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UNIVERSITY | GRADES

Repeat classes cause problems on PAWS

Registrar says inaccurate GPAs will be manually adjusted as needed

By Barbara Harrington
University Reporter

Although final grades for last semester were posted online the first week of winter break, some students are still waiting to see if they made the grade.

Eastern students who repeated courses in the fall had inaccurate grade point averages reported on PAWS.

Registrar Sue Harvey said the university converted to new software in the fall that does not automatically recalculate the GPAs of students who have retaken classes.

Harvey said only students who took courses during or before summer 2007 and repeated them this fall are affected.

Harvey said she knew before grades were posted that the new program was unable to correctly calculate the GPAs of these students.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, said the number of students affected by the PAWS glitch is small and, in most cases, the discrepancy between the incorrect and correct GPA is minor.

Lord said those working with the Banner system tried to figure out how to work around the limitations of the program, but Banner is simply not designed to handle Eastern's particular course repeat policy.

"Those doing the implementation worked very hard to find ways to accommodate our policy fully but were not successful prior to the end of the semester.

"Ultimately, we determined that we would have to manually adjust GPAs because of this," Lord said.

The Office of the Registrar is correcting errors in students' GPAs as they become aware of them.

"We don't know a specific deadline for when we will be done," Harvey said. "But we are working as quickly as we possibly can."

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IF YOU THINK YOUR GPA MAY BE AFFECTED:

Contact the Office of the Registrar at 581-3511 or records@eiu.edu, or talk to your academic adviser.

CAMPUS | ENTERTAINMENT

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

Harlem Globetrotter "Handles" Franklin plays keepaway with some enthusiastic young fans. The team will play at 7 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

RETURN TO EASTERN

Ticket prices slowed sales to students

By Emily Zulz
Activities Reporter

Approximately eight years have passed since the Harlem Globetrotters last graced Eastern with their presence.

That changes tonight, when the Globetrotters play at 7 p.m. in Lantz Arena.

And it is not costing Eastern anything to bring the Globetrotters to campus.

Dave Kidwell, assistant athletic director for Special Projects, said Eastern gets a percentage of ticket receipts and the rest goes to the Globetrotters. Kidwell said the university sees a little profit but not much.

This will be the third time the Globetrotters have entertained at Eastern. They also performed in 1998 and 2000.

Kidwell, who helped set up the event, said he attempted to bring the Globetrotters back to campus a couple years ago but neither party could find a date that would work.

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CITY | POLICE DEPARTMENT

Interim police chief planning to make changes

Lifelong Charleston resident intends to increase recruitment

By Matt Hopf
City Editor

An Eastern student is now police chief of Charleston.

Mark Jenkins, a 30-year Charleston Police Department veteran, was named interim police chief after Paul Welch resigned in December to become police chief in Edgewood, N.M.

A life-long resident of Charleston, Jenkins said working for the department his whole career could have advantages in becoming chief.

"The advantage of promoting from within the department would be that you hope you have the respect of the rank and file members of the department," Jenkins said. "The effects that should arise from that would be a rise in morale, and a rise in morale could lead to a more productive, more efficient department."

One of the first tasks Jenkins will work to complete will be getting the budget ready for the next fiscal year.

Jenkins said the budget will probably need to go to the city council by the end of March.

One problem Jenkins needs to address is recruitment. Jenkins said only four applicants made it though the last recruitment process.

"We're going to look at doing some visits to colleges on career days," he said. "This coming spring we're going to look at doing some advertising on possibly radio or EIU television."

Increasing advertising and having police officers give flyers to people who they think are qualified are some other ways to increase recruitment.

One area Jenkins wants to improve is the relationship between Eastern and the police department.

He plans on meeting university officials this week to open lines of communication.

"We need to explore other opportunities and ways to get to know not only the faculty and administration, but also the students of the university, and I encourage any of the students that have a problem or issue with the department to please call me and contact me," Jenkins said.

Common sense and following the golden rule are what he expects from students.

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MORE ONLINE

• Jenkins talks about three generations of his family in the police force and how the job's changed since he started.

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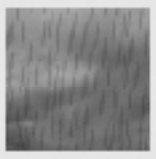
Police Chief Mark Jenkins has been with the Charleston Police Department for 30 years and is a life-long resident of Charleston. Jenkins, a current Eastern student, was appointed interim police chief after Paul Welch resigned in December.

EIU WEATHER

TUESDAY



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WEDNESDAY
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WEATHER BRIEF

The warm weather continues today with rain showers. By tonight temperatures drop into the low 30s. Temperatures will be slightly dropping for the rest of the week and into the weekend.

For current conditions visit EIU Weather Center at www.eiu.edu/~weather

A daily look at the entertainment world

The Associated Press

Dr. Phil cancels plans for Spears intervention

LOS ANGELES — Television's "Dr. Phil" McGraw has pulled the plug on plans for a one-hour show that was to examine Britney Spears' latest public meltdown.

In a statement posted Monday on his Web site, McGraw said the 26-year-old pop star's situation was "too intense" for him to go forward with the show. He didn't say whether he planned to reschedule.

Spears was hospitalized Thursday night after a child custody dispute with ex-husband Kevin Federline resulted in an hours-long standoff with police.

On Friday, a court commissioner gave sole physical and legal custody of 1-year-old Jayden James and 2-year-old Sean Preston to Federline.

Hasselbeck back at work

NEW YORK — Elisabeth Hasselbeck took her newborn son, Taylor Thomas, to work Monday.

It was her first day back on ABC's "The View" since going on maternity leave more than two months ago. She gave birth to Taylor Thomas at an Arizona hospital Nov. 9.

Hasselbeck, 30, joked that she calls herself "the dairy queen" because she's breast-feeding.

"You don't even look like you were pregnant," co-host Sherri Shepherd told her. "You are so tiny."

New format for Globes?

LOS ANGELES — The Golden Globes and NBC were on the verge Monday of scrapping the traditional show format, which would be picketed by striking writers, in favor of a news-conference approach, a person close to the awards broadcast said Monday.

Faced with a threat by actors to boycott the ceremony rather than cross picket lines, organizers were forced to look at other approaches that would preserve the star power of the unofficial kickoff to the Hollywood awards season.

The awards ceremony is set to air on Jan. 13.

Photo of the day: Waiting to rent

MITCH SURPRENANT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students wait outside Textbook Rental on Monday afternoon waiting to pick up textbooks for the spring semester. Textbook Rental is open from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. until Thursday. On Friday, Textbook Rental is open from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

What the ... that seriously happened?

A daily look at the weird, the unexpected and the downright bizarre news of the day

The Associated Press

Police find morbid crime scene in Texas

TYLER, Texas — A man who told a 911 operator he killed his girlfriend and cooked parts of her body faces a capital murder charge, authorities said.

Deputies responding to the 911 call found a gruesome scene: a human ear boiling in a pot on a stovetop and a hunk of flesh on a fork sitting atop a plate on the kitchen table.

Authorities believe the man arrested in the death of his 21-year-old girlfriend cooked parts of her body and may have tried to eat them — actions they said he described to them in the emergency call that led them to the grisly discovery.

Christopher Lee McCuin, 25, was scheduled to be arraigned Monday on a capital murder charge in the death of Jana Shearer. He was in solitary confinement at a jail on a $2 million bond Sunday night and did not have an attorney, officials said.

Authorities say it is unclear whether McCuin consumed any part of the woman's body.

"We cannot prove that he did," Smith County Sheriff J.B. Smith said Sunday. "He was either going to, had been or led us to think that he was doing it."

McCuin is also the suspect in early Saturday's stabbing of a man described as his estranged wife's boyfriend, Smith said. McCuin has a criminal record that includes driving while intoxicated and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charges. When he was arrested, McCuin had an outstanding felony retaliation warrant.

Smith said McCuin was known to authorities and had "a history of violence," including assaulting his estranged wife, his girlfriend and his sister.

Officials believe the events started when McCuin took Shearer from her home late Friday and killed her.

McCuin wasn't seen again until Saturday morning, when he arrived at the home he shared with his mother and called her into the garage so she could "come see what he had done," Smith said.

His mother and her boyfriend saw the remains of Shearer, authorities said. McCuin's mother and her boyfriend fled the home and flagged down a police officer.

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LOCAL | BUSINESS

Sales suffer during winter break

Reduced hours, loyal customers base options owners take

By Jordan Crook
Staff Reporter

When more than 10,000 students leave Eastern for winter break, businesses in Charleston suffer.

Cindy Titus, executive director of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, said during winter break there are significantly less people in town.

As a result, some businesses receive fewer customers.

"You take 10,000 people out of the retail area, you are going to see less business," she said.

Titus said area businesses decide on their own how to handle the loss of revenue during periods like winter break and spring break.

"We don't tell people how to run their business," Titus said.

The businesses she said she thought are affected the most by breaks are those closest to campus and fast food restaurants.

She said some businesses choose to remain open and operate with the income generated by town residents, while some others may choose to close down and use the break to renovate and regroup before students return.

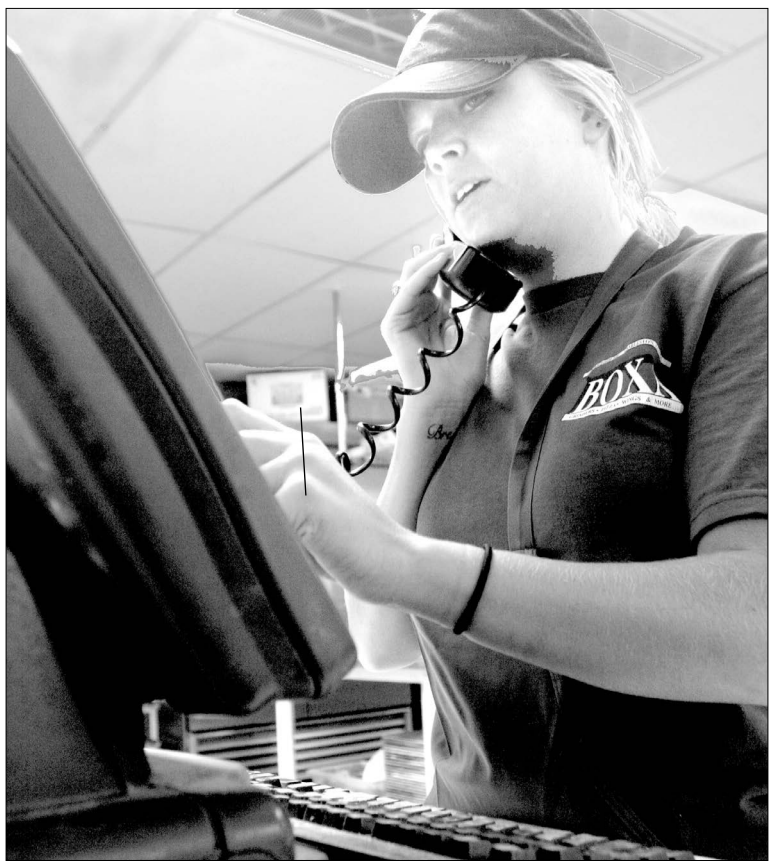
However, Titus said the town is not entirely reliant on business generated by students.

