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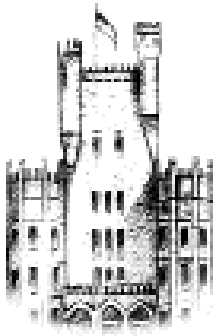
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Speakers major part of Girls State

Felicia Martinez
Campus/Activities editor

Important professional and political figures from Illinois have been scheduled to speak to high school-aged girls who arrived at Eastern Sunday morning to begin a week-long program.

The American Legion of Auxiliary Illini Girls State select mostly juniors in high school, who have good academic standing and show leadership skills, to come to Eastern and learn about the government.

Through mock government activities, guest speakers and several assemblies the girls, most of which are from the Illinois metropolitan area, are taught how to run a government while instilling a sense of patriotism and citizenship in the girls.

The girls are divided into smaller groups and are given a city name in which they form their own mock government systems while using the election process to run for city offices such as governor or mayor.

The program opened Sunday morning in the Martin Luther King University Union Grand Ballroom where they were welcomed by Interim President Lou Hencken and Grace Yang, 2001 Governor of the American Legion.

Monday was filled with speakers including Chapen Rose, the Assistant State's Attorney from Champaign County and later in the evening, Rita Garman from the Supreme Court Justice gave a lecture in the Dvorak Concert Hall.

According to Pamela Ray, Director of Illini Girls State, the

lectures and speakers provide information as to how the real government runs and guidelines on how to run their own government bodies.

After the daily flag raising, Tuesday included three speakers beginning with Judy Fraser, the weather reporter from WCIA-TV.

Tuesday afternoon Gail Starr, National Security Chairman, spoke at Dvorak Hall.

Tuesday's events ended with an assembly at 7:30 p.m. with Carole Pankau, state representative from the 49th District.

Karen Hasara, Mayor of Springfield and Brenda Newman, Department Poppy Chairman will speaking to the girls in the Dvorak Concert Hall Wednesday at 2 p.m.?

Thursday morning will begin with the candidates forum and Jill Nilsen, Vice President of External Relations at EIU speaking at Dvorak.

A Sept. 11 memorial will be displayed at 2 p.m. for the girls followed by guest speaker Jeff Perkins.

The night will end for the girls with speaker Corrine Wood, Illinois Lieutenant Governor, and a music program and talent show preview produced by the girls. The director could not be reached regarding details on any of these speakers.

Friday is the last day the girls will be performing their mock governments and their last speaker is Marion Schwerman, Department Education Chair speaking about scholarships and education.

Friday evening, the Premier Boys State Representatives and American Legion Distinguished



Photo by Geoff Wagner/Photo editor

Participants in the Illinois Girls State Program danced their troubles away in the South Quad yesterday.

Guests including past department presidents of the Legion will visit the girls to make closing statements.

A variety show the girls will have

prepared will be put on to the groups of girls and program leaders. A farewell around the flagpole at 10 p.m. that night will wrap up the week for the girls.

Saturday after their closing assemblies and 2002 tree planting, the girls pack up and get ready to head out by noon.

Salary raises not budgeted

By Erica Foltz
News Editor

Salary negotiations are slated to take place later this summer, but no money has been specifically allocated for salary increases in the new state budget.

"Funds have not been specifically allocated yet. We're still waiting for the total appropriation number from the IBHE (Illinois Board of Higher Education) on unavoidable costs and academic support," said Kim Furumo, the Eastern Illinois University budget director.

Interim President Lou Hencken is still unsure of how the budget is going to work out. He saw one version of the budget and was happy with it, but then major changes were made and the final outcome is still unclear.

"The one thing we don't know what's going to be yet is what we call the income fund. The income fund is the money we get from tuition," said Hencken.

The amount for the income fund

is still being waited for as well as the total appropriation because the income fund depends on how many students actually enroll at the university and pay their deposits and then there will be a better idea of how much will be in the income fund.

"If we bring in more (students), we have more (money) to spend," said Furumo.

The income fund is a big factor in the amount of money Eastern has to spend. Salaries will not be paid directly out of the income fund but will be combined with general funds and then used to pay the salaries.

As a whole, the budget for Fiscal Year 03 is still undetermined. The proposed overall budget for FY03 for Eastern as of last week stood at \$81.3 million but a final budget is still being waited upon.

The proposed budget for spending for FY03 is currently at \$79.62 million dollars which is about \$33,000 less than what Eastern spent within the last fiscal year.

