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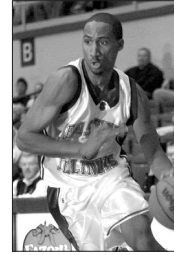
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## The deadly UIC burn

A disappointing home opener:  
Panthers lose 77-60 to Illinois-  
Chicago and drop to 0-3.

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# Bar hour change dies

By Jessica Youngs  
CITY EDITOR

Although the final vote was no, Charleston City Council members were split on the decision to extend bar hours.

The council voted 3-2 last night not to pass the proposed ordinance that would extend bar hours until 2 a.m. for a trial period.

The ordinance was a proposed two-part agreement between Eastern and the city. If bar hours were extended an extra hour with the last drink being served at 1:45 a.m., the university would help to crack down on house parties.

The ordinance allowed for the extension to begin 10 days after the publication of the ordinance until June 1.

The effects would then be examined by the council. Possible further extensions could take place.

"We wanted to go through the process implementer," said Bill Davidson, the student



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Charleston City Council members Lorelei Sims (left) and Larry Rennels debate an extension of bar hours.

executive vice president and a senior political science major.

Mayor Dan Cougill called the proposal an effort on both sides to try and meet somewhere.

"This is not all or nothing,"

he said.

He questioned the council how it can add both issues into one package.

Council member John Winnett said he received much

negative criticism of the ordinance yesterday. The only exception, he said, was a tavern owner who was for the later hours.

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# Students, cops at odds on asphalt

♦ Underclassmen say they don't have enough reserved spaces, police say students don't use far-flung parking

By Neil Pitstick  
STAFF WRITER

Ryan Loew, a sophomore accounting major, drives up and down Eastern's campus every morning, avidly searching for the elusive parking spot so that he can get to class.

Unfortunately for Loew and many other Eastern students, the search takes a while, causing them to be late or park somewhere else, where they will be ticketed.

Does this mean there is a real parking problem at Eastern?

Adam Due, Chief of Eastern's University Police Department and head of parking affairs, would point to a different reason.

"There is plenty of parking available around campus, it is just that students don't use time management very well and don't feel like walking a little ways," Due said.

Although any student, even at Eastern, has the capability of being a slight procrastinator or possibly lazy, many students still feel the parking situation is indeed inadequate.

"Sometimes I can spend from 10-15 minutes searching for a parking spot. I think that is just a little ridiculous," said Matt Netrefa, senior



sociology major.

A strong voice of complaints comes from the underclassman portion of Eastern's campus.

"I am constantly looking for an underclassmen parking spot, and many times I see a lot of upperclassmen parking open in certain spots and don't understand why more couldn't be open to us," said Christine

“Students are just being lazy. I can walk from Greek Court to the castle in ten minutes.”

University Police Chief Adam Due

I am constantly looking for underclass parking.”

Christine Stoffel, sophomore

Stoffel, a sophomore biological sciences major. The parking situation has become more of an issue in the last few years as student enrollment has increased.

In the 2001-2002 school year, enrollment moved up to 10,531, increasing to 11,163 last year and finally reached 11,522 this year, said Julia Abel, secretary to Shirley Stewart, who is vice president of student affairs.

Due said student enrollment increases have not caused a problem, because there are plenty of lots not being used because they are not right next to classes.

"Students are just being lazy, I can walk from Greek Court to the castle in under ten minutes," Due said. "The campus is not spread a large distance that would make it difficult to walk, but students don't want to take those spots and many times park where they shouldn't."

The usual parking tickets given out by police are for students who are parking in a spot not permitted by their parking passes.

"Most tickets are for underclassmen in upperclassmen parking and upperclassmen in faculty parking," Due said.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Jon Schwanke, a sheet metal worker for Industrial Services Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning of Mattoon, installs copper fascia on the east side of the Tarble Arts Center expansion Tuesday morning. Schwanke was on his second day of the project.

# Tarble renovations come together

By Julie Bourque  
STAFF WRITER

Construction developments are taking place all over campus, and with snow on the way, workers are hurrying to finish their projects.

The Tarble Arts Center, Ford Hall, Stevenson Hall and University Court apartment buildings have all been under construction or are experiencing repairs this year.

Michael Watts, director of Tarble Arts Center said, "the big push has been to get the exterior finished and enclose the building before bad weather comes."

Watts said workers have recently finished putting doors and windows in Tarble and are almost finished with the exterior part of remodeling.

Karl Helmink, director of Physical Plant Facilities, said most of the winter season will be spent finishing the dry walling, painting and revamping the heat-

"Most of the improvements are interior."

—Karl Helmink, physical plant director

ing system.

Students may only notice the improvements on the faces of the building, but most of the big projects won't be seen until the building opens again in March 2004.

"You won't be able to see much of the progress from the outside because most of the improvements are interior," Helmink said.

Most of the expenses are going to improvements that are not readily seen, but rather to interior projects that are sorely needed, Helmink said.

The other construction projects on campus are minor but necessary improve-

ments.

A new roof is in store for Ford Hall.








Mark Hudson, director of University Housing and Dining, said construction on Ford's roof started about a month ago, and the process should take about three or four months. He said Ford workers are trying to finish up before bad weather comes.

Hudson also said cooling coils in Stevenson's air conditioning system are being replaced to improve the the cooling process this spring. A wiring project allowing more capacity in the Sigma Phi Epsilon house in Greek Court was just completed as well.

University Court apartments are still undergoing painting and siding repairs.

Continuing construction projects are occurring all over campus, but progress is being made on all of them.

"There are always things going on," Hudson said. "It's a constant process to keep advancing with everything."

<b>Today</b> Mostly cloudy  40° 32° HIGH LOW	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly sunny  40° 30° HIGH LOW	<b>Friday</b> Snow showers  34° 32° HIGH LOW	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly cloudy  34° 24° HIGH LOW	<b>Sunday</b> Partly cloudy  39° 26° HIGH LOW	<b>Monday</b> Partly cloudy  44° 33° HIGH LOW	<b>Tuesday</b> Showers  45° 29° HIGH LOW
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## PR students initiate first fundraiser

By Amy Bicknell  
STAFF WRITER

The Public Relations Techniques class will be hosting a fundraiser to raise money for the Special Olympics Illinois East Central Area 9.

The fundraiser will take place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Seventh Street Underground in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Journalism professor Terri Johnson said admission is free and donations are welcome.

The group plans to raise their money through a silent auction. There will be tables of prizes set up for people to bid on.

"People will be able to walk around and look at all the prizes," Johnson said.

Johnson said prizes will range from gift certificates to Wal-Mart, Family Video and Pagliai's Pizza to a \$50 gift certificate for Ink Spot Tattoos for a free piercing and a week of unlimited tanning from the Body Shop.

"We have never done anything like this," Johnson said. "How much is raised will depend on how many people attend and how much is donated. We will be happy with \$500."

People will be able to bid on items until 9:45 p.m., and prizes will be given to the highest bidders at 10 p.m.

Johnson also said that two alternative rock bands, Labelled and The Band Formerly Known as Foreplay, have donated their time and will be playing. In addition, DJ Monty will be playing throughout the night.

