented as Islamo-fascists and dictatorial monarchist? Easy answer, Bush and his henchman could not practice their own brand of terrorism on two fronts, let alone eight. Talk about Arabo-phobic!

Finally, the Alzheimer 9 have been used by American evangelo-fascists to grant Bush II enough time to massage a reluctant electorate back to sleep, with the help of re-anointed Democrats and *viola*, in 2008 a new democratic president will, under God, negotiate (in China) the Iraq war to an untenable conclusion in say 2016.

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# Violence plagues New Orleans

## The Crescent City searches for ways to deal with a surge in bloodshed

The Associated Press

Nine people have been slain in New Orleans in the first eight days of the new year, deepening the sense of despair over the slow pace of the city's recovery and leaving police and civic leaders grasping for ways to stop the bloodshed.

The police superintendent is talking of a possible curfew and lamenting his understaffed force. Tourism officials are rushing to reassure visitors with the Mardi Gras season approaching. And at least one politician is only half-jokingly suggesting the city needs a "shrink" to help it deal with its problems more than 15 months

after Hurricane Katrina.

"There's a big difference between being concerned and being scared. Now I'm scared," said Baty Landis, a 34-year-old Tulane University professor and music club owner who is organizing a march later this week to urge officials to do something.

While police say most of the recent slayings have involved drugs in neighborhoods accustomed to violence, some took place in quieter areas. Last week, a filmmaker was shot to death and her physician husband wounded as they walked outside their Faubourg Marigny home with their toddler.

On Monday, Police Superintendent Warren Riley said he has not asked for more troops, and is instead considering ways to stretch his hurricane-depleted force. Those could include increasing foot patrols, reassigning officers to front-line duty, and imposing a citywide curfew, he said.

The police force is down from its pre-Katrina level of 1,700 officers to about 1,400. But that number includes about 100 officers on leave for injuries or illness.

The frenzy of violence comes at a time when mistrust of the police department is running high, according to community leaders. Seven officers were indicted last week on murder or attempted murder charges over a shooting episode on a bridge during the turmoil that followed Katrina.

Stephen Perry, president of the New Orleans Convention & Visitors Bureau, sent a letter to hotels, restaurants and other member organizations, telling them Mayor Ray Nagin would make an announcement this week with specifics for ending the violence.

Nagin expressed concern over the weekend that the killings might discourage residents from staying in the still-rebuilding city.

"We're going to have periods of

time when we feel very comfortable, and we are going to have very tough periods when we are going to feel very uncomfortable," he said.

New Orleans had 161 homicides last year, the lowest total in 60 years. But the population was way down from its pre-Katrina total of 455,000, and is still only about 200,000.

A curfew would be an unpopular measure in a city that loves its nightlife.

"We're very much opposed to a curfew," said Earl Bernhardt, president of the Bourbon Street Alliance, a merchants organization. "For one thing, it would send a terrible message nationwide that would hurt us more than the murder rate."

Virginia Saussy Bairnsfather of the neighborhood improvement association in the city's Broadmoor section said her group is working to get private funding for emergency pull boxes, security cameras and

more police patrols, including officers on horseback and scooters.

"We need to get mad and furious that drugs are destroying the culture of New Orleans," she said.

To some extent Hurricane Katrina is to blame for the spike in killings, said Dr. Howard Osofsky, chairman of psychiatry at the LSU Health Sciences Center.

"The normal support structures for many parts of the community are gone," Osofsky said. "The churches, the community centers, the families and people in neighborhoods that all have a governing effect on residents are gone in many cases."

In turn, the killings affect the recovery from the storm, he said.

"People are already dealing with the slowness of recovery, the destruction of their lives, the loss of so much," he said. "When you add such a huge measure of violence to all of that, people will wonder if it's worth it to try to come back."

CAMPUS | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## Another proposed increase

### On-campus housing price raise expected

By Matt Hopf  
Student Government Reporter

On-campus housing costs have increased an average 7.42 percent per year for the last three years.

This trend will continue, according to Mark Hudson, the director of housing and dining.

Housing costs next year are estimated to increase a projected 6.95 percent, he said.

With the projected increase, an on-campus student with a 12-meal plan could pay an additional \$445 for housing.

The increase proposal comes from the Bond Revenue Committee, which is comprised of six students.

Three are Student Senate members appointed by Student Body President Sean Anderson. The additional three are appointed

On-campus Room and Board rate increases	
2004	7.00%
2005	7.77%
2006	7.50%
2007	6.95% (projected)
-courtesy of Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining	

by Carrie Mueller, Residence Hall Association president.

The committee goes through the entire Housing and Dining budget looking at expenditures and revenues, Hudson said.

Recommendations are made accordingly to needs, such as inflation.

Food is expected to rise 4 percent and employee wages will also rise next year, Hudson said.

Besides everyday expenses, 3.5 percent of the budget goes towards capital development projects. Capital development projects

include large renovation projects and safety additions.

Recent updating to a portion of the residence halls comes from that part of the budget, Hudson said.

The committee looks into the projects and suggests what should be done first.

"We look at all projects and make sure students want them," said committee member Jeff Melanson.

One of the projects being considered is adding more lighting to Greek Court, Melanson said.

"It's a great process," said committee member Kenney Kozik.

The increase goes straight to the students, Kozik said.

The increase proposal will be presented at this weeks Student Senate and RHA meeting. Hudson will be answering questions and concerns from the members.

The Board of Trustees makes the final decision on the increase. The board will make that decision at its Jan. 19 meeting.