"The town doesn't just shut down when students leave for break," she said.

Many of the businesses in Charleston shared this sentiment and remained open over break.

One such business was Domino's Pizza, which suffered a noticeable loss of customers when Eastern students departed for the holidays.

Domino's manager Wes Holcomb said Eastern students make up nearly three-fourths of his customer base and sales drop significantly when they leave for break.



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Ashley Marrinson, a junior English major and a Boxa employee, takes down a telephone order Monday evening.

In order to compensate for the loss of revenue during break, Holcomb said the store closes an hour early.

However, Holcomb said he did not think the restaurant would ever be closed for an entire month due to the number of customers they have who live in Charleston year-round.

"We're not just here for the college students," he said.

Though some restaurants like Domino's lose a great deal of business when students are gone, others manage to remain busy with revenue generated by the Charleston community.

Traci Boksa, owner of Boxa, said her restaurant remained busy over the break due to support from Charleston residents.

"We have a lot of loyal customers," she said.

Boksa said the only time Boxa was really affected by the absence of students was at night.

"The students support the late night hours," she said.

Though most of the students were gone for break, Boksa said the restaurant served several of the athletes who remained on campus.

Boksa said she appreciates the revenue created by students, even if they only support the late night business.

"There wouldn't be much of a town without the students," she said.

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CAMPUS | FITNESS

Visitors to Rec Center can shape up for less

Three-day weekend passes now available for small fee

By Sara Cuadrado
Staff Reporter

Visitors to the Student Recreation Center now have a cheaper way to stay in shape.

Starting yesterday, the Student Recreation Center offers a $5 per day visitor pass, a three-day weekend pass and week-long passes.

Previously, the Rec Center only offered a two-day weekend pass for $5, Sarah Daugherty, co-director of the recreation center, said.

The three-day weekend pass is $10 and can be used Friday, Saturday and Sunday or Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The week-long pass is a seven-day pass for $15.

Most other state schools in Illinois charge the same.

Northern, Western and Southern Illinois Universities all charge $5 a day for visitor passes.

A representative from the recreation center at Northern Illinois University said they also offer different packages, including a 10-day pass for $15, a 15-day pass for $20 and a 30-day pass for $40.

Western Illinois University previously had a 10-visit punch-card available for $30, but it is currently not offered, said Connie Vandyke, a secretary in the office of student recreation at Western Illinois University.

Vandyke stressed the importance of their recreation center belonging to the students.

"We figure since it's a student recreation center and the students pay for it, visitors have to come with a student or member," Vandyke said.

Eastern also urges visitors to come to the Rec Center with a student.

Ken Baker, former director of student recreation and current interim director of athletics, said the visitors at Eastern should come with a student.

Baker said the student should be responsible for the visitor.

"If the visitor breaks a window or something, we need someone to hold accountable," Baker said.

Visitors are also required to sign a waiver in case anything happens to them while in the recreation center.

The recreation center has about 175-200 visitors per semester and about 100 visitors in the summer, Daugherty said. This results in a profit of about $2000 a year.

The money made from visitors goes right back into the recreation center budget and is mostly used to replace old equipment.

Daughtery said even with the new pricing packages, they are expecting a profit of about the same amount as previous years.

Baker said they try to make the recreation center affordable for guests.

"We look at it as if you take a guest to the show; you get two hours of entertainment for $7.50. Here you get entertainment all day for $5," Baker said.

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The DEN shuffles up editorial board, staff

–Staff Report

The Daily Eastern News completed its interview process last semester for editor positions for the Spring '08 semester's newspaper.

Matt Daniels, a senior journalism major from Glen Carbon, is the editor in chief. Daniels served as sports editor for two semesters and associate sports editor for one semester while at The DEN.

Daniels

Kristina Peters, a junior journalism major from Mattoon, is the managing editor. Peters served as On the Verge editor last semester and has also served as associate Verge editor, while filling the roles of Activities reporter and University reporter.

Chris Essig, a junior journalism major from Rochester, is the online editor. Essig was the online interactive editor last semester and has also served as city reporter and senior Verge reporter.

Nicole Weskerna, a junior journalism major from Marengo, takes her first editor position at The DEN as opinions editor. Weskerna has been a copy editor, campus reporter and photographer.

Robbie Wroblewski, a junior journalism major from Peoria, is the photo editor. Wroblewski worked last semester as associate photo editor was also staff photographer for On the Verge.

Scott Richey, a junior journalism major from Eureka, is the sports editor. Richey worked last semester as the online editor.

Matt Hopf, a senior journalism major from Palos Heights, is the city editor. Hopf was associate news editor last semester and has also been the student government reporter.

Adam Tedder, a senior journalism major from Rockford, is the On the Verge editor. Tedder worked last semester as sports editor and has also been online editor.

Nicole Milstead, a journalism graduate student, is the associate online editor. She received her journalism degree last December, and has served as opinions editor, associate news editor and activities editor.

Kevin Murphy, a sophomore journalism major from Sugar Grove, is back for his third straight semester as associate sports editor.

Stacy Smith, a senior journalism major from Lombard, takes her first editor role as associate Verge editor. Smith has written for the Verge and has been activities reporter and Greek Life reporter.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Charleston Alley Theatre to hold auditions

Auditions for "Pirandello's Henry IV," presented by the Charleston Alley Theatre, will be held tonight and Wednesday night.

Eight parts are available for men and two parts are available for women.

The auditions will be held at Charleston Alley Theatre, located at 718 Monroe Ave.

Duke Bagger is the director. Performance dates are Feb. 29-March 3 and March 7-10.

For more information, contact Bagger at 345-7978, the theatre at 345-2287 or email to CATmail@consolidated.net.

Travel focus of today's Faculty Senate meeting

Winter break is over, but travel is still on the Faculty Senate's agenda.

Dean of the Honors College Bonnie Irwin will speak about the National Student Exchange at today's Faculty Senate meeting.

Faculty Senate Chair Lynne Curry said NSE is a program for student exchange in the U.S. or Canada. Curry said she hopes having Irwin present will lead to an increase in NSE participation.

Director of Study Abroad Wendy Williamson will also be speaking at the meeting about study abroad opportunities.

"Study abroad is just exploding right now at Eastern. It's huge" Curry said. "Students and faculty need to know about the program because it requires a lot of early planning."

The Senate will also approve its spring meeting schedule at tonight's meeting and Curry will present a report of last semester's Senate activities.

Hot chocolate canceled because of weather

The Office of Orientation won't distribute hot chocolate today around campus with temperatures expected to be in the high-50s for much of the day today.

The event is still planned for Wednesday and Thursday, with temperatures back into the mid-40s.

BLOTTER

• A 3-gallon container of ice cream was reported stolen Dec. 11 from a cooler in Thomas Hall.

• A credit card of an Eastern student was reported used by another without authorization on Dec. 12.

• Marjorie Campbell, 19, of Indianapolis, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence at 1:28 a.m. Dec. 13 at Ninth Street and Roosevelt Avenue.

• Chelsea Sackman, 20, of Charleston, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence at 1:10 a.m. Dec. 14 at Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue.

– compiled by Matt Daniels and Barbara Harrington

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Other Views on News

OUR PRIMARY CONCERN

(Harvard) – For Illinois Sen. Barack Obama and Mike Huckabee, victory in last Thursday's Iowa caucuses means increased media exposure, a jump in donations and a surge in polls nationwide.

All of these gains supposedly justify the $30 million the candidates spent on advertising in Iowa and the approximately 350 visits to the state they made during the election season, which would otherwise be difficult to fathom considering Iowa's few delegates.

We are deeply troubled by this system. It gives undue influence, during each election cycle, to a handful of states with early primaries or caucuses, while rendering the contests of states that vote late in the schedule almost meaningless.

Nevertheless, we sympathize with the argument that a spread-out election schedule gives candidates the greatest opportunity to make their cases to voters in each state.

Therefore, the best way to set up a fair primary would be to rotate the order that states vote in from cycle to cycle, ensuring that every state has an opportunity to be early, yet the candidates have enough time to make their case to each.

Montana and South Dakota have their primaries on June 3 this year, which means votes cast in those states will almost certainly be irrelevant.

Staff Editorial
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Drawn from the news | Adam Tedder

STAFF EDITORIAL

Go enjoy the Globetrotters

OUR VIEW
- **Situation:** The Harlem Globetrotters are coming to Eastern tonight at 7!
- **Stance:** Students should go and enjoy the show because finding good, wholesome entertainment is rare in these parts.

Lantz Arena will have an unfamiliar feel to it tonight.

Excitement.

Anticipation.

Joy.

Most people should walk out into the cold January evening with a smile across their faces and plenty of memories to talk about for the next year.

All of this because of basketball – well, not Eastern men's basketball.

The Harlem Globetrotters, a basketball team known more for its goodwill endeavors and fun-filled night they bring year-round to their fans across the world, are in Charleston tonight.

> **"That's right, something exciting and mainstream has landed in Chucktown."**

That's right, something exciting and mainstream has landed in Chucktown.

The Globetrotters last appeared in Charleston in 2000, performing in front of nearly 2,500 fans.

Ticket prices were a little less eight years ago than they are tonight. Back then, adults got in for $14 and children under 12 years old and senior citizens 60 years and older got in for $12.

While 100 courtside VIP seats are $42, reserved seating either on the floor or any chair-back seat is $24 and general admission is $16, the prices are worth it.

They also appeared in 1998, making a mid-January stop to entertain thousands of local fans.

And we want to say, after eight long years of the Globetrotters not visiting Charleston, welcome back.

The Globetrotters usually make appearances every two or three years at the same venues they've visited.

It's not just about basketball with the Globetrotters.

Their antics and ability to entertain the crowd are what makes this organization such a class act.

And they've been doing it for 82 years. Can you think of one organization, team or business in the last 82 years that has had this much influence on society? Visits around the world, in front of famous dignitaries, are just common fare for these entertainers.

The team has trips to countries like Romania, Qatar and Slovakia planned for this year. Not exactly basketball hotbeds, but that's not the goal with the Globetrotters.

The goal is to give back to the community, any community.

And tonight, that community is Charleston.

Enjoy the moment.

New PAWS has a few flaws

OUR VIEW
- **Situation:** The new PAWS system is miscalculating grades for students who have re-taken a class.
- **Stance:** Students should not be burdened with these technological problems to begin with. New PAWS needs to get its act together soon.

The talk at this time last year involving Eastern's new PAWS and Banner system was how to use it.

What are alternate pin numbers?

Why aren't the class schedules in the newspaper?

How do we tell when we signed up for classes?

Students and advisers had to learn on the go about how to use the new system.

They eventually adapted and caught on to the process.

