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Panther pedigree

Beth Liesen receives First Team Regional honors, a Panther first

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IBHE will recommend Eastern get \$47 million

◆ Final decision on state appropriations still up to governor, general assembly

By Kevin Sampier

ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Illinois Board of Higher Education Tuesday approved a \$2.34 billion general funds budget that will now be sent to the Illinois General Assembly for approval.

The IBHE also approved Eastern's budget of \$47 million, the same amount it got last year.

The budget now goes to the appropriations committee in both the House and Senate, and then to Gov. Rod Blagojevich's Office of

Management and Budget for approval.

"The budget is put to bed as far as we're concerned," said IBHE Chair James Kaplan. The money public universities are going to get has been finalized, Kaplan said.

The budget was approved 13-0 by the board, said Don Sevener, communications director for the IBHE. One member was absent and one position on the 15-member board remains open.

"In view of the very difficult financial situation the state of Illinois is facing, the budget Eastern is recommended for is a good budget," Eastern President Lou Hencken said. "Because there was not a cut, I was pleased when I saw the recommendations."

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Kaplan said, "I don't think (Eastern) got hurt too much. It's pretty flat funding."

In the coming days, further approvals and discussion of the budget will continue.

"Our staff has a meeting with Appropriations the House Committee in the next few days," Kaplan said.

Administrators from state uni-

versities, including Eastern, are usually asked to testify before appropriations committees and explain their budget needs, said Jeff Cooley, vice president for

business affairs. During the meeting, which lasted almost three hours, there was not much debate on the budget issue, Kaplan said. "I think everybody had time to express their con-

cerns."

Sevener said the meeting "reflected that this is a budget that sets priorities in the classroom" and "helping students gain access to college.'

The budget "looks at access, affordability and accountability for spending wisely the dollars the tax payers provide," Sevener said.

Blagojevich makes his State of the Budget address Feb. 18 and the IBHE and university officials will know if they will face more budget cuts in FY 05.

"I'm going to hold my breath and wait to see what budget the governor will recommend two weeks from tomorrow," Hencken said.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS Chat Chatterji, assistant vice president for Information Technology Services, explains the inner

Mydoom virus attacking residence hall computers

By Julie Bourque

CAMPUS REPORTER

Another malicious Internet worm is squirming through campus, but the virus has only gotten as far as the residence halls this time

Mydoom, the virus affecting computers, has a similar format to the Blaster Worm and Welchia viruses that hit Eastern early last fall and late last summer. These viruses are in worm form and are backdoor viruses, according to Don Braswell, senior applications analyst at Eastern's Information Technology Services.

Eastern first noticed the severity of Mydoom late Sunday night and early Monday morning.

Chat Chatterji, assistant vice president for ITS, said the virus launches when one opens suspicious attachments that may look like they come from friends or other places where one may be familiar with the person.

Chatterji said when the e-mail is launched, a virus is launched as well. Then the virus launches and floods other computers with bogus e-mails and also opens ports on unprotected computers and a chain reaction, referred to as a worm, occurs.

Chatterji said Mydoom is recognized by virus software updated since the Blaster Worm and Welchia viruses hit.

Support specialist Chad Elliott said computer labs in Gregg Triad, Booth Library and the Instructional Technology Center, along with all other open computer labs on campus, were protected by the antivirus patch previously installed this past fall. For this reason, the computers on campus, excluding students' personal computers in the residence halls, have not been affected by Mydoom. Elliott said.

"The help desk is receiving and helping a numerous amount of students calling everyday," Braswell said. "We then refer them to the front desk of their residence hall, where they can find the instructional CDs we made for the removal of Mydoom."

Gregg Triad student workers Bill Behrns, David Hills, Matt Pollett, Matt Taylor, and Elliott worked together to burn 100 copies of an instructional CD to inform students of the proper procedure for the removal of Mydoom and installation of a patch, which prevents the virus from coming back.

The CDs distributed contain a program downloaded from the Symantec Web site, which explains the removal process for the virus and the installation process for the antivirus patch.

Chatterji wanted to make clear this virus is spreading through client based e-mail, such as Microsoft Outlook and Eudora. Web e-mail accounts, such as Hotmail and Yahoo, are safe to use.

Other than the client based e-mail, Chatterji said the Internet is accessible all over the campus, including the resident halls.

The client based e-mail and the ailments it brings will remain on campus until housing and dining services cleans up every computer. Chatterji said housing will have resident hall computers back on-line floor by floor.

Another point Chatterji wanted to stress was for students to keep their antivirus patches updated. Unless these patches are updated, the virus is able to return and cause the same problems.

"There are computers on campus that have patches and students who keep them updated," Chatterji said. "But, it's the few students who don't update or install the

workings of Eastern's network during a Faculty Senate meeting Jan. 20 in a conference room of Booth Library.

Mitsubishi being called upon to solve city water problems

◆ Compnay plans to install an ozone purification system to help improve water taste and odor

By Michael Schroeder CITY REPORTER

The City of Charleston is calling on Mitsubishi to further purify the water that will be flowing from the new water treatment plant.

The total cost of the water treatment project, will cost approximately \$9 million over a year and a half, said former Public Works Director Dean Barber, who is the main engineer for the new plant project.

Approximately \$500,000 worth of the \$9 million is planned to go to Mitsubishi Electric Power Products, Inc. for their ozone purification system.

Barber said the ozone purification system will improve the taste and odor of Charleston water. Mary Kay Nelson, a junior mathematics major,

said she and her roommates avoid drinking tap water because of its taste and smell.

"We have that Brita filter and we try to use the sink as little as possible," she said. "I bring my water from Chicago."

Neoga commuter student and junior biological sciences major, Vicky Cope said she does not drink water here because she is so accustomed to goodtasting water.

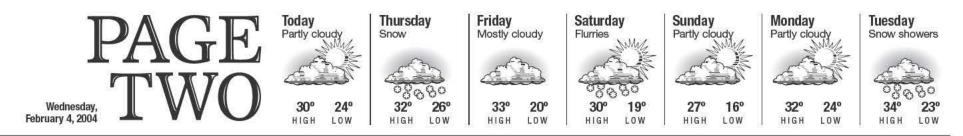
"I'm sure if I did drink it, I would notice," she said. "We have clear water purification and everyone who drinks it says it's some of the best in the area."

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patches that end up nurting every other computer in the dorms."



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY COLIN MCAULIFFE Proposed ozone purification project intended to make Charleston water better.



Learning to live life backwards

By Megan Jurinek ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Mark Orbe, a professor of communications at Western Michigan University, gave some important life lessons to a crowd of about 50.

Orbe said when things get you down, "you have to shake it off and step up.

He came to this conclusion after telling a story about how an elderly donkey was stuck in a dry well. Instead of freeing the donkey, the farmer decided to fill up the well with dirt and let the donkey die. But the donkey realized that if he shook off the dirt and stepped up that he would make it out.

Orbe's lecture was called, "Learning How to Live Your Life Backwards: How to Honor Those Who Came Before Us, and Pave the Way for Those That Follow." The lecture taught how to better prepare people for the future by looking to the past.

"Reconnecting with the past, living in the present and planning the future," said Orbe, were the main ideas.

"What I am going to do tonight specifically is talk about learning to live your life backwards," Orbe said.

What Orbe meant by this is that everything that a person does now directly reflects their future. An example he used was if a student earned mediocre grades in high school, then college would be hard because they will be behind in classes that other students have already taken.

Throughout the night Orbe discussed three specific modes for living that included being a survivor, being successful or being significant.

