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COLLEGE OF SCIENCES | FACULTY

CONTROVERSIAL EVALUATIONS

Professors surveyed students about teaching in laboratory classes

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Associate News Editor

Brent Todd loved teaching. But that all changed for the former Eastern biology instructor starting in March 2007, when it was proposed that a biology unit B faculty position would be cut to make room for graduate assistants to teach lab sections to fund for a pre-health professions adviser.

Todd held a unit B faculty position within the biology department. The idea to cut a unit B faculty member was eventually squashed, but for the Fall 2007 semester Todd still had graduate assistants teaching four sections of his six lab sections of Biological Principles and Issues, a 1000-level course students often take to fulfill the general education requirement. He taught all six sections of BIO 1001 lecture.

"This last semester was the most stressful semester I've ever had," Todd said. "I still tried to do the best that I could to control my classroom and do just as good of a job as I have."

His love for teaching ran out on Jan. 3 – his last day at Eastern. He took a non-teaching position at Lake Land College as the director of dual credit.

"I'm jaded – very much so," Todd said of teaching. "Prior to Fall 2007, I loved it."

Todd said his frustration throughout the fall semester reached its peak on Dec. 4, when



BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Former instructor Brent Todd, left, and instructor Amanda Poffinbarger handed out surveys to biology students. Todd now teaches at Lake Land College. He left Eastern on Jan. 3.

he and his fiancée, fellow biology instructor Amanda Poffinbarger, met with Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences, to discuss surveys the two faculty members distributed to their classes.

Poffinbarger also teaches BIO 1001, and graduate assistants taught four of her six lab sections. She also taught all six sections of lecture.

The two decided to create surveys in an attempt to gain a knowledge base on how students felt about being taught by a graduate assistant and a biology instructor. During the last few weeks of the fall semester, Todd and Poffinbarger sent their surveys to Testing Services to put

them in Scantron form.

They asked biology professor Gary Fritz to pick the surveys up because Todd and Poffinbarger worked multiple jobs. When Fritz called Testing Services, they informed him the surveys were either delivered to or picked up by the biology department secretary Mary Mattingly.

Fritz said he learned Mattingly delivered the surveys to department Chair Andrew Methven and Associate Chair Bud Fischer, who then sent the surveys to Hanner.

Hanner requested to meet with Todd and Poffinbarger on Dec. 4. At the meeting, according to Todd and Poffinbarger, Hanner said the department

believes the two violated university policy by passing out the surveys.

"Definitely anger is something (Hanner) expressed that day," Todd said of the Dec. 4 meeting. "I've never been treated so poorly in my life."

He said he believes more of the anger was directed to Poffinbarger because Hanner already knew he was leaving Eastern.

Poffinbarger said she agreed with Todd: Anger definitely was expressed in the meeting.

"She was being extremely inappropriate, and I felt threatened," Poffinbarger said. "She had no right to do that to me."

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COLES COUNTY |
ELECTION 2008

Primary elections today

Republican State's Attorney primary contested

By Matt Hopf
City Editor

Students voting in the presidential primary election today in Charleston will also vote in the Coles County election as well.

Two Republican candidates are looking to unseat Coles County State's Attorney Steve Ferguson, Democrat, in the November election.

Humboldt resident and former Coles County assistant state's attorney Duane Deters and former judge and Coles County state's attorney Paul Komada are both vying for the Republican nomination.

Deters, who currently is a prosecutor in Macon County, said he is the most interested in the job.

He doesn't want to change personnel in the office, but wants to change the way it is run.

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MATTOON | FUTUREGEN

Project's future to be discussed at meeting

A town meeting will be held at 6 tonight in Mattoon to discuss FutureGen and its future there.

The 13 members of FutureGen's board of directors are expected to be there, as well as FutureGen CEO Michael Mudd, said Mattoon Public Works Director David Wortman.

Wortman said FutureGen and Mattoon officials would make comments.

The meeting, which will come after the first day of a two-day board of directors meeting, was scheduled late last week.

Last week, the Department of Energy pulled support of a single-location site in Mattoon.

The department now supports a plan that will have multiple coal-powered plants throughout the country equipped with carbon-capture and sequestration technology, which stores carbon dioxide emissions underground.

The town meeting will be held at Arland D. Williams Junior Elementary School, 1709 S. 9th St. in Mattoon.

— Marco Santana, Staff Reporter

LOCAL | ELECTION 2008

A new kind of networking for presidential candidates

Politicians expand constituents through MySpace, Facebook

By Ashley Mefford
Senior Campus Reporter

Sen. Barack Obama has a MySpace page.

The presidential candidate's page has video speeches, blog entries and news stories.

Many other presidential candidates also have MySpace pages. Many have Facebook groups and some post videos of their speeches on YouTube.

Richard Wandling, professor

RICHARD WANDLING | POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR

"If this is what it takes to have young people pay more attention to politics, then it is a positive development."

and chair of the political science department, thinks the political videos on these sites are good for college students.

Students are going to be getting more involved with politics because of viewing these videos, Wandling said.

YouTube and MySpace have been bombarded with videos and audio pertaining to the upcoming

elections, especially since the start of the primaries.

"If this is what it takes to have young people pay more attention to politics, then it is a positive development," Wandling said.

These sites have the potential to get younger generations involved with politics.

Age will have a lot of influence on whether or not the political vid-



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., speaks during the Aug. 15, 2006, Charleston town meeting in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union's Grand Ballroom.

eos posted on MySpace will affect people, said Julie Chadd, assistant professor of technology.

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EIU WEATHER

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WEATHER BRIEF

Expect a chance for some late precipitation tonight accompanied by rising temperatures. Temperatures will continue to warm up throughout the weekend and into the next school week.

For a more detailed look at the weather, visit www.dennews.com/weather

ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Julianne Moore sends valentines to Save the Children

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Julianne Moore has a loving new way to help struggling kids in America: Send a valentine.

Just before Christmas, the 47-year-old actress read to elementary school students and met with parents in White Oak, Tenn., on behalf of Save the Children. The organization aims to improve children's quality of life through literacy, physical activity and nutrition programs.

Afterward, Moore, a mother of two, was inspired to offer Valentine's Day cards online in return for donations to Save the Children. The cards, featuring children's artwork, can be printed or e-mailed, and are available through Feb. 14 on the charity's Web site.

Moore said she hopes the initiative will catch on in schools where classmates exchange valentines.

"I know my kids are very service-

oriented, and they're very into the idea of charity — particularly when it comes to other kids," she said of son Caleb, 9, and daughter Liv, 5.

Giants-Patriots game second most watched show

NEW YORK — The New York Giants' thrilling win over New England was the most-watched Super Bowl ever with 97.5 million viewers, a total that is second only to the "M-A-S-H" finale audience, Nielsen Media Research said Monday.

The game eclipsed the previous Super Bowl record of 94.08 million, set when Dallas defeated Pittsburgh in 1996. The final "M-A-S-H" episode, which drew 106 million viewers in 1983, is the only other show in American broadcast history watched by more people.

Sunday's game had almost all the ingredients Fox could have hoped for: a tight contest with an exciting finish involving a team that

was attempting to make history as the NFL's first unbeaten team since 1972.

The audience peaked between 9:30 and 10 p.m. ET — the fourth quarter — with 105.7 million people watching, Nielsen said.

Grey's Justin Chambers gets help for his sleeping

LOS ANGELES — Justin Chambers, who plays Dr. Alex Karev on ABC's "Grey's Anatomy," has gotten real medical help.

Chambers, 37, voluntarily checked himself into UCLA Medical Center "to get help with a pre-existing sleeping disorder," his publicist, Danica Smith, said.

He entered the center Monday and checked out Wednesday. Other details weren't provided.

Chambers "asks that the press respect his privacy and that of his family," according to a statement issued Friday.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Softball in February?



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Panthers women softball team took advantage of the weather as junior pitcher Kathleen Jacoby practices her pitching at O'Brien Stadium Monday afternoon.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Bill to ban restaurants from serving obese customers

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — A state lawmaker wants to ban restaurants from serving food to obese customers — but please, don't be offended.

He says he never even expected his plan to become law.

"I was trying to shed a little light on the number one problem in Mississippi," said Republican Rep. John Read of Gautier.

Read acknowledges that at 5-foot-11 and 230 pounds, he'd probably have a tough time under his own bill.

More than 30 percent of adults in Mississippi are considered it obese, according to a 2007 study by the Trust for America's Health, a research group that focuses on disease prevention.

The state House Public Health Committee chairman, Democrat Steve Holland of Plantersville, said he is going to "shred" the bill.

"It is too oppressive for government to require a restaurant owner to police another human being from their own indiscretions," Holland said Monday.

The bill had no specifics about how obesity would be defined, or how restaurants were supposed to determine if a customer was obese.

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CAMPUS | POLITICS

Republicans and Democrats debate

War in Iraq, economy and energy among discussed topics

By Rick Kambic
Student Government Reporter

Levi Bulgar had a goal: bipartisanship.

Bulgar, student executive vice president, organized Monday's presidential mock debate in which representatives from the College Democrats and College Republicans debated pre-written questions about their party's principles and candidates in hopes of informing Eastern students before today's primary elections.

Both sides called out for a change in leadership during several anti-George Bush questions from the crowd of nearly 200 students.

Sen. Barrack Obama and Sen. John McCain were the two most predominant candidates who were referenced or asked about during the debate.

"If anyone says he (Obama) has a lack of experience I answer with he has a lack of time spent in Washington to fall into a corrupt system," said Ryan Kerch, a representative for the College Democrats.

McCain's military experience and time as a prisoner of war were referenced by College Republican Michael Stopka as a benefit for proper Iraq war planning.

Stopka said democrats have no experience in war.

However, the College Democrats often referred to the Iraq war during financial questions and the government's inability to erase national debt.

"Let's stop answering questions with the war in Iraq," said Michelle Murphy, a representative for the College Republicans. "The fact of



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Representing the College Democrats, Zack Plunkett, a sophomore political science major, answers a question dealing with national security and foreign aid. The College Democrats and Republicans debates give students the opportunity to brush up on key election issues prior to the Illinois primary tomorrow.

the matter is that we're there. Yes, we've put a lot of money into the war, but if we leave we will have put all that money down the drain. Let's focus on winning the war and making something out of that money."

Murphy said the College Democrats focused too much on Obama and bylaws prevent either group from promoting a single candidate until after the primary.

Kersch said the audience questions were more geared toward Obama and that his group was candidate neutral during the pre-written questions.

He countered her accusation by claiming an over use of McCain during answers

"I did not foresee us being as McCain oriented, but the war questions put him out there as the only one with military experience," Murphy said.

On the home front, each side argued social security and the energy crisis.

"I said social security works on paper, but it doesn't work in reality," Murphy said.

"Social security worked from the beginning until we overspent and under-funded it. Communism on paper works perfectly, just like social security, but putting something like that into action is absolutely absurd and it would never work in reality."

Kersch said the energy crisis is

linked to consumption and capping consumption linked with increasing fuel efficiency would reduce green house gasses.

He also declared support for the FutureGen power plant and how he feels it belongs in Mattoon.

"We do not feel the need to drill for oil in America anymore," Kerch said. "Simply increase gas mileage 10 miles-per-gallon would destroy dependency on foreign oil."

Bulgar will be hosting a results watch party tonight at 7 p.m. in the cyber lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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CAMPUS | BOOK READING

Book reading aims to dispell 'mis-education'

Students and faculty learn to better embrace other cultures

By Jessica Leggin
Staff Reporter

James Wallace had a difficult time reading the "Mis-education of the Negro" by Carter G. Woodson.

"It took me five years to read it because I did not like what he was saying about black people then," said Wallace, an associate professor of counseling and student development.

In the Charleston/Mattoon room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union on Monday, a panel discussed "The Mis-Education of the Negro: Seventy-five Years Later," based on Woodson's book.

The panel kicked-off the set of events scheduled for African American Heritage Month.

Vandella Brown, a diversity program manager for the Illinois State Library, gave a 30-minute review of Woodson's book.

