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CRIME

4 residents robbed in just 3 days

One arrest made in 4 incidents; 3 suspects at large

Staff Report

Police arrested a suspect in an armed robbery that occurred Saturday and are still investigating other robberies that occurred Thursday and Friday.

The Charleston Police Department

ment currently has a suspect in custody in connection with an armed robbery that took place on Polk Ave. on Saturday, according to a press release.

Martin Ray "Petey" Oliver Jr., 19, of 211 Polk Ave, was arrested at his place of residence at 9:38 p.m. in connection with the robbery.

The victim reported that the suspect demanded money and said he had a gun.

Oliver is currently incarcerated at the Coles County Safety and

Detention Center.

Another robbery occurred on Friday at the parking lot of 1429 Seventh Street where an adult male reported that he was walking through the parking lot when two black males approached armed with handguns.

The victim turned over his property and the two males left on foot.

The first suspect was described as a black male in his fifties, approximately 5-foot-7 to 5-foot-

9 tall and weighing 160 to 170 pounds.

The second suspect was described as a black male in his 20s approximately 6 feet tall and weighing 180 pounds.

The second suspect was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and displayed a black handgun.

The incident is still being investigated by the Charleston Police Department.

Also, two food delivery drivers were robbed at knife point while

delivering food in two separate incidences on the 900 block of Second Street at around 5:48 p.m. on Thursday.

The suspect in the food delivery robberies was described as a white male approximately 5-foot-9 tall wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt and between ages 18 to 20. The suspect fled from each robbery on foot.

The incidents are under investigation by Charleston Police Department.

CAMPUS

Library to reward creative research

By Rachel Rodgers
Administration Editor

Eastern students of all ages and majors have the opportunity to win up to \$300 for research and creativity through a Booth Library scholarship program.

The Library Advisory Board is sponsoring the third-annual program of Awards for Excellence in Student Research and Creativity.

Allen Lanham, the dean of library services at Booth Library, said multiple awards of up to \$300 are presented each year through this program.

"(The award) strives to recognize excellence in student work, specifically work that is inspired or enhanced by the use of the resources found at Booth Library or from our website," Lanham said. "We know that students' work is really enriched by the use of resources provided at Booth Library and, of course, we like to see those transform into something the student invents that is a product of their research or creative abilities."

Melissa Council, a communications disorders and sciences graduate student,

was one of the 2011 award winners for research titled "The Effectiveness of Bite Charts in Behavioral Feeding Intervention."

Council said she worked throughout the semester with a partner to research a way to positively encourage and enforce children to eat food they may not like.

"We thought that applying for the award was a great way to get our ideas and research out there, and it really paid off," Council said.

Both individual and group submissions are accepted, Lanham said.

Applicants are required to describe why the project needed a group effort and explain the involvement of each student in the group.

"The overriding goal of these awards is to chase excellence, which is something that we hope our students aspire to," Lanham said. "Besides the financial incentive, I think that it is a good line on their resume to win an award on research and it is also public recognition for their dedication for writing, creating or investigating."

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CITY



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Rayne Chadwicke, 4, of Charleston, tells Santa Claus what she wants for Christmas Saturday at the Santa House in City Hall. Santa's visit was part of the annual Christmas in the Heart of Charleston festival on the Square.

Downtown decked with boughs of holly

By Kathryn Richter
Staff Reporter

The Charleston Square was alive with Christmas spirit Saturday during the annual "Christmas in the Heart of Charleston" event.

Chestnuts roasted over an open fire and were provided to the public for free by the Charleston Knights of Columbus, a local Boy Scouts troop and What's Cookin' Restaurant.

Sam Jackson, a 12-year-old Boy Scout and Squire of the Knights of Columbus, said this is the second year he has volunteered for the event.

Jackson helped local Knights of Columbus members Steve Swies and Mike Kund roast and hand out the chestnuts. He said his favorite part of the event was being able to eat them, but he also enjoys seeing his friends.

"The nice thing about having a fire is everyone stops by," Kund said.

Retired Eastern professors and married couple Frank and Chris McCormick also visited the Square for the event.

Frank McCormick said both he and his wife attended the fundraiser for the event called "Christmas in July" last summer.

Chris McCormick said she likes to watch everyone have a good time.

"I like to see the parents and children who are lining up to see Santa," Chris McCormick said.

Peggy Dow, of Mattoon, said she was helping a friend raise money for the Salvation Army during the event after helping raise money during for Mattoon's version of the event the day before.

"I like helping the Salvation Army

Check out a video about this event at DENnews.com

meet their goals and getting involved in the community," Dow said.

Dow said this was her first year helping out with the Charleston event, but enjoys watching the crowd.

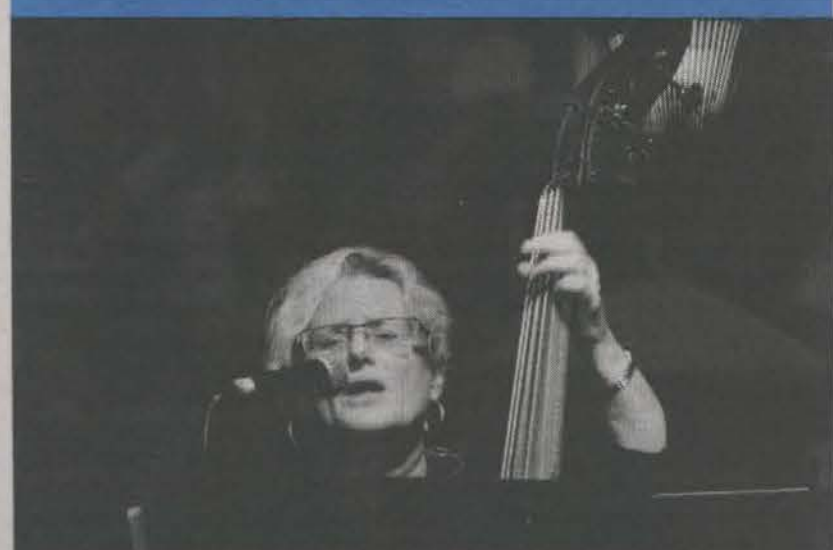
"Everybody has been asking us where Santa is," Dow said.

