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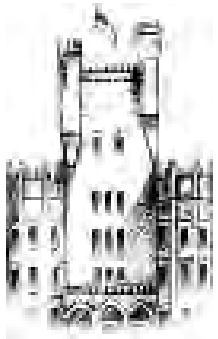
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# The Daily Eastern News

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## Students called to active duty



Stratia Stein/Staff photographer

William Peterson, a senior speech communications major, looks through uniforms in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps supply room in Klehm Hall. Peterson, the battalion time commander, has the option to join his fellow ROTC soldiers being deployed.

### Names have not been released of Eastern cadets headed to Europe

By Maura Possley  
Campus editor

Several Eastern students that are members of the Illinois National Guard have been called to active duty for service in Europe on Jan. 2 "to protect the vital interest of the United States of America," Lt. Col. Larry Sefren, military science professor, said.

The deployment of the nearly 1,700 soldiers from the 66th Brigade of the Illinois National Guard is in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, a "part of the partial mobilization authorized by President Bush following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks," an Illinois National Guard press release said.

The brigade includes four to five Eastern freshman and sophomore students in Eastern's ROTC program. However, the Illinois National Guard has not yet released the names of the soldiers being deployed.

Illinois National Guard soldiers that have not been deployed are required to stay behind as "rear detachments," Sefren said.

He said the soldiers will stay and "take care of things on this side of the ocean and offer support to families of soldiers."

Once in Europe, the 66th Brigade will become part of the U.S. Army Europe, and will head Task Force Santa Fe. Its mission will be to "provide security and force protection" throughout Europe for up to 240 days, the press release said.

Sefren said he is confident that his students are prepared and able to do "what they've signed up for."

"I have not seen hesitation to deploy," he said. "In other words, all them are patriotic and very dedicated and look at this as an opportunity to serve their country. That's a great thing."

Currently, the called on soldiers are in the pre-deployment phase. This weekend they will be tak-

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## Survey: Raise system isn't the problem

### UPI president offers strategies for boosting pay

By Jamie Fetty  
Administration editor

The latest faculty union survey shows support for the university's salary and raise system, but salary equity remains the biggest concern among faculty.

David Radavich, English professor and president of Eastern's chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois, said Wednesday that the university will have to increase its funding to improve on an average faculty salary that ranks lowest among state public universities.

Currently, the average faculty salary at Eastern is \$51,300, more than \$11,000 less than the state average of \$62,500. However, Radavich said he doesn't think the gap between Eastern's average faculty salary and the state average is relevant, because it may compare Eastern to non-peer institutions like the University of Illinois and the University of Chicago rather than similar universities like Western Illinois University and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

While faculty want their salaries to improve, results of the latest UPI survey show 60 percent are content with the process for awarding raises.

The structure bases minimum salary on rank, years of service and degrees earned. Everyone on payroll gets a percentage raise every year, and other raises are awarded based on performance.

Approximately 150 of Eastern's 600 faculty responded to the survey. A general survey last month that elicited close to 100 responses named salary as the faculty's No. 1 concern.

In light of that discrepancy and impending state budget cuts, the question becomes, how to raise faculty salary within the same structure and with a shrinking budget?

"People are happy with the way the salary package is structured," Radavich said, explaining that addressing faculty concerns about actual pay is "a matter of increasing

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## Robbins re-elected as senate speaker

By Jessica Danielewicz  
Student government editor

Joe Robbins, current speaker of the student senate, was re-elected for the spring 2002 semester, following an election process that took more than one hour.

Student senate member Allison Mormino was also nominated for the position.

Following nominations, candidates spoke on why they should be elected, two other people of the candidates' choosing spoke on their behalf, followed by a question-and-answer session and finally discussion.

"I believe that continuity is important," Robbins said in his remarks. He listed several projects already in progress that he would work on, including making the shuttle bus committee a standing committee, working on the new fee process, and Recognized Student Organization representation.

"I love this job, as plain as it is," he said.

Mormino said she ran because people wanted to see a change. Her remarks focused on her prior leadership experience and connections to the Residence Hall Association and the University Board, both obtained by serving



Colin McAuliffe/Associate Photo Editor

Tuesday night in the Tuscola/Arcola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, Joe Robbins was voted in as the Speaker of the Senate for spring semester.

In leadership roles in those organizations.

The question-and-answer period was initially limited to 10 minutes for each candidate, but that limit was removed because

there were many questions for each candidate.

Major issues each candidate was asked about included RSO

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# Local classrooms get tech help from Eastern students

By Charita Callaway  
Staff writer

Project WOW, along with Eastern pre-service teachers, will host an open house from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday in Buzzard Hall, Room 2446, to display the work of elementary students and the Eastern pre-service teachers.

Local elementary students and Eastern pre-service teachers have collaborated throughout this past semester to research and enhance technology skills.

Kathy Miller and Lou Conwell, teachers at Carl Sandburg Elementary School in Charleston, joined with Judy Barford, an Eastern social studies methods professor, in leading Project WOW.

"The purpose of the technology

has been for research, skill development and presentation of the children's projects on the Web," Barford said.

Miller said Project WOW is an opportunity to share the work of the children with the world through the Internet.

Each team's extensive research will be displayed using multimedia tools such as Hyper Studio, Kid Pix and Macintosh iBooks, Barford said.

"At the open house, all of the children's work on their global hero will be on display," she said. "Each global hero will be featured in a material's booth and on the Web."

Miller said that it is a good chance to share products that the students and people from Eastern have worked on and to share knowledge about making websites.



