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#### Wednesday

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**WEIU** weathercaster awarded 3rd in nation



**Swimmer tops** uncle's old record

# **ATHLETICS** Coaches, donors happy with athletics' direction

# Proposed changes to athletic facilities shows future for Panthers

By Collin Whitchurch **Managing Editor** 

Louis Stivers has been donating money to Eastern athletics for so long, he cannot remember how many years it has been.

The 85-year-old Charleston resident volunteers at track and field meets, but said he is not as involved as he used to be. Despite his decreasing involvement in athletics, he still donates, and said he thinks the direction Eastern athletics is going is a good one.

"I think it's great," Shivers said. "It seems like a big job — a big task. If you don't start somewhere, these things don't get done."

The "things" Shivers refers to are the proposed changes to the athletic facilities that Athletic Director Barbara Burke made at the Athletic Director's Gala on Feb. 24.

Among the changes, which are still in the planning stages, are a new football stadium, a renovation to Lantz Arena, a multi-purpose facility and a Panther Performance Center.

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AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern Illinois senior guard Jay Smith celebrates with students at center court after the Panthers defeated Eastern Kentucky 68-61 in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament Tuesday evening in Lantz Arena.

# Girl scout week approved

By Kayleigh Zyskowski

In a full city hall, Charleston's City Council passed the amended discharge of weapons ordinance after placing the ordinance on file for the last two weeks.

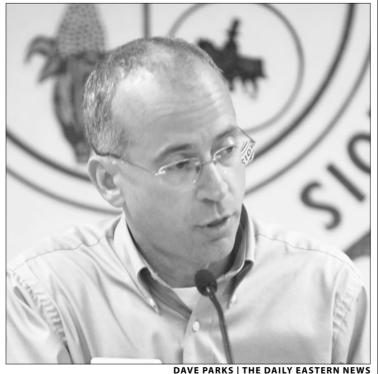
The weapons ordinance will add to the list of weapons that cannot be discharged within Charleston's city limits. The list will now include any weapon discharging pellets, arrows or missiles.

"I do think what we are doing here is the right thing in the interest of public safety," Mayor John Inyart said.

No audience member spoke when the council asked for audience feed back before voting.

The Charleston Carnegie Public Library has been approved for a tax anticipation note. This will allow the library to take out a loan in the amount of the projected tax return they will receive in the fall. The loan will have an interest rate of 1.96 percent and the amount will not exceed

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DAVE PARKS | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Mayor John Inyart approves the proclamation of March 7-13 to be known as Girl Scout Week at Charleston's City Council meeting on Tuesday evening at City Hall. March 10 is the Girl Scouts of America's 98th anniversary.

#### ACADEMICS

# Religious studies minor now offered for philosophy

By Jason Hardimon

**Campus Editor** 

The philosophy department is offering a new religious studies minor after a growth in popularity nationwide.

"Religious studies is very popular at a lot of universities around the country. It's sort of a growing trend recently for universities that haven't had religious studies to add new programs or new departments," said Grant Sterling, assistant philosophy professor.

Sterling said religious studies is important, and it should be covered at Eastern because of religion's significant role in shaping human society and culture both historically and currently.

"I think religion is a central part of human society and human thought, and university students should have the opportunity to study religion," Sterling said. "Not just in the sense of, 'Well, you go to your local church, synagogue or whatever and participate in your own religious movement,' but to actually study different religions—how they came about, what their teachings are, how they can be understood and sometimes how they can be criticized."

Members of philosophy faculty began discussing the development of a religious studies department years ago, Sterling said.

Our original plan was to hire a fulltime staff member just to teach religious studies courses, but over time we decided it would make more sense to start the program with classes that already existed," Sterling said. "So, we created an interdisciplinary minor that has classes in it from anthropology, communications studies, English, history and philosophy."

Sterling said the goal was to set up the program so there would be a lot of flexi-

We have found that some students have already taken three or four of these classes just as electives—not part of the program or anything—and so now that can become a religious studies minor and finish the program without having to take a whole bunch of extra classes outside of whatever they're taking for their major," Sterling said.

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#### **WEATHER TODAY**



**Partly Sunny** 

This morning expect a majority of the clouds, but by the afternoon we should see a little bit of sun. The sun will be out for Thursday, and will stick around through Saturday. As the sun comes back out, expect temperatures to rise as well. Temperatures by Saturday could be up near 50.

#### WEATHER TOMORROW



Thursday **Mostly Sunny** High: 42° Low: 23°



Friday Mostly Sunny High: 46° Low: 24°

For more weather information: www.eiu.edu/~weather

#### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

# **Supreme Court** procedures on student senate agenda today

#### Staff Report

The student senate will discuss a resolution regarding court procedure for the Student Supreme Court at 7 p.m. on Wednesday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Authors Isaac Sandidge, student speaker of the senate, and Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, will appeal to senate members for approval of the procedures, which outline the required methods that justices must follow while in operation.

If approved at next Wednesday's meeting, the resolution would grant the student supreme court, "the autonomy it needs to operate as an appropriate check and balance on the shared governance system."

It will also allow the student supreme court to revise the procedures as deemed necessary, with the approval of the student senate.

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# 03.03.10 Wednesday



**DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS** 

Junior early childhood education major Molly Hussey instructs the techniques of swing dancing with her partner Eric Sutor, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major, Tuesday night in the Student Recreation Center's dance studio.

#### **DENNEWS.COM**



## Weapons ordinance not a terrible idea

City Editor Kayleigh Zyskowski gives her opinion about Charleston's weapons ordinance. Check out her blog about it at DENnews.com.



#### Your pets and alcohol

Online reporter Chaz LeGrand talks about the effects of alcohol on pets. Read more about this at his blog at DENnews. com.

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# WEIU broadcaster one of nation's best

Weathercaster wins nationwide award that nearly 900 entered

**By Allison Twaits** Staff Reporter

When it rains it pours.

For the third time in many years Kevin Jeanes has received third place for Best Weathercaster in the nation in this year's Broadcast Education Association Student Media Awards.

Nearly 900 students entered the contest from institutions including Arizona State University, Pennsylvania State University and the Universi-

"I think that's what is most rewarding about this is the fact that we can keep Eastern on the map against all these big schools and these huge programs," Jeanes said.

Kelly Runyon, news director for WEIU-TV "News Watch," has been with the program since 2001 and works with Jeanes daily.

"To be recognized nationally is phenomenal for Kevin," Runyon said. "It is also really good exposure for Eastern Illinois University; he helps put us on the map for our strong journalism and broadcasting program.'

Jeanes submitted a tape of a previous broadcast that he thought best displayed his talents and would give him the best chance of winning.