Meanwhile, Amy Story, of Charleston, had spent over 25 minutes in line with her 2-year-old nephew, Robert, so he could visit with Santa.

Robert also got to visit with dancing elves that were posing for pictures and giving out hugs while the kids waited patiently to see Santa.

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Carols at the coffee house



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Althea Pendergast, bassist and lead singer of Motherlode, performs "White Christmas" on Saturday at Jackson Avenue Coffee during Christmas in the Heart of Charleston.

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of CharlestonVideo: Christmas
in Charleston

Online reporter Danny Damiani reports from the Charleston square on the city celebration of Christmas in the Heart of Charleston this weekend.

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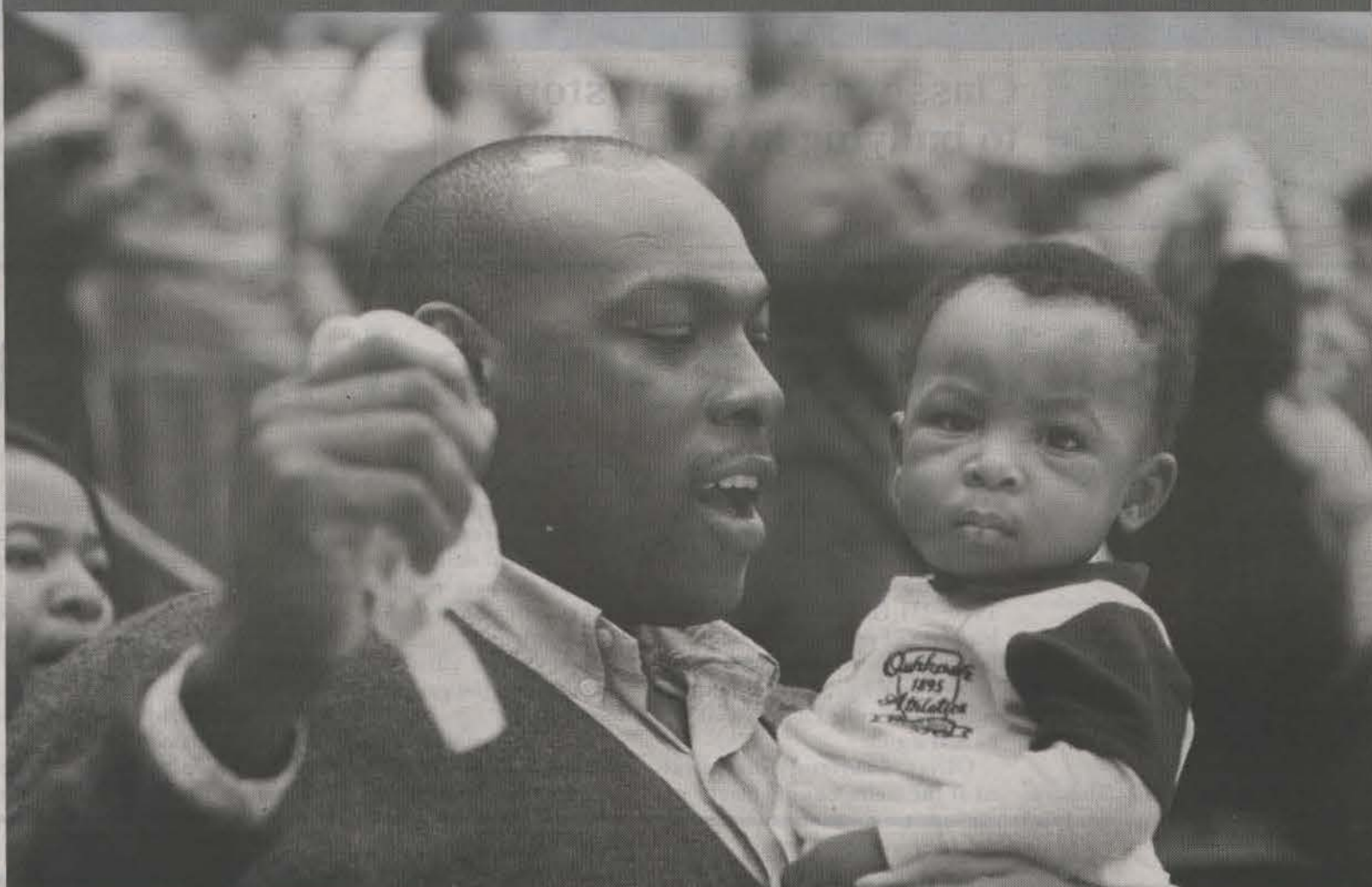
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Little panther



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Former Eastern basketball player, Ousmane Cisse, cheers on the Panthers with the help of his son during the game against Stony Brook University on Saturday in Lantz Arena. The nail biting match ended with a Panther victory of 72-69.

CITY

Theatre puts new spin on old film

All ages can
enjoy show,
director says

By Sara Hall
City Editor

An audience was made into believers as "Miracle on 34th Street" was performed this weekend at the Charleston Alley Theatre.

The CAT took a different approach at performing the classic holiday show about a girl struggling to believe in Santa Claus by turning it into a mock-radio play.

The mock-radio format was something Rachael Anderson, who played the role of the young girl's mother, Doris, said proved to be challenging when performing.

"It was difficult to really act with only your voice, without

body language and only being able to rely on inflection," she said.

Thomas MacMullen, who played the narrator and postman, agreed, saying performing this variation of Miracle on 34th Street pushed him as an actor.

"To act and rely on just your voice, that's definitely difficult," he said.

MacMullen, who used to be involved in the radio industry, said he fully immersed himself into his character by puffing on a fake cigarette and keeping a 40s-style mustache for the role.

"The whole idea is to give it a 40s flavor," he said.

MacMullen said he took all steps possible to fully embody his character because of the great legacy behind the show.

"You've got big shoes to fill," he said. "I wanted to do the original justice."

Wally Carlson, who played the

role of Kris Kringle, said he is a fan of the original 1947 film for which Edmond Gwenn won an Academy Award for best actor in a supporting role, and also wanted to play his part to the best of his ability.

