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THURSDAY 12.7.06

CAMPUS | STUDENT GOVERNMENT Anderson calls attention to safety

By Stephen Di Benedetto Staff Reporter

The Illinois Board of Higher Education has set aside zero dollars in its budget for improving campus safety.

Student Body President Sean Anderson addressed the issue in his State of University speech during Wednesday's Student Senate Meeting.

'Currently, campus safety is not one of the multiple priorities set forth by the Illinois Board of Higher Education," Anderson said. "Illinois is one of four states in the United States which does not have a specific comprehensive analysis of crime statistics among colleges and universities."

Anderson, however, has a plan to improve campus safety throughout the state of Illinois.

"Campus Safety Initiative: Illinois is a program which will ultimately request that the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the governor make campus safety a priority," Anderson said.

Anderson went on to explain his three phases of CSI: Illinois.

His first phase is to inform and get feedback from all Illinois colleges and universities of the Campus Safety Initiative.

His second phase is to gain support for the initiative through campus' Faculty Senate, Student Senate, University Police Department and President's Council.

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SEAN ANDERSON STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

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Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

STUDENT GOVERNMENT | ELECTIONS

Students to contest elections

By Matt Hopf Student Government Reporter

The election results were presented at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting with an overall total of 399 votes.

The only contested election was in the at-large district.

Student Senate member Tori Frazier lost her seat by seven votes while sophomore Chris Kromphardt missed winning a seat by three votes.

Frazier plans to contest the election results.

"First my plan is to contest the election, seeing as how the polls were closed for a fact whenever people were going to vote for me," Frazier said.

Ashlei Birch, student executive director of elections, said the only times that she knew of polls being closed is if an election worker had to leave for class.

Election workers cannot be told to stay if they have class, if the other worker has not yet arrived, Birch said.

Frazier will need to submit a written complaint with justification for it, said Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life.

The current election guidelines established in 2006 says any violation must be submitted within seven days after the election.

"I'll review the procedures in the

(Student Body) Constitution for contesting elections and make sure the proper guidelines are followed," Brinker said.

A hearing of the Student Supreme Court could be convened to review the allegations, Brinker said.

06-07-03 during Wednesday's Student Senate meeting in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther

King Jr University Union. A bylaw change, which would have made it a requirement for all members to act as

Student Senate speaker for the spring semester.

Former speaker Kent Ohms did not win re-election.

Getting more students involved Jeff Lange has been elected is what Lange plans to accomplish for his term.

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NATION | 65TH ANNIVERSARY

Pearl Harbor survivor numbers dwindling

liaisons to Registered Student Organization on a weekly basis, failed 11-11-2.

The Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii - This will be their last visit to this watery grave to share stories, exchange smiles, find peace and salute their fallen friends.

This, they say, will be their final farewell. With their number quickly

every five years for four decades, but they're now in their 80s or 90s and are not counting on a 70th reunion. They have made every effort to report for one final roll call.

We're like the dodo bird. We're almost extinct," said Middlesworth, now an 83-year-old retiree from Upland, Calif., but then on Dec. 7, 1941 an 18-year-old Marine on the USS San Francisco.

plunged the United States into World War II and set in motion the events that led to atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"I suspect not many people have thought about this, but we're witnessing history," said Daniel Martinez, chief historian at the USS Arizona Memorial. "We are seeing the passing of a generation.³ The attack may have occurred 65 years ago, but survivors say they can still hear the explosions, smell the burning flesh, taste the sea water and hear the cries. "The younger ones were crying, 'Mom! Mom! Mom!'" said Edward Chun, who witnessed the attack from the Ten-Ten dock, just a couple of hundred yards away from Battleship Row.

workday as a civilian pipe fitter when he was thrust into assisting in everything from spraying water on the ships to aiding casualties.

"From the time the first bomb dropped and for the next 15 minutes, it was complete chaos," he said. "Nobody knew what was going on. Everybody was running around like a chicken with the head cut off."



dwindling, survivors of Pearl Harbor will gather today one last time to honor those killed by the Japanese 65 years ago, and to mark a day that lives in infamy.

"This will be one to remember," said Mal Middlesworth, president of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. "It's going to be something that we'll cherish forever."

The survivors have met here

Nearly 500 survivors from across the nation were expected to make the trip to Hawaii, bringing with them 1,300 family members, numerous wheelchairs and too many haunting memories.

Memories of a shocking, twohour aerial raid that destroyed or heavily damaged 21 ships and 320 aircraft, that killed 2,390 people and wounded 1,178 others, that

Chun, 83, had just begun his

Chun saw the Oklahoma and West Virginia torpedoed by Japanese aircraft.

He heard the tapping of sailors trapped in the hulls of sunken ships.

He escaped death when Ten-Ten was strafed, leaving behind dead and wounded.

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UNIVERSITY

President Hencken appeal more money for study abr

>> President Lou Hencken kept busy early this week by attending an Illinois Board of Higher Education meeting as well as a forum hoster the Commission on the Abraham Study Abroad Fellowship Program Pa Chicago.

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t himself g both aation ed by h Lincoln m in Page 2	Samford head coach Jimmy Tillette to sell his players to a offense they had never seen live and was unique to its region of the country. Explaining the Princeton-style offense in the middle of Dixie country became similar to teaching a foreign language. Page 11	is stopped randomly to talk about it. He has received e-mails and gets phone calls all wanting to talk about six seconds of play. "You certainly don't see something like that very often," Miller said. "People are still talking about it because of the excitement in the moment." Page 12	could only slightly move his thumb and index finger on his left hand. Sutton, Tennessee Tech's head coach, collapsed April 10, 2005, coming out of a hotel in Norfolk, Va. Sutton was in Norfolk at the Portsmouth Invitational watching Tech's Willie Jenkins compete in the camp. Page 12	winter break would allow the teams to work out on their own or at their former high schools. Senior captain Megan Frawley said it is always nice to be able to go home and train with old coaches and teammates. www.dennews.com

By Ashley Rueff

Senior University Reporter

President Lou Hencken kept himself busy early this week by attending both an Îllinois Board of Higher Education meeting as well as a forum hosted by the Commission on the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program in Chicago.

The Forum on Increasing Opportunities for Study Abroad was held Monday to stress the advantages of studying abroad in higher education.

"I cannot say enough good things about studying abroad and how valuable it is for a student's education Hencken said.

U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and U.S. Senator Norm Coleman, R-Minn., introduced a bill in July that would provide \$15 million in grants for undergraduate students to study abroad.

The bill would help the United States meet the commission's goal of having one million undergraduate students study abroad within a 10-year period.

"I think if that did pass and there were grants for students, that would make an enormous impact on the amount of students who study abroad," Hencken said. "I think that that will really go a long way."

Hencken also attended the IBHE meeting Tuesday



Lou Hencken

"There was not anything that was out of the ordinary," Hencken

said of the IBHE meeting. One item of notice, however, was an approval of 15 \$10,000 grants awarded to nursing program faculty at higher education institutions in Illinois.

"The purpose of the Nurse Educator Fellowship Program is to support the retention of

well-qualified nursing faculty at eligible institutions of higher learning that award degrees in nursing," the IBHE action item read.

The action, however, did not affect Eastern because it is still in the process of organizing a nursing degree program, which is slated to begin classes in Fall 2007.

"Anytime they do something like this our hope is that it's not a one-time thing," Hencken said because Eastern will be eligible for the grants next year if they are offered.

