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NATION | ELECTION 2008

CLINTON STILL IN PRIMARY RACE

Close results in 4 states leave Democratic race open; McCain wins **Republican nomination**

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton won the Rhode Island primary Tuesday night and raced to a big lead in Ohio, but struggled to make a major dent in Barack Obama's delegate lead in a riveting Democratic presidential

Arizona Sen. John McCain, an unflinching supporter of the war in Iraq, clinched the Republican nom-

Clinton claimed victory in Ohio, and told cheering supporters, "We're going on, we're going strong and we're going all the way.

Obama won the Vermont primary for his 12th straight victory in one month's time, and the two rivals were locked in a tight race in Texas

Both Democrats called McCain to congratulate him on his triumph in the Republican race.

The 71-year-old Arizona senator surpassed the 1,191 delegates needed to win his party's nomination, completing a remarkable comeback that began in the snows of New Hampshire eight weeks ago.

President Bush invited him to lunch – and an endorsement – at the White House on Wednesday.

We are in Iraq, and our most vital security interests are involved there," said McCain at a victory celebration nearly a decade in the mak-

There were Texas caucuses on the



SHARON M. STEINMAN | MCT

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY.) flashes a "Hook'em Horns" sign as she takes the stage to address a campaign rally on Saturday at the Fort Worth Stockyards in Fort Worth, Texas. Clinton's victories in Rhode Island and Ohio kept her in the running for the Democratic nomination.

night's calendar, too, held after the polls closed.

Time was running out for Clinton. Obama had the lead in the delegate chase, 1,389-1,276, in The Associated Press count.

His margin was larger - 1,187-1,035 - among pledged delegates chosen in primaries and caucuses. The former first lady had an advantage among superdelegates, but Obama picked up three during the day, narrowing her advantage to 241-202.

McCain's last remaining major rival, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, conceded defeat after a campaign that included a stunning victory in the leadoff Iowa caucuses on Jan. 3.

'My commitment to him and the party is to do everything possible to unite our party, but more important to unite our country so that we can be the best we can be," said Huckabee in Irving, Texas.

For McCain, success came on his second try for the White House. He



Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) won the Republican nomination after Mike Huckabee conceded last night.



(Top) (Bottom) Sen. Barack Obama (D-III.) gained ground in with a win in Vermont but is still basically tied with Clinton.

lost the GOP nomination to Bush

"The most important race begins," he said in an Associated Press interview, looking ahead to a fall campaign against either Obama or Clinton, with the country fighting an unpopular war and on the brink of a possible recession.

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CITY | CRIME

exposes himself at AJ's

By Matt Hopf

City Editor

The 17 women celebrating a friend's 21st birthday Saturday at AJ's Restaurant & Bar were not expecting what happened.

Eastern student Elyse Wilson said while sitting in a private room of the restaurant, at 1405 Fourth St., a man entered the room and exposed himself.

When the manager was summoned to the table, he said, "What did you expect in a drunken college town?"

The man was eventually asked to leave the restaurant, Wilson said, but the restaurant did not report the incident to police.

'We would have called the police if we knew they wouldn't," she said.

The group will be filing a police report, she added.

Interim Police Chief Mark Jenkins said in this type of situation, charges of lewd conduct and disorderly conduct could possibly be

Wilson said her group of friends went to AJ's because it is the nicest restaurant in town. They did not expect something like Saturday's incident to happen

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PANTHERS WIN



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Eastern women's basketball team beat Tennessee State 65-51 last night in the first OVC quarterfinal Eastern has hosted. Next up for the Panthers: semifinals, where they will play Southeast Missouri. >> SEE PAGE 12 **CAMPUS | ENTERTAINMENT**

Jason Mraz to perform

UB announces lineup scheduling conflicts delayed decision

By Emily Zulz

Activities Reporter

Jason Mraz will perform at Eastern the last weekend in April as part of University Board's Spring Con-

After compiling a list of names, the UB concert committee narrowed the list down to Ben Folds and Jason Mraz.

With only one weekend to work with, Ben Murphy, a senior communication studies major and UB concert coordinator, said Mraz was the best option as far as price and dates.

Folds was already booked during UB's only available date, said Sheila Hurley, a freshman pre-nursing major and UB concert elect.

Folds will be performing at Gonzaga University on April 25 - the day of Eastern's Mraz concert.

The concert committee had for Spring Concert after

problems early in the semester with possible artists falling through and a limited amount of dates.

Both Murphy and Hurley were glad to finally lock in which artist was coming.

Ceci Brinker, director of Student Life, said the UB students were relieved but had not been panick-"I think the students were really

confident that we would get something," Brinker said. "They just wanted to make sure they got something that was quality."

The concert committee researched student interest, and Murphy said it seemed like a lot of students liked Mraz.

He said the committee looked at Facebook match-ups and saw that a lot of people had Mraz listed in their "favorite music" section.

Murphy said students on campus are looking for entertainment value in music artists, which Mraz

"I think that students here, I mean, a lot of people are open to musical talent - not just someone

WANT TO GO?

- WHAT: UB Spring Concert
- WHO: Jason Mraz
- WHEN: Friday, April 25
- WHERE: Lantz Arena • HOW MUCH: \$10 for students;
- \$12 for general public
- TICKETS: On sale March 24 for students, April 1 for general public.

who kind of goes up there, plays exactly what's on their CD and then gets off stage," Murphy said.

Murphy said Mraz has this quality. Mraz plays guitar and brings a band with him.

Murphy said he has heard that Mraz puts on a quality live show. Murphy and Hurley watched

performances of Mraz on Youtube. com to see how he performed live. "I think it was an energet-

ic show, and it seemed like fun," Hurley said.

Murphy said he wants the audience to feel like they are interacting with the show.

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EIU WEATHER

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WEATHER BRIEF

Today will be partly cloudy with temperatures in the mid to low 30s. Overnight there is a chance for some light flurries along with temperatures in the

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

LA judge makes Anna Nicole's toddler sole heir

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Anna Nicole Smith's daughter will inherit her late mother's estate.

A Los Angeles judge on Tuesday not only made 18-month-old Dannielynn Hope the sole heir, but also set up a trust in the girl's name. Her father, Larry Birkhead, and Smith's executor, Harry K. Stern, will be co-

Superior Court Judge Mitchell Beckloff granted a petition filed by Stern, who wanted to clarify Smith's intentions toward her daughter. Smith drafted a will in 2001 - five years before the child was born that left her estate to her then only child, Daniel. However, it said the assets in Daniel's trust should be shared equally if she had future children. Daniel was 20 when he died in 2006, three days after Dannielynn was born.

"We and Mr. Stern always be-

lieved that Anna Nicole never intended to disinherit her daughter," said Stern's lawyer, Bruce S. Ross.

Dannielynn could inherit millions of dollars if the estate wins an ongoing court fight over a will by Smith's wealthy second husband, J. Howard Marshall, that left much of his fortune to the model.

Backstreet Boys creator will plead guilty to fraud

ORLANDO, Fla. — The creator of the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync has agreed to plead guilty to charges he laundered money and made false statements during a bankruptcy pro-

Lou Pearlman will appear in court Thursday, according to a 47-page plea agreement released Tuesday.

Federal prosecutors accuse Pearlman of lying to investors to raise millions of dollars for fake compa-

They say the total loss to inves-

tors is estimated at more than \$300 million. The plea deal says Pearlman will help investigators develop cases and testify against others who helped in his schemes.

'Idol' stripper Hernandez won't be disqualified

LOS ANGELES - David Hernandez won't be stripped of his chance to compete on "American

A person close to the show, who is not authorized to comment publicly and asked not to be identified, said there were no plans to remove Hernandez from the Fox singing competition - despite the semifinalist's past as a male stripper.

The 24-year-old from Glendale, Ariz., once worked as an adult entertainer at Dick's Cabaret in Phoenix, appearing fully nude and performing lap dances for the club's "mostly male" clientele, said strip club manager Gordy Bryan.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

Walking in a winter wonderland?



