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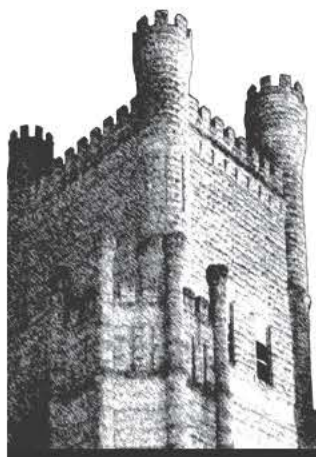
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IBHE to address state budget and pending legislation

BY KYLE MAYHUGH
STAFF WRITER

The Illinois Board of Higher Education will discuss the state of the budget and other pending state legislation at its meeting today in Springfield.

"It's a relatively light agenda, but the budget and legislation are the main things," said Eastern President Lou Hencken.

The board will discuss higher education appropriations in the Illinois state budget for 2006, which will be decided by the state legislature this summer.

The IBHE has recommended that Eastern receive a state funding increase of approximately 1.3 percent for the upcoming budget, but Gov. Rod Blagojevich is recommending all public universities receive the same funding level as the current year.



ROD BLAGOJEVICH

Static funding would leave Eastern at three consecutive years without a funding increase from the state.

Other legislative items that could impact Eastern include a bill to allow universities and community colleges to put course equivalencies online and the creation of an inspector general to monitor ethics for state employees in higher education.

The position would be responsible for investigating allegations of fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement and violations of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

David Carpenter, Faculty Senate chair, announced at the last senate meeting he had received a communication from the Governor's Office saying one of the reasons for the bill was that university employees had averaged just 8-10 minutes to complete mandatory online ethics training last fall.

The letter stated even with correct answers that time frame was not long enough to adequately consider the ethical issues the mandatory testing was supposed to represent.

The bill, SB1628, has passed through the state senate's executive committee and is on schedule to be voted on this executive session.

"The solution would be that faculty begin the quiz, take a lunch break and finish it after the quiz," Carpenter said jokingly at the Faculty Senate meeting March 29.

All state employees were required to participate in ethics training last fall, after Blagojevich signed the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act in December 2003 as part of a program to reduce corruption in state politics.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education would appoint a person to the position. The state's executive inspector general oversees higher education along with areas of the state government that report directly to the government.



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Sigma Nu competes against Phi Kappa Theta in the Little Men's tugs event Monday at the Campus Pond. Sigma Nu won with a time of 3:23.

Day one of tugs kicks off

BY STACY SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Members of fraternities and sororities kicked off the tugs competition of Greek Week yesterday at the Campus Pond by the Student Recreation Center.

It was the first of four days of competition.

Winners of the women's teams included Alpha Phi with 30.73 seconds, Alpha Gamma Delta with 3 minutes and 29 seconds, Sigma Sigma Sigma with 2 minutes and 17 seconds and Alpha Sigma Alpha with 1 minute and 57 seconds.

Winner of the little men's team was the Sigma Nu squad with a time of 3 minutes and 23 seconds.

Jen Scanlan, a sophomore hospitality and family consumer science major, tugged for Alpha Sigma Alpha.

"What really makes us win is our heart and determination," Scanlan said. "We all trust each other and know we can get each other there (to victory)."

Each participant in the Greek organizations had to complete a series of weigh-ins and practices.

The participants were allowed to practice



STEPHEN HAAS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Alpha Gamma Delta tugs team fought for 3:29 to beat Sigma Kappa Monday afternoon at the Campus Pond.

since February. They practiced their tugs, snaps and form. Each sorority had two to three coaches from a fraternity and the men coached themselves.

Beckie Diehl, a senior elementary education major, went to the event to support Alpha Sigma Alpha.

"Only so many girls can tug, so you want your strongest girls to be on it," Diehl said. "I don't weigh very much and am not very

strong."

Last year, Alpha Sigma Alpha earned second place in tugs and made a time of 6 minutes and 18 seconds against Sigma Sigma Sigma, which is the longest tug time in history, Diehl said.

Tugs is not a mandatory event for sororities and fraternities to attend.

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Groundwater conditions could ease local development

City council looks at improving groundwater for residents

BY HILLARY SETTLE
CITY EDITOR

To try and promote local development, the Charleston City Council will be looking to approve an ordinance prohibiting the use of

groundwater as a potable water supply.

Currently, before property can be sold in Charleston, the buyer or seller of the property must make sure the dirt and groundwater is clean, but that can sometimes be a challenge and cost a lot of money because of gas stations and factories that have leaked substances into the ground, Mayor Dan Cougill said.

The reason the groundwater has to be taken care of is because groundwater currently has to be clean enough so that any resident can drill a

well for drinking water, according to regulations for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. People who live in the city almost always use city water, creating little need for the cleaning, Cougill said.

This ordinance would still allow groundwater to be used for things like irrigation and processing, as it would only eliminate using groundwater for drinking purposes.

This ordinance would eliminate costs for property owners and potential buyers who

would otherwise have to clean the dirt before the transfer of property.

"The real bottom line is it opens up a lot of property for development at a much more reasonable cost," Cougill said. "That's really important along Lincoln Avenue because there are several locations that were old gas stations where they would have to spend mega bucks cleaning it up to sell or buy it. It could improve develop-

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

1:30 p.m. SUCSS Orientation in the Charleston/Mattoon Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Representatives from the States and Universities Civil Service Systems will present an informational session as part of the monthly Civil Service Council meeting, and will explain the structure and duties of SUCSS.

3 to 5 p.m. Fishbowl Discussion in the Honors College, room 1895. Honors students will share their views on what constitutes good and not-so-good examples of teaching and learning.

4 p.m. Poetry reading by John Guzowski at the Tarble Arts Center. Guzowski has published his poems and essays in many prestigious journals and anthologies across America.

7 to 8:30 p.m. EIU Chapter National Speech-Language-Hearing Association Campaign is hosting a purse and jewelry party at the second floor of Human Services Center. NSSLHA EIU Chapter supports the Loves Campaign for the Association of Rare Diseases.

POLICE BLOTTER

Criminal Damage to Property - On Wednesday it was reported that a 2002 Ford Mustang had the passenger side tail light broken while it was parked in the Ninth Street lot on Eastern's campus. The incident is being investigated.

Burglary from Motor Vehicle - On Thursday, it was reported that approximately 100 CDs valued at an estimated \$1,500 were stolen from the interior of a 1999 Toyota. The incident is under investigation.

Recovered Bicycles - On Sunday, two stolen bicycles were recovered when found secured to the Taylor Hall bike rack.

CAMPUS AND UNIVERSITY NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND Transgender issues

By MARIANA MINAYA
THE DIAMONDBACK

University of Maryland officials have begun implementing new protections for transgender students and faculty -- including amending Resident Life policies, educating the campus community and adding at least one gender-neutral bathroom in each university building.

On March 14, university President Dan Mote announced via e-mail that the university would interpret the Human Relations Code -- the university's primary document concerning issues of protection for diversity -- to protect transgendered individuals. However, he said its wording didn't need to be changed, which some think puts them at risk.

JUMPIN'



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Aisha Dyson, a junior sociology major, and Sheree Williams, a freshman elementary education major, twirl a jump rope Monday afternoon in front of Taylor Hall for Sherman Thomas, a senior english major, and Christopher Hightower, a senior communication studies major, while others watch on.

