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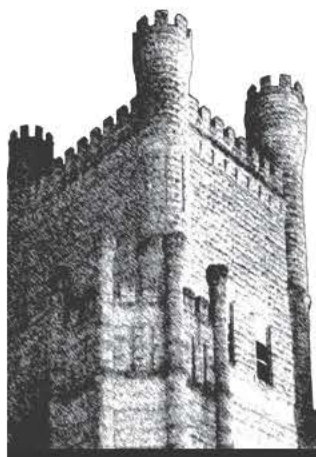
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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

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OFF AGAIN ON AGAIN

Students go back to residence halls after living off campus

By AMANDA DUGAN
STAFF REPORTER

More and more students are finding themselves living back on campus after a period of living in an apartment or house off campus.

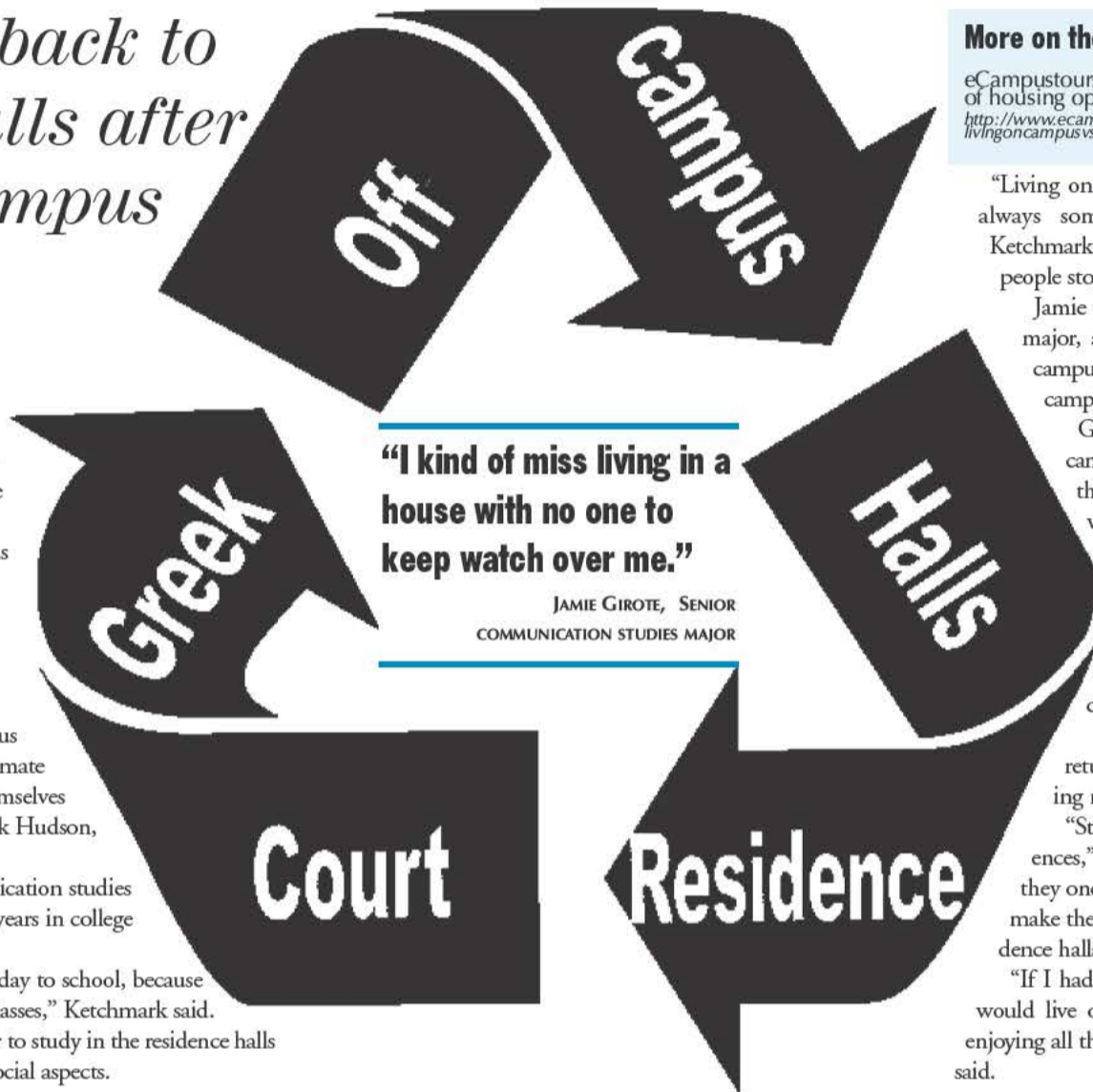
Initially, the appeal of living off campus draws students out of the residence halls. However, after learning they have more responsibility living on their own, some students return to their former living situations.

"Students who tend to return to campus come back because they are having roommate problems, they don't like cooking for themselves or they miss the conveniences," said Mark Hudson, director of housing and dining.

Jennifer Ketchmark, a junior communication studies major, lived off campus for her first two years in college and recently moved on campus.

"I love that I don't have to drive every day to school, because it was stressful to find parking near my classes," Ketchmark said.

Ketchmark admitted she finds it harder to study in the residence halls and sleep in smaller beds, but loves the social aspects.



More on the Web

eCampustours.com's discussion of the pros and cons of housing options:
<http://www.ecampustours.com/campuslife/livingoncampusvsbtcampus.aspx>

"Living on campus is better socially because there is always someone to do something with," said Ketchmark. "If I leave my door open, there are always people stopping by to see what I am doing."

Jamie Girote, a senior communication studies major, agreed that the social aspect of living on campus is better, but misses things about her off-campus life.

Girote liked her independence of living off campus, but finds having the convenience of the dining halls and sharing living quarters with a lot of people a fair trade.

"I kind of miss living in a house with no one to keep watch over me," Girote said. "But having the union and residence halls to eat at is great because I don't have to worry about cooking for myself every day."

Housing and dining services work with returning students to accommodate their living requests accordingly.

"Students choose to live based on past experiences," Hudson said. "Some return to the halls they once lived at, or others who were not ready to make the jump live with friends who are in the residence halls."

"If I had the option of living on- or off-campus, I would live on campus because I feel like I am now enjoying all the benefits college has to offer," Ketchmark said.

Making a comeback at Eastern

Recovering from a lapse in enrollment

By JESSICA CANTARELLI
CAMPUS EDITOR



JESSICA CANTARELLI/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

With the beginning of every semester, students experience what it's like to begin their college education at Eastern. Many students don't get to experience that feeling twice at the same college, but some do.

When Krissy Benson, a sophomore health studies major, ran into financial trouble last January, she had to make a tough decision to spend the semester at home.

"I had to weigh my options," Benson said. "I made my decision knowing that time at home would benefit me in the long run."

Benson spent her semester away from Eastern doing data entry.

"Working full time for nine months made me want to get my degree even more," she said. "People I worked with didn't have a college education and had to support a family on 15 dollars an hour. That gave me even more incentive to come back."

Even though she always knew she was coming back to college, Benson was not sure she was coming back to Eastern. "I started here and want to finish here," she said.

Benson said her home life in Naperville and her life at Eastern are two different worlds, which is why she thinks it's very possible for most people who take time off to never come back.