People who live for drama are survivors

"They thrive off drama and when there is no drama they find or make

"If you know yourself, you will know how far to look into the future."

-Mark Orbe

drama," Orbe said.

These are the people constantly focused on today, Orbe said. The next category is people who need to feel successful.

"These are the people who constantly manage their time and do anything to make a difference," said Orbe.

Orbe said it was best not to get caught up in success.

Lastly the "significant" people are the ones who know how to watch the struggle.

This means that people who let things take their course will have a significant mind set for the future.

Not only did Orbe talk about how to live for the future, he talked about the past.

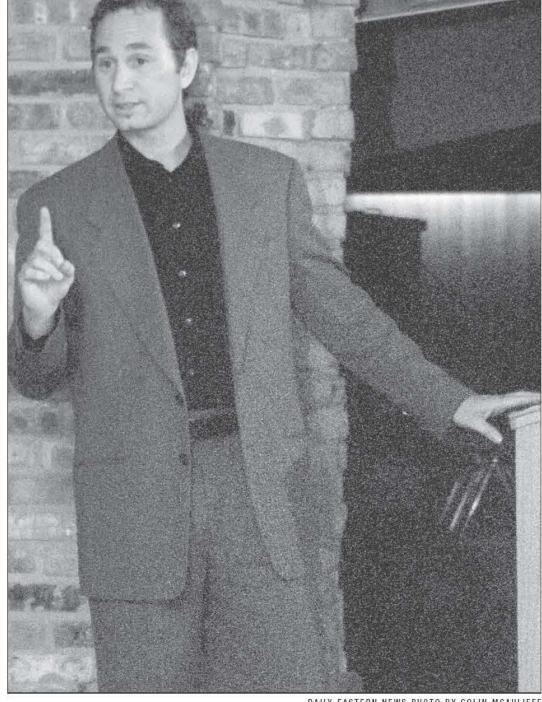
Orbe spoke about important people who have shaped Black History.

However, they were not the famous people most often thought of. Instead they were people who did great things, but were less known for them.

People such as Phillis Wheatly, the first African American who had her poetry published in 1767 at only 20years-old. During this time, African Americans were slaves and considered not able to write poetry.

Orbe also mentioned how he thought that Black History month was not only for African Americans, but for all Americans because people still have much to learn.

Orbe wrapped up his speech saying, "If you know yourself, you will know how far to look into the future," in order to better the present.



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Dr. Mark Orbe of the communications department, talks to students and faculty about learning to live life backwards and honor those that came before us. Orbe talked about Claudette Colbin, a 15-year-old girl who refused to get out of her seat in a bus in Birmingham, Ala., in 1955 just before Rosa Parks.

Lesica: Senate to put committee bylaw to work

By Brian O'Malley STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate will put its recent bylaw change to work Wednesday by having three motions given to its committees for discussion before senate discussion

The bylaw change, written by Student Senate Speaker George Lesica and passed Jan. 21, states that any form of resolution or motion will be designated to a specific committee to discuss before senate gets a hold of the motion.

ing of legislation an easier process," Lesica said.

Three motions are on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting for Lesica to explain to the senate.

One of the motions is to approve the compensation of the Senate secretary Christine Ruhaak, who has worked for three weeks and The hasn't received pay. Apportionment Board approved on Jan. 22 to move \$400 from a left-

If approved, Ruhaak will be the first senate secretary paid at Eastern.

That matter will be given to the Tuition and Fees Review Committee chaired by Nikki Kull, Lesica said. Another motion will be to approve amendments and revisions to the University Board ences or meetings to present a report and hold a forum when they return, Lesica said. "They would have to have an

ticipants in fee-funded confer-

open forum about the same issues they discussed at the meeting," Lesica said. "They would also have to submit a formal report in writing.

Beckie Diehl, member of the Tuition and Fees Review Committee, wrote the proposed bylaw change, which will be discussed by her committee.

been chosen to go to the conference on Student Government Associations Feb. 21-24 and already planned to present a report and hold a forum about the information he received.

"I already planned on doing that, but then Beckie Diehl wrote the bylaw so I would have to (write the report)," Howell said. "So, I have no problem with it because I was going to do that anyway."

The Student Senate meets at Wednesday in the p.m. Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"It was made to make the pass-

over account into a payroll amount in order to pay Ruhaak \$25 a week, Lesica said.

"She does a lot of work and deserves to get paid," he said.

discussed by the Student Relations Committee chaired by Jessica Huber.

Lesica said that matter will be

bylaws.

The third motion is a bylaw change, which would require par-

Adam Howell, chair for the Shuttle Bus Committee, said he has

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Trouble for Tundra looms

 Parking taskforce considers possibilities to remedy spaces

By Brian O'Malley

STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Residence Hall Association/Student The Government joint parking task force met for the first time Tuesday and discussed adding more parking space on campus.

The parking task force, chaired by Student Senate member Adam Howell, joins representatives from senate and RHA to represent the student body together

RHA parking representative Becca Finks, said the tundra located between Seventh and Ninth streets east of Thomas Hall could be turned into a parking lot to defer parking from the South Quad.

Howell said the lot would cost a lot of money, but it would be worthwhile.

"It's expensive, but if it relieves the parking situation, it's a good idea," Howell said. "That's a very big possibility.'

the basketball and tennis courts located near the tun-

"Quite frankly, I think they're a waste of space,"

The task force discussed the amount of parking

"Eastern's main recruiting thing is that you can

The task force also discussed how off-campus stu-

"The off-campus students are really the ones who

The task force was put together by Howell and Bill

Davidson, student executive vice president. Its main

objective is to give RHA, senate and students as a

whole more of a voice in the way the parking situation

"We should have more of a legitimate voice in the

The members agreed that putting RHA and senate

"I think it's definitely necessary that we work

Association/Student

together will help work get done faster so the two

Hall

Government joint parking task force meets at 6 p.m.

Tuesday in the Paris Room of the Martin Luther King

dents drive to class more than on-campus students do,

which is why off-campus students can't find parking.

are upset with the parking situation," Finks said.

(General Parking) committee," Finks said.

groups are not conflicting with each other.

together on this," Finks said.

The Residence

Jr. University Union.

spaces allocated to faculty members alone, when

said. "That's going to cost a lot of money."

Rуa n Herdes, senate member and force task member, said he would talk a person to from Facilities Planning and Management to see if the idea of paving over the tundra has ever been considered Finks said she has not seen a lot of students using

dra.

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Finks said.

a good idea.

is handled.

bring a car here."

"The faculty can already park anywhere so why don't they just allocate more lots to students." -Becca Finks, RHA parking representative

House Democratic hopefuls square off

By Charity Davis STAFF WRITER

As the Illinois primaries quickly approach, 16 people gathered in Coleman Hall Tuesday night to discuss pertinent election issues with Democrats David Gill and Ralph Langenheim who are run-House the U.S. ning for Representatives.

Gill, 43, an emergency room physician, entered the room with smiles and confidence. The current state of congress frustrates him and he would like to see a change. Gill's primary concern during this campaign is health care.

Gill said that 44 million people are uninsured. His plan is for the average person to pay 10 percent from his income and attribute it toward health care, ultimately saving \$220 billion per year.

"No more pharmacy bills or doctor bills. We are the only developed nation on Earth that doesn't have a National Health Care Program," Gill said.

Langenheim, 81, teaches geology at the University of Illinois in Champaign. His primary concern is controlling students' debt after graduation.