He has placed third in the contest for three consecutive years and will receive his award in April at the Student News Competition awards ceremony in Las Vegas.

Jeanes did not always know he wanted to be a meteorologist. He became interested after taking a Weather and Climate class his freshman year.

At the time he was not aware that Eastern had a broadcasting program.

When he first started at WEIU, he worked all areas of broadcast news,



CHELSEA GRADY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Kevin Jeanes, third-place winner in this year's Broadcast Education Association Student Media Awards in the category of television weathercaster, stands in front of the green screen with a monitor to his left showing what the viewers see, before the live show Monday at the WEIU station.

## "He does all the work, he puts in all the time and the studying and the research."

Kelly Runyon, WEIU-TV 'News Watch' news director

such as news writing, cameraman, director and photography.

Students must work in all areas to find their niche, and weather was his. Runyon sensed Jeanes' natural talent from the start.

"Ever since I've known him, he just has this passion and drive, for weather," Runyon said. "He's a natural."

Jeanes' day starts three to four hours before the evening broadcast. During this time, he looks through models and data, creating graphics to organize the forecast.

"He does all the work, he puts in all the time and the studying and the research," Runyon said.

WEIU- TV "News Watch" is a daily commitment. Jeanes has a double major in communication studies and geography with a minor in broadcast meteorology and earth science.

Even with graduation fast approaching in May, he tries to find time to go out on weekends, play guitar and the occasional game of "Call of Duty."

He is working on his American Meteorologist Society Seal of Approval, which would certify him as a practicing meteorologist, a test he will take

The test requires three years of ex-

perience working at a commercial sta-

Because the WEIU-TV "News Watch" is a live program, running daily, he is able to take the test early in

Working for WEIU-TV "News Watch" has opened many doors for Jeanes and he said he would not let this experience go to waste.

"Working here was something that was completely unexpected for me, but it's the best possible thing that could have happened," he said.

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**ACADEMICS** 

# Fall semester registration fast approaching

By Steven Puschmann Staff Reporter

The time has come, the adviser said, to talk about registration.

With midterms beginning and registration for the fall semester fast approaching, the talk around campus has turned to scheduling and the best courses to take.

The students of Eastern have a wide variety of different class options, but with a large population of students majoring in education, those classes will be some of the first

"It is definitely education because that is what the school is known for and is really good at developing teachers," said Sara Duncan, a freshman family and consumer sciences major.

The Office of Planning and Institutional Studies, located in Old Main, has information regarding majors and classes taken by Eastern students as far back as 1992 on its Web

English is one of the top majors at Eastern, and was in 2009 and 2008

English major, offered some personal are more popular than others. insight as to why English was a pop-

"The reason why I like taking it is because I like to read, and so do many others that take [it]. It is also a big major because it goes along with teaching and English majors often end up teaching for a career," Rearden said.

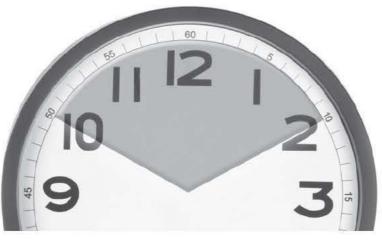
Monica Zeigler, assistant director at the Academic Advising Center, does not have a specific reason, but

Nathan Rearden, a sophomore has an insight to why some majors

"It is more of what students are interested in rather than what classes are popular and why," Zeigler said. "A student may have a feel for a certain class in high school and then may want to pursue that class more when they are in college."

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#### Top 10 undergrad majors

- Elementary education- 998
- Physical education- 723
- Undeclared- 706
- Biological sciences- 653
- Communication studies- 545
- General studies- 513
- Family/consumer sciences- 466
- Psychology- 458
- Special education- 443
- Management- 329

#### Top 10 undergrad minors

- Business administration- 534
- Psychology- 164
- Advertising- 125
- Criminology- 105
- History teacher certification- 92
- Pre-law studies- 92
- Spanish-88
- Sociology- 50
- Family/consumer sciences- 48
- English- 37

#### Most popular class

When it comes to what some of the more popular classes at Eastern are, several students responded with the Evolution of Rock and Jazz class or Bowling.

Molly Manhart and Tim Tholl, both upperclassmen, agreed the best class to take is Bowling.

"Bowling is probably the most popular class on campus because, not only is it an easy grade, but it also very fun as well," Tholl said.

James Powell, a senior physical education major with teacher certification, said, "It is definitely [Evolution] of Rock and Jazz because it is the easiest A to get."

One thing all students could agree on was the time of day they enjoyed having class at and the worst time they had class.

Students agreed the best time for class was between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., while the worst times were either night classes after 5 p.m. or the dreaded 8 a.m. class.

Alyssa Gordon, a sophomore art major with teacher certification, acknowledged her hatred toward the

"I really do not like the night classes because I am like an old woman, because I usually go to bed around nine at night," Gordon said.

Heather Kurowski, a sophomore biological sciences major, had similar feelings about night classes.

"Night classes are probably the worst because it is really hard to concentrate," she said.

VIEWS



Joe Astrouski

# Doudna's dead zone

In the 1960s, many homemakers kept their couches covered with fitted plastic slips. The idea was to preserve the upholstery of the couch for posterity.

That trend eventually died off.

Gradually, people realized that, not only did the plastic stick uncomfortably to their legs on a hot day but it was ugly, and it seemed silly to have a nice, comfortable couch but never enjoy it.

The College of Arts and Humanities doesn't seem to have learned that lesson.

For several weeks ending Monday, the Red Zone in the Doudna Fine Arts center was closed.

Arts and Humanities administrators said it was closed because students had moved the room's movable furniture, built it into forts and rolled the room's round tables on the floor and, according to numerous articles that appeared in *The Daily Eastern News*, even used the room's round tables as bowling balls.

While this activity on the part of students is excessive, so is the college's Draconian response.

It's disappointing that some students would take so little stock in their new building (not to mention its \$63 million price tag).

If, indeed, students were seen vandalizing furniture or anything else, the witnessing faculty or staff should have confronted them individually.

Or, since vandalism is a crime, the matter and the individuals should have been handled by the University Police Department.

Now, in the interests of full disclosure, I must admit that I haven't always been a fan of Doud-

The building's exterior looks, to me, like an earthquake-stricken machine shop.

I must also admit that I have many friends who are art and music students at Doudna.

Still, at a friendly university like ours, that shouldn't be surprising.

Even now that the Red Zone has been reopened, signs posted nearby say it is a "quiet zone" and remind students that Doudna is an "academic building."

However, the Red Zone and the hallways in Doudna were never meant to be places of quiet reflection.

Indeed, when the building first opened, the college heralded the building's main thoroughfare and Red Zone as places where theatre, art and music students could meet, mingle and share ideas.