Carlson said while he felt he had to live up to the legacy left by Gwenn, he took comfort knowing Gwenn must have felt an equal pressure playing such an iconic role.

"(Playing Santa Claus) is a little daunting," he said. "But it must have been just as daunting for Gwenn to play the legend of Kris Kringle."

Director Duke Bagger said they chose "Miracle on 34th Street" to coincide with the holiday season and that all ages could enjoy.

"We tried to do something with Christmas on the Square that would be family-friendly," he said.

Bagger said because their last

play, "Twelfth Night," ended just two weeks before rehearsals for Miracle on 34th Street began, the cast had a short time to prepare.

But because Bagger knew most of the actors involved, he said he was confident that the cast could prepare for the play in such a short time span.

"I gave the heavy lifting to those people I knew could carry it off," he said. "You go with who you know because they'll be there ready to perform."

The CAT will hold their final performance of "Miracle on 34th Street" Monday at 7:30 p.m. at its theatre, located at 718 Monroe Ave.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for children under 12 years old and \$8 for groups of 10 or more.

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CONCERT

CHS, EIU musical unity shown at Holiday Concert

By Amy Schniers
Staff Reporter

The Christmas spirit and music was in the air in the Doudna Fine Arts Center for the holiday concert on Sunday.

The Holiday Concert featured the Eastern Symphony Orchestra and the Choral Ensemble.

The Charleston High School chorus group also joined Eastern chorus and symphony for a wonderful night, said Sarah Todd, a graduate conductor.

Jeff Bennett, a Charleston and an Eastern Alumni, sang with the chorus as a tenor when he attended Eastern.

Bennett has attended Eastern concerts for year and his son, now 11, has attended the concerts with his dad since he was a baby.

At the end of the last performance, "The Many Moods of Christmas" the audience was invited to join in. Bennett said he added his tenor to the group with joy.

"It was just a beautiful performance, beautiful," Bennett said.

The performance included: "Improvisations on Christmas Carole" composed by Bryan Kelly; "Magnificat in G" composed by Charles Villiers Stanford; "Christmas Day" composed by Gustav Holst; and "The Many Moods of Christmas" composed by Robert Shaw and Robert Russel Bennett.

The symphony orchestra opened the show and was joined by both the Eastern and Charleston High School choir for the rest of the show.

Together the choir and symphony orchestra gave a lively holiday performance, said Janet McCumber, instructor of music and director the Mixed Choir.

When Richard Rossi, the director of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra, turned to the audience and beckoned them to join in the chorus of "O Come All Ye Faithful," the audience members joined in and sang to the last note.

McCumber conducted the piece "Magnificat in G."

McCumber taught high school chorus for 14 years, but said she enjoys college more.

"I love teaching here, the fabulous performing arts center, I enjoy the stu-



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Jaymee Findlay, senior soprano, sings "Magnificat in G" by Charles Villiers Stanford during the Eastern Symphony Orchestra and Choral Ensembles' holiday concert. The concert included a special guest appearance by the Charleston High School advanced chorus.

dents, it's just wonderful," McCumber said.

Brooklyn Robison and Bailey Foster, both juniors at Charleston High School and members of the chorus group, have both been in chorus since fifth grade.

Robison performed with Eastern choir last year and said she enjoyed this year's concert as well.

Both girls named the "Many Moods of Christmas" as their favorite piece.

The featured graduate conductor, Todd conducted the piece "Christmas Day" and also joined with the choir to sing the remaining pieces.

Todd has also conducted two other concerts.

"It's nerve-racking being up there, but it's so much more fun to perform than practice," Todd said.

McCumber said she thought the concert gave the high school students good experience.

"We couldn't ask for a better outcome and it's a great experience for the high school kids to perform here (Doudna)," McCumber said.

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COMMUNITY



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Members of Bridging Voices in Our Community-The Bullying Project created the group to create awareness on the issue of bullying after researching the cause for their class, MLE4760: Student Social-Emotional Development in the Middle Grades.

Class seeks to decrease bullying

By Samantha McDaniel
Activities Editor

A local principal and students will discuss how to decrease bullying on high school and college campuses.

The first session of called "Bridging Voices in Our Community"-The Bullying Project will be on Tuesday.

"Bridging Voices in Our Community" was started to help the discussion of bullying and how to decrease the amount of bullying on college campuses.

Mildred Pearson, an associate professor education and professional studies, said the first session will have guest speakers from the Mattoon High School, Altamont High School, students and faculty from Eastern and members of the Charleston Police Department.

Todd Bean, the principal from Altamont High School, will be talking about ways bullying can be dealt with at the presentation.

"I will be telling the administrative point of view and how to handle it at the high school level," Bean said.

Bean said the main points he will be discussing on deal with bullies is talking, listening, educating, acting and dropping it.

"Bullies come in all forms—teachers, bosses, peers—and learning how to deal with those issues is important," Bean said. "Bullies are everywhere in life."

Bean said one of his students will also be speaking during the session.

Paige Logan, a junior at Altamont High School, will be speaking about her experiences of being bullied.

"Kids have gone to the point of suicide," Logan said. "When we tell our stories, sometimes they realize how hurtful bullying is."

Logan is a national spokeswoman on the issue of bullying and will be telling the Eastern community about a program that helps raise awareness about bullying, "The Great American NO BULL Challenge."

Logan said this challenge allows high school students to make a three to five minute video about the topic of bullying.

"The 'No Bull Challenge' is a way for kids to put a positive outlook onto bullying," Logan said.

Logan said she hopes to encourage schools to bring the "No Bull Challenge" to their schools.

"I want to bring awareness to everyone about bullying and this helps," Logan said.

Bean said there are a lot of reasons such as jealousy, the need to fit in and some just learn to be that way. Bean said it is important for teachers and future to know how to handle that.

"To be a good educator you need tools in your tool box," Bean said. "By going to the event, you can pick up the tools just makes stronger educators."

Pearson said she started thinking about the topic of bullying after some of her students presented presentations on the topic.

"One night, there was not a dry eye in my class," Pearson said. "My students were extremely emotional as they were attempting to get through their presentations. Needless to say, bullying became the overarching theme as it seemed to be in the media every two days."