Stratia Stein/Staff photographer

## Finishing touch

Scott Monahan, a junior speech communications major, adds the finishing touches to his art portfolio Wednesday afternoon in the Fine Arts Building. Monahan is not alone when it comes to adding finishing touches, as this is the last week before finals.

# CAA to look at commencement times

By Dan Daly  
Staff writer

Participation in commencement by exceptionality is a key topic of debate for the Council of Academic Affairs today.

Exceptionality rules currently allow students that are six hours short of fulfilling graduation requirements to walk in commencement ceremonies; however, a degree is not granted until the remaining course work is fulfilled.

After Student Senate and Faculty Senate passed resolutions suggesting exceptionality be extended to 12 hours, the matter was moved to CAA by the Commencement Committee.

The CAA will also debate a

proposal to establish uniform effective dates for curriculum changes and a proposal to change the name of the Mathematics Department.

Today's agenda is the council's largest of the year on its final meeting of the semester.

"We're trying to get a clear slate so we can start fresh in the spring semester," Marry Herrington-Perry, assistant vice president for academic affairs and ex officio CAA member, said.

The proposal to establish uniform effective dates for curriculum change is aimed at giving students access to the timeliest information about classes. Herrington-Perry said the changes would make things more consistent and also provide for more flexibility.

"The purpose of the technology has been for research, skill development and presentation of the children's projects on the Web."

Judy Barford,  
Social studies methods professor

The project is partly funded by a Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers for Technology (PT3) grant, Barford said.

Project WOW stands for Wonders of Water/Rivers, Wonders of Wisdom/Global Heroes and Illinois Heroes.

For more information about Project WOW, visit [www.eiu.edu/~wow](http://www.eiu.edu/~wow).

# RHA award banquet held tonight at Stevenson Hall

The Residence Hall Association will present the Hall of the Semester award and swear in Kevin Leverage as the spring 2002 president at their awards banquet today.

Other awards to be presented include certificates for committee chairs and awards distributed by the secretary and past president. The Hall of the Semester award was discussed and voted on by RHA executive members, Leverage said.

The Hall of the Semester was chosen by executive members based on bids put in stating why the hall should get the award, Leverage said. After the bids are

## three-day forecast

today



Friday



Saturday



## Correction

■ An article that ran in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly identified the days that the "Holiday in

the Castle" event is occurring. The event is taking place Dec. 12 and 13.

*The News* regrets the error.

"The driving force behind the proposal is to make advisors and students have access to information in a timely matter," she said.

Academic changes made would be effective the subsequent fall.

"Anything that is going to appear in the fall catalog must be approved by today," Herrington-Perry said.

Another item on the agenda is the proposed change of the name of the Mathematics Department.

The suggestion is to change the name from Department of Mathematics to Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

The rationale of the proposal states that, with this change, students majoring in mathematics and computer science will obtain a better sense

of identity within the department, and the change is also consistent with other colleges and universities throughout the state and nation.

Herrington-Perry believes the proposal will pass.

"I don't see any significant objection," she said.

The CAA will also discuss University Foundations, an orientation course currently geared toward freshman. Herrington-Perry believes that the program should be available to all students in some way.

"Foundations tends to send students on the right path. Most of the students who fail to come back to Eastern are ones without majors," she said. "The program pushes students in the right direction."



## Turn on the lights

As the Student Senate committee recently discovered, sometimes the simplest efforts can make this campus safer for everybody, especially when the administration and students pull together for the effort.

Earlier this month, the members of the Student Senate's University Development and Recycling

### Light Walk results

Lighting on campus is important for students to feel safe. It's good the university is listening to students' suggestions.

Committee and four university staff members came together to walk the campus at night and point out darkened areas that could use additional light.

The "Light Walk" was intended to "make everyone feel more comfortable," said committee chair Bill Davidson.

Just the same, increased lighting on campus in certain vulnerable areas is a natural deterrent to on-campus crime. As a result of the walk, the university's maintenance division had agreed to install a new floodlight on the east side of Pemberton Hall, its main entrance.

In addition, the large bushes in that area will be trimmed back.

Also, the group decided an obstructive fence in the rear of the Alpha Phi house needed to be removed to provide better security. The replacement of light bulbs in University Court and on various emergency button posts were discussed as well.

Scouting the campus for insecure and darkened areas is a simple concept that has produced real, tangible results. A brighter night-time campus is to the benefit of everyone except criminals and those with devious intentions.

Unfortunately, this exact effort was attempted last academic year and failed each semester. That is a shame, and staff and students should be sure not to let the "Light Walk" effort fall by the waste side.

Gary Reed, physical plant director; Adam Due, University Police Department acting chief; Carol Strode, Facilities, Planning and Management interim director; and safety officer Gary Hanebrink all participated in the walk and should be thanked for taking part in this unique approach to improving campus safety.

Students probably walk this campus the most and know the threatening areas around it. The staff is wise to act on their recommendations. The safer Eastern is, the better a university it is for everybody.

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

### Today's quote

“Who cannot give good counsel? 'Tis cheap; it costs them nothing.”

Robert Burton,  
1577-1640

## Perfect holiday ideas for mom and dad

What to buy, what to buy? I have some tips for you on what to get your parents for the holidays.

It is that time of year again and finding a present for your parents can be somewhat disconcerting. Over Thanksgiving Break, I hustled into a busy shopping mall frantically looking for the perfect present for the two most important people in my life.

Questions about how much to spend, how much to buy and where to purchase the perfect gift fluttered through my mind. I needed time to really think about what I was purchasing, so I ended up walking out that day after Thanksgiving empty-handed.