Now comes this.

The new PAWS system has miscalculated grades for students who repeated courses they took last semester.

Hence, their cumulative grade point is incorrect.

The university converted to new software last fall that did not recalculate the GPAs of students who have retaken classes.

And the best part – the university knew the new software wouldn't recalculate the GPAs.

Excuse me?

Why would any university install new software that would intentionally mess up students' grades who re-took classes?

At the very least, the university should have informed students right away when they found out the new software would make some of their grades incorrect.

The university is leaving it up to students with grade discrepancies to alert them of any changes. Students who did nothing other than re-take a class are having to correct an error they didn't even make.

This is completely incomprehensible.

Sure, it's still new to everyone and technology will have its flaws.

Yet, when Eastern went to online-only in everything related to a student's academic performance, back-up plans needed to be in place when situations like this to arise.

It seems the same old issue with new PAWS is surfacing again – mistakes happening and people trying to learn on the fly about how to correct them. This is no way for a university to handle a student's academic records.

LAUREN DAVIDSON

Reality fades away on TV

I've never seen an episode of "*American Idol*." I know, I know; I must be a terrorist. Reality television has just always rubbed me the wrong way.

But since they canceled "*Arrested Development*" and (more recently) all the good script-writers went on strike, I've been a lot more open to shows I never thought I might commit time to. What can I say? I'm a sell-out and a sloth. Moving on.

I was channel surfing last night and came upon a show that I had never before realized existed; "*Snoop Dogg: The Fatherhood*." Ole' Snoop is getting up there in dog years (in human years he's almost 40), and it really showed in his opening rap.

I thought Snoop Dogg was supposed to be the epitome of hip and he's up on the screen rapping about how he doesn't make his kids eat their vegetables. It was pathetic. But is his desperate grapple for a little more fame and fortune any different than any other "family reality" sitcom?

But what can I say? I was bored and I kept watching.

Flipping from channel to channel, it's almost overwhelming how pervasive reality television has become. It's become the new vehicle for anyone who was ever even remotely part of popular culture to attempt to re-kick-start a crumbling career. What would Bret Michaels be doing if he weren't on "*Rock of Love*"? I'll tell you one thing: he would not be hanging in a sweet mansion full of women.

No. In real reality, Michaels would more likely be dancing on street corners for change so he could buy…er… eyeliner? More hair dye and bandanas? See we just don't know, because the reality we're presented with is a twisted fantasy world he designed for himself.

Frankly, I don't care what Michaels fantasizes about. I don't care whether New York ever finds love again, or whether or not the Hogans throw a lavish party.

And yet, I know about these plot lines. I know what the archetypal ridiculously rich-and-almost-kinda-famous Mom is like (and I bet you do, too). So why in America, a place where most everyone is supposedly educated, are these the shows that have dominated our culture? I've never seen "*American Idol*," but I would bet money that it insults your intelligence.

TV is for entertainment, and I'm not claiming there isn't a certain amount of amusement to be had from watching Janice Dickinson scream at her models to "SUCK IT IN!"

I'm just praying that this trend isn't the beginning of a new standard in television. After the hokey, laugh-track-filled sitcoms of the eighties, there was a shining moment in time when it seemed like truly well-crafted shows might make a comeback.

The writers hold a very special position in the media in that it is their voice that calls us all together, that gives us reasons to care about the dazzling special effects and good looking actors. Reality TV has its place, but hopefully that place will soon be very far back in our memories.

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» GPA

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Lord said the student's GPA is recalculated almost immediately when the Office of the Registrar is notified his or her GPA is inaccurate; however, the process could be drawn out, he added.

"Because there is no simple systematic way to identify all students who might be affected, it may take some time for us to discover all of the manual corrections which need to be made," Lord said.

Since final grades have been posted, Harvey said her office has received several calls from students concerned by their GPAs.

Lord said students who have repeated coursework in the fall should contact the Office of the Registrar and notify them of any GPA discrepancy.

After contacting the office, Harvey said students should check PAWS frequently to see if their term grade point average, cumulative grade point average or academic standing has been updated.

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» Globetrotters

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He said it is a good opportunity if it works into the schedule.

However, he said having the Harlem Globetrotters is "not an event you want every year."

Kidwell said in Charleston at least four or five years is needed in between in order to appeal to a new generation.

Attendance is expected to be high.

Cindy Bayes, Eastern's ticket manager, said the gym is filled to about half its capacity as of Monday, but is expecting that to rise more today.

Since coming back from break, she said, ticket sales have been steadily rising.

However, Bayes said she has seen that the bulk of people buying tickets are from outlying areas and locals.

She said she doesn't think many students have bought tickets.

"They are used to coming in free with their student IDs," Bayes said. This event could "hurt their pocketbook" a little.

"The cheapest tickets are general admission, which cost $16 and are located in the north, south and west balconies."

Amy Reis, director of Marketing Intercollegiate Athletics, said there are brand-new students on campus since the last time the Globetrotters performed.

"There's been enough of a lapse that we think the interest is still there," Reis said. "Some of the younger kids who perhaps have never seen them, this is there chance to be here."

She said this is their opportunity to see something perhaps they've never seen.

Reis said the event is great for the community, students and staff.

"They're a nationally known act that comes here to town," Reis said. "The best thing about it is it's great family entertainment. So, for the community it's a great thing to come out and see."

She said everyone's heard of the Globetrotters, but this kind of entertainment doesn't stop here all the time.

"To have an opportunity to sit and watch them first-hand, right here in your own backyard... is a marvel and something that everyone should take advantage of here in Charleston," Reis said.

She said the Globetrotters' shows are entertainment for the entire family and are something that everyone of all ages will enjoy.

Reis, who has seen the Globetrotters once, said people remember the Globetrotters far longer than just that appearance.

Kidwell has seen two of the Globetrotters' previous performances at Eastern and said the theme probably has not changed in 70 years.

But that doesn't matter.

He said even though it may be the same routine every time, people still laugh.

"They appeal to all ages no matter how many times you see them," Kidwell said.

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» Jenkins

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"Act accordingly and act like this is your hometown," Jenkins said. "I would like to think that when they have contact with the police, they realize that we're there to do a job and treat us accordingly and treat us with respect and then we'll do the same for you."

Charleston mayor John Inyart has confidence that Jenkins will do a good job.

"Mark Jenkins is a long-time veteran of the police department and very involved in our community," Inyart said. "I certainly believe that he possesses the skills and training, which allow him to handle the position."

Appointing a permanent police chief will not be looked at until the budget process is over.

City Manager Scott Smith said with the budgeting process beginning, the process of hiring a new chief would not start until the spring.

Jenkins started as a dispatcher in 1977, before he became a patrolman. He eventually became a patrol lieutenant and was named one of two deputy chiefs in 2005. The other deputy chief is Dave Chambers.

Jenkins has been married for 28 years. He has one son, who is a police officer in Mattoon.

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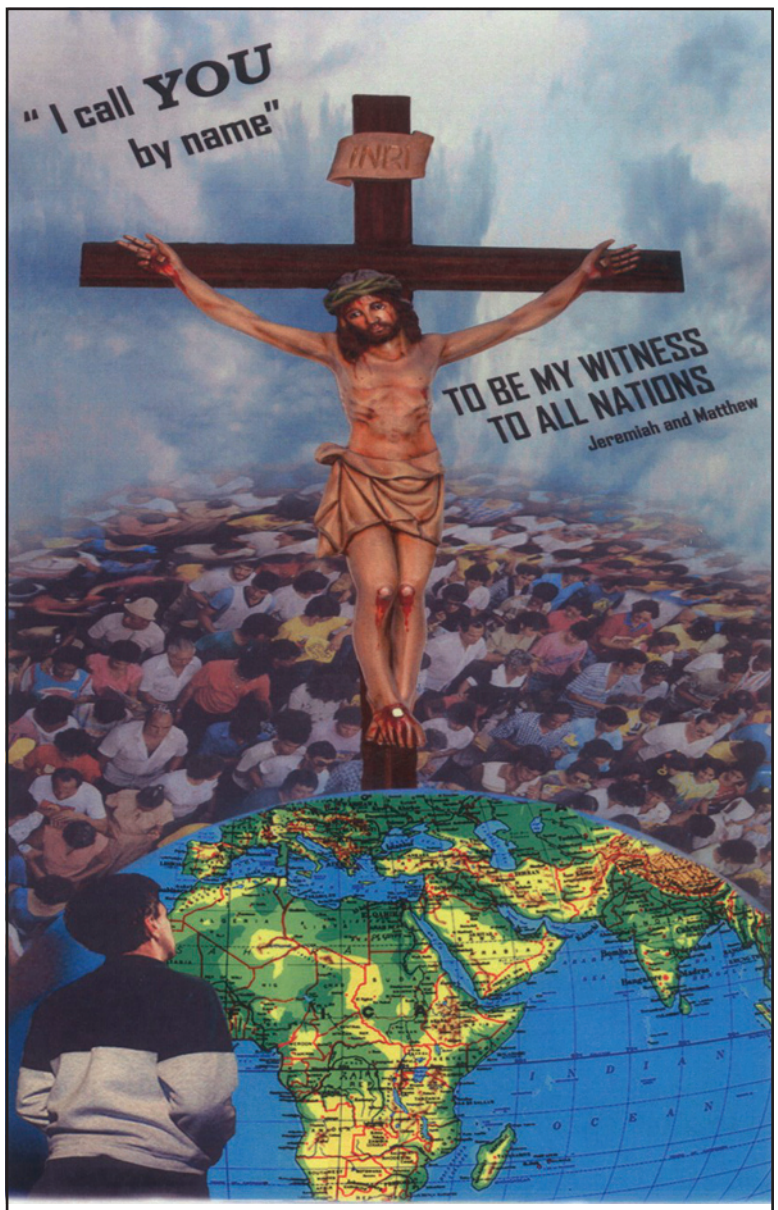

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STATE BRIEFS

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Governor urges passage of transit funding plan

CHICAGO — With 13 days to go until the Chicago Transit Authority's so-called "doomsday" service cuts and fare increases, Governor Rod Blagojevich is urging lawmakers to pass a long-term transit funding plan.

At an afternoon news conference, the governor introduce a cross-section of CTA, Metra and Pace riders he says would be hurt by the planned cuts -- including students and people with disabilities.

Blagojevich says he's "loathe to suggest" a third temporary bailout is possible, and he's cautiously optimistic that lawmakers will come up with a permanent funding solution when they meet this week.

Rare tornado hits in northwest part of state

POPLAR GROVE — The National Weather Service said it received unconfirmed reports of two touchdowns, one in the rural northern Illinois village of Poplar Grove and the other north of the city of Harvard, about 13 miles apart.

The storm that struck Poplar Grove left three people with minor injuries, said Boone County Sheriff's Lt. Perry Gay. Six or seven homes were destroyed; a number of sheds and barns were destroyed as well.