WTF?

Teacher starts brawl in classroom

DALLAS (AP) - A high school teacher faces an assault charge after police say she walked into a middle-school classroom, grabbed that teacher's hair, yanked her out of her chair, and dragged her across the room while punching her in the face and kicking her.

According to the police report, Paulette Baines grabbed Mary Oliver in front of the class full of gifted students Friday. Baines was angry because Oliver told her daughter to quit loitering by lockers and go to class, Dallas school district spokesman Donald Claxton said.

Oliver said Baines was yelling at her as she entered the classroom.

"I want you to know I didn't raise a finger. I didn't raise my voice. I didn't do anything to aggravate the situation," Oliver said. "I did everything possible to defuse the situation."

Baines was charged with assault with bodily injury, according to Dallas County Jail records. Baines, 45, was released early Saturday after posting \$2,500 bail, a jail official said.

Baines, who was placed on paid administrative leave, did not immediately return a call seeking comment placed by The Associated Press on Monday.

PEOPLE

Gore launches TV channel for youth

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Al Gore has a plan for luring the Internet generation back to television: make it more participatory by having viewers contribute their own video.

The former vice president and longtime Internet champion joined investors Monday to announce the creation of Current, a cable TV channel that will target younger viewers with a blend of news, culture and viewer-produced video.

Gore will serve as chairman of the board of the new venture, which will be based in San Francisco.

He and Joel Hyatt, the founder of Hyatt Legal Services who will serve as Current's chief executive, assembled an investment team that paid \$70 million last year to acquire the Newsworld International channel from Vivendi International. The channel, to launch Aug. 1, will remain privately financed and initially will be available in 19 million cable-subscriber homes.

The channel will try to engage viewers ages 18 to 34 using the Web's signature blend of interactivity and populism, Gore and Hyatt explained.

Gore, dressed in a charcoal gray suit and no tie, stood on stage with Current's creative team - a multicultural group of TV producers the same age as his children.

ONLINE POLL

What do you think of the name change from Stix to Panther Paw Bar & Grill?

- A) A name change isn't a big deal as long as the place maintains its liked atmosphere (and Prowler doesn't show up - we like Billy).
- B) Change is fine. It would be nice to have an establishment tied to Eastern's mascot.
- C) A name change is unnecessary. What was wrong with the familiar "Stix" name?
- D) If a name change was a must, couldn't they think of any thing better? Now we have a bar that can possibly be referred to as "The P.P."

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Days until the 2006 NCAA championship game.

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- 1. to extract forcibly.
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As the semester winds down, students evaluate housing options and finalize decisions for next year.

Eastern *houses* choices

Students weigh the pros, cons of living in residence halls, off campus

BY CATHY BAYER
STAFF WRITER

With just more than a month left of school, time is running out for students to decide where they will live next year.

The options aren't endless, but deciding between the residence halls, an apartment or a house could lend itself to careful thought.

"(We have) 4,000 (students) in residence halls and Greek Court," said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining.

One of the downsides of not living in the residence halls is the lack of a meal plan. However, additional meal plans and dining dollars can be added to a student's Panther Card at the beginning of the school year, so dining halls still provide opportunities for meals.

Hudson said some people do purchase meal plans, and hundreds of students have dining dollars so they can eat in the dining centers if they choose.

In addition to residence halls, the university has 300 apartments through University Apartments and University Court.

If parents are feeling uneasy about letting their student live somewhere other than the residence halls, University Apartments and University Court are still options supported by the university, Hudson said.

Sara Wagoner has lived in the residence halls for three years, Taylor Hall her freshman and sophomore years and is currently a resident assistant in Stevenson Hall.

Wagoner said she likes the proximity of the residence halls.

"When you have an 8 a.m. class, you can get up at 7:45 (a.m.) and still make it (to class). Location is the key," said Wagoner, a junior journalism major.

Residence halls also provide a great social setting that allows residents to meet different people, she said.

The only downfall of residence halls is the matter of sharing a bathroom and wearing shoes in the shower, Wagoner said.

"I was not a fan of community bathrooms," said Chris Kelly, a sophomore history major.

Kelly lives in an apartment on Third Street, and he said he likes the privacy and freedom of apartment life.

"Only competing with two guys for the bathroom as opposed to 100 is much nicer," he said.

Cost of living can be comparable to that of the residence halls depending on the meal plan and apartment chosen.

"The way I figured, it was slightly cheaper to live in an apartment, especially if I didn't get a meal plan," Kelly said.

Students may be hesitant of all the rules that come with signing a lease for an apartment, but Kelly said he and his roommates haven't had any problems.

"It's nice to live in an apartment where people respect the rules and other tenants; that way there aren't too many problems," he said.

Deciding living arrangements is nothing new to Dustin Weiher, a junior accounting major. He currently lives in a house on Sixth Street, has lived in Thomas Hall as a freshman and in an apartment on 12th Street as a sophomore.

Weiher prefers an apartment to a house or residence hall and plans on living in an apartment next school year.

"The utilities are too high, but it helps having a lot of roommates," he said.

He lives with five other males, which helps keep the cost of living down, but overall increases the rent for the house, Weiher said.

Dealing with a landlord can cause problems for students too, he said.

Weiher said his landlord is pretty tolerant, but he sometimes will just walk in when he and his housemates are being too loud.

Unity Week to start next week

BY CHRISTINA DOCKUS
STAFF WRITER

Registered Student Organizations are invited to get involved with this year's Unity Week, which has the theme "To Unity and Beyond."

Unity Week will start April 10 and will end April 17. RSOs participating in Unity Week will meet tonight at 9 p.m. in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union to discuss ideas for Unity Week 2005.

"(The goal of Unity Week is to) bring Eastern Illinois University together," said JC Miller, University Board coordinator who is helping plan Unity Week. "(We plan) to explore differences and share similarities while finding pride from within."

The importance of Unity Week, Miller said, is shown in the increased connections between Registered Student Organizations. Bringing the groups together allows them to see how the other organizations are functioning, she said.

"It's a really fun atmosphere," Miller said.

As the school year comes closer to an end, Unity Week gives students a chance to have a break from classes and enjoy the nice weather, Miller said.

"The week showcases the events that EIU has to offer," Miller said.

Unity Week started two years ago with the idea of bringing people together, said Matt Kulp, Student Government vice president of Student Affairs.

The week allows students to promote their organizations on campus and network with each other, Kulp said.

Any RSOs interested in participating are invited to attend tonight's meeting.

Unity Week Events

- ◆ April 11: "Eastern goes Western"
- ◆ April 14: Roller skate party in Mattoon
- ◆ April 15: Eastern Student and Parent Association is sponsoring Hotel Rwanda
- ◆ April 16: Painting houses in Charleston and Echo Fest

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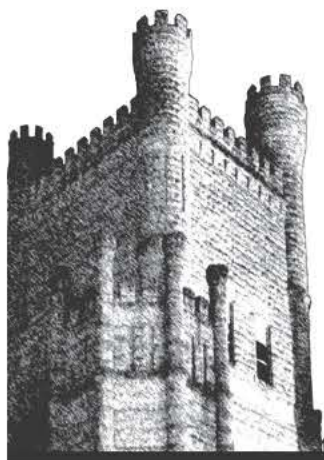


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COLUMN

The tradition of Papal succession



AARON SEIDLITZ
SENIOR, JOURNALISM MAJOR

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Even though I was raised as a Lutheran, and not a very dedicated one at that, there still have always been certain things about the Catholic Church that has interested me.