"The book shows bold assertiveness and offers its readers common sense," she said.

Woodson, who is known as the father of African American history, said the miseducation for African-Americans has thus far been success-



ZACH NUGENT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Dr. Vandella Brown, diversity manager of the Illinois State Library, discusses "The Mis-education of the Negro" by Carter G. Woodson.

ful.

"When you control a man's thinking you do not have to worry about his actions" is an insert from a quote made by Woodson.

Brown said there are solutions to become educated according to Woodson.

"Think for yourself," Brown said. "Determine your own destination, support and grow your own businesses, reflect your own identity and educate yourself."

Brown said if Woodson were here today he would not want students to

go to college just for the money.

"He would want us to learn how to give back to our race and humanity," Brown said.

Wallace now understands Woodson's perspective on his novel.

"I just thought he was wrong, but I was young and inexperienced and insulated about some things going on in the world," he said.

Vandella said she felt the same way when she read Woodson's book.

"It was like he was airing out dirty laundry, but it was true," she said.

Vandella said his use of language

and his style of being straightforward made it hard to face the truth about African Americans.

An issue such as people not being able to think on their own was an issue hard to grasp by Vandella.

"You knew this issue existed but it was hard to accept."

Other books such as Cecil Brown's "Dude Where's My Black Studies Department" and Noliwe Rook's "White Money/Black Power" book were also discussed.

Willie Morris, a senior English major, participated in the panel on the discussion of Brown's novel.

As Morris read the book, he questioned how history was taught at universities around the country.

"If our country is a place of different cultures then why is our education so European formed?" said Morris.

Kevin Anderson, a professor of political science and member of the panel, said African Americans need to passionately declare the need to explore their culture also.

"We have to understand that we need to protect our literature and the understanding of our culture," he said. "We need to let them know we need to walk with the wind of history."

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Use your tech skills in an iLife competition

Students can put together a three to five minute iMovie video using the iLife 2006 suite of programs. Each team can comprise a minimum of two faculty members and up to three students.

The video must have a theme of academic interest like teaching, research, service or creative activity. Competitors must submit one DVD containing a raw iMovie file and another DVD containing the final presentation using iDVD.

Finalists of the competition can attend a showing and awards ceremony in April. The deadline for registering a team is Feb. 13. Apple Inc. and the Center for Academic Technology and Support are sponsors.

Contact the CATS office at 581-8396 for more information.

All you can eat breakfast this Saturday

Students are invited to attend an all you can eat pancake and sausage breakfast between 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturday at the Charleston St. Charles Church on the corner of 9th Street and Madison Street.

Tickets are \$6 at the door, and all proceeds go to benefit the Fox Ridge State Park Foundation.

Contact Mark Esarey at 345-6600 ext. 26 for more information.

Tickets available for Miss Black EIU pageant

Students can purchase tickets to the Miss Black EIU pageant in advance for \$8.

Tickets at the door cost \$10.

The pageant is on Feb. 23 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The contestants in this year's pageant are Demi Lobo, Cierra Howard, Corinne Inning and Cachet Moms.

Contact Jonathan Whigham at (773) 220-5396 for more information.

Opportunity to give blood today at Andrews

The American Red Cross is having a blood drive at Eastern today.

Students can visit the Andrew Hall basement from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. to help the American Red Cross and donate blood.

For more information, contact Tinley Hanks at 581-6383 or visit www.americanredcrossblood.org.

-Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto.

CORRECTION

The men's indoor track 3200-meter relay team at the Indiana Relays was incorrectly reported on page 10 of Monday's paper. The four runners on the relay were Justin Helpingstine, Nick Kuczwar, Kevin Adamowski and Chad Aubin.

The Daily Eastern News regrets the error.

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BILL TARNISHES REPUTATION

New York City – Bill Clinton went way too far in January. Even he knows it, and he's already out on tour in California trying to right his divisive, ultra-negative wrongs against Sen. Barack Obama since the Iowa caucuses.

In the coming months, Bill will likely regain (almost) all the respect he lost over the last few weeks from older Democratic voters who remember a very different man from the 1990s.

The real damage has been done to Clinton's long term legacy among the people who never had the opportunity to know him: the next generation of Democrats.

We came of political age in the era of President George W. Bush. We were the generation of No Child Left Behind testing and abstinence-only sex education at school. Your "sons and daughters" fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan were our best friends and classmates. We don't like Bush even a little bit, which goes a long way to explain the end of youthful apathy in 2004.

We want to respond to George W. just like everyone else – but we don't harbor a desire to "turn back the clock" to the Clinton years, because we don't remember them well enough.

When Clinton left office in 2001, today's university seniors were freshmen in high school. Even early in high school, the vast majority of students are totally disenfranchised from politics and are even less interested in policy.

We never saw "President William J. Clinton." All we've seen is "Attack Dog Billy" on the news and in the papers. And whether you argue that Obama's vague message of "Change We Can Believe In" is simplistic and overly-positive, it's what the young people want and need after growing up to the neo-con war drums of Karl Rove.

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Drawn from the news | Adam Tedder



STAFF EDITORIAL

The class with no classroom:
the Nursing Program plight

The Nursing Program needs a permanent home and will be booted out of its current resting place, the third floor of Lawson Hall, come May.

Since students have been able to sign up for the program in Fall 2007, the program has been growing and the third floor of Lawson Hall can't house all these students forever.

Director of the Nursing Program, Dianne Nelson, would like to see approximately 30 students added to the program each year. If the Nursing Program has nowhere to go by next semester, and the program expands according to Nelson, the university will have approximately 45 students who will be displaced.

Currently, 22 students are a part of the program that started this fall. Sixteen students were admitted in the fall and six more have joined this spring.

So the question stands: Where will all the Nursing Program students go?

The university plans to move the Nursing Program to the current Textbook Rental facility. Textbook Rental will be moved into a facility north of Carman Hall, near Greek Court. The plans for this project are already drawn and now the focus is on budgeting.

However, just up and moving Textbook Rental to make room for the Nursing Program is more complicated than it sounds.

In order to move Textbook Rental north of Carman Hall and the Nursing Program near Pemberton Hall, the university must first build the new Textbook Rental facility, which depends on capital funding.

This capital funding is not easy to obtain, especially since the capital bill in Springfield hasn't budged since Speaker of the House Michael Madigan and Gov. Rod Blagojevich have not been on speaking terms.

The last time Eastern was a part of a major capital bill was back in 2003. The money is not easy to get because the process of distributing capital funds has many obstacles.

The state of Illinois experienced an economic downturn, which in turn froze all capital projects that were not already underway.

Unfortunately, building for the new Textbook Rental facility has not yet started and therefore won't see any capital money.

In a Dec. 7 article in *The DEN*, Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said, "Funding drives a lot of what we do and, without those

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Eastern's new Nursing Program is without a permanent home.

• **Stance:** The program is expected to grow rapidly and there is nowhere to put all of the Nursing Program students next semester.

dollars, it has been next to impossible to move forward on some of these needful projects."

One of those needful projects is finding a home for the Nursing Program.

In order to find a new home for an expanding program, Textbook Rental needs to be moved, first.

But in order to do that, the facility planned to go near Carman Hall needs to be built. And in order to do that, the school needs its capital funding and for that to roll in, Madigan and Blagojevich need to stop fighting.

What a headache. This could have been solved simply, though, if the campus master plan had included the program in the first place.

When the campus master plan was approved in 1999, no one knew Eastern would implement the Nursing Program, so it was left out of the plans.

The plan was last updated in 2002, and since no Nursing Program plans had been made, no plans for where to house this program were made either.

But then 2007 rolled around and the Nursing Program was here, but there was nowhere to put it.

If the plan had been looked at and updated between 2002 and 2007, the dilemma of where to house the Nursing Program would have been easily solved.

But no one glanced at the campus master plan for too long and now it's too late.

Now, Eastern has to find a place for a growing program to settle into and approximately 45 students will need some elbow-room to learn.

There are only three months left to figure out where the Nursing Program needs to go.

The plans are in place to make a move, but it may not happen in time for next semester. Eastern first needs its state funding, and it may be a while until we see that.

If the campus master plan had been updated sooner, the Nursing Program, along with 45 of its students, would have an academic facility to learn in – and not dependent on a residence hall.

"This could have been solved simply, though, if the campus master plan had included the program in the first place."



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JASON LEVISKAS

Huckabee,
Obama and a bear

Lions, tigers, and a bear is one way to describe the field of candidates running for president. Today, 40 percent of the delegates will be decided, and it is an important day in the world of politics. The candidates we have to choose from every election seems to always be disappointing, with the exception of two candidates this year, Mike Huckabee and Barack Hussein Obama.

Mike Huckabee is the best choice to be the Republican nomination for president because his experience as governor for 10 1/2 years running a microcosm of the federal government gives him great experience to lead our country.

Barack Hussein Obama (aka, Team Oprah) is the best choice to be the Democratic nomination for president. I do not agree with either of the prominent democrats in the race, but believe Obama could be a good "agent for change" in Washington. Obama's lack of experience makes him a risky pick to be president, but could pull a "Bush" and surround himself with seasoned politicians to help him guide the country. With that said, do we really want to do that again?

Hillary Clinton is a bear, and would not make a strong president, or exemplify a leader that is representative of the American spirit.

The Whitewater Scandal, Filegate, Travelgate and the episodes of the "Oral Office" could make for four more years of corrupt allegations and embarrassments. The political theme of "Politics as Usual" runs parallel with the Clintons because they embody the usual politician.

The Devil's Advocate argument against Hillary Clinton is that she is not ready to lead the United States. In our War on Terrorism and the need for foreign policy abroad to be improved and strong in the years to come, Hillary Clinton cannot deliver in that area. Many nations around the world do not respect women as leaders; other nations refuse to work with women. Here are my predictions for the conventions:

Huckabee will not be the Republican Party's nomination, unfortunately. He has not won a state since Iowa. Since many of the Republican primaries are winner-take-all, Huckabee will not likely collect enough delegates to have a chance at the nomination. However, he may win enough states to have enough delegates to play kingmaker at the convention.

I could see a McCain/Huckabee ticket and I doubt a Romney/any-current-candidate ticket is likely. He burned those bridges with his attack ads against the rest of the pack.

On the Democrat side, Edwards' departure is likely going to be a boost for Obama. He is politically closer to Obama versus Clinton and many of Edwards' supporters dislike Hillary.

I think Obama's chances have gone from way long, to a little long, and now to even. To win the nomination, Obama MUST start challenging Hillary on her corruption. He needs to remind Democrat voters about the scandals of the Clinton years and force Hillary to go on the defensive. Democrats everywhere know that if Obama does not, the Republicans will. For the Democrats, I could see an "Agents of Change" ticket with Obama and Kennedy, linking past with the present.