## Funding still hinders No Child Left Behind

The Associated Press

President Bush pushed for renewal of the No Child Left Behind education law Monday in a meeting with congressional leaders but was noncommittal on their request for more money to help schools meet the law's requirements.

"In our discussions today, we've all agreed to work together to address some of the major concerns that some people have on this piece of legislation, without weakening the essence of the bill," Bush said following the bipartisan meeting.

The law seeks to ensure all children can read and do math at grade level by 2014, which has placed many new demands on schools. They have had to step up testing, boost teacher quality and pay more attention to the achievements of minority children.

Schools that get federal aid but do not make enough progress must provide tutoring, offer public school choice to students or initiate other

reforms.

First Lady Laura Bush, a former teacher and school librarian, and Education Secretary Margaret Spellings attended the meeting Monday, a day the Bush administration chose to mark the fifth anniversary of the law.

Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., and Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass. — who chair committees overseeing education — said they urged the president to propose funding increases for the law.

Bush made no commitments, according to a congressional aide who was briefed on the discussions and spoke on the condition of anonymity because the meeting was private.

Democrats say the administration and Republican lawmakers have underfunded the law by about \$50 billion, compared to what was originally called for. Republicans say it is common practice for legislation to be funded at less than the full level.

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### Alderman charged with bribery

CHICAGO — FBI agents had to break a window at a city alderman's home to get inside Monday to arrest her on a federal bribery charge for allegedly accepting \$5,000 to help a fictitious developer move forward on a building project, authorities said.

In return for the money and the promise of more, Alderman Arenda Troutman agreed to back the bogus developer in getting zoning changes and alley access for a proposed development in her South Side ward, according to federal authorities who unsealed a criminal complaint against Troutman on Monday after an undercover investigation.

First Assistant U.S. Attorney Gary Shapiro said the complaint offers a civics lesson on how things get done in Troutman's ward.

### Padilla wants remarks silent

MIAMI — Attorneys for alleged al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla asked a federal judge Monday to keep statements he made during his detention in a Navy brig out of evidence in the U.S. government's terror support case against him.

Padilla has claimed he was tortured during 3 1/2 years in military custody as an "enemy combatant" — allegations the Justice Department and Pentagon officials have repeatedly denied.

The former Chicago gang member's prolonged confinement and abuse from interrogators renders any statements he made during his time in the brig involuntary, according to a motion filed in U.S. District Court.

STATE | GOVERNOR TAKES OATH

# Blagojevich begins second term, vows focus on health care

Becomes the first Democrat elected to second term since Otto Kerner in 1964

Associated Press Writer

SPRINGFIELD - Claiming a mandate from voters, Gov. Rod Blagojevich took the oath of office Monday to begin a second term that he promised will offer "bold solutions" to the state's problems, particularly health care.

But the Chicago Democrat offered few details on his plans for health care or on helping schools or curing the state's ailing finances.

He also skipped over ethics reform, an issue that helped him win a first term but is largely being ignored now that his administration is under federal investigation and a close friend has been indicted.

Blagojevich, the 40th governor of Illinois, devoted much of his 18-minute inaugural address to recounting the successes of his first four years.

Blagojevich reminded his audience that he expanded health care programs for the working poor, twice raised the minimum wage, eliminated thousands of state jobs, devoted money to stem cell research and closed corporate tax "loopholes" all while battling a massive budget deficit he inherited from Republican Gov. George Ryan.

"It didn't come easy," he added. "For every good idea, there was a special interest in the way or a naysayer who said it can't be done. We had to fight for progress."

He boasted of balancing the budget but didn't note that state debt has increased and Illinois still faces a major gap between revenues and expenses. His budgets have been built around slowing payment of medical bills, skipping contributions to pension systems

TOM CROSS | HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER

**"The election's over. I think people are tired of bickering, tired of partisanship at the national level and the state level."**

and spending money set aside for special purposes.

The next four years could be rocky for Blagojevich.

Budget problems are likely to limit the launch of new programs. Federal prosecutors have indicted friend and fundraiser Antoin "Tony" Rezko and are investigating Blagojevich's administration. The election results suggest dissatisfaction. And Democrats — particularly the legislative leaders — have shown signs of bickering and infighting.

After Blagojevich was sworn in, five other Chicago Democrats took the oath of office: Patrick Quinn as lieutenant governor, Jesse White as secretary of state, Lisa Madigan as attorney general, Dan Hynes as comptroller and newcomer Alexi Giannoulias as treasurer. At times, their assessments were not as rosy as the governor's.

Hynes warned that the state's budget problems require "courageous" action, and all the officials stressed the need to fight government corruption.

But even the governor's political opponents shied away from direct attacks on a day of celebration.

"The election's over," said House Republican Leader Tom Cross. "I think people are tired of bickering, tired of partisanship at the national level and the state level, and I think we all have a responsibility to sit down and try to work issues out."

Blagojevich did not answer questions from the press.

Security guards shooed away reporters who tried to talk to Blagojevich after his speech.

Blagojevich, 50, becomes the first Democrat elected to a second term as Illinois governor since Otto Kerner in 1964.

He won that second term with just under 50 percent of the vote still enough to soundly defeat his major challenger. He claimed "a mandate for action."

"For the 1,461 days remaining in our second term, you will see an activist government, not a bloated one an activist government offering bold solutions that make a difference for people," he said. Blagojevich did not use his speech to launch any new initiatives, sticking instead to familiar themes.

He said the central challenges of his second term will be cutting government spending while holding taxes flat, and improving access to health care.

He also promised to improve education, help small business grow and support ethanol development and job growth in downstate Illinois.