Campus construction continues

By Jason Langenbahn
Administration editor

Eastern Students will soon have drier feet thanks to campus sidewalk and drainage improvements currently being undertaken on campus.

Students in the past trekked through deep puddles on the North Quad and had to deal with drainage issues which flooded the Library Quad.

Poor drainage combined with settling and cracking in the sidewalk made repairs a necessity. A repair project, started June 12, will fix sidewalks and improve drainage conditions.

"Fixing these problems has been one of our top priorities. The improvements are being done to get rid of the puddles and to help the water drain quicker," Carol Strode, assistant director of physical plant, said.

Throughout the north and south

quads water had become somewhat of a permanent fixture, with some sections of sidewalk becoming completely submerged.

"We had some problems with water collecting and not going anywhere," David Reed, Superintendent of Utilities, said. "We are replacing and raising the sidewalks after some of the sidewalks settled over the years."

The project, started in the spring and Reed said they managed to correct several problems.

"This is the second phase. We identified some additional problems on campus that needed some attention, and they are now being taken care of," Reed said.

Work started on the south quad first where the most foot traffic is.

Work on the north quad is expected to take approximately 10 working days, and the library quad is anticipated to take five to 10 working days.

Chain-link fencing will be used to enclose areas of work and will be removed as work progresses as walks are made suitable for use.

"There will be no new storm drains to take care of the problem. The water will simply be rerouted to preexisting storm drains," said Reed.

Students should no longer have to jump puddles or worry about soaked socks or cold feet after the repairs.

"A substantial amount of the problems with drainage should be corrected after this project is completed," said Reed.

Reed said, although many of the problems are being corrected, there is always the possibility that additional improvements will need to be made.

"If there are any problems that come up after these improvements, they will be addressed later," Reed said.

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Hearings put spotlight on proposed death penalty reforms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Critics of federal legislation intended to reduce the risk that innocent people might be executed charged Tuesday that proposals for more DNA testing and higher standards for attorneys are an overreaction to isolated problems.

"The great majority of innocent people at risk because of deficiencies in our law are not convicted killers, but ordinary citizens upon whom — for greed or lust or just sheer enjoyment — these killers prey," said William Otis, a George Mason University law professor, former federal prosecutor from Virginia and counsel to former President Bush.

The testimony on Capitol Hill came on a day when Senate and House judiciary committees scheduled a rare doubleheader of hearings on the same subject: the proposed Innocence Protection Act, a bipartisan measure that has been stalled in Congress for more than two years.

The legislation would provide federal defendants with wider access to DNA testing, and it would bar states from denying applications for DNA testing by death row inmates, if the proposed testing has the potential to produce new evidence material to the inmate's claim of innocence. Federal grants

would be provided to states that would adhere to standards for defense attorneys that would be developed by a national commission.

Sponsors say they are trying to build a consensus on the issue, particularly in the House, where there are now 236 co-sponsors but the Republican leadership remains unsupportive. Sponsors say they hope to bring bills forward for votes later this year.

"In my opinion, we're about 60 percent to the goal line," said Rep. Ray LaHood, R-Ill., who is a co-sponsor of the legislation. Illinois Gov. George Ryan placed a moratorium on executions. Since Illinois resumed capital punishment in 1977, the death sentences of 13 people have been overturned. In some cases, evidence showed they were innocent; in others, they received unfair trials.

During the hearing before Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., a leading advocate of the legislation, it was clear the proposed reforms have a way to go before they will calm critics.

LaHood said some defendants in Illinois have been sentenced to death while being represented by counsel found sleeping or under the influence of alcohol during their

trial. Otis countered that there was no big problem.

"Of course, it's possible to discover some poster-boy blunderer among the thousands of cases heard each year, but the 'sleeping defense lawyer' is essentially an urban myth," he said.

Paul Logli, the state's attorney from Winnebago County, in Rockford, Ill., said a proposal to require DNA testing was overly broad, and said the testing should be limited to cases in which a result favorable to the defendant would establish proof of the defendant's actual innocence.

Barry Scheck, co-founder of the Innocence Project at New York's Cardozo School of Law, argued for a more liberal standard for using DNA testing. He said results that do not prove innocence could still lead to other evidence that might do just that or help establish another's guilt.

Scheck also praised proposed legislation that would not impose any time limits for death row inmates to apply for DNA testing. He said 25 of the 38 states with capital punishment have laws for post-conviction DNA testing, but some have unrealistic deadlines for completing the testing.