With limited shopping in Charleston, I have found plenty of time to brainstorm about what I want to buy when I am home for break again. While no one knows their own mom and dad better than themselves, here are a few general suggestions if you find yourself stuck in a bind at the shopping mall. If none of these help, try going online and browsing their favorite stores' Web sites and possibly order something online for them.

So here are some suggestions for both mom and dad:

- Gift cards to their favorite store are always a bonus. You can never go wrong with giving them a gift certificate at their favorite store. This way they can pick out what they want when they want it.
- A night out on the town to their favorite restaurant is always a plus because parents usually want to actually spend time with their children when they come home from college. Or if they don't like you, give them time to spend time without you.



Julie Ferguson  
Features editor

“You can never go wrong with giving them a gift certificate at their favorite store.”

■ Parents always need clothing because oftentimes they don't buy it for themselves. Just make sure you know their right sizes!

■ For dad, tickets to a sports contest, especially football or basketball games that are in season are a way to impress him and a way to spend quality time as sports fans.

■ For mom, a certificate for a massage, spa, manicure or

pedicure will go over big, especially if the holidays stress her out.

■ Functional items such as a wallet, perfume, magazine or newspaper subscription or something they normally would not purchase on their own are greatly appreciated.

■ Books from their favorite author.

■ A photograph of you and your siblings in a frame. It's a perfect decoration for the house.

■ A certificate for a free car wash for either of them.

■ An Eastern mom or dad sweatshirt from the bookstore. (Ok, so I was getting desperate for ideas, but seriously it's a great wear for when they come down for Parent's Weekend.)

■ CDs from their favorite artist or maybe something you like that you wish they would listen to. (Make sure you keep the receipt though, just in case.)

■ A cute ornament. If you're crafty, which I most definitely am not, you can make it yourself.

So good luck shopping, and remember, it can never hurt to get your mom or dad too much!

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### Students with permits should be guaranteed a parking space

Are you one of the many who can never find a parking spot? If so, you may be interested to know that Eastern cannot be certain that if you have a parking permit, you are guaranteed parking.

I am one of the many who work late on school nights. And I am one of the many who have to park at the stadium at midnight and walk through a dark, empty field to get back to my room.

The first time that I was left with the option of getting a parking ticket or walking through the field paranoid, I chose the parking ticket. I hoped that

### Your turn

Letters to the editor

I could go to the police department and explain my safety precaution to get excused from the violation. Much to my surprise, I was told that I was not going to be treated any differently than any other student.

I tried to justify my cause, but I was slapped in the face with Eastern's safety statistics. And while I do agree that Eastern is probably one of the safest campuses, this does not mean that we are untouchable.

I was told that I could appeal the ticket, only I would have to pay it first. If I received the appeal, I would get my

money back.

I angrily paid the ticket. I was then handed about five sheets of paper needed to appeal. In bold italic print, it stated, "You are not guaranteed a parking space simply because you have purchased a permit."

What is that supposed to mean? Is Eastern in a breach of contract? Am I paying for a service I will not receive? Does Eastern continue to sell permits when the limited parking is already occupied.

One consolation is that when you are faced with no other option than parking a mile away from your dorm, rest assured that you can call the police for a ride back.

Nikki Nolan-Theodour  
Sophomore, Journalism major

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## Church provides sanctuary for students to study finals

By Brandi Volk  
City editor

Whether it be the library, a dorm room or another quiet nook, many students have a favorite place to study.

With final exams beginning next week, finding the right place to study is more important than ever. For those still struggling to find the perfect spot to hit the books, Charleston Community Church is opening its doors.

For the past four to five years, the church, located at 2360 Shawnee Drive, has opened its doors for students to study during finals week, the church's college leader, Claude McGee said Wednesday.

"It gives kids some place away from campus that's quiet," McGee said, who is the director of the TRIO program at Eastern.

The church opens its doors at 6 a.m. and stays open until the last student leaves. Members of the church will bring in food for the students, who are asked to bring in a snack as well. Last spring, 15 to 20 students came to study at the church. According to McGee, this is the largest group of students they have had.

“It gives kids some place away from campus that’s quiet.”

Claude McGee  
college leader  
of Charleston Community Church

One student, who has studied at the church the past three years, said she chose to study at the church for a variety of reasons.

Sarah Robinson, a senior family consumer sciences major said she did it "for a time of fellowship, to relieve stress for finals and to receive help on subjects that I wasn't as good in."

During the time of studying, students can also join in with fellowship and prayer that will be going on in the church's sanctuary.

Robinson mentioned several reasons why students should choose to study at the church.

"It's a different environment from campus that provides a relaxing atmosphere," Robinson said.

## Food collection organized

By Brandi Volk  
City editor

Charleston High School's family and consumer science club is collecting can goods for the Charleston Food Pantry and encouraging local residents and Eastern students to participate.

In addition to can goods, the group is also taking donations of hats, gloves, socks and toys for 75 treat bags they will be preparing for the Civic Association.

"We do the food drive for people who need food. The way the economy is, people need it more than ever," Kathy Clark, a club sponsor and family and consumer science teacher, said.

Clark estimates the club has been operating the collection for about 10 to 15 years. Students from the school and various school clubs help to sponsor the event. The school started collecting cans just this past week.

So far, the club has collected 236 cans, and Clark said its goal is to get 5,000.

Two years ago, she said the school collected 6,000 cans and, including the entire school district, they were able to collect a total of 10,000 cans that year.

In the past, the club delivered the cans over on a school bus.

"This year we're doing it a little bit (at) a time," Clark said. "The kids who get to deliver get to see how excited people are."