"By next year we should have at least two faculty in nursing," he said.

Sitting up straight unhealthy for back

U-WIRE

NORMAL - The old advice of sitting up straight is no longer the best, according to a study done at Woodend Hospital in Aberdeen, Scotland.

"In this particular study, they took some volunteers and they performed some MRIs on them which images the discs, the pads between the bones. They had a special kind of MRI machine that allowed them to have the people in a seated position because usually in an MRI you stretch out on a bench or a table," Jeff Stout, a chiropractic doctor for Stout Chiropractic Clinic in Normal, said.

The study suggested people sit in a reclined position to remove pressure on the back.

"Sitting in general is not good for your back. It is well known that when you sit, there is at least 30 percent more stress on the discs in your spine than standing, but if you have to sit, it puts less stress on your back if you are reclined somewhere between 110 and 135 degrees,"

Steve Troyanovich, a chiropractic doctor for Advanced Chiropractic Clinic in Normal, said.

For students and workers who have to sit in classrooms and at desks for a good portion of the day, there are alternative ways to sit which follows the results of this study.

What is most beneficial to people, especially at a work station or sitting behind a computer, is fluidity in postures or movement through ranges of posture. For students, after you're done with class, you usually walk someplace else, so getting up and moving around is a great way to get blood flowing to areas that have been in static postures," Nikki Brauer, the director of Illinois State University's Wellness Program, said.

Students should make sure their body is even when trying to reduce back pressure.

"The study also mentioned another inexpensive way to do this, which would be great for a student, is to get one of these exercise balls. You have to get one that is for your height, but basically sitting on an exercise ball when you are sitting at your desk in your dorm or apartment would have your hips higher than your thighs and that is beneficial, too," Stout said.

One main point the study stressed is to sit as little as possible.

"In fact, I tell patients every day sitting is to a back problem, what bourbon is to an alcoholic. I have some patients that don't even have a chair in their office or in their cubicle anymore because they are better off standing, working at their computer than they are sitting because there is no argument that sitting up straight puts stress on your discs," Troyanovich said. Listening to one's body and following its movements will be beneficial.

"I don't want to send the message that it is one way or the other, but there is strong research that shows that a slightly reclined posture unloads the spine. We always try to find chairs that move with you so that when you lean back you are not in one position. Joints need movement. Our bodies are meant to move," Brauer said.

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SEAN ANDERSON | STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

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Finally, his third phase requires the supporters of the initiative to call for their respective Board of Trustees to support improving campus safety by investing in it statewide.

Anderson's plan is also gaining support.

"In our Board of Trustees meeting next Friday, the Faculty Senate chair, myself and the chief of police are all going to present and we are going to say that we are in support of this, and hopefully they will be empowered to talk to the state," Anderson said.

Additionally, Kent Ohms addressed in his speech what the Student Senate has done in this semester, and what they need to do next semester.

He commended the Panther

Penny Project for doing an exceptional job so far this semester and mentioned the Shuttle Bus Committee and its efforts on trying to create schedules for international students during Winter Break.

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Difference Election

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Committees will be comprised to create a mission statement and a vision statement.

Trying to get more students to run for open seats is also another plan that Lange plans to

accomplish.

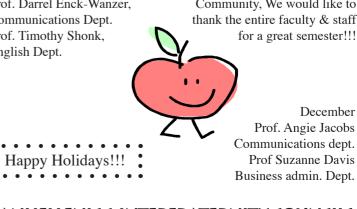
other In business, a bylaw change that would have required all Student Senate members to attend a Registered Student Organization meeting once a week has been voted down.

Supporters of the bylaw change hoped that it would inform students about more

the actions of Student Government.

Also, the Student Senate member of the Semester award was given to Rich Higginbotham.

Higginbotham is always in the office, said Student Senate member Quentin Frazier, one of the members who nominated him.



PANHELLENIC & INTERFRATERNITY COUNCILS

Charity drives combine forces

Panther Service Days and Alumni Services work together

By Dylan Divit Staff Reporter

With Christmas being the season to give, two groups on Eastern's campus are combining to give back to the community.

Panther Service Days and Alumni Services are joining up with the on-campus Toys for Tots project in an effort to give back to the community.

Student, faculty and alumni are encouraged to participate in Panther Service Days, a charity social, today from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Cougill Foyer of Old Main.

CHAD QUINONES | HEAD OF TOYS FOR TOTS

"I know there are a lot of people that need help in Coles County. I want everyone to have a nice Christmas."

Everyone is asked to bring food, clothing or toy donations and celebrate the holiday season by helping our community said Chelsea Frederick, assistant director of Alumni Services.

Frederick said she hopes both students and faculty get a chance to mingle over hot chocolate and help out the community at the same time.

"It's a great way to kick off the winter season and do community

service," Frederick said. "It's also important to meet faculty in a different light."

The toys donated from Panther Services Days will be passed on to Eastern's Toys for Tots drive, said graduate student Chad Quinones, who is heading Toys for Tots.

The Toys for Tots program is in its third year at Eastern and has had tremendous success in the past by giving hundreds of gifts to local organizations.

The program is hoping for another successful year by asking students to donate.

Donations will be made to the H.O.P.E. foundation, Coles Co. Mental Health, and Catholic Charities.

Quinones said Christmas is the giving season and people should give to people less fortunate than themselves.

"I know there a lot of people that need help in Coles County," Quinones said. "I want everyone to have a nice Christmas."

Toy donations can be made until Dec. 13 at the Student Activities Center, Student Life Office and the University Book Store.

All are located in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

CAMPUS | UNIVERSITY BOARD



Scott Tarazevits watches Mason Granger, both members of The Mayhem Poets, scream about world hunger during their performance in the University Ballroom Wednesday evening.

Poetic trio brings 'Mayhem' to Union

Comedy group The Mayhem Poets interact with each other, crowd in University Ballroom

and musical influences, such as hip-hop. Each member of the trio brought their own style to the show as they interacted not only with one another, but also with the crowd. growing up. He had people asked him, "What are you?'

His response, "full-blooded hybrid." Tarazevits - who is white - rapped about the





Textbook Rental

>> Textbook Rental Service would like to announce it is open all semester long, not just in August and December. Be smart ... Return your books early and bypass the lines.

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Real World Star Coming

>> Real World star Johanna Botta will give a behind-the-scenes look at her time on the show.

Botta will speak at 8 tonight in the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union about season 16 of the Real World set in Austin, Texas.

Alcohol awareness and binge drinking are two other topics for her lecture. Botta, 23, was born and raised in Lima, Peru and moved to the states when she was 10 years old.

Before the Real World, Botta attended the University of California in Riverside.

The event is free and sponsored by the University Board Lectures Committee.

Flu Shot Clinic on Dec. 6-7

>> Flu shots will be given at 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday and at 1-3 p.m. Thursday as well as at 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday in the Effingham Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Current employees, as well as annuitants, are eligible to receive the flu shot free. Spouses and children of current employees/annuitants may also receive the flu shot at a cost of \$30 for spouse and \$8 per child.

Also available are pneumonia shots, which are available to current employees, annuitants, spouses and children at a cost of \$30/adult and \$8/child.

Questions regarding clinics should be directed to the Benefit Services Office at 581-5825.



TODAY

Student Musical Recital

Josh Marcus, saxophone **Time** | 2 p.m.