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CAMPUS | ARTS

Tarble displays ‘enlightening’ exhibit

Artist Ben Whitehouse looks at light in new way to create paintings

By Ashley Mefford
Senior Campus Reporter

Ben Whitehouse invented a new type of art. He makes 24-hour videos of places. These videos are shot every hour on the hour. Whitehouse will discuss the use of light in his works of art during his presentation at Tarble Arts Center, which begins tonight at 7. Each of his 24-hour videos observes how light changes in that time period. During one video, Whitehouse videotaped Central Park in New York for 24 hours. “I have good reasons based on my history and education of art,” Whitehouse said. “And Central Park is one of the most famous parks in the world.” The process makes viewers feel as though they were at the place in the video. “Whitehouse has a passion for submerging himself as well as the

viewer in the all-encompassing experience of the natural landscape,” said John Brunetti, Whitehouse’s art dealer. One of Whitehouse’s 24-hour videos, “North Bar Lake,” debuted at Times Square during New Year’s Eve. “I love them all,” Whitehouse said. “If I’m going to do a piece, it has to be something I’m interested in.” Whitehouse was inspired by the Impressionists. The Impressionists were the first artists to look outside and paint what they saw, he said. Just as the Impressionists used light, so does Whitehouse. Whitehouse wants to build off of the type of art the Impressionists created. “I want to take their work a little further,” Whitehouse said. Besides Impressionists, Whitehouse draws inspiration from nature to create paintings. “Nature is my inspiration. I love this planet,” Whitehouse said. “I am interested in landscape experience.” Glenn Hild, chair of the art department, wants to see Whitehouse’s paintings because that is an area of interest to him. “I am interested in seeing how

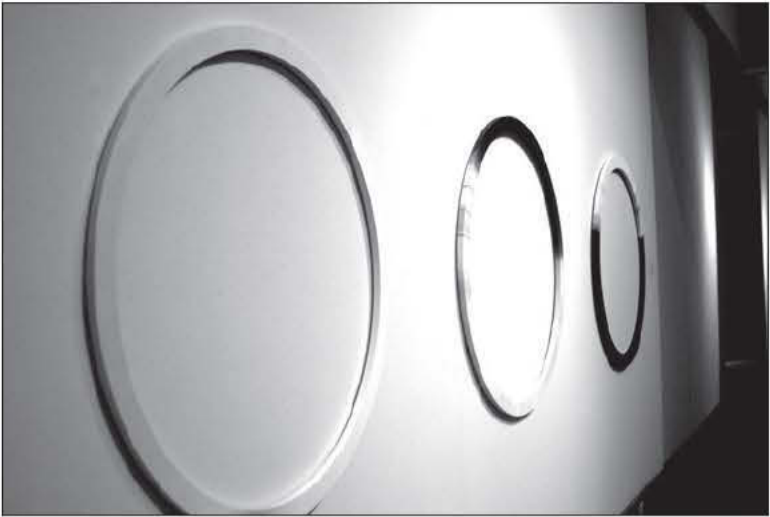


MORE ONLINE

Online Reporter Dylan Divit interviewed landscape artist Ben Whitehouse, whose artwork is on display in the Tarble Arts Center now through Feb. 24. Whitehouse’s work “Revolution” recorded landscape light shifts during a 24-hour period from a fixed position.

Check it out at www.dennews.com

Whitehouse painted landscape forms because I am a painter,” Hild said. Whitehouse said art has always been part of his life, ever since his childhood. “Art was there ever since I can remember,” he said. “When I was about 4 years old, I remember showing my father a painting I had done in the manner of Paul Klee, a famous



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Above: “Watch Over Time,” by Ben Whitehouse, is an oil painting composed of three panels. Each panel is a record of sunlight shifts as seen from a fixed location of sky. **Above left:** “Watch Over Water” records light observed over Lake Michigan during a 24-hour period. The 24 panels were painted on the hour, every hour, beginning at midnight. Ben Whitehouse’s art is on exhibit at the Tarble Arts Center until Feb. 24.

painter with the Blaue Reiter movement in the early 20th century.” He said that planning is the most important aspect of his art. “Planning is everything,” Whitehouse said. “It takes months to plan a shoot, and my paintings take up to a

year.” Ashley Mefford can be reached at 581-7942 or almefford@eiu.edu.

» MySpace

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“Blogging and online videos will appeal to people of demographic areas who might not have been as inclined to participate in the process before,” Chadd said. “Younger voters may be more interested and more likely to vote. I think older people will continue to learn about the candidates through media they find comfortable – newspapers, televised news, friends.” With the new technology and being able to post just about anything online, the potential for embarrassing clips of candidates being posted has increased. “Since an election is a mostly controlled environment to project the best face of a candidate, if you have people capturing candid video clips of candidates’ actions there may be videos posted that are embarrassing to the candidate or worse,” said Sam Guccione, professor of technology. “The issue, though, could be that hundreds or thousands of video could be posted. In addition, homemade videos created to make fun of candidates or degrade candidates, etc., could be posted. This then could escalate from there,” Guccione added. The amount of influence political information found on the Inter-

net has on students is still up for debate. While the Internet has many political videos of candidates, some say this won’t affect people’s political views. “I don’t think just because it is on MySpace or YouTube will it necessarily influence anyone’s political stance,” Guccione said. In addition to videos, blogs have been a part of the political conversation of the election. Blogs have been around a while, but political blogs allow the public to write anything about any of the candidates running for office. “Web sites like YouTube have already showed how they can be used as part of the campaign process,” Chadd said. “Several people have discussed blogs related to the primary elections. I believe these types of media will continue and will play a large role on the election.” The variety of political information on the Internet can help voters make decisions come Election Day. “It is great to have a variety of media used in introducing voters to the candidates and their positions,” Chadd said. “Hopefully, this will force all voters to look at the issues, decide who best represents their views and to actually get out and vote. Hopefully, they are utilizing these devices to help them form their own opinions and to research the topics they

What a presidential candidate puts on MySpace

BARACK OBAMA Age: 46 Zodiac Sign: Leo Quotes: “Of all my experiences, I am most proud of my wife Michelle and my daughters Malia and Sasha.” www.myspace.com/barackobama	MITT ROMNEY Age: 60 Zodiac Sign: Pisces Music: Roy Orbison, The Beatles, The Eagles, The Kingston Trio, Alan Jackson, Toby Keith, Brooks & Dunn, George Strait, Clint Black, and Garth Brooks www.myspace.com/mittromney
HILLARY CLINTON Age: 60 Zodiac Sign: Scorpio Features: Youtube videos featuring her take on issues such as equal pay, energy and roadmap out of Iraq www.myspace.com/hillaryclinton2008	JOHN MCCAIN Age: 71 Zodiac Sign: Virgo Heros: Theodore Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan, Barry Goldwater www.myspace.com/johnmccain

want to know more about,” he added. The law allows using technology to promote a candidate and their views. “Boundaries that should not be crossed are outlined in the Constitution and laws,” Chadd said. “Using technologies to promote a candidate and his/her views is not stepping over a boundary.” Videos and blogs posted on the Internet are supplemental materials for helping voters decide which candidate to support, but students still have to decide which information they believe and which candidate they support. “The dangers of online videos are not any more dangerous than videos and media from other sources,” said

Jerry Cloward, assistant professor of technology. “It is always going to be there and individuals will always need to be able to discern what is correct and what is wrong.” With the advent of these videos on popular sites, some feel the face of politics has changed forever. “As for the use of Web pages, Web media to host debates or delivery of videos, etc., I see them becoming an integral part of everything in our society including elections,” Guccione said. “We will not go back to the ‘old way’ of delivering information. It’s onward and upward for technology in our society worldwide.” Technology has a large part in who wins elections because it is a large part of people’s lives, Guccione said. “Information technology has an enormous impact on who wins,” he said. “The convergence of video, audio, and images, through whatever delivery system and delivery mode, has already changed our whole society which includes the election.” Many believe that MySpace and YouTube will have a positive effect on young people in politics. “My hope is that the interest that is piqued by a YouTube video or a political blog leads to some further exploration or information-seeking,” Wandling said. Ashley Mefford can be reached at 581-7942 or almefford@eiu.edu.

» Elections

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“Each prosecutor has their own set area (to prosecute),” Deters said. “Very rarely do they go outside that area.” When a new prosecutor is hired in the state’s attorney office they need to come in as an expert in a field, he said. Deters is proposing to start cross training so all areas are covered. Other proposals Deters is suggesting is increased communication between law enforcement agencies, and paying closer attention to defen-

dants so they only spend 60 days in prison and not nine months when waiting for trial. Koomada said he is “totally familiar” with the system previously serving as a judge and state’s attorney. He also was a defense attorney. “The primary thing is to screen the cases carefully,” he said. “If a defendant does not plead guilty take them to trial instead of reducing (charges) as they do these days.” He said he would look to raise the assistant state’s attorneys salaries as they “earn less than a secretary.” The county won’t get the more talented attorneys, he added. Running unopposed in the Green

Party is Charleston attorney Todd Reardon. **Student voters** Eastern is a part of three precincts: 15, 16 and 17. Precincts 16 and 17, which represent the majority of campus, will vote in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. Residents of Lincoln, Douglas and Stevenson halls, which are part of precinct 15, can vote at the Newman Catholic Center, 500 Roosevelt Ave. Sue Rennels, Coles County clerk and recorder, said potential voters should bring their voter identifica-

tion card or some type of picture ID. Rennels said there is a higher interest in this election for Eastern students. During the 2004 presidential primary election more than 1,000 students were registered to vote and only 10 ballots were cast, she said. The primaries were moved up six weeks earlier this year, though. Voter registration is closed 27 days prior to the election and the office received voter applications until Monday. Rennels said the packet had at least 30 completed voter registration forms from students completed in November.

Those applicants will not be able to vote in the election because they were received past deadline. “Kids are going to think they are registered,” Rennels said. The day before the registration deadline she received a packet of more than 200 registrations, some dated in October, she added. Rennels suggested when students register to vote they should do it in person to make sure they can vote in the elections and when voter registration drives occur, applications should be brought in right away. Matt Hopf can be reached at 581-7945 or atmthopf@eiu.edu.

» Surveys

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Todd, Poffinbarger and Fritz filed grievances with the University Professionals of Illinois, the faculty's union, about being reprimanded for the surveys.

Todd and Poffinbarger did end up issuing their surveys. Not the Scantron ones, but copied versions of the survey, which were distributed in class, collected, sealed and then sent to an off-campus location. The results of the surveys have never been seen and remain at the off-campus location.

Hanner, Methven, Fischer and Mattingly all declined to comment on the situation.

The Dec. 4 meeting

Prior to the Dec. 4 meeting, Todd, Poffinbarger and Fritz received a letter from Hanner discussing why the surveys were confiscated and why the surveys violated university policy.

The letter was placed in their personnel files, and all three said they presume the letter is still in their personnel files.

"The 'non-reprimand reprimand' is what we are calling it," Todd said. "(Hanner) claimed she wasn't reprimanding us, but she was reprimanding us in the letter and then, of course, called us into her office to reprimand us more."

Fritz said he filed his grievance with UPI because of the letter.

"They don't call them a reprimand, but the union says they are," he said. "If they don't want to call a black sheep black, that is their business."

Before the meeting, Todd and Poffinbarger asked if they needed union representation when they met with Hanner. They were informed they did not, but decided to bring Eastern's UPI president Charles Delman anyway.

Delman said steps need to be taken when an administrator wants to meet with a faculty member to discuss something the administrator feels he or she did wrong or violated university policy. One of those steps is informing the chapter president of UPI.

"That procedure wasn't followed," Delman said. "I was only informed by (Poffinbarger), who asked me to come."

He added Hanner allowed him to remain at the meeting only as a courtesy.

"She was not acknowledging in any way that I had to be there in an official role," Delman said.

During the meeting, Poffinbarger said Hanner heard Poffinbarger and Todd issued the copied surveys after the Scantron surveys were confiscated.

"She threatened my job if I didn't hand over the evaluations," she said.

Poffinbarger said Hanner even asked her to turn in the copied surveys and they then could "mutually destroy them."

She added Hanner said personnel action would be taken against Poffinbarger if she did not hand in the copied surveys.

Todd said he laughed when Hanner asked Poffinbarger to hand in the surveys to be destroyed because he knew it was not going to happen.

"She had no basis, whatsoever, to be reprimanding us," Todd said. "She was just trying to use a scare tactic to get those evaluations because, quite frankly, she knows what those evaluations are going to say."

Todd said throughout the meet-

ing Hanner kept saying statements that were not true because she failed to get her facts straight prior to the meeting.

He added every time he tried to correct her, Hanner would not listen to him.

"She wouldn't listen – she refused to listen to reason," Todd said.

Delman eventually stopped the meeting, and went outside to talk with Poffinbarger and Todd. When outside, the three decided to reconvene the meeting for a later date where they could bring Eastern's UPI grievance officer David Carpenter. Hanner agreed to end the meeting, and the next day Poffinbarger said she and Todd received an e-mail from Hanner saying another meeting was not necessary.

"I think she realizes she was out of line, but she hasn't apologized," Poffinbarger said.

Delman said he was appalled at the lack of respect Hanner showed to Todd and Poffinbarger, and it is upsetting that there was an attempt to suppress information Todd and Poffinbarger had every right to distribute.

He added the accusations towards Todd and Poffinbarger are "completely trumped up and specious."