Man arrested after writing to 'Dear Abby' pleads guilty to possessing porn

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A man who wrote to columnist "Dear Abby" seeking advice on dealing with his fantasies about having sex with girls pleaded guilty Tuesday to three counts of possessing child pornography.

Paul Weiser, 28, who pleaded innocent in March, changed his plea during a court hearing. He faces up to five years in prison and

a \$10,000 fine on each of the three counts.

Weiser was arrested March 11 after Jeanne Phillips, who writes the "Dear Abby" column, contacted police about the letter in which Weiser described fantasizing about having sex with young girls, including his girlfriend's two young daughters.

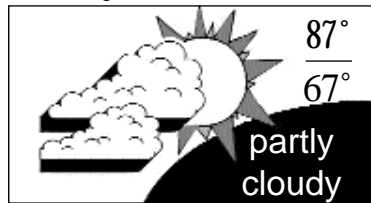
Phillips, daughter of the col-

umn's founder, Pauline Phillips, said she agonized over the decision because the column's credibility is based on the anonymity of people seeking her advice.

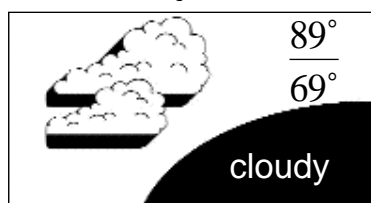
"There was no guarantee that if I tried to have him talk to a psychotherapist that he would actually do it," she said after Weiser was arrested. "The only way I could be absolutely certain that the little girls

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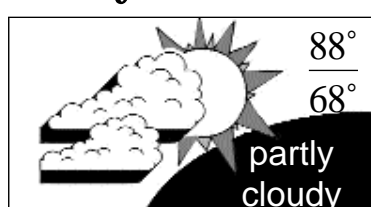
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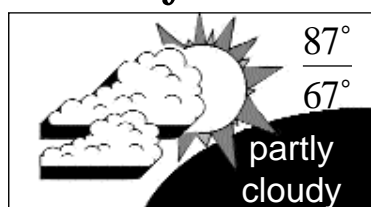
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Saturday



Three killed in crash of plane fighting California forest fire; hundreds evacuated in Colorado

Firefighters faced more hot, windy weather on Tuesday, following a tumultuous day in which an air tanker lost its wings and crashed in flames while battling a wildfire in Northern California.

Within hours of the crash, flames engulfed crews trying to corral a blaze in Southern California's Cajon Pass, 50 miles east of Los Angeles, injuring three firefighters and shutting down a major highway.

The accidents, which came as crews battled 20 large blazes in 11 states, could signal that the fire season in the West will be particularly dangerous.

"These things happening in the middle of June do not bode well for the remainder of the year," said Bill Peters, spokesman for the California Department of Forestry's San Bernardino unit.

The fire deaths and injuries came on the same day that a U.S. Forest Service worker in Colorado appeared in court on charges alleging she started that state's biggest fire while burning a letter from her estranged husband. If convicted, Terry Barton could face a total of

20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The Northern California fire, in the Sierra Nevada near Yosemite National Park, destroyed at least one home and forced 400 people to evacuate as it consumed some 10,000 acres of brush and forest near the small mountain resort town of Walker.

The C-130 tanker had just made a pass over the fire when it crashed Monday. TV news video showed the aircraft's wings snapping off and flames erupting as the fuselage spiraled to the ground, crashing in a giant ball of fire.

"I'm standing here looking at the tail section," Mike Mandichak, who owns an auto shop 150 feet from the crash site, said by telephone. "My shop is right next door. It almost hit it."

The Interagency Incident Management Team said the plane was under contract to the government from Hawkins & Powers Aviation Inc. of Greybull, Wyo.

Hours later in Southern California, three firefighters suffered first- and second-degree burns to their hands, elbows and

noses when flames engulfed their two trucks. One of the firefighters deployed an emergency shelter as the heat peeled the paint off the fire engines, which were parked on a highway. They were listed in good condition at Arrowhead Regional Hospital, said Peters.

Because of the fire, Interstate 15, the main route connecting Las Vegas to Southern California, was closed until early Tuesday.

The blaze blackened about 6,000 acres of brush and forest land and destroyed one structure. It was only 15 percent contained Tuesday, and was about a quarter-mile away from the Oak Hill and Summit Valley communities. No evacuations had been ordered.

"A lot of people are terrified," said Perry Van, 42, of Pinon Hills, about 10 miles west of the fire.