But meeting, mingling and sharing ideas, particularly among artists and especially among college-age artists isn't a quiet, cerebral, academic activity. It can get loud. And there's nothing wrong with that.

Many times, I have walked from my classes in Buzzard Hall to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union and back by way of Doudna, relishing the chance to hear a vocal quartet tightening its harmonies or see theatre students laughing in their costumes.

To be fair, I really do appreciate the college's concern.

Anyone who has attended a concert, lecture, poetry reading, art display, play or recital in Doudna understands that the facility is finely tailored for the arts and is, despite its unusual exterior, an excellent performance venue.

I also applaud the college's overall zeal.

That zeal is what got us the new building in the first place, and it continues to bring quality artists, lecturers and performers to campus.

But when that concern and zeal comes at the expense of the building's utility and students' expression, it needs to be tempered.

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# EASTERN NEWS

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Eastern News.

# Posting restrictions overstep bounds, damage student freedom

university is meant to be a place where the free exchange of ideas is fostered. It should be a safe haven to anyone who wishes to share intellectually with others.

It should not be a place where a premium is placed on advertising, though.

With the restrictions on the posting and distribution of materials update in September 2009, it seems the issue of free exchange of thought and personal growth versus advertisement has become clouded.

The policy — No. 138.1 in the Eastern Internal Governing Policy — states that "No announcements, advertising, signs or printed matter may be placed on the interior or exterior walls, windows, or doors of any building (except in residences as permitted by Office of University Housing and Dining policy, in individual offices, or on designated posting areas), on trees, lamp posts, trash containers, fences, sidewalks, grounds or equipment of the University."

The shortest version of the lengthy policy is that, barring certain exceptions, such as registered student organizations and off-campus public service organizations, in almost every situation, almost anyone who wishes to post any type of notification cannot without advanced permission granted by the Campus Scheduling Office.

While we understand the logic behind the policy, it is simply overkill.

To anyone who wanders Eastern's campus with his head up has most likely noticed the various fliers and posters that occupy bulletin boards around campus. Until the fall 2009 semester, virtually anyone could post items on said boards without permission.

This sometimes led to the posting of offensive materials, posters featuring incendiary content. However, more

"An offensive poster or flier can always just as easily be dealt with as anything else offensive in this world, turn your head and walk

away."

often than not, posters merely advertised a student offering guitar lessons, a group on campus holding an event, or someone looking for someone to sublease their apartment.

The apparent logic behind the new policy is that without some type of control or monitoring, anyone can post anything and all hell will break loose. Riots in the streets shall ensue; Old Main will burn to the ground.

The more likely reality, though, is that even if anyone could post anything he wanted, some might be offended by what they saw, but, ultimately, common sense and human reason would prevail. An offensive poster or flier can always just as easily be dealt with as anything else offensive in this world, turn your head and walk away.

But perhaps the most frustrating aspect of the policy is that the university is effectively controlling a large, visible aspect of communication among students and student groups.

Since the policy went into effect in September, we have received various accounts from both students and faculty expressing frustration over the implementation of the policy.

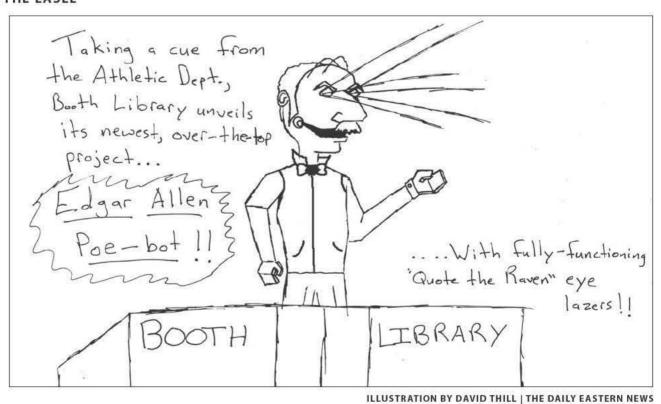
Some were unaware that permission was necessary for posting. Some said they received permission only to find their flier or poster torn down the next day.

The university may have good intentions in trying to minimize offensive material posted around campus or even streamlining bulletin boards to feature what it deems worthy of being posted.

But, as a university should be a place for free exchange of ideals and thought, this policy goes a long way toward eradicating much communication of those ideals and of the goings on of groups on and off campus.

The university may have good intentions, but we all know where the road paved with those leads.

## FROM THE EASEL



FROM AROUND THE STATE

# Is 911 the new collect call?

By the *Daily Vidette* Editorial Board Illinois State University

Desperate times call for desperate measures, and for states facing nearly insurmountable debts, some of these desperate measures are being used to combat growing deficits.

Some states have turned to the education system, whether it is reducing a school week to four days or proposing to cut the twelfth grade entirely.

The state of California, with a \$52 billion budget gap for the 2010 fiscal year, has resorted to some desperate measures in order to balance

its budget. However, some cities in the state have gone farther than others to save money.

Tracy, Calif., a city of over 80,000 in the northern portion of the state has resorted to charging its residents to have access to emergency medical services.

Because of the large debt the town is in and the unreliability of the EMS system, citizens have to pay \$48 annually to subscribe to the system. Low-income houses are given a slight reprieve on that charge, as they are only charged \$36.

The kicker to this story is that citizens will be charged \$300 if the fire department is the first responder and have to administer medical treat-

ment.

After the initial bad press Tracy got once the story broke, different government officials from the town worked the news sources, saying that they have "bent over backwards to help its citizens."

There's plenty to question about the town's tactics, mainly the fact that they are charging its residents for something that should be covered in their state and local taxes. The fact that the government is reaching back into their pockets for more money to have an EMS subscription is

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# NATION & STATE

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# Small earthquake shakes southeast Missouri

The Associated Press

SIKESTON, Mo. — The U.S. Geological Survey says a small earth-quake shook southeast Missouri along the New Madrid Fault.

The agency says the magnitude 3.7 earthquake was detected at 1:37 p.m. Tuesday about 15 miles south-southeast of Sikeston, No damage was reported.

The temblor was felt as far away as Alton, Ill., and St. Peters, Mo., both about 150 miles north of the epicenter.

The earthquake occurred within the New Madrid Seismic Zone, which includes southeastern Missouri, northeastern Arkansas, southern Illinois and western Kentucky and Tennessee.

More than 200 small earthquakes occur within the seismic zone each year.

Cook County settles suit by former inmate

CHICAGO — Cook County's commissioners have agreed to settle a lawsuit that claimed a man who spent time on Illinois' death row was wrongfully prosecuted.

The Cook County Board on Tuesday agreed to pay \$525,000 to Leroy Orange.