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

A student walks in front of Booth Library during the snowstorm Tuesday afternoon.

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

Recycled Marijuana plants held as evidence of crime

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A pot grower in northern California is following nature's rules, if not the law.

Workers who were sorting items at a San Jose recycling center last week found a large trash bag full of marijuana plants.

The center collects leaves, tree limbs and other natural material for composting, but San Jose police say the plants won't end up that way. Instead, they'll be held as evidence of a crime.

Police say the marijuana could have come from anywhere in Santa Clara County. They don't know how much of the pot in the bag was sellable.

Man punched lawyer gets 6 months jail

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — A man who punched his lawyer in a Kentucky courtroom last month has been sentenced to six months in jail.

Peter Hafer also has a new lawyer. Mark Bubenzer said his client is sorry and didn't mean to disrespect the court. But Scott County Circuit Judge Rob Johnson reprimanded Hafer as he sentenced him for contempt of court Monday. Attorney Doug Crickmer got two black eyes when Hafer hit him Feb. 4. Crickmer said he thought his client was just frustrated about being in jail.

The 30-year-old Hafer was initially in court for a burglary charge. That case is still pending.

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- Did you work on your yearbook in high school?
- Do you like to write, design, or take photos? Come join us!

Anyone interested in working on the 2008-2009 Warbler yearbook is invited to attend an organizational meeting after spring break:

4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20 in 2522 Buzzard

For more information contact editor Sara Cuadrado at slcuadrado@eiu.edu

CAMPUS | FORUM

DISCUSSING ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Faculty forum covers student misconduct

By Brittni Garcia

Faculty Senate Reporter

Alison Kostelisch would rather have a C on her transcript knowing she worked for it than cheat her way to a diploma.

"I think students think cheating is not a big deal," said Kostelich, the student vice president for academic affairs. "I think an honor code would be great. I am a junior, and this is the first semester a teacher explained the whole syllabus."

Faculty Senate and Student Government hosted the annual faculty forum Tuesday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. Union. This year's forum addressed the issue of academic integrity. It also covered issues focused on intellectual property of students, plagiarism and issues with technology.

The faculty forum committee planned to break the audience into four groups, but because of inclement weather, the audience turnout was low and only one group was formed. Keith Kohanzo, assistant to the vice president for student affairs, distributed a report of academic misconduct cases for the first discussion.



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Kip McGilliard, left, speaks about his thoughts on the academic integrity of the science department as Mary Anne Henne, dean of the college of sciences, looks over statistics.

The report said here were 124 admitted or determined academic misconduct violations during the 2006-07 academic year, compared to 146 cases in the 2005-06 academic year.

"Evidence shows that academic misconduct is an increasing problem at Eastern," said Lynne Curry, Faculty Senate Chair.

Perception of academic integrity was also brought up in discussion.

Robin Murray, a faculty senate member, said perception of what is misconduct has changed

"One issue is that there is a perception, by not just students, that everything on the Internet is free, and it's very convenient to cut and paste, and perception that a Web site doesn't have an author," said Ann

Brownson, Faculty Senate's Vice Chair.

Sue Songer, an international student adviser, said students claim to have strategies to cheat.

"Academic integrity, as a whole, is more than plagiarism," Brownson said.

However, several faculty and staff members disputed whether or not to fail a student because of plagiarism.

"Judicial Affairs doesn't get involved, only in cases of burglary, a second offense or factual disputes," Kohanzo said. "We urge professors to fail the student from the course."

In most cases, Curry believes it makes sense that the sanction be severe, but Songer said she believes failing class can cut education short. Several staff members insisted a university honor code be instituted.

"Start a culture of honor code where we can trust students; it's done elsewhere," said John Stimac, chair of the faculty forum committee. "We need to be on the same page what sanctions would be."

Kohanzo said schools' modified honor codes are a work in progress.

"It's for the university to frame students, and Eastern is able to do that," said Eastern President Bill Perry.

Stimac will take notes from the forum to Faculty Senate and make the discussion an online forum.

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CAMPUS | LECTURE

'Free will is necessary for morality'

Philosophy professor presents argument at colloquium

By Josh Van Dyke Staff Reporter

Whether or not people are morally responsible for their actions has been argued since before the word

"philosophy" even existed.

More than two millennia later,
Eastern philosophy professor Grant
Sterling believes he has the appropriate response.

"Moral responsibility is a side issue," he said during the philosophy department colloquium Tuesday in Coleman Hall.

In his paper, "Doing the Impossible Right Thing," Sterling argued that the more pertinent question is whether morality exists at all.

He said, to answer that, the existence of free will needs to be determined because free will is necessary for morality to exist.



FVENT

BRYCE PEAKE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Grant Sterling, philosophy professor, presents his argument during the philosophy colloquium Tuesday afternoon in Coleman Hall.

Sterling used three hypothetical situations to explain the importance of free will in morality.

Sterling described a situation in which he was asked to fly like Superman to catch a man who fell off of a skyscraper. He described another hypothetical situation where he had to save a girl who had drowned before he had heard of the problem.

The third hypothetical situation involved Sterling passing out during a bank robbery and a police officer later commending him for doing the right thing by staying "prone."

Sterling used those examples to illustrate how someone cannot be morally obligated to do something impossible. An action is neither right nor wrong if the person had no con-

trol over the situation.

"A decent moral theory has to accept these two principles," Sterling said.

Sterling's paper argued that free will is a necessity for morality.

"It seems, at first, so simple," said Jenna Smith, a senior philosophy major. "It gets really complicated, really fast."

Sterling tried to refute claims that free will and determinism – the belief that events are set to happen before they occur – are compatible.

"If determinism is true, than morality, for all intents and purposes, ceases to be true," Sterling said.

Free will requires that at least one alternative exists, Sterling added.

During his presentation Sterling briefly touched on the topic of quantum mechanics and morality.

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CAMPUS | MUSIC

Musicians prepare for tonight's battle

Five local bands to compete at 7th Street Underground

By Sara Cuadrado

Campus Reporter

Dan Lazzarotto followed in his father's footsteps when he first started a band in high school.

Now that he's in college, Lazzarotto, a sophomore physical education major, has a new band that's getting ready to compete in tonight's Battle of the Bands, which starts at 7 tonight in 7th Street Underground

tonight in 7th Street Underground. Lazzarotto said he met Joe Courtney, a sophomore English major, in elementary school. Courtney started playing guitar in sixth grade and inspired Lazarotto to follow.

"He got me to mess around with the guitar, and I started taking lessons in eighth grade," Lazzarotto said.

Courtney said the two of them formed a band in high school called Eardmann's Jacket, with a different bass player and a different drummer than they have now.

Last year, when he lived in Carman Hall, they decided to start playing again, Courtney said.

They formed a new band and named it Little Boy Jr., after the

name of a song from one of their favorite bands, Mando Diao.

Little Boy Jr. will play a 20-minute set at Battle of the Bands, along with four other bands. Matt Caponera, main stage coordinator for University Board, said the other bands are the punk-alternative band Learn to Fly, the rock band Hero Complex, the creative rock band Friday Night Villain and the punk-alternative band Third Flight.

Little Boy Jr. plays garage rock music, Courtney said. He described it as "somewhere between the Beatles and the Strokes."

He said he hopes tonight's performance leads to more opportunities. The band played at the last two Open Mic nights acoustically.

To prepare for Battle of the Bands, they usually play every day from about dinner time until around 10 p.m., Lazzarotto said.

Lazzarotto's interest in music came from his dad's classic rock band, Lazzarotto said. His dad was in the band Skunk City before Lazzarotto was born and still plays frequently in Chicago.

"The only (shows) they haven't been able to come to are the ones here," Lazzarotto said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Read 'Freakonomics,' discuss with others

Students can pick up copies of "Freakanomics: A Rogue Economist Explores The Hidden Side of Everything," by Steven D. Livitt and Stephen J. Dubner, in Mary J. Booth Library.