In southwestern Colorado, a 26,700-acre fire near Durango forced the evacuation of 700 homes Monday. Since Saturday, residents have left 1,700 homes in the hills north of town, and at least one home has burned.

Forty miles southwest of Denver, the largest wildfire in the

would be safe was to try to have an intervention."

Police said they found 40 pornographic photographs of children on Weiser's computer equipment.

According to a criminal complaint, Weiser said he has been sexually attracted to young girls since he was 16 and has sought help, but said four doctors told him he did not have a problem.

state's history settled down during the night with cooler temperatures, but highs in the 90s were forecast again Tuesday afternoon, with wind of 10 to 20 mph. "We don't know what might happen later this afternoon," fire information officer Tim Evans said.

The blaze, which was started June 8, allegedly by the forestry worker's burning letter, has blackened 109,000 acres, or about 170 square miles, and destroyed 25 homes.

The fire flared up Monday and authorities called for the evacuation of about 100 homes west of Colorado Springs — dispiriting news for 5,400 people across the area who are still waiting to go home. The order remained in effect Tuesday.

"We can see our home from the highway and we can see that it's OK, but we can't go there. We drive up and down the road six or seven times a day to see it," said Harold Petersen, who sat outside his motor home with his wife, Christy, keeping a close eye on the flames.

Camps good for recruiting, finances

By Kenneth Bauer
Staff writer

Summer camps and conferences will bring more than 13,500 high school students to Eastern's campus this summer, according to the office of Camps and conferences.

Summer camps and conferences are activities engaged in by people other than Eastern students or faculty during the summer semester. Most often camps and conferences involve prolonged stays on campus sharing everything from available classrooms to computer labs and dining services with Eastern students.

During the hurried pace of Eastern's summer semester, a variety of functions are provided to many visiting high school camps. Large camps like boys and girls state track meets, which bring 4,500 - 5,000 students and select music and journalism camps, can be found throughout campus from May 17 through August 4.

"The camps last from two days to six weeks," Jody Stone, director of camps and conferences, said.

"The camps work to promote the university in two ways. First and foremost, the summer camps give Eastern a lot of exposure to potential students that we simply couldn't get by any other means," Stone said.

Stone estimates 95 percent of the camps visiting Eastern are composed of high school students from Illinois, the majority of which will attend Illinois universities making sum-

mer camps an attractive recruitment tool.

New software purchased for the program tracks students from the moment they sign up for an Eastern sponsored camp allowing the program to keep better tabs of university resources being used for camps than in the past.

The new software informs the office of camps and conferences if new students enrolled at Eastern had participated in a camp which provides the program with exact numbers of recruits gained through summer camps and conferences.

The office of camps and conferences estimates the IHSA track meets alone brought 5,000 visitors to Eastern last year generate roughly the same numbers this year.

"Summer camps pay for their use of the university facilities at an average rate of \$26 per day per student for room and board. Also, the camps pay for the classrooms they use and are required to pay extra for any facilities and equipment they use," stated Stone.

Stone noted that camps and conferences visiting from outside Illinois pay higher rates for their use of Eastern's facilities as they don't pay standard Illinois taxes throughout the year.

The total brought in each year from camps is just under \$1 million, according to the Office of Camps and Conferences.

These recruitment and fiscal benefits boost services offered to Eastern students through the summer semester.

The revenue is gained by utilizing

facilities not used by students which helps keep the total number of people using school services higher than if only Eastern students were present.

This allows the university to keep more qualified year-round faculty employed than it would be able to if the camps were not present.

Stone said the campers are usually well behaved even though they tend to be louder than most Eastern students. The number of Eastern student and faculty complaints about the camps and campers has been on a sharp decline over the past five years.

Stone also said that despite expulsion of camps in the past, no camps have been asked to leave for inappropriate behavior in the last five years.

Baker shares the views of Stone concerning the tremendous value of summer camps recruitments and added revenue. He explains that the money the camps are charged to use the recreation center pays for extra student workers at a higher-than-usual wage rate.

Baker says that camps pay to use a limited number of the basketball courts at the student recreation center and are told to use only those parts of the recreation center.

"We make sure to leave enough space so students using the recreation center and campers aren't right on top of each other. Students studying through the summer semester tend to be a little more on edge than usual," Baker said.

Baker said student concerns are most often

related to minor incidents on the part of campers.

"Generally things like campers being in the weight area acting like teenagers do, wandering upstairs and being a little annoying, basically hanging out where they are not supposed to be is what we usually hear about. Anything more serious than that I report to Stone and it gets dealt with right away," Baker said.