The family and consumer science club also participates in other various activities, such as putting on a Valentine's Day party for the kindergarten class at Mark Twain School. In the near future, the club will be catering a madrigal dinner.

"If they start doing it in high school, they'll get more involved in the community later," Clark said about the students involved in the club.



Mandy Marshall/Photo editor

Callie Bradley and Lindsey Trumper, both co-presidents of Family and Consumer Sciences Club and seniors at Charleston High School, go through some of the canned goods dropped off at their collection site at C.H.S. on Lincoln Avenue. The collection goes through December 18th; then, all items collected will be given to the Charleston Food Pantry.

Residents and Eastern students wanting to donate can goods can drop them off at Charleston High School.

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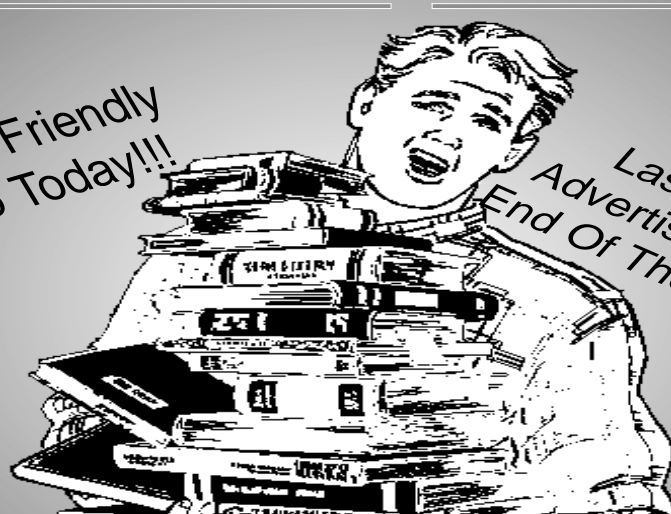
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# Durbin: He'll try to push any Ryan-Daley O'Hare deal through Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin said Wednesday he is prepared to try to push through Congress any deal Gov. George Ryan and Chicago Mayor Richard Daley reach on expansion of O'Hare International Airport even if that limits a future governor's options.

"We're trying to preserve the right of the governor of our state to make this decision, but, once having made it, we have to go forward," the Illinois Democrat said in an interview at the Capitol. "Otherwise ... who will want to spend billions of dollars on the possibility that eight years from now a governor will come along and stop everything?"

Daley said Tuesday that an agreement with Ryan was very likely and is "99.9 percent" done.

The mayor's assessment came a day after the governor announced a package that included O'Hare expansion sought by Daley, including a new southern runway that would require the demolition of hundreds of homes. It also would give Ryan two things he wanted: an airfield in the Chicago suburb of Peotone and continued service for 25 years at Meigs Airport, a commuter airport on the city's lakefront that Daley has planned to close.

In most of the United States, a governor would not have much leverage over an airport expansion question, and it would be a matter resolved by the FAA and the local airport authority. But federal law allows Ryan and governors in a few other states to block new runways.

Durbin said once Daley and Ryan complete their deal he is prepared to insert language in a pending bill — which one is yet to be determined — that would be federal recognition that Ryan has consented to airport expansion.

Durbin rejected the idea that with Republican Ryan not seeking re-election next year, the issue should be left unresolved at least until a new governor takes office in January 2003.

"That's an argument that's been made successfully for 25 years and has resulted in no plan at all," he said. "I think we have a historic opportunity here where the governor and the mayor can reach an agreement — if they can reach an agreement — and I want to help move it forward."

# Lemak said she saw visions of her dead children in jail

WHEATON (AP) — A jail psychiatrist who treated Marilyn Lemak after the deaths of her three young children testified Wednesday that she frequently trembled and wept, dropped weight daily, talked of death and asked guards how best to kill herself.

One day, Lemak was found sobbing in the jail gymnasium and said she saw images of her dead children in shadows and patterns on the gym floor, Dr. James Corcoran, the chief psychiatrist at the DuPage County Jail, testified at Lemak's murder trial.

"She told me she talks to her kids when she goes to the gym," Corcoran testified.

Lemak, 44, has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity in the deaths of Thomas, 3, Emily, 6, and Nicholas, 7.

Prosecutors argue that Lemak was sane on March 4, 1999 and methodically planned and carried out the killings to get back at her husband over their pending

divorce and punish him because he had begun seeing another woman. The defense contends she was a deeply depressed woman who was insane on the day she drugged and smothered the children.

Corcoran diagnosed Lemak with a major depressive disorder and placed her on Prozac and other medication to balance her mood and help her sleep. He said he interviewed her weekly after she was admitted to the jail and found her alert but "very agitated," wringing her hands as they spoke.

Lemak told him she still had thoughts of suicide and, at times, thought she heard chanting, humming and singing, he said.

During one interview, Lemak was weeping after a phone conversation with her mother, Corcoran said.

"She asked her mother, 'How are the kids?'" he testified. Her mother's response, according to Corcoran: "Lynn, the kids are dead."



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## Senate

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representation and negative coverage by *The Daily Eastern News*, among others.

In other business, senate mem-

bers Seth Quin and Nick Skipitaris were voted co-senate members of the semester because of a tie vote.

Quin was nominated for his involvement in the fee process and Skipitaris for his work on the housing committee, including the Rider/Roommate Board and his

ideas for expanding the Panther Card.

Senate member Bill Davidson mentioned the Skipitaris "promotes excellent discussion" and senate member Kristen Wooden remarked that he was "comic relief at times."

Jessica Catto, student vice pres-

ident for academic affairs, said Quin was always prepared and Jen Fanthorpe, student vice president for financial affairs, said Quin did an excellent job stepping up on the Tuition and Fee Review Committee.