"Things are so different," she said. "Something that's 300 miles away isn't even on your mind."

Coming back to Eastern this semester, Benson said she didn't know

Sophomore health studies major Krissy Benson lounges on her Weller Hall bed Tuesday afternoon. Benson said going back to school is "a vacation."

what to expect. She felt like a freshman again, coming to college for the first time.

"It was definitely an adjustment," Benson said. "My life was together for nine months, and I just up and left again. It was like starting over, I liked it."

Compared to working full time, Benson said a life of going to classes is relaxing.

"This is like a vacation for me," she said. "I'm not ready for the real world yet."

Adam Cherne, a senior accounting major, took a semester

away from Eastern, and the United States entirely, when he spent the spring semester of 2005 in Salamanca, Spain.

"I had the best time of my life," he said. "I traveled and studied Spanish."

He said his experiences in Europe have helped him come back to Eastern and do a better job.

"I grew up a little bit and I am a lot more serious about school," Cherne said. "My classes here required me to put a lot more effort in than the classes I took in Spain."

Cherne missed his friends and four o'clock clubs the most when he was away.

His transition back to Eastern was difficult because his life in Spain was not as demanding.

"I had to wake up early when I came back and take all accounting classes, which made things a lot harder," he said.

When Amanda Dallesasse, a senior family and consumer sciences major, lost her father to cancer in June of 2004, she decided to spend

T-shirt, DNA submitted in Jackson trial

By KRISTEN LARSEN
CITY EDITOR

A gray T-shirt that may be connected to the September 2005 assault of a female Eastern student has been submitted for forensic tests that could determine whether DNA samples from the shirt match that of Patrick Jackson, who has been charged with counts related to the incident.

The gray shirt with "ARMY" printed on the front was found in Jackson's apartment with two "blood-like" stains the size of a silver dollar, police said.

The shirt was sent to Illinois State Police Forensic Science Lab in Springfield for the DNA analysis.

At the lab, the blood stains were extracted from the shirt and put through a Polymerase Chain Reaction, a machine that takes a part of the DNA and makes millions of copies of it.

"Processing DNA is a complicated process," said David Metzger, a forensic scientist from the lab.

From there, parts of the DNA are put into another machine that measures the size of the DNA. The final stage of matching the sample from evidence to a sample from a victim or suspect is taking both to a machine that compares to determine whether they match.

If they don't match, the DNA can go through a data-

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Technology workshop to help professors organize

Teachers looking for new ways to organize their classes this semester can learn about technology that may be able to help. This technology workshop will teach participants how to use Turning Point Technology to enhance their instruction. Participants will learn skills utilizing Word, Excel and Power Point that could help them get more organized with their work. The workshop will run from 1 to 3 p.m. in the CATS Training Lab in McAfee.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Late Registration

All day | Registration hours: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; \$25 Late Registration Fee applies. Friday is the last day to add classes. *Online at* <http://www.eiu.edu/paws/>

Staff Senate Meeting

1:15 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, 1895 Room

UNDER CONSTRUCTION



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Construction workers take advantage of the warm, though wet, weather and continue to work on the Doudna Fine Arts Center Tuesday morning.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Student loan rates on the rise

By BECCA BAKER
DAILY O'COLLEGIAN (OKLAHOMA STATE U.)

STILLWATER, Okla. - Oklahoma State University students, along with all college students, may be affected by an act from U.S. Congress which will set the current variable loan interest rate to a fixed rate.

This Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act is designed to save money and cut costs to the federal government and is made up of several components in effort to save \$40 billion, said Aaron Cooper, press secretary for Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla.

The part of the act that will affect students is the interest rate on student and parent college loans, Cooper said.

OSU Assistant Director of Record Management and Loan Processing Cathy Bird said interest rates have been good for students in the past

years because rates have been low. The current interest rate is 4.7 percent, but two years ago it was 2.77 percent, she said.

The new fixed interest rate for student loans will be 6.8 percent, and the rate for parent loans will be 8.5 percent, Cooper said.

"We're not real interested in all the things they're looking at," Bird said. "It's going to be a detriment to students. Students will end up paying more."

The act has not officially passed yet because the Senate sent the bill back to the House of Representatives in December with revisions.

The act will continue to be discussed and debated until a final vote can be reached.

Ben Hardcastle, director of communications for the Oklahoma State Regents said, "We're considering any-

thing that could affect students' access to college."

While this act may force students to pay more for their education, it also is increasing the number of loans students can take out, as well as grants that are available to students, Cooper said.

For first- and second-year students, academic competitive grants will be made available. For juniors and seniors, smart grants will be awarded.

In addition, for students who excel in math and sciences, Pell grants will be given. This will contribute \$4.5 billion in grant money toward higher education, Cooper said.

"It's understandable to be upset that rates may rise, but there are incentives in there to offset it," he said.

Cooper also said that interest rates are increasing all the time, and a fixed rate could save money in the future.

ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers what is the worst part about the first week of school.

- A) The moving in process
- B) Stepping foot in the class room again
- C) Dealing with all the drunk people
- D) Nothing, the first week of school is the easiest

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Libraries sporting books bound in human skin

By M.L. JOHNSON
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PROVIDENCE, R.I. - Brown University's library boasts an anatomy book that combines form and function in macabre fashion. Its cover - tanned and polished to a smooth golden brown, like fine

leather - is made of human skin.

In fact, a number of the nation's finest libraries, including Harvard's, have such books in their collections. The practice of binding books in human skin was not uncommon in centuries past, even if it was not always discussed in polite society.

At the time, the best libraries belonged to private collectors. Some were doctors who had access to skin from amputated parts and patients whose bodies had gone unclaimed.

In other cases, wealthy bibliophiles acquired skin from executed criminals, medical school cadavers

and people who died in the poor house.

Nowadays, libraries typically keep such volumes in their rare book collections and do not allow them to circulate. But scholars can examine them.

Brown's John Hay Library has three books bound in human skin.

Campus construction making progress

By KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The head of Eastern's Faculty Senate has toured Blair Hall and liked the look of the building.

The senate met for the first time since classes resumed yesterday and discussed possible ideas for the semester, including campus construction updates, department Web site changes, Eastern e-

mail addresses and grade-submission deadlines.

Senate chair Assege HaileMariam told the senate about a tour of Blair Hall that she took, and complimented the building's look.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president of academic affairs, said that Blair Hall is getting close to being done, and they anticipate mid-February as the finish date for construction. After construction is complete, the university will have furniture placed in the building, and Lord said they hope to move people back in during spring break.

Once completed, Blair Hall will have five large, regular classrooms, one conference room and one additional room, Lord said.

He also told the board that the construction crew said they are ahead of schedule on the construction of the Doudna Fine Arts Center, and two more years of the project remain.

In his provost's report to the senate, Lord said they are currently working on making improvements to departments' Web sites by having more advising material added to them. He said that the addition of forms and information on the Web sites would help both the student and the adviser.

"It would help the student be more prepared," Lord said. "It would make it more meaningful advising and more accessible."

HaileMariam asked Lord if adding students' Eastern e-mail

addresses to class rosters is possible, which she proposed would help faculty members avoid having to go out of their way to find students' contact information. He said the university is trying to add students' e-mail addresses to the university phonebook, but first, they must have them declared public information.

The senate also expressed concern over the little amount of time between the last final of the semester and the time grades are due for faculty members. Currently, they are due within 24 hours of the last final.