The biggest concern for the recreation center faculty is making sure the cost of damaged equipment gets billed to the right camp, "which they always pay," Baker said.

Sandra Nees, Assistant Director of information technology services, said direct contact with the adult representatives from each camp has kept the campers to a low roar in the Triad and other areas of study.

"There are many instances when the campers get a little too noisy for the Eastern students trying to concentrate in the hurried pace of the summer semester, but [sic] few instances where campers become a major problem," Nees said.

"Summer campers have been kicked off the campus for inappropriate behavior, but those instances are few and far between," Nees said. "When you add up everything, the camps are, by far, a plus to Eastern."

Rec center offers summer activities

By Felicia Martinez
Campus/Activities editor

The student recreational center provides healthy activities for the slower summer months at Eastern.

With intersession over and the start of the first four-week session, there are not a lot of people on campus and seemingly not a lot to do.

The Student Recreational Center offers summer hours from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. Fridays and 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Students can work out, play basketball, volleyball or pingpong, or go for a swim.

The Lantz pool located in the southwest corner of the building on the main level is open for free swim Monday through Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. Open swim on the weekends is from 2 to 5 p.m.

Free aerobics classes will be offered to students and faculty members of the rec center from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Aerobics instruction includes a muscle toning workout from 4 to 5 p.m. all week long and aqua aerobics in the pool Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m.

A step class, which features a single step placed on the ground and concentrates on the lower extremities, is held from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Students are encouraged to contact the rec center for information on any schedule changes that may occur during the second for week session.

Callie Bradley, a student employee at the rec center, said any member of the rec center can join any class at any time. She said students are invited to try the classes for a day or come regularly.

The rec center has also organized Intramural sports for the summer. The deadline to participate for during the first four week session has expired, but there is still time to join intramurals during second four week session.

Sports in the second four week session include singles tennis, racquetball singles and table tennis singles. The deadline for tennis is July 9, the deadline for racquetball is July 16, and the deadline for table tennis is July 23.



Photo by Geoff Wagner/Photo editor

Getting in the swing of summer

Adam Drake, 10, of Charleston practices his swing while Gunnar Brimmer, 10, also of Charleston catches pitches. The two boys are member of the Friendship Baptist Church little league baseball team.

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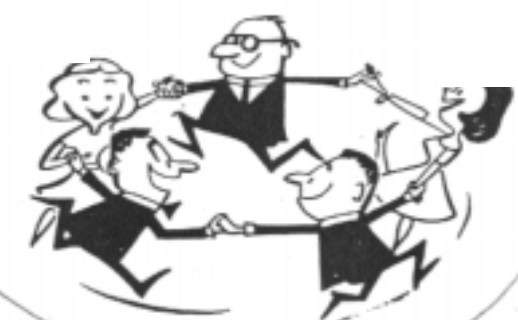
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Silence becomes smoking gun

Opinion page

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Welcome, camps

The editorial board would like to welcome all the camps and programs coming to Eastern this summer.

The camps utilize buildings that would otherwise not be used and help Eastern tackle some of the expenses during the summer months when the majority of students are back home.

Camps help recruit

It is a good idea for all Eastern students to be respectful of summer camps on campus full of prospective students.

We ask that Eastern students attending classes over the summer be respectful to camp directors and campers so we can keep the stable environment that has existed over past summers.

When the camps are here it is our duty as Eastern students to represent the school as upstanding as possible.

Any issues with the young campers can be resolved in an adult manner and complaints should be registered with a regard and understanding that the kids are here to have fun.

In this manner, Eastern students will represent our University as an upstanding fixture of Illinois higher education.

Most all the campers who will come to Eastern throughout this summer are motivated, high school-aged, Illinois residents and should be viewed as potential Eastern students.

Throughout the past five years they have shown respect for us; so it is our job to show tolerance and return that respect throughout the summer.

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

Today's quotes

“

Call no man foe, but never love a stranger.

Stella Benson 1892-1933

He who enters a university walks on hallowed ground.

James B. Conant 1893-1978

”

I have always been known as a quiet and passive person.

When I was in high school, I would wait for dead silence and shout out “you know what pisses me off.” Everyone would gasp, and for a split moment in time, I had everyone's attention.

I would always ruin everyone's suspense by saying the most mundane thing such as “the smell of napkins piss me off.” After awhile, people started to realize that I really wasn't ever mad at anything.

I have matured somewhat in college to the point that I no longer find it necessary to waste people's time with nonsense. I have pretty much graduated except for a senior seminar course, and I find myself wasting time until I move onto the real world and find a real job.