The book is a part of the "One Book, One University" reading project, sponsored by Booth Library.

Students, faculty and staff can attend a discussion group about the book at 4 p.m. March 25 and 26 in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

Contact the reference desk at 581-6072 for more information.

Foreign Language Week activities today

Students can attend three activities today in celebration of Foreign Language Week.

Foreign language professor Vanesa Landrus will show a documentary and have a presentation on Che Guevara's childhood in Alta Gracia, Argentina, from 4-5 p.m. in Coleman Hall, Room 1130.

Foreign language professor Irene Cormina will have a presentation on women in tango from 5-6 p.m. in Coleman Hall, Room 1120.

Foreign language professors Carlos Amaya and Kristin Routt and Sigma Delta Pi will host an event on Latin American food from 6-7 p.m. in Coleman Hall, Room 1130.

Spring 2008 graduate deadline approaching

The deadline for students to apply or re-apply for Spring 2008 graduation is March 19.

To apply for graduation, a student must log into his or her PAWS account and click on the "Student Financial Aid" link, then click the "Apply for Graduation" link.

— Compiled by Associate News Editor Stephen Di Benedetto

ON CAMPUS

TODAY

Study Abroad Informational

Time | Noon-12:30 p.m. Location | Blair Hall, Room 2165

More info | Call Farhan Aziz at 581-7267

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OUR SELFISH GENERATION

Mississippi State U. - The iGeneration, those of us born between 1981 and 1999, is now officially the most narcissistic generation. Dan Zak, a staff writer for The Washington Post, tells in his article this past Sunday that narcissism and entitlement have been steadily on the rise since 1979, according to a study published this year in the Journal

I think Zak is right - we are a bunch of self-absorbed brats. Just look at what we watch on TV: "The Hills," "Laguna Beach" and the other lineup of B.S. reality shows on the air. What do these shows promote? Lavish lifestyles, erroneous entitlement and an "everyone else should be here for my needs" outlook on life are all pandered to us as the new American dream.

Don't believe this is true? Zak points to a crowded airport as a prime example of our ever-growing inner brat.

'You have people screaming at customer representatives at airports because it's snowing out - as if people are entitled to have a sunny day," said professor W. Keith Campbell, a specialist in the study of narcissism at the University of Georgia. "That's where it gets out of hand, with entitlement, the issue is ... there are certain times when we're entitled and other times we're not. The problem is when we have that meter

Another prime example for our wonderful behavior is restaurants. You don't have to be a professor of narcissism to be able to catch people showing their ass at an eatery. I have seen people be downright cruel to poor servers who are trying their best.

God forbid in a crowded restaurant that we have to wait for our food a little longer. Clearly, it's the restaurant's fault and not us for perhaps pre-planning to maybe beat the lunchtime rush or just deal with the fact it's busy in restaurants at certain times.

When our generation is dead and gone, our epitaphs should read "Me first." That's why illegal immigrants are here. They'll do jobs we are "too good" to do and be grateful for what pay they

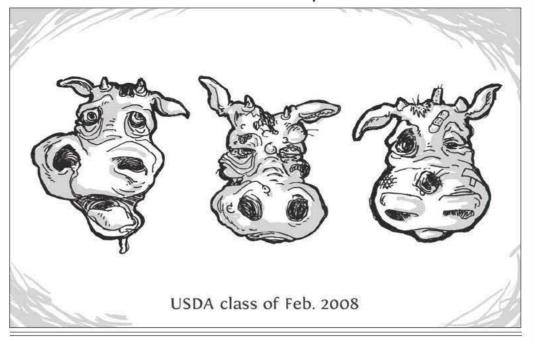
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Drawn from the news | Chris Lee



STAFF EDITORIAL

Erasing a building will not erase our memories

"Maybe if Cole Hall was in poor shape and

would have a little more public sentiment

actually needed to be torn down, Blagojevich

about his decision to spend that \$40 million."

ov. Rod Blagojevich must not read the headlines.

If he was paying any attention, maybe he would be convinced that handing \$40 million to Northern Illinois University is not the bright-

Our Illinois legislators are proposing to tear down Cole Hall, the site where the NIU shooting took place on Feb. 14, and construct a "state-ofthe-art" building.

The new building will be aptly named Memorial Hall - but why a new building?

Plus, the new building isn't set to open until

The shooting tragedy shook NIU's campus less than a month ago.

The governor headily placed a motion to tear down the building while emotions are still running high.

We should slow down a little and think things through.

If this type of tragedy happened to us at Eastern, chances are we would be uncomfortable reentering the building where five of our peers died, and many were injured.

But something like this thankfully didn't happen here.

This happened to students at Virginia Tech last April and, even

further back, to students at Columbine High These students still attend classes in the build-

ings where something tragic happened. No one tore down a building at VT, and stu-

dents still go to school at Columbine. The shooter at VT first killed students in a dorm room. The dorm room where it happened

is still closed, but the residence hall remains As for Norris Hall, the second site where the

shooter opened fire, the university spent \$1 million renovating the second floor.

The building, however, is still in use.

At Columbine, the shootings happened in the library and cafeteria/commons area, which have since been remodeled and replaced. The building, though, is still in use, too.

The governors of Colorado and Virginia realized that tearing down a usable building would be a waste of money.

Maybe if Blagojevich put that \$40 million into a state-of-the-art lockdown system for the entire campus, we would understand.

Maybe if Cole Hall was in poor shape and

OUR VIEW

- Situation: Gov. Rod Blagojevich wants to raze Cole Hall, the site of the NIU shooting, and build a \$40 million Memorial Hall.
- Stance: Doing so will solve nothing and will be a waste of money that our state government doesn't have in the first place.

actually needed to be torn down, Blagojevich would have a little more public sentiment about his decision to spend that \$40 million.

But the building is perfectly usable and was built only 40 years ago.

Instead of tearing down the whole building, the school should reconstruct the lecture hall where the shooting happened, like VT did.

NIU president John G. Peters stated in a Feb. 27 press release that, "While we can never erase the tragedy visited upon this campus February 14, this decisive action sends a message that NIU is healing and moving on to provide the very best education possible for the citizens of this region."

But razing Cole Hall and erecting Memorial Hall will solve nothing.

> It won't make students safer. It won't turn back time.

Tearing down a building will not ensure that a shooting will never happen again,

either. The movement solves nothing.

Blagojevich and his legislators disregarded the condition of the building and are willing to give up \$40 million to tear down and re-build a perfectly good building - a waste of our money.

The governor plans on paying for the building by borrowing bonds.

Any school, if offered \$40 million to construct a new building, would snatch the opportunity - no questions asked. So we don't blame NIU. Eastern would do the same.

But if this hadn't happened to NIU, maybe Eastern would have a small chunk of that suddenly available \$40 million to build the power plant we've needed for more than 80 years.

Or maybe the governor could have avoided cutting funds for higher education in his state

It's wrong to capitalize on tragedy.

If we learned anything from the NIU shooting, we learned that the shooting could have happened anywhere.

The students at NIU are scared, but so are we. Use the \$40 million to improve safety on all Illinois campuses.

CONTINUE THE DEBATE ONLINE



Visit DENnews.com to read Dylan Divit's blog, "Trailer talk - movies opening this weekend



"Think 'Wild Hogs' meets 'Road Trip' and add Martin Lawrence's hilarious excitement. I don't think you could pay me to watch this movie."

-Dylan Divit

Spring break vs. Easter break

I'm sure most of you have run into a conversation with your parents or family or someone that you want to spend Easter with: Mom - "Are you coming home for Easter?" You - "No, I don't have a

So my question is, why is our spring break a week before Easter? Why do we get a week off at the beginning of March when there are no significant dates involved within (except for my friend's birthday)?

Why don't we have spring break a week later, or two weeks later, so that it can coincide with the holiday of Easter?