Union Pacific spokesman Mark Davis said no one was injured when six rail cars derailed Monday in Harvard in McHenry County.

Bush meets with Olympic bid committee

CHICAGO — President Bush met Monday organizing committee and members of Chicago's U.S. Olympic Committee

Bush says in a statement that he couldn't think of a better city to represent the United States in the contest for the games. The president says the athletes will be treated well if the Olympics come to Chicago.

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Bush touts No Child Left Behind

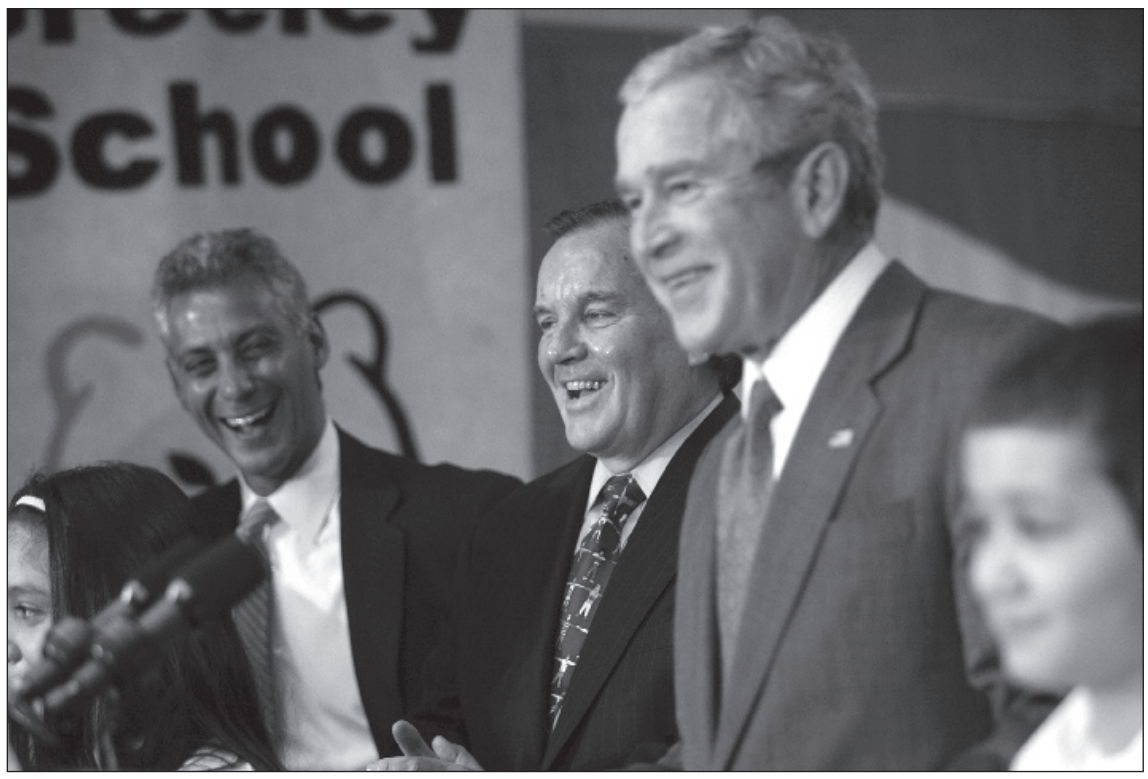
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — President Bush touted Horace Greeley Elementary on Monday as a school that has thrived under his No Child Left Behind program, despite increasing criticism of the act he sees as one of the signature domestic achievements of his presidency.

Greeley, where 70 percent of students are Hispanic and 92 percent are low-income, was named a Blue Ribbon School under the program in October, one of just 12 public schools in the state to get the distinction and the only one in the Chicago Public Schools system, the nation's third-largest.

"There are things we can do, and must do, by working together," Bush said during his appearance at Greeley, chosen as the backdrop for the president's commemoration of the sixth anniversary of the law's signing.

"I believe the country needs to build upon the successes" of the law, Bush said. "It's not worthwhile to guess when a child's future is at stake."



Heather Stone|MCT

President George W. Bush visits Horace Greeley Elementary in Chicago with Rep. Rahm Emanuel (left) and Mayor Richard Daley (center), Monday, Jan. 7, 2008. Bush was in Chicago to celebrate the six-year anniversary of his signing the No Child Left Behind Act.

When NCLB was signed into law six years ago Tuesday, it was hailed as a sweeping bipartisan overhaul of federal education funding by requiring schools to meet certain benchmarks, or adequate yearly progress. But now many education reform advocates and educators say the program has failed to live up to its promise, and even lawmakers who once supported it , including Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, say it needs to be replaced.

Clinton and other Democratic presidential candidates have been batting at NCLB on the campaign trail.

Sen. Barack Obama has said it should be changed "so that we're not just teaching to a test and crowding out programs like art and music."

But Greeley has been making the grade under the program since 2005.

It's seen 83 percent of students meeting or exceeding state standards, compared to an average of 64 percent for the entire Chicago Public Schools system.

"In fact, Chicago is an example of NCLB's lack of effectiveness," counters Dr. Monty Neill, an NCLB critic and executive director of the National Center for Fair & Open Testing. "The law has failed to raise academic achievement significantly in that city, in other major urban areas or in the nation as a whole."

There is broad agreement that it should be changed to encourage schools to measure individual student progress over time instead of using snapshot comparisons of certain grade levels.

CHICAGO | BUSH'S VISIT

Protestors arrested after presidential luncheon

The Associated Press

CHICAGO–Four antiwar demonstrators were arrested Monday in a brief clash with police outside the Union League Club in downtown Chicago where President Bush had just finished lunch with civic leaders.

The demonstrators tried to dart from the curb and into the street outside the club to stretch a large green banner saying "End the War and the Occupation" in front of Bush's motorcade.

They continued to struggle as horse-mounted police forced them back to the curb. Four of those who defied the officers and struggled to get into the street with their banner were arrested and taken away in a police van.

The names of those arrested and the charges against them would be released later, authorities said. Fewer than 100 demonstrators waited for hours for Bush's motorcade to leave the club, which is located on Jackson Boulevard in the south Loop around the corner from Chicago's Everett M. Dirksen Federal Courthouse. The demonstrators were closely watched by 15 horse-mounted police in powder-blue helmets.

A huge powder-blue Streets and Sanitation Department truck sealed off the west end of the block in front of the club.

When the motorcade finally left, it was moving so fast that if Bush saw anything of the demonstrators it was no more than a fleeting glimpse.

Some people clustered on the sidewalk booed as the motorcade whisked by and as the demonstrators were taken into custody one young girl shouted: "This is what democracy looks like."

Other bystanders cheered the president as his car went by, but it is unlikely he heard either.

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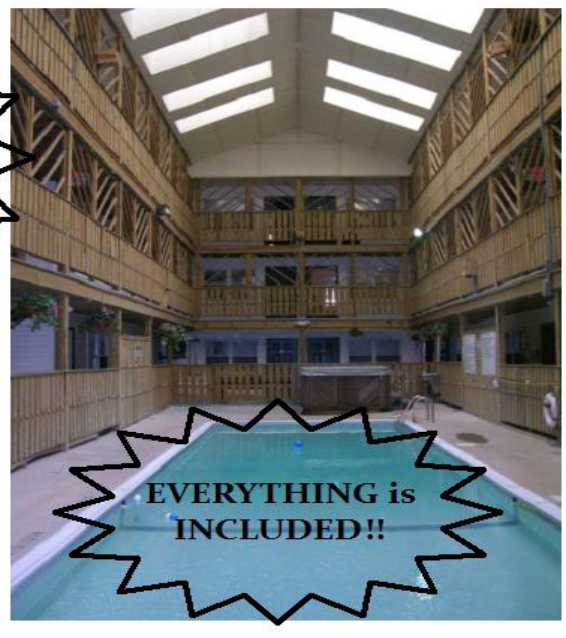

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FEDERAL | COURTS

Former death row inmate freed

The Associated Press

OTTAWA, Ohio— A British citizen who spent two decades on Ohio's death row was released from jail Monday after pleading no contest to three charges related to a fire that killed a 2-year-old girl.

Ken Richey, who once came within an hour of being executed, walked free for the first time since he was convicted of setting a northwest Ohio apartment fire that killed the toddler in 1986.

"It's great to finally be free at long last, and I'm looking forward to going home to Scotland," said Richey, wearing a blue, yellow and green Scottish cap called a glengarry. "It's been a long time coming."

He spoke with a thick Scottish accent at an Applebee's restaurant, where he stopped to have a steak lunch with his family and attorneys.

"He's told me that for 15 years that when he gets out that's what he's going to get," said his attorney, Ken Parsigian.

Prosecutors approved the deal after an appeals court overturned Richey's conviction and death sentence last year. The deal lets Richey, a dual U.S.-British citizen, go home to Scotland without admitting that he had anything to do with the fire.

Richey pleaded no contest to attempted involuntary manslaughter, child endangering, and breaking and entering. His hands were cuffed at his waist and his ankles shackled during the half-hour hearing in Putnam County Common Pleas Court.

KEN RICHEY | FREED MAN

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A no-contest plea is not an admission of guilt but a statement that no defense will be offered, leaving the defendant subject to being judged guilty and punished.

As part of the deal, Richey, 43, agreed to exit the country within a day, and he plans to leave for Scotland on Tuesday. Prosecutors told him they were worried about threats against Richey, his family and attorney said.

He'll be free to return to the United States because he is a citizen, but he must stay out of Putnam County for five years and have no contact with any witnesses or others involved in his trial.

Richey had been set to get out three weeks ago until a trip to the hospital for chest pains delayed his release. He has been in a county jail in Ottawa since then.

Richey was convicted of setting a fire that killed 2-year-old Cynthia Collins and stayed on death row until a federal appeals court determined in August that his lawyers mishandled his case.

The court overturned his conviction and sentence, saying expert testimony could have contended that the fire was an accident and not intentionally set.

Richey was sent to county jail after the decision, and the state was set to try him again in March and seek another death sentence.

Instead, Richey pleaded no contest to the state's charges accusing him of telling the toddler's mother he would baby-sit the girl, but failing to do so and leaving her in harm's way.

Robert Collins, the father of the toddler, told the judge he wishes his daughter "could appeal her death and come back to life," according to his statement read by victim advocate Shelly Price.

"The situation surrounding the death of my little girl has haunted me for 21 years," Collins said. "The unthinkable reality of her choking, crawling, crying, and her little lungs filling with smoke has been etched in my mind since her death. It's an ongoing nightmare. I will never have closure now that the outcome has changed."

Valerie Binkley, Cynthia's aunt, told the judge she had prepared a six-page statement but was too emotional to read it. She then turned to Richey.

"I want you to know you fooled nobody ,Äî not me, not that baby, not any of these people," she said. "You will fry in hell."

Members of Richey's family declined to comment after the hearing. His brother, Steve, said he couldn't talk because he is "under contract."