Pearson said that after that, she started teaching about these issues to her classes and then started "Bridging Voices in Our Community"-The Bullying Project.

"Our classroom no longer remained in the four walls of Buzzard Hall, but we continued class via the discussion board, sharing, defending our arguments, or at times in awe about the number of bullying cases and suicides that were happening daily," Pearson said.

Pearson said the session will help educate future teachers about bullying.

"It is our job as an institution to prepare (future teachers) for these issues, we have to give them strategies for handling this," Pearson said.

Bullying is different to everyone, Pearson said. It is important to define what it is in order to educate people.

The session will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

Pearson said it is important to educate students on these issues so that they can become better educators in the future.

Pearson said this will help bridge the voices of everyone, from the victims to the bullies, to the students and administration.

"When we all come together we can do great things," Pearson said.

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CONCERT

Band, Orchestra to paint Holiday Collage with music

By Trevor Behrens
Staff reporter

With the holidays right around the corner Eastern will bring its holiday collage to life on Tuesday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

Alan Sullivan, interim director of Eastern Wind Symphony, said the performance will open with the University Concert Band and end with the Eastern Wind Symphony.

Each group will be bringing their own unique sound of Christmas to the stage to get audience members in the holiday spirit through their live performance, he said.

"This is the first time that the concert band and wind symphony have combined to present this event," Sullivan said.

The musical selection ranges from classical Christmas music to Russian Christmas music that the wind symphony has been preparing.

These selections are not only ones that will be enjoyable for the audience, but are also pieces that challenged the band, Sullivan said.

"We have been working hard on all of our selection, especially Russian Christmas music, which is truly one of the cornerstones of the wind band repertoire," Sullivan said.

Both bands have put forth a lot of effort preparing for this event, by the time of the performance they will have had eight rehearsals in preparation, Sullivan said.

The music for this time of year is about family and giving, Sullivan said. The holiday collage is about making memories and enjoying the holidays. Both the wind symphony and the concert band will tie those ideas into each song.

"The feeling that goes along with the Christmas season is reflected in the music; often individuals look at the 'good ole days

and hear certain songs that go along with those memories," Sullivan said. "Since many of our best memories are from the Christmas season, it just seems natural to me that the songs of the season go along with these memories."

The Eastern Concert Band is directed by Danelle Larson, an assistant professor of music education.

The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Dvorak Concert Hall in the Doudna Fine Arts Center. Tickets will be \$5. Before the concert there will be a brass ensemble playing music in the Doudna lobby.

Sullivan said he thinks the concert is a good way to start the Christmas season.

"Hopefully, this concert will really get our audience into the spirit of the Christmas season," he said.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Price increase
for on-campus
living modest

Even though the room-and-board rates at Eastern will be increasing, the difference is not a painful one. The proposed increase is the the fourth-lowest rate change in 36 years.

With the rising costs of living and the current state of the economy, a price increase was eminent.

Students should be thankful that Eastern's administration is doing its best to make room-and-board costs feasible and as affordable as possible for students who wish to live on campus.

One way that Eastern is attempting to save money and cut costs is by allowing students to apply for housing and dining online, rather than by mail.

This cuts down on the price of postage needed by the university to send out these applications.

Students wishing to live on campus in the residence halls should take advantage of this by applying early to secure their spot for next year.

However, if the cost of living on campus is still too much for a student to bear, there are many options off campus that may be in the student's desired price range.

University Court offers off-campus living in an easily walkable location near campus. If a student and three roommates wanted to live together in University Court, it would cost about \$2,800 a year, at most, plus the cost of electricity. All other utilities are included. Students can also get an off-campus meal plan, if they aren't exactly ready to start cooking yet.

However, living off campus might not always be the best option. If a student waits too long to sign a lease or does not negotiate well, the student might be stuck with living somewhere that is not only expensive, but in a place that may not be so easily walkable.

Also, if a student has poor credit, living off campus might not be the best option. Credit scores are important. Landlords check that kind of stuff.

A poor credit score could increase the amount a student has to pay for the deposit or utilities, making the student pay more money, and ultimately resulting in more problems.

It's a common myth to say that living off campus is always cheaper, because it's not if you don't know what you're doing. In some cases, living off-campus can be more expensive, and in that case, it might just be better to spend another semester in the dorms.

After all, it's the fourth-lowest increase in 36 years. Knowing this economy, it could be a lot worse.

COLUMN

Can't pick up a book? How will you pick a president?

Mitt Romney is the sensible choice for the GOP nomination. He's leading in endorsements, most of them at the federal level, which proves the major Republican players (read: \$\$\$) are taking him seriously. Yet that doesn't explain why he's so far behind with voters, a disparity that, according to the *New York Times*, is pretty much unprecedented. This begs another question: who really chooses the presidential nominee, the guys with the marionette strings, or the ignorant masses?

Now, based on our history of untarnished democracy, one might think it's the latter; but any appropriately cynical taxpayer likely assumes it's the former. Being wholly idealistic in opinion but depressingly realistic in perspective, I can't fault the puppeteers, at least not until real voters wise up—literally.

That American society is disturbingly anti-intellectual is not a new problem—a book on the topic won a Pulitzer in 1964—but many feel the country is growing stupider, and that it's our fault. Generation Y (that's us) has been credited as the dumbest generation in a book by Professor Mark Bauerlein.

He makes some good points; however, I'm not sure we're the ones to blame. Since the late '90s, more than 15 million students graduated high school without basic reading skills. As Sharon Begley for the *Daily Beast* and *Newsweek* magazine reports, employers are now spending well over \$1 billion a year teaching



Mia Tapella

people basic writing skills. That it is possible to graduate high school with no discernible language ability whatsoever is not our fault. The enormous shortcomings of our education system (not the budget deficit, not rich people having to pay taxes, not federal spending) are the real culprit jeopardizing not only our economy, but the future of our nation.