The health care goal, he said, is to make it available to the 20 percent of Illinoisans 1.4 million people who lack insurance.

He called it "providing health care security to every family."

Blagojevich said the details would come later. A close legislative ally, Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville, emphasized that Blagojevich is not talking about a single, government-run health program for all but instead an expansion of existing programs to cover people who lack private insurance and don't qualify for government aid.

## Local input

**"He has a lot of good ideas with no money to fund them. What's worse is that he doesn't realize that's a problem. He will continue to face challenges, and I'm not very optimistic of him in his second term."**

-Andrew McNitt, political science professor

**"When leaders of one's own political party makes you put promises in writing, that shows the level of trust for a politician. The only difference during this term is that he (Gov. Blagojevich) won't be able to blame past public administration for the problems in state legislature that will linger."**

-David Carwell, political science professor

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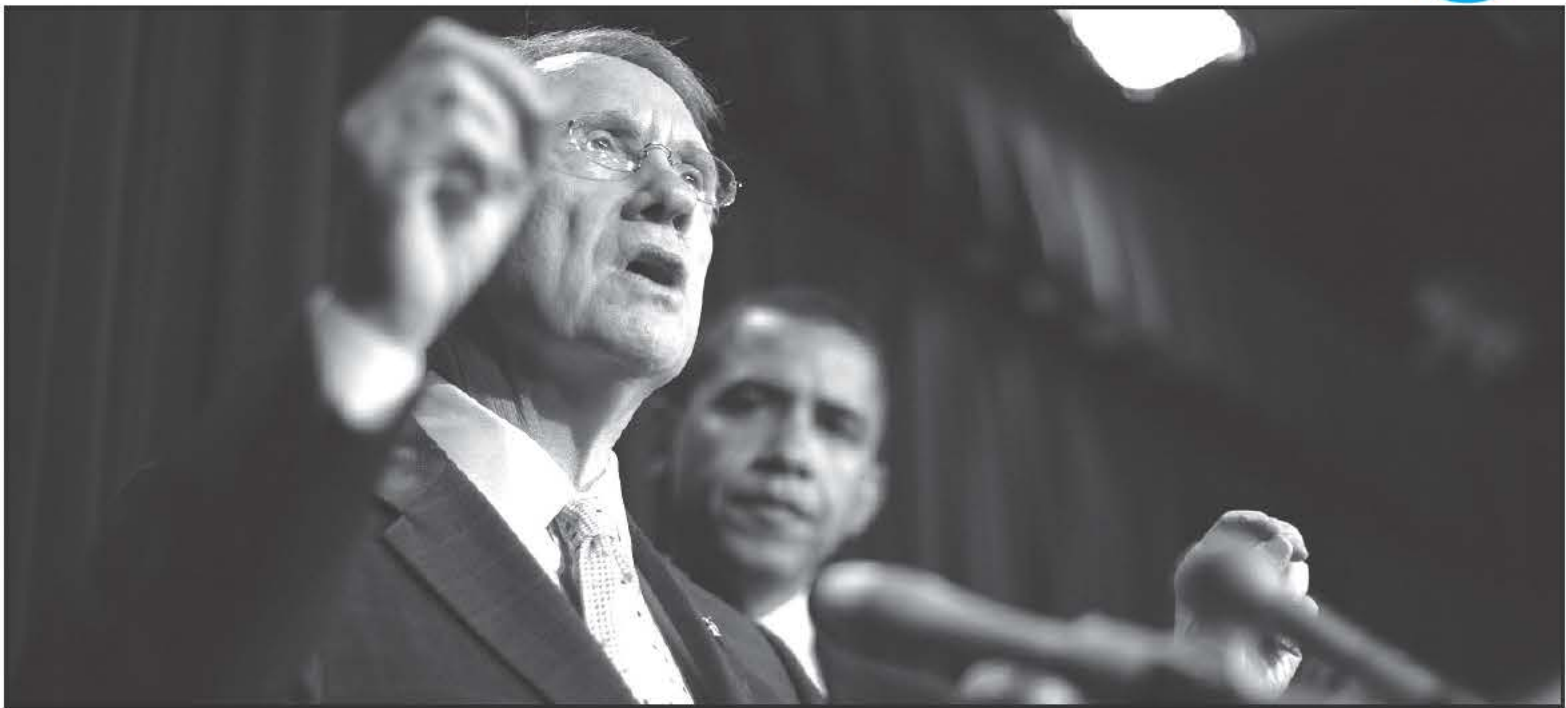
The Associated Press

Death sparks Saddam support

CAIRO, EGYPT — After Saddam Hussein's execution, a wave of sympathy and support for the former Iraqi dictator swept the Arab world, with some proclaiming him a martyr and comparing him to heroes of Arab nationalism. Praise for Saddam has only grown since his Dec. 30 hanging — when he answered insults and taunts with disdain — overshadowing the memories among many quarters of the atrocities committed by his regime. The independent Egyptian newspaper Al-Karama splashed Saddam's photo over a full page Monday, with an Iraqi flag behind him, declaring him an "Arab martyr." "He lived as hero, died as a man," another Egyptian opposition newspaper, Al-Osboa, proclaimed in a headline, showing a photo of Saddam at the gallows. The praise has angered the governments of Iraq and Kuwait, which Saddam's soldiers invaded in 1990. On Monday, Kuwaiti lawmakers denounced Arab countries where Saddam has been lauded as a hero and demanded the government reconsider ties and financial aid to them.