He said the union has not yet filed an intent to arbitrate on the grievances Todd, Poffinbarger and Fritz submitted. The intent to arbitrate is one of the last steps in the grievance process.

The initial step in the process is to meet to try to solve the grievance informally, where both the union and administration investigate the facts of the situation to attempt to reach a settlement, Delman said.

If an informal resolution cannot be met, the university grievance officer and UPI's grievance officer meets for a formal grievance conference in which the facts are deliberated, he added.

UPI and the administration then agree on a professional, outside arbitrator, who conducts a hearing on the situation, he said.

"The ruling of the arbitrator is binding on all parties," Delman said of the last step of the grievance process.

He added this particular situation with the grievances is a very serious one.

"This grievance is very serious in a larger way, because it goes to the heart of what it means to have freedom and openness in our university and society," Delman said. "Totalitarian regimes control information by using trumped-up charges to intimidate, punish and silence those with independent views."

He added Hanner used false accusations to try to control independent information assessing a university program outside of the administration's control.

Hanner's letter

In the letter sent to Todd, Poffinbarger and Fritz, Hanner claims Todd and Poffinbarger violated Internal Governing Policy 48.1 and did not seek review from the Institutional Review Board before distributing the copied surveys.

Internal Governing Policy 48.1 applies to university-wide surveys and departmental surveys. The departmental surveys need to be approved in advance by the department chair, the policy states.

Hanner's letter claimed Todd and Poffinbarger failed to do that; however, Todd and Poffinbarger passed out their university-mandated course evaluations prior to passing out the copied surveys, which were supplemental.

Controversial polices: the facts

OTHER PROJECTS ALLOWED

The "Other Projects" section of the Institutional Research Board's policies and procedures states in full:

"Projects such as program evaluation, policy analysis or quality assurance studies conducted for the purpose of providing information only to the organization studied do not require IRB review, provided they meet the following conditions: (1) They are not intended to produce knowledge that is generalizable or publishable; (2) They involve no more than minimal risk as defined in Federal regulations and EIU policy; (3) They do not involve vulnerable populations.

When IRB review is not required, such projects must still communicate applicable elements of informed consent and include anonymity or confidentiality protections."

WHAT THE UNION SAYS

Article 26.3, section A, of UPI's current contract with the university states in full:

"In keeping with academic tradition, except in the case of commissioned works as defined in 30.4.a and sub-

ject to any restrictions imposed by outside sponsoring or funding organizations, an employee (faculty member or academic support professional) who produces any work shall own the copyright therein and have exclusive rights thereto subject to the provisions of the Agreement. The Board waives any claim to revenues generated by the commercialization or sale of an employee-owned copyrighted work."

HANNER'S RESPONSE TO THE SURVEYS

The last section Mary Anne Hanner's letter to Todd, Poffinbarger and Fritz states:

"While this is not a reprimand, violation of procedures specified in the University's Internal Governing Policies, false representation of university approval of the survey, and efforts to seek evaluation outside the BIO DAC [Department of Application Criteria] are serious offenses and do not reflect behaviors expected of faculty members in the College of Sciences and at Eastern Illinois University. Because of the seriousness of this matter, a copy of this letter will be placed in your personnel file."

BRENT TODD | FORMER EASTERN BIOLOGY PROFESSOR

"(Hanner) had no basis, whatsoever, to be reprimanding us. She was just trying to get those evaluations because, quite frankly, she knows what those evaluations are going to say."

MARY ANNE HANNER | DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCES (IN A LETTER TO TODD, POFFINBARGER AND FRITZ)

"False representation of university approval of the survey, and efforts to seek evaluation outside the BIO DAC [Department of Application Criteria] are serious offenses and do not reflect behaviors expected of faculty members in the College of Sciences and at Eastern Illinois University."

and his decision to have the copied surveys, which were distributed and sent to an off-campus location, because they thought the administration was going to try and take the surveys because they claim it is the administration's property.

Poffinbarger said she and Todd do not even know the off-campus location of the surveys. She added they even sent the original draft of the survey to someone in the psychology department to make sure the survey was fair and balanced.

She said the faculty member within the psychology department even made some changes to the survey.

"We decided we needed to see what was going on," Poffinbarger said of the decision to create a survey. "I had a lot of students in class tell me how miserable they were, but I wanted it documented."

She said they wanted a fair assessment of the students who were being taught by graduate assistants and feel the people who are evaluating the biology graduate program in the department are the ones who want the program to succeed.

She added the surveys would have provided a control group for comparison.

"The results should be really, really good because we have a basis for comparison – my data and (Todd's) data versus the grad students."

Todd said they were criticized in the department for creating a few biased questions on the survey about graduate assistants.

"What they didn't understand

was, we were being evaluated as well," he said. "Not only were the students in the graduate student sections doing the evaluations, but those in our sections were doing the evaluations as well."

Fritz said all parties involved in this situation should be interested in seeing the results of the surveys.

"It is a part of the process of assessing how things went this past semester for the trial period of this program," he said. "If we don't have that information from our undergrads, then that is a big hole in the assessment process."

Todd said he thinks Hanner, Methven and Fischer reacted the way they did to the surveys because they have a good idea of what they are going to say.

"It may not necessarily be that students don't like the graduate teaching assistants, but they would rather have faculty in the classrooms and in the labs," he said.

The future of the copied surveys is unknown, but for now, the surveys are staying in the off-campus location.

Poffinbarger, who does not have graduate assistants teaching her classes this semester, said the whole ordeal involving the Scantron and copied surveys is ridiculous.

"I would laugh if it wasn't happening to me," she said. "If I wasn't dealing with this since April, I would laugh. But it's not funny anymore."

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COLLEGE OF SCIENCES | FACULTY

Communication breakdown

Discrepancies prompt some students to appeal fall biology grades

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Associate News Editor

Miscommunication or no communication at all was the central theme throughout the fall semester for Amanda Poffinbarger and Brent Todd, they said.

They said there was no structure to communicate with their graduate assistants who were teaching lab sections of Biological Principles and Issues.

“It was very difficult to run a class where half of their contact time was spent with somebody else, and I had no control over what was going on,” Poffinbarger said.

Poffinbarger said, because she is an annually contracted faculty, she cannot advise graduate students because it is not a part of her job.

It was decided when the program was implemented that graduate students would teach a part of BIO 1001, and that happened to be the class Poffinbarger taught.

Bud Fischer, associate chair of the biology department and the biology graduate program coordinator, advises the graduate students in their supervised instruction.

She added her only communication with her graduate assistants was through e-mail.

She would send them during her free time because she is not technically allowed to send them because her job does not allow her to advise graduate students.

“But, for the sake of my students, I would send e-mails ... that way there was some flow between lab and lecture,” Poffinbarger said.

Graduate assistants taught four of Poffinbarger’s six sections of BIO 1001 lab.

She taught all six sections of lecture.

Todd, who left his instructor position at Eastern on Jan. 3 and took a non-teaching position at Lake Land College, said the only communication he had with his graduate assistants was about grades, which they were supposed to do.

He added he had to give the students who were being taught by graduate assistants in lab their final grade.

He never saw these students in lab.

“We could have been doing different things in lab, yet I was having to evaluate those students,” Todd said. “So, I’m having students appeal grades this semester, which I think they are right in doing so.”

Graduate assistants also taught four of Todd’s six sections of lab.

He taught all six sections of lecture.

Another problem the two cited throughout the semester was information taught by them in lecture was repeated in the labs taught by graduate assistants.

“The students complained a lot that the lab was reiteration of what I taught in lecture,” Todd said. “While my students were given up to an hour and 50 minutes in lab, those who were taught by graduate students were given these extra lecture periods, and then a shorter lab.”

Poffinbarger said her students told her how they would spend about an hour going through what was taught in lecture during their lab.

She added a lab and lecture should not be separate entities, and that a lab should complement a lecture.

“It was horribly inconsistent, and my students have complained the entire semester,” Poffinbarger said.

Christine Miller, a graduate student seeking her master’s and teaching certification in special education, was in Poffinbarger’s BIO 1001 lecture. A graduate student taught her in lab.

She said the graduate student would spend up to 45 minutes going through a PowerPoint with information already taught by Poffinbarger in lecture.

“He would still do that every time, and that would take up almost an hour of time we could have been working,” Miller said.

She added because of the repetition of infor-

Eastern Illinois University
Biological Sciences Laboratory Survey
Fall 2007

The purpose of this survey is to obtain feedback regarding students' attitudes, experiences, and learning in laboratory sections of Biological Sciences classes. Responses will only be used in the aggregate (no individual responses will be reported), and results will be compiled into a report to be shared with various University Offices and Departments. Your participation is completely voluntary, and all responses to this questionnaire will be anonymous—please do not put your name on the survey. Also, feel free to skip any item to which you don't want to respond. Completed questionnaires will be greatly appreciated; however, you do not have to complete every question to provide valuable information. The survey should take roughly 10 minutes to complete.

Some of the statements that you read may be worded positively, and some may be worded negatively; please read each item carefully.

Part I: About your lab instructor & the material presented.....

Please enter your course number and lab section on the form.

For each of the following, please pick a number from the scale below to show how much you agree or disagree with each statement, and circle the corresponding number to the right of the item.

Scale
1= Strongly Disagree (SD)
2= Disagree (D)
3= Neutral (N)
4= Agree (A)
5= Strongly Agree (SA)

	SD	D	N	A	SA				
1. The material in lab was presented in an understandable fashion	1	2	3	4	5				
2. My lab instructor was not knowledgeable about the subject matter	1	2	3	4	5				
3. My lab instructor had a good attitude about subject matter	1	2	3	4	5				
4. My lab instructor made the lab interesting	1	2	3	4	5				
5. My lab instructor did not grade fairly	1	2	3	4	5				
6. My lab instructor was concerned about his/her students' progress	1	2	3	4	5				
7. I would recommend my lab instructor to other students	1	2	3	4	5				
8. How well did your lab instructor perform his/her job? (circle a number)									
	Not well at all	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Very well
9. How much did you like your lab instructor? (circle a number)									
	Strongly disliked	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Strongly liked

Part II: About who teaches your lab section....

10. Did you have a Graduate Student as your lab instructor?Yes No Don't know

11. Who do you feel should teach your lab sections? (circle a number)

Graduate student	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Professor
No Preference								

Please Turn Over

COURTESY OF AMANDA POFFINBARGER

Former Eastern professor Brent Todd and biology professor Amanda Poffinbarger sent out a survey (first page pictured above) asking students to evaluate graduate students who had been teaching biology labs. Todd and Poffinbarger were reprimanded by College of Sciences after the surveys had been issued and subsequently confiscated.

BRENT TODD | FORMER EASTERN PROFESSOR

“We could have been doing different things in lab, yet I was having to evaluate those students. So, I’m having students appeal grades this semester, which I think they are right in doing so.”

mation, it made many students have a negative attitude.

Poffinbarger had the ability to break complicated subjects down so students could understand the material, Miller said.

The graduate student often times would answer her questions in a roundabout way, making it even more confusing, she added.

She said because of Poffinbarger, she was able to understand biology, a subject that she struggled with in the past.

“For me, it was like yin and yang,” Miller said. “I loved lecture, and I hated lab.”

She said having Poffinbarger teach both lec-

ture and lab would have been beneficial for every student.

“I think it would have just helped to be on the same page,” Miller said. “It would have eliminated confusion and frustration.”

Kate Cankar, a freshman elementary education major, was in Todd’s BIO 1001 class.

Todd also taught her in lecture, and a graduate student taught her in lab.

She is appealing her grade for the class.

She said she did not have a bad experience with the graduate student teaching lab, but would had a better understanding of the material if Todd taught both sections.

“People have different ways of explaining concepts and information and, when they are expressed differently, it makes us students more confused than they should be,” Cankar said.

She has no doubts her grade would be higher if Todd taught lecture and lab, and that is one of the reasons why she is appealing her grade, she said.

“I love Eastern but this is just something that, in my mind, needs to be adjusted,” Cankar said.