Lord said he was interested in hearing what the senate had to say about the issue. He also said that Eastern has the shortest amount of time for grade submission of many colleges he is aware of.

In other matters, the senate discussed the fact that they must replace senate member Matthew Monippallil for the semester. Monippallil is unable to attend senate meetings this semester because of a scheduling conflict.

Also, the senate added a few ideas to their agenda for the semester. Among the ideas mentioned were looking into creating a faculty handbook, continuing to look into academic advising and discussing the quality of campus.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Assege HaileMariam, chair of the faculty senate, spoke at the Booth Library Tuesday afternoon about parts of Blair Hall opening during spring break.



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

President Lou Hencken and members of the administration board look out the west side of Blair Hall while taking a tour to see the construction progress Nov. 17, 2004.

New requirements for human research project

By KAYLA CROW
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Faculty members who include research with human subjects in their courses have a new requirement to follow.

Courses that require students to do research with human subjects now require the teacher have the course certified through the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

For a course to be certified, the instructor needs to complete the Institutional Review Board Form H, which can be found on the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Web page. The form is then submitted to the office along with any additional forms that that might be required depending on the project.

The instructor will also need to have students complete a human subjects online training tutorial and train the students on procedures outlined

Steps for obtaining certification for courses using human subjects in research:

- ◆ Faculty must complete the Institutional Review Board Form H, which can be found at eiu.edu/~grant/, and submit it to the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs
- ◆ Students must complete an online training tutorial and be familiar with Form H procedures

on Form H.

"A course qualifies for certification if the students conduct class projects involving human participants where the purpose of the project is to educate students in research methods or contribute to the student's individual knowledge and training in a particular academic discipline," said Cheryl Siddens, compliance coordinator in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs.

The research done in these classes is con-

sidered "instruction-related research" and is usually not reviewed by the Institutional Review Board, she said.

"If the results of a project are intended to contribute to (generalized) knowledge or be published or presented to a scientific or professional audience, then the project would qualify as research that needs to be reviewed and approved by the IRB," Siddens said.

Also, the board reviews classes with research

that places participants at "more than minimal risk" or involve vulnerable participants such as children, she said.

Most research done in class was not certified, and the board was interested in the welfare of participants in the survey.

"The IRB was concerned about human participants in research activities that were not under its direct oversight," Siddens said. "(The board) elected to implement the course certification procedure as a way to afford some measure of protection for human participants in class projects."

The office currently has no figures on how many courses will need to be certified but Siddens said it would be a small number.

More information on the certification can be found on the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Web site, <http://www.eiu.edu/~grants/>.

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COMMENTARY



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MORE THAN A SERIOUS PROBLEM

Stories of corruption and circumvention of law have just now started to appear in our news media outlets. These stories only begin to hit upon the past year's constant flow of outrageous behavior and decorum within our nation's government. Still, action in opposition to these activities has been slow to materialize. As the youth and leaders of tomorrow, we must not be afraid to act against the offensive actions of those in power. We must be serious about politics because it is our country, our government.

The gravity of recent disclosures of criminal activity should not be down-played. A plea bargain, reached by lobbyist Jack Abramoff and special prosecutors, has revealed one of the greatest scandals in U.S. Congressional history. Abramoff will likely name many Congressional Representatives as having taken bribes in return of granting political favors. While some will say that all parties on Capitol Hill had some involvement with Abramoff and receiving cash contributions from organizations he was associated with, direct money from Abramoff was only extended to high-ranking Republican leadership. According to Democratic National Committee Chairman, Howard Dean, there is "no evidence" that Democrats are in any way involved with direct contributions.

Another topic of importance, that has been relatively ignored, is President Bush's use of executive order to spy on American citizens. A few weeks ago, New York Times reporter James Risen wrote about the Bush Administration's illegal wire-tapping programs, which allow international calls, made by America citizens, to be monitored without obtaining a warrant. The Bush Administration, since then, has made the assertion that these programs, without due process, are necessary to speedily ensure the nation's security. This claim is false.

The truth is there are mechanisms in place that allow secret warrants to be obtained in situations that merit immediate response. Furthermore, the thousands of backlogged wiretaps that have gone unheard or have not been deciphered show that the necessity for quickness is lacking after obtaining recorded material.

Our government has checks and balances in place on all three branches of government to ensure the protection of democracy. President Bush, who during the 2004 election said warrants are needed for any wiretap of an American citizen, has now shown a disregard for these checks and balances. He has gone around the judicial branch and left the legislative branch uninformed of his actions. He and his administration's disregard for the law reveal that there is an assumed dictatorship in place in the White House.

This hold of power is accomplished by the use dishonesty, intimidation and fear. In the House of Representatives, there have been many instances in which dissension has been dealt with in the most deceitful ways. Republican chairs withhold agendas from Democrats on their committees and prohibit the requests of their fellow colleagues for changes in procedure when it does not adhere to the chair's position.

On the floor, the Republican leadership has allowed the continuation of voting, after time on the vote has been called, if the vote does not fall in their favor. Through the promise of political favors or promise to limit political favors, votes on bills and resolutions that have hurt the middle class American citizen, including recent budget cuts to higher education, have passed.

Where are those who agree with him that our country is not headed in the right direction? Do we not have the courage to speak our mind against what we believe is wrong? We may find it comforting to have our voice of dissent come out in the form of comedic satire. Such programs like "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" give us some brief satisfaction. But we must realize that that politics is not entertainment.

Politics directs the course of our economy, our security, our liberties and our democracy. How much longer will you sit and laugh?

Marcy, a senior english major, is president of the EIU College Democrats.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY KYLA NANCE



EDITORIAL

Ameren could have avoided flood

On Dec. 14, a malfunction at an Ameren Corp. power plant near Lesterville caused a massive breach, overflowing the mountaintop reservoir causing more than a billion gallons of water to pour down the mountainside and onto a state park.

According to the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* the reservoir sits atop Proffit Mountain, which holds a 55-acre reservoir that feeds a 440-megawatt Ameren Corp.

The water rushed past a road then through Johnson's Shut-Ins State Park and ended up in the Black River. The town on the other side of the river was not effected.

The result of the breach makes it seem that the problem could have been lessened or even prevented if more was done in advance. A company of Ameren's stature should be able to avoid any worst-case scenario.

In a Dec. 14 Reuters article, Gary Rainwater, Ameren chairman, said an "instrumentation failure led to over-pumping." The Reuters article also reported the problem was caused by a malfunctioning pumping system that is supposed to shut off when the upper reservoir is filled.

The *Post-Dispatch* reported that the house of a park superin-

At issue

A reservoir run by Ameren Corp. overflowed on Dec. 14 unleashing about 1.5 billion gallons of water into a state park and river.

Our stance

Many lives were put in danger by the malfunction that caused the reservoir to overflow. Ameren did not have enough safety procedures to assure an accident of that nature would never happen. This problem should have been avoided.

tendent, Jerry Toops, was rushed by water critically injuring members of his family in the process. The mountain was unmanned at the time of the breach, but was monitored by another Ameren plant.

Leaving a plant of that size unmanned at any time seems to be a large mistake and Ameren officials must have known that there was a rare chance that the reservoir could overflow.

Ameren officials had no reason to assume the reservoir would be safe at all times because, even though most of the surrounding area is remote, lives were put in danger.