Polish church leader resigns

WARSAW, POLAND — A second prominent Catholic clergyman resigned Monday after allegations about his links to the communist-era secret police, and the prospect that more clerics may have been compromised threatened the church's reputation as a bastion of opposition to the old regime. A day after Warsaw's new archbishop stunned the faithful by resigning minutes before his formal installation ceremony, the Rev. Janusz Bielanski resigned as rector of Krakow's prestigious Wawel Cathedral, burial place to Polish kings and queens, Krakow church spokesman Robert Necek said. Bielanski's resignation was "in connection with repeated allegations about his cooperation with the secret services" of the communist era, Necek said.



CHUCK KENNEDY | MTC

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, left, and Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) join other senators at a news conference on a lobbying and ethics reform bill on Monday at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Ethics commission likely to be tough sell

The Associated Press

Presidential candidates from both parties are urging the Senate to set up an independent office to probe ethical questions involving fellow senators. That could be a tough sell. There is some "institutional resistance," said Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., a potential candidate who has long championed the notion of an independent office of public integrity that would take over some of the self-policing duties of the Senate ethics committee. "A lot of members are concerned about the use of an independent commission as a political club to beat them over the head," Obama said at a news conference Monday as debate on ethics legislation opened. A possible rival in 2008, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., is also pressing to amend the ethics bill, the first legislation Democrats are

taking up in their new majority role, to include the office of public integrity. The ethics legislation, based on a bill that stalled in the last Congress, would ban gifts and travel paid for by lobbyists, slow the movement of former senators to lobbying jobs, require lobbyists to provide more information on their activities and oblige senators to be more open about their special projects, or earmarks. The Senate is expected to spend up to two weeks on the legislation. The House passed a rules package last week with tough bans on receiving gifts and travel from lobbyists and their employers and banning the use of corporate jets. Obama and McCain argue that, after the lobbying and ethics scandals that contributed to the Republican defeat in the 2006 midterm elections, the Senate must create an independent office to ensure voters it is serious about

enforcing its own ethics rules. But Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., a member of the six-senator ethics panel, said the nonpartisan group has done its job, and the new office would simply add another step to the ethics process. He added that the office of public integrity was "in danger of becoming a backboard for political tennis balls" with each side filing partisan charges against the other. "Our ethics process in the Senate works very well," said Sen. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., another ethics committee member. "We have not broken down like the House has." The House ethics committee, torn by partisan wrangling, was dormant for about 16 months until May of last year. It did carry out an extensive investigation of disgraced former Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., last fall. Last year, led by ethics committee members, the Senate rejected a proposal for an office of public integrity by an 11-5

vote in the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee and then by 67-30 on the Senate floor. Asked how that result might change this year, Obama pointed to eight Democratic freshmen that also attended the news conference. "We've got a whole bunch of freshmen and I also think the election changed the dynamics," he said. The independent office proposal that Obama and Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., will likely offer as an amendment is identical to the idea being put forward by McCain, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, I-Conn., and Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, in separate ethics legislation. It would create an independent congressional agency that would audit financial disclosure and lobbying reports and investigate alleged ethics violations. It could refer cases of possible violations to federal and state authorities.

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# Florida speeds to unlikely title

The Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. - Not even close. Florida - yes, Florida - owned the field it wasn't supposed to be on, embarrassing Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith and No. 1 Ohio State 41-14 on Monday night to run away with the college football national championship.

Chris Leak and Tim Tebow showed off coach Urban Meyer's twin quarterback system to perfection as the No. 2 Gators became the first Division I school to hold football and basketball titles at the same time. Now, only one question remains: What about Boise State, the last undefeated team left standing? The Broncos stunned Oklahoma on the very same field in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day, while Florida and the Buckeyes finished with identical 13-1 records.

Former Gators star Emmitt Smith did the chomp on the sidelines, punctuating the amazingly easy victory. That left Florida, Wisconsin and Louisville each with one loss, and surely will renew calls for a playoff system.

Ted Ginn Jr. returned the opening kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown, then it quickly fell apart for the Buckeyes. He hobbled off minutes later with an injury and by the time he returned for the second half on crutches, Florida led 34-14.

Leak, maligned for never winning the big one, completed 25 of 36 passes for 213 yards and a touchdown. The Rambo-like Tebow threw for one TD and powered into the end zone for another.

Smith, meanwhile, joined a long list of Heisman Trophy quarterbacks - Jason White, Eric Crouch and Gino Torretta, among them - to fall apart in bowl games. He was just 4-for-14 with one interception and never showed off his elusive running.

Instead, defensive ends Derrick Harvey and Jarvis Moss made it a miserable night for Smith. Linebacker Earl Everett got into the act, too, running down Smith despite missing his helmet.

Florida won its second national title, adding to the one Heisman winner Danny Wuerffel brought home in 1996 under coach Steve Spurrier with a 52-20 romp over Florida State in the Sugar Bowl.

This time, the man in charge was the 42-year-old Meyer, once a .200 hitter in the low minors in Atlanta's farm system. Since then, he's made a rocket rise in the coaching ranks, topped off by a title in his second year at Florida.

The Bowl Championship Series added an extra game this year to determine a champion. Some fans were certain Michigan deserved to be here, that is until it got pounded by Southern California in the Rose Bowl.

Ohio State coach Jim Tressel's team looked as if they belonged at the Holiday Bowl, because it took this night off. Given 51 days to prepare, and favored by a solid touchdown, the Buckeyes were confused from the get-go once Florida got the ball.

In the first football matchup between these schools - they've both played the sport for 100-plus years - the Gators emphatically stopped Ohio State's 19-game winning streak.