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UNIVERSITY | MEETING

Faculty Senate to address Perry's letter

Perry will answer, ask questions

By Barbara Harrington
University Reporter

Robin Murray said she is excited to talk with President William Perry today.

Perry will be at this afternoon's Faculty Senate meeting to discuss his letter to the university community.

"I found President Perry's goals effective and appropriate for the EIU community and think stimulating research, the arts and study abroad are worthy goals worth pursuing," said Murray, faculty senate member and English professor. "Now I believe we all would like to learn more about putting a foundation beneath these great goals."

Faculty Senate Chair Lynne Curry said Perry will be able to ask the

faculty questions about his letter and his goals and the faculty will be able to ask him questions, as well.

Curry said it is important for the faculty senate to discuss Perry's letter because it will help put his ideas and goals into perspective and allow Perry to have automatic feedback from the university community.

Representatives from the National Writing Project will also be presenting at the meeting.

Murray said NWP is a professional development network for writing teachers at all grade levels, in all subjects and in all disciplines.

NWP representatives will be on campus to visit the new Eastern Illinois Writing Project site. The site will promote high quality writing instruction in the 10 county regions surrounding Eastern, Murray said.

NWP is helping set up a summer workshop at Eastern for teachers and

also ongoing workshops throughout the school year.

"Those goals and principles align with the mission that puts teachers first in initiatives created to improve the teaching of writing across the curriculum and across grade levels," Murray said.

The English department will be hosting a reception for the NWP representatives and the new site at 3 p.m. in the Tarble Arts Center atrium.

Curry said Bob Chesnut, director of research and sponsored programs, will also be giving a brief presentation at the senate meeting.

Chesnut said he would discuss recommendations dealing with improving publicity and recognition for research and creative activity.

All faculty senate meetings are open, and Curry encourages students and other campus communi-

ty members to attend the senate's 2 p.m. meeting in Booth Library conference room 4440.

"If students want to be heard, they should come to the meetings

and ask questions or participate in discussion," Curry said.

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CITY | COPS AND COURTS

Former football player pleads not guilty

A former Eastern student and 2001 All-American football player pleaded not guilty Monday after being arrested and charged with residential burglary.

Fred L. Miller's Jan. 16 arrest was in connection with about \$7,000-worth of stolen electronics and a stolen credit card.

Judge Teresa Richter found probable cause to continue with the case. Miller, 26, waived his right to a formal reading and requested a jury trial.

Miller's bond was reduced to \$30,000 from \$50,000 with the requirement that he does not leave Illinois.

Miller was a linebacker for the Panthers from 2000 to 2004. He made the 2001 All-American Second Team and finished his Eastern career with 344 tackles.

Miller signed a free-agent contract with the St. Louis Rams in April 2004, but was later released by the team.

Residential burglary is a Class 1 felony that carries a punishment of imprisonment of not less than four years and not more than 15 years in a state prison.

The next hearing is 9:30 a.m. March 10 at the Coles County Circuit Court.

Snow causes car crash

Snowy roads caused a driver to spin out of control and crash into a traffic sign Thursday.

The driver was west bound on State Highway 16 about 3:25 p.m. when she was approaching County Road 1050 East.

Her vehicle spun when she stepped on the brake after the stoplight turned red. Her car struck a traffic sign when it slid into the median on the road's south side. It stopped facing west on the north shoulder of the eastbound lane.

No one was injured.

The vehicle's side quarter panel and front passen-

ger wheel were damaged.

Hit and Run

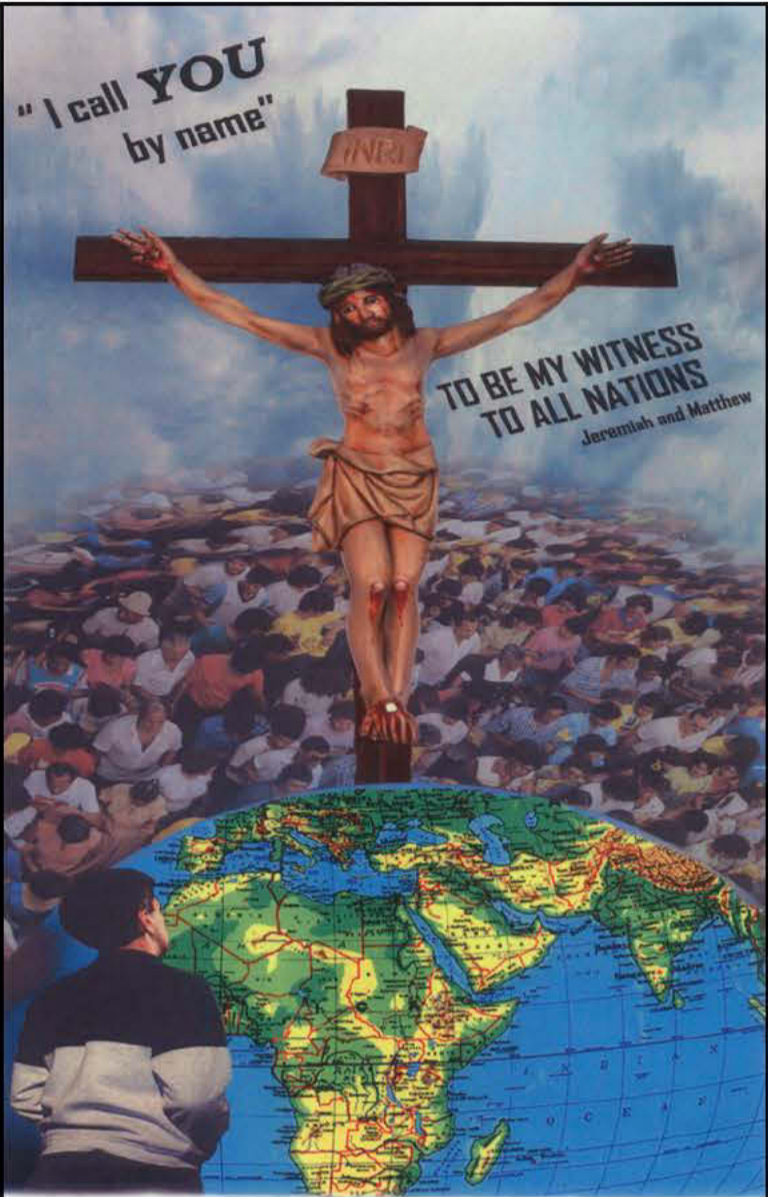
An unidentified driver hit a car parked in a lot Jan. 28 at 1202 Lincoln Ave.

The owner of the damaged 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix told police the hit and run happened between 6 p.m. Jan. 27 and 3:30 p.m. Jan. 28.

Police estimated more than \$500 of damage was done to the driver's side front fender, bumper and headlight.

No one was injured.

- *Compiled by Cathy Bayer, cops and courts reporter.*



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CAMPUS I EVENTS

Breaking news featured at Booth Library

Exhibit provides inside views on the media

By Jessica Leggin
Staff Reporter

The Associated Press is bringing breaking news to Eastern.

"This exhibit has the potential to reach out to everyone on this campus," said Carl Lorber, director of reference service.

Beginning today, the traveling exhibit, Breaking News, will be on display in the Booth Library through Friday, Feb. 29.

The traveling exhibit, produced by the Associated Press and based on the book, "Breaking News: How the Associated Press has Covered War, Peace, and Everything Else," is hosted by the Booth Library along with the journalism department.

Lorber said he thinks this program should be taken advantage of by everyone on campus.

"News impacts everyone," Lorber said. "It can have an impact on everyone's life."

Pulitzer Prize-winning images based on war, sports, civil rights and other subject matters will be on display in Booth Library.

Sally Turner, an assistant professor of journalism, said the exhibit should appeal to everyone.

"If you care anything about history these photos will show documentation of our past," she said.

Along with the exhibit, students and faculty members will moderate various panels.

BREAKING NEWS EXHIBIT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Tonight at 7** - "Book TV Panel Discussion - Breaking News: How the Associated Press has Covered War, Peace and Everything Else," located in room 4440 of Booth Library
- **Monday at 6 p.m.** - "Invisible People: Does Race Matter in News Coverage?," located in room 4440 of Booth Library
- **Feb. 12 at 7 p.m.** - "Always on Deadline: How the Associated Press Covers the World," located in room 3000 of Booth Library
- **Feb. 19 at 6 p.m.** - "True Stories Behind Great Images," located in room 4440 of Booth Library
- **Feb. 20 at 7 p.m.** - "How Did it Get on Page One?," located in room 4440 of Booth Library
- **Feb. 27 at 4 p.m.** - "The Civil Rights Movement, News Images and the Awakening of the American Social Conscience," located in room 4440 of Booth Library
- **Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.** - "The Paper," a documentary film by Aaron Matthews shown in room 4440 of Booth Library

Subjects such as race, photography and the process of putting together a newspaper will be discussed.

Eugenia Jefferson, a junior journalism major, said she is honored to be a part of one of the panels.

Jefferson, along with Turner and Gene Deerman, assistant sociology professor, will discuss the news coverage on the murder of Emmet Till.

Jefferson said it is important for students to come to these panels.

"You get to see how things are put in the paper and why," Jefferson said.

The idea for the exhibit to come to Eastern started out with a trip to Washington D.C.

Lorber went to a conference in Washington where various panels based on the book "Breaking News" were being held.

He also received a letter with contact information from the Associated Press and came up with the idea to bring their national traveling exhibit to Eastern.

"It all started sometime in May or June," said Lorber.

Lorber decided the exhibit will receive a good turnout if brought in February.

"This would give the journalism department, students and faculty enough time to get things in order."

Turner became involved in the process of setting up panels, along with bringing guest speakers such as Gary Moore.

"I thought [Moore] was wonderful," said Turner.

Turner said journalism is vital on campus.

"Anyone interested in this field of study should go to these panels," she said.

Alumni Chris Sundheim, a national editor, a Chicago reporter and a bureau chief for the Associated Press in New York will also speak to students on how the Associated Press covers the world.

Sundheim will be on campus visiting journalism classes and speak to students on working for world's largest news organization, the

Associated Press.

Turner is excited about his arrival.

"You get to find out what it's like to be him on a day-to-day basis," she said.

Lorber said bringing alumni is great for the journalism department as well as for the students.

"They get to hear from reporters who are doing it and a variety of other people from different areas," Lorber said. "It provides layers of experience."

Lorber said he has had a positive experience with the event.

"People from the Associated Press were very pleasant to work with," he said.

While putting the program together, Lorber has put literature together for the Breaking News event.

Information such as the times and dates of the various panels, brief biographies of the speakers and other information will be included in a booklet.

Lorber said by putting the book together, he understands what journalists go through.

"I have developed an appreciation of news writing," said Lorber. "Making sure all the information is correct, and gathering information about others takes a lot of effort."

Lorber said overall he hopes the turnout for the event is a success.

"All students, just not journalism majors, should take this experience to their advantage," he said.

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CAMPUS I EVENTS

Council to review guaranteed savings contract

By Matt Hopf
City Editor

The Charleston City Council will introduce a resolution at tonight's meeting, which would submit a Request for Proposals to search for firms to find ways to reduce energy.

City Manager Scott Smith said upgrades to city equipment and buildings could lower electrical costs, gas costs and other energy costs.

With a firm's proposals, the city can enter a guaranteed savings contract, which the city would pay for upgrades through energy savings.

Smith used a furnace for an example.

If the city installed a \$5,000 heater, which saved \$1,000 a year on energy costs, the savings would go towards paying for the furnace.

When the price of electricity froze last year, the city purchased power from another service provider, which saved an estimated \$250,000, Smith said.

However, the city saw an increase in energy costs between \$162,000 and \$165,000 from the previous year.

"We need to find ways to cut energy costs to provide services," Smith said.

In order to pay for energy costs the city has increased water rates and Smith said another increase would be requested this year.

The city is also in the planning process to upgrade the waste treatment plant.

Smith said the city is applying for a low interest loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to cover engineering costs to create plans.

The upgrade to the waste treatment plant would not begin at least until the next fiscal year, he added.