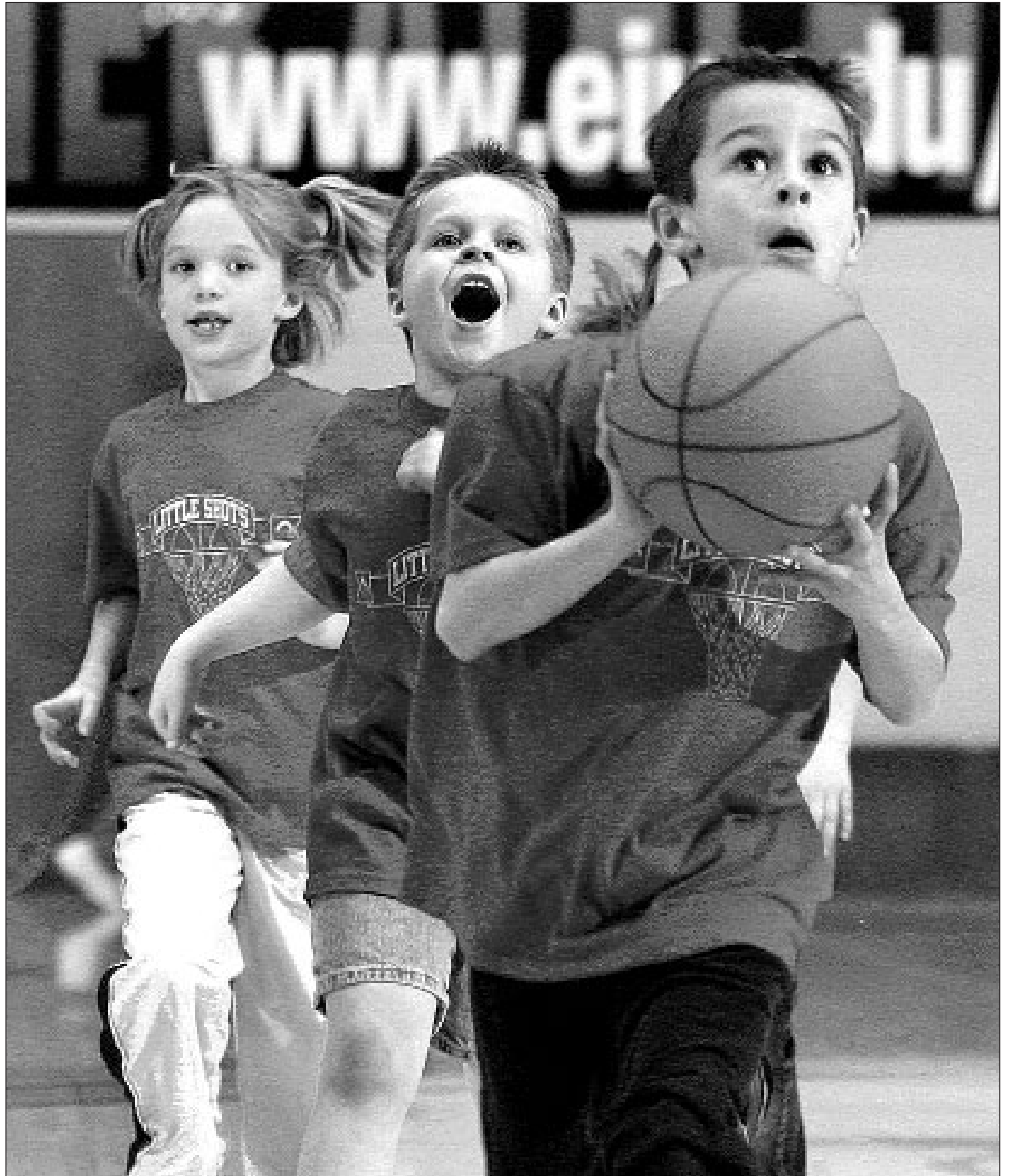
Katie Keeline, Special Olympics Representative, "has been a great help" Johnson said, and will be playing a Special Olympics video in the back of the room. There will also be Special Olympic Athletes present to hand out the prizes.

The Student Union will be providing food and beverages, but for a cost, Johnson said.

Johnson said that she has three main students working on this event. She said Jim Fanelli, Lisa Rowe and Amy Umbarger have been working very hard to put this fundraiser together.

*"People will be able to walk around and look at all the prizes."*

—Terri Johnson, journalism professor



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## Hoop dreams

Children from the Charleston Rec Club participate in a shoot-off during halftime of the men's basketball game Tuesday night in Lantz Arena. The children kept the crowd entertained with their interesting playing styles.

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## Holiday spirit lights up campus

I love that it's 30 degrees outside and people still wear sandals and short-sleeved shirts without a jacket- and then your roommate yells at you because you are going to get sick. But she's only yelling at you because she cares about you.

Anyway that was totally pointless, but if that is all the excitement in your life, check out what's goin' on today and tomorrow around campus.

### Activities for Wednesday:

◆ Learn how to stay safe with a sexual assault awareness program, sponsored by Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services, co-sponsored by Lambda Theta Alpha. The program will be held at 7 p.m. in the Kansas Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

### CORRECTION

In Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the location of the Fourth Street bridge was incorrectly reported. The bridge is located north of Lincoln Avenue, just south of the Square. Its repairs were partly funded through Motor Fuel Tax Funds. *The News* regrets the error.



WHAT'S HAPPENIN'

Brittany Robson  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

◆ Poetry reading at 4:30 p.m. in the Effingham Room of the union: The English department is sponsoring the reading for three teachers whose poetry works have been widely published. Maybe your teacher is a poet and you didn't know it?!

### Activities for Thursday:

◆ Amateur night at 7th St. Underground sponsored by University Board at 8:30 p.m. Anyone who wants to participate can sign up at 6:30 p.m. Talent is not limited to just comedy, anyone who wants to sing, play an instrument, etc., is welcome. Judges will tally

up scores for each participant and the top three high scorers will win \$100 gift certificates to Wal-Mart.

◆ "It's a Wonderful Life," no not the movie, the only angels here are representatives from the Counseling Center. This Lifeskills Workshop is being presented by the center's very own Sandy Cox in the Effingham Room in the union at 7:30 p.m. Come to this workshop to learn about the wonders you can find in life, even when times are tough.

◆ No Scrooges here. In the mood for some holiday music? EIU's Choral Ensemble present a historical rendition of the famous King's College Service of Lessons and Carols on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church. For more information, call the music department at 518-3010. Hark- hear the bells.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Emilee Graves, a senior graphic design major, works on her final project for her 4911 animation class, Monday afternoon in Art Park West. The graphic design lab was supposed to get new computers next year but will not because of funding issues.

## Art Park students have company in computer upgrade waiting game

By Shanna Waters  
STAFF WRITER

Students at Eastern's Art Park West are wondering when they will receive the new computers and technical equipment they have been waiting for. But they aren't the only lab in the College of Arts and Humanities awaiting computer replacement.

James Johnson, Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, said several computer labs and multimedia classrooms are being reviewed by a computer replacement and upgrading subcommittee of the Academic Technology Adversary Committee.

Seven computer labs need funding for new computers. Labs in the art, English, biological sciences and speech commu-

nications departments, as well as labs in Lumpkin College and Gregg Triad all need computer upgrades.

There are also 113 multimedia classrooms, 22 of which need upgrading.

Johnson said the subcommittee is gathering information and assessing the needs to see which departments need replacements. He also said there are not sufficient funds to cover all the labs.

The funds available for replacement come from student fees, Johnson said. These fees also cover staffing, student help, maintenance and Instructional Technology Enhancement Proposal grants.

The student fees budget presents another problem. Because the student fees budget is fixed,

updates that cost more than the initial cost of the labs are not accounted for in the budget.

The subcommittee recommendations will be presented to the ATAC on Dec. 19.

Johnson said the committee must look at the long-term and short-term.

They must decide how to be more efficient and they must find a way to balance the replacements needed in computer labs, as well as upgrades needed in multimedia classrooms.

"We want to provide for students a level that will meet their program needs," Johnson said.

He said that 23 labs have been selected for funding and are scheduled for replacement at different times.

## Students to cast ballots for new spring senate members

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The student body will elect a new group of senators for the spring semester.

Several areas on campus are equipped with a ballot table for students to vote for students running for senate positions this semester including Carman Hall, Coleman Hall and the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"Fifteen students are running for senate spots. Ten current senators and five new hopefuls," Student Senate Speaker Mike Walsh said.

The election results are on the agenda for Wednesday's Student Senate meeting, Walsh said.

"We'll unveil the results on Wednesday."

Jessica Horwitz, University Board Productions Coordinator and Adam Howell, chair of the Student Senate Shuttle Bus Committee, took ballots from students near the Food Court in the Union. The final election day is Wednesday, Horwitz said.

Horwitz said the Fall semester usually doesn't receive many votes from students because executive positions aren't up for election.

"I'm not worried about the voter turnout for this semester. I'm more worried about next semester when the executives are running," Horwitz said.

The students who do vote only vote for someone they know, Horwitz said.

About 30 students voted at the Union from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Horwitz said.

Howell said he was disappointed with the turnout and wants more students to come and vote. Howell also said he thought the candidates should have advertised better.

"I'd like to see more students come out here," Howell said. "I think it's really important for students to support Student Government. Our power comes from the students."

Howell said the Fall elections usually receive about 100 votes

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—Adam Howell, chair of Student Senate Shuttle Bus Committee

from students, when the Spring elections have received up to 1,000 in the past.

Howell said he doesn't have to run this semester because he is still in the middle of his one-year term.

Walsh said the senate consists of 12 on-campus senators, 12 at-large senators, six off-campus senators and an executive board.

Ryan Berger, chair for the Student Affairs Committee, is running as an on-campus senator and said there are 10 on-campus spots open, but only five students are running.

Only Ryan Herdes, chair of the University Development and Recycling Committee, is running for one of the three off-campus senator spots, Berger said. He also said the at-large spots have nine students running, which will be the only competition this semester.

"It's a great organization and I want to stay a part of it," he said.

Berger said his time in Student Government isn't over.

"I need more time to finish some things I want to see changed or worked on," Berger said.

Heather Sims, secretary at the Student Activities Center and sophomore speech language pathology major, took ballots in Coleman Hall because she wanted to help out the senate.

The Student Activities Office, located in the Union, is where the senate offices are located.