He believes people of legal age should participate in the National Service for



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

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Dr. David Gill discusses what he would change in Bush's environmental policies as Ralph Langenheim listens Tuesday evening in 2140 Coleman Hall. The two men are in contention for the congressional ticket in the 15th Congressional District, and the winner will face off against Tim Johnson.

two years and be guaranteed a two year scholarship to college.

Langenheim is running because, Congress needs a few combat veterans. They need an educator and a person who's experienced in foreign affairs. I could put up or shut up and I've decided to put up," he said.

Langenheim said the purpose of higher

education is based on abilities not money and Gill agrees. Gill said college is a way to teach students to learn, not necessarily how to become experts in any given field.

Gill is upset about President George Bush's decision on Pell Grants. He thinks more money should be given toward education

Project updates now a click away

By Kevin Sampier ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Tuesday, the Faculty Senate was given an update of several projects on campus from members of Facilities

FACULTY SENATE

Business Manager Jim Nantz told the senate the status of more than 150 campus projects can be checked because of online a redesigned Web page for facilities "that just went online last week.'

Among the projects is a utility upgrade and air conditioner replacement for Weller Hall. The utility upgrade will be fenced off and the fences will run through the Booth Library Quad, Nantz said.

last from May to August 2004.

for facilities, said window replacements in Blair Hall have been underfunded in the past and are now being funded with deferred maintenance dollars. Replacing the windows will present several obstacles, including time.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY JOSH REELEY Reed Benedict and Bud Fischer listen during Tuesday afternoon's faculty senate meeting in a conference room of the Booth Library.

"It's going to take us two or three years to get through the building," Shrake said.

Replacing windows in the Physical Science Building will cost around \$1.5 million and since a part of the building is considered historic, remodeling rules will apply, Shrake said.

Gary Hanebrink, chief safety officer for facilities,

said several safety projects are underway, including the installation of sprinkler systems, and a WebCT course on safety and occupancy in classrooms.

Hanebrink also gave senate members "the dirty news about EPA the (Environmental Protection Agency) visit."

The EPA came to Eastern

"to do a multimedia inspection of land, air and ground pollutants," Hanebrink said. "We're cleaning up those things we're not doing the best in."

The Faculty Senate discussed an upcoming faculty forum called "Building a Learning Community for EIU.'

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter and other senate members decided the forum will address three areas, "Scholarships at EIU, EIU and Charleston-Building Strength for Quality of Life, and International Programs and Life at EIU," Carpenter said.

The forum is scheduled for 2 p.m. Feb. 24 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Athletic Task Force Chair Gail Richard answered more questions from senate members about a presentation she made last week.

The Faculty Senate meets at 2 p.m. Tuesdays in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440..

there are many more students than faculty. "The faculty can already park anywhere, so why don't they just allocate more lots to students," Finks RHA has received information about giving more Planning and Management. spots to upperclassmen, but Finks said it wouldn't be We can't limit underclassmen parking," Finks

The project is expected to Steve Shrake, architect

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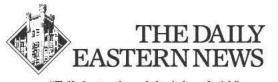
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Property could help parking

The Board of Trustees will recommend properties at 1616 and 1618 Ninth Street for purchase at the Friday board meeting so the lots can be converted into parking spaces.

The BOT should strongly consider approving a purchase that could be a step toward helping complicated parking issues on campus.

The Zoo is one of the property's buildings to be torn down. Used as a fraternity house in the past, it is currently unoccupied.

Parking has been an issue discussed by city

At issue

campus.

Our stance

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residents, investigated by the university and debated by students and faculty. There have been more parking passes sold on campus than there are spaces for a long time. Also, construction on campus has moved around the available spaces.

More than 20 Eastern students returned to an empty Hardee's parking lot after their cars had

been towed in December. Many students said they had previously parked there since the beginning of the semester without any problems because they could not find available parking on campus.

Southern Illinois University said the campus has similar parking problems as Eastern and found the problem to be an issue of drivers searching for "convenient parking," *The Daily Eastern News* reported last semester

Taking issue over where to park, not finding a space and walking too far between buildings remain parking concerns at Eastern each passing year, but creating the additional parking is a step toward an improvement. The cost of the property was determined by an independent third-party appraisal and an "acquisition of property in this area is consistent with the general objectives for parking and vehicular traffic patterns stated in the Campus Master Plan," the BOT agenda states. The cost, if purchased, would be \$336,325, including the property, part of the cost of razing and removal of the structures and part of the appraisal fee, according to the agenda.

Students have voice with survey



Student vicepresident for academic affairs and guest columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*

Eastern News Sartore also is a junior political science major

She can be reached at cuaks@eiu.edu university? There has to be some reason that you are here and have stayed here. There are plenty of other universities or schools that you could be attending. What is it that you value at Eastern Illinois University? Is it the small class sizes, accessibility of faculty, commitment to life-long learners or shared governance? I know these are some

Ask yourself, why am I at this

of the things that I value. Every ten years the university must go through a process called accreditation. This process assures the public that the university is functioning to the best of its ability and that your and your parents' tax dollars are being spent wisely.

Now you are asking yourself "So, what does this have to do with me?" Without this accreditation, the university would not be able to participate as an institution of higher learning, or in simpler terms, it would not be able to hold classes.

Without this endorsement, there would be no Eastern Illinois University. Students, faculty members, staff members and administrators have been working diligently for months to assure that this uni"Without this accreditation, the university would not be able to participate as an institution of higher learning, or in simpler terms, it would not be able to hold classes."

versity maintains its accreditation.

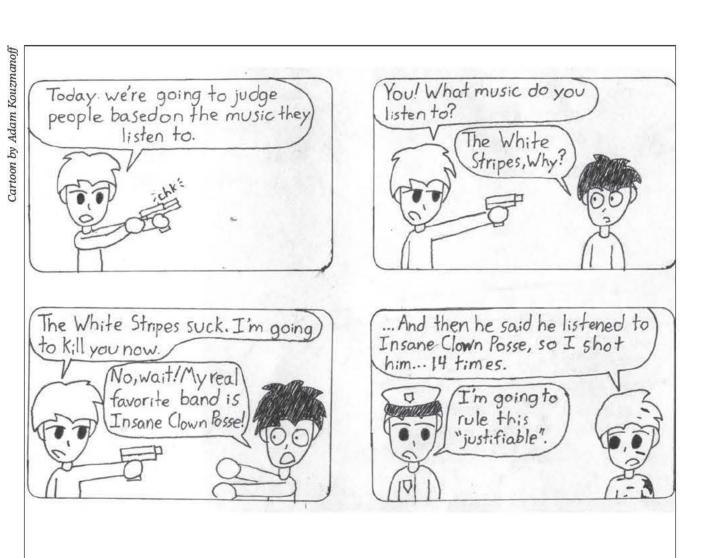
A survey is now being circulated to gauge opinion and feelings from all constituencies on campus. The university wants to know what you think of EIU. Everyone has an opinion or can state facts; this is all this survey is asking of you.

A team of professionals will actually be coming to campus in 2005 to see if what we say is true. This is not a survey for Student Government that I am trying to endorse; it is a survey that all of us should be interested in taking because it will allow these people to see what we really think. The results of this survey are not going to be sugarcoated to make us look better, it will be used to gain information on an anonymous level as to what the different constituencies on campus really believe.

Students have say on this campus whether you realize it or not. The university as a whole is being looked at and the university as a whole is therefore being asked to participate. If you want to say why you are here and what you think could be changed, then fill out this survey. It is easy and it only takes 10 to 15 minutes.