Not that my peers and I are entirely without blame. With great power comes great responsibility, and having the Internet at our fingertips should be used for more than just seeing how drunk everyone got last weekend. According to the National Endowment for the Arts, more than 40 percent of people under 45 did not read a single book, of any kind, throughout the course of an entire year. Our education system may be failing us, and it is, but that shouldn't be an excuse to throw up our hands and resign ourselves to a life of passive idiocy.

In my favorite quote of all time, George Orwell warns, "If people cannot write well, they cannot think well; and if people cannot think well, others will do their thinking for them." Be assured—this is the endgame. It is highly politically profitable for the Republican Party to garner votes from a population so stupid that 29 percent of it cannot identify the vice president of its own country; 44 percent cannot describe its own Bill of Rights.

People this uninformed are susceptible to fear and will believe anything, which is especially lucrative if you're trying to start a war. Just before the United States invaded Iraq, almost 70 percent of Americans thought Saddam Hussein had been involved in the attacks of Sept. 11. The CIA may have lied to them, but even after the truth came out an astounding 39 percent still believed he'd been involved.

These voters elect people who tell them, not the truth, but whatever they want to hear. Despite proof from every reputable scientific organization in the world, over half of the Republicans in the Senate and almost 75 percent in the House still "don't believe in" climate change. By this logic, if I don't believe in Mormons, then Mitt Romney will cease to exist. That's not stupid, right?

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FROM THE EASEL

The Dec. 5 issue of TIME featured two cover stories: one for the rest of the world about civil unrest in Egypt and one for the U.S. titled, "Why Anxiety is Good for You." This was not the first time the magazine softened its coverage to comfort an audience...

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Silence hurts abuse victims Occupy movement fading

Dave Balson's recent column, "Coach or clergy, silence protects the rapist" is one of the best I have read on this subject in some time. Without a doubt, silence is the glue that keeps the sexual abuse of children firmly in place. We must take every opportunity to speak against this societal scourge. Whether a priest, coach, teacher, counselor or a parent, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, the affects are devastating upon the victim.

Society, and yes even our corporations, must learn it is okay to talk about and support charities that work with, educate about or advocate for victims of sexual assault.

I once heard the head of Amnesty International, at a New York film screening of "Twist of Faith," talk about how we would not recognize society as we know it today if we could eliminate all forms of

sexual abuse. I know that doesn't solve every social ill...but so much of those who struggle today do so because of sexual abuse histories. He couldn't be more correct.

We need to talk about, write about, editorialize about and continue the satirical cartoons about the sexual abuse of children and vulnerable adults in our society until our legislators "get it" and put in place common-sense laws that hold both institutions and individuals responsible when they fail to take appropriate action against a known predator, regardless of their institution's prestige, honor or reputation.

Our children deserve no less! Regards,

Mark Crawford
Clergy abuse survivor.

Occupy Wall Street is fading. Instead of checking popularity polls or reciting reports on behavior, we could begin by looking at some individual lives and imagine ourselves there. Some are recent college graduates who expected dreamy gainful employment upon graduation. Whoops, such offers failed to appear.

Bad enough at that, many such graduates had huge debts to pay, debts incurred by their years of college. Placing ourselves there, we could imagine having great angst as we think about the post-college realities of our lives. What to do in an America which has become hostile to private business with its refusal to offer job

opportunities.

Now, it is true that businesses have been profitable and are sitting on mountains of cash, much of that cash overseas, in places much friendlier to private business. And why should they not do this? Perhaps there are corporations which would offer jobs to Americans who would be willing to live and work overseas. Our sick economy has been shaped by bad politics, which we hope can be changed in next year's election, bringing in a business friendly government.

Accentuating the positive,

Leonidas H. Miller
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109 reports of sex crimes,
just 5 convictions in Chicago

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Cook County prosecutors seldom file felony charges against students accused of sexual violence on college campuses, according to a published report Sunday.

The Chicago Tribune analyzed (<http://trib.in/uq28LW>) 16 Chicago-area colleges where police investigated 109 reported sex crimes since 2005. Of those, 12 resulted in arrests and five in convictions. In several cases, the newspaper found that what appeared to be felony rape cases were downgraded to misdemeanors.

That included a Chicago State University case where campus authorities

said an 18-year-old freshmen reported being attacked by another student in a dorm room in 2010. University police Chief Ronnie Watson believed it was a clear felony rape case, but prosecutors suggested a less serious misdemeanor battery case.

"The (assistant) state's attorney came, and she was as cold as ice — she wouldn't budge," Watson told the Tribune. "It's horrible that we couldn't get a rape charge, but I'm glad we got something."

Advocates for victims say downgrading sex offenses is insulting to victims.

"A misdemeanor battery is the same charge you'd get if you punched

someone in the face," said Sharmili Majmudar, executive director of Chicago-based Rape Victim Advocates. "To have any kind of conviction is something positive, I can't deny that. But it's such a qualified success. We'd like to see more felony charges."

The newspaper focused on Cook County, selecting public and private four-year colleges with campus housing. The survey collected information from law enforcement and crime data that schools have to report under federal law. The data didn't include cases of students living off campus.

A spokeswoman for Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez defended the office's handling of the cas-

es, saying prosecutors carefully review them. In September, the office began looking closer at misdemeanors to see if they should be upgraded to felonies.

"Generally speaking, we cannot approve felony charges unless we are confident that we can sustain our burden of proof," said Alvarez spokeswoman Sally Daly. "Factors that may prevent us from meeting our burden of proof and prevent us from approving felony charges include cases where there is little or no corroboration to the accounts of the complaining witness or inconsistencies in the accounts provided by the complaining witness."

STATE

Man drowns at Starved Rock State Park

By The Associated Press

UTICA, Ill. (AP) — Police say an Indiana man has drowned at Starved Rock State Park in north central Illinois.

Illinois Conservation Police

identified the man as 25-year-old Dane Simmons of Lafayette, Ind.

Police spokesman Robert Frazier says Simmons was hiking with two other men on Saturday when they veered off a trail and into a restricted area. Frazier says Sim-

mons slipped and fell between 25 and 40 feet into the Illinois River.

The other men tried to rescue him.

Simmons' body was later pulled from the river and he was later pronounced dead at an area

hospital.

The other men were hospitalized for hypothermia and released.