"I'm happy to help out because I'm in (the Student Activities Office) all the time anyway," Sims said. "Anything I can do to help."

## Political science panel spotlights issues involving 2004 presidential election

By Kathleen Gore  
STAFF WRITER

A discussion panel presented by the Political Science Association met Tuesday night in Coleman Hall to discuss the issues that will shape the 2004 presidential election.

The panel included professors Andrew McNitt and Richard Wandling and senior political science major Mike Woods. The main discussion of the panel focused on how the Democrats will overcome President George W. Bush in the 2004 election.

What exactly will it take for one of the eight Democratic candidates to overcome Bush?

"A Democratic candidate must have a great deal of money, he must be a moderate Democrat," Professor Andrew McNitt said. "He must also be able to touch on the concerns of the average voter."

This is not all the Democratic party will have to overcome, according to political science major Mike Woods.

"There is no clear front runner with the Democratic candidates," Woods said.

One issue discussed by the panel was what exactly the issues of the 2004 election would be. According to Professor Richard Wandling, two of the major issues will be the "international front" and the events taking place in Iraq. Terrorism will definitely be a part of this election. The other major issue will be the economy.

"Part of the economy is experiencing a rebound right now, and the other part that isn't includes people working in the industrial system," Wandling said.

"I thought all the candidates had

a lot of valid points," said freshman Kate Vuckovich, a Communication Disorder and Sciences major who attended the panel discussion. "I do feel that the panelist did have extreme opinions, and I don't think that they really opened themselves up to the other side."

Another issue that was discussed heavily by the panel was the issue of gay marriage and civil unions. The entire panel felt that this would be an issue brought up in the 2004 election. How will the Democratic Party formulate their

response to this issue?

"This will be a difficult issue that will be split down the middle," said Wandling. "It will depend on which candidate is elected whether this will be an issue or not. Candidates will probably give states the right to choose."

Panelists also discussed former President Bill Clinton. His support would help Democratic candidates because of his popularity with the American people.

"It will be a close election," McNitt said. "But Bush does have the advantage."




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### EDITORIAL

# Court ruling correct in gay marriage

The Massachusetts Supreme Court overturned a state ban on gay marriage Nov. 18. The court ruling gave the state Legislature six months to rewrite the state's marriage laws for the benefit of gay couples, an encouraging stride for human right

The court text of the ruling said the state failed to identify "any constitutionally adequate reason" for denying same-sex marriage.

Justice C.J. Marshall said denying gay and lesbian couples the protections, obligations and benefits of marriage would not be consistent with the Massachusetts Constitution.

"The Massachusetts Constitution affirms the dignity and equality of all individuals," Marshall said. "It forbids the creation of second-class citizens."

The Massachusetts court's decision is just the next step in improving civil rights in society.

The ruling shows again advances are being made in the legal spectrum without discussing the decision of same-sex marriage in religious terms.

The court's decision has those against it, some within the state's senate or in religious denominations.

Massachusetts' Roman Catholic bishops called the court's decision a "national tragedy," according to an Associated Press story Sunday.

On the other side, homosexuality is more openly embraced in the Episcopal Church. Last month, V. Gene Robinson was consecrated the first openly gay bishop to be ordained to such a position in the world's major Christian bodies.

No matter personal beliefs, there are financial, legal and social benefits with marriage gay and lesbian couples should not be excluded from.

"Marriage is a vital social institution," Marshall said. "The exclusive commitment of two individuals to each other nurtures love and mutual support; it brings stability to our society."

The court's ruling is a simple human right that should not stay denied to same-sex couples depending on what state they live in. Their right to marry is protected by the 14th Amendment. Marshall said government should not interfere in one's "choice of an intimate partner."

Massachusetts showed where the battle is and took a stance, also separating religion from the equation. Their Massachusetts decision should serve as an example to other states considering bans on gay marriages.

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

### OPINION

# Hunger a sacrifice for human rights



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We went hungry before we went down to Georgia.

A group of 16 Eastern community members pledged to participate in an organized fast the week before break to mentally prepare to protest the School of the Americas in Ft. Benning, Ga.

The SOA, recently renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, is a U.S.-run military education program. Human rights groups SOA graduates have committed some of the most violent human rights atrocities of the 20th century. Despite the name change, the training given at the school remains a worldwide threat to freedom.

The SOA was founded in Panama by the U.S. military in 1946. The school was later moved to Ft. Benning, where it has trained more than 60,000 Latin American soldiers. The SOA curriculum includes: sniper training; commando and psychological warfare; military intelligence and interrogation tactics. But Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, among others, say the foreign soldiers are not using their education defensively. They are implementing these techniques to persecute their own people.

Non-governmental organizations like Amnesty International allege that SOA graduates share the tactics taught to them with their military and guerrilla groups. Before the trip, members of Fair Trade Coalition and some allies from around Eastern's campus met each night

at 7 p.m. for a week. During the meetings, we made sure that at least two people from the group were fasting at any given time. Around the Peace Pole in front of Newman Catholic Center, we reflected on the importance of the journey we were going to make. The group shared thoughts and offered encouragement to each other during the fasting process. I digested nothing beside water, juice and tea for 50 hours that week. I had ample time to ponder injustice after I got accustomed to hunger gnawing at my stomach.

The legal goal of the SOA is to provide "professional education and training to eligible personnel of nations of the Western Hemisphere ... while fostering mutual knowledge, and promoting democratic values, respect for human rights (U.S. Title Code 10 Section 2116)."

Contrarily, SOA graduates target educators, union organizers, religious workers, student leaders and social rights activists. This is hardly the behavior a democratic government should support.

It is disgusting to think that the tax money taken from our paychecks every week is helping to fund the savage oppression of citizens in less fortunate nations. These people are only trying to exercise the rights we have every day. And they are paying the ultimate price with their freedom and their lives.

The United States should act as an example to the rest of the world. By funding the SOA, we

are sending the message there is nothing wrong with exerting brute force to silence the opposition.

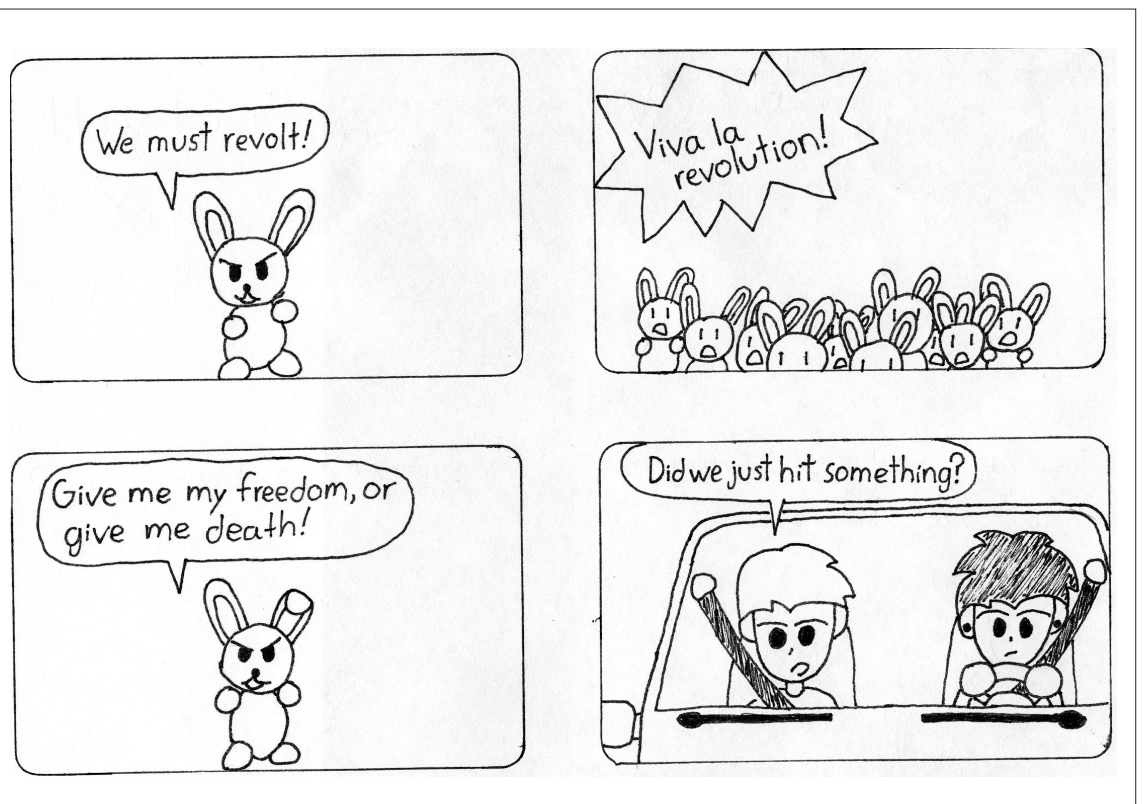
Though my body may have been weakened, my mind grew more alert through denial of food. I meditated on the intent of our government in inviting Latin American military leaders to Ft. Benning. I pondered the instruction the foreigners are receiving through funding from our tax dollars. I questioned the motives of SOA graduates who have orchestrated assassinations, kidnappings and disappearances throughout South America, as well as slaughtered villages full of defenseless families.