Never has my interest in Catholicism, and the traditions that seem very important to the religion, been higher because of the passing of Pope John Paul II. During these last few days the pomp and circumstance that surrounds the Catholic church have become visible because of the very distinct way the church will celebrate the life of the late pope now that he has passed on.

Every aspect of the funeral and the outpouring of support for John Paul II is formed to exact detail, right down to the specific requirements for what the former pope will be wearing when he is buried.

Besides informing their readers of what the pope will be wearing, yesterday's *Chicago Tribune* also projected what the funeral procession will be and what the precise details of the casket will be as well.

Perhaps the most interesting part of the burial process is the traditional meaning behind each aspect that is included in the casket.

According to the *Tribune* report, there are three caskets. The innermost coffin, which the pope lies in, is made of cedar wood, which represents "his humanity." The pope's name is etched into a bronze plaque that is placed inside the inner portion of this

casket, along with a skull and crossbones. It is also tradition to include the "destroyed 'ring of the fisherman'" with a velvet pouch that includes coins and certain papers from the pope's reign.

With so much tradition dating back so many years that is practiced so devoutly, it is hard not to get caught up in exactly what will be happening in the upcoming days involving a pope who held one of the longest terms in his position.

Besides just how the pope is buried, another major issue surrounding the church right now

is the process of electing a new man to the highest position.

After reading a few descriptions of this process, I can't think of many more mysterious and interesting election processes around the world.

Taking place in the Vatican, the College of Cardinals, who have served under the leadership of John Paul II for 27 years, will gather to elect who the new leader will be.

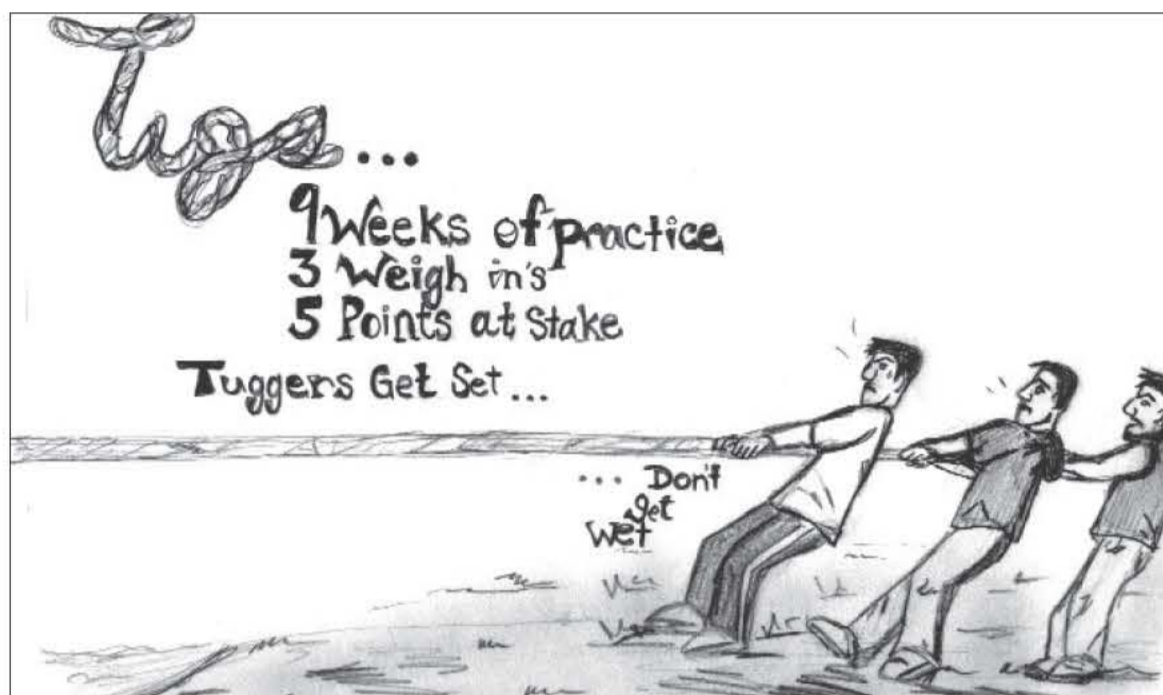
For days on end, more than 100 Cardinals lock themselves away and go through numerous votes that have tedious voting procedures before a new pope is named.

In just as spectacular fashion as the voting process is, the announcement of a new pope first comes via a smoke signal that leads to much anticipation and excitement. After votes are collected, they are burned, and the smoke comes out a chimney that is visible to many. When the smoke is black the election process has not yet ended, but on a day when white smoke billows out of the opening, the people know an announcement will soon be forthcoming.

Time is then taken to allow the crowd to gather, and then the new pope is led out to directly speak and be unveiled to the public.

Seems like quite a process for quite an interesting organization.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY GIA HYOS



EDITORIAL

The right to die peacefully

The *Chicago Tribune* reported Friday "Terri Schiavo died peacefully Thursday..."

But there was nothing peaceful about this woman's death.

Schiavo's husband and immediate family had been feuding from the start of the issue, and her deteriorating condition had become a focal point for protesters and politicians, as well as a media frenzy that plastered her face all over front pages and television screens.

Instead of cherishing some of their last moments with their beloved daughter or wife, Schiavo's parents and husband were busy arguing and addressing demonstrations and press conferences.

Instead of the family and husband being able to solve the issue among themselves, protesters and politicians took charge and made Schiavo's condition a public issue.

Instead of peacefully observing a moment of silence, as is traditionally done with death, the noise of protesters, politicians and sensationalized journalists did not lay Schiavo to rest peacefully.

There was controversy and empathy, not peace, surrounding Schiavo's name.

At issue

The death of Terri Schiavo who had her feeding tube removed after being in a "vegetative state" for 15 years

Our stance

No matter if one thinks her feeding tube should have been pulled or not, Schiavo deserved a better death than she received.

For weeks, readers and viewers could not pick up a newspaper or turn on the television without seeing Schiavo's crippled face. Here was the face of a beautiful woman who had been suffering for the past 15 years.

There is nothing peaceful about seeing anyone over and over in such a heart-wrenching condition.

Though protesters, politicians and journalists can rightfully address the issue as they please, Schiavo and her ailing condition should have been left as a personal, family issue.

There have been several cases among families where "removing the feeding tube" or "pulling the plug" have been hotly debated. The issue has been in the news since Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

Why was Schiavo used as an example for the right to life?

Yes, her family had made it as far as the U.S. Supreme Court, but that does not make her situation something that needs to be sensationalized. This woman had a right to privacy and human dignity, too.

Just like everyone else, Schiavo deserved to die peacefully.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LEAVE UNIV. APARTMENTS' PARKING TO ITS RESIDENTS

There is nothing better than a warm spring day and sports on a lush green field...except maybe a parking spot when you come home from work.

As a resident at the University Apartments, I find it frustrating when I arrive home and discover I have to park on the opposite side of the entire complex because intramural sports players

have taken every space except three on the other side of the complex.

Where will the residents park when they get home?

Having recently received a letter that we are not to park on the grass, we are left with few options.