Not only was Superintendent Toops' family members put in danger, but the Reuters article reported that the sparsely populated area in southeast Missouri's Ozark Mountains was immediately evacuated after the mountain overflowed.

This malfunction has caused several problems for the Ameren and nearby citizens.

The Ameren Corp. is very fortunate that no one was killed in the flooding.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WORLD NEEDS A DEFINITION OF FREEDOM

On Oct. 3, 2003, President George W. Bush told us that "free nations don't develop weapons of mass destruction." Given the tens-of-thousands-of-tons-of chemical weapons, and thousands of nuclear warheads currently stockpiled in the United States, our president seems to either be ignorant of our weapons capabilities, or he doesn't believe that the United States is a "free nation."

But everyone believes the United States is a free nation, right? The problem is

that beyond the simple belief in the truth of those words, no one seems to be able to decide what that sentence means. People disagree over what actions should be allowed all the time. For example, people in the Netherlands, where smoking marijuana is legal, might believe that a country that criminalizes marijuana is less free than their country.

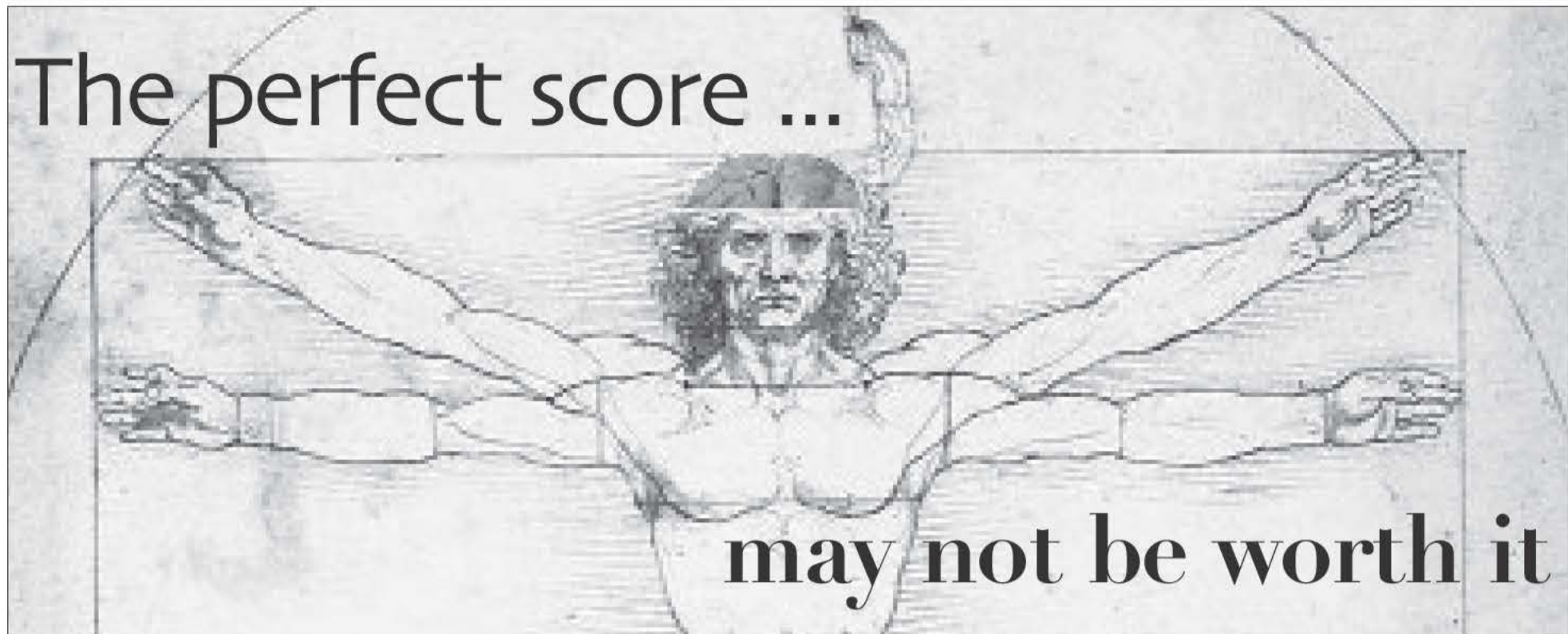
The only way to be completely free to choose one's own actions, free of consequences, is to have absolutely no restrictions on an individual's behavior. But no one wants to say that. So when we say the

United States is a "free nation," what does that mean?

Until someone comes out with an objective "scale of freedom," how are we really sure what rank the United States holds when it comes to this pesky word? I think the best thing to do is stop claiming that the United States has a monopoly on freedom in the world until we can at least figure out what that claim is really saying.

MICHAEL KLEEN
SENIOR PHILOSOPHY MAJOR

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By MATT POLI
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Getting the best grade possible can cease to be simply an important goal, and become a student's obsession.

For these students, serious health issues such as anxiety or even depression may be likely.

"What Do You Mean It Isn't An A+? - Perfectionism" is a seminar designed to help students cope with the stresses of striving for perfection.

"It's okay not to be perfect," said Brad Coffey, a counselor at the counseling center and coordinator of the perfectionism seminar.

Coffey said the key to dealing with this type of problem is understanding that a problem exists, and the effects that problem can have on students.

Some of the health related issues that may arise from striving for perfection are stress, anxiety and even depression, Coffey said.

"If they're not perfect, they develop a lesser sense of self-worth," he said.

Joseph Connolly, a senior finance major, said his grades are extremely important for his future career.

"Jobs are going to look at my GPA on a resume, so I want to do well to try to get them to pay for my school," Connolly said.

He also said he's felt a sense of anxiety to excel

at his schoolwork, and sometimes stays in to study instead of socializing with friends.

The problem, Coffey said, could stem from parents putting a great emphasis on children to do well academically by awarding them for doing well.

Greg Biedron, a senior geography major, said he gets pressured by his parents to get good grades.

"If I don't do better at school, they threatened to cut me off financially," Biedron said.

He said his grades are so important to him that he dropped a class after receiving an unsatisfactory grade on his first test.

"I wanted an A in the class, so I dropped it after I did awful on the first test," he said.

Not only can the perfectionist suffer from this drive to be the best, but also others involved in that person's life can be affected too, Coffey said.

"Striving for perfection will interfere with relationships and can cause a rift in a relationship," he said.

Signs that someone may have a perfection problem include lack of sleep and decrease in appetite.

Coffey said these symptoms are a result of the perfectionist putting a priority on academics and forgetting their own basic needs.

The perfectionism seminar is at 7:30 tonight in the Charleston-Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Student senators 'retreat' to educate new members

By LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate will meet tonight for the first time this semester, and members will participate in an orientation retreat meant to educate and welcome its new members following the meeting.

During the retreat, senate members will view a slideshow presentation giving a brief overview on writing legislation for new members who aren't familiar with the process, and as a refresher for returning members, said

Student Senate speaker Sean Anderson.

"The purpose of the slideshow is to teach (senate members) how to write legislation, teach them the structure of the organization and explain to them their role as senators," Anderson said.

Anderson also plans to hold biweekly educational sessions to further develop senators' knowledge on how to write and develop legislation.

Senate members will also

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SEAN ANDERSON, STUDENT SENATE SPEAKER

participate in icebreakers and team building exercises.