In attempting to ignore a physical instinct, I realize that humans also possess mental instincts. My initial reactions from exposure to SOA facts were disbelief and distrust in the U.S. government. But through the fasting process and further examination of history, I feel the government was attempting to act in the interest of democracy by founding the SOA 56 years ago.

Ten thousand people converged on Ft. Benning Nov. 21-23. Fifty-one of them participated in civil disobedience and were arrested to bring attention to the deplorable reality of the SOA.

We hope our vigilant presence will force the citizens and legislators of America to accept responsibility for, and put an end to, senseless violence instigated by the SOA.

Cartoon by Adam Kouzmanoff



### YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Column poorly articulated point

I read Jamie Fetty's (column which ran Nov. 20) and understand what she is trying to say despite her lack of expressing herself with good grammar.

I have learned a lot this year as an on-campus student. I have interacted with a diverse population at EIU as compared to the small-town lack of diversity from which I was raised.

I do question my creator daily as to why this and why not that, and try to make some sense of the world and current events through a personal relationship with God.

The number one commandment being LOVE, I look at true relationships of people that are based upon love and not sex or any other reasoning for their

wanting to marry.

That leaves the question out there as to, "Why not same sex marriage?"

A separation of church and state means just that.

They want God out of our courthouses and the state to recognize them for the means of benefits or otherwise.

All I do know for sure is that I have failed at marriage due to my own lack of commitment, wrong reason to marry, etc.

My parents and grandparents showed me what a true marriage means. My parents will celebrate their 50th anniversary next fall; my grandparents celebrated theirs also years ago.

My father, when questioned as to why he put up with some of the hard stuff

he has endured in the marriage, said, "because I made a commitment with God as for better or for worse, and I meant it."

If Jamie Fetty had really experienced the physical and mental abuse that I have, and childbearing (not popping out a kid as she has referred to it), or any other real-life situations I have been in, I might have put some stock in her argument.

So far though, her editorial pieces only show lack for the gay community and I am sure there are those in the gay community who could

articulate it better with educated wording.

Anyway, throughout all my hardships, I can only take what I have learned from my own mistakes and experiences to say that there are still those, who like my parents, have the right to say that the institution of heterosexual marriage is still alive and well, despite Jamie Fetty's rantings.

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# Technology gurus explain Eastern's network aggravations

By Evan Hill  
CAMPUS EDITOR

The mystery of the problems plaguing Eastern's network over the last year were explained at a meeting of the Association of Information Technology Professionals Tuesday.

At the end of AITP's final meeting of the semester Tim Lewis, a network engineer for Eastern's Illinois Century Network, spoke on and answered questions about the network and how he and other network personnel are working to fix it.

Lewis has worked on Eastern's network for 18 years and he remembers times before the network.

"When I came here there was no network to speak of," Lewis said.

He said he helped to design the school's original network in 1987 when many of the technologies currently in use were "in their infancy."

Originally there were no funds to pay for a network, but an account was set up to share profits with other telecommunication services offered by Eastern, including phone and long-distance services. Lewis told the group the main problem with the current network involved outdated wiring in the administration and academic buildings on campus. He said wiring designed for older technologies present in the "administrative half" of the network is causing problems when it is forced to carry signals from newer technologies such as ethernet.

He said certain mechanical fail-

ures can have a crippling effect on both the administrative and residence hall sections of the network.

"We need to recable," he said. "This is a big problem."

However, relief is on the horizon. For the first time since 1998, a significant amount of money will be spent on upgrading the network. Lewis said \$6 million will be spent over the next year to upgrade and replace wiring and networking electronics.

Earlier this year, at a cost of \$500,000, fiber optic backbone cabling was installed through the whole campus. Lewis said this was essential to make the jump from the current technology, which is 100 megabyte ethernet to more modern gigabit capable technology.

"That is what's really going to take us to the next level," Lewis said.

In addition to the money spent on the fiber optic cable, Lewis said an estimated \$3 million will be spent on rewiring the tens of thousands of connections on campus at an estimated cost of \$500 per connection in labor and materials.

Lewis said whatever is left over from the \$6 million after the fiber optics and recabling is completed will be spent on upgrading and replacing networking electronics. Lewis said the current electronics were the source of many bottlenecks in Eastern's network traffic.

Lewis said the recabling was planned to start Jan 1, 2004 and the entire project would take an estimated 12 to 18 months to complete.

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Neil Seeley of Anderson Electric pulls new strands of fiber-optic cable through a manhole November 12 outside of O'Brien Stadium.

# State of the Senate address will outline group's future goals today

By Brian O'Malley  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Senate Speaker Mike Walsh will summarize past accomplishments and future goals with his State of the Senate address at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Walsh said he is prepared for the speech and plans to talk about each senate committee and the plans for next semester.

"What I would like to see changed is the outdated stuff that needs to be really looked at," Walsh said.

The State of the Senate address is in the Student Senate bylaws as one of the Speaker's required responsibilities, Walsh said. He said public speaking doesn't make him nervous, it's the speech writing that does.

"I'm not much of a speech writer," Walsh said.

The last time Walsh had to make a similar speech was when he was running for the Speaker position last semester, Walsh said.

"That was pretty much off the cuff," he said.

Walsh said he will not run for Student Senate Speaker for next semester and a new one will be

chosen at next week's senate meeting.

Several senate members who are at the end of a term and other interested students are running for a senate spot, Walsh said. Ballots can be taken at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Coleman Hall and Carman Hall Tuesday.

Walsh said 10 current senators are running again and five students are running for the first time.

The senate will also vote to pass or fail a bylaw change Walsh co-authored, which would give each new senate member a chance to be

trained by a veteran senate member.

"I'm pretty positive about it. I think it'll be passed," Walsh said.

Committee chairs are chosen by the speaker and each committee chair will be given two or three new senate members to help them get comfortable.

"By giving the chairs this responsibility, (the speaker) is saying that this group of people can step up and get the job done," Walsh said.

The Senate Mentor Program will eliminate any segregation within the senate, Walsh said.

"When you come into senate, it's

very cliquy," Walsh said. "I think this program would break down those barriers."

"If nothing else, it always gives you a familiar face to sit next to at the meetings," Walsh said.

George Lesica, senate member and co-author of the bylaw change, said the program will solve problems in the senate.

"Maybe we can get things done faster," Lesica said.

The senate will also discuss the approval of a resolution, which will purchase \$687.28 worth of office supplies for the Student Activities Center and \$160 for senate travel expenses.

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# Number of open administrator positions ballooning

By Tim Martin  
SENIOR REPORTER

The number of administrators, those who oversee large portions of the campus' activities, that the university must replace has grown even larger.

Herb Lasky, director of the university's honors college, will retire this summer, the Faculty Senate learned on Tuesday. In addition, Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, updated the senate on the replacement process of two other administrative positions, director of minority affairs and director of enrollment management.

Lasky's departure only adds to the number of administrative openings the university must fill because of retirement, resignation or death. A 38-year employee, Lasky started the university's program in 1982 with 56 students and now the program has 654 students.

In the last seven months, six administrators have left their positions. While interim replacements have safely been found for some of the vacancies, others have left some departments scrambling.

An advertisement for interim replacement of the late Johnetta Jones, director of minority affairs, resulted in nine applicants. An interim find, Lord says, will hopefully be found for the

## The skinny

Name	Position	Reason left
Update		
◆ Herb Lasky	Dean of Honors College	retired
search committee formed		
◆ Dale Wolf	Dean of Admissions	retired
search committee formed		
◆ Frank Hohengarten	Dean of Enrollment Mgmt.	resigned
duties merged		
◆ Johnetta Jones	Director of Minority Affairs	deceased
search committee formed		
◆ Carol Strode	Dir. of Facil., Plan & Mgmt.	retired
interim replacement		
◆ Bud May	Dir. of Grants & Research	resigned
interim replacement		

spring semester for continuity reasons as the burden of the position has fallen on the department's project directors.

A nationwide search will name a permanent candidate, Lord hopes, for the next academic calendar year this spring.

"We want a committee that is broadly representative on all dimensions," Lord said. "The committee needs to be put together with care."

Lord also told the senate a search committee for the dean of admissions opening has also been formed. Dale Wolf currently

works in the position, but he has announced his retirement plans for this summer.