I think we can all take one 15minute break within the threeweek time span and fill out this survey. We all have a vested interest in this institution or we would not be here. I have never understood why someone would enroll in college and not go to class and utilize all the resources that are offered. College is quite possibly the only thing people will pay for and not get everything possible out of it. After you figure out why you are here, tell the university. Fill out the online survey at

http://cats.eiu.edu/nca/survey/ before February 16, 2004.



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The costs are worth the gain.

Though adding this single lot won't solve all parking problems on campus, it will make a dent if the the board recommends the purchase and the property is sold to the university.

The purchase proposal is a start toward improving both student, staff and faculty parking.

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

Gay marriage not frightening

In his State of the Union Address, President Bush said, "If judges insist on forcing their arbitrary will upon the people, the only alternative left to the people would be the constitutional process."

Essentially, President Bush defined his stance on gay marriage as one of defending the "sanctity of marriage," and that passing a constitutional amendment might be the next step to insuring that marriage stays between a man and a woman.

What is he afraid of? Why is it possible for a man and

a woman living here in Charleston to go up to the county clerk's office with valid IDs and \$15, and obtain a marriage license? Why isn't it possible for a same sex couple to do the same?

According to Illinois State Law, it is illegal for members of the same sex to be married. Is there any other reason? Nope.

Since it's a law, then it must be good enough, right?

When the constitution was written, it said only white male landowners had the right to vote. Laws are correct, but they are not

always right.

What are they afraid of?

This country was originally conceptualized to give freedom and rights to all people equally, and over the years we have seen that happen.

So why can't same sex couples have the same basic right of marriage that everyone else has?

Just as women's rights

and African American's rights were major turning points in our country's history, so are the rights of all homosexual men and women.

What are you afraid of?

Charles E. Rice, Jr. senior music major

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CITY COUNCIL New rehab requests granted in TIF districts

♦ Jackson Avenue Coffee among those planning to expand business

By Jessica Youngs CITY EDITOR

Five requests for sensible rehabilitation within the city's tax increment financing district were granted at last night's city council meeting.

Mayor Dan Cougill said rather than hand out the provisions separately, it was more convenient to lump all of the requests together once a year.

All of the rehabilitation applicants received grants between \$4,000 and \$8,000 to cover their rehabilitation expenses. Most of the grants were given along with a matching loan that, when repaid, will be used to furnish future sensible rehabilitation grants.

The only organization not given loan was the Community Services Foundation, which plans to use its grant to install handicap doors at its 521 Seventh St. location.

The council decided not to provide the foundation with a loan to match its \$4,200 grant because it is a non-profit organization, Director of Public Works Jeff Finley said.

The money will be used for numerous renovation projects on buildings in the city's tax increment financing district.

For example, Terry and Carol Roy were granted \$5,800 in a matching loan and grant to fix-



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From Lincoln Ave. to Polk St. on Ninth Street is on close watch by the city council. The council may decide to make Ninth Street a one-way street going northbound.

up old dry cleaners located at 616 Sixth St., Cougill said. In addition, he said the \$3,400

given to Clinton Campbell in the loan and grant form will be used for plumbing and external work

on two locations within the district.

Ryan Kyle and Dulcy Dianne

Dawson, the owners of Jackson Avenue Coffee, 708 Jackson Ave., received \$8,000 to expand their business

"The (expansion) is a necessity out of people crowding (the busi-ness)," Cougill said. "I applaud them on their coffee house.'

Both the mayor and Council member Larry Rennels said they have gone to the coffee house on several occasions and found it crowded with people.

The final recipient, Tina M. Grissom, received a matching grant and loan in the amount of \$7,000 to be used toward her building located within the district at 509 Seventh St.

In other business:

 An amendment to eliminate parking on both sides of Ninth Street from Lincoln Avenue to Polk Street because stop light construction was placed on file for public inspection.

 A bid for new granular activated carbon used to purify city water was granted to Carbon Activated Corp. in the amount of \$19,890.

• A franchise was granted to the Charleston Parks and Recreation Department to allow them to conduct the annual Friendly City Five-Mile Foot Race on May 8.

• An agreement between the city and Excel Building Services to provide janitorial services to City Hall, the Charleston Police Department and the Lincoln-Douglas Debate was authorized.

African American Heritage Banquet ticket sales extended

STAFF REPORT

Ticket sales have been extended until noon on Thursday, Feb. 5 for this African-American year's Heritage Celebration Banquet. They can be purchased for \$14 per person (\$6 for children 6-12 years old and Eastern students with Panther Card Identification) through Eastern's ticket box office.

Tickets can be ordered by phone at 581-5122 or in person

at the box office located on the second floor of the west side in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cash, check, Visa and MasterCard are accepted.

The banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Grand Ballroom of the Union and will feature "soul food" cuisine and storytelling. A merchandise showcase from Diallo Tailoring & African Clothes of Chicago.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY JOSH REELEY

Cram time

From left: Junior finance majors Mike Bleke, Jon Kurak, Brian Kappel, and Mike Monaco study Tuesday afternoon in a study room of Booth Library.

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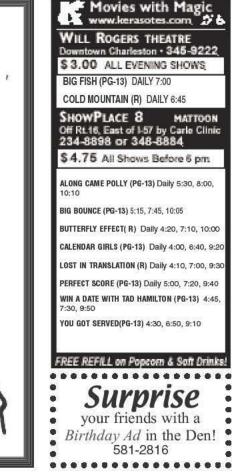
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"My hope is the (governor's) budget office and the governor's office will see fit to accept these recommendations.'

A plan to reduce administration costs at public universities by 25 percent each year took effect in 2002 and will end in 2005, Sevener said. So far, the reductions have generated \$73 million that will instead be spent on faculty salaries, education and health insurance, Sevener said.

By the end of FY 05, the total amount saved will be \$100.6 million. The money would not be spent on more administration, Kaplan said.

Hencken said if this money is approved, Eastern will spend it on employee salaries and other areas.

"There are many needs for that money," Hencken said.

Water:

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Charleston will be using the ozone process for odor and taste purposes at the surface water plant, Barber said. Ozone is used all over the United States and Europe; however, there is no surface water plant in Central Illinois currently using this treatment process.

In an October interview, Mayor Dan Cougill said the city wants to make the best water in the state of Illinois it can.

"When you treat water with (ozone) it acts as a disinfectant, much like chlorine," Barber said.

Introducing ozone to the water results in a reaction that attacks organic compounds in the water and destroys them, he said.

"Right now, the Environmental Protection Agency is asking us to do a oneyear pilot study on ozone," Barber said.

The plant will be using a year-long model example of ozone's reactions with its water and submitting results for EPA approval.

"Basically, we need to see what effects the ozone has on Lake Charleston," Barber said

Rovers provide super-sized Mars photos

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Thirty pints of ink, 3,000 square feet of photographic paper - and counting.

That's what NASA has burned through printing otherworldly, super-sized pictures of Mars, that are sent to dozens of museums, many of which display them immediately. It's part of NASA's aggressive effort to promote interest in the Red Planet and the agency's stunning photos.

The martian landscapes appear just as big and colorful as those seen by NASA's twin rovers, Spirit and Opportunity, 130 million miles away.

The largest photograph NASA has printed so far is a monster panorama as long as a motorhome.

"Bigger is better," said engineer Myche McAuley, who works in the image processlab at NASA's Jet Propulsion ing Laboratory.

Each rover carries nine cameras, from the panoramic to the microscopic. There are more cameras on Mars today than ever before.