New senate members were seated at the last meeting of the

semester as well. They are Jeffrey Collier, Tiffany Shelton, Kenyatta Brookins and Dwight Nelson.

Outgoing senate members are Stina Heldman, Amy Leonard, Kelli Mayes, Matthew Mills, James Paton, Desiree Rieckenberg, Kristen Wooden and Jeremy Ewing.

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ing equipment in and preparing themselves "administratively and logistically," Sefren said.

From there, they will go to Fort Riley on Jan. 2 to undergo additional training and preparation to "enable them to fulfill their mission," he said.

Members of the Illinois National Guard that are Eastern ROTC juniors and seniors have the option

to sign a contract with the guard to become officers. And as a stipulation of that contract, those students can not be deployed, Sefren said.

However, Sefren said those junior and senior students do have the option to join the soldiers being deployed and can then postpone their college education.

The Illinois National Guard is comprised of approximately 13,400 members in both its army and air divisions. The press release said it is the ninth largest National Guard in the nation.

"This activation would be the largest mobilization of Illinois Army National Guard since the Korean War," David Harris, adjutant general of the Illinois National Guard, said in a press release. "In addition to basic infantry skills, the soldiers are trained in a variety of tasks and I am confident they will handle this mission in an outstanding matter."

In addition to the deployment of the Illinois National Guard, soldiers from Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri and Nebraska have also been called on.

## Raise

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the overall salary pool, which means basically getting more funding."

Budget cuts are a factor, Radavich said, but at present it's difficult to say how they will impact salary.

Radavich named three ways the university can get more money for faculty salaries. One is by lobbying the legislature, a more difficult task now

that the state economy is suffering.

The second method would be to boost enrollment. Retaining quality faculty helps Eastern attract and retain more students, Radavich said, which also helps the financial situation.

"In the past several years, it has been difficult to attract high quality faculty, and we had a number leave. That had a direct impact in students taking those classes or who might have taken them," Radavich said.

"One of the best things we have to offer is a high quality faculty."

The third piece involves soliciting private donations from local business and individuals, especially alumni.

The effort to increase salaries would impact all three branches.

"What we're trying to do is make the whole pie larger," Radavich said, explaining that a change in any one area would affect all others.

He said Eastern is making progress in bringing faculty pay up to par, and were it not for the economic downturn, might have met averages in two or three years.

## Man suspected of sending fake anthrax threat letters caught in Cincinnati area

SPRINGDALE, Ohio (AP) — An escaped convict suspected of mailing hundreds of anthrax hoax letters to abortion clinics was captured Wednesday at a copy shop in this Cincinnati suburb.

Clayton Lee Waagner, one of the FBI's 10 most-wanted fugitives, was arrested after employees at a Kinko's store recognized him and called police, said Gary Richards, a chief deputy with the U.S. Marshals Service.

"My understanding is he was on a computer, but I am not for sure," Richards said.

Waagner, who once testified that God told him to kill abortion doctors, had been on the run since February, when he escaped from a jail in Clinton, Ill. He had been awaiting sentencing for federal weapons offenses and auto theft.

Attorney General John Ashcroft

has called Waagner the primary suspect behind anthrax hoaxes committed against 280 clinics last month. The clinics received envelopes containing white powder and letters signed by the "Army of God." None of the powder was found to be anthrax.

Waagner, 45, claimed responsibility for the letters when he showed up with a gun at the Georgia home of an anti-abortion activist last week, according to authorities.

The FBI offered a reward of \$50,000 for information leading to his arrest.

Vicki Saporta, the executive director of the National Abortion Federation in Washington, said she is relieved Waagner was apprehended.

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## Afghan factions jubilantly sign pact to create post-Taliban administration

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany (AP) — With a war still being fought in their homeland, Afghan factions signed a pact Wednesday to create a temporary post-Taliban administration, putting aside differences over power-sharing to take the first step toward peace.

Amid applause and embraces, exhausted envoys at a luxury hotel near Bonn agreed to a U.N.-brokered plan that allows for the deployment of foreign troops to secure the transition, stresses the inclusion of women and strives for a democracy. It offers Afghanistan its best chance in decades to escape a cycle of war.

The mood was resolute, and the U.N. envoy who will foster the process warned of the difficulties ahead.

"If there is one thing the world has learned, it is that the situation in Afghanistan is far too complex for quick and simple solutions," U.N. envoy Lakhdar Brahimi said at a ceremony attended by German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

The 30 interim Cabinet members, drawn from Afghan communities around the world, face staggering tasks. They must not only rebuild a war-ravaged land, but also ensure stability by integrating fighters into a regular army,

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Lakhdar Brahimi, U.N. envoy

reopen education for women and fight drug production and corruption.

Still, the pact represents “the breathing space during which the people of Afghanistan can take the first of many steps that will be required before a broad-based, multiethnic and truly representative government can be established,” Brahimi said.

In tune with realities on the ground, the deal gave most posts in the six-month interim Cabinet due to take power Dec. 22 — including defense, foreign affairs and interior — to the northern alliance, which has captured most of the country backed by U.S. forces.

President Bush said the United States was “pleased with the progress being made, that the interim government is being formed to include women.”

## Marines moving into offensive mode as battle for Kandahar takes shape

SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN (AP) — U.S. Marines are moving into an offensive mode for the first time around the Taliban’s last stronghold, Kandahar, helping tighten the siege of the city as Afghan tribal fighters move in, U.S. officers said Wednesday.

The new tactics, cutting off roads and communications to the city, marked a significant shift in the role of the Marines after days of building up a forward base in the deserts outside Kandahar.