While the university will replace vacated positions, the senate unanimously voted to support the creation of a local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Coles County.

The resolution, written by senators Dave Carwell and John Henry Pommier, highlighted the senate's hopes for the organization of "fostering greater harmony between the university and community."

## Senate approves altering number of faculty research members

By Kevin Sampier  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Faculty Senate voted 8-5 Tuesday to change the number of members on the Council of Faculty Research.

The council approves or denies grant applications from faculty members and has been criticized for approving some areas of study more than others.

Council Chair Richard Sylvia said some faculty members feel

they have been overlooked in the past when applying for grants.

"The best proposals are being funded," Sylvia said. "We can make this change and still fund the best proposals."

The change will add an elected and appointed member from the colleges of Arts and Humanities, Educational and Professional Studies, Business and Applied Sciences, Sciences, and one elected member from Booth Library, to the council.

The former structure had six elected and three appointed members from nine different areas of study.

During debate of the proposed change, Biological Science Professor Bud Fischer argued against it.

Fischer said the reason some colleges didn't receive grant money was because they didn't apply.

"I'm not in favor of the change at this point," Fischer said. "I'm

not willing to help people who aren't willing to help themselves."

Poorly attended grant programs and lack of interest from other colleges is what Fischer believes caused the lack of grant funding.

Business Professor Matthew Monippallil said he has had problems with grant requests in the past, but he blames himself. "The first time I applied for a

grant, I was turned down, and I was turned down quite rightly," because he prepared the request the night before it was turned in, Monippallil said.

After the change was passed, Fischer said, "as long as the system continues to fund the best proposals, it's working the way it's supposed to."

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had 8 to 10 rows.

The senate passed another motion regarding on-campus parking in the same area that asks the parking committee to look at the request and response letters of senate Chair David Carpenter and Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

Previously, the senate wondered why the campus road running east and west connecting Fourth and Seventh streets dividing the south portion of the campus from the north section near Booth Library was blocked.

The road, which the senate believes could open up more parking, is reserved for construction equipment used on the campus network and Tarble Arts Center renovations, Cooley wrote to Carpenter.

The road has been inactive for five or six years, biology professor Bud Fischer said, and the Campus Master Plan, the university's blue prints to remodeling the campus, calls for the street to be inactive.

During the summers, Fischer said, the road could be used for shops.

The senators conceded the improbability of the road being re-opened for further usage, but took solace in that the blockage means the campus is being improved.

"I'll take any ugly as long as we're building something," Fischer said.

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# Genetically tweaked pet a glowing fish

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The nation's first genetically altered household pet is set to begin appearing in stores next month everywhere except perhaps California, the only state with a ban on lab-engineered species.

On Wednesday, the California Fish and Game Commission is scheduled to take up an application from Yorktown Technologies of Austin, Texas, to market the GloFish in California.

State wildlife officials have concluded that the Florida-grown fluorescent zebra fish poses no danger, and they have recommended that the state exempt it from the ban. Environmental and public interest groups, along with commercial fishermen, oppose an exemption.

The GloFish was developed by scientists in Singapore who found they could turn the normally black-and-silver zebra fish green or red by inserting genes from jellyfish or a sea anemone. The tropical fish appear to glow in rooms lit with

ultraviolet or black light.

California's regulations against what critics call "Frankenfish" were prompted by fears that genetically altered farmed fish, such as salmon, could get loose and devastate the state's wild populations.

The fluorescent fish, however, are even less tolerant of cold water than natural zebra fish and are unlikely to survive if they escape, the Fish and Game Department said in recommending an exemption. Independent researchers also found that no harm would come from eating the fish.

Some environmentalists still fear Glofish could find their way into warm waters in the wild and establish themselves. But their larger fear is that the GloFish's introduction could open the floodgates on other genetically engineered species.

The Washington-based Center for Food Safety, along with the Sierra Club, Greenpeace and others, is pressing the Food and Drug Administration to regulate the marketing of such creatures.

### More on the Web

Yorktown Technologies  
www.glofish.com

## Bars: House party noise, drunk driving major points of disagreement

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Everyone without liquor licenses who contacted council member Larry Rennels voiced the same opinion.

Although Rennels said he had a gut-feeling not to extend bar hours, he voted 'yes' to the extension.

"I really believe that it's worth a try," he said.

Former City Council Liaison and junior political science major George Lesicka agreed.

"This is only a one semester try," he said. "The students of Eastern will surprise the people that called Mr. Rennels and Mr. Winnett."

He said only a few people are causing a vast majority of the house party problems.

One of the main reasons for the proposal was that students go to Champaign to drink because of later bar closing hours and an entry age of 19.

However, if the hours were extended, residents from Mattoon and Ashmore might migrate to Charleston instead, council member Lorelei Sims said.

Cougill disagreed saying everyone he knows in Ashmore is asleep before the bars close.

Hiring a bus to shuttle intoxicated students between cities was suggested by Davidson.

Originally, the ordinance stated the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises was only for 'A' and 'C' licenses if the closing time was expanded an extra hour.

Type 'A' license holders can sell liquor both on and off premises while type 'C' license holder can sell liquor only on their premises.

The council voted to amend the ordinance to include both type 'B,' private clubs, and 'D,' commercial locations.

Liquor stores, type 'E,' were denied admittance to the ordinance.

Cougill argued that allowing package sales does not make sense.

However, Sims said the ordinance was unfair because it did not include all types of license holders.

"How are you going to say (extended hours) is OK for only four of you?" she questioned.

According to the president of the Charleston Licensed Beverage Association, Paul Megderch, liquor stores were not available to comment on the withholding.

Because many students buy their liquor before late at night, expanding the bar hours to 2 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday would not make a dent on house parties, he said.

Sims said another reason she voted against the extension was because dropping bar entry age to 19 is a better solution to the problem.

Cougill said bar entry age was not the topic to focus on at this time.

### In other business...

◆ The council approved a raffle permit authorizing Eastern's Panther Club to conduct a raffle to raise funds for Eastern athletics.

The raffle will be held December 1 through February 21.

◆ A resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$4,961.50 in city tourism funds was passed. The money matches a grant from the state to pay for advertising in a variety of venues.

◆ An ordinance amending the Title 1 administrative was passed. The ordinance will allow the City Manager to live within 1.5 miles of the territorial jurisdiction of Coles County. The cur-

"How are you going to say (extended hours) is OK for only four of you?"

—Lorelei Sims, council member

rent City Manager, Scott Smith, built a house shortly out of the previously allowed area.

◆ Another ordinance amending the Title 1 Administrative was passed. The ordinance eliminates the position of City Treasurer and creates the position of City Comptroller. Tamara Moshtagh is currently holding the position of Comptroller.

◆ A final ordinance amending the Title 1 Administrative was passed. The ordinance required that Payroll clerk to also be able to perform in human resource management.

◆ The annual tax levy for March 2004-April 2005 was passed. The levy, which was decided to be \$2,753,748, is the amount of projected funds required to run the city.

◆ An ordinance amending the ambulance rate structure for the city was passed. The current resident rate will remain at \$150, however, all rates will now be based on Medicare's service level and multiplier rates.

◆ A resolution authorizing an agreement for technical assistance services with the Coles County Regional Planning and Development Commission was passed.

◆ A final resolution authorizing an agreement with the Coles County Council on Aging for the use of Dial-A-Ride's rural public transportation vehicles in an emergency. Such an emergency would be using the vehicles for transportation of handicapped nursing home residents.

### Parking:

## Due says students need to manage time better to park better

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Which could mean that no matter what amount of access a student has to parking, they

are still trying to get closer to their class when they park.

"If students would take the time to leave earlier and use some of the further out parking lots there would be no problem," Due said.

So as students continue to complain, for now the parking situation is going to stay the same, leaving students still hunting for available spots.

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# A new plan for central Illinois' economy

By Jan Dennis  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PEORIA (AP) - Gov. Rod Blagojevich will announce funding for about 40 projects on Wednesday that he hopes will help create jobs and spark central Illinois' listless economy.

A \$200,000 study of a regional transportation system for Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford counties is among the projects Blagojevich will unveil as he outlines the fourth of 10 economic development plans tailored for different geographic regions across the state.

State and federal money will pump \$180,000 into the yearlong study, which local officials have pushed to ease congestion, improve safety and spur economic growth, said Mike Kelleher, who is coordinating plans for a 10-county region that includes DeWitt, Fulton, Livingston, Marshall, Mason, McLean, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell and Woodford counties.

"I think they make a very convincing case. If you can get people to the workplace efficiently you can expand job opportunities," Kelleher said.