The majority of the residents have small children, from newborn to 10 years old, and it is not fair for them to have to walk across an apartment com-

plex when they could walk up a side walk and into their home.

I ask that fellow students be thoughtful when choosing where to park. There is an entire lot by the basketball courts, and many of the participants only live on campus.

Thanks for your future consideration.

ALISA HABEL

JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJOR

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Chris North (left) and Mark Finel, both biology graduate students, fish on the Campus Pond Monday afternoon. North and Finel are two of the many students to fish in the trout-stocked pond.

Fishing for a good time

Campus Pond stocked with trout for the weekend

By JESSICA PILOT
STAFF WRITER

Illinois stocked 40 bodies of water statewide with more than 60,000 rainbow trout to start off the spring trout season that opened at 5 a.m. last Saturday.

The Campus Pond, which is behind Stevenson Hall, was one of the bodies of water stocked with trout.

Both Eastern students and Charleston residents had the opportunity to catch five trout a

person both Saturday and Sunday, as long as they had a valid Illinois fishing license and an inland trout stamp. Both the fishing license and inland trout stamp are available online and can be obtained within a matter of minutes.

Stocking for the trout fishing program is made possible through the sale of inland trout stamps to fishermen.

The Campus Pond was packed with students and locals this weekend.

"It was hard to find an open spot because there were a lot of people there," said Vito Montalbano, a junior foreign language major.

Liza Marinelarena, a senior foreign language major, was also at the Campus Pond this week-

"A lot of students were just hanging out, fishing and laying out."

LIZA MARINELARENA, SENIOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE MAJOR

end. She said it was fun to lay out in the sun and try to catch fish. However, Marinelarena didn't catch anything.

"A lot of students were just hanging out, fishing and laying out," Marinelarena said. "I really didn't care about catching fish. I was there more for the sun."

Montalbano also had a hard time catching fish, and he was using Canadian night crawlers for bait.

"I had a lot of bites, but I didn't catch anything," he said.

Other fishers found it easy to catch the trout.

"The guy across from me was catching trout left and right," Montalbano said. "I think it was because he was using better bait." Whether the fishermen caught fish or didn't have such luck, they agreed that they were glad to be out there relaxing and having a good time.

"Next time, I'm going to catch that 20 pound catfish in there," Montalbano said.

New party to represent students

Upcoming elections to include Campus Orientation Party

By NICOLE MILSTEAD
STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORTER

Eastern has a new party represented in the running for Student Government executive positions.

"We have all worked to help recruit and familiarize new students to Eastern and now believe that we will best serve the student body by representing them through Student Government," said Dave Jones, the Campus Orientation Party's candidate for student body president.

Jones said he would like to make students aware of Student Government by working with other student leaders on campus to ensure that the entire student body is invested in the student governing process.

"I feel that I have a set experience that will serve the student body well," said Kevin Atkins, who is running for student body executive vice president.

Atkins said he would like to organize groups involving Eastern students and other universities to combine collective lobbying powers to improve the amount of funding from the state of Illinois.

"I have been hearing that (our party) is not qualified," Atkins said of the Campus Orientation Party he is a part of. "I have been the president of the Student Athletic Advisory Council, served on the intercollegiate Athletic Board and traveled to Springfield with the Student Action Team. I have been heavily involved and I am qualified because this is the same type of experience."

Kendall Patterson is running for student body vice president of Student Affairs. Patterson plans to get all Recognized Student Organizations on campus involved in Student Government to get their needs and concerns met and dealt with, Patterson said.

Vantrell Ricks is running for vice president of Business Affairs to set up a workshop to help all RSOs learn to keep accurate financial records and help create fund raising opportunities.

The spring Student Government election will be held April 12 and 13. Students may cast their votes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Student Recreation Center and Carman and Coleman halls.

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Funding board recommends increase in education funds

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SPRINGFIELD — An education funding panel called Monday for a 29 percent increase in Illinois' basic level of spending for each student, a move that would cost \$2.3 billion a year at a time when the state continues to struggle with a tight budget.

The Education Funding Advisory Board recommended a per-pupil

spending level of \$6,405, up from \$4,964. The board said it followed long-established guidelines to determine how much the state should spend on each student.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's top education aide called the board's recommendation unrealistic. The Democratic governor last week proposed expanding riverboat gambling to pump \$300 million into schools

and increase per-pupil spending to \$5,204.

"We just want to keep moving the ball forward and increasing it as much as we can within the parameters we've set of not increasing taxes," said Blagojevich's director of education reform, Elliot Regenstein. "We'd love to be able to guarantee a foundation level of \$6,400 per student, but unfortunately, state government's revenue

growth does not allow us to do that."

But board member Art Berman, a former state senator, called the board's action "proper, courageous and necessary." He dismissed the notion that such a huge increase is impractical given that the state will wrestle with a deficit of at least \$1 billion in the budget year that begins July 1.

"The practicality that we're looking at is the needs of our children,"

Berman said. "We are very committed to urging the governor and the legislators to address the needs of our children to provide a basic, adequate education for every child in Illinois' public schools."

Any recommendation on school funding always stirs debate in the General Assembly, which is heading into the final two scheduled months of its legislative session.

PEORIA DIOCESE SETTLES SEX ABUSE LAWSUIT

PEORIA — The Catholic Diocese of Peoria has settled a lawsuit filed by a 37-year-old man who had sought \$1 million in damages, alleging he was sexually abused two decades ago by three former priests.

Terms of the settlement were not disclosed. A spokeswoman for the diocese and attorneys for both sides declined to elaborate on the agreement with Daniel Koenigs, who said he was abused while he was an altar

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boy from 1980 to 1984 in three Peoria parishes.

OFFICIAL ARRESTED IN ALLEGED VISA SELLING

CHICAGO — An American foreign service officer was arrested in the nation's capital Monday on charges of plotting to sell visas at the

American Embassy in Lithuania for more than \$40,000 and a vintage motorcycle, federal prosecutors in Chicago said.

Matthew Christ, 41, of Alexandria, Va., was arrested on charges contained in a 19-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Chicago on March 24 and unsealed Monday, prosecutors said.

He was released on bond by a federal judge in Alexandria, Va., pending further court action in Chicago, prosecutors said. A public telephone list-

ing for Christ could not be found in Alexandria. His attorney's name was not immediately learned.

COURT ORDERS FIGURE IN CORRUPTION FREED

CHICAGO — A former Chicago construction company owner who admitted making payoffs at City Hall, went on the lam for seven years and ended up in a Mexican jail was ordered freed by an appeals court in that country, frustrating U.S. efforts to bring him back.

Marco Morales, a Mexican national, pleaded guilty to fraud and bribery charges in Chicago in 1997. But instead of reporting to the federal correctional center at Milan, Mich., to start his 59-month sentence, he made a run for the border and hid in Mexico for the next seven years.

Prosecutors in Chicago had hoped to bring him back to start serving his sentence. They also had wanted to find out what he might know about the scandal-ridden Hired Truck Program under which the city had been spending \$38 million a year to outsource hauling jobs.

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Witness says Jackson molested him

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP)— In a halting, emotion-choked voice, the son of Michael Jackson's former housekeeper testified Monday that the pop star molested him during a tickling game in 1990.