The Buckeyes were no match for Florida's speed, strategy and style. The Buckeyes looked completely flummoxed by Florida's frenetic offense at the outset.

Leak gladly took advantage of the confusion, picking wide-open receivers at will and hitting his first nine passes. Criticized most of his career for a lack of fire, the guy with the soft, green eyes seemed real comfortable. Meyer's gadgets made it easy pickins for the Gators. They came out in a five-wide set after Ginn's return and Leak hit Dallas Baker with a tying, 14-yard touchdown pass.

Ohio State returned to its roots and ran the ball. Antonio Pittman's 18-yard burst made it 21-14 with 13:32 left before halftime.

Undaunted, the Gators came back with something totally out of character, even for them - field goals.

Chris Hetland was only 4-for-13 on kicks this season, and his longest was 33 yards. But Meyer said he would trust him in this game, and Hetland made good, from 42 and 40 yards on the next two possessions.

Hetland's second kick came after Tressel showed a little early desperation, gambling on fourth-and-1 at his own 29 and saw Chris Wells stuffed.

The Buckeyes got the ball on their 20 with less than two minutes left before halftime and were determined to see a score before the break. They did - by Florida.

Moss sacked Smith and forced him to fumble, and the Gators took over at 5. Tebow ran twice up the middle, then faked a quarterback draw, rolled to the left and tossed a 1-yard TD pass to Caldwell.

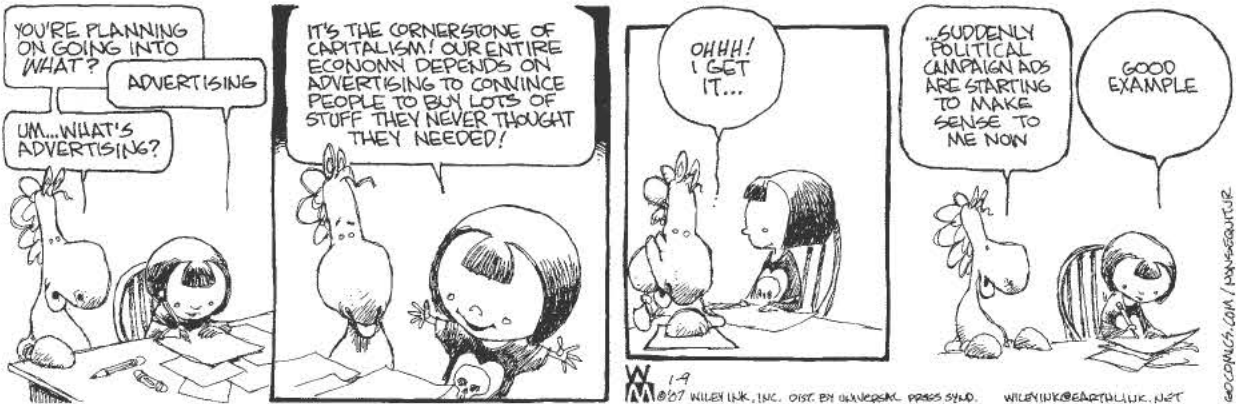
At 34-14, fans on both sides were stunned as the teams ran to the locker rooms



ED SUBA JR. | MCT

Ohio State defensive back Donald Washington (20) grabs the facemask of Florida running back Brandon James while trying to make a tackle in first-half action during the BCS national championship game in Glendale, Arizona, Monday, Jan. 8, 2007.

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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1128

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1 Clear away  
6 Japanese beer brand  
11 Huck Finn's raftmate  
14 Canon competitor  
15 Some Poe works  
16 \_\_, amas, amat ...  
17 "The Joy of Sex" author  
19 PC's "brain"  
20 Rapper \_\_ Def  
21 Underdog's win  
22 Many a backpacker  
24 Chicago-to-D.C. dir.  
25 Common prop in close-up magic  
26 So-called "King of Vibes"  
32 A deadly sin  
33 Lecherous goat-men  
34 Suffix with novel  
37 Canine woe  
39 Sale item, maybe: Abbr.  
40 Good news for a job applicant  
42 Road crew's supply  
43 To the rear, at sea  
46 Houston hockey player  
47 "Lady Sings the Blues" autobiographer  
50 Cup holder  
52 Realm of 3-Down  
53 Start of a toast  
54 At full speed  
57 Bake sale org.  
60 Give a boost to  
61 Possible title for this puzzle  
64 Caviar  
65 Garlicky sauce  
66 Like "Twilight Zone" episodes  
67 What 61-Across contains  
68 An inert gas  
69 Some picker-uppers
- DOWN**  
1 Oral, e.g.  
2 Move, to a Realtor  
3 Mars, to the Greeks  
4 Either of two A.L. nines  
5 "The dog ate my homework," e.g.  
6 PIN takers  
7 Out of harm's way  
8 Jillions  
9 Yon maiden  
10 "Really?!"  
11 Like many a disabled semi  
12 Louvre pyramid architect  
13 Express grief  
18 Some German autos  
23 Wall St. opening  
24 Singer with an Oscar-nominated song in "The Lord of the Rings"  
25 "All Things Considered" aier  
26 Headed out  
27 "To Live and Die \_\_\_\_"  
28 Pile too much on  
29 Half of Hispaniola

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld

- 30** Cornered, after "up"  
**31** A gift of the Magi  
**35** Hospital fluids  
**36** "Iliad" city  
**38** Invoice add-on  
**41** Worth a C  
**44** Camera type, briefly  
**45** Like a hopeless situation  
**48** Clinch  
**49** Surgeon's tool  
**50** Mentally acute  
**51** Grade school quintet  
**54** Interminable time  
**55** Actor O'Shea  
**56** Have \_\_\_\_ (be connected)  
**57** X-rated stuff  
**58** Bit of kindling  
**59** Fruity drinks  
**62** Rush  
**63** Auto co. whose name was its founder's initials

## Sudoku By Michael Mephram

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk).