Blagojevich also will earmark money for dozens of other road and building projects and studies that could help land new jobs for an area that is wrestling with a general statewide decline in manufacturing jobs, said Laura Hunter, a spokeswoman for the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

# Speeding up sexual assault cases

◆ Cases challenge new law extending deadline for abuse lawsuits

By Christopher Wills  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SPRINGFIELD (AP) - A new state law granting more time for lawsuits over sexual abuse cases is being challenged by Catholic organizations, angering advocates for abuse victims.

"It's our belief that the Catholic Church should not be leading the charge to overturn a law that protects innocent victims," Barbara Blaine, president of the Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, said Tuesday. "The new law gives victims a chance to expose perpetrators."

Catholic officials, however, said there is no conflict between combating sexual abuse within the church and making a legal argument.

"I think we're going to assert our right to defend our position in a court of law," said Robert Gilligan,

executive director of the Catholic Conference of Illinois.

The new law was signed this summer at the urging of SNAP and others who said abuse victims need more time to understand what had happened to them and decide whether to sue.

The deadline for suing abusers had been two years after the victim turned 18 or two years after the victim realized that sexual abuse had caused injuries, such as psychological disorders.

The new statute of limitations is 10 years after the victim turns 18 or five years after the victim makes the connection between abuse and injuries.

The new law is at issue in three abuse lawsuits.

In one, a man is suing the Catholic Church's Springfield Diocese over abuse he suffered as a teenager in the 1980s by a priest who was later sent to prison. In two other lawsuits, teenagers are suing St. Laurence High School and the Chicago Archdiocese over allegations of abuse by a school counselor in the 1990s.

## More on the Web

Public Act 93-0356:  
[www.legis.state.il.us](http://www.legis.state.il.us)

# Military families refuse help

HOMEWOOD (AP) - They have helped the country fight a war, but they don't want any help themselves.

They are the families of soldiers who have refused to take advantage of the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund, which has been offering grants of \$500 to \$2,000 to families of reservists and National Guardsmen since August.

"I guess I feel that there are people that need it more," said Tinessa Moss, 31, of Homewood, who quit her job to raise her three children when her husband shipped off to Iraq. She now faces the prospect of paying to fix her furnace and repair a leaky basement.

In all, just 1,300 of the 9,000 families that qualify for the grants have applied. How many of those families don't know about the fund, available to families

and dependents of soldiers activated since Sept. 11, 2001, isn't clear. But some say there are many like Moss who choose not to ask for help.

"Military family, military pride," said Eric Schuller, a policy adviser for Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn, who helped establish the fund. "You always help out others and you don't want help for yourself."

Moss responded to her money problems by selling her car, putting the electricity bill on an installment plan, deferring student loan payments and getting the gas company to switch her to a plan for low-income families. But she did not ask for grant money.

"I told a girlfriend about the program, and she said, 'No, I'll just work extra hours,'" she said. "We all feel that way."

## More on the Web

Operation Homefront:  
[www.operationhomefront.org](http://www.operationhomefront.org)

## Civilian panel begins investigation into death of black man in custody in Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AP) - Police appeared to follow procedure when attempting to subdue a black man who later died, and "it's obvious one of the officers was assaulted" before the taped beating began, Police Chief Thomas Streicher said Tuesday.

Nathaniel Jones, 41, died at a hospital shortly after being taken into custody Sunday outside a fast food restaurant. The 350-pound man was struck repeatedly with nightsticks in a confrontation captured by a video camera mounted on a police car.

While he stressed that the investigation was incomplete, "I think there's enough on the tape to have a preliminary judgment about what occurred," Streicher said on NBC's "Today." "It's obvious one of the officers was assaulted while he was trying to calm down Mr. Jones."

"I can't see anything that's outside this procedure at this point," he said.

The Citizen Complaint Authority is looking into the death.

"We turn to you for a full and fair and thorough investigation," Mayor Charlie Luken told members Monday night. The U.S. Justice Department also was studying the case.

## Police officers get pay raise two years after contract negotiations began

CARBONDALE (AP) - Police officers at Southern Illinois University Carbondale are getting a pay raise, two years after contract negotiations with school officials began.

The school's police union agreed to provisions in the new contract after an arbitrator sided with the union's position on salary increases in November.

The salary award gives police officers and corporals an increase of 8 percent retroactive to July 1, 2001, and a 2 percent increase retroactive to July 1, 2003.

Police sergeants will receive the same increases, plus an additional 2 percent for the 2001-2002 contract year.

No increase was awarded for the 2002-2003 contract year.

The university and the Fraternal Order of Police went into arbitration in March, after two years of talks failed to bring about an agreement.

FOP field representative Bill Mehrtens said the pay hikes bring SIUC police wages closer to the average at other Illinois public universities.

"It's not comparable, but it does fill the gap," he said.

SIUC spokeswoman Sue Davis said it will likely cost the university about \$420,000 to cover the back pay.

## R&B star R. Kelly's lawyers fight child pornography charges with motions

CHICAGO (AP) - Attorneys defending R&B star R. Kelly against child pornography charges have filed a host of motions, including one contending the alleged victim could have been old enough to legally consent to sex.

Also included in the 11 motions Kelly's attorneys filed Monday in Cook County Circuit Court is the argument that the case should be dismissed because prosecutors failed in their 21-count indictment against Kelly to specify the date of the alleged crime.

Kelly, whose first name is Robert, was arrested in June 2002 after a videotape surfaced that allegedly showed the Grammy winner having sex with an underage girl.

By alleging that the illegal acts happened between November 1997 and February 2002, Kelly's attorneys argue, the girl could be anywhere from 13 to 17 years old. Not only is it impossible to determine the age of the victim, they say, but such a time frame means it can't be determined when the statute of limitations might run out.

Further, they argue, such a large window of time makes it impossible for Kelly to mount a fair defense.

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Panthers dominated in post

◆ Eastern outscored in the paint by a 36-22 margin thanks to 15-point, 13 rebound performance by Flames forward Armond Williams

By John Hohenadel  
SPORTS REPORTER

Each one of the 1,286 fans that packed Lantz Arena Tuesday night realized one fact - Eastern was simply out-hustled by a bigger team.

Illinois-Chicago out-rebounded the Panthers 43-27 on Tuesday night at Lantz which was a crucial aspect to its 77-60 win over Eastern.

Being a young team, Eastern head coach Rick Samuels mentioned boxing out and getting rebounds as a couple of things the team must improve on.

Junior forward Andy Gobczynski was one of the players who admitted the Panthers just got outworked in the post and on the offensive boards.

"Some of their rebounds came before we even left the floor," Samuels said.

Samuels was referring to two rebounds that were promptly followed by a pair of UIC dunks.

Samuels commented that what hurt them the most were the 12 offensive rebounds that led to 13 second-chance points for UIC.

Flames 6-foot-4 forward Armond Williams had 13 total rebounds and five offensive boards which contributed to his 15 total points.

Samuels said some of those rebounds came when one of the Flames' guards broke down the defense and one of the Panthers had to leave his man to help stop the penetration.

Senior center Jesse Mackinson got into

early foul trouble and had to leave the game early in the first half which led to an even greater decrease in rebounding and inside scoring. Mackinson, the Panthers' only returning starter, ended the evening with a season-low five points.

Even though the 6-foot-8 post presence is the tallest starter on the Panthers, he finished with just two rebounds. Coach Samuels said he expects Mackinson to play more of an outside game and rely on his 12 to 15-foot jumper.

"Jesse is going to be more effective shooting jumpers," Samuels said. "Opposing centers can't stick with him in our motion offense."

When Mackinson received his second foul in the first half, junior Aaron Patterson stepped in and provided defen-

sive intensity off the bench in his Eastern debut. The transfer from Indianapolis, Ind. finished the game with four rebounds in 16 minutes.

Senior forward David Roos only had three rebounds in 17 minutes, which all came on the defensive end.

Ironically, starting point guard Jake Sinclair crashed the glass along with the frontcourt players and despite being the smallest player for the Panthers, the Pana, Ill. native led the Panthers with five rebounds.

Samuels said he would like to see other frontcourt players step up in the post with Mackinson being expected to step outside and shoot more jumpers.

"Jesse is simply trying to do too much right now," Samuels said.

## BASEBALL

# Schmitz finds arms for the mound

◆ Five new baseball recruits sign with Eastern for the 2005 season including three pitchers including a hometown product out of Mattoon High School

By Michael Gilbert  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Attempting to improve on a 26-31 season with a 6.59 ERA last season, the Eastern baseball team announced the signings of three pitchers late last month.

Incoming freshmen Dan Anderson and Ross Jeske along with junior college transfer Jared Gurley will be among the new faces Eastern fans will see on the hill for the Panthers' 2005 squad.

Anderson appears to be the most intriguing of the hurlers due to his large frame and room to grow on the mound. During his junior year at Guilford High School, Anderson went 5-2 with a 2.35 ERA. The lefty had an impressive strikeout to walk ratio fanning 56 batters while giving up just 11 base on balls in 35 innings.