The 24-year-old man was called to the stand as prosecutors in the current molestation case against Jackson began trying to show the jury that the singer has a habit of molesting boys.

The witness said that over a span of several years, Jackson twice touched his groin over his

clothes during tickling games at Jackson's Los Angeles-area condominium, which he and his mother referred to as "the hideaway." He said that in a third incident, Jackson reached under his clothes at his Neverland ranch.

Jackson gave him \$100 after each of the first two incidents but nothing after the third one, he said.

"We were tickling. He was tickling and I was laughing and the — it was, he was — he was tickling me in the ...," the witness said before ask-

ing the judge for a break. He wiped his eyes and drank some water.

"He was tickling me. I was wearing shorts again. ... He reached on my leg and I'm still laughing and he reached up to my — privates," the witness said.

As he began to describe the alleged molestation he apologized to prosecutor Ron Zonen for his halting testimony and said: "This took a lot of counseling to get over, just to let you know."

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HIGH COURT SAYS CREDITORS CAN'T GO AFTER PEOPLES' IRAS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court gave bankrupt Americans another layer of financial protection Monday, ruling that creditors cannot seize their Individual Retirement Accounts.

The unanimous decision shields a nest egg relied upon by millions of people. The justices said IRAs should join pensions, 401(k)s, Social Security and other benefits tied to age, illness or disability that are afforded protection under federal bankruptcy law.

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Justice Clarence Thomas, writing for the court, said a bankrupt Arkansas couple was entitled to keep more than \$55,000 in retirement savings from creditors.

L.A. TIMES, WALL STREET JOURNAL WIN TWO PULITZERS

NEW YORK — The Los Angeles Times and The Wall Street Journal captured two Pulitzer Prizes apiece Monday, with the

Times winning the public service award for exposing racial injustice at an inner-city hospital and the Journal cited for its incisive stories about the plight of cancer survivors.

Two other entries with medical themes were honored as well. Deanne Fitzmaurice of the San Francisco Chronicle won in feature photography for a photo essay on an Oakland hospital's effort to mend an Iraqi boy nearly killed by an explosion.

And Boston Globe reporter Gareth Cook's story detailing the complex scientific and ethical dimensions of stem-cell research won for explanatory journalism.

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ment."

The increased water and sewer rates will be put on file for public inspection after tonight's meeting and will be voted on April 19. A 6.23 percent increase has been proposed, but Cougill said only 2.68 percent of that increase is needed for an increase in city spending. The remaining 3.55 percent is needed because of the early retirement program the council

approved several years ago, causing the city to lose money.

"We have to pay an additional up front significant amount of money to allow them to retire early," he said. "Our contribution was about what I thought it would be when I warned the council about it (at the time of the vote)."

Two raffle permits, five separate Tax Increment financing District loans of grants to help clean up and develop the downtown area and a bid award for water and sewer materials

will also be discussed at the meeting.

The water and sewer materials will pay for items included in the five-year plan and extra water and sewer mains and pipes, Cougill said.

"This will replenish our supply and supports our planned construction projects," he said.

The council will also be proclaiming April as Teen Reach month to try and raise awareness for Charleston's Teen Reach program.

The city council meeting will be 7:30 p.m. in the second floor meeting room of the municipal building.

TUGS:

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"It's interesting enough where people want to come out, so it doesn't need to be mandatory." Diehl said.

Before each team begins, a count off is made to pick up the rope and count off to step forward. There is also an alignment check made to make sure everyone is standing in a straight line.

Shannon Morton, a freshman elementary education major, went to support her friends in Greek organizations.

"We're the unofficial cheerleaders," Morton said.

Before the tugging began the rope was put into the pond to get wet because once a team gets dragged into the water, the rope will weigh more.

By putting it into the pond before the competition starts it will be equal on both sides. Then after the tug was over, the rope was wiped off with towels to make it less slippery.

Each team wore matching uniforms while some included accessories like bandannas or knee socks. Some teams also wore cleats to have a better grip on the grass.

During the Sigma Kappa and Alpha Gamma Delta tug, the Sigma Kappas put up a fight.

Even though the first woman of the Sigma Kappa tug line was dragged in the pond by the Alpha Gamma Deltas, the Sigma Kappas still held on for another minute.

Nick Camardo, a freshman family and consumer science major, said he was impressed with the competition.

"It was a lot better than I thought it would be," he said. "I have never seen tug-of-war so competitive."

Each tug team was paired up based on the results from last year's competition. The top four finishers last year were Alpha Phi, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Alpha Sigma Alpha and Sigma Kappa.

Laura Schade, a senior physical education major, is on a committee with four other people for rules and games. She said the tugs competitions were shorter than they have been in the past years.

"Every team works really hard at it so no one can really say who is going to win." Schade said.

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Pope's body is put on public display; funeral is set for Friday

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Falling silent, whispering the rosary and clasping their hands, tens of thousands of pilgrims paid their final respects to Pope John Paul II on Monday after his body was carried on a crimson platform to St. Peter's Basilica.

Incense wafted through the church where he will be laid to rest Friday in an ancient grotto holding the remains of popes through the ages, immediately after a funeral to be attended under heavy security by President Bush and dozens of

other world leaders.

There was no stopping for a lingering view, a motionless moment of reflection. Many wept as they walked past the bier. Some collapsed against the wall outside after leaving the basilica, designed by Bramante and Michelangelo and dedicated in 1626.

People who had never had an audience with the pope felt as if they had lost a dear one. "Every time I saw him (on television) he told me something, he gave me a message," said Silvia Sandon,

23, a student in Rome, after viewing the body. "Now, I just saw him."

"His face was suffering," said Sister Emma, a 76-year-old Italian nun. "I felt a sense of sadness, even though I know he's in Heaven."

On John Paul's feet were a pair of the simple brown leather shoes he favored during his 26-year pontificate and wore on many of his trips to more than 120 countries - a poignant reminder of the legacy left by history's most-traveled pope.

The crowd cheerfully chanted and clapped

hands on the street leading to St. Peter's Square as it moved slowly toward the basilica. As soon it entered the square, people fell silent as if they were entering a sacred place. Their glimpse of the pope's remains was quick at best, as police whispered "Hurry up."

But some still managed to snap photographs with cell phones as they passed John Paul's body, clad in a scarlet velvet robe, his head crowned with a white bishop's miter and a staff topped with a crucifix tucked under his left arm.

Pope's funeral may bring millions in tourist revenue, but groups warn of gouging

ROME (AP) - With Pope John Paul II's funeral expected to draw up to 2 million people, at least one consumer group is accusing cafes, restaurants, grocery stores and hotels near St. Peter's Square of boosting prices to gouge tourists and pilgrims.

In normal times, this would be a lull in tourism, after the rush of Easter and before the summer holidays. But consumer groups estimated Monday that local businesses would earn at least \$122.5 million in about two weeks. Visitors were expected to spend an

additional \$193.4 million just on transportation - trains, plane tickets and gasoline - said consumer watchdog Codacons. The group warned that cafes, restaurants, grocery stores and hotels near St. Peter's Square were increasing prices to gouge tourists and

pilgrims.

A spokesman for Codacons, Carlo Rienzi, said revenue estimates were based on the arrival of 2 million people, and noted the figures could be higher if more people come. Authorities were estimating that well

over 500,000 people would try to cram into St. Peter's Square on Friday alone for the funeral.