Solution to Monday's puzzle

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Freshman guard Ashley Thomas fights for the ball against Austin Peay during Eastern's 74-62 loss at Lantz Arena on Saturday afternoon. Thomas and fellow freshman Jessica Huffman are having to produce quickly for the Panthers this season. Huffman is leading Eastern in scoring, averaging 17.9 points per game. Thomas has made 22 3-pointers this season.

» Murphy

FROM PAGE 12

It's this kind of competition that makes them better athletes because they are forced to be the best if they want the opportunity to compete. There is evidence they are competing.

It's evident with the 16 titles head coach Tom Akers has won in the past 10 years.

Track and field has a variety of events one could watch.

From senior Austin Hogue throwing the weight to freshman David Holm competing in a distance event.

Track and field brings a variety of stories.

They all come down to one thing. A push, a pull toward the best finishes, throw, jump or vault.

Nationally, track and field is declining in part because Justin Gatlin and Marion Jones have tarnished the sport with allegations of steroids and failing drug tests.

But none of this resides in Charleston.

A dynasty is building in the old and dimly lit Lantz Fieldhouse, with the Panther men having a chance to claim its ninth indoor titles in 11 years this season.

Pretty good for a sport not headlining the sports section every day.

» Freshmen

FROM PAGE 12

JESSICA HUFFMAN | FRESHMAN GUARD

**"My whole life I have been a point guard, nothing but a point guard. I was born to be point guard. "**

"(Thomas) is someone you can rely on to hit shots," Huffman said. "She is unemotional on the court, but she really loves to play basketball. I like to play with her."

Sallee's two starting freshmen have transitioned well to the college game but Thomas noted one main difference from her high school days at Moline High School.

"In high school you could play a whole game and you would be tired," she said. "But it is nothing compared to the exhaustion you feel now."

Huffman, from Whiteland High School in Whiteland, Ind., agreed with her fellow freshman teammate on the college game's tempo.

"It is definitely a couple steps faster and the expectations are a lot higher," Huffman said.

The point guard starts and stops the Panthers. The pressure could have been daunting for someone with no collegiate experience but Huffman feels natural in this position.

"My whole life I have been a point guard, nothing but a point guard," she said. "I was born to be a point guard."

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JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshmen center Ousmane Cisse (left), Eastern's leading rebounder, and guard Romain Martin, Eastern's leading scorer, are the keys to Eastern's future.

# Freshmen sensations lead Panthers

Without a senior, Martin and Cisse produce in key spots

By Matthew Stevens  
Staff Reporter

For the first time since being a Division I program, Eastern's leading scorer and rebounder could both be freshmen.

The future appears bright for a team with no seniors, as head coach Mike Miller brought in the top-ranked Ohio Valley Conference recruiting class.

In that recruiting class is a freshman that could help Eastern have its third straight conference freshman of the year.

"I think we're moving in the right direction in regards to bringing in quality talent," Miller said.

Since the sixth game of the season, Eastern guard Romain Martin has earned a spot in the starting lineup and quickly turned into the go-to offensive option. The left-handed shooting guard is averaging 15.3 points per game (20 points per game in OVC contests),

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- » **Name:** Ousmane Cisse
- » **Hometown:** Abidjan, Ivory Coast
- » **Position:** Center
- » **Key stat:** 5 ppg, 4.9 rpg, 52 FG percentage
- » **Fact:** Averaged 14 ppg, 15 rpg and 4 blocks at Community Christian School in Stockbridge, Ga.
- » **Name:** Romain Martin
- » **Hometown:** Minneapolis
- » **Position:** Guard
- » **Key stat:** 15.3 ppg, 20.1 ppg in OVC play
- » **Fact:** Chose Eastern over three Missouri Valley Conference schools

is the only Panther making 80 percent of his foul shots (87.5 percent) and has earned four OVC player of the week honors.

"He is one fine player," said Austin Peay head coach Dave Loos after Martin scored 26 points in Eastern's 81-76 overtime loss to the Governors Saturday night. "He has all

the tools."

Martin was the Panther newcomer that Miller and coaching staff quietly pointed to as the most likely to have a breakout season. Pairing him in the backcourt with last year's conference freshman, Mike Robinson, also excited the coaching staff. At 25.6 points per game, the duo of Robinson and Martin are the most productive starting backcourt in the league.

"When you have seven guys that have never played Division I basketball, it takes time to mesh together and learn how we need to play," Miller said.

Inexperienced post players take time to develop and mid-major programs generally don't get at 19-year-old, 6-foot-8 inch, 250-pound freshman. But Eastern has one. Ousmane Cisse has started six games for the Panthers and averages nearly 20 minutes on the floor, having some good performances (12 points and 11 rebounds against Iowa State) and some poor ones (two points, four fouls and five turnovers against Wisconsin-Green Bay).

"I will continue to play aggressive because that's what I have to do," Cisse said. "I think I'm more comfortable with everything including the triangle (offense)."

The recruit, born in the Ivory Coast, is averaging five points and five rebounds per game, while shooting 52 percent from the field.

"The way I feel about my play is the same as the team," Cisse said. "We need to win and continue to improve."