Orange was among scores of black suspects who claimed they were kicked, beaten and shocked into confessions in the 1970s and 80s at the Area 2 detective headquarters.

Orange was sentenced to die for allegedly taking part in the stabbing of his former girlfriend, her 10-year-old son and two others.

The conviction came despite Orange's description of torture and testimony his half brother stabbed the victims

Two years ago, Chicago's portion of Orange's lawsuit was settled for \$5.5 million

Cook County's payment deals with alleged wrongdoing by now-retired assistant state's attorney Dennis Dernbach.

Feds indict Berwyn businessman on gambling charges

CHICAGO — Federal prosecutors on Tuesday broadened a sweeping indictment targeting mob-related crime in Chicago's western suburbs, charging a gaming equipment distributor with running an illegal gambling business and failing to report more than \$255,000 in income.

Casey Szaflarski, 52, owner of Berwyn-based Amusements Inc., was arrested Tuesday and brought before U.S. Magistrate Judge Nan Nolan, who ordered him held in federal custody pending a bond hearing set Friday.

A 16-count superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury last week and unsealed Tuesday added Szaflarski's name to a list of seven defendants already charged in an investigation that began in February. 2003.

UNIVERSITY

# Nominations for faculty elections due Friday

Staff Report

The deadline to submit nomination petitions for the spring faculty senate elections is 4 p.m. Friday. There are 27 open positions for faculty committees on campus.

There will be electronic elections on March 30 and 31.

Five of the positions are for at-large faculty senate positions. Unit A faculty members and department chairs who have been at Eastern for a minimum of four semesters are eligible to run for the faculty senate.

One of three open positions on the Council on Academic Affairs is the only other at-large position open. All other positions are college- and department-specific.

The College of Arts and Humanities and the Lumpkin College of Business and Applied Sciences both have seven open positions. The College of Sciences and the College of Education and Professional Studies

each have three. The final position is open to faculty in counseling, the library and media services.

Committees with open positions include University Personnel Committee, Academic Program Elimination Review Committee and the Council on University Planning and Budget.

A full list of open positions and qualifications can be found at the faculty senate's Web site, www.eiu. edu/-FacSen. Nomination forms and questions for candidates can also be downloaded from the site.

Nomination forms, with 10 Unit A faculty signatures, are due by Friday to Dawn VanGunten, chair of the faculty senate elections committee. Answers to committee-specific questions need to be sent via e-mail to dvangunten@eiu.edu by 4 p.m. as well.

A list of candidates will be distributed with the Tuesday senate meeting minutes.

# CITY COUNCIL, from page 1

\$300,000.

The monetary cushion within the library's budget has been spent and, by April, the library would be out of money, Inyart said. The tax return will not arrive until August or September so the library is requesting the loan for interim money.

Michael Monahan, the library's president, went before the council to answer questions prior to the council's vote.

"We have spent the reserve fund but we have our budget under control now," Monahan said.

The upgrades to the waste water treatment was also approved. The project will replace the two turbine blowers with a single KTurbo blow-

The turbine blowers force air into the treatment liquids to allow oxygen to aid in the organic breakdown of the solids within the waste, Inyart said.

"We have spent the reserve fund but we have our budget under control now."

Michael Monahan, president of Charleston Carnegie Public Library

"It is my understanding the new blower is a rotary style turbine and is much more efficient," Inyart

The operation cost of the blower will be around \$53,000 annually and will save the city \$65,000 annually.

On Feb. 11, the Board of Planning Appeals and Zoning recommended two amendments to the Unified Development Code—the city's rules and regulations.

The first amendment will allow

five additional feet between a building and its fire lane.

This will allow for a sidewalk to be built between the parking lot and building

The legal distance will be adjusted from 20 feet to 25 feet.

"This extra five feet will allow for the construction of a sidewalk," city planner Steve Pamperin said. "The fire department actually needs additional footage for their equipment. It gives them more room to maneuver." The second recommendation will add wind turbines and towers to the list of acceptable structures within city limits.

The wind turbines will include any structure used for capturing wind to generate power, Pamperin said.

"This clarifies the language [within the city code] that if they are going to construct these within the city, they will have to go through the city to get approval," Pamperin said.

The wind turbine amendment is being done in anticipation of future requests from the city neighborhoods according to Inyart.

Each structure will be determined individually by how it will blend with the surrounding neighborhood.

"We have seen several of these changes over the years and we will see more," Inyart said. "The Unified Development Code is a living, breathing document and it changes as the city grows and as we see things that need to be changed."

The council also approved a street closing for the St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, on June 13 for the Summer Start-up Festival.

Three of the four streets surrounding the church will be closed from 7 a.m. to midnight.

With Jim Dunn joining the meeting from a remote location, the consent agenda was passed which included the approval of three raffle licenses

Finally, Inyart appointed Dan Currie to the Historic Preservation Committee and proclaimed the week of March 7-13 Girl Scout Week.

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# STATE

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# of I tuition could rise by 20 percent next year

# State behind \$120 million last June

The Associated Press

URBANA — The state's worsening financial picture has forced the University of Illinois to consider borrowing money to ease its cash crisis something it opposed just last month — as well as raising freshman tuition up to 20 percent.

Interim President Stanley Ikenberry spoke to The News-Gazette on Monday, detailing the budget situation (poor), the need for cuts (mostly from administration) and the Catego-

ry I scandal (over).

The state is now \$487 million in arrears to the university, and the number could soon exceed \$500 million, Ikenberry said.

"That's not sustainable," he told The News-Gazette.

Ikenberry, who previously predicted a tuition increase of about 9 or 10 percent, said the figure could be as high as 20 percent.

He said the most likely figure was in the mid-teens.

Since tuition is held steady over four years, the annualized rate for a 10 percent increase would be less than 4 percent, he said.

Ikenberry said the UI must weigh social policy, the importance of keeping the flagship university open to

# "Students and parents are the only thing keeping our heads above water."

Interim U of I President Stanley Ikenberry

lower- and middle-income students, as well as competitiveness with other institutions, in setting its tuition

From a market standpoint, he said, the UI needs to look at Michigan, Indiana and Purdue, as well as more expensive private universities like Northwestern and University of Chicago.

For the first time, tuition and fees account for more of the UI's funding than state aid, Ikenberry said.

"Students and parents are the only thing keeping our heads above water,'

For the current fiscal year, which began July 1, the UI has submitted more than \$600 million in bills to the state but received just \$133 million in reimbursements, officials said.

'We're bumping up against the \$500 million mark," Ikenberry said.

In fact, with no state money forthcoming, the UI could end its fiscal year June 30 with \$550 million in unpaid bills from the state.