"Dan is 6-5 and weighs 200 pounds and is a big left-handed pitcher," Eastern's assistant baseball coach Mitch Rosenthal said. "He's more of a starter who came to our camp last summer and looked very impressive. He throws a fastball, curve and change and has a really big upside. He has a major league body but he's still young and (the coaching staff) is just concentrating on making him better."

Panthers head coach Jim Schmitz said Anderson impressed

at Eastern's camp and has tremendous potential.

"Dan attended our camp last summer where he demonstrated a dominant presence on the mound," Schmitz said. "We feel his size will allow him to become a power pitcher. We are looking forward to working with Dan in the upcoming years."

The Panthers went the junior college route to land Gurley who was playing for John A. Logan Community College. Gurley finished last season with a 2-1 record and a 5.79 ERA in 32 innings on the mound.

"He will fill the role of a reliever/closer for us," Rosenthal said. "He's a hard thrower who reaches the 90s. His best pitch is his fastball where he basically says to batters 'here it is try to hit it.'"

If last season was any indication, it appears that hitters can't catch up with Gurley's fastball as he averaged nearly a strikeout per inning.

"Jared is a big, strong guy," Schmitz said. "We expect him to come in and close many games for us the next two years."

The Panthers final recruit won't have any problem getting used to the Eastern campus. Jeske grew up just minutes away in Mattoon and was a standout last year for the Green Wave with 30 strikeouts in 28 innings and a 5.37 ERA in his

junior year at MHS.

"Ross is a local kid who came in and impressed at our camp," Rosenthal said. "He's a great athlete who also played football for Mattoon. He pitched well when I saw him over the summer when I saw him and he's a real competitor on the field."

Rosenthal also commented that Jeske's athletic ability makes him an above average fielder on the mound.

"He makes some plays you wouldn't expect a pitcher to make," Rosenthal said.

Although the Panthers' 2004 team is a very young squad with 22 underclassmen on the current roster, Rosenthal said the new recruits would have a chance to play in 2005.

"Definitely the junior college transfer (Gurley) will pitch right away," Rosenthal said. "The two incoming freshmen will surely have a chance to get in and keep building on their game."

With current senior pitchers Jared Marshall and Andy Kuntz departing after this season, Rosenthal hopes the three new Panthers can step up and fill the void.

"It seems like you can never have enough pitching and we will lose Jared and Andy," Rosenthal said.

## Burned:

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"While most of their offense is predicated on the dribble-drive, what broke us down was their effectiveness in the post," Samuels said. "We just became complacent for a little while, our rotations were not as sharp and they took advantage."

The Panthers tried to come back in the second half behind Gomes, who ended the game with 19 points on eight of 10 shooting. Besides Gomes, no other Panther player distinguished himself as an offensive threat, so much so that no other player reached double figures.

Eastern had no post presence, as the team struggled to find an answer to the Flames size advantage down low.

Senior center Jesse Mackinson was put on the perimeter more than in the post, and senior forward David Roos was counted on to produce in the post.

But the 6-foot-5 Roos struggled with the size of the Flames as the two opposing centers had three to four inches on him.

"They were much more physical than we were, but we also played tentatively against a talented team that played with a swagger," Samuels said.

This youthful group of Panthers has yet to learn how to win and play with a swagger like a talented and veteran led group like UIC.

The Panthers will continue the learning process as the return to Lantz Arena Saturday night to face Indiana State.

## Jones:

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In the first half, Robert Morris was able to hang around with the highly favored Panthers because of Eastern's 11 turnovers which led to 10 points. Ironically, the turnovers were not made by the Panthers' pair of freshman point guards (Megan Casad and Melanie Ploger) and they were the result of upperclassmen starters.

"The frustrating thing about the turnovers that are being made by those young girls," Wunder said. "They are being made by our experienced players making poor decisions."

The smaller Eagles also benefited from out rebounding Eastern 11-1 on the offensive end and 19-17 overall.

"It was something that we certainly stressed and drilled into the team at halftime," Wunder said. "We are really trying to get our big players to rebound better."

In the second half, Eastern's birthday girl finally made her special day count after picking up two quick fouls and being held to four first half points. Dailey was five of nine from the field after halftime and ended the contest with five assists without a turnover.

"I got into foul trouble early and wasn't as aggressive in the first half," Dailey said. "In the second half, my shot started falling."

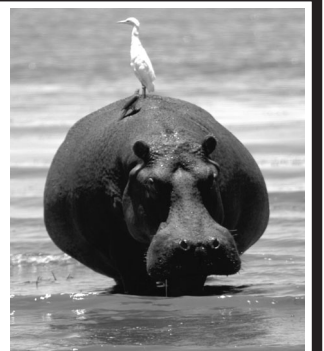
The Eagles got a big lift off the bench as backup center Carrie Porter stepped up to provide 20 points and eight rebounds. Porter was able to dominate all three Eastern post players Wunder threw at her.

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"... the biggest reason for my success in wrestling is because of my motivation to succeed." - Matt Veach

TOP CAT

# 'Veach'ing for the stars

◆ *Editor's note: Top Cat is a weekly series taking an in-depth look at Eastern's top athlete from the previous week. Winners are selected just once. Selections are made by The Daily Eastern News sports staff.*

By Andrew Sarwark  
STAFF WRITER

During the past two seasons, senior Matt Veach has established himself as one of the leaders on the Panther wrestling squad. Going into the Northern Iowa Open, Veach has a record of 15-4 and has placed in all three opens this year.

Before wrestling at Eastern, Veach wrestled at Lincoln Community College and Iowa State University. At Lincoln, he was an All-American and finished third in the national championships. As a sophomore at Iowa State, the Springfield native placed fourth for the Cyclones in the Big 12 Championships in 2001.

Last year, Veach decided to transfer from Iowa State to Eastern and the Panthers are reaping the benefits.

"I decided to transfer to Eastern for three reasons," Veach said. "First, Eastern is closer to home than Iowa State. Secondly, I knew Coach McCausland and liked him, and the last reason is because Pat (Dowty) is one of my best friends," Veach said.

Dowty and Veach were both on the wrestling team at Lincoln and knew each other, McCausland said.

"I heard a lot of good things about Matt through Pat. The two of them talked a lot about having him come here to wrestle," McCausland said.

According to McCausland, one of the best qualities about Veach is his work ethic.

"He really works hard and enjoys a challenge on the mat," McCausland said.

Veach began his wrestling career all the way back in grade school when he would spar with his friends.

"We would watch wrestling on television and wrestle each other afterwards," Veach said.

He started wrestling in the sixth grade. During high school, Veach compiled an overall prep record of 132-13. His best finish in state was third place.

Before each of his matches, Veach goes through a simple routine to get ready to hit the mat.

"I get ready by warming up and by visualizing everything mentally."

Placing third in state is one of his best memories of wrestling. Placing third in the national championship, also at Lincoln, is another one of his fondest wrestling experiences.