Charleston is not the only government to look into guaranteed savings contracts.

Eastern, Lake Land College and Charleston and Mattoon school districts all have entered into these types of contracts.

Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs, said Eastern is entered into two guaranteed performance contracts.

"Over the 10 year recovery periods of those projects, we're guaranteed to save about \$15 million," he said.

The city is working with the request for proposals with Mattoon, Oakland, the Oakland School District and Coles County.

In other business, the council will vote on a resolution to apply for a Community Development Assistance Program grant

not exceeding \$850,000.

The grant would be used for water main work from the water treatment plant, Smith said.

The council will also vote on a resolution annexing 2900 Fourth Street and a bid purchasing "Toughbook" computers for the fire and police department.

Two ordinances that were on file for public inspection are also being voted on.

The first would restrict parking from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Ridgefield, Fairfield, Woodfield, Copperfield and Stonefield lanes.

The second would allow university to operate smaller, "neighborhood" vehicles on city streets within its boundaries.

Mayor John Inyart will also issue a proclamation which states February is Black History Month.

The city council meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 520 Jackson Ave.

Prior to the meeting, a public meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. to consider the application for the Community Development Assistance Program grant. Another hearing is set for 7:15 p.m. in regards to the annexation of 2900 Fourth Street.

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Buoyed by cheering crowds and bolstered by more than \$1.3 million a day in TV ads, Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton raced through the final hours of an unpredictable Super Tuesday campaign across 22 states. The Republican race turned negative on the eve of the busiest day in primary history.

"We're going to hand the liberals in our party a little surprise," boast-

ed Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, criticizing John McCain for his positions on tax cuts, gay marriage and immigration and predicting an upset win in delegate-rich California.

Outwardly, McCain projected confidence about November's general election as well.

"I can lead this nation and motivate all Americans to serve a cause greater than their self-interest," he said while campaigning at a fire station in New Jersey.

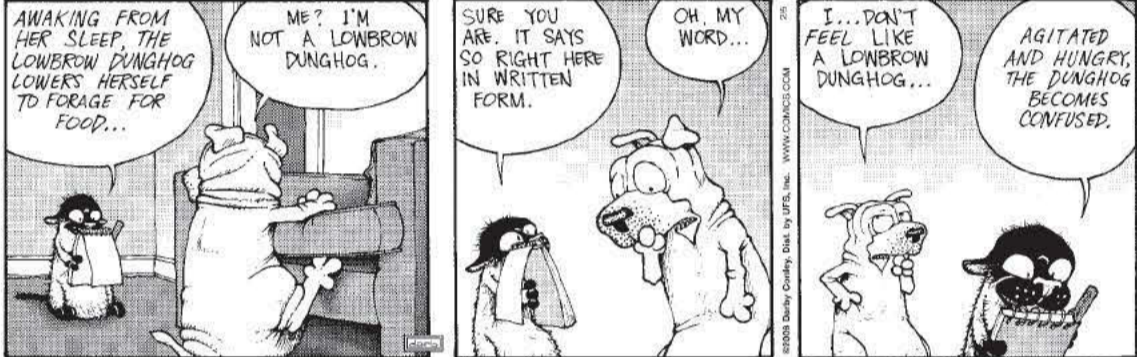
The Democrats were spending unprecedented amounts of money on television advertising. Records showed Obama and Clinton each spent \$1.3 million last Wednesday and have been increasing their purchases in the days since.

Obama spent about \$250,000 to run a 30-second ad during the Super Bowl in selected, less expensive regions. Clinton bought one hour of time on the Hallmark Channel for Monday evening to air a live town hall meeting from New York.

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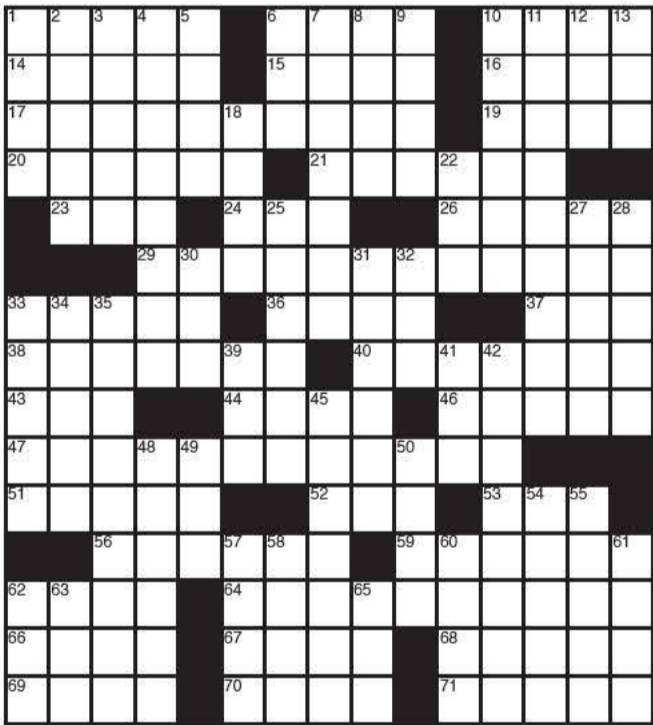


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 - 15 Horse course
 - 16 One of nine in golf
 - 17 "Merry Christmas" to the French
 - 19 Antique autos
 - 20 Tipple
 - 21 Winter melon
 - 23 "Atlas Shrugged" author Rand
 - 24 Shooters' grp.
 - 26 Genie holders
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 - 33 Spar verbally
 - 36 "I can only ____ much"
 - 37 Sch. named for a televangelist
 - 38 Life stories on film
 - 40 Leak fixer
 - 43 Toss in
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 - 51 "Lemon Tree" singer Lopez
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 - 4 Ready for a drive
 - 5 Cold-shoulder
 - 6 Hit the jackpot
 - 7 Guacamole ingredient
 - 8 Greek earth goddess
 - 9 Architects' annexes
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 - 12 Menagerie
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- 18 TV's Warrior Princess
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- 42 Spa treatments
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- 48 "The nerve!"
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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SWIMMING | NOTEBOOK

Search for Padovan's successor continues

By Ross Meister
Staff Reporter

The search for Ray Padovan's successor continues while the Eastern men's and women's swimming teams prepare for their last meet with Padovan.

But the new swimming coach will not be determined until Eastern announces its new athletic director.

If the athletic director search goes much longer, it may hurt the swimming team in the long run in areas such as recruiting.

"The longer they wait, the longer it hurts us," Padovan said. "I read in the paper that they were going to wait (on their selection), and if they wait until July that really hurts our team."

A candidate mentioned as Padovan's successor is former Eastern swimmer Matt Boss, a former graduate assistant and most recently a swimming coach in Texas.

"He's the only candidate whose name has been shooting around our team," senior Tim O'Hagan said. "One of his club teams in Texas recently got a new record in the 100-yard freestyle. We're hoping he takes all of his knowledge and brings that here."

Laird, freshmen excel before conference meet

It is the people that do the little things right that excel and get to conference.

A good example of this would be junior diver Joe Laird, who qualified for the zone championships and will compete for a spot for the national championships based on his performance on Saturday against Saint



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Louis. Junior Brent Noble swims in the men's 200-yard individual medley during Saturday's dual meet against Saint Louis in Lantz Natatorium. Noble finished second in the event. The men's team lost 131-100.

Louis.

"Joe is a good diver," Padovan said. "He's gotten beat by the Western (Illinois) divers, but he's beaten (Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis) and (its) No. 1. He did a great job this past weekend in the 1-meter."

Laird set an Eastern record for the 1-meter diving competition (304.80 points) against SLU.

"He's done very well against IUPUI, who is tough," O'Hagan said. "He could score some good points for the 1 and 3-meter dive for us."

The men's swim team had some

standout freshmen this year, as Caleb Arthur and Matt Scaliatine both have had solid seasons.

"They are important," O'Hagan said. "Arthur has stepped up real well in the relays. There's two seats in the freestyle relay, so he's trying to get one of those. Scaliatine is a real strong swimmer and has filled the breaststroke well for us."

Panthers taper for conference meet

The Summit League Championship on Feb. 21-23 in Rochester, Mich., is less than three weeks away

for the Panthers. The women's team will be able to take all of their swimmers with, while the men, who have a much bigger team than the women, will have to leave some individuals behind because of the travel budget.

"Right now we're 17 days from conference," Padovan said. "Today and tomorrow, we're going to be dropping the yardage. We keep cutting back a little bit each day, and it's a two plus week process."

With the cuts for the conference meet, the men's team will likely be affected by the loss of individuals at

MEN'S SWIMMERS GOING TO CONFERENCE

- **Freshmen:** Caleb Arthur, Luke Bell, Nate Moritz, Matt Scaliatine, Jayson Shine, Cody Showers, Brett Starkey
- **Sophomore:** Matt Crittenden
- **Juniors:** Joe Ethington, Pat LeNeave, Matt Latham, Jason Maurer, Thomas Showers, Neil Wahlgren
- **Seniors:** Joe Laird, Tim O'Hagan

practice.

"It's going to be tough," O'Hagan said. "In practice we'll be working on stroke technique, starts and finishes, and we'll go back to working on the little things."

The women's team will be looking for individuals to step up at the conference meet, as they didn't need to cut anybody out for the league meet.

"We really need everyone to step up," Padovan said. "Our key people (sophomore Lauren) Zillmer, (sophomore Laura) Nilsen, (senior Patty) Young and our freshmen are ready to do something at the conference meet. It's really a team effort. Hopefully everybody will score and hopefully someone will step up in a relay."

Senior Jen Beresheim said all of the races at conference would be important.

"I believe the medley relay, since it is the first relay of the meet, is always key," Beresheim said. "If we start out strong, we are able to come back positive and the motivation behind it helps. This year we struggled getting the time and our record wasn't what we hoped for."

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Sophomore running back to miss the 2008 season

Eastern sophomore running back Ron Jordan will red-shirt the 2008 season because of a shoulder injury.

Offensive line coach and run game coordinator Jeff Hoover said Jordan recently had surgery on his shoulder and will not be healthy in time for next season.

Head coach Bob Spoo confirmed Jordan's red-shirt status on Monday morning.



Ron Jordan
Sophomore will miss next season because of a shoulder injury.

Jordan played in nine games during the 2007 season, providing a change of pace from senior running back Ademola Adeniji.

Jordan rushed for 263 yards on 44 carries and one touchdown last season. Jordan also had 11 kick returns for 262 yards (23.8 yard average).

Galligan earns weekly conference honor

Eastern women's basketball junior forward Rachel Galligan was named the Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Week for the third time in four weeks.

Galligan won the award on consecutive weeks on Jan. 14 and Jan. 21.

Galligan is the only Eastern women's basketball player to win three OVC Player of the Week honors in the same season. Leah Aldrich-Franklin (1998), Brook Gossett (2000) and Pam O'Connor (2002) each won the award twice in the same season.

Galligan notched her first two double-doubles of the season in back-to-back games against Jackson-



Rachel Galligan
Junior has won OVC Player of the Week three times this year.

ville State and Samford on the road.

Freshman catcher gets state honor

The Illinois High School Baseball Coaches Association named Eastern freshman catcher Ben Thoma the Class A Player of the Year for his role in leading Columbia High School to the 2007 IHSA Class A State Championship.

Thoma was



Ben Thoma
Freshman was named the IHSCA Class A Player of the Year.

5-of-7 during the state finals with a double, five walks and one run scored.

He was also named the Metro-East Baseball Coaches Association Illinois Player of the Year as a senior in high school.

Columbia finished the 2007 season with a 34-5 record.

Thoma was given the award on Saturday during the IHSCA Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction Ceremony.

He is projected as Eastern's starting designated hitter and could also see time at catcher as well.

-Compiled by Sports Editor Scott Richey

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

Peay's consistency helps hold lead

By Matt Daniels
Editor in Chief

Consistent is the word Ohio Valley Conference coaches stressed during Monday's teleconference.

And no team besides Austin Peay embodies that word better.

The Governors (15-9, 11-3 OVC), who come on Thursday to Charleston to play Eastern Illinois, kept their hold on first place after three close games last week.