And it appears those numbers will continue to escalate in fiscal 2011, "certainly up to \$750 million," he

He said the university probably has enough money to last through the school year, and perhaps the fiscal year, but noted that the state's IOUs are piling up at an increasing rate. The state was \$120 million behind last June.

The UI initially declined to sign on to a bill that would let universities borrow against tuition income or expected state appropriations because of the state's financial crisis.

# NATION

# In D.C., blacks were crucial to gay marriage debate

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Gay and lesbian couples will soon be able to marry in Washington, but the debate over same-sex marriage has sounded different here, with references to interracial marriage and Martin Luther King.

Over the past year, both sides have courted the support of Washington's black community, a majority of the city's 600,000 residents and one traditionally perceived as opposed to samesex marriage.

"In D.C., outreach to African-Americans wasn't part of the campaign. It was the campaign," said Michael Crawford, the leader of a pro-same-sex union group, D.C. For Marriage.

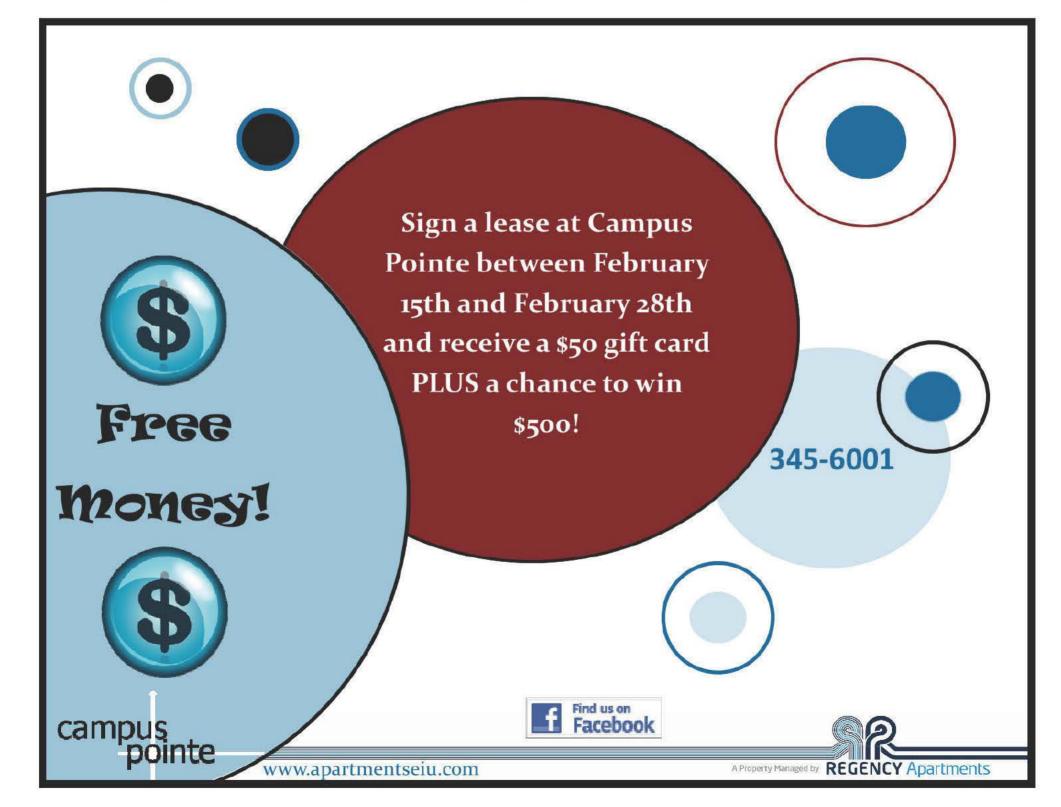
Crawford, who is black, said other residents weren't ignored, but his group and others weighed the city's racial makeup in planning their message. That made the debate here different than in other places that have considered gay marriage — places like California, where about 7 percent of residents are black, or Maine, where 1 percent are. Voters in both states struck down gay marriage laws.

In Washington, gay couples are expected to be able to apply for marriage licenses beginning Wednesday -

but opponents are still challenging it in

To speak to voters in D.C., supporters drew parallels to Martin Luther King Jr.'s advocacy for equal rights. They said same-sex marriage bans would one day seem as ridiculous as the interracial marriage bans overturned by the Supreme Court in 1967. Opponents, meanwhile, ran an anti-gay marriage ad on the radio station of Howard University, a historically black college. And both sides worked hard to curry favor with black leaders and churches.

"What's been different here is how aggressively they've come after religious leaders, how aggressively they have talked up the race issue, or I should say the civil rights issue," said Bishop Harry Jackson, a black pastor who has led opposition to the mea-



# MINOR, from page 1

A student must take 18 credit hours, or approximately six courses, that would fulfill the required curriculum to complete the religious studies minor. Also, the only two required courses are Introduction to Religious Studies and Philosophy of Religion, according to Eastern's course catalog.

Currently, Introduction to Religious Studies and Special Topics in Religious Studies are the only two classes identified by the prefix RLS.

A few years ago, the philosophy department had set up an introductory religious studies course, not as part of a minor, just as an elective, Sterling said.

"That's been a very popular course, we've had to offer multiple sections of it and we've had a lot of student interest," Sterling said. "A lot of students really enjoyed the course and thought it was valu-

Sterling said, in response to that interest, Special Topics in Religious Studies was created when the minor was established.

The philosophy department thought the course would give faculty members who were interested in teaching a more in-depth, upper-level religious studies course a framework they could use without having to create a whole new course with a new number every time a different professor wanted to teach it, Ster-

ling said.
"This class could be thought with one topic this fall, and then next spring could be taught with a totally different topic; still within the confines of religious studies obviously," Sterling said.

The class will be offered for the first time in the fall of 2010 and will be taught by Dannie Otto, a philos-

Sterling said the committee, which was established to oversee the minor, is an organizational stage right

"I've just started getting the committee together and talking about ideas for things we might do in the future," Sterling said.

Sterling said, at some point, the philosophy faculty would like to offer in-depth courses taught by someone with a strong background in biblical languages, for example.

"A lot of universities with religious studies programs have that," Sterling said.

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Freshman political science major Alex Boyd adjusts his super hero costume as he prepares for the women's basketball game against Tenessesee State in Lantz Arena Tuesday. Boyd will attend the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament in Nashville this weekend. The Panthers ended up beating the Tigers 73-56.

# ATHLETICS, from page 1

The changes would also combine the soccer and rugby fields, moving them south of where Lakeside Rugby Field is now located.

Summer Perala, women's soccer head coach, said she thinks the athletic program is headed in the right direction and she sees only positive things in the potential changes.