Well, I don't know the so-called official reasoning, but when thinking of reasons for this ill-planned break, I came up with the following: 1) the university does not wish to offend those students who do not celebrate Easter; 2) a university member may also have a birthday during the designated dates for our spring break.

But addressing this first supposed reason, I can't really follow the logic. In order to not offend a certain portion of the campus, we will have a break that cannot be called "Easter break" because it does not coincide with Easter.

In doing so, though, the majority of the campus is left heavily inconvenienced. Although an anticipated counter-argument could be that if Easter was really such a significant event to the majority of students, they could still find a way to return home to celebrate it.

That argument is pretty valid, and if you would like to donate an additional \$60 to me for gas money so I can go home one week after the week I will already be home, please contact my editor, and she will tell you where the donation box is located.

I am not saying that the university shouldn't take into consideration the feelings and beliefs of those students who do not celebrate Easter, but will those students really get offended if our spring recess is one week later than it usually is?

What about the students who do not celebrate Thanksgiving? We still get a week off for Thanksgiving break - though Thanksgiving is not a religious holiday, it is still not celebrated by everyone.

Another possible reason I think may explain why our spring break does not coincide with Easter is because of the law, which mandates a separation between church and state.

However, other universities still plan their spring breaks to coincide with Eas-

What it comes down to is that I do not know the reason why our spring break is planned so as not to coincide with Easter.

I, myself, do not celebrate Easter, but my mom would really like me to be there for the semi-annual family dinner. I just wonder if, in an effort to not offend a minority of students, whether or not heavily inconveniencing the majority of students is the best way.

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EDITORIAL POLICY

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"We've heard very good things about him in concert," Brinker

Mraz will be bringing two

Murphy said the comedian/

opening acts with him - another

band, Bushwalla, and comedian/

magician was an unusual choice

for an opening act but thought it

would appeal to children and the

"I think for a place like Charleston, it's a good deal to

magician Justin Kredible.

Mraz

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said.

CITY | HOUSING

New owners renovating apartments

Firm plans new outdoor features for Campus Pointe complex

By Jordan Crook

Senior City Reporter

Bob Pratten wants to give student residents of the Campus Pointe apartment complex more ways to enjoy the outdoors.

Pratten, president and CEO of Regency Residential Associates, plans to do this by installing several new kinds of outdoor equipment to allow residents the opportunity to play volleyball, basketball and other activities.

His company purchased the Campus Pointe apartments, east of Wal-Mart at 2302 Bostic Drive, in December and is in the process of renovating the complex.

Pratten said the company bought the property in Charleston because of its relative newness and its proximity to Eastern.

He said the company, which owns 2,400 apartments around Illinois and Indiana, mostly caters to student housing in its ownership of apartments.

"We understand the student community and feel comfortable with this purchase," he said.

Pratten said the purchase also had to do with the company wanting to expand.

"We're trying to grow the company," he said. "Illinois and Indiana are places we're looking to buy more

However, by purchasing property in Charleston, the company is expanding back into the area where

"Coming back to Charleston is kind of ironic, since we're returning to where we began," Pratten said.

Regency Residential Associates took its name from Regency Apartments, which John Eads, chair of the company, bought in the 1970s.

The apartments were later sold to Eastern and renamed University

Pratten said the company may decide to expand beyond Campus Pointe in the future, but for now he is just going to focus on adding outdoor features for the complex.

The staff welcomed the change in ownership at Campus Pointe.

Ben Parish, leasing consultant for the complex, said he thinks the new owners are more willing to get tasks done in the complex.

"It was a pretty big change – but a good one," he said.

Parish said the new owners want

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to upgrade the complex to create more interest among potential rent-

He said the upgrades mainly deal with outdoor activity areas but also include an expanded indoor work-

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7495 or at jscrook@eiu.edu.

>>> Election

FROM PAGE 1

He pledged a "respectful, determined and convincing case to the American people" in the general election campaign. Aides raised an enormous banner bearing the magic number to serve as a backdrop for his victory celebration in Dallas.

In all, there were 370 Democratic delegates at stake in the night's contests.

Clinton and Obama spent most of the past two weeks in Ohio and Texas, with the former first lady questioning his sincerity in opposing NAFTA and questioning his readiness to serve as commander in

Polling place interviews with voters in both states suggested the criticism hit home, showing Clinton was winning the votes of late deciders in Ohio and Texas, as well as Vermont.

Hispanics, a group that has favored Clinton in earlier primaries, cast nearly one-third of the Election Day votes in Texas, up from about one-quarter of the ballots four years ago, according to interviews with voters as they left their polling plac-

Blacks, who have voted heavily for Obama this year, accounted for roughly 20 percent of the votes cast, roughly the same as four years ago.

The economy was the No. 1 concern on the minds of Democratic voters in Texas, Rhode Island and especially in Ohio. But in Vermont, almost as many voters said the war in Iraq was their top concern.

More than three-quarters of Ohio Democrats said international trade had cost their state more jobs than it had created.

Roughly six in 10 of the Democrats who were questioned outside the polls Tuesday said that socalled superdelegates, who are party officials, should vote at the national convention based on the results of primaries and caucuses.

That was unwelcome news for Clinton, who trails Obama among delegates picked in the states but holds a lead among superdelegates.

Obama had campaigned hoping to land a knockout blow. As of March 1, his campaign had spent about \$9 million on television advertising in Texas and about \$4.5 million in Ohio; Clinton had spent about \$5 million in Texas and about \$2.3 million in Ohio, according to TNS Media Intelligence/CMAG, an ad tracking firm.

Clinton showed no sign of surrender as she campaigned on Tues-

"My husband didn't get the nomination wrapped up until June (in 1992). That has been the tradition," she added, without mentioning that this year most primaries were held much earlier than in 1992. "This is a very close race."

For his part, Obama was already advertising in Mississippi, which holds its primary next week, and planned trips there and to Wyoming, which has weekend caucuses.

Pennsylvania, the biggest single prize left, holds its primary on April

"All those states coming up are going to make a difference," he said. "What we want to do is make sure we're competing in every single

It takes 2,025 delegates to win the Democratic nomination, and slightly more than 600 remained to be picked in the 10 states that vote after Tuesday.

Obama and Clinton took time out from their race to place congratulatory calls to McCain.

View a map



Any students interested in tour-

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get an opening act who can kind of incorporate the crowd at the beginning that's there," Murphy said.

community.

Murphy said comedy and magic are always fun to watch.

"There's always a good turnout at (UB) comedy shows, too," Hurley said.

Brinker said with two opening acts, students are able to get more for their money.

The show is the Friday before finals in Lantz Arena. Tickets are \$10 for students and \$12 for the general public. Tickets go on sale March 24 for students and April 1 for the general public.

Murphy said the concert committee was able to sell the tickets at a low price because its budget this semester allowed it.

The committee starts with the student-fee budget and subtracts costs from the previous shows in

Murphy said UB has had a successful show and a show that did not do as well.

He said the committee tries to end in a surplus, or at least not go into the negative.

Murphy said the committee looked at the budget and saw that a ticket price of \$10 would be reasonable for UB as well as the students.

Tickets for the Spring Concert generally range between \$10 and \$20.

"\$10 is a really big bargain for an established name like Mraz and two opening acts, too, at the same time," Murphy said, adding that shows in Champaign can cost \$40.

Mraz is costing UB \$50,000, which includes travel and both opening acts. This does not include the extra costs with sound and lighting.

Murphy said he thought UB got "a good name for a good price."

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» AJ's

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The men's restroom is on the upper floor of the restaurant near the private room.

The man appeared intoxicated and walked over to the table. He then dropped his pants around his ankles, exposing himself to the whole table, while eight friends watched him, Wilson said.

He apparently was trying to get the table to "egg" him on, Wilson

The servers of the party did nothing, and they saw the whole incident, she added.

Another person from the bar crawl who witnessed the event went in front of the table and bent over as if "farting" on the table, she added.