Richey's case has generated limited interest in Ohio, but his name is a familiar one in Britain, where there is no death penalty. He drew support from members of the British Parliament and the late Pope John Paul II.

He'll leave for Scotland on Tuesday and stay with his mother in Edinburgh. He has said he might live on a farm, travel around Scotland or open his own nightclub.

FEDERAL | CRIME

FBI reports drops in violent crimes

Rate of rapes, murders and robberies down after two year increase

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Crime dipped slightly for the first half of 2007, the FBI reported Monday, signaling a stop to a 2-year increase in violence nationwide.

Violent crime , including murders, rapes and robberies , dropped by 1.8 percent between January and June last year, the FBI's preliminary data show.

Property crimes also decreased, including a 7.4 percent drop in car thefts and arsons by nearly 10 percent.

But violent crime appears to be rising, if slightly, in small cities and rural areas, the data show.

The FBI data, compiled from local and state police departments around the nation, offer a snapshot of crime rates over the six month period.

The numbers will not be finalized until later this year.

Still, the data appears to end two years of rising violent crime rates, which increased by 2.3 percent in 2005 and 1.9 percent in 2006.

"The latest numbers from the FBI are encouraging," Justice Department spokesman Peter Carr said. "The report suggests that violent crime remains near historic low levels."

Carr acknowledged some communities continue to face violence, and said the Justice Department "is committed to assisting our state and local partners in combating violent crime wherever it exists."

The data show that violent crime dropped dramatically in big cities with 1 million or more residents, where murders decreased by 6.5 percent and rapes by 14 percent.

Smaller cities and rural areas, however, saw a 1.1 percent increase in violence.

And murder rates jumped by 5 percent in suburbs and by 3.2 percent in cities with between 50,000 and 100,000 residents, the FBI reported.

NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Missing snowmobilers rescued after storm

CONEJOS, Colo. — Six snowmobilers missing in the mountains for two days while a howling blizzard swirled around them were rescued Monday, hungry and cold but unhurt , after taking shelter in a cozy cabin and calling 911 on a cell phone when the storm eased up.

"We counted 18 blankets. We were cozy," 31-year-old Shannon Groen said after rescue crews on snowmobiles brought the group to safety. "God was looking out for us. When we knew we were safe we began to worry about the rescuers and we prayed for them."

Vick leaves Virginia to serve term in Kansas

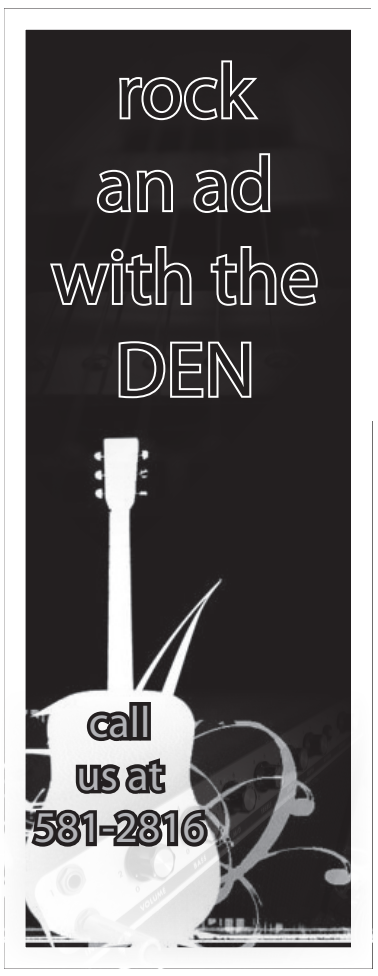
RICHMOND, Va. — Michael Vick left Virginia on Monday to enter a drug treatment program at a Kansas prison, a move that could reduce the former NFL star's 23-month sentence on a federal dogfighting conviction.

The suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback is now at the U.S. Bureau of Prisons minimum security facility in Leavenworth, his attorney, Billy Martin, said.

"Mr. Vick hopes to participate in programs offered at that facility, including the Bureau of Prisons drug treatment program," Martin said in a statement.

Teacher charged with sexual abuse of children

CORAOPOLIS, Pa. — A high school gym teacher accused of sending nude photos of herself to a 14-year-old freshman at her school has admitted to having sex with the boy, police said Monday.Beth Ann Chester, a 26-year-old health and physical education teacher at Moon Area High School in suburban Pittsburgh, was jailed on charges of sexual abuse of children, corruption of minors and related counts for sending the teen nude pictures and salacious text messages, authorities said.



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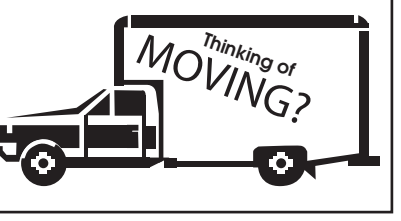

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» Globetrotters

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That fun translates to the crowd as well, and Evans said entertaining families is one of the best aspects of being a Globetrotter.

"When you can see the fun (the families) are having; they just energize me every time."

Baker bought tickets for his grandchildren to attend the game and said it will be fun to take them to see the Globetrotters.

"I first went when I was six years old to see the Harlem Magicians when they came to Charleston High School, and I will always remember that," Baker said.

But the adoration from the younger fans of the team is something Evans said he is learning to adjust to.

"I say I'm not a star," Evans said. "Just a humble guy who happens to play for the Globetrotters. It's an honor to be with some of the greatest basketball players in the world."

However, Evans doesn't just interact with his teammates. He also spends lots of time with his coaches, one of which is Charles "Tex" Harrison – a former Globetrotter.

Harrison has spent more than 50 years with the Globetrotters, including 18 as a player.

"Coach Harrison is a handful," Evans said. "That's a wealth of knowledge around you. He can tell you anything you want about the Globetrotters."

But that history is a little misleading.

The Globetrotters do not have their roots in the New York City community of the same name.

In fact, the Globetrotters are not even from the state of New York, the Mid-Atlantic region or even the East Coast.

The name has always been something of a misnomer.

The Harlem Globetrotters got their start nearly 800 miles away from Harlem, N.Y. The Globetrotters were actually the Savoy Big Five – named after the Savoy Ballroom in Chicago – when the team was formed in 1926.

That's right. They were never from Harlem at all. Let alone from New York – although they wore uniforms that tried to prove otherwise. Even as the Savoy Big Five, the team came out in uniforms with "New York" on the front.

"Clowning" was not always part of the Globetrotters' game.

For 13 years, they were simply a basketball team; playing the game like every other team. Then one game in 1939, the Globetrotters held a 112-5 lead against their opponents. They started to clown around during the rest of the game, and the crowd responded to it.

Globetrotters' founder and first head coach Abe Saperstein told his players they could add more clowning in the game but only after a substantial lead was established. The Globetrotters have been clowning their way to victory ever since.

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» Murphy

FROM PAGE 12

Granted, she was matched up against the preseason player of the year, but it was still quite a performance.

Galligan did her part in contributing, but the Panthers didn't get contributions from junior forward Lindsey Kluempers.

If Eastern sticks with the new high-low offense, Kluempers really won't be a big part of it.

She's a shooting forward. Not really a power forward, nor a true center. Kluempers is a nice asset to have, but will eventually need to come off the bench as a shooter if the high-low offense isn't working in the game.

But for now, Kluempers will have to do until Galligan becomes fully healthy.

Galligan and sophomore forward Maggie Kloak will do the grunt work inside in the high-low offense.

Kloak, who starts in place of Galligan, has stepped up and filled that role inside.

Sallee said after Saturday's night loss to Southeast Missouri he can't wait to put Kloak and Galligan inside together.

It's going to be a good combo of two power centers inside.

Kloak averages 5.1 rebounds a game and 7.9 points a game.

Throw in Galligan, and this can be a dangerous tandem in the Ohio Valley Conference.

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» Panthers

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Galligan and Canale out-scored the entire Austin Peay team in the first half as Eastern took a 34-19 lead into the locker room.

Murray State defeated Southeast Missouri 71-68 on Monday night, which allows the Panthers to extend their league lead to two games over second-place Tennessee State.

The Panthers return to action against Tennessee-Martin on Thursday at 5 p.m. at Lantz Arena.

WOMEN'S B-BALL

Eastern 75, Austin Peay 52

EASTERN (7-8, 6-1 Ohio Valley Conference)
Kloak 2-6 2-3 6, Kluempers 2-4 2-2 7, Canale 4-7 2-3 13, Edwards 1-2 4-4 6, Sims 3-4 1-2 8, Huffman 0-2 0-0 0, Baker 0-0 0-0 0, Carpenter 1-1 0-0 2, Sturtevant 1-2 0-0 3, Thomas 0-5 2-4 2, Lipperd 0-0 2-2 2, Galligan 10-14 0-0 26. Totals 24-47 21-26 75.

AUSTIN PEAY (4-10, 1-4)
Thomas 1-5 9-10 11, Herring 2-5 2-2 7, Reeves 1-4 0-0 2, Warner 1-7 0-0 2, Bacon 0-3 0-0 0, Richardson 1-6 4-4 6, Bivens 2-5 1-3 5, McGee 6-10 1-1 17, Reese 0-1 0-0 0, Jamen 1-6 0-0 2, Armstrong 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 15-55 17-20 52.

Halftime: Eastern 34-19. 3-pointers: Eastern 6-8 (Canale 3-3), Austin Peay 5-16 (McGee 4-6). Turnovers: Eastern 17 (Thomas 4), Austin Peay 21 (Two with 4). Fouls: Eastern 18, Austin Peay 23. Techs: None. A: 450.