"The direction that the entire new facility is going promotes a higher level of athletic thinking," Perala said. "Also, with the field moving closer to the dorms gives students easier access to watch the games and could build a better fan base. I'm excited."

Perala said the fact that her team would be sharing a field with the rugby team was a little bit of a concern, but she was confident that would be part of the plans if the field were to be built.

"With any natural grass there is wear and tear," she said. "As long as they are smart scheduling with the rugby matches, I'm sure our facilities crew is smart enough to know grass management."

Ed Corley is on the Panther Club Board of Directors but was unable to attend the gala. The retired economics professor said despite missing the gala, he has heard of the plans and thinks Burke's ideas have a lot of po-

"I think it's a good agenda, I just hope that it flies," said Corley, who was inducted into the EIU Athletic Hall of Fame last fall as a friend of athletics. "We'll have to wait and see whether we can get enough money to finance it, but there are a lot of good things in there. We need a lot of those things."

Corley has been the top fundraiser for Eastern athletics for the past four years, raising more than \$31,000 for the department. He said the projects Burke has taken on during her tenure as athletic director have drawn positive feedback from donors.

"I think Barbara Burke has done something previous athletic directors haven't done, which is take some initiative to try to come up with some new ideas, new programs and a new direction," Corley said. "She's been very well received on it. There's going to be a positive response to this campaign.

Melody Wollan, another Panther Club member, is also optimistic. She is on the executive board of the Panther Club and is the co-captain of the membership and fundraising drive committee.

Wollan is pleased with the progress Burke has made.

"(Burke) is taking effective action within her department with the student equipment, building and services, and working with community members and alumni," said Wollan, who is also an assistant professor of management in the school of business. "She has done an outstanding job getting up to speed in her position and expanding the visibility of her staff and their activities.

'I am very excited about the changes being made. Of course, not everything can be addressed all at once, but I see an energy among the Panther Club members and her staff to strive to meet Barbara's vision and ideas.

Corley said the kickoff for the annual fundraiser drive is set for next week. Burke said there has not been a goal set on the amount of money the department hopes to raise.

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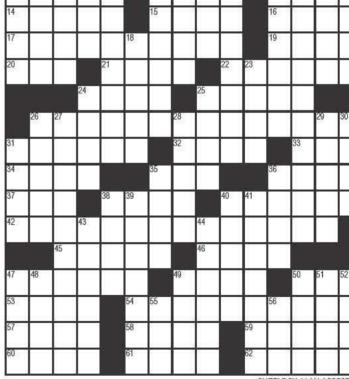
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REACH

# KLOAK, from page 12

team a little fragile.

"We expected that," Kloak said. "We knew State was going to come and pressure us on defense. They did it Saturday and they were going to do it again tonight.'

With the aid of playing good defense, the Tigers tightened the game to 11 points with 5:11 to go. However, Eastern's defense did not let the Tigers get within 10.

"I thought we were a whole lot tougher today," Sallee said. "If we can continue to play like that defensively and hold teams in the 50s, we're going to win a lot of games."

During the Tigers' comeback, the Panthers were without their sure-hand-

ed freshman guard Ta'Kenya Nixon, who sat on the bench with three fouls.

Nixon said it was tough to watch the team struggle but after a little bit the team started to handle it better.

"With Ta'Kenya on the bench, that's not good because we need her out there to get the ball up the court; that's what she does," Kloak said.

Once Nixon returned to the game, she took control of the backcourt ball handling and more in her first-ever Ohio Valley Conference Tournament action without any nerves.

"I didn't really have any nerves," Nixon said. "Coach just told me to do what got me here. That's what I tried to do."

Eastern began to extend its lead for

the final time with less than four minutes left in the game, ending with a 17-

'We were ready to give Tennessee State our best shot just like they came and gave us their best shot," Nixon said.

The Panthers advance to Nashville, Tenn., where the remainder of the OVC Tournament will take place. They will play fourth-seeded Tennessee-Martin, who defeated Eastern Kentucky 51-47 on Tuesday.

The game is set to begin at noon Friday in Bridgestone Arena.

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MAYBE

## WHITCHURCH, from page 12

For the women, though, they're hungry. They've been here before and have come home heartbroken each time. They know they are just two victories shy of doing what the teams in year's past could not.

For the men, it's about taking the next step. They will be huge underdogs Friday, but an upset there puts them on the national stage. Two upsets and they make history.

But until then, Panther fans can rejoice in knowing their teams put on performances Tuesday that will go down in Eastern lore. What comes next is in question.

But it's a great moment, nonethe-

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# HOLLOWELL, from page 12

senior forward Josh Taylor was sagging off beneath him in the 1-3-1 zone and was open.

"I knew Tyler was looking for me to pass it to the corner, so I pretty much knew I would shoot it," Hollowell said.

His shot extending the Panthers' lead to 66-61 with 34 seconds left and iced the victory.

Eastern Illinois shot 61.5 percent from the floor and held the Colonels to 41 percent. The Panthers out-rebounded Eastern Kentucky 34-18.

Part of that efficient attack was off the 6-of-7 shooting from sophomore guard Jeremy Granger.

"My teammates were hitting me with good looks," Granger said. "I was finding the little gap in there and my teammates would find me for the open shots."

Panthers' senior guard T.J. Marion led the way with 15 points while Granger and junior guard Tyler Laser each added 14.

Hollowell had 10 points, eight boards, three assists and three blocks.

The Panthers would open up a 20-14 lead early with two Granger assists and a jumper, while freshman forward Shaun Pratl scored on a nice feed from Hollowell.

After Marion's free throws made it 27-24, the Colonels made their charge with Stommes hitting consec-

Granger hit a jumper, but Perrin had an ally-oop jam and a jumper, leading to a 35-31 Colonel lead.

The Panthers shot 60 percent in the first half to the Colonels 46.7 percent; however, Eastern Kentucky had an 11-4 run to end the half.

"Early in the game, Eastern Kentucky was more aggressive," Miller said. "They were playing at a better speed. Eastern Kentucky came out better and we had to catch up to it."

Miller said his team defended Stommes poorly. However, the Colonel forward had only three secondhalf points on 1-of-5 shooting.

'He got some open looks in both halves," Miller said. "They had guys step up and make some big shots to stretch out their lead and close gaps."

Miller said he brought up the one and two guards to play a half court press in the second half to slow down the Colonels' flow. He thinks it might have disrupted their flow.

The Panthers will face No. 1 Murray State (28-4, 17-1 OVC) in the semifinal game at 6 p.m. Friday at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville,

The Racers defeated Tennessee State 84-51 Tuesday in Murray, Ky.

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with Ashley Anderton, sophomore designated player

# Anderton taking a swing at life

By Dion Martorano Staff Reporter

Ashley Anderton, a sophomore designated player on the softball team, is a self-described country girl.