Location | McAfee North

By Julie Morss

Staff Reporter

"Welcome to what you want and what you need, what you got" rapped Kyle Sutton, Scott Tarazevits and Mason Granger in front of a crowd of 10 at 7 last night in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Sutton, Tarazevits and Granger make up the Mayhem Poets. To get a feel for the crowd, Sutton did some icebreakers such asking where members of the audience were from. Sutton asked the crowd if they had seen the car being broken into outside the union.

"Do you think it was a hate crime?" Sutton asked.

J.C. Miller, political science major and UB chair, responded with it being finals frustration. Sutton, Tarazevits and Granger have performed together for last five years after meeting at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Sutton told the audience members the group got their influence from movie called "Slam"

Sutton with his hip-hop style and dance brought a theatrical feel.

The audience empathized with Sutton's poem about living in an apartment infested with coach roaches; It is horrid. His segment led to Tarazevits' unusual performance about chicken. Tarazevits with his rap, like Weird Al Yankovic, harmonized about chicken.

"KFC stands for kill for chicken," Tarazevits said

During Tarazevits poem, Granger started clucking like a chicken. Granger then switched to imitating people complaining about his dietary habits.

"Do you know how many calories are in those cheddar fries?" Granger asked in a high whinny voice. While Granger rapped and sang as he interacted with the audience, by going after Miller's foot.

Throughout the performance, the group changed tones, accents, rhythm and stage positions.

From serious bits about Corretta Scott King to comical bits about technology, the poets evoked laughter from the audience. Sutton talked about racial harmony while he was

lack of racial harmony and people asking him if he could rhyme.

"In iambic pentameter," was Tarazevits response.

Granger talked about technology intimacy when he met a girl at a party who would not talked over the phone, but only through text message.

"Telephone call is too intimate," Granger joked.

This led into a beat about companies and icons on the Internet like Myspace, Friendstar, AIM and Apple, and how it's possible to have a relationship and never meet them.

This is Sutton's love life.

"You've never met face to face?" Tarazevits asked Sutton about a girl he met online who wouldn't respond back to him. In the end the girl was really Tarazevits.

Sutton, Tarazevits and Granger came together again to perform "one word poem" in which each person spoke one word.

"This," Sutton said.

"is," Tarazevits said.

"a," Granger said.

"one word poem," group said together.

Price | Free

Study Abroad Info Session **Time** | 4 p.m. **Location** | Blair Hall, Room 1207 More info | 581-7267

"Lesson & Carols" --- EIU Concert Choir and Women's Chorus

Time | 7:30 p.m.

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Curview Laptops would be helpful

For the past several months, the Academic Technology Advisory Committee has bounced an idea around to require students to purchase laptops upon enrolling at Eastern.

It's a good idea for several reasons. A laptop purchased through the university can be cheaper, offer a larger warranty and provide free software for students, said journalism professor Brian Poulter in an article in the Nov. 28

edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. Many students buy computers for personal use during college anyway. Surveys presented to Faculty Senate during its Nov. 29 meeting showed more than 65 percent of Eastern students buy laptops for college.

The benefit is that through ATAC's initiative students who qualify for financial aid could use that money to purchase the laptops.

During the 2003 to 2004 school year, 9,180 students received \$6.8 million in financial aid, according to Eastern's Planning and Institutional Studies. Eastern's total enrollment was 12,129 in 2005. So more than 75 percent of Eastern's students would have financial help to purchase the laptop.

The advantage for students is not just the laptop; the software specific to each student's field of study could come with it. For example, journalism design students use a layout program called Adobe InDesign. The students use this program to literally electronically build a newspaper, bulletin or advertisement.

Adobe InDesign CS2 retails at \$699 on Adobe's Web site. To upgrade to CS2, it costs \$169. With the initiative, the software could be free. The same holds true for other concentrations as well.

Most students have their own computer, but how many students have the money to buy the software they'll use even after they graduate? This gives them an advantage over students from other schools that might not have had the additional access to software. Students won't be limited to just learning software during classroom hours. If they need more practice figuring out how a program works, they'll be able to do so at 3 in the morning. The laptop initiative is only that right now. It's not even a proposal, but ATAC should continue pursing the idea as it will be more cost-effective for students, provide them with up-to-date software programs, making them more competitive in the work force when they graduate, and give them more opportunities to learn. All of these benefits will further the university's mission to educate its students to the best of its abilities.

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DAN NIWA



Church and state not completely separate

The topic of same-sex marriages has been beaten around the bush more than enough times, but here is my two copper pieces on the whole sha-bang. The solution is quite simple, is hard to refute and relies solely on one very important premise of our Constitution: the First Amendment.

Everyone knows that the First Amendment guarantees basic liberties: freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the right of the people to assemble. I want to zero in on the clause that speaks specifically about religion.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Enough said. Congress does not have the right to pass legislation that enables or inhibits religion. Straight from the Constitution itself, yet our lawmakers fail to recognize this.

Where am I going with this? Well, currently marriage documents are issued as a single document by both the State and the religion in which the couple wants to be married into. Whatever happened to separation of Church and State?

Since the problem with same-sex marriages is based on the Christian religion's depiction of how human society should work and that homosexuality is morally wrong, our representatives do not have the right to pass laws that conform to the viewpoint of the Christian religion – or Civil unions should more or less be defined as contractual agreements between two people living in a common household to pool their independent resources together for an extended period of time in such a way that they receive benefits from the government in the form of tax breaks.

This is, in essence, what marriage is about. However, if people view the term "marriage" as a religious term, our lawmakers need to adopt this idea of a contractual agreement as a civil union in order to lose the religious emphasis.

I predict that it will take our lawmakers nearly 20 years to see this as the only equitable solution. By equitable solution I mean that no one can argue (with any real defense) that this is not constitutional and simple enough to work. Gay couples should be guaranteed the same rights as straight couples if only solely for the reason that our government does not have the right to enforce a moral definition of marriage.

Sometimes Christians have a hard time realizing that people are given free will, and even if you personally do not agree with someone's decision, this does not mean that you have the right to inhibit someone else's actions, even if it is for their own good.

Clearly the God of the Christians does not intervene with humanity's free will, otherwise the entirety of humanity would worship him and live according to his strict code of conduct. I believe it is a little presumptuous to think that Christians have the right to enforce such laws, especially since their God refuses to do

View from the UK GUEST COLUMNIST | SIMON RUSSELL

Guns v. Spears

Certain recent events have got me thinking. What is, I wonder, the similarity between the police officers involved in the latest accidental shooting in New York and Britney Spears' second divorce? You may indeed raise an eyebrow. But are they both humming, "Oops, I did it again?" I know. It's no joke.

Any which way, the damn tune keeps rattling through my mind. I can assure you that having Britney constantly playing in one's head is no laugh-aminute. But, then again, neither is the shooting of innocent civilians in the name of Law and Order. Ms. Spears might be simple to silence (hmm, not nearly easy enough), but how do we muffle the indignation that (one presumes) reverberates all around?

The quandary faced by the police force – to shoot or not to shoot – is a tough one all right. They should remember, though, that in the eyes of the law, we are all innocent until proven guilty. The onus is on the prosecution to prove guilt "beyond reasonable doubt."

This burden of proof may rankle some, but it is the cornerstone of both the U.S. and UK legal systems. Every time the police open fire pre-emptively you have to ask whether it's better a guilty person escapes a crime-scene than see another bride-to-be weeping on her wedding day for all the wrong reasons. A tough stance is one thing – imagine it's you that's caught in the crosshairs.