"It was always our intent to build a set of cameras capable of revealing Mars just as if you were standing there," said Cornell University astronomer Steve Squyres, the mission's main scientist. "But it's hard to find a display medium that does it justice." An Imax movie is in the works. Until it's

in theaters, there's engineer Kris Capraro. Working in a cramped room at JPL,

Capraro steadily produces the largest photographs NASA has ever printed during an ongoing space mission.

To do so, he runs two oversized Hewlett-Packard Co. ink jet printers, costing about \$20,000 apiece. Each is loaded with rolls of paper 5 feet wide and 100 feet long. He's used six of the rolls so far - part of the price of feeding the enormous public appetite for new pictures from Mars.

The public is who foots the bill, and what they're most interested in are the pictures," Capraro said.

His output includes a 39-foot panorama that gives a 360-degree, three-dimensional view of Spirit's landing site in Gusev Crater. The sweeping mosaic, hanging in a JPL conference room, contains 176 million individual picture elements, or pixels.

"It looks like the horizon on the wall," Capraro said of the picture, printed from a 504-megabyte computer file.

NASA shoots most of the images to the Web as soon as it receives them. It also packages and ships them to 150 museums and planetariums around the country, including the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., and the Hayden Planetarium in New York.

Eventually, scientists hope to create a panorama of Opportunity's landing site that can be projected in planetariums, since the crater it landed in just happens to

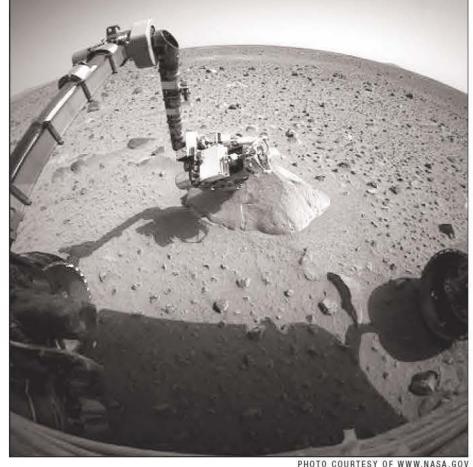
be the same size as a typical planetarium dome.

Today's technology is a far cry from 1965 when scientists actually used crayons to color tiny strips of paper to create Mars photos. Their crayon color choices were based on long strings of digits representing the 21 pictures transmitted by Mariner 4.

'God, talk about labor intensive," said Jurrie Van der Woude, a retired image coordinator for JPL who helped glue together and hand-color those first Mariner pictures.







NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Parents plead for return of missing girl

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — The FBI joined the search Tuesday for an 11-year-old girl whose apparent abduction was videotaped by a car wash surveillance camera, and the youngster's parents pleaded for her safe return.

"Please release Carlie. Please give me my baby," begged Carlie Brucia's mother, Susan Schorpen.

The sixth-grader was seen on videotape being led away by a man as she took a shortcut behind a closed car wash on her way home from a friend's house Sunday night.

The sheriff's department is working with the FBI, state law enforcement authorities and the Center for Missing and Exploited Children. More than 100 calls from the public have come in, and an unidentified company offered a \$25,000 reward for information.

Star witness tells of Stewart stock tip

NEW YORK (AP) — A young ex-brokerage assistant testified Tuesday that his boss ordered him to pass a secret tip to Martha Stewart that led the style maven to trigger her well-timed sale of ImClone Systems stock.

Douglas Faneuil, the government's star witness in the case, said broker Peter Bacanovic ordered him to alert Stewart on Dec. 27, 2001, that the family of ImClone founder Sam Waksal was dumping its shares.

Faneuil said he told Bacanovic, who was on vacation in Florida, about a flurry of selling by the Waksals that morning. He said Bacanovic blurted out: "Oh my God, get Martha on the phone."

Waksal later admitted that he had advance knowledge that the Food and Drug Administration was about to reject an ImClone drug application — a decision that sent the stock on a sharp decline.

Faneuil, who was manning Bacanovic's desk at Merrill Lynch & Co. on Dec. 27, testified that he took calls before 10 a.m. from Waksal's accountant and Waksal's two daughters — all demanding that Faneuil sell their ImClone shares.

Kerry wins Delaware, Missouri, Arizona; Edwards captures South Carolina

(AP) — John Kerry rolled up big victories in delegate-rich Missouri, Arizona and two other states to solidify his position as Democratic presidential frontrunner. John Edwards countered by taking his native South Carolina in a dramatic seven-state contest Tuesday.

Edwards and Wesley Clark were a few hundred votes apart in Oklahoma, with Kerry close behind in the closest race of the night and a critical test for Edwards, who hopes to prove his presidential mettle outside the South. Howard Dean was shut out along with Joe Lieberman, who dropped out of the race.

dropped out of the race. "It's a huge night," Kerry told The Associated Press. "I'm stunned by it."

Racking up victories in Missouri, Arizona, North Dakota and Delaware, Kerry dismissed Edwards' singular win.

"I compliment John Edwards, but I think you have to run a national campaign, and I think that's what we've

Suspicious powder found at Connecticut postal facility, envelope addressed to Republicans

WALLINGFORD, Conn. (AP) — Angry and frightened postal workers awaited test results Tuesday on a mysterious powder found at the same mail distribution center where anthrax was discovered in 2001.

The coarse, gray powder was found Monday night, leaking out of an envelope addressed to the Republican National Committee. The susbtance was discovered about the time a white powder later identified as the lethal poison ricin was found in Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist's office in Washington.

The Wallingford center remained open Tuesday while the powder was tested by the state Department of Public Health, and no workers were reported sickened. Some of the powder was sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

"At this point in time, we do not know lo

shown tonight," the four-term Massachusetts senator said. "You can't cherry-pick the presidency."

Missouri and Arizona were the night's biggest prizes, with 129 delegates — nearly half of the 269 pledged delegates at stake Tuesday. An AP analysis showed Kerry winning 52, Edwards 42 and 175 yet to be allocated.

In state after state, Kerry won among voters who wanted a candidate with experience or who could beat President Bush, exit polls showed.

Edwards had said he must win South Carolina, and he did by dominating among voters who said they most value a candidate who cares about people like them.

"We won South Carolina in a resounding fashion and won both the African-American and white vote in South Carolina, and we go from here to other states — Michigan, Virginia and

what substances the powder may contain, and there is no information at this time to connect this substance to the reports of ricin found in Washington, D.C.," said Dr. J. Robert Galvin, state health commissioner.

Police: Student found dead in Florida middle school bathroom

MIAMI (AP) — A 14-year-old boy was apparently stabbed to death in a school bathroom Tuesday, and another student was taken into custody.

Other teenagers discovered Jaime Rodrigo Gough in a boys' restroom at Southwood Middle School at about 8:30 a.m.

Miami-Dade Police Director Carlos Alvarez said that the boy had suffered "some sort of cutting incident," and that the weapon was found. He would not elaborate.

As of late afternoon, the student in custody had not been charged.

Other children at the school were locked in their classrooms with their Tennessee," Edwards told the AP. "It's very easy to lay out the map to get us to the nomination."

To the roar of his supporters, Edwards declared, "The politics of lifting people up beats the politics of beating people down."

Clark, a retired Army general from Arkansas, needed a victory in neighboring Oklahoma to keep his candidacy alive. As the votes were being counted, Clark told reporters, "This could be over. It could be a long way from over, and it could be impacted tomorrow by something we don't know about."

Dean won nothing but a handful of delegates, and advisers privately acknowledged that his chances for a political revival were slim at best.

"We're going to have a tough night," Dean told supporters as he promised to keep "going and going and going and going — just like the Energizer bunny."

teachers as a precaution for most of the day before they were sent home in the afternoon. More than 150 worried parents gathered outside.