She has no problems with the label, enjoying it to the fullest.

Her interests include four-wheeling, hunting, fishing and getting muddy.

Not your average woman. "My favorite thing about trail riding on my four-wheeler is sinking it in

the mud and then trying to get it out,

"Anderton said. "It is a lot of fun." She is also interested in hunting and fishing, even though she only does them sporadically.

"I like to hunt for deer," she said. "Sometimes, we would take BB guns and shoot squirrels."

No squirrels were killed in the process, though, she said.

Growing up in the South, hunting was a big thing but there is more to her than that.

One of Anderton's biggest loves is her church.

"I grew up with a church family," Anderton, a Southern Baptist, said. "I was really into church when I was younger. The town was pretty big on church.'

She said she enjoyed a good upbringing in Dade City, Fla.

"It is a small town," she said. "It is a good community of people; everyone knows each other because they all grew up there."

When she wasn't going to church or spending time with her family, she was cheerleading, playing volleyball, playing basketball and even did throws for the track team.

Other than softball, the activity she excelled at the most was weightlifting.



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Ashley Anderton, a sophomore third base infielder and designated hitter, has no problem with being labeled a country girl. This season she is batting a .350 average with one home run, six RBIs and seven hits.

At Zephyrhills High School, she was a four-time Sunshine Athletic Conference champion in the unlimited class.

"I enjoyed weightlifting a lot," she said. "I like the competition. I wish you could have been there one time, my dad was standing behind me at conference and I clean and jerked 170 pounds and my dad was screaming at me, and just winning it was awe-

She excelled at weightlifting but her true love was softball.

She began tee ball and by the time she was 9 or 10 years old she was in travel ball.

The way she got to Eastern was a unique road to say the least.

"I am here because of Nick Nelson (Eastern senior Megan Nelson's dad)," Anderton said. "My dad found him on the Internet and I played for him down in Ft. Lauderdale (Fla.). I did really well in that tournament and he liked the way I played. He looked at a few schools up in Illinois and he was

talking to them about me. He told Eastern about me."

The adjustment to the game up north has not been too bad for her, minus the weather. The winters here are so different than the Florida winters, she said. Plus, there was something she has never seen before last season: snow.

After getting used to snow, she had to figure out college softball. She said she lost her confidence last season while having freshman struggles,

"It's a good feeling. It gets you on a high, but you have to be humble about it."

Ashley Anderton, sophomore designated player

though this season she has a hot bat hitting .350 with one HR, six RBIs and seven hits.

"Every time she's up to bat I know she's going to put the ball in play, whether it is a shot to the outfield for a few RBIs or just putting the ball on the ground and moving the runners," freshman catcher Abby Wood said. "She gets it done."

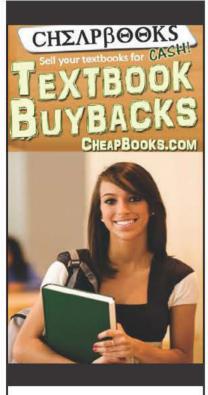
Anderton has worked to improve since last year and the numbers have shown how that's paid off.

"It is a good feeling," Anderton said. "It gets you on a high, but you have to be humble about it. You don't want to get a big head. That is one of my big fears, getting a big head."

She does her best to not only impress on the field but also off it.

"She offered any advice that I needed on anything at school ... she's always willing to lend a helping hand when needed, and it has been greatly appreciated," Wood said.

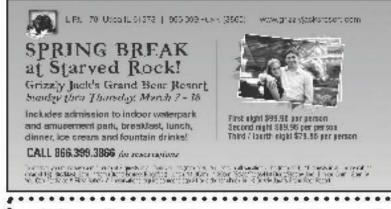
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MEN'S SWIMMING | SPOTLIGHT

# Moritz breaks uncle's record Netters

By Bob Bajek Sports Editor

Records are meant to be broken but apparently stay in the family based on what happened Feb. 20 at the Summit League Championship in Indianapolis, Ind.

Eastern junior Nathan Moritz raced to beat his uncle Tim Bird's 200-yard butterfly mark and succeeded.

Bird's record of 1:54.33 in the 200 fly was the longest standing record for the men's program. The mark was set in 1981.

Moritz, a natural at the butterfly, hit the wall at 1:53.8 in the preliminary round of the 200 fly. For the finals, he raced for a 1:54.84 mark and seventh place in the finals.

"I was just trying to swim my race that I knew I could do," Moritz said. "I keep my edge and I know when I try to think about what I do in the pool, it distracts me. I was just trying to have a lot of fun with it."

After the race, the excited junior called his uncle.

"It wasn't a big deal, but he said he was proud of me and said congratulations," Moritz said.

Ironically, freshman Daniel Enge swam 1:54.21 for ninth in the finals, which is also better than the old record.

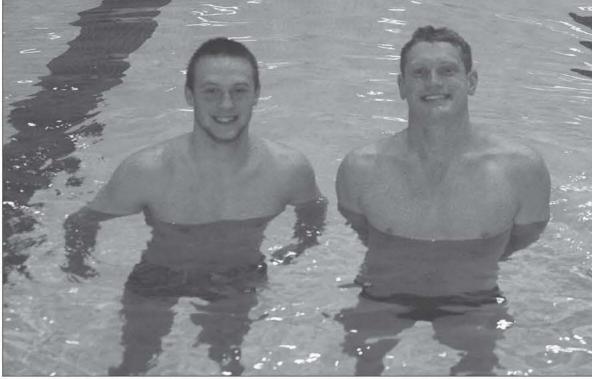
Eastern swim head coach Matt Bos said Moritz shattered the record in the preliminary swim instead of the finals, which is unusual because swimmers go all out in the finals.

However, Bos said he was impressed with Moritz's endurance.

"This was his goal, and we trained Nate this year pretty much mainly for that 200 fly," Bos said. "The hard part was it was the last day of the meet after swimming two days before."

Moritz attested to the work he put in to improve his cuts.

"I worked my ass off," he said. "Ev-



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Sophomore backstroke swimmer Rich Waszak stands with training partner junior butterfly racer Nathan Moritz in the Ray Padovan Pool during Monday's practice. The two each swim the 200-yard race and have trained together much of the season, racing each other during practice. Both were successful in breaking school records at the end-of-season Summit League championships.

ery time we had a time set I would try to put the pressure on myself to swim fast and then try to handle that pressure."

Moritz said that when the Summit League Championship arrived, he knew how to handle the pressure.

To beat the record, he had to adjust some of his stroke.

"I evened it out," Moritz said. "Last year, I was going way too high out of the water and I was crashing in way too hard. This year, I decided to keep it smooth and think about keeping my head low. Turns were huge off the walls."