“Opposition groups are now closing in on Kandahar,” Maj. James Parrington, executive officer of the Marine Expeditionary Unit 15th’s Battalion Landing Team 1, said, referring to the Afghan forces. “We are supporting them by conducting offensive operations.”

The Marines will cut off roads, pathways and other routes that could be used by the Taliban either to bring in

reinforcements or escape, Parrington, 37, of Minneapolis, told journalists at the base, called Marine Forward Operating Base Rhino.

Reconnaissance units were identifying key pieces of terrain north of Kandahar. They “are getting themselves in position to cut lines of communication,” he said. Both the Marines and their Pashtun allies were getting into “position to defeat Taliban forces outside of Kandahar,” he said.

Marines from Base Rhino were called into action on Wednesday after an errant U.S. bomb killed three U.S. servicemen and five anti-Taliban Afghan fighters and wounded 19 Americans and around 20 Afghans.

Some of the injured were flown to the base, which has a Navy field medical unit with 10 doctors. The Americans and some of the Afghans were immediately flown out on C130 transports to hospitals elsewhere.

## OPEC expected to cut oil output after Russia agrees to reduce supplies by 150,000 barrels a day

LONDON (AP) — OPEC is poised to trigger a 6 percent cut in its official crude oil output after Russia, relenting to intense pressure, agreed to reduce its production by 150,000 barrels a day to help prop up sagging oil prices.

Russia’s decision Wednesday ended a showdown with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries that threatened to unleash a price war for crude. One energy analyst forecast that the overall decrease in oil output would nudge gasoline prices higher but said he expected the rise would be modest.

“It’s a very positive move in the right direction,” said Kuwaiti Oil Minister Adel al-Sabeeh.

Oil futures surged almost \$1 higher on the news, then fell back as skepticism grew about Russia’s resolve to honor its commitment.

OPEC was preparing to issue a communique Thursday announcing it would proceed with cuts of 1.5 million barrels a day in its own production, said an official from the group’s headquarters in Vienna, Austria. OPEC’s secretary-general, Ali Rodriguez, was conferring with OPEC oil ministers on the document’s wording, the official said on

condition of anonymity.

After the decision in Russia, attention shifted to Norway, the world’s third-largest exporter of oil behind Saudi Arabia and Russia. OPEC has asked Norway for similar cuts.

A firm commitment from Norway, together with the pledge from Russia, would come very close to satisfying OPEC’s demand that oil-producing countries outside the group cooperate with its plan to reduce its own production by 1.5 million barrels a day, or 6 percent. OPEC supplies about a third of the world’s oil.

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## Swimmers head to IUPUI-Indy

By Raymond Keeler  
Staff writer

Look out IUPUI -Indianapolis - here come the pizza-eating champions.

At a university dining hall, various members of Eastern's swimming and diving teams were victorious in a contest to see which team could eat one pizza the fastest.

Pizza-eating participant and relay member, freshman Freda Young, said, "Alicia [Worblewski] and I thought it would be cool."

Worblewski was joined by three other members of the swim team in the contest. But today the team will not be eating pizza, as they will jump back into the pool at IUPUI.

In what could play out as a crucial meet of the seasonhead coach, Ray Padovan has lessened the workload at practice this week so the team can rest up for tonight's meet.

The Jaguars just came off a win at the mid-season conference invitational last week. This win could give

the Jaguars the motivation they need to finish ahead of the Panthers.

"[What IUPUI did last week] will make it an extremely close meet," Padovan said.

"If [IUPUI] swims as fast as they did last week, they'll destroy us."

Padovan believes that if the men can come out of this week with a victory, they have a possibility of running the table, but it doesn't down play the importance of this particular meet.

"If the men have any idea of having an undefeated season, they need to win this one," Padovan said.

"With the duals we have left, we think we could probably win them all."

Padovan stated that the teams' focus will continue to be the same as the start of the season, a Midwest Classic Championship in February.

"Since there is no post-season or national championship for Eastern, or any other team in our conference, the conference championship is of the utmost importance."

## Reminiscing on the year of athletics

The Shooter



Anthony Braviere  
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Good morning, sports fans. It's hard to believe that we have come to the end of the journey already.

Seeing as how this my last column of 2001, I thought I would reminisce on the good, the bad and the ugly from this past 300 some odd days.

Despite all of the negative publicity that seems to be out there about this guy fighting and they guy drinking, there were many uplifting things that happened.

Starting right here on this campus, where women's soccer, volleyball, both men's and women's cross country teams and, of course, the football team each won conference championships this fall.

Even nationally, there were many athletes that deserve a tip of the hat. Those like Cal Ripken, mark McGuire and Tony Gwynn, all of whom ended great careers this past summer.

It will be nice to seem them all on stage in Cooperstown in 2007.

there were also good things that came from the bad things.

On Sept. 11, 2001, America was

brought to its knees, but the world of sports helped this great country start to get back to some sort of normalcy.

Usually I am the kind of person who doesn't like to bring that kind of stuff up, but it did happen this year, and if it is not only the athletes, but the fans showed during the World Series and this season's football games made me proud to call myself an American.

No matter what happens from here on out in that situation, our hearts and prayers should be with all of our soldiers stationed from Germany to Afghanistan.

The bombings weren't the only

bad things to happen to sports fans this past year.

First off, and this may fall under the category of ugly, are the Chicago Bulls.

Last I heard, it was an even line who would win more games this year - the Bears or the Bulls. The Bulls are on pace for 15, if the Bears go far enough, it will be close.

Other ugly incidents: Bob Knight - need I say more.