R.I.'s largest private employer, at center of probe into influence

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — From the University of Rhode Island's sparkling Ryan Center, named after CVS Corp.'s top executive, to the familiar red signs that dot the landscape, the nation's second-largest drugstore chain is a clear economic force in the smallest state.

Yet CVS' behind-the-scenes political clout may be even stronger.

A furor has erupted at the Statehouse over the recent disclosure that CVS — Rhode Island's largest private employer — had secret business dealings with some lawmakers.

The uproar has spurred the resignation of the state Senate president and led to an investigation by the Rhode Island attorney general — himself a former CVS lobbyist.





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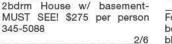
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EASTERN STUDENT OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION: Meeting Wed. Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. in Student Rec Center Conference Room. We will be having food and a guest speaker. All are welcome to attend. For addition info call the IM office at 581-7000.

EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA: Business meeting Feb. 4 at 5:30 in Charleston Mattoon Room in Union.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFS Political appointee accused of driver's license corruption

CHICAGO (AP) - Apparently undaunted by six years of scandal over drivers license bribery and corruption, a political patronage appointee in the secretary of state's office has been shaking down motorists who wanted their suspended licenses reinstated, federal officials say.

John McGowan, 34, of Chicago appeared in court Tuesday charged with pocketing \$800 in bribes over the past three months as an executive assistant in the office of Secretary of State Jesse White.

Motorists paid McGowan hundreds of dollars to get their licenses back, even though some were eligible to have the licenses reinstated for free or only a nominal fee, agents said

The charges against McGowan bring to 68

the number of people charged in the government's six-year Operation Safe Road investigation of drivers license bribery and other corruption.

White spokesman David Druker, however, emphasized that White's office had not only cooperated in the probe but turned up the initial evidence and given it to federal prosecutors.

Agents said they had received a report concerning the alleged payoffs from Jim Burns, a former U.S. attorney in Chicago who is now inspector general under White.

More than 30 former state employees, including former Gov. George Ryan, have been charged and at least 18 sent to prison as a result of the federal investigation.

Much of the corruption took place when

Ryan was secretary of state. McGowan, however, was hired as a \$45,864-a-year executive assistant after White became secretary of state in 1999

Druker said McGowan was hired partly as a favor to his mother, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Barbara McGowan, and also because he was qualified for the post by his education and made a good showing in his job interviews

White told an afternoon news conference in Springfield that he saw no problem in hiring McGowan on his mother's recommendation.

"No, he's a college grad," White said. "She is a lady who we've known for a long time and he came with impeccable credentials. Who would have thought he would stray off the beaten path?"

"He has been caught and he shall be prosecuted - all I can do is pray for him and wish him well," White said.

The job — which is not covered by the state's personnel code and thus doesn't afford McGowan civil service-style protections - involved analyzing the records of individuals whose licenses had been suspended to determine which ones were eligible to have their licenses reinstated.

Druker said McGowan is on unpaid leave pending termination proceedings.

An affidavit attached to the criminal complaint against McGowan said two cooperating witnesses wore concealed recording equipment when they discussed payoffs with him.

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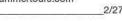
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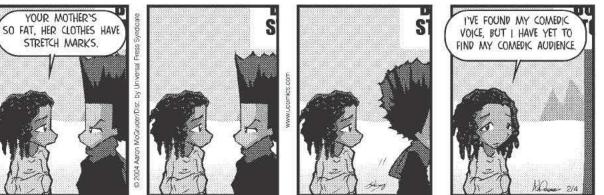
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Panthers closer than they appears

By Matthew Stevens SPORTS EDITOR

One would think being in ninth place wouldn't be positive for the Panthers halfway through the season.

Head coach Linda Wunder and company are proving a positive outlook can be found in the situation.

"Everybody is kinda bunched up in the middle and we face all those teams very soon," Wunder said.

The Ohio Valley Conference is so close from third to ninth that the Panthers sit in ninth position, currently out of playoff contention. They are two games back of third place and one game out of fifth.

"Everybody is kinda in the same boat because anybody can beat anybody in the OVC," Wunder said.

Eastern is currently coming off an Alabama road trip where it split the pair of games but seemed as if their stay lasted longer than a weekend.

"It was two different environments and it felt like more than two games," Wunder said. "It helps that Jacksonville State is a very good team."

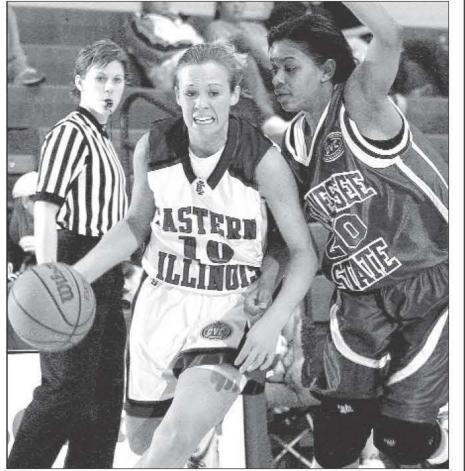
A scary team Wunder will see down the line on Feb. 18 at Lantz Arena is the Morehead State Eagles.

"They are playing really well of those teams in that big pack, winning three of four on its road swing," Wunder said.

The OVC will not have a good chance of getting a pair of teams in the NCAA Tournament come March because they lack a dominant second team. Wunder believes a team to impress her even more could be Jacksonville State if they prove it on the road this week.

"No, we're not that good of a conference," Wunder said. "I'd like to see (Jacksonville State) in a different environment and they've got Tech and Peay on the road this week."

Wunder also is a believer that the future of Eastern basketball is bright with having three freshmen, Megan Casad, Melanie Ploger and Megan Scaggs in the starting lineup along with sophomore Megan Sparks coming off the bench.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Junior guard Sara Riva drives around a Tennessee State defender in Eastern's 79-49 win at Lantz Arena January 17. Eastern is currently in ninth place in the Ohio Valley Conference, but is only two games behind third-place Tennessee Tech and Morehead State.

"They have a lot of potential and the key will be if they stay hungry," Wunder said. "These kids have battled and are good kids."

The one injury problem continues to be the shin splints of Scaggs which Wunder isn't worried about.

"It's an ongoing thing and she needs rest," Wunder said. "We've got four games

in eight games so I gave an extra day off." If Eastern can sneak into the OVC Tournament one could assume that they are a dangerous team with at least six players with the talent to put up double figures.

"We proved that point at Austin Peay and the more we play consistently, the more dangerous we can be," Wunder said.

Ready: Young players, transfers help round off pitching staff

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"Kyle's knockout pitch is his curveball," Schmitz said. "We got some guys this year with pretty good breaking balls."

"He's a real competitor," Rosenthal said. "He'll go out and give you everything he's got.

"I've seen Kyle get mad after getting three outs because it wasn't perfect," Rosenthal said. "He wants to be flawless."

Kirk Miller had a rough year last year with an era of 10.72 and 20 bases on balls while only striking out 13 batters in 22.2 innings.

"Kirk is more of a fastball pitcher," Schmitz said.

"Kirk is a leader by his actions," Rosenthal said. "What he does on the mound makes him a leader.

"He has a really good fastball and his change up has come along since the fall," Rosenthal said. "Locating his pitches has been a problem in the past but if he continues to throw strikes, he'll have a great season."

Freshman Chris Vaculik from Providence Catholic High School and McHenry College transfer, Ted Juske round out the rotation. Freshman Brian Long, also from Providence Catholic, may see some starts this season as well.