Anderson said icebreakers are a good way for senate members to get to know one another. Some of the committee chairs will lead team-building exercises, which include one called "crossing the line."

This particular exercise is one

where a mediator calls out general traits like "year in school" to more personal traits like "if you drink alcohol," and those members who fall in those categories must cross the line.

All members of the senate will be able to form small groups to discuss goals they

expect to achieve this semester.

"We want to put old and new members in these groups so we get a variety of ideas," Anderson said.

Committee chairs will also present information about their committees to inform senate members about each committee. Committee chairs will display posters about their respective committees so senate members can browse them and ask questions or submit concerns.

Anderson said he expects the retreat to run an hour and a half to two hours after a short, 15-minute meeting.

"We will have the appointment of the chairs for each committee, hand out binders to each senator, which will include the new bylaws since we've changed them, and each executive board member will explain their goals for this semester," Anderson said.

The senate will meet tonight at 7 in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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Ethics becomes major issue in race for governor

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD—Candidates from both parties are practically lining up to unveil their ethics proposals in an effort to unseat a governor who promised to be a reformer but has left himself vulnerable to accusations of corruption.

Republican Ron Gidwitz is promising not to accept campaign money for his first two years in office if he's elected. Democrat Edwin Eisendrath did him one better Tuesday, promising no fundraising for three years if he can't pass a major ethics overhaul.

Both of them, along with Republican Jim Oberweis, pledge not to accept any donations as governor from people and companies doing business with the state. And GOP front-runner Judy Baar Topinka says she'll offer a comprehensive ethics plan in coming weeks.

The emphasis on ethics is smart politics, experts say. "Ethics is a major player" with voters, said Annette Mills, head of the Peoria County Republican Party. "Illinois has had its problems both in Chicago and downstate, and most people would like to see us come back to a position we can be proud of as a state."

Similar sentiments helped Democrat Rod Blagojevich capture

the governor's office four years ago.

Then-governor George Ryan, a Republican, was under federal investigation, dozens of his former employees convicted of corruption. Blagojevich promised to end the tradition of using government jobs and contracts as political rewards and doing favors for friends.

He helped pass a major new ethics law, one that created new inspectors to investigate government corruption and required annual ethics training for all state employees.

Since then, however, Blagojevich has come under fire for his handling of campaign fundraising.

He has raised record amounts, much of it from people and companies with a financial interest in state government. He has named donors to state boards and commissions, and his top fundraisers have had a say in government policy and appointments.

Federal prosecutors have subpoenaed records from several of Blagojevich's agencies and questioned him directly. A guilty plea in one federal corruption case included the allegation that a high-ranking public official — identified by sources as Blagojevich — was linked to a kickback scheme.

Blagojevich has not been charged with any crime, and he denies

any misconduct.

But the situation has left him vulnerable.

"The whole reformer thing, you get the feeling that it was just campaign rhetoric from the start," said Chris Mooney, a political science professor at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Cynthia Canary, executive director of the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, said politicians would not be talking about the issue so much if their polling didn't show that voters care about it. Whoever wins the governor's race will have to take steps to loosen the connection between government activity and political money, she said.

"I think public frustration has only grown higher as we've read about indictments in municipalities and at the state level," she said.

Eisendrath is making ethics the centerpiece of his challenge for the Democratic nomination. The former Chicago alderman calls Blagojevich "a train wreck" who has given Republicans an excuse to go on the offensive over ethics even as Ryan is in the middle of a federal trial.

"He promised reform. Four years later he hasn't kept that promise. He doesn't deserve four more," Eisendrath said at a Chicago

State hires employees to cut FOID card backlog

SPRINGFIELD—The state will hire 10 temporary employees to help reduce the backlog of paperwork for gun owner identification cards, a state police spokesman said Tuesday.

Processing the paperwork usually takes 30 days, but it has been taking up to 50 days, said Lincoln Hampton, spokesman for the Illinois State Police.

That means some people have had their Firearm Owners Identification card expire before a replacement arrived. Technically, that means they are committing a felony by owning a gun without a valid FOID card, but Hampton said it is up to police officers to decide how to handle possible offenses.

The division that handles applications and renewals suffered staff reductions last year. Seventeen people were processing card paperwork. Now, there are seven people.



Man admits lying to investigators of fatal mining accident in 2003 in Southern Illinois

BENTON—A former foreman for a coal-mining company has admitted to federal charges that he lied to investigators about a co-worker's death in 2003 at a southern Illinois surface coal mine in Gallatin County.

Trials are pending for three other Midwest Auger Co. workers, including a company partner who, as supervisor of the Cottage Grove Pit No. 2 near Equality, is accused of fudging documenta-

tion that falsely showed he had given three employees he hired federally required training.

Report: Illinois bucks trend of spending more in higher education

CHICAGO—Illinois was one of just five states that appropriated less money in its budget for higher education this year, according to a new report, but the Blagojevich administration said the drop was attributable to cuts in payments to the state's pension system.

The amount of Illinois state tax funds set aside for post-secondary education decreased 2.6 percent, yet nationally, the number increased 5.3 percent, according to the survey from the Center for the Study of Education Policy at Illinois State University.

Money for the state's nine universities, community colleges and student financial aid added up to \$2.6 billion in the 2005-2006 fiscal year, James C. Palmer, an ISU professor and editor of the report, said Tuesday.

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Alito walks tightrope on abortion, presidential power, pleasing GOP senators but not Democrats

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON— Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito picked his way carefully Tuesday through the issues of abortion and warrantless wiretapping, satisfying Senate Republicans at his confirmation hearings but provoking Democratic expressions of displeasure.

He asserted that the Bill of Rights still applied "in times of war and in times of national crisis," but he declined to say whether President Bush acted properly in ordering wiretaps without warrants as part of the war on terror.

After nearly 10 hours in the Senate Judiciary Committee witness chair, Alito was asked repeatedly about abortion. He assured Democratic senators he would take previous rulings into account if confronted as a justice with cases involving abortion rights.

He stressed that precedent alone does not bind the high court, however. Beyond that, "I would approach the question with an open mind and I would listen to the arguments that were made," said Alito, who wrote two decades ago that he did not believe the Constitution includes the right to an abortion.

The 55-year-old appeals court judge distanced himself at times during the day from some of the conservative views he expressed as a younger man, saying he had been a "line attorney" in the Reagan administration at the time.

Under pressure from Sen. Russell Feingold, (D-Wis.), Alito admitted he did not know whether he had ever followed through on a promise he made to the Senate at the time of his confirmation to the appeals court in 1990.

At the time, he said he would avoid cases involving Vanguard, where he had money invested. But he told Feingold he did not know whether he had ever told appeals court officials about his pledge. And discarding an earlier



CHUCK KENNEDY/PHOTO BY KNIGHT-RIDDER

U.S. Supreme Court nominee Samuel Alito sits during a committee break on the second day of his Senate judiciary committee confirmation hearings on Capitol Hill in Washington Tuesday. Alito, who voiced opposition to abortion as a Reagan administration lawyer two decades ago, testified on Tuesday that the Constitution protects the right to privacy, a key underpinning of the 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion.

explanation, he said "It was not a computer glitch," that led to his participation in a 2002 case involving Vanguard.