In the UK, our beat police are unarmed. Their battle cry to the criminal world, "Stop! Or I'll shout 'Stop!' again," is the stuff of jokes. That said, instances of unlawful shooting (by our Armed Response Units) are thankfully rare. High-speed motorized pursuits are far more likely to cause injury and deaths, and with every incident the law enforcement agencies become more cautious, preferring to let the criminals escape rather than harm the general public. Better safe, we feel, than sorry.

Not that this means we're soft on crime. The introduction of CCTV cameras to most city centres has proved an invaluable asset in the capture and conviction of all sorts of criminals. The high-speed chase is now often replaced by electronic ground surveillance, with the option of a police helicopter overhead to guide officers in the right direction. Rarely in such cases do the criminals escape. City centres themselves have become safer, with crime levels for affray, theft and damage to property in some cases down by 50 percent. People think twice now before transgressing - you never know, Big Brother might be watching.

Of course, it's up to the individual to decide whether such watchfulness is an infringement of our civil liberties or merely a potent weapon against the minority in society who wish to cause harm. The fair-minded amongst us have nothing to fear, or so the government line goes. But there's always the chance that a means to do good can be turned into a means to control. (Does this sound familiar, Home Security people?) Vigilance is required: vigilance of those who vigil. In an ideal world, the police would never make mistakes. That said, in an ideal world there'd be no Britney Spears. So, we're not living in an ideal world. But that just means we must hold on tightly to our ideals.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board. Reach the opinions editor at **DENopinions@gmail.com**. any religion for that matter. This includes allowing or disallowing same-sex marriage.

My solution, which is not unique, is just common sense. Let the state issue civil union licenses and let each respective religion issue their own marriage licenses. What is so hard about that? Now the conflict between allowing or not allowing same-sex marriage is a moot point because each religion can decide for themselves if they want to allow same-sex marriage in their church. The state must then issue civil union licenses to people who meet the requirements.

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FEATURED BLOGGER | KATEY MITCHELL



"The film 'Tenacious D and the Pick of Destiny' is a hard movie to really peg down because it rides a fine line between comedic genius and immature flop."



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Simon Russell

The Associated Press

CHICAGO – The political elite were among hundreds who gathered Wednesday for the funeral of Margaret Mell, the wife of Chicago Alderman Richard Mell and Gov. Rod Blagojevich's mother-in-law.

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, city aldermen and state officials were treated to stories about Mell, who was known as Marge and remembered as a wonderful mother, a friend and a successful businesswoman who loved travel and baseball.

"I feel so blessed to have had her in my life," said longtime friend Betty Bukraba, who had a floral shop with Mell before Mell went to work at the family manufacturing firm.

Mell, 62, died Sunday of a degenerative brain disease similar to Parkinson's disease. Her daughter Deborah said the family was grateful to have had the chance to say goodbye.

After beating cancer three times, Richard Mell said his wife was thrown a curve ball by the disease – progressive supranuclear palsy – that they desperately tried to fight.

Together, they had three children. One of their daughters, Patti, is married to Blagojevich.

Prosecutor: mom helped in deaths to save relationship

DECATUR – A mother helped plot the drowning deaths of her three children to preserve her relationship with the man who killed them, prosecutors said in closing arguments Wednesday in the woman's murder trial.

Prosecutor Roger Simpson said Amanda Hamm, 30, has low self-esteem and needed a man to "validate her existence."

Hamm faces life in prison if convicted of first-degree murder in the deaths of her children, Christopher Hamm, 6, Austin Brown, 3, and Kyleigh Hamm, 23 months. The children died after Hamm's car sank at a Clinton Lake boat ramp on Sept. 2, 2003.

Prosecutors allege Hamm and then-boyfriend Maurice LaGrone Jr. planned the drownings because the children were in the way of their relationship. Hamm and LaGrone have maintained the deaths were a tragic accident that occurred after LaGrone parked the car too close to the water during a family outing.

LaGrone, 31, was convicted in April of first-degree murder in the children's deaths and is serving life in prison without parole.

Hamm's attorney Steve Skelton

contended Wednesday that authorities zeroed in on Hamm and badgered her into making conflicting statements about the deaths.

Acquaintance accused in college student's slaying

BELLEVILLE – A Belleville man is accused of strangling a Southwestern Illinois College student whose body was found slumped last week in her bathtub.

St. Clair County prosecutors Tuesday charged Emmett Lindsey, 27, with first-degree murder in the strangling of 18-year-old Amy Bracht, an education major who worked at a Christian school in nearby Shiloh.

Authorities have not discussed a possible motive in the slaying but described Lindsey as Bracht's acquaintance.

Sheriff's Lt. Steve Johnson said Bracht's boyfriend last saw his girlfriend alive about 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 28 when she dropped him off at a Belleville restaurant. The boyfriend found Bracht's body in her locked apartment the next day after he was unable to reach her on the phone.

Authorities said Bracht's purse, cell phone and keys were missing.

There was no evidence of a break-in, Johnson said.

Tests meant to determine if Bracht had been sexually assaulted are pending, Johnson said.

More than four years ago, Baltimore police arrested Lindsey after they said he raped two women, ages 18 and 19, after the victims responded to an adult telephone chat-line ad in a weekly newspaper.

In July 2003, a prosecutor there dismissed five other felonies, including the rape charges, after Lindsey pleaded guilty to assault. He was sentenced to time served while awaiting trial plus eight years, but the sentence was suspended, the Baltimore city prosecutor's office told the Belleville News-Democrat.

In 1994, Lindsey, then 15, was convicted of rape but completed his sentence in 1999, a Maryland Department of Corrections spokesman said.

Lindsey, who was arrested at a home he shares with his mother, is jailed here on \$2.5 million bond.

State temporarily suspends license of Alton surgeon

ALTON – State regulators temporarily suspended the license of an Alton physician and surgeon who allegedly prescribed drugs for three patients without properly examining or documenting them.

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Citing "an immediate danger to the public," Daniel Bluthardt, chief of the state's Division of Professional Regulation, pulled Charles Earnshaw's license on Monday.

The suspension followed the recommendation of Sadzi Olivia, the department's medical prosecutions chief, who accused Earnshaw of prescribing drugs without physically examining three patients, including two with whom he allegedly was involved sexually.

The order also referred to Earnshaw's being arrested twice in a five-week span this year for drunken driving with loaded firearms.

A hearing on the suspension has been scheduled for Dec. 19 in Chicago. An administrative judge will hear arguments from both sides on whether the temporary suspension was justified, said Sue Hofer, spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

The judge will make a recommendation to the division's Medical Disciplinary Board about whether the suspension should be withdrawn or made permanent.

The board will make its own recommendation to Bluthardt.





Factory explosion kills 3, injures 46

The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE – An explosion that may have started in a large propane tank flattened an industrial warehouse near downtown Milwaukee on Wednesday, killing at least three people and injuring 46 others, authorities said.

The fiery blast at the Falk Corp. factory flipped cars, hurled debris into the air and forced the evacuation of dozens of workers at the plant, which makes large industrial gears and couplings. Burning rubble was spread over several blocks.

Fire officials had not determined the cause of the blast, but Mays said the company began to evacuate workers after a leak occurred in one of six large propane tanks.

Firefighters searched through wreckage for hours before accounting for the plant's more than 700 workers.

As many as 120 firefighters and paramedics responded to the fire, along with hazardous materials crews.