For once, I would honestly like to say what makes me angry. I hate not being able to breathe. I hate waking up in the middle of the night coughing and wheezing. I hate the fact that my voice is so hoarse that I can't even talk. I hate cigarettes. I hate smoke and I hate addictions.

I started smoking pretty late in life compared to most smokers. I lived with a chain smoker my freshman year of college and I still really didn't pick up the habit until my junior year when I was 21.

I didn't do it because I thought it was cool or because everyone else was doing it. I did it for the simple fact that I had nothing else better to do. I started smoking cigarettes to give myself something to do with my boring life.



Jason Lagenbahn
Administration editor

“I started smoking cigarettes to give myself something to do with my boring life.”

It worked for awhile; time seemed to go by much faster when I was smoking and watching TV rather than when I was just watching TV.

I used to savor every drag I took from a cigarette until the smoke started to affect my health. I started to smell like a smoker, my teeth started to turn yellow and I no longer get a buzz from doing it.

Now my apartment has a smoky smell, although it doesn't affect me much because I can't smell much of anything.

Now, I'm just feeding a habit, a very expensive habit at that. I want to be able to taste my food and actually be able to smell things like napkins.

The one thing that seriously makes me mad is being nothing and doing nothing. I guess the only thing that really pisses me off is what I'm doing with my life, which is absolutely nothing.

One good thing about smoking is that it is a very big accomplishment to quit. I always knew I would do something with my life, and I think I know what that is now. Eventually, hopefully before I die, I will be a non-smoker. Right now, I'm fighting against the cigarette, but I have to do it smoking.

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Child of '80s looks back at innocence

By Bill Cleeland-Guest
columnist

I grew up in the '80s — the last decade in which kids still could be kids. We had no Internet to bombard us with pornography; network television was still butt-less and swear-less. At school, we felt safer than kids do today — the idea of another student bringing a gun to class and opening fire was unthinkable. The only cops in the hallway were the ones who showed up for Career Day.

The music was peppier, too. Springsteen had us singing “Born in the USA,” Madonna was the Material Girl and Michael Jackson was the king of them all, before plastic surgery and eccentricity twisted him into something a million Sigmund Freuds couldn't figure out.

Back then, the movies had happy endings: The Goonies saved the Good Docks, Dan Aykroyd and Bill Murray smored the Stay Puff Marshmallow Man. Even Darth Vader saw the light. Rare were the anti-

heroes that plague movies today. In the '80s, it was right against wrong, good versus evil.

Guest Editorial

And good always won, both on screen and off. We beat the commies, though in hindsight they don't appear as sinister as the enemy we're facing today. Sure, the Societs were evil bastards who wanted to take over the world, but at least they didn't try to achieve their goals by flying planes into our buildings. In the end, both super-powers were rational enough to heed the advice of the computer from War Games, that “the only winning move” in a nuclear arms race “is not to play.”

Playing, though, was the best part of being a kid in the '80s. If you were a boy, action figures dominated your life. By the time I was 12, I had amassed a huge collection of Star Wars, G.I. Joe and He-Man figures. Everyday, my friends and I would stage colossal mini-battles in my family room — until Nintendo came along.

How glorious Nintendo was, with its 8-bit graphics and two-button controller! It was more addictive than crack. I spent many late nights trying to find Zelda and kill Mother Brain. To this day, there's never been a video game system as great as that one. The new systems take all the fun out of it, with sickening 3-D graphics and a gazillion buttons on the controllers. Super Mario could waste Tomb Raider any day of the week.

But not even Nintendo could beat those cool summer nights when the kids in my neighborhood would get together to play fright games like ghost in the graveyard. There was something about running around in the dark screaming like a maniac that made being a kid worthwhile, despite everything else you're forbidden to do. I guess it's those summer nights I miss the most — running around the yard, blind to what was ahead of us. What I would give to go back and play one more time...

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Filling You In with Matt Rennels



They say it's my birthday. Well, if you are reading this on Wednesday, it was yesterday.

So, what's on my agenda? Well, after I type this column I have a little serenade in store from a beautiful woman from the top of a piano. Then I will go enjoy cocktails with the New York Yankees and then I will play a rousing game of peanuckle with J Lo. I go way back with ol' J to tha Lo(I'm the one who called her that first you know).

Jealous? Yea, me too. Maybe this will be my 23rd birthday, but it certainly isn't this year's.