The butterfly mark just scratches

the surface of the Moritz family's involvement in Panther swimming.

Bird was a top swimmer, who still holds the men's 100 fly time at 50.86 from 1982, former swim coach Ray Padovan said.

"He was a great swimmer for us," Padovan said. "He was second in nationals in Division II, and a record that holds that long shows his skill."

Padovan also coached Moritz's mother, Sharon Bird, in the 1980s. Sharon Bird held the 200 fly (2:13.42) and the 100 fly (1:00.01) records on the women's side for a while.

Now, senior Kellie Logterman holds the 100 (57.94) while Kim Beasey beat the 200 in 1992 (2:09.97).

Having good genes was not the only reason Moritz took to the butterfly.

"It seemed like the only stroke that I took after," he said. "Once I figured it out, it was a lot of fun. It feels right for me."

Having recruited Moritz, Padovan knows his strength.

"That's the stroke he swims the best," Padovan said. "For someone who is as good of a butterflier as he is, he's not a good freestyler proportionally. He is a good butterflier, period.

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MEN'S TENNIS

# Netters go to Peoria

By Dane Urban Staff Reporter

The Panther men hit the road today to take on the Bradley Braves at 1 p.m. at Clubs at River City in Peoria.

The 2-7 Panthers are coming off a tough weekend after losing a double-header in Milwaukee against Marquette and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

The Panthers hope to continue their success against Bradley as they took victory last season in a close match against the Braves 4-3.

The men will rely on their two hot players in freshman Justin Haag and senior Jeff Rutherford.

The 6-2 Haag won in straight sets Sunday against Wisconsin-Green Bay's Josh Oothoudt 6-4, 6-1 and aims to extend that winning streak in Peoria.

Haag knows they cannot underestimate the Braves and knows the challenges ahead.

"I know Bradley is a good team, so every match I am going to have is going to be pretty tough," Haag said. "I am just going to take it one match at a time and see how it goes."

Sitting with a record of 3-6, Rutherford's play is better than his record indicates seemingly taking his matches into three sets but has had bad luck.

Haag and the team realize they have been playing harder teams this year to prepare for conference.

"We have been playing harder teams than in our conference," Haag said. "It's going to motivate us more and make us better."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 73, EASTERN KENTUCKY 56

# Kloak leads team to Nashville berth

By Alex McNamee **Assistant Sports Editor** 

Eastern women's basketball senior forward Maggie Kloak and her teammates passed their first postseason test Tuesday with a 73-56 win over Tennessee State Tuesday in Lantz Arena.

Kloak led the Panthers in scoring with 19 points as they came out with a game plan to put the ball in her hands.

"Clearly, we rode her and our kids did a great job of executing and getting it into her," Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said. "She did a fairly good job of dominating the game from the block."

Kloak was able to unleash on the low block by staying out of foul trouble for the majority of the game, finishing with only three fouls.

"It felt great to be out there and be able to do some stuff and get minutes as opposed to the other night when I wasn't getting in there," Kloak said.

The Panthers stayed ahead the entire game as they ended the first half with a 13-point lead, 36-23.

Eastern's defense held the Tigers to 30 percent shooting in the first half, while the Panthers shot 40 percent.

"Defense was the name of the game," Sallee said. "I thought coming from Saturday to today, what we did defensively against their sets, I thought we were way better."

The Panthers extended their halftime lead to a game-high 21 points at the 10:06 mark in the second half.

After that, Eastern kept a solid lead until the 6:48 mark, when its lead started to shrink as a result of a strong Tigers full-court press that Sallee said made his KLOAK, page 9



Sophomore guard Madeline Kish goes for a fast-break layup after stealing the ball away from Tennessee State Tuesday evening in Lantz Arena.

One year ago today the Eastern women's basketball team hosted a first-round game in the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

The Panthers took care of business and afterward, the lights in Lantz Arena turned off. The game was over and everyone went home.

Fast-forward one year later, and everything has changed.

Not for the women, of course.

While the women took care of business yet again, this year it was the men's turn to put on a show. They had the prime time slot in Lantz Arena, taking the court against the Colonels for their own OVC Tournament

They did not disappoint.

And with a 68-61 victory, the Eastern men's and women's basketball teams can head to Nashville, Tenn., Friday together, both fighting for a prestigious spot in the NCAA Tournament.

Head coach Mike Miller's effort in turning around a program that was 7-22 two season ago is remarkable in its own. That year's squad only has three players — senior center Ousmane Cisse, junior guard Tyler Laser and junior center Matt



Collin Whitchurch

Dorlack - on this year's trendbreaking team.

So you can understand when Cisse threw his arms in the air and let out an emphatic scream when the clock struck zero.

Now, they can celebrate like they never have — and possibly never thought they would.

It's a shining star on an until-now questionable coaching resume for Miller, who leads his first Eastern squad to Nashville.

Of course, the honeymoon won't last long. Murray State looms Friday, and the Racers have done just as their nickname suggests throughout the OVC regular season.

Likewise, they throttled the Panthers in two meetings this season, and only have one blemish on their

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL | EASTERN 68, EASTERN KENTUCKY 61

# Their turn to shine Hollowell's heroics pay off

By Bob Bajek **Sports Editor** 

Players were swarmed by the Panther faithful Tuesday night in Lantz Arena after a landmark victory, setting the stage for a monumental trip to Nashville, Tenn., this Friday.

The Panthers' men's basketball team punched its first ticket to Nashville since 2001 by defeating Eastern Kentucky 68-61.

"This year, our only goal was to get better every day and get to Nashville," Eastern Illinois head coach Mike Miller said. "I'm glad they accomplished that part and it's a new season."

The turning point came with six minutes remaining on the play of red-shirt freshman forward James

With the Panthers leading 56-5, Hollowell blocked Colonels' junior forward Spencer Perrin once and senior guard Papa Oppong twice on three straight possessions, two of them contested shots.

Hollwell had a layup to put Eastern Illinois on top 60-53 with 4:53

"It was big," Hollowell said. "I was



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Red-shirt freshman forward James Hollowell tries to split two Eastern Kentucky defenders Tuesday evening in Lantz Arena. Hollowell finished the game with 10 points, eight rebounds and three blocks.

just going to not let them get anything easy. I went up and contested a shot and came over to help."

Hollowell said he was in better position on the help side while he saw the play develop.

Oppong and Colonels' junior forward Justin Stommes hit back-toback threes to tighten the screws 64-61 with one minute left.

Hollowell said he then saw HOLLOWELL, page 9

### **EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE**

Men's tennis Today at Bradley 1 p.m. - Peoria

6 p.m. on ESPN

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