Cubs' collapse in August, Cards collapse in the playoffs, the Lantz video replay boards and last, but not least, Jim Mora's recent rant against his team. I'm sorry, but that was pretty funny.

All of this being said, I don't want to leave this year on a bad note.

Let's remember all of the good things from this year, like Eastern's trip to the NCAA Tournament in numerous sports, opening the USA Today and seeing Henry Domercant, Kyle Hill's senior season, MJ coming back, the Monsters of Midway coming back, Barry Bond's 73 and finally the thing that may have been the best thing of the year - the return of the Blackhawks.

## Evansville

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to 10, but it didn't help the Purple Aces' cause as time ran out.

Joining Domercant in the double figures was Reynolds, putting up 20

points for a career-high while grabbing six rebounds for the Panthers. Sophomore Jesse Mackinson finished with 14 points in his first college start.

Sophomore guard Jason Wright shared time with sophomore guard

Chris Herrera as Wright came up big for Eastern with nine assists and three points. But more impressive as a point guard was Wright's ability to avoid any turnovers in the game.

"It's good to see our assists coming up," Samuels said. "Our turnovers

were lower (14) and that's a good indication. Point guard is solidifying with Jason and Chris."

Senior forward Todd Bergmann also stepped up against Evansville, playing what Samuels credits to be "his most solid game of the season,"

playing 26 minutes.

Leading the offensive efforts for Evansville was Lytle, finishing with 23 points and 11 rebounds. Senior forward Adam Seitz added 18. Seitz crashed the 1,000-career point mark, coming into the game with 999.

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Women's Basketball

Panthers 76, Southern Illinois University 65

# Saluki Dawgs bite Panthers for eighth loss

## Eastern, Southern go rally for rally

By Nate Bloomquist  
Associate sports editor

The Eastern women's basketball team put together some rallies against Southern Illinois, but every time the Panthers went on the prowl, the Saluki Dawgs would answer.

The Panthers lost 76-65 at Southern.

"I thought we did a nice job of getting in a position to win," Panther coach Linda Wunder said. "We did some nice things early in the first half."

After trailing by 15 points just before half time, The Panthers rallied to cut Southern's lead to seven points in the second half.

The Panthers trailed 32-19 at the break.

"I was pleased with how focused they came out to start the second half," Wunder said.

Rebounding played a factor in the comeback. Eastern (0-8) had a season-high 16 offensive rebounds. Southern had 14 offensive boards. The Dawgs out-rebounded the Panthers (3-3) 45-43.

Sophomore center Pam O'Connor had her first double-double of the season with a game-high 26 points and 11 rebounds. O'Connor was 10-for-22 from the field and 6-for-9 at the free throw line.

"Pam did a great job tonight," Wunder said. "But we have to get more people to step up and help her."

Jodi Heiden led Southern with 18 points. Missouri Valley Conference player of the

“ We’ve got to focus on the positive things we did tonight and do that for 40 minutes.”

Linda Wunder,  
Eastern women's basketball coach

week Molly McDowell had 14 points. Brooke Gossett was the only other Panther in double figures. She scored 11 points off the bench.

Eastern cut the lead to seven points again with 1:04 left to play, but missed the rebound on a Southern free throw. Eastern fouled, putting the Salukis at the line again and Danett Jones connected on both foul shots.

The Panthers shot 35.8 percent (24-for-67) from the field, hitting 17 of 36 shots taken in the second half. The Dawgs were 47 percent in shooting, connecting on 31 of 66 shots.

Wunder said Eastern had several positives to take away from the game, but they weren't present for the duration of the contest.

“ We’ve got to focus on the positive things we did tonight and do that for 40 minutes,” Wunder said.



Amanda Douglass/Staff photographer

Eastern's Michelle Lewis tries to keep the ball away from a Loyola opponent in the Panthers' loss Saturday night at Lantz Arena. The Panthers lost to Southern Illinois Wednesday night 76-65.

## Keeler

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Thanks to Chris Herrera for starting in place of the scoreless Rod Henry. You are better at the point with a blindfold on than "Hot Rod" would be in a pee-wee league game with kids in wheelchairs. (Jan, quit laughing. You're next.)

Thanks to "Project 21" because of you and your stipulations, I now owe the video store my life savings because of late charges on extensive pornography rentals and frequent viewing of the "Super Bowl Shuffle" music video from the 1985 Chicago Bears.

Go Bears.

And finally, a special thanks goes out to the winless Eastern Illinois women's basketball team. Your season schedule poster is stupid. You scare me with bad make-up and bulging muscles.

And head coach Linda Wunder, you need to get out of the 1980s. I will buy you a new pair of earrings, if you want me to. I was also "Wunder-ing" why you still have your job. You have said, "Oh, It ain't my fault" more than the legend Master P, himself.

If it came down to either seeing my grandparents fornicating or watching another Panther women's basketball game, I only have few words on that: Hey Gramps, got the Viagra ready? Lights, camera, action.

## Kenny

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team, and after a successful season in the eyes of her head coach Ray Padovan, Kenny was put on scholarship.

"Most people work with their natural ability, but she developed her talent where as others just live with it," Padovan said. "She trains hard and is a tip-top student. Her background has gotten better since she's been here. She's an extremely talented athlete."

Not expecting recognition after 15 wins isn't something a lot of athletes can handle, but as a member of the swim team, Kenny

upholds the team's history of confidence.

"You have to have confidence, other wise you are not going to win the race," Kenny said. "You have to have the mentality that you are going to go in it to win it. Other wise it's not worth swimming."