The explosion destroyed Falk's warehouse and numerous cars and damaged several other buildings in the complex, fire Lt. Brian O'Connor said, adding that the blast could be felt at a firehouse about a mile and a half away.

Mayor Tom Barrett said the company had a clean safety record.

Missing San Francisco man found dead in mountains

MERLIN, Ore. – A San Francisco man who got stranded in the snowy wilderness with his family nearly two weeks ago was found dead Wednesday in a mountain creek, authorities said.

James Kim's body was

discovered about seven miles from his car in Oregon's snowy Klamath Mountains, two days after his wife and two daughters were rescued from the vehicle, stuck on a remote road.

Kim had set out on foot over the weekend to find help.

Kim's body was at the foot of the Big Windy Creek drainage, a halfmile from the Rogue River, where ground crews and helicopters had been searching for days.

The body was to be taken to the town of Central Point for an examination.

Earlier in the day, searchers said they had uncovered clues that suggested Kim had shed clothing and arranged it to give searchers clues to his whereabouts.

They had also made plans to drop rescue packages with clothing, emergency gear and provisions.

Senate votes 95-2 for Gates as new defense secretary

WASHINGTON – The Senate voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to confirm Robert Gates as defense secretary, with Democrats and Republicans portraying him as the man who will help overhaul President Bush's Iraq policies.

The 95-2 vote was a victory for Bush, who named Gates to replace Donald H. Rumsfeld at the Pentagon on Nov. 8, a day after voters gave Democrats control of Congress for next year.

Even so, much of Gates' support stemmed from his pledges to consider new options in Iraq. The vote coincided with the release of an independent study lambasting Bush's approach to the war, increasing pressure on the White House to change course. "I am confident that his leadership and capabilities will help our country meet its current military challenges and prepare for emerging threats of the 21st century," Bush said in a statement.

Weather lower chance of shuttle launch to 40 percent

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. – Clouds of concern gathered for Thursday night's liftoff of the space shuttle Discovery as NASA downgraded launch chances to 40 percent because of weather.

"The forecast has trended for the worse right now," said Kathy Winters, shuttle weather officer.

An expected cloud ceiling at 3,000 feet was the biggest obstacle for getting Discovery off the ground at 8:35 p.m. Thursday.

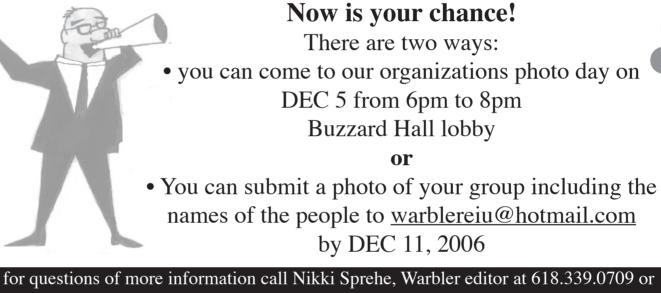
NASA won't launch with low

clouds because officials want to track it visually and allow enough visibility in case the astronauts need to make a difficult emergency landing at the Kennedy Space Center's runway. The weather wasn't expected to be cooperating at the shuttle's emergency landing sites in Spain and France, either.

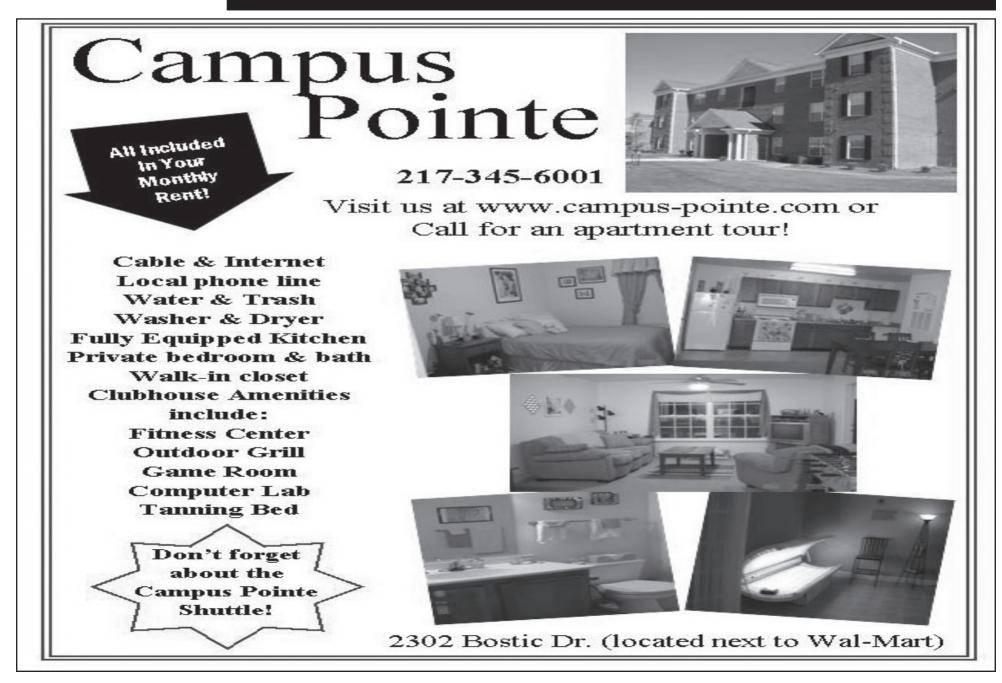
The forecast only gets worse for the following two days. Expected crosswinds and isolated showers at Kennedy Space Center reduced the chances of launch to 30 percent on Friday and 40 percent Saturday.

The weather was expected to improve at the beginning of next week. The seven astronauts' 12-day mission to the international space station will continue construction on the orbiting laboratory and bring home one of the space station astronauts and leave behind a fresh crew member.

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» Survivor

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"How I never got hit, I don't know," said Chun, who was later drafted and served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. "I'll tell you a secret: When your number comes up, you're going to go. Well, every morning I get up, I change my number.

Everett Hyland doesn't know how he stayed alive when almost everyone around him didn't.

He was radioman aboard the Pennsylvania, which was in Dry Dock No. 1, and was helping transport ammunition to the antiaircraft gun when a bomb exploded. Badly burned, Hyland regained consciousness 18 days later, on Christmas night. During that time, his older brother visited.

"The only way he knew it was me was the tag on my toe," Hyland said. "He (later) told me we looked like roast turkeys lined up."

Today, scar tissue covers most of his arms and legs.

"I got a quick facial out of it. I used to be a freckled-faced kid," he said. "I don't have any lips. They LEE SOUCY | PEARL HARBOR SURVIVOR

"There are some guys that are going to die with hate in their heart. I don't have in me any hatred in my heart."

build any lips." And he was lucky.

Many of the dead were teenage sailors and Marines away from home for the first time.

They died before they had an opportunity to get married, have children, build lives. Four in five servicemen on the USS Arizona 1,177 in all did not survive the day. It was the greatest loss of life of any ship in U.S. naval history.

They remain entombed in the battleship's sunken hull, which still seeps oil every few seconds, leaving a colorful sheen on the harbor water.

The survivors say they have more than horrific memories to offer. "Remember Pearl Harbor" is just the first half of the association's motto; the rest is "Keep America alert."

Martinez said many Pearl Harbor survivors were disheartened by the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, "as if they had not done their job hard

Once again, it seemed that America had been caught sleeping. Interest in Pearl Harbor and its aging survivors surged. The old soldiers are much in demand _ to sign autographs, walk in parades, speak to classrooms and pose for pictures. Visits to the USS Arizona Memorial are at record levels.