Rome's residents number 3 million, and it's uncertain how even this tourist-gear city would handle such an influx.

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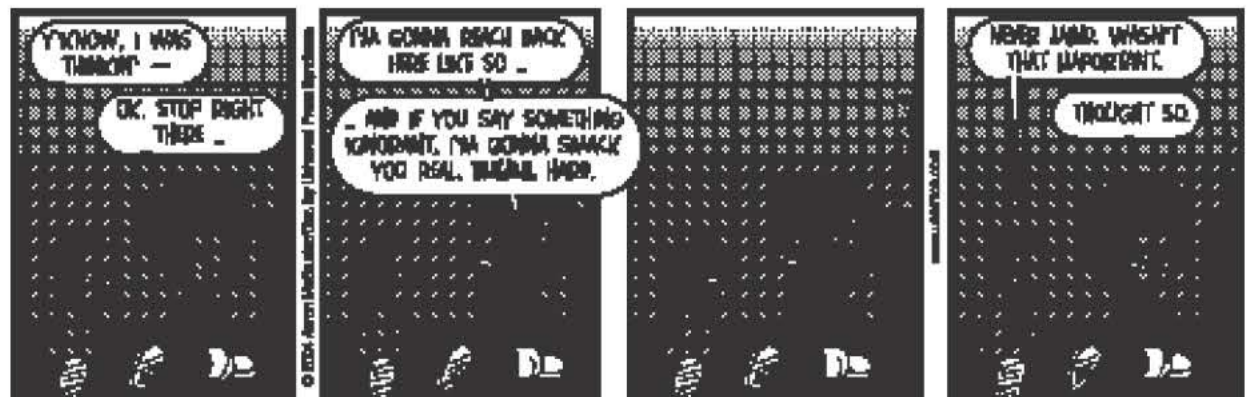
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SOFTBALL

Eastern tries to turn around weekend losses

Short ties homerun record, but Panthers still throw two of three to Samford

STAFF REPORT

The Eastern softball team begins an eight-game homestand at 1 p.m. today when it takes on Morehead State at Williams Field in Ohio Valley Conference play.

The Panthers are coming off a 1-2 weekend at Samford, losing 3-0 and 5-4 on Saturday before rebounding to take a 7-6 win in the series finale.

During the 7-6 win, the Panthers (5-16, 2-4 OVC) witnessed history, as sophomore catcher Sandyn Short tied the Eastern career home run record by hitting her 11th.

Morehead State (8-20, 1-5) sits tied for last place in the OVC, one game behind the eighth-place Panthers.

Sophomore infielder Katy Steele leads the Panther offense, hitting a team-best .343. Steele also leads Eastern with 10 runs scored, 24 hits and 30 total bases.

Senior pitcher Heather Hoeschen leads the Panther pitching staff with a 3.43 ERA in 53 innings pitched. Over that span, she's struck out a team-high 26 batters.

PANTHER BRIEFS

STAFF REPORT

COACHING INTERVIEWS

Eastern will be interviewing three candidates this week for the men's basketball head coaching position Wednesday through Friday.

The candidates will visit the campus separately, and names will be released publicly on their interview days.

Open meetings with the candidates will occur in the Lantz Arena Club Room from 1:45-2:45 p.m.

FIVE INDUCTEES INTO EIU HALL OF FAME

Eastern has selected five new members for the Hall of Fame Class of 2005. Tim Carver (football, 1992-1995) was a two-time NCAA I-AA All-American, earning Associated Press Second and Third Team honors in 1994 and 1995.

Damien Kelly (1980-1983, soccer) led the Panthers to third place in the NCAA Division I in Eastern's first year as a Division-I program. Kelly holds career records for goals and points.

Kaaryn Sadler Kennington (1992-1995, volleyball) was the 1995 Mid-Continent Conference Player of the Year and also First Team All-MVC in 1994.

Casey Reinking (1975-1979, track/cross country) was a three time NCAA Division II All-American as well as the 1979 Mid-Continent Conference 5,000 and 10,000 meter track champ.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cubs swing into opening day win

PHOENIX (AP) — The Chicago Cubs' offense looked just fine without Sammy Sosa and Moises Alou.

Aramis Ramirez celebrated a new contract by going 3-for-4 with a two-run homer and four RBIs, and the Cubs amassed 23 hits Monday in a 16-6 rout of the Arizona Diamondbacks.

"It's a great day for Aramis," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "He got a lot richer and he got a lot of hits."

Sosa is in Baltimore and Alou in San Francisco, but the retooled Cubs set a team record for runs in an opener, topping by one their total in 1899 and 2003.

"We didn't hit that many home runs today, but we scored a lot of runs," Ramirez said. "That's the kind of ballclub we're going to be. Last year we hit a lot of home runs but we didn't make the playoffs. This year we're going to play a little small ball - a steal here, a hit-and-run there, and I think we're going to get it done."

Derrek Lee had four hits and five RBIs, including a three-run homer and two doubles. Todd Walker, Jeromy Burnitz and Corey Patterson also had three hits apiece for the Cubs.

"We've got a great offense," Walker said. "You look at the career numbers of these guys one through nine and if you're underestimating us, you don't know much about baseball."

Ramirez, who agreed to a \$42 million, four-year deal before the game, hit a two-run double in the second and a two-run homer in the seventh.

"That's why they kept me here," he said, "to help the team as much as I can, and that's what I did today."

Winning pitcher Glendon Rusch allowed two runs in 2 2-3 innings of relief. Javier Vazquez, acquired from the New York Yankees in the Randy Johnson deal, lasted just 1 2-3 innings and allowed seven runs and 10 hits.

"It certainly wasn't the way we wanted to start, but we have to deal with it," new Arizona manager Bob Melvin said. "It felt like three losses, but it's only one, so that's the bright side of it."

BULLS

Deng to miss rest of year

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Bulls rookie forward Luol Deng is expected to miss the rest of the season with a torn ligament in his right wrist, Bulls general manager John Paxson said Monday.

The Bulls' last regular season game is April 20.

Deng, a starter who averages 11.7 points and 5.3 rebounds a game, likely will undergo surgery after an MRI Sunday night

WHITE SOX 1, INDIANS 0

CHICAGO (AP) — Mark Buehrle was in a hurry on opening day.

Working quickly, throwing strikes and letting his fielders get involved, Chicago's lefty was in rare form.

"We have a good defense, so let them put the ball in play," Buehrle said Monday after pitching the White Sox past the Cleveland Indians 1-0.

Buehrle retired the first 12 batters and allowed just two hits in eight innings. The first White Sox season opener at home in 15 years took just one hour and 51 minutes to play.

"Buehrle was as good as I've ever seen him," Cleveland manager Eric Wedge said.

Wedge's starter, Jake Westbrook, wasn't bad either, giving up just four hits in eight innings and getting the first complete game of the season.

"You got to match him pitch-for pitch," Westbrook said. "It's tough to go out and continue to put up zeros. He one-upped me today."

REDS 7, METS 6

CINCINNATI (AP) — Pedro Martinez and Carlos Beltran made impressive debuts with the New York Mets, but Adam Dunn and Joe Randa homered off Braden Loper in the ninth to give the Cincinnati Reds a dramatic 7-6 victory Monday.