The 20-year-old York Community High School product from Elmhurst says swimming has been a part of her life for as long as she can remember, and really couldn't imagine doing anything else doing anything else. She has always been lured to the pool and competitive swimming.

"I have always liked it; I don't know even know why," Kenny

said. "I've been swimming since the sixth grade. I swam when I was real little, but then I quit for awhile. I swam all the way through middle school and high school."

She came to Eastern to swim at a competitive level and has been on the team since her freshman year. Kenny's motivation for attending Eastern is similar to most of her teammates.

"I knew I would be able to swim here competitively, and also my parents liked it and I liked the campus," she said.

One would think a leader in the pool would be a leader for the team, but the team doesn't look at each other as leaders - there are

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## Below the Belt



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## It's thank you time

The semester is winding down and so is the fall sports season, and I am ready to hand out my thank you cards.

First, I would like to say thank you to the woman's rugby team. Thanks for a great season and I hope things work out better for you guys next year. I know this season was tough, but with a coaches like Graziano and Reed, winning games will come easy.

Thank you to the Ohio Valley Conference champion Panther football team. You guys made me say "it's a \*\*\*\*ing touchdown" more times this year than I can remember. Taylor, Raymond, Ricks, Cutolo and Romo, thanks for pulling it together and destroying the OVC this year. I will be looking forward to next season with dollar signs in my eyes.

Thank you to Henry Domercant, J.R. Reynolds and the rest the men's basketball team. You guys made me "happy drunk" on Saturday after the football team's loss. If you guys wouldn't have beaten Augustana, this column would have been sent via e-mail from the Charleston Police bullpen. Because I would have gotten arrested for getting rowdy in Chucktown. P.S. you guys need to dunk more.

Thanks to the BCS because with out it, the big red, Nebraska, would not have a shot at the Sears trophy after getting smoked by the Buffs. If only they could have played defense that game, maybe they would have won.

Thanks to the women's volleyball team. If it hadn't been for your OVC tourney win, I would have never been able to look at as many butts in hot pants as I did that night in Champaign. (Not your butts, though.) Point, Wildcats!

Thank you to the fine establishment of Marty's. After most games and Friday classes, I go to your place and drink as much as possible. Thanks for letting me pee on the bathroom floor. (Oops! I did it again.)

Thanks to the Director of Athletics Dr. Dick McDuffie. Thanks for getting uppity in the face of that loud mouth Indiana State coach after the coach said, "Who the hell are you?" Good response: "I'm the athletic director. Who the hell are you?"

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## Men's basketball

*Panthers 86, Evansville 76*

# Eastern executes at Evansville

## Panthers take offensive road win

By Kristin Rojek  
Sports editor

Battling a stomach ache throughout the night, sophomore Henry Domercant still came through with a season-high 33 points and 15 rebounds to lead Eastern to a 86-76 win at Evansville Wednesday.

"He didn't eat the meal and he was not very good on the bus. His stomach was bothering him," head coach Rick Samuels said after the game. "He battled though, and we'll take the effort."

The win on the road boosts the Panthers to a 5-3 record while the Purple Aces fall to a 2-4 record, taking their first home loss of the season.

"There's no question we're making nice progress," Samuels said. "We saw solid play and we're finding out what we can do."

"If we continue, we'll have a blended offense. There's some good things going on. This was a good win for us on the road."

Evansville took the lead in the first half by as much as seven before Domercant made a series of three-point shots to bring Eastern to a 42-39 lead before the half. Evansville broke into the second half and scrambled to tie the game for the eighth time at 50.

Evansville squeezed in two more points for its last lead of the game 52-50 before scoring 11 consecutive points for a 61-52 lead. With under six minutes to play, sophomore center Dan Lyle made two shots at the charity stripe to cut Evansville's lead to five at 69-64.

Eastern's offense took control to extend its lead to 13 with a 20-foot shot by junior guard J.R. Reynolds for an 82-69 game and less than two minutes on the clock.

"J.R. made some big baskets down the stretch," Samuels said. "He scored the last big baskets we needed. We had the momentum, we just needed those big possessions."

Evansville landed a three-point shot at the minute mark to cut its deficit

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Bill ruthhart/Staff photographer

Eastern junior guard Henry Domercant goes up for a dunk in the Panthers' win over St. Joseph's College earlier this season.

## Top Cat 🐾

*"You have to have the mentality that you're going to go in it to win it. Otherwise, it's not worth swimming."*

# Winning in the water

## Kenney remains unbeaten in all three of her events this season

*Editor's note: Top Cat is a weekly series taking an in-depth look at Eastern's top athlete from the previous week. Winners are selected just once. Selection is made by The Daily Eastern News sports staff.*

By Raymond Keeler  
Staff writer

Junior Allison Kenney has yet to lose a race this year in the 50-yard freestyle, 100-yard freestyle or the 200-yard individual medley, making her a resounding 15-0 this season.

Eastern's women's swim team is 5-2 and enjoying the fruits of a five-meet win steak after losing the first two matchups of the year.

The 50-yard and the 100-yard have become her specialty after seeing consistently solid results.

"I personally enjoy the 100 better because it doesn't have to be as perfect as the 50. It's the start and the turn," Kenney said.

Not having a loss this season should make an athlete extraordinarily confident, but Kenney's humility is evident in her reaction on being named Top Cat this week.

"I am happy," Kenney said. "I wasn't really expecting it."

Kenney was a recruited as a walk-on to the swim

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Mandy Marshall/Photo editor

Swimmer Allison Kenney was named this weeks "Top Cat." Kenney is undefeated in the three events she's swam this year. She considers the 50 and 100 freestyles her strongest events.