Bush picked Alito last fall to succeed retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor on the court, and her record of casting the tie-breaking vote on issues such as abortion, affirmative action and the death penalty has heightened the political stakes for his nomination.

Bush's first pick, Harriet Miers, withdrew in the face of implacable opposition from abortion opponents and other conservatives, and Democrats have repeatedly questioned why the

same groups have cleared Alito's appointment when they could not abide hers.

Alito also has been criticized by some as too likely to favor those in authority, including the president.

When asked by Sen. Patrick Leahy on Tuesday whether a chief executive could "override the laws and immunize illegal conduct," he responded: "No person in this country is above the law. And that includes the president and it includes the Supreme Court."

Alito sidestepped a follow-up question about the recent disclosure that Bush authorized some

wiretaps without warrants as part of the war on terror.

The issue "is very likely to result in litigation in the federal courts. It could be in my court. It certainly could get to the Supreme Court," he said.

More broadly, Alito said the Bill of Rights "applies at all times. And it's particularly important that we adhere to the Bill of Rights in times of war and in times of national crisis, because that's when there's the greatest temptation to depart from them."

The former Reagan administration lawyer and federal prosecutor had scarcely settled into his seat when Sen. Arlen Specter, (R-Pa.), asked about a 1985 memo in which Alito wrote that the Constitution did not provide a right to an abortion.

"Well, that was a correct statement of what I thought in 1985 from my vantage point in 1985, and that was as a line attorney in the Reagan administration," Alito replied, adding it also reflected his own belief.

Also on abortion, he defended his dissent in a 1991 case in which he voted to uphold a Pennsylvania law requiring women seeking abortions to notify their husbands. But he said at least twice during the day he had "no agenda" to erase abortion rights, citing his rulings in two other cases as evidence.

Given the strong possibility of a party-line vote in committee, it seemed at times that Alito was testifying at two parallel hearings. Democrats peppered him with questions about his rulings in cases involving civil rights, presidential power, criminal cases and more. Republicans often invited him to defend his actions and rulings of the past.

Leahy first mentioned Alito's membership in the Concerned Alumni of Princeton, a group that opposed admission of increased numbers of women and minorities.

California school sued over class discussion of 'intelligent design'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRESNO, Calif.— A rural high school teaching a religion-based alternative to evolution was sued Tuesday by a group of parents who said the class should be stopped because it violates the U.S. Constitution.

Frazier Mountain High School in Lebec violated the separation of church and state while attempting to legitimize the theory of "intelligent design" by introducing it as a philosophy class taught by a minister's wife, according to the federal

suit filed by parents of 13 students.

"The course was designed to advance religious theories on the origins of life, including creationism and its offshoot, 'intelligent design,'" the suit said. "Because the teacher has no scientific training, students are not provided with any critical analysis of this presentation."

The suit was filed by Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which successfully blocked Dover, Pa., schools last month from using science courses to advance the theory that living things are so complex they must have been

designed by a higher being.

Similar battles are being fought in Georgia and Kansas over the controversial subject.

Officials in the El Tejon Unified School District, which is a defendant in the suit, could not immediately be reached for comment.

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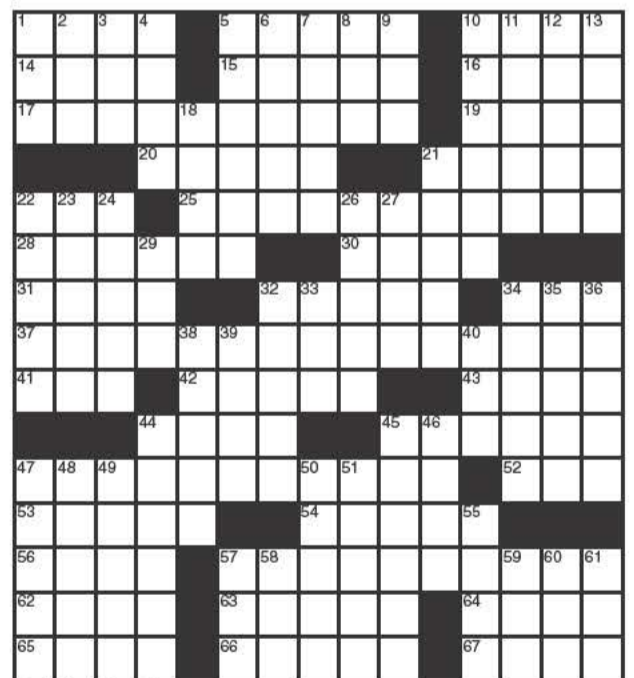
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Coming back to Eastern

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the semester at home in Elgin.

She faced challenges finding someone to sublease her apartment for half the year, but her roommates and landlord were all very understanding of her situation.

Dallesasse took a couple classes at a community college near home and worked nights at a restaurant.

"It was so difficult to go from having total freedom at Eastern to being back at home with rules and curfews," she said. "But it was the best decision I've made; I wouldn't change that."

Dallesasse had no doubt in her mind that she would come back to Eastern after her time away.

"My education was very important to my dad, and

it's important to me," she said.

Dallesasse did not have trouble getting back into the groove of classes at Eastern last spring when she returned, but she thinks if she had taken more time away, it would have been more difficult.

Dallesasse advises those considering taking time away to get back into school as soon as possible.

"Education is really important in today's world, and the longer one waits, the harder it gets," she said.

Susan Bulla is in charge of OASIS, a support group for people who have taken time away from school.

"The most encouraging thing is to say 'you can do it,'" Bulla said. "Work hard, don't be overwhelmed. Often students do pretty well and they're more motivated if they flunk out because now they know what they're pursuing."

Bulla said when students are more motivated, they return to college for different reasons than initially.

"Encouragement is the most important factor."

DNA evidence in Jackson trial

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base that stores identification of convicted felons.

During Monday's hearing, Jackson's attorney, Scott Lerner, made a motion to produce the shirt.

"I have never seen the shirt before, and I don't know anything about it," Lerner said.

During the hearing, Lerner also motioned to have a change of venue because he said he felt Jackson would not have a fair trial because of an incorrect

headline in the Oct. 12, 2005 issue of *The Daily Eastern News*. The article's headline incorrectly read that Jackson had a previous record while the article itself had the correct information.

"The jury pool is not supposed to have any decision about Jackson," Lerner said. "Knowing that he had a criminal record, which is not true, could make the jury think what is the harm for saying this guy is guilty."

The DEN ran a correction to the headline in its Oct. 14 issue stating that Jackson did not have a record.

For the Feb. 24 hearing, a motion to provide funds for an independent psychiatric evaluation will be heard. This was requested because Lerner said he wants to try to get all the information available.

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Freshman forward Rachel Galligan has had a quick start to her college career, leading the team in rebounds per game (6.1) and blocks (31).

BUILDING BLOCKS

Eastern's Rachel Galligan is on pace to smash Eastern's single season block record in her freshman

By MARCO SANTANA
SPORTS EDITOR

Growing up in Bloomington, freshman center Rachel Galligan always knew that she wanted to play Division I basketball. This year, she achieved her goal and has been a key contributor on an Eastern team that is making some noise in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"She's a freshman who was able to jump right in," head coach Brady Sallee said. "And she's blossomed ever since."

Galligan has blossomed into a big inside presence on a team that is used to relying heavily on their perimeter shooting.