The party did not receive an apology from the restaurant except from one of the servers who was laughing about it, Wilson said.

Repeated attempts to contact AJ's owner Michael Boska were unsuc-

During the "unofficial St. Pat-

Charleston and University police departments increased.

Jenkins said calls over the weekend were busier then the past two months but not unusual.

"I won't say any more than on a nice weekend in April," he said. Part of the increase was because

of unofficial St. Patrick's Day. Jenkins didn't recall unofficial St.

Patrick's Day happening in previous years, but said Friday and Saturday

With St. Patrick's Day on the first day back from spring break, Jenkins holiday on a Monday.

bar crawl," he said.

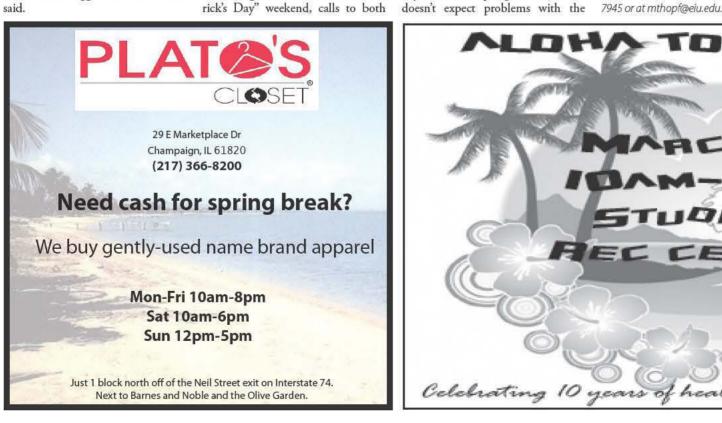
University Police Chief Adam Due said the department had a little extra activity over the weekend because of more calls, not unofficial St. Patrick's Day.

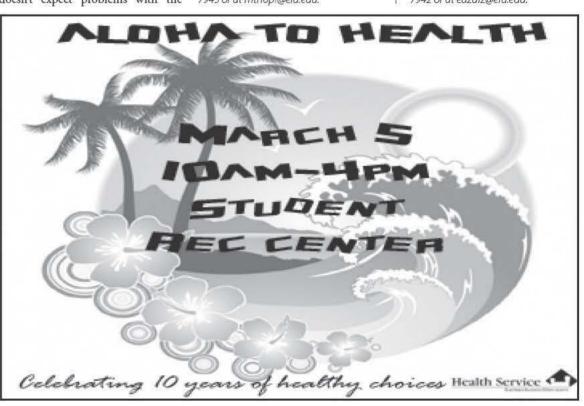
Bars in town did not report any unusual activity.

Adam Miranda, manager at Mac's Uptowner, 623 Monroe Ave., described the weekend as "usual."

"It was a normal weekend with a

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CAMPUS | STUDENT SENATE

Computer vote planned tonight

\$13,000 worth of PCs to be voted on at tonight's meeting

By Rick Kambic

Student Government Reporter

Student Senate will vote on the purchase of 12 new computers tonight.

The computers will cost \$13,000 and will replace the computers in the Student Activity Center. The Apportionment Board approved the proposal 6-0 with one abstention during Thursday's meeting.

The senate will first vote to release the money from AB. The senate will then vote to give final approval.

Levi Bulgar, student executive vice president, waited nearly a month for AB to approve the proposal. Bulgar's original proposal to AB on Feb. 7 was for 16 new computers for \$17,000. Bulgar's second proposal was for 12 computers because some student

organizations could not receive computers funded by student fees.

Bulgar also submitted the third resolution.

He is also requesting \$103.43 for travel and lodging expenses for him to fulfill his responsibilities on Gov. Rod Blagojevich's Campus Safety and Student Mental Health Taskforce.

The \$103.43 was calculated with a university formula for travel vouchers, Bulgar said. Because he drives his own car to conferences, the university pays for upkeep and gas mileage.

"More than likely, after the last two Illinois Board of Higher Education meetings, I will be using the rest of this money to get an oil change and do other minor repairs," Bulgar said. "Because I'm not technically a university employee, I can't drive a university car, and I use my car to attend a lot of meetings."

The taskforce will meet in Springfield on April 3, and Bulgar will be the only student representative with-



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Levi Bulgar, student executive vice president, talks about how he reworked his proposal for new computers at last week's senate meeting.

in the group of about 30 people.

"I'm more of a liaison from IBHE to that taskforce, and then an Eastern representative," Bulgar said.

Topics will include student behavioral contracts, student mental health

issues, camera and lighting needs on campus and potential electronic warning options for campuses, Bulgar said. The fourth resolution would finalize the hiring of Scott Murray as the Student Government's marketing director. The senate would approve a \$500 transfer from the non-employee travel account to the student payroll account.

Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick said the travel account has enough leftover funds to allow the \$500 transaction. She told AB on Thursday that Student Government has problems attracting students to events, and a marketing director would increase advertising effectiveness. Murray would get paid \$10 per hour, up to \$500 per semester.

Student Senate meets at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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LOCAL | CITY COUNCIL

Charleston historic district voted in unanimously

Ordinance approved, even with mayor not in attendance

By Matt Hopf

City Editor

The Charleston City Council approved the proposed historic district on Sixth and Seventh streets at Tuesday's meeting.

The historic district would require property owners to receive a certificate of appropriateness prior to any major structural changes.

Changes would include adding on to the property, adding a porch or enclosing a porch.
Interior work, paint color, siding, landscap-

ing and fencing would not require a certificate.

There was little discussion as the council approved the district between Eastern and the square by a unanimous 4-0 vote.

Mayor John Inyart was absent while on a business trip.

Inyart said at the Feb. 19 city council meet-



MITCH SURPRENANT | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS Council member Larry Rennels fills in for Mayor John Inyart on Tuesday. Inyart was away on a business trip.

ing he was disappointed to not be able to attend the meeting. He also announced his support for the district.

Council member Larry Rennels, who presided over the meeting, did not allow for public comment before the vote, as there was a public hearing Jan. 30, and it was on file for inspection since Feb. 19.

The district boundaries are the same boundaries that were approved by the Charleston Historic District Preservation Committee.

At the previous council meeting, Rennels asked whether the council could adjust the district boundaries.

City Attorney Brian Bower told him the

council could adjust them without sending the proposal back. Rennels said the question was just a "point

of information."

"There have been some questions about

changing (the boundaries) that I have received," he said.

After reviewing the district, there was no

need to change it, he added.

On Sixth Street, the northern boundaries extend to 760 Sixth St., on the east side of the

street and to 615 Harrison Ave. on the west

The southern boundaries extend to 1139 Sixth St. on the east, and 1148 Sixth St. on the west. On Seventh Street, the northern boundaries are 760 Seventh St. on the west side and 775 Seventh St. on the east side. The southern boundaries are 1075 Seventh St. on the west side and 1419 Seventh St. on the east.

In other business, the council approved to restrict parking in the Fields subdivision behind the Casey's General Store on 18th Street.

Under the revised ordinance, parking will not be allowed on Ridgefield, Fairfield, Woodfield, Copperfield and Stonefield lanes between 2-5:30 a.m.

The council also approved a resolution to request \$210,826.75 in motor fuel tax funds. Also approved was a scavenger license for Dumpster Rental USA in Hindsboro and a lease with ABM Farms.

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STATE BRIEFS

The Associated Press

FutureGen bids to be taken this spring

CHAMPAIGN — The U.S. Energy Department will solicit bids sometime this spring for its plan to restructure the FutureGen clean-coal project.

Department spokeswoman Julie Ruggiero said no date has been set

More than a dozen power and coal companies had planned to develop the prototype power plant with the Energy Department at Mattoon.

The department, however, backed away from the project in January. It also took the money it had promised, roughly three-quarters of the \$1.8 billion price tag.

The power and coal companies still want to build in Mattoon.

House votes to repeal moment of silence

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois House wants to repeal a mandatory moment of silence in public schools.