Peay beat Tennessee State 79-78 on Saturday after Fernandez Lockett gathered an offensive rebound and put it back with one second remaining to lift the Governors to the win.

"It was pretty depressing, pretty tough loss because I thought we played our hearts out," said TSU head coach Cy Alexander.

The Tigers only shot 53 percent from the free-throw line (10-of-19), and Alexander said that inefficiency played a role in the loss. TSU freshman forward Darius Cox missed two free throws with 11 seconds left with the Tigers leading 78-77.

Peay eked out a 92-87 overtime win at Murray State on Thursday to keep the Racers in second place.

And in what could possibly turn out as the most exciting OVC game this year, the Governors lost 121-116 in triple overtime last Monday at Southeast Missouri.

"Longest game I've ever been

OVC STANDINGS		
School	Overall	OVC
Austin Peay	15-9	11-3
Murray St.	14-8	10-4
Morehead St.	11-10	8-5
E. Kentucky	11-10	8-5
Samford	11-12	8-7
SE Missouri	12-12	7-7
Tennessee St.	10-13	7-7
UT-Martin	11-14	7-8
Tennessee Tech	10-15	7-8
E. Illinois	4-18	3-11
Jacksonville St.	4-19	2-13

TOP 10 SCORERS		
Name	School	PPG
1. L. Hudson	UTM	26.1
2. B. Price	TSU	18.3
3. A. Fisher	TTU	17.0
4. M. Weddle	UTM	16.2
5. D. Reed	AP	15.7
6. M. Rose	EKU	15.2
7. G. Robinson	TSU	15.2
8. A. McKenzie	TTU	14.9
9. J. Herring	SEMO	13.6
10. R. Martin	EIU	13.6

TOP 10 REBOUNDERS		
Name	School	RPG
1. D. Northern	TTU	9.0
2. G. Robinson	UTM	8.3
3. A. McKenzie	TTU	8.1
4. K. Faried	MOR	8.0
5. L. Hudson	UTM	7.7
6. F. Lockett	AP	6.8
7. B. Foust	SEMO	6.4
8. D. Dials	EKU	6.3
9. J. Houston	SEMO	6.2
10. C. Williams	JSU	6.1

TOP 10 ASSIST LEADERS		
Name	School	APG
1. N. Stojakovic	MOR	6.8
2. D. Bray	JSU	6.6
3. B. Price	TSU	4.8
4. D. Wright	AP	4.6
5. K. Thomas	MUR	4.3
6. L. Hudson	UTM	4.2
7. C. Wright	UTM	3.6
8. T. Peterson	SAM	3.4
9. J. Toles	JSU	3.2
10. A. Fisher	TTU	3.1

involved in and one of the finest," SEMO head coach Scott Edgar said. "Bouncing right back and beating Murray and beating Tennessee State speaks volume highly of one, (Peay's) head coach, two, their staff and three, their talent, commitment, their character and resiliency of their entire program."

Skyhawks continue to struggle on home court

Tennessee-Martin head coach Bret Campbell has one of the nation's leading scorers in junior guard Lester Hudson. Campbell also has the play of freshman guard Marquis Weddle and senior forward Gerald Robinson to complement Hudson offensively if he's having an off night.

But one thing Campbell doesn't have is an answer for is his team's porous home-court play. The Skyhawks (11-14, 7-8) are currently tied

for eighth place with Tennessee Tech and have only a 4-6 home record this season. UTM's road record is 6-8. Three of UTM's final five conference games are at home.

"We've certainly got to find a way to win at home," Campbell said. "That's certainly been our Achilles this year. If we can't win at home, we probably don't deserve to be in the tournament."

Northern becomes more of a force for Tech

Tennessee Tech center Daniel Northern is in his first full season playing for Tech head coach Mike Sutton. And he's making his mark felt around the league.

Northern, a 6-foot-9 inch, 210-pound junior who transferred from South Alabama, is leading the league in both rebounding (a 9.0 average) and blocked shots (69 for an average

of 2.76).

"He's a good defensive player for us in terms of blocking shots," Sutton said. "And he's been fairly consistent in those areas throughout the year. That's become a big key for us."

Leading 2007 freshman have had different seasons

Eastern Kentucky's Adam Leonard and Eastern Illinois' Romain Martin both shared the league's OVC Freshman of the Year award last season. Both player's sophomore seasons have gone in different directions.

Martin, a 6-foot-3, 190-pound guard, is still trying to recover from a foot injury that has plagued him since the Panthers Jan. 3 win against Murray State. Eastern Illinois head coach Mike Miller said the plan is to play Martin about 10 minutes every game the rest of the season.

"That's kind of where we're holding him," Miller said. "He's probably about 50-60 percent with that injury."

Leonard, a 6-0, 188-pound guard scored 18 points in Saturday's win at Tennessee Tech. But ECU head coach Jeff Neubauer said his greatest contribution came in how he handled Tech's pressure. Leonard finished with seven assists and no turnovers in 33 minutes of play.

"His value for the ball really helps our team," Neubauer said.

Leonard's proficiency from three-point range also helped ECU win 74-60 at Tennessee-Martin last Thursday.

Leonard scored 23 points, and made seven of his 12 3-point attempts.

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» Finalists

FROM PAGE 16

On-campus interviews for the finalists are tentatively scheduled to begin in mid-February.

Burke is currently the deputy athletic director and senior women's administrator at Wyoming.

She has been at Wyoming since 1998, and served in the same capacity at Texas-El Paso and Marshall.

Before becoming an administrator, Burke was the head women's basketball and softball coach at West Virginia State College.

Burke said her interest in the opening at Eastern came from the similarities between Laramie, Wyo., and Charleston, in addition to the tradition of athletics at Eastern.

"It's just an exciting opportunity," Burke said. "One of my goals has been to become an athletic director. I'm excited and honored to be included in the pool and to have the opportunity to come to

THE FIVE FINALISTS

- Jean Berger**

 - Worked at Drake University since 1991
 - Currently is the associate athletic director for student services/ senior woman administrator
- Barbara Burke**

 - Worked at University of Wyoming since 1998
 - Currently is the deputy director of athletics/ senior woman administrator

- Bruce Van De Velde**

 - Worked at University of Missouri since 2007
 - Currently is the director of development
- Terry Wanless**

 - Worked at Sacramento State since 2002
 - Currently is the director of intercollegiate athletics
- Vaughn Williams**

 - Worked at University of Connecticut since 2004
 - Currently is the associate director of athletics/ facilities management and planning

campus and meet with people."

Van De Velde is in his first year as the director of development at Missouri.

He previously served as athletic director at Iowa State from 2000-06. Van De Velde also served as athletic director at Utah State (1998-99).

Van De Velde said his primary concern is with student-athletes.

He said he wants student-athletes to have a good education and a good athletic experience. But he also said being Eastern's athletic director would be a good opportunity.

"I would like to take my experience and my skills and apply it to the athletic department and achieve great results," Van De Velde said. "There's nothing more rewarding and more exciting than helping those coaches and athletes."

During her 17 years at Drake, Berger was the assistant sports information director (1991-92) and the assistant athletic director for internal affairs/senior women's administrator (1992-2005).

Berger said she would not comment and was respectful of the process.

"I'm really excited and honored about the possibility," Berger said.

er said.

Wanless, who was also unavailable for comment, is currently the Sacramento State athletic director, and he previously served as athletic director at North Dakota (1990-99) and Western Carolina (1986-1990).

Williams, who was unavailable for comment, is the associate athletic director in charge of facilities and management at Connecticut.

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NCAA | COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Knight resigns

The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Bob Knight, known as much for his fiery temper as his basketball brilliance, resigned on Monday at Texas Tech, handing the team over to his son.

It was a stunning midseason move by the winningest men's coach in major college basketball, who gave no hint a change was coming. Pat Knight, a Red Raiders assistant, was appointed his father's successor in 2005.

The 67-year-old Knight informed Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers of his decision in a meeting around noon Monday, Texas Tech chancellor Kent Hance told *The Associated Press*.

Knight then called Hance and told him.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK | NOTEBOOK

Freshmen relay team sets school record

By Dan Cusack
Sports Reporter

The men's freshmen 3,200-meter relay team set a freshmen school record of 7 minutes, 47.69 seconds this weekend at the Indiana Relays.

Freshmen middle-distance runners Justin Helpingstine, Nick Kuczwar, Kevin Adamowski, and hurdler Chad Aubin finished in fourth place, 19.15 seconds behind champion Rend Lake. Helpingstine and Adamowski bounced back from rough performances in their individual events in the preliminary rounds Friday to help break the record.

"Justin was getting bumped around and boxed in during his 800-meter race on Friday," Eastern head coach Tom Akers said. "He kept telling me he was ready to go on Saturday, and he went out and performed."

Helpingstine ran a terrific first leg according to Akers, and got into good position early on in the race.

"I wanted to get in good position and make a move," Helpingstine said. "On the final turn, I made a move and was able to move into third."

Akers said Adamowski also rebounded from a "flat mile" on Fri-

MEMBERS OF 3200-METER RELAY TEAM

- Justin Helpingstine
- Nick Kuczwar
- Kevin Adamowski
- Chad Aubin

day to run a solid leg for the Panthers.

Aubin may have been the biggest surprise for the team because the freshman hurdler had not run the 800-meter dash since his junior year of high school.

"I was most surprised by Aubin," Helpingstine said. "We were just hoping he could run a two flat, and he went out and ran a 1:57."

The final leg was run by Kuczwar, who only had three weeks of training coming into the meet because of an injury. Kuczwar ran his leg in 1:56.

"Those guys did a terrific job for us," Akers said.

Relay team named competitors of the meet

The 3,200-meter relay team was named the competitors of the meet for the Indiana Relays for setting the school freshman record at the event.

Sophomore runner David Holm was named co-performer of the meet



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Freshman pole vaulter Joe Noonan practices on Monday afternoon in Lantz Fieldhouse.

for setting the second best time in school history in the 600-meter dash

with a time of 1:20.30.

The other co-performer of the

meet was sophomore Dorrian White. White finished in ninth place in the pole vault event with a jump of 4.6 meters.

"Dorrian got back to doing what we knew he was capable of," Akers said. "If he keeps it up we are going to be really solid at pole vault with him and (freshman Joe Noonan)."

An honorable mention was given to senior Chris Wesson for running a 1:54.22, which was good enough for second place in the events.

Flu keeps some members from competing

Flu season hit the men's and women's track team as eight athletes were unable to compete in the Indiana Relays this weekend at Indiana in Bloomington, Ind.

Eastern head coach Tom Akers said the athletes have all recovered.

"A lot of them were just coming off being sick, and we did not want to force them to compete," Akers said.

The Panthers will send 21-23 athletes to the Wabash Open Invitational on Saturday in Crawfordsville, Ind., Akers said.

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» **Murphy**

FROM PAGE 16

After Saturday night's double overtime loss at Samford in Birmingham, Ala., Galligan said what a leader should say.

Galligan said just because it's one loss does not mean the Panthers are

out of the race for the regular season championship.

It's true. The Panthers are only a half-game behind Southeast Missouri (15-6, 10-2) and have a better winning percentage than Samford (17-6, 10-3).

But every game is key the rest of the way if the Panthers want their OVC title and the No. 1 seed for

the OVC tournament.

The Panthers are going to need Galligan to continue her dominant play if they want the title.

However, other teams know about her force in the post, so it becomes even more difficult for her. Galligan's going to need to bring her game to the next level.

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee

said Galligan does her work before the ball gets to her.

She sets the screens, shuffles her feet and powers through the other teams' picks as well.

She gets the open shots and scores. Galligan also works against the double-team and scores. If the pressure is too much, she kicks it out to an open guard. She's the intri-

cate role player in Eastern's high-low offense this season.

The Panthers will have to continue to work their offense around Galligan if they want to claim the OVC title and possibly dance into the NCAA Tournament.