The only thing he's struggling with early in his Eastern career is from the free throw line. Cisse is only making 41 percent of his foul shots. The quandary for Eastern head coach Mike Miller is after having three outstanding freshman come through the program (Martin, Robinson and 2004 OVC freshman of the Year George Tandy, who transferred at the end of last season), how much longer will it be before Eastern has a winning season?

"Eventually it's going to pay off because a lot of these young guys are getting experience now," Miller said.

## MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | NOTEBOOK

# Brothers compete in meet

By Kevin Murphy  
Associate Sports Editor

Two brothers from Buffalo Grove competed against each other at the Dec. 9 Early Bird Meet at Lantz Fieldhouse.

Panther freshman Eric Traphagen competed against his brother, David, a junior who runs for Western Illinois.

Eric ran to thirteenth place and David finished right behind him in the 3K race. Eric finished in a time of 9 minutes, 22.66 seconds and David finished in 9:22.70.

"He wanted to run under nine minutes," Eric said.

This was the first time the brothers had competed in a collegiate race against each other.

Eric said they competed in high school against each other and road races as well.

"He started up in the top four and I caught up," Eric said. "With two laps to go, I made a move."

Eric passed David and fellow teammate, freshman Eric Pedersen in the process.

"I died off a little," Eric said.

Pederson and David retook Eric, but Eric was able to make a move on his brother,

"I sat on his shoulder," Eric said. "I didn't want to be put in a position to beat him."

Eric, though, passed David on the final lap.

"There was just that urgency to beat him, which had never happened before," Eric said.

"He's a little better than me."

### Moving up on the list

It's early in the track season, but a Panther is already making a name for himself.

Freshman Brandon Jelks ran a 6.99 in the 60-meter dash.

"He's a great runner," said freshman distance runner Aaron Iuan.

This mark moves the freshman into eighth place on Eastern's all-time top 10 list.

"He had a good fall and looked good at our Early Bird Meet," said head coach Tom Akers. "I was pleased with him. He's been a pleasant surprise in short sprints, and I hope he can continue and improve. I think we've sort of specialized him into areas like the sprints and a jumping event or two."

### Team maintains during break

Each group of athletes had workouts for themselves during the break.

"We have long runs, hills, tempo runs and Fartlek's," Iuan said.

Fartlek's are where a runner runs a certain amount of time at different levels of difficulty.

It's not all about running either. "We have agility drills," Iuan said. "It keeps the muscle strength."

"They ran distance four or five days a week," said mid-distance coach Eric Vetter. "It's to maintain what they have. (The team is) getting back to a routine of going to classes and practices."

### Journal unifies team

Vetter posts an online newsletter for the track team called 'For Vetter for Worse' and it's updated every Wednesday.

"It unified the team feeling with everyone else," said freshman Eric Traphagen. "(The journal is) the week's focus. It was a big difference between high school and college."

"It has info for meets, travel, departure dates and recognition," Vetter said.

### Sprinter recovers from surgery

Senior sprinter Brenton Emanuel had knee surgery during break.

"He is slowly on the mend," Akers said.

Emanuel finished seventh in the 200-meter dash in the Ohio Valley Conference's outdoor track and field championships last outdoor season.

## » Notebook

FROM PAGE 12

All of Voss' playing time had come late in the game when the outcome was already decided.

Saturday night was a different case.

Voss, listed as a 6-foot-5 inch forward, came into the game with 2 minutes, 39 seconds left in the first half and Eastern trailing 33-31.

He did not score a point and committed his first turnover. Voss was subbed out for with 13 seconds remaining and Austin Peay leading 40-35. He did not re-enter the game.

"This is the first time that he's been in there with it actually meaning something," said junior center Jake Byrne. "But we needed a body in there. Everyone else was in foul trouble."

Freshman center Ousmane Cisse had two fouls, while reserve post player Bobby Joliff also had two fouls when Voss came in.

### Martin continues double-figure scoring

Most freshmen aren't expected to carry a strong scoring load for their team.

Yet, Romain Martin is doing just that for Eastern.

Martin is the Ohio Valley Conference's leading freshman scorer, and sixth overall, at 15.3 points per game.

He has scored in double figures in every game since being inserted into the starting lineup against Wisconsin-Green Bay on Nov. 21.

Martin scored 26 points in Saturday's 81-76 loss against Austin Peay. It's one point short of the career-high 27 he had at Tennessee Tech on Dec. 7.

Martin was the person Miller gave the ball to in the closing minutes of the Panthers' loss against Austin Peay with the game tied. Martin said after the game having the ball in late situations with the game on the line would only help his confidence.

"Throughout the course of the game, other people are helping him, setting him up and he's using things and we got down to the end and we played off him a bit," Miller said. "He's not tentative to do that."

### OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	CONFERENCE
Samford	6-0
Austin Peay	5-1
Morehead State	5-1
Murray State	5-2
Eastern Kentucky	3-3
Southeast Missouri	3-4
Tennessee State	2-3
Tennessee Tech	2-4
UT Martin	2-5
Jacksonville State	1-5
<b>Eastern Illinois</b>	<b>1-7</b>



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PANTHER SPORTS SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 11 at Tennessee-Martin |  
5:30 p.m. Martin, Tenn.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 11 at Tennessee-Martin |  
7:30 p.m. Martin, Tenn.

SWIMMING

Jan. 12 at Millikin |  
5 p.m. Decatur, Ill.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 13 at Eastern Kentucky |  
12 p.m. Richmond, Ky.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jan. 13 at Eastern Kentucky |  
3 p.m. Richmond, Ky.

KEVIN MURPHY | RUNNING WITH  
THE PACK

An Eastern  
dynasty

Track and field.  
To the majority of people, it's  
not the most exciting sport in the  
world.