Martinez struck out 12 in six innings and Beltran homered in the third inning, but Loper could not retire a batter, allowing Dunn's tying two-run homer and Randa's game-winner. Danny Graves pitched a scoreless ninth for the win.

Dunn also had a three-run homer in the first inning off Martinez, the only ball hit hard in his six innings of domination. Martinez allowed three hits, two walks and struck out 12 of his last 14 batters.

PHILLIES 8, NATIONALS 4

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Kenny Lofton

hit a three-run homer and Jon Lieber pitched 5 2-3 effective innings to help the Phillies ruin the Washington Nationals' debut.

Terrmel Sledge hit the first homer in Nationals' history and drove in three runs. The team moved during the offseason after 36 seasons as the Montreal Expos.

Lieber allowed three runs and 10 hits for the win. Lofton reached four times and scored twice, and Pat Burrell had three hits and two RBIs, helping manager Charlie Manuel win his debut with the Phillies.

ROCKIES 12, PADRES 10

DENVER (AP) — Rookie Clint Barmes hit a game-winning two-run homer to cap Colorado's four-run ninth inning off Trevor Hoffman.

Aaron Miles had a career-high five hits, including an RBI single to tie it, and Jeff Baker and Preston Wilson homered for Colorado, which had 18 hits. Ryan Speier pitched two-thirds of an inning for the win in his major league debut.

Xavier Nady hit two of the Padres' five homers and had four RBIs. Brian Giles, Phil Nevin and Ramon Hernandez also homered for San Diego, which nearly overcame a shaky start by Woody Williams in his Padres debut.

BREWERS 9, PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Ben Sheets allowed two runs over seven innings to outpitch Oliver Perez in a matchup of two of the NL's best young starters.

Jeff Cirillo, who played for Milwaukee from 1994-99, homered and doubled for the Brewers.

Rookie shortstop J.J. Hardy, known more for his defense in the minors, added a two-run single for his first career hit in a five-run Brewers sixth.

Perez allowed six runs and five hits, walked three and hit a batter in five-plus ineffective innings.

Meanwhile, center Eddy Curry could be back playing "by the end of the week," after being released from the hospital Monday, Paxson said. Curry has missed the last two games after being hospitalized Wednesday for an irregular heartbeat, but his heart problems have dissipated, Bulls team physician Dr. Kathy Weber said.

Curry, the Bulls' leading scorer with 16.1 points per game, underwent tests at Rush University Medical Center to better determine his cardiac function. Bulls officials said he will be allowed to resume play if several outpatient tests over the next two days turn out normal.

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FOOTBALL

Eastern loses two more

Two more coaches follow trend and leave Panther territory

BY DAN RENICK

ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern football coaching staff is going through more off-season changes, as they lost wide receivers coach Brian Flynn and defensive line coach Derrick Jackson.

Flynn, who spent three seasons with the Panthers, left Charleston for a wide receivers coaching job at Villanova, and Jackson, who spent two years at Eastern, left to take over the defensive line at Northern Illinois.

"We've adjusted within the staff (to fill the positions)," Eastern head coach Bob Spoo said.

Defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni will take over the defensive line duties after coaching the linebackers for the last four years.

Forrest Jackson, who joined Eastern's staff last season and assisted with the linebackers, will take over linebackers coaching duties.

Special teams coordinator Jeff Choate will replace Flynn as the wide receivers coach. Choate is in his first season with Eastern, after being hired in January to exclusively coach special teams.

"These are the coaches we are going to use through the spring," Spoo said. "After the spring, I'll look at the staff and decide if we want to hire someone else."

These changes come after Eastern lost offensive coordinator Jon Carr, who left to take a job at Toledo, and two new coaches were hired to the Panther's staff, Choate and quarterback coach Steve Brickey.

Under Derrick Jackson, Eastern had three second-team Ohio Valley Conference selections - defensive linemen Clint Alexander (2002) and Marcus Lorick (2003) and defensive end Kory Lothe (2003, 2004). Lorick was also a second team All-American pick and a

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BOB SPOO, HEAD COACH

first team OVC selection last season.

Last year, Jackson's line helped the Panthers allow an average of just 114 rushing yards per game (fourth in the OVC).

Flynn had one first team OVC selection in his time with the Panthers' wide receiver Ryan Voss (2004). Eastern was fourth in the conference in receiving yards per game (224) last season.

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senior Ted Juske, who has been day-to-day with back spasms so far this year.

"If he can go five innings, we can all go to bed knowing we got (Juske) back," Schmitz said.

The Sycamores will counter Juske with a similar pitcher. The only difference is which hand they throw with.

Freshman Josh Varno will start against the Panthers, and he, like Juske, is just getting back in the flow of things.

He broke his leg in the off-season and was thrown into the mix a little late. He will make just his second start of the year.

It will be tough for Juske to go out and throw a two-hitter against the Sycamores, who are batting .289 as a team. Sycamore head coach Bob Wam said he hasn't been concerned with his team's hitting all season.

"My concern with this club is fielding," Wam said. "We're fielding .952, and that should be 10 points higher."

"When you don't score a lot of runs, which we haven't been doing this year, every play becomes more instrumental in the outcome of the game," Wam said.

Although .952 isn't a good fielding percentage, Indiana State holds a .04 advantage over the Panthers in that category.

The Sycamores are 14-16 this year, but they are 7-3 at home, which would presumably give Indiana State an advantage.

"Last year, our record was as bad at home as it was on the road," Wam said. "More than location is personnel."

Not only do the Sycamores have home field advantage and a better field percentage, batting



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Sophomore catcher Jason Cobb waits for the pitch against Murray State Saturday afternoon at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers lost two of three games to Murray over the weekend.

average (.289 to .253) and ERA (3.88 to 7.23), but they are coming off a nice weekend where they beat Northern Iowa two out of three.

Warn said that a winning weekend sets the

tone for the rest of the week. He said, as a coach, he has to focus on the negatives of his team, but when the team wins, no matter how many negatives, he can always look at it as a win.

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Since the team did not have a sixth player, Morehead picked up wins by default at No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles. The play of the women at No. 2 through No. 4 almost made up for the void.

Senior Sarah Freeman stepped up at No. 2 singles and came away with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Mariana Weschenfelder.

Mambetova continued her solid weekend with a 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory against Alex Becka at No. 3 singles. Jill Wirtz continued the winning ways at the No. 4 spot with a 6-2, 6-0 win against Leah Lobnitz.

In doubles action, the top tandem of Sasidharan and Mambetova once again proved to be productive.

Up 4-0 early in the match, the duo fought off a late charge by Yolanda Araujo and Becka to win 8-6. Sasidharan and Mambetova were able to win when Morehead double-faulted two times in a row to win the match.

"The No. 1 doubles team of Sandy and Madina will be looked upon to provide leadership the rest of the way," Holzgrafe said.

On the men's side, the men were not able to produce any victories in the singles matches but did have a win at No. 2 doubles with Chuck LeVaque and Sean Bush winning 8-6.

The closest singles match came at No. 1 singles, with LeVaque going against Morehead's Greg Johnstone. The two sophomores came into Sunday's match as the top two singles players in the OVC.

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mid-major college, who's to say that can't be changed. Gonzaga wasn't a force 10 years ago.

However, by hiring a coach with such high ambitions, Panther nation has to realize that personal ambition may shorten his stay.