"Ted has a great curve ball that makes left handed batters' knees buckle," Rosenthal said.

Rosenthal said if Vaculik can find a way to locate his fastball, he'll be very effective this season.

Schmitz said all of his pitchers have different mentalities when they get up on that mound, but one thing they have in common is they all want to win.

"Kyle is serious, Jared is laid back and you can't tell what's on his mind," Schmitz said. "We tried to make Kuntz a competitive bulldog but you can't change personalities, you just have to go with them."

Rosenthal said the good thing about the pitchers is though their personalities differ, they are all close on and off the field.

"The team concept is really kicking in here," Rosenthal said. "When a starting pitcher leaves the game, I think he'll feel confident his buddy will finish it out."





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Alicia Harris

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By Michael Gilbert ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

If Eastern's junior sprinter Alicia Harris sounds like a broken record there certainly is a good reason why, and the constant repetition isn't with her mouth but with her feet. That was the case last week-end at the EIU Quadrangular meet when Harris broke the school mark in the 60-meter dash with sheer speed, poise and determination that produced a blazing time of 7.64 seconds. Harris' sprint was well ahead of second-place finisher Sherlonda Johnson (7.79) from Austin Peay State University to obtain the victory and the new Eastern top spot. The EIU Quadrangular was the first time Harris competed com-petitively in the 60-meter dash since last season. Her new school record wasn't a shock to Eastern coaches Mary Wallace and Tom Akers who said the junior has been running phenomenally

all year. "Alicia is off to a tremen-dous start to the indoor season," Wallace said. "She worked very hard all fall and is really running well.

> Akers needed only few words to describe Harris' performance to date.

In only her sophomore year, Alicia Harris has broken multiple school records, including her own.

"Obviously she's been outstand-ing; that pretty much sums it up." Shattering school records is nothing new to Harris. The Wheaton North graduate broke both the 200-meter dash and the 400-meter dash within a matter of weeks in February of 2003. This season she broke her record in the 400-meter with a time of 56.01 400-meter with a time of 56.01 against Indiana State on Dec. 13.

against Indiana State on Dec. 13. Harris also set the new best 600-meter time (1:34.36) last month at the EIU Mega Meet. "Breaking the 600-meter meant the most to me," Harris said. "But setting the record in the 60 (meter dash) was very surprising very surprising because it was my first time running it all

year." #1 Athlete of the Wee Statistically speaking, Harris fastest has the Panther times in the 60, 200, 400 and 600-meter dash this year. Which begs the question; is Harris the fastest women's runner the coaching has ever seen?

"I have not witnessed a faster runner than Alicia here at Eastern," said Akers, whose been a member of Eastern's staff since 1983

Wallace has assisted at major programs like Arkansas and Rice as well as Midwest schools including Central Michigan and Illinois State over the past 15 years, but comments Harris is right up there with the best runners she has been around

"I've worked with a few com-petitors equal to Alicia," Wallace said. "It's really their work ethic and commitment to success that sets them apart from the rest."

Harris' work ethic involves some long distance training and cross training. When the weather turns warmer she'll go on morn-ing runs and then head to practice. "On Monday, Wednesday and

Friday we have "hard days" which consists of intense training," Harris said. "Then on Tuesday and Thursday we have laid back days and that is when I

go on 30 minute morning runs." Wallace said not all off Harris' training involves running around the track at Lantz Fieldhouse.

"Alicia does a lot more than run," Wallace said. "She trains (muscle building exercis-es) off her feet in the recreation center and just works very hard."

Not Harris' only is hard work paying off on the clock, but the dedication is also

wearing off on her teammates who are running with a leader. "She's definitely a vocal leader and a runner who leads by exam-ple," Wallace said. "Alicia is one of our four occurrence and aba of our four co-captains and she leads by both angles. The other

girls really look to her." Akers deals with Harris more closely on a daily basis coaching the sprint crew and said she uti-lizes one leadership method over the other but shows both qualities found above.

"She really leads more by example, although Alicia will be vocal when she has to. Most of the time she is a quiet humble runner.'

While the rest of the Ohio Valley Conference ponders where Harris gets her speed. The answer

seems to lie in good family genes. Both of Harris' paren parents were runners and her father later played football at Wheaton College. A.J. (Alicia's brother) was a four-time letter winner in track at Wheaton North and will go into the 2004-05 NCAA Football season as the starting

tailback for Northern Illinois. "All of my family was very active in track," Alicia said. "My

family has been a very good influence on me athletically." One question the coaches had no problem agreeing on was if Harris could improve her time's and break her own records. The and break her own records. The answer was a resounded yes!

"I think the more closer we get to conference and the more we prepare we'll see her improve her numbers," Wallace said. "I definitely think she will,"

added Akers.

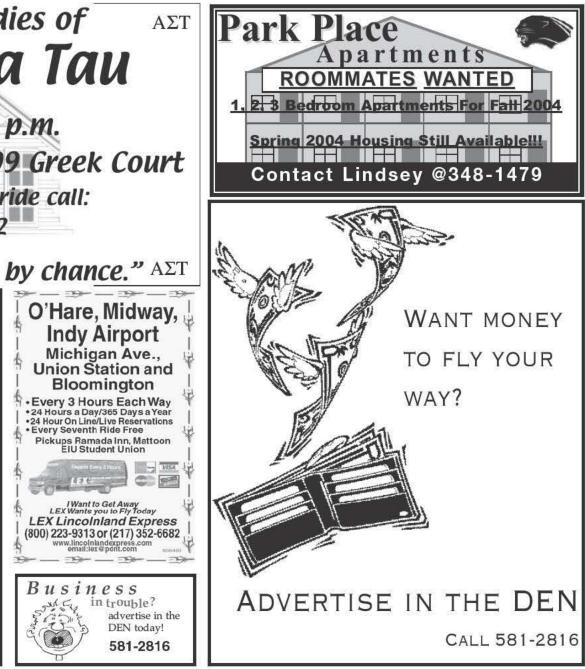
The main goal for Harris isn't the personal accolades but rather winning an OVC Championship which has alluded her the past two seasons.

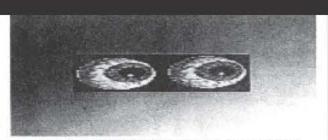
"Oh yes, that is definite-ly what I'm striving for."

Harris will get the chance later on this month to win the OVC, until then she'll have to settle for setting more Eastern records.

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Senior forward named to All-Great Lakes Region team

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By Matt Williams

NEWS EDITOR

Eastern women's soccer player Beth Liesen is going where no other Ohio Valley Conference soccer player has gone before.

Finishing 12th nationally with 49 points and 14th with 20 goals, Liesen was chosen to the First Team All-Great Lakes Region by SoccerBuzz Magazine.

Liesen, who had previously been named to SoccerBuzz's All-Freshman team in 2000 and Third Team in 2001, accumulated more points than any player in school history and OVC history.

The senior forward scored 62 goals and totaled 149 points in her four years at Eastern, while leading the Panthers to three consecutive NCAA Women's College Cup appearances.

This past season Liesen received her fourth nomination for OVC First Team honors while also being named the OVC Tournament's Most Valuable Player.

The early childhood education major also excelled in the classroom by being named to First Team Academic All-District V by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

"She came here with all the accolades and she has met all of our expectations and even more," Eastern head coach Steve Ballard said. "I don't think a university, a program or

FOOTBALL

Eastern gets Mattoon back to commit

By Matthew Stevens SPORTS EDITOR

It's been nearly a decade since a Mattoon running back had success at Eastern.