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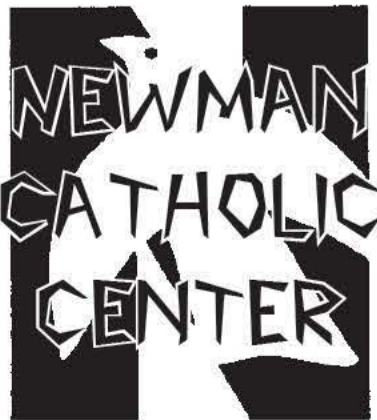
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ALL ACCESS WITH TIM O’HAGAN

Illinois-Chicago transfer seeks to coach

Tim O’Hagan said he was “skeptical” when he transferred to Eastern from Illinois-Chicago his freshman year. As his senior year comes to a close, the physical education major said he can’t imagine not coming here. With Senior Day behind him, O’Hagan is now preparing for the Summit League Championships on Feb. 21-23 in Rochester, Mich. O’Hagan talked with Staff Reporter Mike Mears about his career at Eastern, competing for Eastern head coach Ray Padovan as he retires after 42 years and his dancing abilities.

How did you get started with swimming?

I was in the Boy Scouts when I was 11 years old, and the Scoutmaster was the head coach at the school I went to. When I got to high school he kind of recruited me to come out for the team, and I started my sophomore year. My brother was a swimmer also – he started two or three years before I did – so it was kind of already in the family.

Were you a natural from day one?

I was all right my first couple of years. I was on junior varsity my first year, and I won junior varsity conference in the (100-yard) fly, and then junior year I didn’t do so hot. I was on varsity, but I was the second-fastest butterfly. My senior year I did real well. I qualified for state and I got 18th, I believe. I feel it was all due to hard work. I had a little bit of talent, but it was mostly just hard work.

Did you play any other sports in high school?

I was a safety in football.

What would you call your career highlight?

Probably qualifying for state my senior year. At sectionals I was seeded second, and the guy who was seeded first was kicking my butt all year. He beat me three or four times, and every time by a huge amount. I beat him by two-tenths of a second. That was probably the happiest I’ve ever been after a race. I’ve swum much faster since then, but that was one race that really made me feel good about myself.

What’s the highlight of your college career?

Probably last year at conference. I took fifth and seventh in the (200-yard and 100-yard butterfly), and my goal was to take top eight in both events.

Do you want to swim after college?

Probably. I’ve been saying for seven years now that once I’m done with swimming, I’m not even going to shower or go anywhere near water. But I don’t think I’ll ever stop. There’s a club team near my home, the Arlington Alligators. They actually have one of the fastest butterflyers in the nation, (Purdue’s) Sam Wilcher. Me and him swam together this past summer and we were really competitive in practice. It was a real good experience to have someone that was faster than me. I’m kind of working towards getting to him. I’d like to qualify for the Olympic Trials. This year, hopefully at conference, I won’t be too far off. It’s a little bit out of my reach this year, but I’d like to do it within the next few years.

How would you describe the butterfly stroke?

It’s the toughest stroke in swimming. Both arms come out of the water at the same time. It looks



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Senior swimmer Tim O’Hagan, a physical education major and Summit League All-Conference swimmer, occasionally climbs out of the water to scale a rock wall during his free time.

like a dolphin. It’s also the toughest race in our conference with the most competition. I actually tore a little bit of cartilage in my left shoulder four years ago. Last year I was battling tendonitis. Knock on wood, I’ve been healthy so far this year.

What type of races would you rather swim in?

I have a really good relay start, and with a good relay start you can

steal anywhere from 0.7 to a full second. A lot of people don’t like relay events because they’re afraid of the relay start or they don’t have a good one so it doesn’t reflect well on their time.

My relay start is pretty good so I usually do very well. And I like the camaraderie, having other guys depending on you to swim well to win that event. It pushes me a little harder.

What is it like to be a captain this year?

It was a big responsibility to jump into. This is only my third year here at Eastern. I was able to watch the past two captains and what I liked and didn’t like about their leadership style. I was able to kind of go my own way and try to motivate my guys that way. It’s been a good time. A lot of the guys don’t like me because I’m always on their backs.

But it’s been a good experience. I’m real happy about it.

How do you balance school and swimming?

I’ve had a really easy time doing it every year except this year. This year has been really hard because I’ve been taking my practical methods classes. It’s infringed on practice time a little bit. Not too horribly; 15 minutes here and 15 minutes there. I’ve been staying up a little bit later than I used to trying to get my work done. When I was little, especially going through adolescence, I could sleep 24 hours a day. I wouldn’t even wake up to eat. It started last year and into this year, I only sleep five hours a night, even if I go to bed at 9 p.m., I’ll wake up at 2 or 3 a.m. and not fall back asleep.

What are your plans after graduation?

I have a bunch of different options. I’m trying to apply for the grad assistant position with the swim team and stay another two years for my master’s. Or I also have an opportunity to student teach if I don’t go to grad school. Other than that I’d like to get a good teaching job once I leave Eastern and hopefully maybe coach.

What it’s like to compete for head coach Ray Padovan?

Ray’s unlike any coach I ever swam for. He’s really relaxed, and at first it almost seems like he’s not paying attention just because of how relaxed he is, but he’s always paying attention and always knows what’s going on. He’ll always call us out when we’re not working hard. When he’s in his office at the other end of the pool, he knows what we’re doing. He’s the only coach I’ve had where I’ve really wanted to swim well to make him proud of me. It’s a different type of motivation with Ray.

How would you describe the transfer?

I transferred from Illinois-Chicago my freshman year, and I was a little skeptical when I came here. It was a different type of team, a different type of training. I didn’t know if I was going to like it or fit in well. Now, I couldn’t imagine not coming here. It’s been a great experience. This team forces you to be self-motivated. Ray’s real relaxed and isn’t going to get in your face all the time, and it forces you to motivate yourself.

That’s something you can bring into any aspect of your life. It’s been a great experience.

What are the rumors about your dancing?

I’ve been told by my friends that I’m quite a good dancer. My roommate my sophomore year was the president of the Remix dance team here at Eastern, so he taught me a few moves, and he says I’m not too bad for a white kid.

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6 tonight on ESPN

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Florida at No. 7 Tennessee |
8 tonight on ESPN



KEVIN MURPHY

Galligan helps lead the team

She's been double-teamed.
She's been triple-teamed.
She's even been quadruple-teamed some nights.

Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan faces this defensive pressure as the top post player in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Galligan, who is essentially the team's center, has been a force this season and has other teams starting to take notice.

The Bloomington native averages 18.9 points and 6.6 rebounds. Galligan is doing slightly better against league foes. She averages 22 points and 6.8 rebounds. Although the Panthers (12-10, 11-3 OVC) had a setback against Samford on Saturday night, she still continues to be amazing.

Galligan finished the Panthers' Alabama swing with consecutive double-doubles. She had 23 points and 11 rebounds against Samford and 19 points and 12 rebounds against Jacksonville State.

Galligan's done so much this year. She broke into the 1,000-point club on Jan. 12. She's been dominant on defense as well by blocking shots.

In two consecutive games against Tennessee State and Morehead State, she blocked 10 shots.

She's almost a lock to become the all-time Eastern blocked shots leader.

And Galligan has been rewarded.

Galligan has won the OVC Player of the Week award three times this season, including this week's honor.

Galligan's all-around game has put her in the running to be the OVC Player of the Year.

She can score inside.

She can hit the fadeaway jumper.

She can hit from the free-throw line.

Galligan ranks 19th in the country in points per game. She also ranks 23rd in the country in field goal percentage and 27th in free-throw percentage.

But more than anything, it's Galligan's leadership that's helping the Panthers.

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ATHLETICS | ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FINALISTS

Eastern names five finalists

Candidates are from all regions of United States

By Scott Richey
and
By Kevin Murphy
Staff Editors

The five finalists for the Eastern athletic director were announced at noon on Monday by athletic director search committee chair Mary Anne Hanner.

The finalists are: Jean Berger (Drake), Barbara Burke (Wyo-

ming), Bruce Van De Velde (Missouri), Dr. Terry Wanless (Sacramento State) and Vaughn Williams (Connecticut).

Hanner said the finalists were selected based on experience at the Division I level, athletic administrative experience and a variety of services with the NCAA.

Hanner said the most common trait shared by all five finalists is their successful experience at Division I schools.

She would not mention finalists by name, but Hanner said each finalist also brought different

strengths like fundraising, experience with Title IX or experience dealing with facilities and management. That made determining the finalists a difficult decision.

"It was tough," Hanner said. "Once you have narrowed (the field to) the most qualified, it becomes more difficult because they are all qualified at that point."

Hanner said the goal remains the same: to hire an athletic director who will put the student-athlete first, interact well with the campus as a whole and have the highest level of integrity.

"We were pleased overall with the breadth and depth of the (applicants) pool," Hanner said.

Eastern interim athletic director Ken Baker said the announcement of the finalists showed the search committee was progressing forward, and he said he knew the committee was pleased with the pool of applicants.

Baker said the number of applicants – there were more than 50 – showed Eastern is a good place to work.

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Senior guard Bobby Catchings looks to pass the ball between two Morehead State defenders at the Panthers Jan. 26 game at Lantz Arena.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | BRACKETBUSTERS

Panthers draw Aces for extra game

Eastern 0-2 in ESPN Bracketbuster games

By Scott Richey
Sports Editor

Eastern's men's basketball players were in the dark concerning which team they would play for its annual Bracketbuster game.

Senior forwards Bobby Catchings and Jake Byrne did not know their opponent until the announcement on Monday night, even though the Bracketbusters teams had been released to the coaches.

But the Panthers might hold the high cards this season after losses to Eastern Michigan and Loyola of Chicago in their first two Bracketbusters games. Eastern (4-18, 3-11 Ohio Valley Conference) will play Missouri Valley Conference foe Evansville on Feb. 23 at Lantz Arena. The game time will be determined within the

next few days.

This is Eastern's third year in the event, which was designed by ESPN in 2003 to give mid-major schools a chance to play shortly before the NCAA Tournament.

Eastern head coach Mike Miller said he thinks the intent of the Bracketbusters games is good, but it doesn't always work out well for each team.

Miller said scheduling well is one thing a college basketball coach has to do well, and the Bracketbusters games limits the control a coach has on their team's entire schedule.

"If the Bracketbusters not good, then it's two years that you have to play the same game," Miller said. "When we played Loyola last year, they were a top 100 team. They were a 20-win team that was challenging for a berth in the postseason. It doesn't always work out well for both sides."

Catchings said he has not kept up

with other conferences around the country, but is excited for the game.

"I think it's a good game," Catchings said. "It's the middle of the conference (season), and we've been playing teams we're pretty familiar with. It's kind of like a breath of fresh air to get some outside competition. I think it will be good for us to see what other conferences have to offer."

Byrne shared Catchings' feelings about the game against the Purple Aces (6-15, 1-10). He said it would be a nice change to play a new team instead of league teams.

But Byrne said the team's focus is still on its remaining OVC games.

"We have to pretty much win out to get in the conference tournament," Byrne said. "So that's mainly our focus, but when (the Bracketbusters game) gets here we'll have a week to prepare. If we can get a win against a conference like that (MVC), it's always good."

Miller said playing the Bracketbusters game in the middle of the league schedule is different because all of the team's focus goes into conference games, but then there is a break.

"We've changed our league schedule where we do not play that week, so that makes it maybe a little bit easier," Miller said. "You get a chance to practice that week and then play somebody different."

The Panthers and Purple Aces are not unfamiliar opponents. The teams have played 17 times, and Eastern holds an 11-6 series advantage and won the last meeting in November 2004.

As part of the Bracketbusters agreement, Eastern will travel to Evansville, Ind., next season for the return game.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday vs. Austin Peay |
5 p.m. – Lantz Arena

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Thursday vs. Austin Peay |
7:15 p.m. – Lantz Arena

MEN'S TENNIS
Friday at Saint Louis |
4 p.m. – St. Louis

WOMEN'S TENNIS
Saturday at Northern Illinois |
2 p.m. – Rockford

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Saturday at Tennessee-Martin |
4 p.m. – Martin, Tenn.