That's right, it's my 22nd birthday. My last big birthday accomplishment was celebrated last year, and now everyone is telling me that it is all downhill from here.

Rather than getting a big slap on the back followed by a pump fist and a congratulatory yell, now I have been getting a consoling pat on the back and an apology.

So, what a difference a year makes. I guess that this year June 18 didn't land on the happiest day of my life, it landed on the saddest, or so I'm told.

Does that mean that with every passing birthday that I should drop my head and slap my dollars down for another shot of whiskey to catch my tears in? I don't plan on living this sad of a scene, cowboy.

Alright, so it's all downhill from here, I agree. But why does everyone

have such a grim tone in their voice the dozens of times I've heard it said these past couple of weeks?

I like downhill slopes. They are easier to walk, as long as they aren't too steep, then you can fall. They are a hell of a lot better than uphill slopes, you can't deny that.

Alright, enough of the lesson in landscaping. Of course life is more than a couple catchy metaphors are useful in gripping what life means, right? Oh yea.

As life goes by a lot of things change and one of those key elements is birthday celebrations. I'm sure you recall the ones your parents threw for you as a child. You and your friends celebrated being outside the confinements of school by guzzling mass amounts of punch, running around like the sugar junkies you were and still are, and then throwing up very bright red punch all over the girl in the pretty little dress. It was always that poor girl.

Now that was a party. Birthday parties today still include plenty of beverages and running around and puking, and that poor little girl is often still involved in the whole mess.

Alright, so yesterday was my 22nd birthday. Today I could be hurting from it, I really don't know. Make sure you ask me and then shake your head before you spout out those words - it's all downhill from here. There you go.

Badly Drawn Boy goes to Hollywood

by Anthony Lauricella
dance man

There have been many singer songwriters popping up in the past few years, but none of them are as talented as Damon Gough (Badly Drawn Boy).

With so much hype surrounding his debut album 'The Hour of the Bewildered Beast' his sophomore effort has become easily one of the most anticipated albums of the year by critics and fans alike.

The follow up being a soundtrack would make many quick to worry that it may not be half as good as his debut.

The 'About a Boy' soundtrack is easily more than half as good. The reason for that is because where most artists fall short on their sophomore effort, Gough does not.

Most artists fall short by making the mistake of forgetting the formula that made their first record so good. So they go and change it to the point to where their sophomore effort doesn't even sound like their debut.

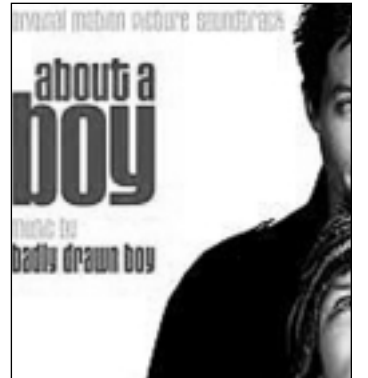
This can usually lead to tragic results. Although Gough did not make this mistake on the 'About a Boy' soundtrack.

The only mistake that Gough made was making

his sophomore effort a soundtrack. The reason it was a mistake is because of the score music disrupts a good part of the album.

The songs on the other hand are fantastic. They are certainly not the problem. "Silent Sigh," "Something To Talk About," and "Above you Below Me" happen to be some great songs.

They are so good they make you realize that Gough has not forgotten the formula of his debut. However the constant interruptions of thirty-second orchestrated score music will just make you crave his next album where songs can run freely, without interruptions.



Badly Drawn Boy
'About a Boy' Soundtrack

★★★

Avril Lavigne makes a quick impact on industry

by Erica Foltz
staff writer

Yet another teen pop star is starting to come out of the folds. And even better, this one is from Canada, the land of Shania Twain and Celine Dion.

Seventeen-year-old Avril Lavigne has made quite an impression on the pop music scene with her song 'Complicated' and album 'Let Go.'

Lavigne's songs are not of the likes of her pop companions such as Britney Spears and Pink or the more mature Michelle Branch and Vanessa Carlton. Lavigne's voice may be like past pop stars such as Lisa Loeb and Natalie Imbruglia

but her music that compares more closely to that of the angst driven Alanis Morissette or even punkish enough to be like Sum 41 with her catchy lyrics and guitar driven vocals that pop up occasionally on the album.

Lavigne is a skater punk rocker at heart and shows it with her punkish attitude on 'Sk8er Boi' while she shows her softer more wise side on songs like 'Losing Grip' and 'I'm With You.'

Lavigne is sure to be on the fast track to success. After all, it only took her a year and a half to land a record deal with Arista Records ran by the famous Antonio "LA" Reid.