Frazier says charges are pending for the two men for disregarding signs marking the restricted area.

BOOTH, from page 1

Lanham said there is always a wide variety of what students submit, such as research papers, poems, short stories, paintings and photographs.

The Library Advisory Board serves as the jury for the awards, he said.

"The board is comprised of faculty from all colleges, students and some administrators from around campus," Lanham said. "It is a very diverse group in terms of research interests so not one of us will be experts in all of the fields submitted, and in the group we will discuss each application and come to a decision on its merits."

The submission deadline for applications is March 19, and entries can be turned in to the Booth Library administration office in Room 4700.

Award recipients will be selected by April 6 and the winners will be announced April 8-14 during National Library Week.

"This is an award that is open to everybody and anybody, and gives students the opportunity to showcase what is important to them," Council said.

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CHRISTMAS, from page 1

Tricia Coffey, of Ashmore, attended the event with her family, including her daughters, 6-year-old Delaney and 8-year-old Ella. Coffey said the two girls visited with Santa, but the family's favorite part was the carriage ride around the square.

Coffey said the girls loved the horses and the event gave the family a chance to see all the window displays, decorations and to help the figure out what part of the square to visit next.

Jordyn Gandolfi, a senior elementary education major and member of the EIU Dance Team, was teaching a Christmas-themed dance routine to

kids in the front of Marianne's Euro Deli. Gandolfi, a second-year member of the EIU Dance Team, said this was the first time that the dance team had gotten involved.

Gandolfi said she enjoyed supporting the spirit of Christmas and getting involved in the community.

The event also featured another dance-themed event at the Dance Life Center in the square. Every 15 minutes, performances inspired by the Nutcracker took place.

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STATE

Third of
Ill. worker
comp.
awards in
12 places

By The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Workers filing on-the-job injury claims at just a dozen state institutions clustered in southern Illinois collected nearly one-third of the total \$127 million awarded in recent years for permanent impairment under Illinois' troubled workers' compensation system, The Associated Press has found.

Leading the pack was Menard Correctional Center in Chester, according to an AP analysis of state records. Employees at the prison, now a focus of three fraud investigations into the injury-claim process, collected \$19 million in long-term benefits from 2007 through 2010. That's nearly twice the amount previously reported.


But beyond Menard, the AP study found a pattern of large payouts at 11 other state facilities within 80 miles — including prisons and juvenile detention centers, mental health and developmental centers. In all, the dozen state facilities accounted for \$40.7 million of the compensation for injured workers' long-term impairment during those four years.

The AP's line-by-line review provides the first comprehensive account of the extent of payouts at government facilities, though not private business, under the workers' comp system before lawmakers revamped it this year. The examination focused on about 7,800 cases obtained from the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission through the Freedom of Information Act.

For example, workers at Menard blamed repetitive stress injuries on operating the 130-year-old prison's hand-crank locks. But payments — many for the same type of injury — at the more modern Pinckneyville prison, just 35 miles from Chester, ranked second-highest in the state despite a more up-to-date electronic locking system.

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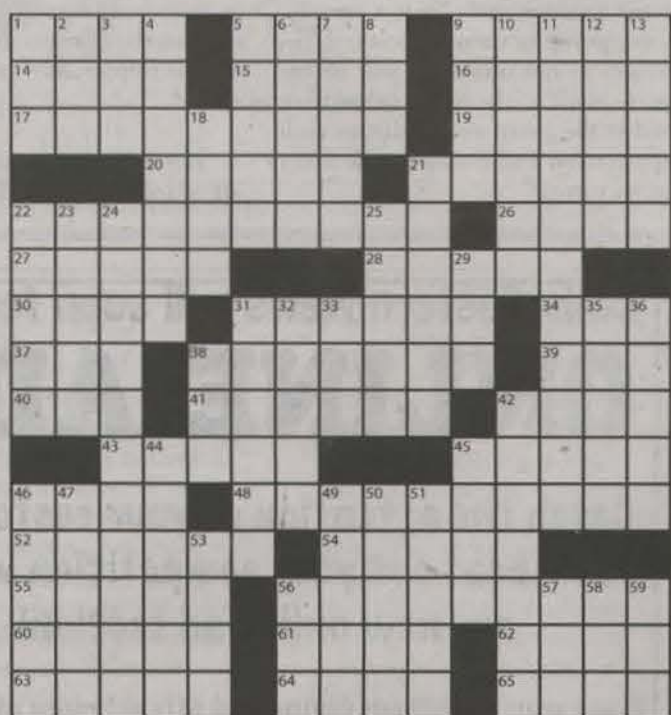
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CROSS COUNTRY



Senior cross country runner Brad LaRocque competes Sept. 9 during the Walt Crawford Panther Open race on Panther Trail near Campus Pond.

Team finishes with strong 2011 season

By Juwaan Wright
Staff Reporter

This year's Eastern cross country season saw a lot of success. Led by junior Erika Ramos, the women's team placed 18th overall in the NCAA Midwest Regional, and the men's placed 16th, led by senior Bradley LaRocque. Both runners placed in top 50 individually.

In her second year coaching the Panthers, head coach Erin Howarth has continued to make a huge impact on the cross country program.

Last year, the Panthers managed to set new school records and place several runners on All-Ohio Valley Conference team under Howarth.

In the 2011 season, started on Sept. 9, as the Panthers hosted an event for other teams to compete in Charleston.

Top finishers for men included LaRocque, who placed fourth, and freshman Joe Calio, who came in ninth. Calio would later suffer a burst appendix, and would be forced to sit out the remainder of the season.

The men placed first in team standings, while the women placed second, led by junior Olivia Klaus, who finished fourth in her 5K run.

A week later, the Panthers competed in a meet in Normal in the 8K run. LaRocque came in sixth, finishing at 24:45.

Freshman Bryce Basting, who finished at 25:00, placed 16th overall.

Klaus was once again a top finisher, placing sixth overall, finishing at 17:57.

Basting, freshmen and youngest brother of former Panther Reid Basting, who also ran cross country for Eastern, grew interest in Eastern cross country because of relationships he already had with runners who were already here.

When he finally joined the team, the chemistry and bonding grew even stronger.