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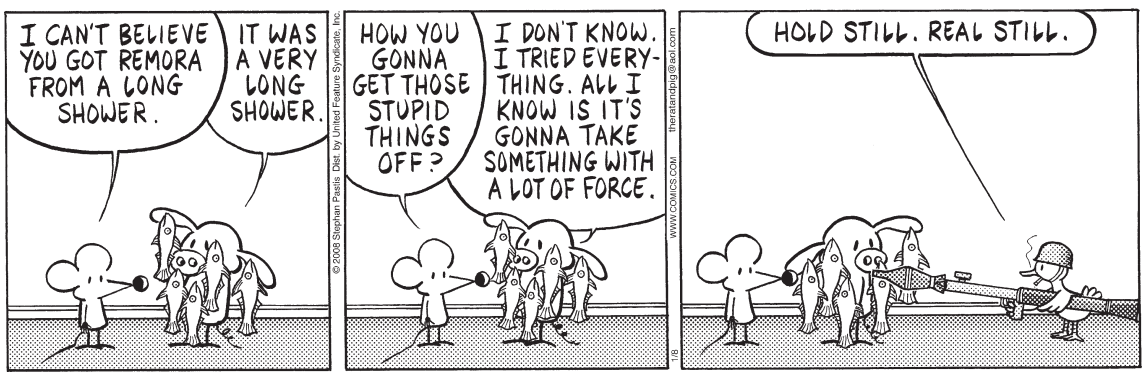

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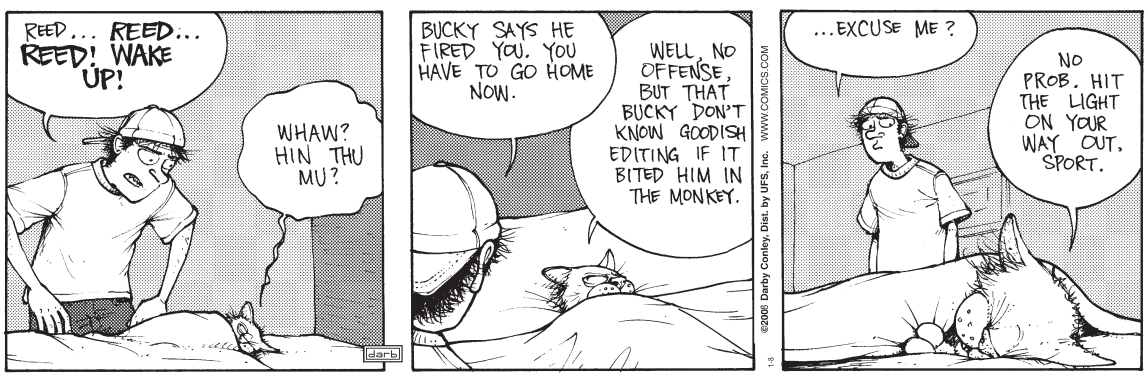

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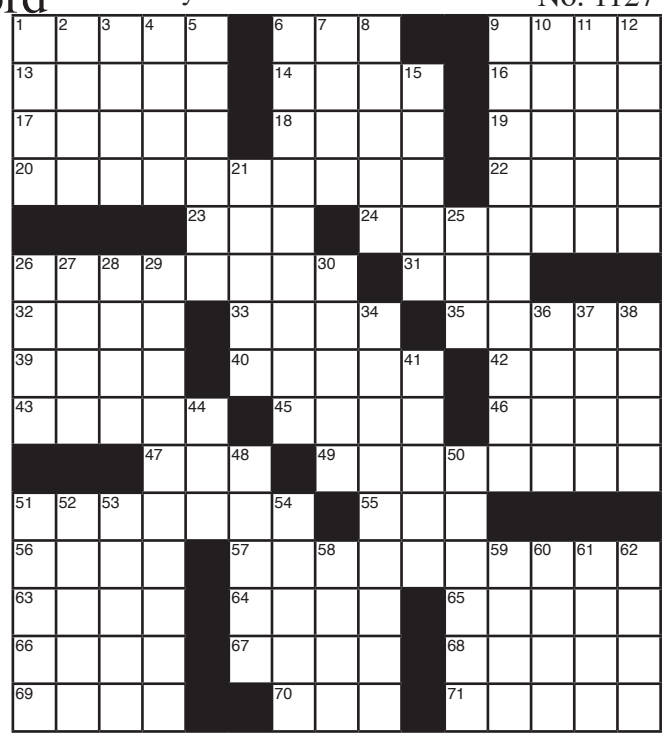

PUZZLE BY JULIE ANN BOWLING

ACROSS

1 In debt
6 Post-op locale
9 Bets build them
13 Workplace for some clowns
14 Melon exterior
16 Sign to heed
17 States confidently
18 Rice-shaped pasta
19 Late-night name
20 Number one #2?
22 Hunchbacked assistant
23 "All My ___ Live in Texas" (1987 #1 country hit)
24 Manorial worker
26 2 and 12, e.g., in dice
31 "I am such a dope!"
32 Bart's teacher, ___ Krabappel
33 Hen's home
35 Oslo is on one
39 Have-___ (poor people)
40 Traffic problem
42 Northamptonshire river
43 Yucky
45 Olympics blade
46 Toy with a cross frame
47 Dental problem calling for braces
49 Puts together hastily
51 Empty, as a stare
55 Baton Rouge sch.
56 Prefix with culture
57 Little woman?
63 Heist haul
64 Proceed slowly
65 Persian tongue
66 Cuzco native
67 Holding a grudge
68 "I surrender!"
69 Batik artist
70 In a funk
71 Manages to elude

DOWN

1 Like most folklore
2 Used a loom
3 Brainchild
4 Social misfit
5 Matthew or Mark
6 Hard porcelain
7 Magazine fig.
8 Loosen, as a parka
9 What a comedian might do before going onstage?
10 Alphabet ender
11 Carpentry joint part
12 Angry bull's sound
15 Apportioned, with "out"
21 Members of management
25 "___ Wiedersehen"
26 China's ___ Xiaoping
27 Dumpster emanation
28 Sermon preposition
29 Fish-shaped musical instrument?
30 Ivory, Coast and others
34 Made impossible
36 Alsace assents
37 Queue after Q
38 Tough to fathom
41 Most trivial
44 ___ Tomé
48 High-heel shoes
50 Really sorry
51 Not yet expired
52 Intense pain
53 Jim who sang "Time in a Bottle"
54 Missile sites
58 Ibsen's ___ Helmer
59 Hand, to Hernando
60 Rainbow shapes
61 Cruise stopover
62 Stamping tools

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National Football League | TONY ROMO

Romo gives back to Eastern after contract extension

NFL Pro-Bowler donates $100,000 to athletics and department

By Dan Cusack
Staff Reporter

Dallas Cowboys quarterback and Eastern alum Tony Romo signed a five-year, $67.5 million extension earlier this season.

About six weeks later, the Pro-Bowler was already giving back to his alma mater.

Romo donated $100,000 to Eastern on Dec. 20th to the athletic department and communication studies department.

Of the $100,000, $75,000 is going to the athletic department and $25,000 to communication studies – the department in which Romo got his degree.

According to Associate Athletic Director John Smith, Romo had been planning since the summer to make the donation.

"I went to see him over the summer, and he talked about how he wanted to give back," Smith said. "Tony has always said even from the time he signed his much smaller contract with the Cowboys that once he established himself he wanted to give back to Eastern. I think his high school and Eastern are in the top three or four of his giving priorities."

Smith said the donation from Romo shows how highly he valued his time at here at Eastern.

"The donation shows Tony thinks very highly about the university and really enjoyed the time he spent here," Smith said.

"The fact that he gave to both the athletic department and the communication department – even though he's making money through athletics – shows how much he values that program."

Smith said it was the largest one time donation to the athletic department in his 11 years as associate athletic director.

Smith said the athletic department has put the money in the Reach for the 21st Century fund, which was created to improve facilities.

Communication studies chairman Mark Borzi said the department was pleased by Romo's donation as well.

He said the department was surprised by the donation and does not know how the money will be used.

"We hope Tony has a wonderful year this year and that he thinks about us again in the future," Borzi said. "Since the donation was a surprise, we want to take our time deciding what we are going to do with the money."

Borzi said a number of members of the communications staff still maintain contact with the former Eastern quarterback.

In addition to the donation, the school has made a large sum of money from selling Romo's Eastern college football jersey and t-shirt jersey.

Interim Athletic Director Ken Baker said the school has already made more than $40,000 in sales, with requests for the items coming from all across the country.

"We've had calls from all over the world. Literally," Baker said. "We had an air force base in Germany call and request one."

A link for the jerseys is on the Dallas Cowboy's website.

Smith and Baker both agree the publicity from Romo has been enormous.

Smith said that even if Romo never donated another cent to Eastern, his character and notoriety have given the university tremendous publicity.

"That was one thing we told Tony," Smith said. "Whether he gives us a dime or not, his character and how he represents Eastern Illinois as a person, as well as the notoriety he has brought to our university, show what kind of person he is. You can't put a dollar amount on that. He's just a class act."

Baker said the athletics department did not ask for the donation, but Romo wanted to give back to the university.

"I think it would be OK in saying, we didn't ask for this (the donation)," Baker said.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING | NOTEBOOK

Swimming teams escape winter chill

By Ross Meister
Staff Reporter

During winter break, the Eastern men's and women's swimming team attended the Ft. Lauderdale College Swim Forum for team practices and a relay meet. This forum was for swimmers to train their endurance and participate in long-distance practices.

"The meet went well," senior Tim O'Hagan said. "There's a lot of fast teams there from around the country. It was a relay meet, and we placed well in a few events."

O'Hagan said the team practices were tiring but it was good to get a meet in during the break. He said the team's main goal was to use the meet and practices to get back in shape after some time off.

"For the men's team, our butterfly was really good and our Medley relay team was not bad either," freshman Matt Scaliatine said. "Going down there and practicing in a 50-meter pool and getting our endurance up for the last few meets of the season was important."

The meet also focused on training, in which there were lots of practices including some that were in between the meet.

"The meet is more training for us," junior Brent Noble said. "We practice and focus on the training. We did long-course training, working on stroke technique and endurance."

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Freshman swimmer Matt Scaliatine practices the breast stroke during practice Monday afternoon in Lantz Natatorium. Scaliatine has taken six first places and two second places in the 100- and 200-breast stroke.

Team gearing up for the rest of the season

The team has four meets left before conference, including tough challenges against Millikin, Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis and Saint Louis, all at home.

They begin this stretch of meets Friday against Millikin at Lantz Natatorium at 5 p.m. The teams are motivated from the early losses to conference opponents this season.

"We have four meets left, all of which are winnable, and we want to go in with confidence and win throughout the rest of the season," O'Hagan said. "We dropped a couple of close meets and that motivates us to do well the rest of the year by facing IUPUI, Millikin and Saint Louis, because we don't want to lose to those teams again."

Eastern head coach Ray Padovan said he is looking at individual swimmers for the rest of the season when he makes his decisions for whom to put in the conference meet.

"We're only allowed to take a certain amount of people to conference," Padovan said. "Millikin will be a nice meet for us. They aren't real strong this year and have a new coach. It gives me a lot of flexibility to put people in different events, because the next few weeks will be hard meets, so we can mix things up."

Team members weigh in on Padovan's departure

Padovan, who has been coaching at Eastern for 42 years, is retiring at the end of the season from coaching. Many members of the team said they were sad to hear about Padovan's departure, but were happy for him and excited about his successor.

"It's sad that he's leaving us, but we're happy for him to be able to move on," freshman Matt Scaliatine said. "We want to give him a top three finish at the conference meet as a send off."

Veteran swimmers like Noble were also sad to see him go, but Noble said he thinks Padovan will leave the team in good hands.

The teams also want to do well at conference so Padovan can be given the "Coach of the Year" award at the conference meet.

"It will be hard with Ray retiring," O'Hagan said. "He's close to us, and for the seniors, we get to leave with him. Every year at conference there's a 'Coach of the Year' award, so it'd be important for us to win that."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | AUSTIN PEAY 73, EASTERN 57

Turnovers too costly against league-leading Governors

Panthers lose ninth straight game at Dunn Center

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Austin Peay reached the free throw line 22 times in Monday night's game against Eastern.