Not that everyone sees similarities between the two attacks. "There is no comparison," Hyland said. "That was terrorists killing a pile of civilians. Here, you had professional fighters versus professional fighters. Two different things."

There are those who are unable to forgive the Japanese, But others testify to the power of reconciliation.

"There are some guys that are going to die with hate in their heart. I don't have in me any hatred in my heart," said 87-year-old survivor Lee Soucy, of Plainview, Texas. "They were doing their job just like

Hyland, who was almost killed in the attack, married a woman from Japan. They met at the 50th Pearl Harbor anniversary and wed the following year.

"I got over it a long time ago," he said.

Former NBC anchor Tom Brokaw, who dubbed Americans who came of age during the Great Depression and World War II "the greatest generation," agreed to be keynote speaker for Thursday's ceremony. A moment of silence at 7:55 a.m. was to mark the time when the attack began.

Martinez, the USS Arizona historian, likened it to another reunion 68 years ago the final gathering of Civil War veterans in Gettysburg, Pa., when aging warriors in blue and gray shook hands and shared war stories. In 1938, as in 2006, the nation faced an uncertain future in a world gripped by conflict.

had its moment and we're going to have ours," he said.

But some veterans don't believe, or refuse to accept, that this will be the last major gathering.

"They claimed the 60th was going to be the last one. Now they have the 65th. When they have the 70th, then they'll be claiming, 'This will be the last one," Hyland said. "They've been crying wolf too many times."

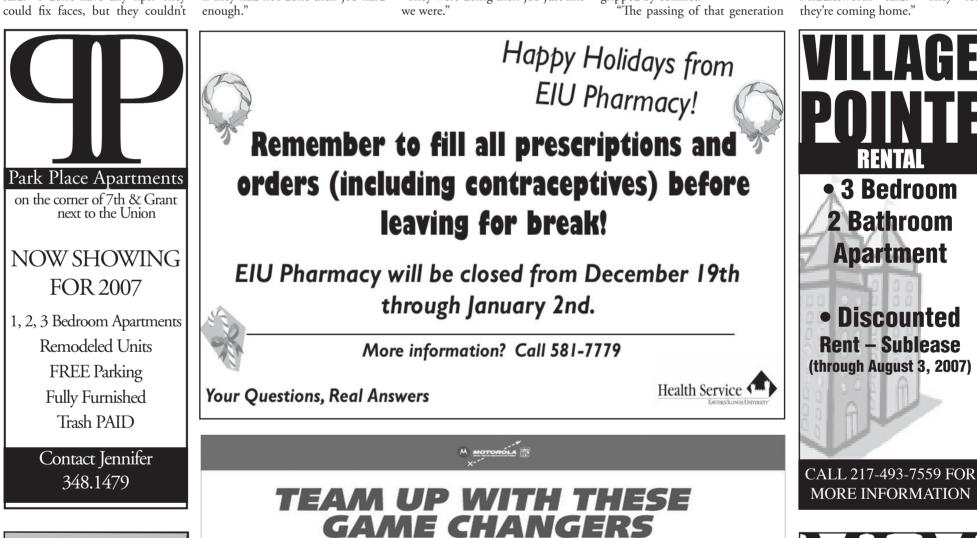
Hyland does accept the fact that their numbers are falling fast.

"We all have our turn and our turn is getting closer," he said.

But until then, they are drawn to Pearl Harbor, and to each other. Military historian Douglas Smith, a professor at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I., says they are proud of their service and eager to return "to their glory days," but most of all they revel in the bonds they formed long ago, when they were young.

The bond is so strong that some ask to have their ashes interred inside the Arizona, laid to rest with shipmates who were not so fortunate as to survive Dec. 7, 1941.

"They're coming home," ddlesworth said. "They feel Middlesworth said.







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» Sidelines

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Payne ran the day-to-day operations of the team and was the head coach in several games, mainly road games Sutton could not travel to.

Tech finished 19-12 last season, third in the Ohio Valley Conference and reached the OVC tournament semifinals.

"I think he did an extraordinary job with everything," said Tech junior forward Amadi McKenzie about Payne's role last season. "Lot of times, the team was thinking 'this is for coach.' Especially when coach came back."

Sutton was at Tech's home games last season after Christmas, coaching from the sidelines while sitting in a wheelchair.

His first away game was when Tech traveled to Peoria to play Bradley in February.

Sutton has been to every game this year, home and away, and uses a walker or a wheelchair to move around.

"It's crazy," said Tech junior guard Anthony Fisher. "You saw him in the hospital, he couldn't move. Now he's standing around, getting around with a walker."

Sutton does not plan on letting this syndrome stop his coaching nor is he asking for sympathy.

"It doesn't do any good to question these things," Sutton said. "I have to worry about what's going to get me better. As unfortunate as this may seem, I'm still in a lot better condition than some people with this condition."

Sutton is now a national spokesperson for Guillain-Barre Syndrome. » How is it treated?

There is no known cure for Guillain-Barre syndrome, but therapies can lessen the severity of the illness and accelerate the recovery in most patients.

» What is the recovery period?

The recovery period may be as little as a few weeks or as long as a few years. About 30 percent of those with Guillain-Barre still have a residual weakness after 3 years

He has visited hospitals and has met with people who suffer from the same syndrome he does.

It's something Sutton embraces about this rare syndrome.

"There's a sense of understanding," said Sutton of when he meets other people with Guillain-Barre Syndrome. "People don't know what you go through with this condition because it's so unknown."

Now, Sutton can move all of his fingers and is slowly getting back the use of his nerves.

Tech (3-3) has already picked up wins against 2006 NCAA Tournament opponents Bradley and Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and was picked to finish third in the OVC.

Talk about basketball is something Sutton looks forward to now.

However, he does realize he has a long recovery period ahead of him.

"I'm looking forward to (therapy) and expect a full recovery," Sutton said. "When the nerves are damaged and they regenerate, it's a slow rate. As long as I continue to improve, that's the key."



Gullian-Barre Syndrome

» What is it?

Guillain-Barre (ghee-yan bah-ray) syndrome is a disorder in which the body's immune system attacks part of the peripheral nervous system. The body's immune system begins to attack the body itself, causing what is known as an autoimmune disease. Guillain-Barre is called a syndrome rather than a disease because there is not clear specific disease-causing agent.

-Information courtesy of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes

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Scaggs, Kluempers and Lipperd are perfect for this role.

Huffman is an obvious starter at point guard, as is Galligan in a hybrid center/power forward role, but the other three positions should be changed out frequently.

Sallee's high-octane system takes a lot out of his players because of the constant motion and frequent substitutions are needed.

Thomas, Eck, Canale, Brittney Coleman and Amanda Maxedon have seen a good amount of minutes rotating between the two shooting guard positions. However, Kluempers, Scaggs and Lipperd should see more floor time at small forward to take the load off Galligan's already heavily loaded shoulders.

Tennessee Tech will be a good showcase of the four-guard offense's ability to function against a taller squad.