"Our team is very close. We do just about everything together from eating dinner to practice, and hanging out nearly every night," Basting said. "A majority of nights we do all three. It felt almost like a family even before I officially came

to Eastern."

Basting's biggest accomplishment was breaking 25 minutes in the 8K run. He considered his freshman season a success.

In the OVC Championship, the men placed second in team standings, while four runners made the All-OVC team. LaRocque made first team honors, Basting, senior Matt Feldhake, and sophomore Danny Delaney made the second team.

The women claimed their first OVC title since 2001.

Howarth was named Coach of the Year, while Ramos, Klaus and fifth year senior Caitlin Napoleoni all made first team honors, while senior Britney Whitehead and junior Gabriela Duenas made second team.

This season, Ramos set a school record in the 6K run, finishing in 21:47.28, at the Bradley Classic in Peoria. She placed 11th overall.

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BASKETBALL, from page 8

"My teammates were finding me and we got some good ball movement and (the shots) were just dropping."

Senior forward Al Rapier, who scored 19 points off the bench, led Stony Brook. Fifteen of his 19 points came in the second half. Rapier also grabbed a team-leading nine rebounds.

With the win, the Panthers improve to 5-2 this season and 4-0 at home. Stony Brook falls to 2-4 this season.

Mike Miller said the team is getting some big wins early in the season and that gives him and the team a lot of confidence as the move forward. "It has been a rugged two weeks," Miller said. "I think this is a tough stretch. We really needed to be at home now."

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NATION

Tebow, Broncos do it again, beat Vikings

By Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Tim Tebow and the Denver Broncos came through again with a strong, determined finish after enduring another slow start.

This time, Tebow was in a groove the entire second half -- not just in the waning minutes -- and his teammates on defense were getting gobbled up. But there they were in the end, emulating Tebow's late-game touch.

Tebow passed for a season-best 202 yards and two third-quarter touchdowns to help the unflappable Broncos win their fifth straight game, 35-32 over the Minnesota Vikings Sunday on Matt Prater's 23-yard field goal as time expired.

"I know that I had a lot of help. Offensive line did a great job, and receivers stepped up and made me look a lot better than I really am," said Tebow, who completed 10 of 15 passes, his best percentage as an NFL starter, and posted a career-high passer rating of 149.3.

Prater kicked two field goals in the final 93 seconds for the Broncos (7-5), who forged a first-place tie in the AFC West with a loss by the Oakland Raiders. Christian Ponder set Minnesota's single-game rookie record with 381 yards passing, including a pair of long touchdowns to Percy Harvin, but his sideline throw with 1:33 remaining was intercepted by Andre Goodman and returned to the 15-yard line.

Lance Ball's first-down run for 11 yards made it first-and-goal at the 4 with 1:12 remaining, but the Vikings decided against letting them score right away and took their chances

with a shank or a block instead. But the Broncos drained the clock for Prater's winner and raised their record to 6-1 with Tebow as the starter.

"Hard to argue. That guy wins games," Ponder said.

Harvin had a career-high 156 yards for the Vikings (2-10), who lost their fourth in a row.

"Too many times this year we've had leads and then had letdowns or missed assignments," Harvin said. "It's another game we feel we had control of, and to somehow let it slip away, that's disgusting."

In seven games with Tebow, the Broncos offense has 30 first-half points. They were blanked in this one, on the board only because of Mario Haggan's 16-yard interception return for a first-quarter score. Tebow's third turnover of the season, a sack by Jared Allen that forced a fumble with 39 seconds left before halftime, gave the Vikings three free points.

But they can't be counted out. Whether their unconventional quarterback is trying to complete a downfield pass or if they're flirting again with defeat, the Broncos haven't flinched.

"There were a lot of questions on the outside. Sometimes it gets built up like they were on the inside, but the one thing I will say is the guy wins," coach John Fox said. "He does it with his feet. He does it with his arm. He's young. He's just going to get better."

Harvin, a fellow former Florida star, said he was worried once Tebow got the ball late in the game.

"I was sure enough hoping we were going to get him, but I've been on his teams," Harvin said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Stony Brook University's junior guard Tommy Brenton steals the ball at the hoop from Eastern's senior forward, Xavier Sanders, during the game on Saturday in Lantz Arena.

Team improves to 4-0 at home

By Rob Mortell
Staff Reporter

It was another nail-biter for Eastern's men's basketball team as the Panthers snuck out a 72-69 win against non-conference opponent Stony Brook.

The Panthers started the game off hot, jumping out to an early 13-6 lead; however, Stony Brook would answer with an impressive 20-1 run. The run put the Sea Wolves up 26-14 with four minutes remaining in the first half.

Although Eastern had seemingly lost most of its momentum, it found a way to answer Stony Brook's run with a run of its own. Over the next four minutes, the Panthers would score more points than they did the rest of the first half. Their 15-4 run was highlighted by a pull-up three point shot by freshman guard Joey Miller.

Head coach Mike Miller said it is good that Eastern can go on big runs, but he does not want to have to rely on catching up the entire season.

The second half was back and forth, as neither team was able to build a substantial lead. But with 11 minutes and 51 seconds remaining in the game, the Panthers took a 51-49 lead and would never give it up.

Eastern's second crucial run, this time an 8-0 run, put it ahead eight

with seven minutes remaining. Stony Brook would never get closer than two points away for the rest of the game, as some clutch free throws by Joey Miller and senior guard Jeremy Granger iced the game.

Granger said winning these close games give the team a lot of confidence.

"Down the stretch, we are not breaking, we are staying together," Granger said. "And we know that if we stay together and play as a team we can overcome anything."

Granger came through with an impressive all-around performance. He led the team with 25 points and six assists, but he also added seven rebounds and was 5 of 5 from the free-throw line.

Senior forward Xavier Sanders showed off his skill set with a season-high 16 points. Sanders shot 7-of-11 from the field and hit 15 footer after 15 footer to help the Panthers close out the game. He also added seven rebounds, four of which were offensive.

Sanders said he was just taking what the defense gave him.

"Once you hit one, two or three (shots) the rest get pretty easy to hit," Sanders said.