The bill would let schools choose whether to observe a moment of silence. That was the status until last year, when legislators made it mandatory.

The mandate resulted in a federal lawsuit and a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction in November blocking its enforcement.

Tuesday's vote was 72-31. The measure now goes to the Senate.

State of Illinois buys hotel to recover debt

SPRINGFIELD — The state of Illinois bought a Springfield hotel Tuesday in an effort to recover part of a debt that has been building for more than 25 years.

State officials are taking ownership of the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel and hope to sell it and recover some of the nearly \$30 million the hotel's owners owe to the state.

Formerly named the
Renaissance, the hotel was built
in 1982 with \$15.5 million in state

WORLD I GAZA

Peace talk request rebuffed

Bush administration wants to revive meetings with Israel

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — The U.S.-backed Palestinian president rebuffed the Bush administration's request Tuesday to quickly end a walkout of peace talks with Israel, saying Israeli military bombardment of civilians in the Gaza Strip is unacceptable under any circumstance.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said negotiations are the only solution and defended Israel's right to seek out militants who use the tiny Hamas-held territory as a launching pad for increasing numbers of rockets targeting civilians in southern Israel.

"I understand the difficulties of the current moment," Rice said following meetings with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. "We all must keep an eye on what is important."

She won no public promise that

Palestinians would end their boycott soon. U.S. officials say they understand his political predicament and predict talks will resume after a brief lull.

Abbas was not expected to relent before Rice leaves the Middle East on Wednesday.

"I call on the Israeli government to halt its aggression so the necessary environment can be created to make negotiations succeed, for us and for them, to reach the shores of peace in 2008," Abbas said. He was referring to the goal – stated at a U.S.-sponsored Mideast peace conference in November – of reaching an Israeli-Palestinian peace treaty by the end of the year.

"Negotiations are going to have to be able to withstand the efforts of rejectionists to upset them, to create chaos and violence, so that people react by deciding not to negotiate, " Rice said in Egypt at the start of two days of Mideast meetings overshadowed by the Gaza crisis. "That's the game of those who don't want to see a Palestinian state established."

Abbas pulled out of negotiations

Sunday in protest over Israel's weekend sweep, which has killed more than 120 Palestinians. Abbas has given no date for returning.

"No one can under any kind of pretext justify what the Israeli military have conducted over the past days," an angry Abbas told reporters, with Rice at his side.

The best Rice got from Abbas during their joint public appearance in Ramallah was affirmation that his government remains pledged to the peace path charted by Bush last fall. The negotiations are supposed to yield a deal outlining an independent Palestinian state this year.

The violence transformed Rice's scheduled mission to encourage progress in peace talks that have shown no public sign of breakthrough. Instead, Rice was just trying to restore the talks.

The Bush administration has staked peace hopes on Abbas' West Bank government, freezing out Hamas militants who seized the smaller, poorer Gaza Strip in June. Hamas is pledged to Israel's destruction.

NATION BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Arizona Rep. Rick Renzi pleads not guilty to fraud

TUCSON, Ariz. — Arizona Congressman Rick Renzi has pleaded not guilty to federal charges including insurance fraud, extortion and money laundering.

The three-term Republican appeared in U.S. District Court in Tucson on Tuesday. He was named Feb. 21 with two other defendants in a 35-count indictment. Renzi is accused of helping with a swap of federally owned mining land that benefited him and a business partner. He's also accused of embezzling more than \$400,000 from clients of his family insurance business. Renzi has been released without bond.

Nestle announces \$60 million expansion

JONESBORO, Ark. — Nestle Prepared Foods Co. announced Tuesday it will spend \$60 million to expand its frozen foods plant at Jonesboro and hire as many as 200 new workers.

The plant currently has about 600 workers, including 200 added in the last six months for increased production of the Stouffer's and Lean Cuisine lines.

The plant will add a production line and will build a new bakery so it can produce pizzas for both brands, the company announced.

Manufacturing activity falls in February

NEW YORK — An industry group survey shows that U.S. manufacturing activity declined last month after growing modestly in January.

The Institute for Supply Management reported Monday that its February manufacturing index registered at 48.3. Its weakest reading in nearly five years. A reading above 50 indicates expansion. Anything below that shows contraction. The February figure is a bit better than the median forecast of 48.1. But it is slightly worse than December's reading of 48.4.

WORLD I RUSSIA

Pro-Kremlin march against U.S. policy

Youth group keeps up criticism after election

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin fast-tracked the transfer of power to his newly elected protege Monday and signaled the Kremlin won't back down from its pullno-punches anti-U.S. foreign policy or ease up on its critics at home.

President-elect Dmitry Medvedev credited his overwhelming election victory Sunday to Putin's policies that have "so effectively been pursued in recent years."

Medvedev has stressed he will pursue Putin's foreign and domestic agenda and, in a sign that little would change, Russia squeezed natural gas supplies to Western-leaning Ukraine, and police in Moscow manhandled opposition protesters who denounced the election as a farce.

Also in Moscow, a pro-Kremlin youth group kept up criticism of the United States, a frequent target of Putin's wrath in eight years as president. Hundreds of young people took aim at the U.S. Embassy in a march to denounce American foreign policy.

More than two months before Medvedev's inauguration, Putin put him in charge of presidential State Council meetings — a symbolic show of trust and a display that they will rule together. The move may be designed to boost Medvedev's authority in he eyes of officials at the body's meetings — and the ordinary Russians who see them on the TV news.

Medvedev has vowed to make Putin his prime minister, enabling the forceful leader to maintain strong influence. Still, the softer accents in some of Medvedev's statements have prompted talk that he could bring a thaw, to some degree, in Russia's chilly relations with the West and the Kremlin's intolerance of domestic dissent.

Police, some in riot gear, thwarted an opposition protest of the election in Moscow, grabbing dozens of people and hauling them into buses. Demonstrators chanted "Shame!" and "Down with the police state!"

At one point, police grabbed a young woman holding a bunch of red roses and picked her up off her feet. "I haven't done anything!" she screamed.

Medvedev's election was assured by support from the popular Putin and the powerful Kremlin. He received more than 70 percent of the vote, the Central Election Commission said.



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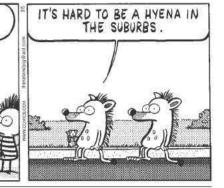
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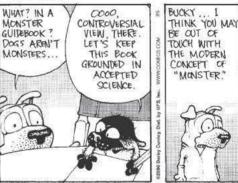
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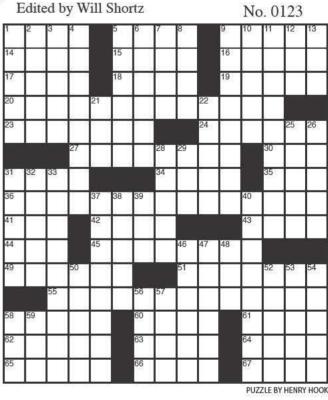
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | ANALYSIS

Eastern establishes post play; TSU turnovers costly

By Scott Richey Sports Editor

Tuesday's game between Eastern and Tennessee State featured two different teams from the start. TSU had the speed and athletic advan-

Junior guard Kendra Appling was by far the quickest player on the court. But Eastern had its own gameplan: Junior forward Rachel

Sports Editor Scott Richey breaks down Eastern's 65-51 win into four different segments: the first 10 minutes of the game, the last 10 minutes of the first half, the first 10 minutes of the second half and the last 10 minutes of the game.

First 10-minute segment: Galligan establishes post presence

Nearly every Panthers' possession involved Galligan. Eastern brought the ball down on the right side of the court, made two quick swing passes left and then fed the ball into Galligan on the left post on three straight possessions.

Galligan either scored easily over TSU junior forward Obiageli Okafor or managed to kick the ball out to an open teammate on the perimeter. Appling, TSU's best player, was inconsistent from the start.