The Governors made 20 free throw attempts to lead them to a 73-57 win against the Panthers in Clarksville, Tenn.

Austin Peay (10-6, 6-0 Ohio Valley Conference) made four 3-pointers early in the first half to take a 13-7 lead. The Governors never relinquished that lead.

"You usually don't lose games from the 3-point line," Eastern head coach Mike Miller said. "You lose it in the paint."

Junior forward Drake Reed led Austin Peay with 14 points, but made 12-of-13 from the free throw line.

Reed was 1-of-8 from the floor, but spent the second half in the lane against the Panthers and tried to draw contact.

Miller said he thought the first 10 minutes of the second half were "borderline out of control" and worried someone would get hurt.

That's a valid fear for the Panthers. Eastern had only nine players in uniform Monday night.

Sophomore guard Romain Martin (foot) and sophomore forward Justin Brock (foot) did not dress. Martin missed his second straight game, and Brock missed his 12th straight.

Senior guard Todd Babington made 3-of-6 from three-point range and the inside-out ability of the Governors offense helped keep Eastern's defense off-balance. Peay also used dribble penetration and kick-outs from post players to open shooters to build their first half lead.

Senior guard Julio Anthony provided the most offensive momentum for the Panthers (2-13, 1-6). He scored 17 points including 5-of-6 shooting from three-point range.

But Miller said Anthony played too many minutes (35) against Austin Peay.

"We can't wear him down," Miller said. "He's been so valuable for us. It's tough to take him off the floor."

The Governors shot 49 percent from the field compared to the Panthers' 44 percent. But Peay's tough defense controlled much of how Eastern's offense operated.

The Panthers committed 22 turnovers, and freshman guard Tyler Laser had five.

"Us coughing up the ball," Miller said. "Basically that was our offense. We got some open shots – point blank – and didn't make very many."

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MEN'S B-BALL

Austin Peay 73, Eastern 57

EASTERN (2-13, 1-6 Ohio Valley Conference)
Catchings 1-8 0-0 2, Byrne 3-5 3-3 9, Cisse 2-2 2-2 6, Willhite 2-7 0-0 5, Anthony 6-11 0-0 17, Laser 3-7 2-2 9, Myers-Kyles 3-6 1-2 9, Parrish 0-0 0-0 0, Dorlack 0-0 0-2 0, . Totals 20-46 8-11 57.

AUSTIN PEAY (10-6, 6-0)
Reed 1-8 12-13 14, Lockett 2-2 2-2 6, Duncan 1-2 0-0 3, Wright 3-5 0-0 7, Babington 3-7, 0-0 9, Brown 4-6 2-3 12, Fields 3-4 2-2 8, Harridord 1-1 0-0 3, Channels 3-9 0-0 7, Janusauskas 1-1 2-2 4, Totals 22-45 20-22 73.

Halftime: Austin Peay 38-24. 3-pointers: Eastern 9-16 (Anthony 5-6); Austin Peay 9-17 (Babington 3-6). Turnovers: Eastern 22 (Laser 5), Austin Peay 16 (Duncan 5). Fouls: Eastern 22, Austin Peay 19. Techs: None. A: 2,473.

ALL ACCESS WITH LAUREN ZILLMER

ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore Lauren Zillmer has earned 12 first place finishes and 13 second place finishes so far this season while competing in her freestyle events.

Associate Sports Editor Kevin Murphy sat down with sophomore swimmer Lauren Zillmer. She discusses how lifting weights has helper her season, how her grandmother inspired her to be a swimmer and playing video games with her boyfriend, Matt Niemeier. Zillmer, who is from a family of runners, also wants to teach physical education and be a swim coach near her hometown of Park Ridge.

Sophomore swimmer taught by grandmother

QUICK HITS

On video games...

» I like anything that's racing. If someone has "Mario Kart," I'll be seen playing it. I like Yoshi. He's who I always pick.

On favorite movie...

» My all-time favorite movie is "Old School."

On favorite TV show..

» Mostly I watch "The Office," and I like "Gossip Girl" too.

On siblings...

» I have a little sister. She is 16, a sophomore at Maine South.

On her roommate Laura Gibson...

» She's funny. We joke around a lot. We're both very loud together and probably will get in trouble, but it's fun.

What do you want to do after college?

I want to be a high school teacher and be a swim coach, too. It'd be nice to get a job somewhere where I grew up and around that area. I grew up in Park Ridge, so hopefully around there somewhere.

How would you describe the Park Ridge area?

It was nice. There's a lot of people in our town and everything.

But our high school was really close and everyone is still good friends.

So when I go home, there's still people to go home to.

What is it like to have both swimming teams together?

I'm really close with everyone. Even the boys too. It's nice to have a variety, too. Not just the girl's team, to have boys there too. Just to mix it up a little bit. Or otherwise there would be too much drama going on.

Since it was different seasons, we weren't traveling with each other or doing anything like that. It wasn't close as it is in college. It's way different.

Who have you developed relationships with?

My boyfriend, Matt Niemeier is on the (men's) swim team. Laura Nielsen, Laura Gibson and Jamie Lelo. Pretty much all the girls. I'm good friends with all of the guys, too.

Why did you decide to attend Eastern?

When I met (head coach) Ray, (Padovan) I really liked him. He's a really nice guy. And the team is really fun and since I came on a recruiting trip I got to hang out with everyone. I knew I'd get along with them. I really like the campus, too. And I heard it was good for teaching since I want to be a teacher.

Where there any other schools you looked at?

I actually went on a recruiting trip to Southern Illinois before this. I really liked it there and I thought I was going to go there. I didn't want to decide yet since I hadn't come here. Once I came here, it was like, I'm going here. I like how the campus is so small, but there's a ton of people.

What do you enjoy about Charleston?

Charleston … is a lot different from Park Ridge. Everything is so spread out here. At home everything's next to each other. There's houses and everything. I like it, it's different. I don't think I'd want to live here later in life. But I like it for now.

What's the biggest difference from last season?

Well, this year I'm trying a lot harder in the weight room. Since I've been seeing results from that, I keep on lifting and trying to up my weight during the different reps. Last year, I kind of slacked off on that part. But it's helping now, and I'm working hard at that. Mostly we do a lot of arm stuff. And we do leg stuff too, but the arm things. The exercises help my arms. I just feel stronger in the water, now, when I'm pulling. It's weird how much of a difference it makes so quickly.

What's it like to compete in an individual sport?

It is really different because I played basketball my first year of high school. I stopped because I wanted to focus in on swimming. It's just really weird because if you mess up, it's all on you.

If you don't get your best time, it's going to bother you. Somehow in relays, I do way better because I have three other people I need to do well for. It's a lot different than basketball and team sports.

How would you describe your high school pool?

The pool is pretty much like the pool here. It's not the greatest thing ever. Everything we had there I could deal with it. Our weight room there we shared with a bunch of other sports, but it was good.

What are some of the best facilities you've been to?

IUPUI is the best pool ever. It's really nice. Saint Louis actually has a really nice pool. The rest of them are pretty average for the most part. IUPUI is really nice because it's such a big area. Since it's a 50-meter pool, but they split it up for our meets we have an area to warm down, too. And that's nice between events because you're all worked up afterward. If you feel tight, you can just go loosen up. Saint Louis has that too, so that's what I like best.

What's it like to receive recognition from the league?

I was really surprised. Usually they give those all to Oakland because their team is so amazing. When I heard that I got (named Athlete of the Week by the Summit League in October) it, I was surprised and I was happy.

I showed my parents and printed off the Web site and sent it to them. I was proud.

What differences have your parents made in your life?

My grandma taught me how to swim when I was really young. She was a swim coach when she was older and started working. She got me into swimming the most. The whole time throughout it, it was hard sticking with it because it's so individual and if you mess up it can get really frustrating. My parents always helped me through and drove me to my swim meets, practices. It was nice that they stuck with it too because it's a tough sport to stick with.

What else did you participate in high school?

I would do the YMCA. That's pretty much year round. I'd still be working just as hard even though it's not season. I started working right when I could. When I was 16, I was a lifeguard. I'm never out of the pool.

What did you learn on the Fort Lauderdale trip?

It's a lot of work. We have practice twice a day every day except for on New Year's he gives us a practice off just because we'd all be tired from being out late.

It's just a lot of work. This year we used stretch courts a little bit to stretch it out before we got in.

We don't really lift weights while we're there. It's just swimming all the time.

For the most part it's really fun because we get a lot of beach time too. Our hotel is right across the street, so we just go over there right after practice.

What else was good about the Fort Lauderdale trip?

We actually swim a lot in the ocean too, so it's still swimming. There's a lot of places to go out to eat there, so we get all nice for dinner and go out to the restaurants.

There's a nice mall there, too. We went there on New Year's and (it had) a DJ and we dance. It's fun.

What would you say the race your best at?

I'm definitely just a freestyler. In high school, I was a little more versatile, but now I'm just sticking to that. My favorite event is the 100-freestyle, and Ray also has me doing 200-free and 50-free.

What do you like about the 100-freestyle?

It's not too long, and it's not too short. The 50, it's just like you're there, back, you're done.

If you mess up one thing, you're not going to get a very good time. But the 100, you have time to make up for that. If you mess up your start, you have time to catch up.

Does anyone else in your family swim?

Actually not really. It's kind of random sport for me to be doing because both my parents were runners.

So my sister makes sense. I never liked running. I think it's horrible.

My grandma didn't do swimming too much in her younger years, but since she started coaching I think she's the main reason why I did swimming. My parents ran in high school and college.

How's coach Padovan treat all the swimmers?

He's very laid back, and that's tough for some people because some people need to be yelled at to get motivated. He's a very good coach, though. He gives us good workouts that help in the end.

When we taper at the end of the season during our resting time that really helps us drop a lot of time at our last meet.

He's a very knowledgeable coach, and I'm going to be sad that he's leaving.

When do you think you'll know who will be the next coach?

I don't know. Ray doesn't really tell us until it's happening. So we'll see.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wichita State at Missouri State | 6:05 tonight on ESPN2

NBA
New York at Chicago | 7:30 p.m. tonight on Comcast SportsNet

KEVIN MURPHY

Help off the bench

Rachel Galligan comes off the bench.

One would think the junior forward who leads the team in rebounding and scoring would start.

But Galligan, who was an all-conference performer last season, missed five games to a toe injury in November and December.

Ever since, the Bloomington native has been firing on all cylinders.

She played 17 minutes and finished with eight points and four rebounds in her first game back against Morehead State.

Galligan put together an even more impressive performance against Eastern Kentucky.

She scored 24 points and pulled down eight rebounds in 28 minutes.

After an 11-day break, the Panthers played a strong Murray State team, which featured four returning starters and a 9-3 early season record.

Galligan carried them in that game.

She finished with 27 points and four rebounds in 25 minutes.