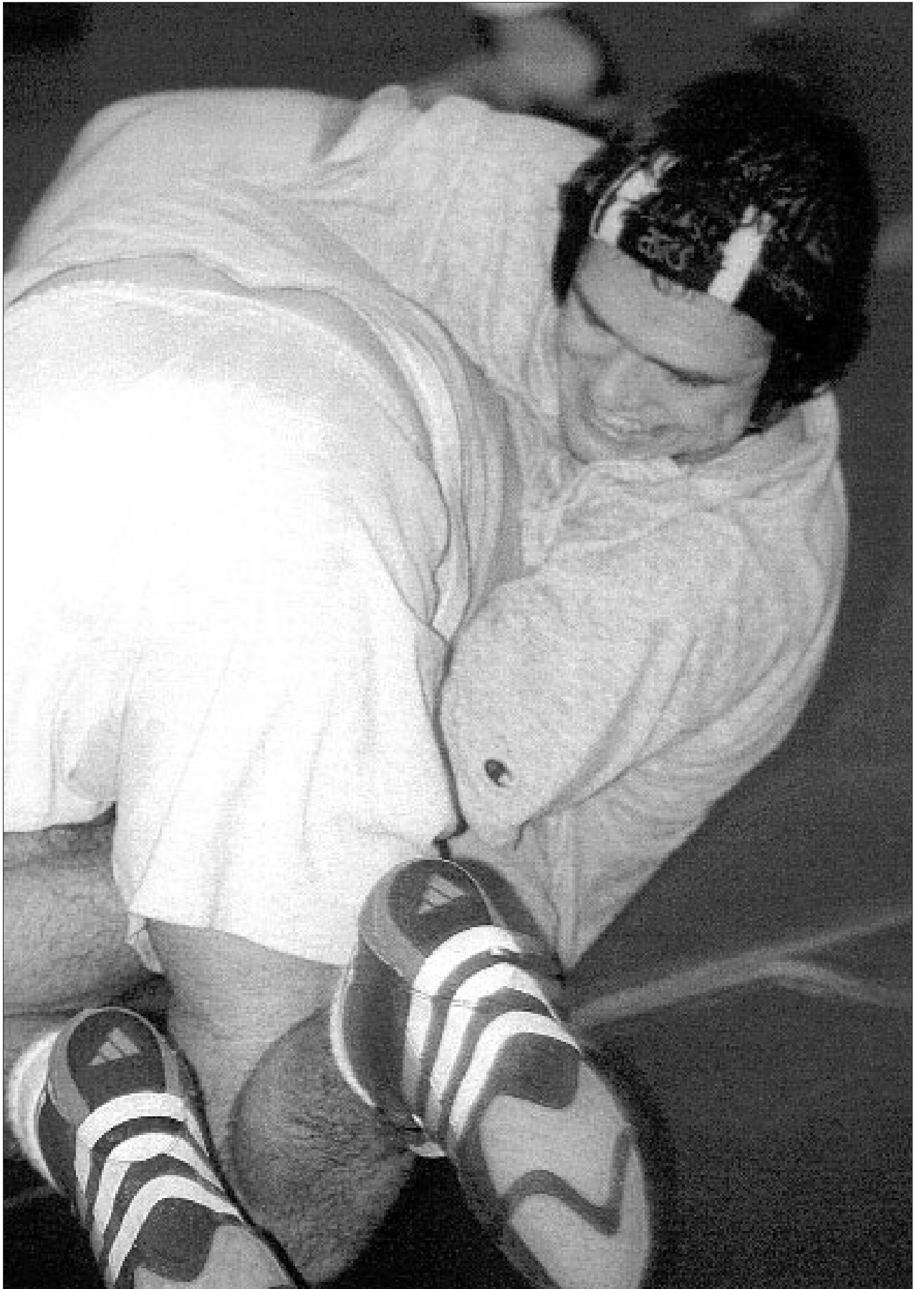
He credits his parents and his coaches as being his biggest influences in his wrestling career.

"My parents and coaches have always been there for me, but the biggest reason for my success in wrestling is because of my motivation to succeed," Veach said.

Veach has started this year against touch competition. During the Central Michigan Open on Nov. 16, Veach went 5-1 to place third in the 165-pound class. A week later at the Missouri Open, Veach duplicated the feat in Central Michigan to place third against solid opponents.

This weekend when the Panthers travel to the UNI-Dome for the Northern Iowa Open, Veach will need to be at his best. Northern Iowa is ranked #14 nationally, and in the 165-pound bracket Veach may square off with junior Josh Lawrenz. Lawrenz is no stranger to Eastern, wrestling as he defeated Andy Coyle 9-6 last season.

While Veach may be looked upon as the underdog in this meet, don't count the grappler out. If his last few matches are any indication, the senior is ready to finish his last year at Eastern with a bang.



Senior Matt Veach in practice last season as he is scrimmaging a teammate at the 165-pound weight class. The transfer from Iowa State University finished third at the Missouri Open to open up his final season as a Panther.

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# SPORTS

## Panther sports calendar

SATURDAY	Swimming vs. Butler	1 p.m.	Lantz
	M B-Ball vs. Indiana State	7:05 p.m.	Lantz
	Wrestling at Northern Iowa	Open	
	Track & Field at Illinois State		
SUNDAY	W B-Ball at Jacksonville	1 p.m.	



### THROW DOWN

Aaron Seidlitz  
SPORTS REPORTER

## Mama, I'm coming home to Lantz

Many colleges across the country have already had their opening night for basketball; and Eastern's night of excitement was Tuesday.

Opening night at Lantz Arena pits the Panthers up against the University of Illinois-Chicago. All the months of wondering and working that Eastern has put into the basketball team for the 2003 season was for what took place last night.

The atmosphere in itself makes opening night so special to most college basketball fans. The excitement of not seeing a college basketball game for a matter of months is a welcome addition to the sports environment at any college or university.

This is especially the case for many of the states in the midwest, who unlike schools the other parts of the country really take their basketball tradition seriously.

Illinois and many other of the Midwestern states love basketball, especially the kind that hasn't been tainted with the money that now dominates the NBA.

High school and college basketball even at schools that are not in major conferences or in the national championship picture look forward to the winter diversion that is college basketball.

There seems to be an innocence to college basketball and the smaller level schools in college basketball. When teams like Eastern and the other members of the Ohio Valley Conference deal with players who actually want to stay all four years in college basketball instead of jumping ship to the National Basketball Association, more passion is the result for the product on the court.

The term amateurs is not very often used for college basketball players who play at the highest level because many of those players will be leaving the college atmosphere very quickly for the much richer waters of the NBA.

These players are often taken care of since they hit stardom, at least in a scout's eyes, midway through high school.

But here, players love the college atmosphere they want to win not only for themselves but for their coach and for the university they play for as well.

It is refreshing to see this after watching the greedy players of the NBA since October.

The smaller arenas fill up on chilly winter nights, and all of a sudden the entire place is warm with the excitement that is college basketball.

For those who truly love the game, this is it.

So here's hoping that the excitement continues throughout the year as the Panthers youthful group of players learn the game and try to take the program to a higher level.

ILLINOIS-CHICAGO 77, EASTERN 60

## Panthers get burned

◆ Eastern unable to handle UIC's second half run to lose home opener

By Aaron Seidlitz  
SPORTS REPORTER

It can be a trying process for a young team to learn how to win.

That is the process Eastern seems to be going through after their third straight loss to start the season.

The overmatched Panthers (0-3) were defeated by Illinois-Chicago (6-1) 77-60, and the second half run was what did in Eastern.

"I knew that our first three opponents were going to be tough, but I'm not sure why we haven't seen much progression from our players as of yet," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said.

The youth on this year's Panther squad showed quite clearly throughout the second half, as Eastern proved they are not ready to play consistently for 40 minutes and come out on top against talented teams.

"When it comes right down to it we were just bullied around tonight," sophomore guard Josh Gomes said. "It came down to them as an experienced team versus our youth."

The effectiveness of the Panthers was significantly different from between the first half and the second half.

Early on, the Panthers were successful in managing the game the way they wanted to and were able to keep the game close as it went back and forth for much of the opening half. After both teams managed to answer each other after a couple of small runs, Eastern was only down 38-33 at the intermission.

The major reason for why Eastern managed to keep the game close was their defensive intensity. Usually the Flames love to get the ball into the hands of senior guard Martell Bailey and let him run the ball up and down the court. Bailey was good enough last year to lead the Horizon League in assists, and has been counted on heavily this year to lead his team.

The Panthers successfully backed off Bailey when he had the ball which forced him to slow down and turn the ball over. He only managed eight assists to his six turnovers.

In the second half, Flames head coach Jimmy Collins made an adjustment in which he put the ball in the hands of his post players, which became the difference between the two teams in the last 20 minutes of the game.

### More inside

◆ Panthers dominated in the paint and on the boards by Flames.

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Josh Gomes driving to the basket Tuesday night against UIC. Gomes ended with 19 points.

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EASTERN 84, ROBERT MORRIS 70

## Another 'W' for Wunder's bunch



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Junior Pam O'Connor lining up a free throw Tuesday night at Lantz Arena. O'Connor tied her career high with 26 points in a 84-70 win.

◆ O'Connor's career-high 26 leads Panthers to a win over another NAIA school to make them 2-1 at Lantz

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS EDITOR

Lauren Dailey got a birthday gift that had nothing to do with cake and ice cream. Eastern's senior guard racked up 16 points and 5 assists on her 22nd birthday as the Panthers defeated NAIA member Robert Morris College 84-70.

"I usually get a win on my birthday because I've had a game on this day since middle school," Dailey said.

Eastern (2-2) didn't dominate Robert Morris (1-9) in no way resembling its 90-point victory over fellow NAIA school Indiana-Northwest. The Panthers came out with an effort level that upset Eastern head coach Linda Wunder.

"I was a little disappointed with the intensity level being off a little bit tonight," Wunder said. "Quite frankly, we were not ready to play."

Junior center Pam O'Connor announced to the world that she was completely healthy and ready to lead the Panthers down low offensively. O'Connor achieved her career-high of 26 points for third time in an Eastern jersey.

"I just feel good to be back out there on the court," O'Connor said. "It wasn't the prettiest performance but a win is a win and we'll take it."

The 6-foot-2 power threat from Wood Dale, Ill. ended the contest 10 of 14 from the field and six of eight from the charity stripe.

"I figured she would come in and be a contributor right away," Wunder said. "Tonight was what I would consider a normal day at the office for Pam O'Connor."

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