D.J. Walker will attempt to be the second as he announced Friday his verbal commitment to the Panthers

Willie High was the last Eastern player in the backfield who came from the Green Wave high school program. High is Eastern's second-leading runner with 4,231 yards from 1992-95 topped only by Poke Cobb.

Walker broke Mattoon's all-time rushing record, ending his high school career with 3,652 yards in a Green Wave uniform.

This past season Walker ran his way to 1,912 yards and 21 touchdowns on 324 carries playing in the Class 5A division.

Mattoon head coach Gerald Temples was convinced his tailback would make a school very happy to have him. "He'll make someone an awful good football team," Temples said on January 27. Walker was receiving repeated contact from I-A Northern Illinois but talks broke off after the Huskies staff was interested in him playing strong safety instead of lining up at tailback.

Great Lakes Region 1st Team

5	PLAYER	SCHOOL
	Tara Hurless	Illinois
	Annette Kent	Purdue
	Beth Liesen	Eastern
	Kim Grodek	Indiana
	Colleen Hoban	Ohio State
	Tesia Kozlowski	Dayton
	Julianne Sitch	DePaul
	Meghan Kolze	Illinois
	Melissa Miller	Ohio State
	Andrea Sied	Michigan St.
	Melissa Tancredi	Notre Dame
	Leisha Alcia	Illinois

even a coach could ask for a better representative than what Beth presents. Eastern is losing an unbelievable person."

Liesen was one of 13 players named to the Great Lakes First Team. Other players include Tara Hurless, Meghan Kolze and Leisha Alcia of Illinois; Amy Warner and Melissa Tancredi of Notre Dame; Colleen Hoban and Melissa Miller of Ohio State; Annette Kent from Purdue; Kim Grodek from Indiana; Tesia Kozlowski from Dayton; Julianne Sitch from DePaul; and Andrea Sied from Michigan State.

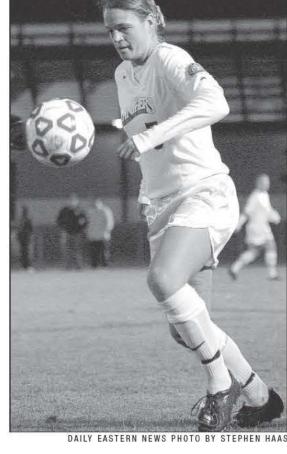
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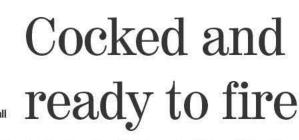
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Beth Liesen ranked 12th in the nation in scoring with 49 points in her senior year. She became the first Ohio Valley Conference player to be named to the All-Great Lakes Regional First Team.



• Eastern's pitching staff has filled in its holes after losing key seniors

By John Hohenadel SPORTS REPORTER

The Eastern men's baseball team will look to Jared Marshall, Kyle Widegren and Kirk Miller to fill the void in the pitching rotation left by Damon White and Matt Tyson.

Tyson and White combined for 166.2 of the team's total 467 innings pitched during last season.

The Panthers also lost bullpen pitchers Micah Gray and closer Nathan Stone, who led the team in saves, appearances, earned run average and strikeouts per innings pitched.

Head coach Jim Schmitz said Andy Kuntz will take Stone's place as the Panther's closer and Anthony Billups and Jeff Cammann will pitch significant innings out of the bullpen.

THROW DOWN Aaron Seidlitz SPORTS REPORTER

How did they get so bad?

Look back in time and it seems like Eastern men's head basketball coach Rick Samuels' recent decisions on recruits look better than they have turned out during this season.

Check on what three current Panthers did during state tournaments in Illinois in the years 2000 and 2001. You might be a little more impressed with what these players have done in the past compared to recently.

The three Eastern players who shone in each of their respective state tournaments are Derik Hollyfield, Cortez Forte and Andy Gobcynski.

The most impressive of the three performances in the state tournament came from Hollyfield who is a West Aurora alum.

In 2000, West Aurora went 32-1 and won the Class AA basketball championship. Hollyfield was the leader of that team in the tournament and was named to the All-Tournament team that spring.

Maybe more impressive than his performance, which made him one of the highest scorers in the tournament, was the group of people who were named to the All-Conference team along with him

Hollyfield averaged nearly 14 points per game, but made a tournament team that also included professional baller Darius Miles who went to East St. Louis and now plays in Portland. The other two notables on that team are point guard Martell Baily and Cedric Banks who now attend UIC, and played well against Eastern earlier this year. Banks is the Flames' leading scorer.

With that kind of company, and with that track record in high school, it's obvious that Hollyfield had found some success in high school. During all of this hoopla over Hollyfield's performance in the 2000 tournament we forget it was only his junior year.

More recently, but also in Class AA, current Eastern forward Cortez Forte played his LaGrange High School team into a fourth place finish.

Forte finished the tournament standing seventh in total points throughout four tournament



'They were wanting me to play defense," Walker told the Charleston Times Courier. "They just didn't have that good of a deal."

Eastern offensive line coach Mark Hutson was the main staff member involved in the recruiting of Walker who made two recruiting trips to Eastern's campus.

According to reports, Walker was apparently thrilled with Eastern's criminal justice department. However, Eastern doesn't offer criminal justice as a major or minor possibility.

Walker's commitment adds to the list of verbal agreements including Florida running backs Norris Smith of Pompano Beach's (Fla.) Ely High School and Travaris Bess of Plantation (Fla.) High School.

Temples was impressed with his tailback's decision.

"I think it's an excellent choice," Temples told the Times Courier. "He'll do well. I'm very excited for him because he's worked so hard to attain this goal."

Wednesday morning recruits will make the commitment officially by signing national letter of intents and Eastern head coach Bob Spoo will make the announcement of his 2004 recruiting class at 5 p.m. that afternoon.





Chris Vaculik FRESHMAN

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Last year Kuntz struggled going 0-3 with a 9.79 earned run average in 15 appearances. Kuntz walked 18 batters while striking out 28 in 34 innings.

White won seven games last year but may not be the same pitcher because of offseason surgery to his labrum. However, Schmitz said when Marshall is healthy he is capable of throwing three pitches for strikes

"He is rehabbing really well and we expect him to be ready for opening day," Schmitz said. "We really need him. He pitched three or four big Sunday games for us last season."

"He has been there and done that," assistant coach Mitch Rosenthal said. "Jared is the leader of the team and when we need a big win and he's on the mound, we all feel more comfortable."

Schmitz said depending on how Marshall's rehab goes, Widegren will start the first game of the season Feb. 27 against Southwest Missouri.

Widegren is a junior college transfer from Parkland College where in 2001 he was part of a rotation that won 51 games, which is the second most in school history

In 2001, Widegren won 10 games, which is tied for third best in school history and had 100 strikeouts tying for second on the school's all time record. In 2001, Widegren also tied for seventh in lowest earned run average based on a seven inning scale with 1.80.

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games, but didn't quite make it to Eddy Curry's level.

The Chicago Bulls center outscored the next highest player by 28 points. So basically it seemed Curry was well ahead of the pace of most high school opponents, even though he has struggled at the professional level without any college experience.

The final Eastern player who seemed to really make an impact in his high school state tournament was Gobcynski.

The Eastern forward played at Class A Teutopolis, and played well.

Under Gobcynski's leadership Teutopolis played their way to a second place finish, losing only to Pleasent Plains by 13 points.

Even though these players have had a rocky season, it seems as though Samuels had some knowledge. These players have successful track records and will hopefully boost Eastern to new heights.