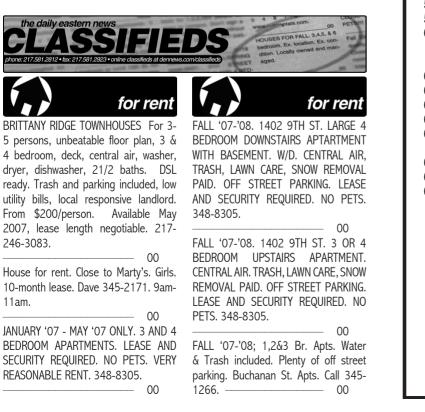
Rebounding and defending taller players are always the issues with a four-guard offense but the Panther's four guards will get a chance to prove themselves as a whole tonight in conference play – because even Galligan can't do it all by herself.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. TENNESSEE TECH

Panthers travel to TTU's unfriendly confines

Eastern has lost 11 straight at Eblen Center

By Joe Waltasti Staff Reporter

Tennessee Tech's Hooper Eblen

Center has not been friendly to Eastern.

The Golden Eagles hold an 11-0 all-time record against the Panthers on their home court in Cookeville, Tenn.

The Eblen Center is also the site where Tech ended Eastern's season with an 83-69 win last year in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament.

But there has never been a better time for Eastern to break the streak and get revenge for its early tournament exit.

Tech's long-time coach Bill Worrell retired before the season with 408 career wins. His top assistant, Amy Brown, has taken

over a team that graduated last year's Ohio Valley Conference player of the year, Emily Christian, and Tech (1-5) has been hard-pressed for wins thus far.

"We're struggling a little bit," Brown said. "We're trying to find our identity after losing Emily and the other seniors."

The OVC's leading scorer, sophomore forward Rachel Galligan, and the Panthers' offense, ranked fifth in the nation and averaging 85 points per game, will meet a Golden Eagles squad tonight that is the worst in the conference in field goal percentage defense and rebounding.

While tonight's game will be the conference opener for Eastern, the Golden Eagles opened up their conference season Dec. 2 with a 66-57 road loss to Austin Peay.

Tech has lost five straight after

Lambuth University. Despite the apparent advantages, this is Eastern's first conference

winning its season opener against

road game this season, and head coach Brady Sallee will look to his seasoned sophomores to guide his young team.

"They went in last year blind and they didn't have any idea how hard it is to win a game on the road," Sallee said about his six sophomores. "But now they know how to grind it out on the road, grind it out in the conference."

One of those sophomores, Ellen Canale, returned to the starting lineup in the two games at the State Farm Tiger Classic in Columbia, Mo., last weekend. Canale scored 14 points and pulled down nine rebounds combined against Alabama A&M and Creighton.

Her return to the line-up has Sallee using a four guard offense that is quick and athletic but it gives up a lot of size to Tennessee Tech's two 5-foot-10 guards. Tech senior Deanna Apple is one of the tallest point guards in the conference and will have a 2- to 3- inch height advantage over any Eastern guard defending her.

"Her height helps her see over other players and make better passes," Brown said. "But the disadvantage of being so tall is getting down, getting low to defend smaller guards."

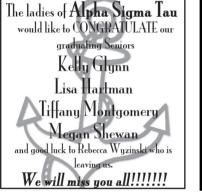
Eastern's own point guard, freshman Jessica Huffman, struggled with her passing earlier in the year but improved last weekend in Missouri.

"It was never something she

didn't understand," Sallee said about Huffman's turnover issues. "She slowed herself down a little bit and let the system do what it needed to do and got her points within it. I really like how many touches (Galligan) got and she set (Eck) up for a couple good outside shots."

Huffman, who had 40 turnovers to just 25 assists before the State Farm Tiger Classic, recorded 10 assists to only seven turnovers at the tournament.





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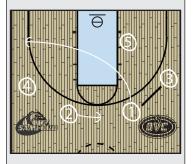
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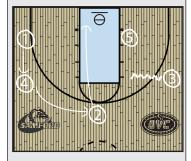
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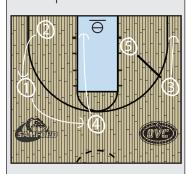
The basic steps and motions of the **Princeton Offense:**



Step 1: The offense begins with the point guard (1) passing to the small forward on the wing (3). The point guard makes a back-door cut to the weak side and the shooting guard (2) fills in at the top of the key.



Step 2: The small forward (3) has options in the second phase. He can swing the ball to the other side to the shooting guard (2) or he can drive to the free throw line. If he does drive, the shooting guard (2) makes a back-door cut to the left side of the basket while the point guard and the power forward rotate.



Step 3: If the ball is not passed to the shooting guard (2), the small forward (3) can back out and pass to the center (5) underneath the basket. If the defense does not double team the center (5) he can attempt to score on a lay-up or pass to the power forward (4) on a cut to the basket. If the defense does double the center (5), he can pass the ball to the small forward (3) for an open 3-point shot or to the rotating point guard (1) at the top of the key.



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By Matthew Stevens Sports Reporter

Less grind and more glide. It's these simple words that got Samford head coach Jimmy Tillette to sell his players on a offense they had never seen live and was unique to its region of the country.

Explaining the Princeton-style offense in the middle of Dixie country became similar to teaching a foreign language.

"What ended up happening is that when you really learn it and try to explain it, we became better as teachers," Tillette said. "That's the whole point of coaching, to teach."

The Bulldogs are the only school in the Ohio Valley Conference to use the system and less than a handful use the entire package on offense.

"I think what makes it so successful for a Samford is that no other school in your league runs it," said Seth Davis, a CBS college basketball analyst and Sports Illustrated staff writer.

The offense is based on all five players touching the ball, cutting without the basketball but with little screening and outside shooting.

"They might not shoot nothing but three's and layups the entire night," Tennessee Tech head coach Mike Sutton said. "But they'll beat you doing that because they execute it so comfortably."

The system normally runs 15 to 20 seconds off the shot clock before a shot is taken and slows the overall tempo of the game down. This technique is difficult to simulate in the week of game preparation for the Bulldogs.



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Samford head coach Jimmy Tillette installed the Princeton offense at Samford when he took control of the program in 1997-98. Tillette has only one losing season and is the school's all-time winningest coach.



Air Force head coach Jeff Bzdelik, former Princeton head coach and current Georgetown coach John Thompson III and another former Princeton head coach and current Northwestern head coach Bill Carmody.

5. Southeast Missouri

Tillette would the first to admit it's no coincidence these kinds of institutions are running it.

"One of the most important things we do at Samford is accurately interpret reality with our recruits," Tillette said. "We are a very different school with rigorous academic standards and a religious atmosphere. This is the best plan for success here and at those schools with the same ideas."

The Bulldogs have a policy to red-shirt all freshmen in order to get them acclimated to an aggressive schedule of class and athletics.

This plan gives the player five years in the program.

"They don't get enough credit for the players they have because it's not normal to play against three, four or even five fifth-year seniors," Sutton said.

According to Tillette, their style of offense goes together with its recruiting philosophy.

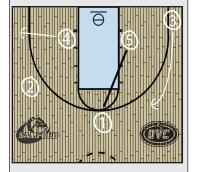
certain principles and aspects of the Princeton-style to their offensive sets with more athletic players.

"I think you're definitely starting to see it run even better by teams with athletes," Davis said. "You can run a lot of variations without putting in the entire kitchen sink."

Tillette studied the concepts live from Princeton legend and Hall of Fame coach Pete Carill.

Tillette is one of the few people ith no ties to the Princeton family who was granted access to how they teach it.

League Influence



Step 4: If the center (5) passes to the point guard (1), the point guard can reset the offense and run the play again.