Against Southeast Missouri two days later, Galligan had 19 points and eight rebounds against the Redhawks.

Galligan has come off the bench in all of these games.

She's scored 78 points in 94 minutes.

She's still wears the protective boot for her toe injury.

You could say she's carrying the team. And she is to a degree.

But Eastern head women's basketball coach Brady Sallee is instituting to a high-low offense.

Galligan might see her workload increase.

It's designed to penetrate the paint and give power to the inside posts.

It's new and so far it looks like the Panthers haven't quite adjusted to it yet.

In the Murray State game, the post players accounted for 43 points on 18-of-29 shooting from the field.

On Saturday night, it didn't look so efficient.

Galligan finished 8-of-14 from the field.

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HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS | AT LANTZ ARENA

82 years of basketball

Globetrotters return to Charleston tonight

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

"Moo Moo" Evans wasn't sure he was going to make the Harlem Globetrotters after what he thought was an awful tryout.

But he received a phone call on a Tuesday, and by Wednesday he was in Phoenix for a second tryout.

He is now in his third season with the Globetrotters and will travel with the team to Charleston for tonight's exhibition against the Washington Generals – perennial Globetrotter whipping boy – at 7 at Lantz Arena.

Former Eastern sports information director Dave Kidwell, who is coordinating the event, said the Globetrotters haven't played at Eastern since 2000.

"The Globetrotters aren't the thing to come back year after year," Kidwell said. "You're trying to appeal to a new generation, a new set of parents that will bring their kids out."

"It will be great fun," Eastern interim athletic director Ken Baker said. "Here's a team that's been all over the world and now they're coming to Charleston."

The Globetrotters bring not only their entertaining style of basketball to Lantz but also thousands of exhibition wins to go with it.

The Globetrotters have won more than 22,500 games since their inception compared to 345 losses – a winning percentage of better than 98 percent.

Evans said he went to several Globetrotters' games with his parents when he was younger and told them he wanted to be just like the ball handlers who never lost control of the ball.

And now he is one of those Globetrotters.

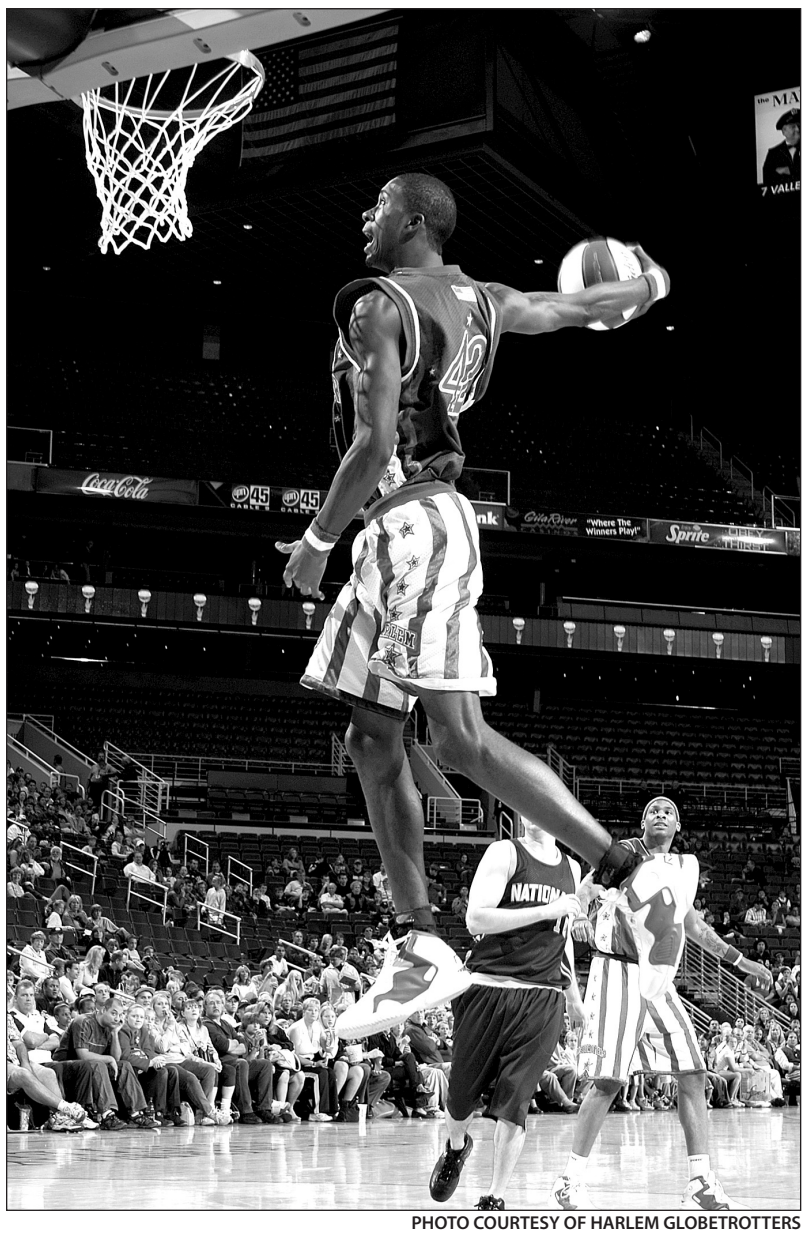

PHOTO COURTESY OF HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS
"Hollywood" Turner goes up for a dunk against the New York Nationals.

"I always wanted one day to become a Globetrotter never knowing 10 years later I would be one," Evans said.

Now he has fulfilled his dream. Evans and his teammates play in about 120 games every year. The full Globetrotters' roster is split into two units, so every year there are 240 games total.

Evans said the schedule can be grueling at times, but despite the wear and tear associated with a 120-game season at the end of the year the season doesn't seem so long.

"You go out there and have fun each and every day," he said.

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BCS | LSU 38, OHIO STATE 24

Bayou Party

Tigers come back from 10-0 deficit to win 2nd BCS Championship

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Too easy.

No. 2 LSU danced, dodged and darted its way into the end zone Monday night, turning the BCS national championship game into a horrible replay for No. 1 Ohio State. It was over early, with Matt Flynn throwing four touchdown passes in a 38-24 win.

Playing at their home-away-from-home in the Big Easy, LSU (12-2) became the first two-loss team to play for the title. Shouts of "SEC! SEC!" bounced around the Superdome as the Tigers won their second BCS crown in five seasons. They are the first school to win a second title since BCS rankings began with the 1998 season.

And in a season of surprises, this was hardly an upset: Ohio State once again fell apart in college football's biggest game. A year after the Buckeyes were routed by Tim Tebow and Florida 41-14 in the Arizona desert, they barely did better.

Jacob Hester bulled for a short touchdown, Early Doucet wiggled loose for a touchdown and All-American Glenn Dorsey led a unit that outplayed the top-ranked defense in the nation. Ohio State (11-2) had little to celebrate after Chris "Beanie" Wells broke loose for a 65-yard TD run on the fourth play of the game to make it 7-0..

The Tigers rallied from an early 10-0 deficit, taking a 24-10 lead that held up. Two big plays on special teams kept them ahead — they blocked a field goal, and later took advantage of a roughing-the-kicker penalty.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 75, AUSTIN PEAY 52

Galligan puts up another big performance

Junior forward pours in 26 points

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Rachel Galligan did it again.

The Ohio Valley Conference preseason pick and All-OVC selection last year helped the Panthers to a 75-52 win at Austin Peay.

She finished with 26 points and eight rebounds. She finished 10-of-14 from the field as she continues to recover from a toe injury. The Bloomington native was able to receive more playing time because she didn't draw her first foul until the second half.

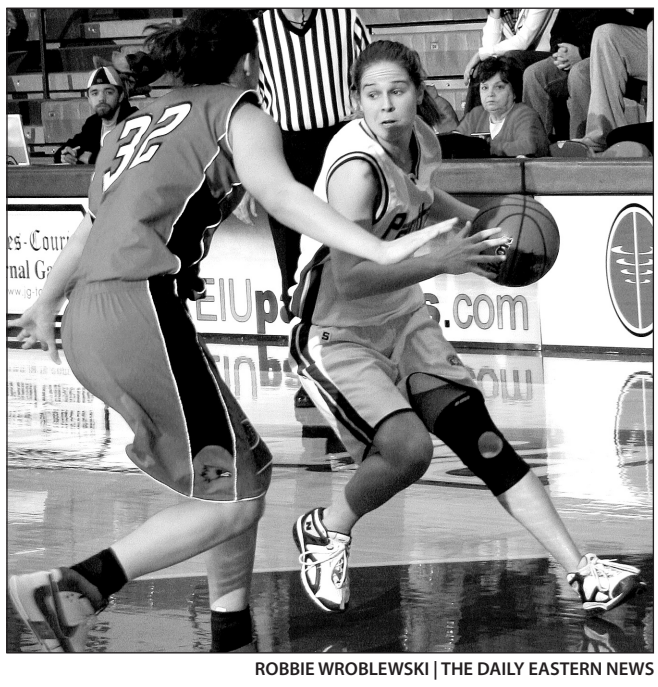
Galligan seems to be recovering from the injury fairly well. She ran down the court and scored a bucket in transition with 7 minutes, 1 second remaining in the game to extend Eastern's lead to 61-41.

"She's making the game really simple," said Eastern Head Coach Brady Sallee.

Sallee said she worked herself off the screens despite being doubled team most of the night.

"She did most of the work before she got the ball," he said.

Galligan has scored 20 points or more in three of the Panthers last four games. The only game she didn't (19 against Southeast Missouri on Saturday), Eastern lost. The 26-point outburst moved her closer to another milestone at Eastern. Galligan is within 30 points of 1,000 for her career. When she accomplishes that, she will become the 19th player in Eastern women's basketball history to join that club.



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Sophomore guard Megan Edwards and her Panthers teammates now have a two-game lead for first place in the OVC.

The Panthers (6-8, 6-1 OVC) also finished 6-of-7 from three-point range. Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale finished with 13 points and made all three of her 3-point attempts.

In conference play, Canale is 12-of-15 from 3-point field range and she is 16-of-28 this season.

"She's playing the game very efficiently," Sallee said of Canale.

Sallee said he is excited to see Canale turn into an scoring option after primarily being more of a non-factor her first two seasons in Sallee's offense.

Sallee said Canale was effective against Austin Peay and made the Lady Govs force their shots. The Lady Govs finished 15-of-55 from the field (27 percent).

Senior guard Ashlee McGee led Austin Peay (4-10, 1-4) and junior forward April Thomas added 11 points.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	MEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday vs. Tennesee-Martin | 5 p.m. – Lantz Arena	Thursday vs. Tennesee-Martin | 7:15 p.m. – Lantz Arena	Friday vs. Millikin | 5 p.m. – Lantz Natatorium	Saturday vs. Eastern Kentucky| 5 p.m. – Lantz Arena	Saturday vs. Eastern Kentucky| 7:15 p.m. – Lantz Arena