Second 10-minute segment: Appling takes control

The second 10 minutes of the first half started for TSU much like the first 10 minutes ended: with a lost possession. Okafor was called for an offensive foul trying to wrestle the ball away from Eastern sophomore forward Maggie Kloak.

Kloak was on the receiving end of a TSU offensive foul twice in three minutes. Galligan and Kloak were in the game at the same time and took turns stepping out on the high post to make 19-foot jumpers.

Appling scored her first two baskets of the game with a similar move - ducking her 5-foot-7 frame underneath an Eastern defender, faking a step with her non-pivot foot and then making the basket.

Appling scored 14 points in the first half, all in the final 10 minutes.

Third 10-minute segment: Galligan continues her dominance

TSU's speed advantage continued to be a problem for the Panthers. Junior guard Ellen Canale was



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Junior guard Megan Edwards looks to pass the ball from the wing during Tuesday night's Ohio Valley Conference first round game at Lantz Arena.

always a step behind Appling when she drove toward the basket.

But the Lady Tigers had no answer for Galligan in the post. She was able to dominate any TSU defender, whether backing them down or shooting over them.

And when Galligan was doubleteamed or triple-teamed, she found an open teammate.

Fourth 10-minute segment: 3pointers seal Eastern win

The final 10 minutes of the game belonged to red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards. She hit three 3-pointers from several spots on the floor and increased Eastern's lead to double digits twice.

Turnovers continued to plague TSU. Appling contributed to the turnovers with an offensive foul on Canale. Canale was hounding Appling near the baseline and Appling lowered her shoulder in Canale to create separation and was called for a foul.

In the end, Edward's 3-pointers in the final 10 minutes of the game and Galligan's dominant post play throughout made all the difference for the Panthers in their 65-51 win.

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Softball opener rescheduled

The Eastern softball team's doubleheader against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis today at 4 p.m. at Williams Field was rescheduled because of freezing rain and snow Monday and Tuesday.

The Panthers' doubleheader against IUPUI was rescheduled for 4 p.m. on March 31 at Williams Field.

Eastern's first home game will be March 21 against Austin Peay. It will also be the Panthers' first conference game at home.

Eastern (3-4) will next play against Florida Gulf Coast on Friday at the FAU Miken Invitational in Boca Raton, Fla.

This is the second Eastern sports' home opener to be rescheduled. The Eastern baseball team was scheduled to play Olivet Nazarene on Tuesday, but that game was also canceled because of winter weather.

Adeniji back from pro day training in Virginia

Eastern senior running back Ademola Adeniji returned to Eastern on Tuesday night after spending time in Virginia preparing for Eastern's senior pro day on March 22.

Adeniji trained at Velocity Sports Performance in Alexandria, Va., under Shane Sykes, a former strength and conditioning coach for Tennessee and James Madison.

Adeniji said he was able to train with players from West Virginia, Virginia and other bigger East Coast

"It's got me prepared a lot because of the things they'll want me to do (at pro day)," Adeniji said. "It's getting me prepared physically and

Adeniji said players from smaller schools have to work harder and take a different route to professional football, but he said he is willing to work his way up.

"I just want to show guys from small schools with a chip on their shoulder can compete," he said.

Women's soccer reaches semifinals at indoor tourney

The Eastern women's soccer team reached the semifinals of the Illinois 7-on-7 indoor tournament Feb. 23 in Champaign.

The Panthers finished second in their group but lost to Louisville in or at DENsportsdesk@gmail.com.

the semifinals.

Sophomore forward Laura Ridolfi scored two goals against the Cardinals, but Louisville won 3-2 in over-

The Panthers defeated Western Kentucky 2-0, Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis 6-0 and Valparaiso 3-2.

Illinois was the only team to defeat Eastern in pool play. The Panthers lost 5-1.

Sophomore midfielder Alexis Miller scored four goals in the tour-

Junior forward Pam Melinauskas and sophomore defender Sam Balek each scored two goals.

Sophomore forwards Rachel Hamilton and Sam Kohen, freshman forward Sarah Rusk and freshman defender Rebecca Holcomb added one goal each.

The Panthers continue their spring season March 29 in Champaign. Eastern will play Illinois State at 1 p.m. and Illinois at 3 p.m.

-Compiled by Associate Sports Editor Kevin Murphy and Sports Editor Scott Richey. Both can be reached at 581-7944

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"We just got in the gaps," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. "It wasn't smoke and mirrors."

Appling finished in double figures, but she said Eastern didn't adjust too much.

"Of course they were going to double-team Okafor and play close on me tight the whole game, but they didn't do anything differently," Appling said. "I don't think it was their defense. I think they started hitting shots they weren't hitting in the first half."

Sallee said he was proud his team knew what it was doing defensively.

We seem to be proactive (on defense)," Sallee said.

He said his team is more defensively aware this season, and he doesn't have to call a time-out to set up the defense. Appling was the main focus during the second half and helped the Panthers (18-12) pull away. Appling only had five points in the second half.

"As a team, we hunkered down (on her)," Canale said.

Eastern junior forward Rachel points. She also had 11 rebounds.
Edwards added 12 points, and Sims

Halftime: Eastern 25:24 3-pointers: TSU 39 [Appling 3-5]:
Eastern 5-12 (Edwards 4-4). Turnovers: TSU 19 [Appling 6],
Eastern 18 [Two each with 4]. Fouls: TSU 16, Eastern 13.

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chipped in 11 points.

Edwards gave Eastern a spark late in the second half. Edwards hit three 3-pointers as part of a 10-4 Eastern

That was a result of what we did in the post," Sallee said.

Appling, who had scored 50 points earlier in the season, brought the Lady Tigers (13-17) within striking distance in the first half. Appling's first points came with 5:56 left in the first half.

Appling scored 14 straight points for TSU as part of a 14-6 run to end the first half. Okafor had eight points in the first half and 16 for the

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WOMEN'S B-BALL

Eastern 65, Tennessee State 51

Tennessee State (13-17)
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2008 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament **SEMIFINALS QUARTERFINALS** CHAMPIONSHIP No. 1 Southeast Missouri 67 Tuesday - 7 p.m. -No. 1 Southeast Missouri (23-7) Cape Girardeau, Mo. Friday - Noon -No. 8 Jacksonville State 45 Nashville, Tenn. Municipal Auditorium No. 4 Eastern Illinois 65 Tuesday - 7 p.m. -No. 4 Eastern Illinois (18-12) Charleston Saturday - 11 a.m. -No. 5 Tennessee State 51 Nashville, Tenn. Municipal Auditorium No. 2 Samford 69 Champion Tuesday - 7 p.m. -No. 2 Samford (23-8) Birmingham, Ala. Friday - 2 p.m. -No. 7 Eastern Kentucky 56 Nashville, Tenn. No. 3 Murray State 87 Municipal Auditorium Tuesday - 5:30 p.m. -Murray, Ky. No. 3 Murray State (22-7) No. 6 Morehead State 61

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But it wasn't the TSU defense that made Galligan bleed. It was the post-game congratulatory hug from teammate and sophomore forward Marie Baker that cut open Galligan's right elbow.

The excitement was clear on each player's face and in their actions.

The first thing sophomore guard Jessica Huffman did after the game ended was jump into the waiting arms of red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards.

The Panthers had reason to celebrate.

It was the first time an Eastern women's basketball team had won a postseason OVC game, and it was the first postseason win of any kind by Eastern since 1988.

"I don't know that I can put it into words," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. "This is a huge first for our program."

Galligan said the win hadn't hit

her yet, 30 minutes after the game. She said she was tired – and rightly so. She scored 25 points and had 11 rebounds, but every point was a struggle, every rebound a battle.

"It's the same words we've been using over and over," Galligan said. "It's everything we've been dreaming about and everything we've been hoping for. We're excited and we're thrilled. All the good things are what we're all feeling right now."

But the win was not certain until late in the second half.

The Panthers jumped out to an early lead behind Galligan's dominance in the post.