"You can walk through it all you want but we know that we can't do it they way they can," Sutton said. "You just have to be willing to play 35 seconds of defense every time down the floor."

The irony is a number of schools including Georgetown, Vanderbilt and North Carolina State are beginning to simulate

"I saw them play it and fell in love with it," Tillette said. "With the kind of character kids we get here, I was confident it would work.

The current "Princeton Tree" of coaches who use the system is Princeton head coach Joe Scott,

The average ACT scores for accepted Samford applicants is 26 and the average first-year freshmen receives a 3.6 GPA.

"The kids that can do it all and have unlimited ability are going to go to Duke or Vanderbilt," Tillette said. "Once you throw them out and begin to identify specific skills we need, but with gaps in their games, it's easy to identify who we recruit."

The best plan doesn't come without struggles however.

Kids who were local stars in high school are forced to learn a slow-down offense based on what seem like frustrating fundamental principles.

"Coming in as a freshman I had no clue what I was doing or where I was supposed to go," said junior guard Joe Ross Merritt. "I kept wondering, 'Am I just getting worse at a basketball player? Now I understand this is how I was meant to play the game."

Preseason All-Conference team

First Team All-OVC	Position	Year	Height	Hometown
Shawn Witherspoon, Murray State	Froward	Senior	6'5"	Oviedo, Fla.
Courtney Bradley, Jacksonville State	Forward	Senior	6'5"	Utica, Miss.
Clarence Matthews, Tennessee Tech	Forward	Senior	6'7"	Beaumont, Texas
Randall Gulina, Samford	Guard	Senior	6'1"	Baton Rouge, La.
Anthony Fisher, Tennessee Tech	Guard	Junior	6'2"	Alpharetta, Ga.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN VS. TENNESSEE TECH

Sutton back full-time as Golden Eagles coach

Tech head coach suffering from rare nervous system syndrome

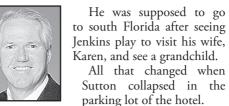
By Matt Daniels

Sports Editor

A year ago at this time, Mike Sutton could only slightly move his thumb and index finger on his left hand. He was in a hospital from mid-April of 2005

to just before Thanksgiving of that year. Sutton, Tennessee Tech's head coach, collapsed coming out of a hotel in Norfolk, Va., on April 10, 2005. Sutton was in Norfolk at the Portsmouth Invitational watching Tech's Willie Jenkins compete in the camp.

The camp is held every April to give seniors a chance to showcase their skills to NBA scouts. He had not been feeling well and felt tired.



Mike Sutton Tennessee Tech men's basketball head coach.

health. "You don't think about basketball a lot. You're worried about your friend and somebody you

"Obviously it was a

shock," said Tech associate

head coach Steve Payne

about hearing of Sutton's

love being OK." Sutton was taken to a Norfolk hospital, where he was on a respirator for a week, fighting for his life.

"I don't remember a great deal about the rest of the week," Sutton said Tuesday.

He was diagnosed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a rare disease that attacks the peripheral nervous system. According to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Web site regarding Guillain-Barre Syndrome, symptoms start with a degree of tingling sensations in the arms or legs.

Symptoms can increase in intensity until all muscles can't be used or the person is almost completely paralyzed. The syndrome can happen because a person has a respiratory virus. Which is what Sutton had.

"I had no use of my hands, couldn't stand or do anything at all," he said. "I couldn't support my own body weight at all."

All of that and Sutton is in his fifth season as Tech's head coach when Eastern takes on the Golden Eagles tonight in Cookeville, Tenn.

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TOP CAT | MICHAEL ROBINSON

One guard too many

JOE WALTASTI | THE EXTRA POINT

Ellen Canale's return to the starting line-up last weekend was the beginning of head coach Brady Sallee's four-guard offense.

Along with the 5-foot-9 Canale, Eastern's four starting guards are 5-foot-8 Ashley Thomas and the 5foot-7 pair of Jessica Huffman and Meggie Eck.

The only starting forward and starter with any size is 6-foot-2 sophomore standout Rachel Galligan.

Galligan has proven she is a fantastic post player and can more than hold her own with the best of the conference. But putting on an island in the paint is just that much more pressure for the reigning Ohio Valley Conference freshman of the year.

Sallee looks to Galligan to be a leader on the team and expects a lot out of her.

When the Panthers are not racking up fast-break points and the offense slows down into a halfcourt set, it is Galligan that is the focal point of the offense.

Huffman's first read and first option is routinely Galligan.

In Eastern's 81-71 win against Creighton, Sallee said he was pleased with how many touches Huffman gave Galligan.

The forward took 15 shots, almost 30 percent of the Panthers total shots, and she played 29 minutes in the win, three more minutes than Eastern's three other forwards combined.

Meagan Scaggs, Lindsey Kluempers and Julie Lipperd played a total of 46 minutes in two games at the State Farm Tiger Classic. The three scored only four points (all by Lipperd against Alabama A&M) but pulled down an impressive 17 rebounds. That is exactly what Eastern needs from another forward in the starting line-up. The Panther guards will get their points and Galligan will score down low, but Eastern needs an energetic post player to get rebounds and play tough defense.

Be Like Mike

Robinson's 40-foot buzzer beater will be remembered forever

By Matthew Stevens Sports Reporter

Eastern head coach Mike Miller is stopped randomly to talk about it. He has received e-mails and gets phone calls all wanting to talk about six seconds of play.

"You certainly don't see something like that very often," Miller said. "People are still talking about it because of the excitement in the moment."

Panthers sophomore point guard Mike Robinson may break records and win awards before his four-year career is over but on one night in December he cemented his name to an Eastern all-time moment.

Robinson's 40-foot buzzer beater to defeat Arkansas State 73-70 Saturday night was a play that, according to some, will be remembered for quite a while.

"I would certainly rate it a Top 10 moment or shot since I've been doing Eastern basketball games," WEIU play-by-play broadcaster Mike Bradd said.

Bradd has been calling Eastern games for 19 years.

The point guard is averaging 10.8 points, 4 rebounds and 2.5 assists per game.

"He's really coming on but I believe his best days are in front of him," Miller said The first person Robinson called in the locker room was his parents in Chicago who were unable to make it to Lantz Arena. "My father was the first person I called to let him know," Robinson said.



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Robinson's father Vernon recently suffered a stroke and therefore is unable to attend Eastern's games.

"I try to call them after every game and let them know how I played and I how I feel," Robinson said. "My family is a main influence in my life."

Growing up in Chicago allowed Robinson to develop toughness and a confidence not normally seen in a 19-year-old.

"He is not only the best but he's the toughest player to defend I've ever seen," said Eastern guard Freddie Perry. "Playing against Mike makes you realize what D-I is all about."

Robinson says his on-the-

Sophomore guard Mike Robinson stands where he took the game-winning 40-foot shot to give Eastern a 73-70 victory against Arkansas State.

court style comes from the pick up games in the local playgrounds around Chicago.

"Playing on the concrete is a lot more rougher and serious, kind of like a job where people are running to the gates to see it," Robinson said. "You're playing with grown men at an early age."

When it came time to attend high school Robinson figured he would simply go to the local public school with all of his friends but his mother had other ideas.

"She said that Hales (Franciscan) would be the best place for me," Robinson said.

It's safe to say Robinson

disagreed with that assessment.

'Think about it this way," he said. "I didn't want to go to catholic school, I would get joked on wearing a shirt, tie, dress pants to school and then I found out it was an all-boys school."

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