If a new coach were to come and drastically improve the program, Eastern may not be able to keep him in town when other schools come calling, but, that's part of the environment a school like Eastern has to deal with.

The new coach's intentions should not be to spend to 25 years on Eastern's sidelines.

He should want to be successful here, but he should also want to continue climbing the coaching ranks.

Eastern Kentucky University had a coach like that, Travis Ford and after completing ECU's best season in history including a trip to the NCAA Tournament, Ford accepted the head coaching position at the University of Massachusetts.

Ford wanted to continue climbing the college basketball ladder, and the next Eastern coach should have similar aspirations.

Hopefully, high ambitions from a coach can translate to high ambitions from the athletic department.

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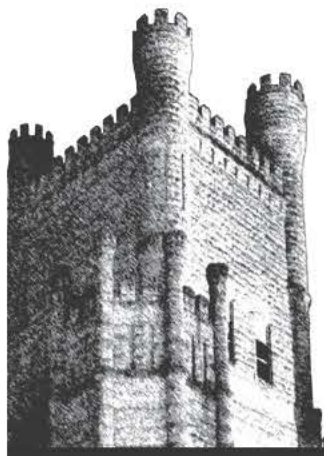
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WEDNESDAY	SOFTBALL VS. MOREHEAD STATE	1 p.m.
	Men's TENNIS AT BUTLER	2 p.m.
	BASEBALL VS. NORTHERN ILLINOIS	3 p.m.

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FROM LEFT FIELD
DAN WOIKE
COLUMNIST POSITION

Sidelines no place for new coach

A lot has been said over Final Four weekend about the accomplished coaches for each team.

Now, with the hiring of the new Eastern men's basketball coach approaching, it's a good time to look back at the situation leaving the Panthers coach-less. It's also a good time to look toward the direction of the program moving forward.

Looking at Rick Samuels' years at Eastern, it's difficult to find a time when he hasn't been a great promoter for the basketball program and athletic department. I haven't heard anyone minimize his value from that standpoint.

Then why not ask Rick Samuels back to coach the 2005-06 men's basketball team?

Well, for one, it would be impossible to move forward as a program with a coach entering his 26th season on the sidelines.

Fans of the Samuels era may not have much of a problem with things staying where they are, but the fact remains, Samuels was a career .500 coach. He led Eastern to a pair of NCAA Tournament births, but since taking the Panthers to the 2001 Tournament, Eastern has gone 47-68 without breaking above the .500 mark.

None of this at all takes away from his character, but none of this encourages me to have him coach a 26th season.

His supporters may say, "Well, what do you expect? Eastern is a small school."

I think the Eastern athletic department has every right to expect more than trading one win for one loss.

While judging a coach solely on wins and losses is foolish, it's not as foolish as judging that coach without considering his record. That doesn't make the athletic department slimy; it makes the athletic department practical.

With that said, it's imperative Eastern brings in a coach capable of getting results in the win-loss column, all while continuing the tradition of having a clean, respected program.

The new coach, though, has to want more than being respected: He should want the Panthers to be feared.

While Eastern isn't currently a

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Illini must wait for first title



North Carolina knocks off Illinois 75-70

ST. LOUIS (AP) - With 20 seconds left, Luther Head darted to the right side and waited for someone to get him the ball. When he got it, he quickly put up a 3-pointer.

But like so many other shots the Illini took, it missed. Badly.

Forced to try a title game-record 40 3-pointers after falling behind in the first half, Illinois couldn't quite find its rhythm in time. The Illini hit just 12 from long range in their 75-70 loss to North Carolina on Monday night. There would be no comeback like the

one they made against Arizona, only a disappointing end to what had been a special season.

Head had 21 points, but was just 8-of-21 from the floor. Deron Williams added 17, but his shooting wasn't much better, going 7-of-16.

Illinois (37-2) couldn't get anything going inside in the first half, so it looked to its guards to get something going on the outside. But after being so steady and poised all year, the Illini seemed flustered. They were putting up shots with abandon, looking as though they were in a Saturday morning rec game than the national championship.

They took 19 3s in the first half, three shy of their regular-season average for an entire game. They made

only five of them, and their 27 percent shooting overall was their worst in any half this season as they fell behind 40-27.

When James Augustine picked up his third and fourth foul in a five-second span about a minute into the second half, the Illini looked as if they were done. Jackie Manuel made a pair of free throws on the second foul, giving the Tar Heels a 44-29 lead — their largest of the game. With Augustine on the bench and Roger Powell Jr. not getting much inside, Illinois had little choice but to go outside again.

But the Illini finally found their mark. Dee Brown made a 3-pointer to spark a 19-7 run, and all but four points in the spurt came on 3s.

TENNIS



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Sophomore Chuck LeVaque returns a serve during a singles match against Morehead State Sunday morning at Darling Courts. LeVaque paired up with Sean Bush at No. 2 doubles to produce the only doubles win for the Panther men.

Panthers continue to struggle on the courts

BY MATT DANIELS
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's men's and women's tennis teams got back into action this past weekend.

Unfortunately, the common theme of losing close matches that has been prevalent all year resurfaced again.

The women dropped two matches, a 6-1 decision to the University of Northern Iowa of the Missouri Valley Conference on Saturday and a 4-3 match to Morehead State on Sunday.

The men continued their struggles, dropping a 7-0 match to Morehead also on Sunday.

The losses this weekend dropped the women's overall record to 4-9 (2-4 Ohio Valley Conference) and the men to 3-12 (1-5).

The lone winner on the women's side in Saturday's match was sophomore Madina Mambetova.

She picked up a 3-6, 6-2, 10-6 win over Jaime Noyce of UNI at No. 3 singles. Mambetova also produced another victory for Eastern on Saturday, this time in doubles action.

She paired up with freshman Sandra Sasidharan and emerged with an 8-3 victory.

"They compliment each other well," head coach Brian Holzgrafe said.

UNI is having a dream season at 11-1, with the victory over Eastern being their fourth straight.

On Sunday, it was the singles play that almost led the women to a team victory. Once again, however, the lack of a sixth player hurt the team.

BASEBALL

Rattling bats won't shake opponents

Coach wants team to focus on defense to improve overall play

BY JOHN HOHENADEL
SPORTS REPORTER

The Eastern baseball team will travel to Terre Haute, Ind., today to take on the Indiana State Sycamores.

The Panthers are coming off a tough weekend, losing two of three to Murray State and scoring only four runs combined in the loss.

Most people would look to the low scoring output and put the blame solely on the Panthers' hitting, but head coach Jimmy Schmitz said the low scores have more to do with the pitching not being able to get on track.

Schmitz pointed to game two against Murray as a prime example.

Murray scored four runs in the first inning, and Schmitz said when guys see that, the first thing they think is they're in the hole four runs, and they have to get those four back.

"Our pitchers need to give our team a chance to win," Schmitz said.

Schmitz used game one against Murray as an example of his pitcher, senior Kyle Widegren, giving his team a chance to win.

He said if the starting pitcher goes out there and puts up a zero in the first inning, the team has no pressure on it and can go out and not worry about playing catch up.

Schmitz didn't have to stop to think when he said he would rather have his pitcher throw a 2-hitter than his hitters score 20 runs.

Schmitz's first hope for a two-hitter today is

"Our pitchers need to give our team a chance to win."

JIMMY SCHMITZ,
HEAD COACH