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COACH SEARCH

Choate next to appear on campus, interview for coach

Third candidate for coaching job to hold conference

Staff Report

The third of four candidates for the Eastern head football coaching position will be on campus for a public interview today.

Jeff Choate, currently the special teams coordinator at Boise State, will appear at 4:30 p.m. today in the Lantz Club Room for a public interview.

Choate began his coaching career at the high school level.

He has experience coaching at Post Falls High School, Twin Falls High School and Challis High School in Idaho.

From there, Choate would go on to be the special teams coach, as well as a defensive line and

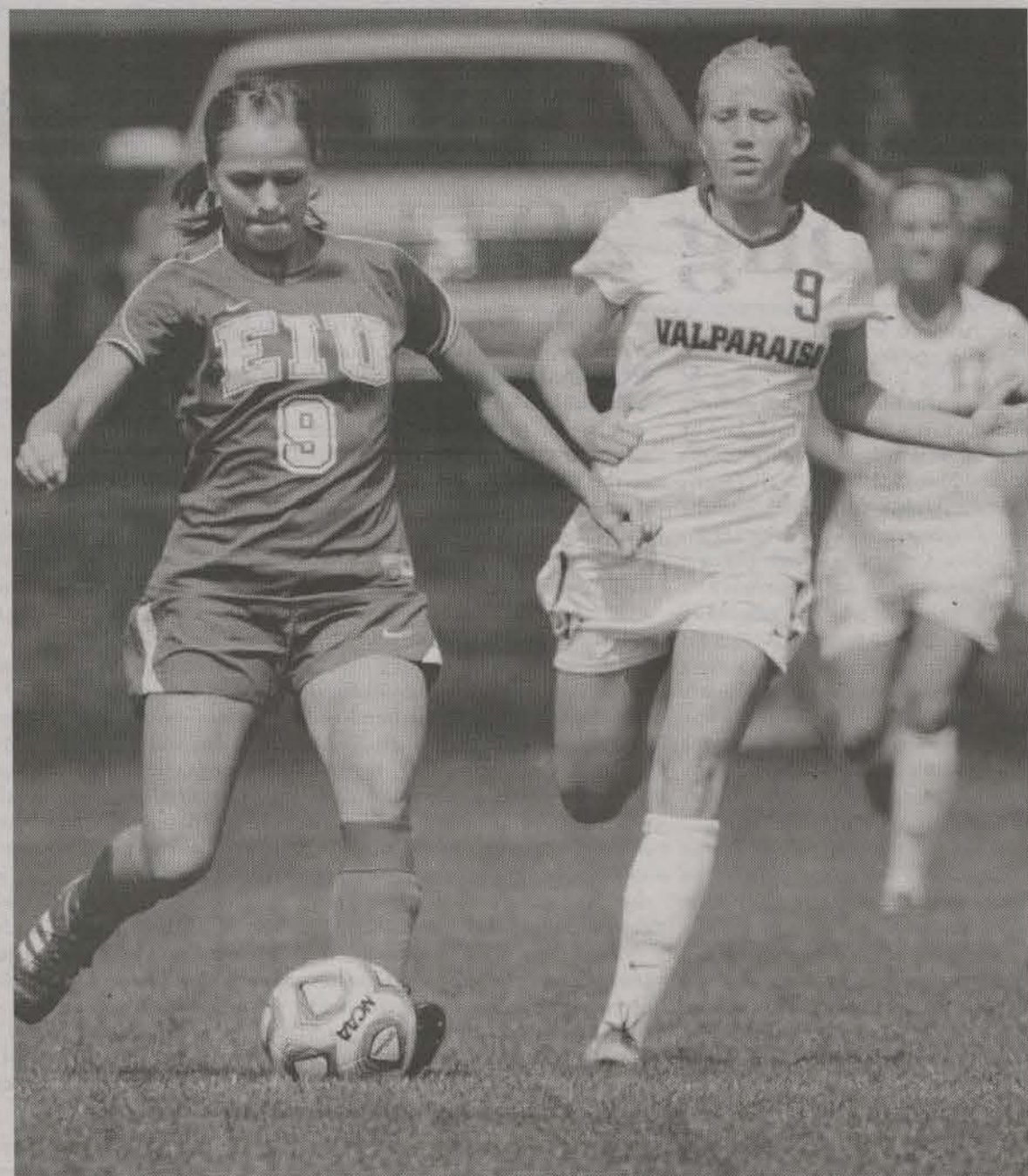
safeties coach at Utah State.

After that, Choate would come to Eastern where he would be the special teams coach for one season.

Choate would then join the Boise State Broncos, where he has remained for the last six seasons.

The final interview will be with Dino Babers of Baylor at 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

WOMEN'S SOCCER



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Senior defender Hillary Blake, left, beats a defender to the ball during a Sept. 11 women's soccer match against Valparaiso on Lakeside Field.

Blake earns academic honor

Staff Report

Senior defender Hillary Blake was named to the Academic All-America Division I Women's Soccer First Team for her performance in the classroom.

The team is put together by the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Blake, a senior accounting major, holds a 4.00 GPA and is the third member of the women's soccer team to ever be named to earn Academic All-American honors, but the first to ever be named to the first team.

Former Panthers Kaylin Lorbert and Meghan Ryon each

earned second team honors in 2010 and 2007.

Blake played a total of 1,596 minutes this season, part of her 6,272 total career minutes, the third most in Eastern women's soccer history.

The Eastern women's soccer team finished with an overall record of 5-12-2, losing in the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference tournament to Tennessee-Martin.

Also named to the first team were goalkeeper Adelaide Gay of North Carolina, defender Megan Dean of North Dakota State, defenders Kari Storslett

and Katy Van Lieshout of Denver, midfielder Melanie Baskind of Harvard, midfielder Anina Cicerone of Western Michigan, midfielder Katy Frierson of Auburn, forward Abi Cottam of Rider, forward Laura Heyboer of Michigan State and forward Krista Lopez of Oklahoma State.

Morehead State's Jillian Birchmeier, who was named to the third team, was the only other OVC athlete to earn the honor.

Lopez, of Oklahoma State, was named Academic All-American of the Year.