But TSU junior guard Kendra Appling changed the pace of the game with 14 first-half points in six minutes, narrowing Eastern's lead to one at halftime.

Appling scored just five more points in the second half and finished the game 8-of-19 (42 percent) from the floor.

The credit has to go to Canale for her defensive efforts. Appling was the quicker player, but Canale simply harassed her the final 20 min-

And late in the second half, more emotions came from Canale. She drew an offensive foul on Appling after trapping her on the baseline. When the foul was called, Canale pumped her fists with a look of satisfaction on her face.

"That's usually the play I get against me," Canale said. "Usually, I'm the girl getting hounded, and I decide to throw the shoulder or the elbow because I'm so frustrated. It was great to finally get one back and not be the one in that position."

Galligan said the little things – like defensive stops, rebounds and

"This is how you hope your team responds in a conference tournament game," Sallee said.

And the Panthers rode the momentum from those plays to post-game celebratory hugs, big smiles and the right to play again on Friday.

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Tennessee State head coach Tracee Wells said she wanted her team to push Galligan away from the block.

"We wanted to have her face the basket more where we could defend her," Wells said. "We still allowed her to catch the ball in her sweet spot, and she took advantage."

Galligan continued to send a message in the second half with 14 points and six rebounds.

"She plays a big role on their team," said Tennessee State junior guard Kendra Appling. "You can't take anything away from her."

Galligan got the crowd to its feet in the second half after she scored two straight baskets to give Eastern a 45-41 lead in a see-saw game.

"A double-double in the first round of the conference tournament says a lot about the player she is," Sallee said.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | OVC TOURNAMENT RECAP

Defense leads SEMO to win

Senior center Missy Whitney scored 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead Southeast Missouri past No. 8 seed Jacksonville State 67-45 on Tuesday night in a quarterfinal of the Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball tournament.

The No. 1 seeded Redhawks play Eastern in Friday's first semifinal game at noon at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn.

SEMO held a 28-20 halftime lead, and quickly expanded it in the second half. The Redhawks (23-7) held the Gamecocks to only 30 percent shooting for the game and forced 16 turnovers.

Junior guard Cassi Stuart scored 14 points, the only JSU player to finish in double figures.

Samford 69 Eastern Kentucky 56

Samford senior guard Taryn Towns scored 16 points to lead the Bulldogs into Friday's semifinal.

Samford (23-8) advances to play third-seeded Murray State in the second semifinal game on Friday, which starts at 2 p.m.

EKU trailed 56-53 with 4 minutes, 33 seconds remaining, but a subsequent 9-0 run by the Bulldogs was the difference.

Murray State 87 Morehead State 61

Murray State used a 16-0 run in the first half to open up a 21-point lead and the Racers (22-7) cruised in their Tuesday night quarterfinal win against No. 6 seed Morehead State.

The Eagles (11-19) missed their first 10 shots, which allowed Murray to lead 46-26 at halftime. Murray senior guard Alaina Lee scored a game-high 24 points to lead four Racers that finished in double figures.

-Compiled by Editor in Chief Matt Daniels

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The Eastern women's basketball team hosted its first postseason game since 1988 on Tuesday. Junior forward Rachel Galligan (above) leads the Panthers in scoring and rebounding en route to 15 Ohio Valley Conference regular season wins. Galligan, who was the conference freshman of the year in 2006, earned First-Team All-OVC honors as a sophomore. Galligan was also preseason All-OVC selection this season.

Here are three other top returning players in the OVC next season.

- 1. Sonya Daugherty The Southeast Missouri junior guard was the Most Valuable Player of the 2006-07 OVC Tournament. The St. Louis native helped SEMO to three straight OVC regular sea-
- 2. Ashley Hayes The Murray State junior is a dynamic athlete who can play at both guard and forward. She averaged 18.4 points and 8.4 rebounds in the regular season. Hayes was a preseason firstteam all-conference selection this sea-

3. Amber Guffey — The Murray State junior guard is one of the top free throw shooters in the nation. Guffey ranked third in the nation in free throw percentage and second in the conference (90.9) during the regular season.

-Kevin Murphy



SCOTT RICHEY

Time

One big fat smile.

That was Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale's first thought about the Panthers' 65-51 win against Tennessee State in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball tournament.

It was also the most obvious thing on her face.

Junior forward Rachel Galligan had other things on her

She needed a Band-Aid.

Galligan was roughed up during the game as the TSU defense collapsed on her in the post. Double teams were frequent. The Lady Tigers even tried a few triple teams.

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Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale defends Tennessee State junior guard Kendra Appling during Tuesday night's Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball quarterfinal game at Lantz Arena. Appling, TSU's leading scorer with 19 points, was limited to five points in the second half in Eastern's 65-51 win. The Panthers will play the No. 1 seed, Southeast Missouri in the semifinals of the OVC Tournament at noon on Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

HISTORY-MAKING WIN

Defense leads Panthers into first-ever **OVC** semifinals

By Kevin Murphy

Associate Sports Editor

Eastern's biggest play of Tuesday's game came on the defensive end of

The Panthers led 45-41, and Tennessee State junior guard Kendra Appling called for an isolation play.

Eastern junior guard Ellen Canale yelled at her team to tighten up and block the passing lanes. Appling drove inside, but Canale forced her to

Appling, TSU's leading scorer with 19 points, made the pass to sophomore guard Nikki Rumph.

Rumph took an off-balance shot from 15 feet, but it missed the basket completely. Although TSU got the offensive

rebound, Eastern forced a shot-clock violation with nine minutes remaining in the game.

This was part of Eastern's defensive philosophy that started at the beginning of the season.

Behind their defense, the Panthers advanced to the semifinals of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament with a 65-51 win against TSU on Tuesday night at Lantz Arena.

The Panthers won their first OVC Conference Tournament game in program history and advanced to the semifinals to play No. 1 Southeast Missouri at noon Friday in Nashville,

"If you're on the defensive end, (it's easier to force a shot-clock violation)," said Eastern red-shirt sophomore guard Megan Edwards.

Eastern sophomore guard Jessica Huffman then made a jumper to extend Eastern's lead to 47-41 with 8:32 left in the game.

The Panthers finished with 15 points off turnovers.

"I thought they did a very good

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job making us take difficult shots," said TSU head coach Tracee Wells. "They got over there early on our guards and made sure they crashed the boards."

But Eastern's defensive focus was to limit Appling's points and keep TSU junior forward Obiageli Okafor from scoring inside.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | POST PLAY

to celebrate Galligan gets it done from the block

Eastern junior forward carries Panthers

By Dan Cusack

Sports Reporter

Eastern junior forward Rachael Galligan did a bit of everything in Eastern's 65-51 win against Tennessee State on Tuesday at Lantz Arena.

Galligan scored 25 points, grabbed 11 boards and notched the school record in career blocks (141) when she swatted her fourth in Eastern's first postseason Ohio Valley Confer-

"Clearly, our game plan was going to be to take advantage of our size and throw the ball down there to a whale of a player in her own right," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee.

Right from the opening tip, Galli-



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Eastern junior forward Rachel Galligan shoots the ball during Tuesday night's first-round Ohio Valley Conference women's basketball quarterfinal game at Lantz Arena. Galligan led the Panthers with 25 points toward a 65-51 win. She also had 11 rebounds.

gan showed the Lady Tigers what she planned on doing all game.

Eastern (18-12) tossed the ball into Galligan, and she scored the game's

first two baskets from feeds on the left side of the paint.

"Early on I wanted to see what Tennessee State was going to try and do to slow us down," Sallee said. "She got going early and kept it going throughout the whole night."

Galligan demanded double teams, found cutting teammates and even forced a foul when she commanded three defenders to defend her in the paint throughout the entire game.

"To Rachel's credit, I think she does a really good job of understanding even though she's double-teamed when to go ahead and take that shot and when to kick it out," Sallee said. "They expend so much energy trying to keep her from scoring that eventually it wears them down a little bit."

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

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