She is currently leading the OVC with 3.14 blocks per game and is on pace to break Eastern's single-season record of 47 blocked shots, and the OVC record of 58. She currently has 31.

"Shot blocking wasn't something I really got into until my junior year," Galligan said. "It's not something I really work on or practice it's just something that I can do."

Galligan was promoted to varsity at the end of her freshman year in high school. After that, she started until she left Bloomington Central Catholic High School this past summer.

"She put in a lot of time and effort and played very hard," CCHS head coach Debbie Coffman said. "She was a great leader for us."

Galligan's teams made the Super Sectionals twice in her career, once after her sophomore year and in 2005 after her senior season. Along with Jes Spicer, who went to Lafayette College in Pennsylvania, Galligan was the first player to go to a Division I program under Coffman.

Sallee knows that Galligan's contributions have contributed to the team's turnaround.

"There was a direct correlation between her and our team's spark," he said.

Galligan began the season coming off the bench. On Nov. 30, the Panthers' fourth game of the season, she started against Butler.

She went out and recorded her first double-double of her career with 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The effort helped the Panthers push Butler into overtime although they fell short in an 80-78 loss.

"When Rachel plays well, it gives us a balanced effect," Megan Sparks said. "She's a leader on the floor and is only going to improve."

Her improvement has helped Eastern fill the shoes of Pam O'Connor. O'Connor, the second all-time leading scorer in program history, graduated after the 2004-05 season.

"She came in with big shoes to fill with O'Connor leaving," Sparks said. "She's met expectations and exceeded them."

Sparks is in her final season. It wasn't easy to accept that she would be on a team that looked to be rebuilding.

"It's a scary situation knowing your final season lies in the hands of freshmen," she said. "But the girls (have done) an amazing job."

The team may not have had anyone to fill O'Connor's role had things gone differently.

Sallee was under the impression that her plans didn't include Eastern Illinois until an e-mail

from Galligan's father arrived in his inbox.

"I said 'I'll take her right this second,'" he said.

After some "hard recruiting" from January to April, Sallee signed Galligan and the team's inside presence was on the roster.

"I thought we might have something special," he said.

Coffman knows what Sallee has.

"I know that Rachel is going to get better and better every year," she said. "Her senior year, she will be phenomenal."

Although Galligan is enjoying her time at Eastern, it didn't start out smoothly and it wasn't an easy decision.

"When I decided to come here, I didn't know what to expect," she said. "I didn't know any of the girls. The rest of the freshmen came on their visit together. They had some background together and I didn't."

"It was my biggest concern because teammates are the world to me."

But she has not regretted the decision.

"It's probably the best decision I've ever made."

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Samuels leaves lasting mark in Charleston

12.7 points and 6.9 rebounds a game during the 1979-80 season.

Guard Mike Pickens averaged 9.9 points and was voted the team's MVP. Together, the two leaders of Eastern's team told Davis they were going to follow Eddy to San Antonio.

On July 16, eight days after being named head coach, Davis resigned. The following day a 31-year-old assistant coach from Iowa State was presented as Eastern's new coach.

Samuels was one of the four finalists in the running to replace Eddy. He had no head coaching experience on his resume other than at the high school level. He was coming into a program suffering from several changes, but he still had enthusiasm for the opportunity he was given.

"When you get your first head coaching job, and really get it through the back door essentially, you're just excited to have a job," Samuels said. "I was excited to have a first a job and I wanted to bring a message to returning players things would be okay."

After six consecutive trips to the Division II tournament under Eddy, most had low expectations for Samuels' first season.

"I don't think I'll be under that much pressure to make the playoffs this year," Samuels was quoted in the Aug. 29, 1980 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. "I think it would just be a great accomplishment for our players, because at this point I don't think many people think we'll do that."

Despite the low expectations, Samuels led Eastern to a 16-11 record in his first year.

"The first season wasn't that bad," Samuels said. "We were a few games away from reaching the Division II tournament."

It was the first of Samuels' 13 seasons with a record of .500 or better.

Samuels was not able to recruit a full class

before the start of the 1980 season. After his first season at the helm, Samuels began to build his team.

Success didn't come instantly in Samuels' first four seasons. But in center Kevin Duckworth's junior year, he matured into a dependable big man and led Eastern to a 20-10 record and a win in the Mid-Continent Conference tournament in Samuels' fifth season as coach.

However, Eastern would have to wait until 1992 before it would enter the NCAA tournament since there was not an automatic bid in 1985.

"We turned a corner in Kevin Duckworth's junior year," Samuels said. "That season was really a reflection of our recruiting class."

The 20 wins marked Samuels' career high until the 2000-01 season. With a team led by two of the top five scorers in the nation, senior Kyle Hill and sophomore Henry Domercant, Samuels took Eastern to the NCAA tournament for the second time.

"It was a special group of kids that had great chemistry," Samuels said. "We had a really great team ... that really worked well in the system setting screens to get Kyle and Henry open."

Samuels' run hit its peak in 2001. Over the next three years, Eastern's win totals dropped to 15 in 2002, 14 in 2003 and the lowest in Samuels' era in 2004 with six wins.

The 2004 season was only the second year under Samuels the Panthers failed to record a double-digit win total. The first occurred in the 1987 season with a 9-19 mark.

Eastern rebounded in the 2004-05 season with a 12-16 record and finished eighth in the Ohio Valley Conference to secure the final spot in the conference tournament.

Samuels coached his final game for Eastern in the tournament. Facing top seeded Tennessee Tech, Samuels and the Panthers fell four points short of a major upset in a 72-68 loss to the Golden Eagles.

By early March, Eastern's athletic department announced Samuels' contract would not be renewed.

In his 25 years at Eastern, Samuels had

made his fair share of friends and fans. Following the announcement of his dismissal, many made their support for him public with signs in front yards around Charleston and letters to the editor in *The Daily Eastern News*.

"It's a black eye for EIU," said Brian Nielsen, the sports editor of *The Charleston Times-Courier* who has been covering Samuels for nearly 20 years. Nielsen also covered Samuels' first season with Eastern as a reporter for *The Daily Eastern News*.

"The school will be remembered as the place that gave a raw deal to Rick Samuels," he said.

Nielsen said Samuels had to overcome obstacles to make Eastern a competitive program, most notably recruiting disadvantages.

"He was able to find a system to where these guys worked," Nielsen said. "He accentuated their strengths and hid their weaknesses. He was able to find a way to win with probably the least amount of talent of any of the teams in the OVC."

Samuels said the key to finding players to fit the system was looking for potential.

"What we felt was our strength was finding kids that weren't highly recruited and making good players out of them."

For several of the players Samuels found, like Duckworth, Hill and Domercant, Eastern was the only Division I program to recruit them.

Samuels said he is proud that he stayed with Eastern for 25 years. He knows that it is unusual in college basketball, especially at a school Eastern's size, where most coaches move on to greener pastures after a few successful seasons.

What are his plans for the future? Samuels, originally from Wyoming, said he took his first summer off in 25 years to spend time with his wife and three daughters. He is starting to sort out what his future holds, but he expects a move out of the Charleston area.

Nov. 19 marked the first time in a quarter of a century that Rick Samuels didn't coach an Eastern basketball game.

Instead, it was Samuels' one-time basketball camp student leading the Panthers onto the court.

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Panthers up and down during tough season

playing, it's the inconsistencies that are hurting the team.