It's not done in two to three  
hours.

It's not advertised as much as  
last night's Bowl College Series  
National Championship.

But it does thrive here at  
Eastern.

The men's program has won eight  
indoor Ohio Valley Conference  
titles since 1997.

The only years they did not win  
were 2000 and 2006, and they  
finished second both times.

They also have won eight  
outdoor OVC titles since 1997.  
The last two years the team has  
finished second.

Although a meet may last nine  
hours, exciting events do happen.

Catch a pole vaulter spring  
themselves forward 15 feet in the  
air.

See freshman Brandon Jelks set  
new records in the sprints. He's  
already broken into the top 10 on  
the 60-meter indoor list.

Track and field is full of stories  
that inspire.

It's the battle of competition.  
It's brother against brother.

Literally.

Panther freshman Eric  
Traphagen outraced his brother,  
David of Western Illinois, in  
the 3,000-meter race on Dec. 9  
at the Early Bird Meet at Lantz  
Fieldhouse.

"There was just that urgency  
to beat him, which had never  
happened before," Eric said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | NOTEBOOK

Anthony to appeal status

Voss sees first meaningful  
action against Austin Peay

By Matt Daniels  
Sports Editor

Julio Anthony's season might be finished.  
Anthony, a junior guard from Cowley  
Community College in Arkansas City, Kan.,  
who signed with the Panthers last April,  
was declared academically ineligible for this  
semester, said an Eastern athletic department  
official Monday.

His season is not over, the official said, but  
Anthony has to go through an NCAA appeals  
process in order to regain his eligibility.

The process could be finished as quickly  
as 48 hours or last several weeks. He can still  
practice with the team, which he did Monday,  
but cannot play in games or travel with the  
team.

Anthony and Eastern are currently going  
through the appeals process.

Anthony, a Charlotte,  
N.C., native, has not  
played nor dressed in a  
game since Eastern's Dec.  
22 win at home against  
Western Illinois.

He did not make the  
trip to Eastern Michigan  
on Dec. 28 or the trip  
to Southeast Missouri last  
Thursday.

In the Jan. 2 home game against Murray  
State, Anthony was on the bench in street  
clothes.

He was again on the bench in street clothes  
in Saturday's home game against Austin Peay.

Anthony had played in all 13 games before  
Eastern Michigan, but had not started a game.  
He was averaging 2.8 points per game and 8.2



Julio Anthony

minutes per game.

He had a season-high 10 points in Eastern's  
74-49 loss at DePaul on Nov. 17.

Voss sees first-half playing time

Senior Ryan Voss joined the team early in  
December, a week removed from playing in his  
final football game for Eastern.

The former wide receiver, who last played  
competitive basketball at Charlotte High  
School in Punta Gorda, Fla., had played a  
total of four minutes in three games prior to  
Saturday's game.

All of Voss' playing time had come late  
in the game when the outcome was already  
decided.

However, Saturday night was a different  
case.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | NEW STARTERS



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman guard Jessica Huffman dribbles the ball up court during the Panther's game last Saturday afternoon in Lantz Arena. Huffman was named the Ohio Valley conference freshman of the week for the third straight week Monday.

Freshmen factor for Eastern

Huffman, Thomas play  
significant minutes for Sallee

By Joe Waltasti  
Sports Reporter

Last season, forward Rachel Galligan earned  
the Ohio Valley Conference's freshman of the  
year award.

This year, head coach Brady Sallee has two  
more candidates for that honor.

True freshmen Jessica Huffman and Ashley  
Thomas have started all but one game this  
season and average 17.9 and 9.4 points per  
game, respectively, in almost 30 minutes per  
game.

Before the season Sallee envisioned  
Huffman and Thomas paired in the backcourt  
with starting sophomore point guard Megan  
Edwards.

"From day one they figured heavily into our  
plans," Sallee said. "(With Edwards) that's a  
pretty good three-headed monster right there.  
It was a good problem to have ... trying to get

MEET THE FRESH FACES OF EASTERN

- » **Name:** Jessica Huffman
- » **Number:** 3
- » **Hometown:** Whiteland, Ind.
- » **Position:** Guard
- » **Key stat:** 17.9 points per game, 3.75 assists per game
- » **Name:** Ashley Thomas
- » **Number:** 24
- » **Hometown:** Moline
- » **Position:** Guard
- » **Key stat:** 9.4 points per game, 2.56 assists per game

enough minutes for all of them."

But those plans changed in a Nov. 10  
exhibition game against Missouri-St. Louis.  
Edwards suffered a season-ending knee injury  
and Huffman and Thomas' role changed from

members in a talented three-guard rotation to  
starters.

"It was really hard to see her go down,  
especially with such a serious injury," Thomas  
said about Edwards, her former AAU teammate.  
"It was one of those situations where you just  
have to take what you get."

Huffman started the season as the Panthers'  
starting point guard and scored in double figures  
in eight straight games. After tallying nine points  
on Dec. 9 at Tennessee State to end her streak,  
Huffman responded with 20, 25 and a school-  
record 38 points in the next three games and is  
currently the Panthers' leading scorer.

"(Huffman) sees the floor well, and she  
is really quick and gets to the rim," Thomas  
said. "Her driving opens up the floor for the  
shooters like me and Meggie (Eck)."

Thomas, who is third on the team with  
22 3-point shots, registered a season-high 21  
points on Dec. 7 in a victory at Tennessee Tech  
and tallied a team-high 19 against nationally  
ranked Louisville on Dec. 29.

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