The season's first two losses of the season to Xavier and St. Louis (losses by a combined 69 points) should be discounted. Both were on the road against opponents who used and abused Eastern. They should have and they did.

Xavier came close to giving Illinois only their second regular-season loss in the last two years last month and St. Louis battled down to the wire at North Carolina. The Billikens trailed No. 7 Gonzaga, led by junior forward Adam Morrison (who has drawn comparisons to a young Larry Bird and has been chastised by opposing fans about his wispy, porn-star mustache) by three and would have sent the game to overtime if a last-second three-pointer had gone down.

So it's not as if Eastern's opponents have been cupcakes. Granted, the loss to Tennessee State on Dec. 12 was disappointing, as the Panthers had been making progress until they showed no energy in the loss to the Tigers.

Yes, the quality of play in the OVC is lower than most major conferences such as the Big East. Why is this relevant?

Well, two days after Eastern beat Morehead State 57-56 on a George Tandy tip-in with 2.4 seconds left, the Eagles lost 129-61 to Connecticut. Yes, UCONN was ranked second in the nation at the time.

But a 68-point loss while surrendering 129 points does not bode well for Morehead's program.

So there's a positive for Eastern fans: at least we don't have to support Morehead State's basketball team this year.

Right now the team has the chance to turn the season around. By turning the season around I'm not suggesting that the Panthers have a shot at a conference championship.

If the Panthers can right the sinking ship they appear to be on, they might have a shot at the OVC tournament—the top 8 teams qualify.

The team will have to prove in the next three home games whether they want to be involved in postseason play or merely be spectators.

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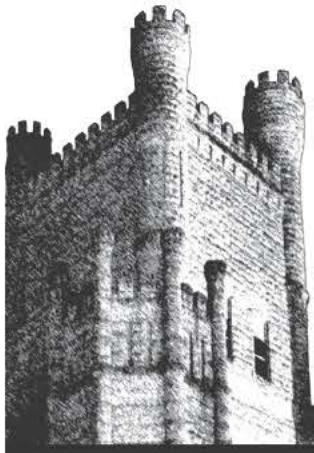



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MONDAY	MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MURRAY STATE	7:35 p.m.

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LEAVING A LEGACY



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Rick Samuels patrols the sidelines in his final game as Eastern men's basketball coach, a 62-68 loss to Tennessee Tech in the OVC tournament last March.

BY MATT MEINHEIT
STAFF REPORTER

In the summer of 1981, Mike Miller was on Eastern's campus. The senior-to-be at Monmouth High School was attending a basketball clinic, which for the very first time was under the supervision of Rick Samuels, a man with one season as Eastern's head basketball coach behind him.

At the time, neither Samuels nor Miller could have predicted that Samuels would have 24 more seasons at the helm of the Panthers ahead of him, or that Miller would be the one to replace Samuels at the end of his historic tenure.

The story of Samuels' 25-year career at Eastern is that of opportunities.

The opportunities given to unheralded high school athletes like Kevin Duckworth, Jay Payton, Kyle Hill or Henry Domercant to play at a Division I school.

The opportunity of a mid-major university like Eastern to compete in a pair of NCAA tournaments.

The opportunity for an untested assistant coach to take over a program reeling from the loss of two coaches and a pair of its best returning players.

Following the 1979-80 season, Eastern's head coach Don Eddy announced he was resigning after 12 seasons to take the head coaching job

at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Eddy's tenure was, at the time, the second longest of any coach in Eastern's history behind Charles Lantz, who coached the Panthers for a quarter of a century.

With 208 victories, Eddy was the winningest coach in Eastern's history. At the time, no one would have suspected that Eddy's successor would come to overshadow him.

Eddy announced his resignation in May of 1980. By July 8, Eastern was ready to announce its new head coach. His name: Jene Davis.

Davis was an assistant coach at the University of Indiana and thought he was inheriting a team that went 22-7 the previous season.

After Davis was named Eastern's new head coach he was approached by two of his returning players.

Center Dennis Mumford averaged

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SWIMMING

Panthers splash down in the Sunshine State over break

BY JOE WALTASTI
STAFF REPORTER

While many Eastern students were relaxing at home with their family and friends over break, the Eastern swimming and diving team took a trip down to Florida to participate in the College Swim Forum.

Although two weeks in Fort Lauderdale to escape the cold of Illinois sounds like a vacation, it wasn't much of one for head coach Ray Padovan's teams. The teams went through an intense training regimen that was designed to get them back into shape and ready for the remainder of their season and the Mid-Continent Conference championship in mid-February.

The Panthers left Charleston on Dec. 27 and took a 20-hour bus ride straight to the Swimming Hall of Fame pools.

"We pretty much did double practices every day while we were down there except for New Year's Day," Padovan said. "We are down there to train. We did have one competition but it was between two practices."

Eastern was not the only school that made the journey to Florida. More than 1600 swimmers from over 40 schools were in Fort Lauderdale to participate in the forum.

The College Swim Coaches Association sponsors the

forum and it is in its 70th year.

"(The forum) was created for teams to train and compete in a different environment," Padovan said.

The team thinks that the trip is definitely beneficial. "(The trip) is hard work," said junior Brittany Winingier. "We trained a lot. I think it's really important for us."

The forum helps the swimmers get back into competitive mode after taking a brief break for Christmas.

"We leave for winter break and we're gone for a week and a half, so really, all the training we did leading up to break kind of gets lost a little bit," said junior freestyle swimmer Mitch Forney. "(The trip) really helps us get back into it."

The trip is an optional one but almost everyone on the team chose to go along. The school picks up some of the costs of the trip but the swimmers themselves pay for a good portion.

It was not all work. The team stayed across the street from the beach and was given some free time after practices. The Panthers were successful in the House of Champions Invitational back in Dec. 5 at IUPUI.

With another week of training under their belts, the Panthers should be strong in their upcoming meet on the Jan. 14 against Millikin in Lantz Natatorium.

Inconsistent play plagues Panthers

One may look at the Eastern men's basketball record of 2-11 and think, "Wow. We probably have the worst overall record of any state school in Illinois that plays D-I basketball" (which we do).

But I'm here to tell you hope should not be given up just yet on the Panther men. Fans should not doubt Mike Miller's ability to coach or start second-guessing the Eastern athletic department's decision to get rid of coaching icon Rick Samuels.

Yes, their 1-6 conference record has them currently sitting in tenth place in the Ohio Valley Conference behind Morehead State (1-11, 0-6).

Yes, they are averaging a league-low 59.2 points per game.

Yes, they would have to finish 12-2 the rest of the season just to finish one game over .500.

Yes, it appears the Panthers are headed for their fifth straight losing season.

But all these disappointing statistics cannot show one thing that is evident when watching them: the fact that



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BOUNDS

MATT DANIEL
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern is getting better.

The last two games have had the Panthers competing with the OVC's elite on the road. Austin Peay had a 10-game home winning streak coming into the game against Eastern and Murray State is 89-16 all-time at the Regional Special Events Center.

Moral victories are not the goal for Miller and his squad, but positives can be drawn from losing by a combined seven points to teams with a combined 10-3 conference record.

The downfall for the team is they have not put together a solid effort throughout an entire game this year. Whether it be losing a late second-half lead or being behind by double-digits before realizing they need to start

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