Originally, Lavigne thought that she would spend a lot of time putting out a demo and writing after she sent out a video to Nettwerk Records and they were interested in her.

After a short time, Reid went to the studio where Lavigne was recording and decided to sign Lavigne after hearing and watching her perform only a couple songs.

"Let Go" debuted on the Billboard Top 200 Album chart this week at number eight. Her single "Complicated" is currently at number 30 after four weeks on the Hot 100 singles chart. Last week Lavigne ranked in at number

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2002 NIT will include Panthers

Charleston — Eastern Illinois University's men's basketball Panthers have been invited to compete in the 16-team 2002 preseason National Invitation Tournament.

EIU will play at Boise State on Monday, November 18 with the winner playing the Louisiana Tech-Florida winner at a site to be determined on Thursday, Nov. 21.

One of the 16 teams is Kansas, which reached the Final Four last year. Five other teams, Stanford, Xavier, Florida, Boston University, and Holy Cross also competed in the NCAA tournament last year.

"Being invited to the preseason NIT will give our program some national media exposure," said EIU coach Rick Samuels. "Our players are excited about the opportunity to compete in this prestigious tournament."

The Panthers played in Boise in the NCAA West Regional in 1992 losing a first round game to Indiana. "It's a great arena to play basketball...the fans are right on top of the action," said Samuels.

Eastern is coming off a 15-16 season and tie for fifth in the Ohio Valley Conference at 7-9 last year. Two years ago the Panthers won the OVC tournament to advance to the NCAA Midwest Regional in Kansas City.

The preseason NIT, the nation's premier early season Tournament was originated in 1985 and throughout that time has provided many memorable college basketball moments.

The tournament takes place at regional sites throughout the country beginning on November 18th and culminates in New York City's Madison Square Garden for the semifinal and championship doubleheaders on November 27th and 29th.

Nine games, including the Madison Square Garden double-headers will be broadcast nationally by ESPN.

The 18th edition of the preseason NIT features three former champions in the University of North Carolina, the University of Florida, and the University of Kansas. North Carolina defeated Stanford, this year's Pac 10 entry, in 1998 to win their first preseason title. Florida overcame hometown favorite Seton Hall for the 1987 crown.

Kansas, under the tutelage of



In the Panthers first ever appearance in the Preseason National Invitation Tournament the team returns to the site of their 1992 NCAA Tournament loss to Bobby Knight's Indiana Hoosiers.

Roy Williams, has gone 12-0 winning in 1989, 1993, and 1997. Overall the Jayhawks are 16-1 in the NIT under Coach Williams and Coach Larry Brown.

Xavier University, a 26-6 finisher last year, lost in the second round of the NCAA tournament to Oklahoma.

Additional returning preseason NIT participants include Rutgers, from the Big East, and Wagner College from the Northeast Conference.

Rounding out the field of 16 are first time participants Penn State from the Big 10; the Ivy League's Columbia University; University of North Carolina-Greensboro of the Southern Conference; and St. Peters from the Metro Atlantic Conference.

Eastern's complete 2002-2003 schedule is as follows:

Date	Opponent	Location			
Nov. 18	Boise State#	Boise, ID	Feb. 8	Morehead State*	Lantz Arena
Nov. 24	at Illinois Chicago	Chicago, IL	Feb. 13	at Murray State*	Murray, KY
Nov. 26	at Marquette	Milwaukee, WI	Feb. 15	at Tennessee-Martin*	Martin, KY
Nov. 30	Evansville	Lantz Arena	Feb. 20	Austin Peay	Lantz Arena
Dec. 5	Western Illinois	Lantz Arena	Feb. 27	at Tennessee State	Nashville, TN
Dec. 7	at Indiana State	Terre Haute, IN	Mar. 1	at Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, TN
Dec. 10	at Illinois	Champaign, IL	Mar. 4	OVC Tourn. First Round	Campus Site
Dec. 20-21	at Hawaii Tournament	Honolulu, HI	Mar. 7-8	OVC Tournament	Nashville, TN
Dec. 30	at Northern Illinois	Lantz Arena			
Jan. 4	at Southeast Missouri*	Cape Girardeau, MO			
Jan. 9	at Morehead State*	Morehead, KY			
Jan. 11	at Eastern Kentucky*	Richmond, KY			
Jan. 16	Murray State*	Lantz Arena			
Jan. 18	Tennessee-Martin*	Lantz Arena			
Jan. 23	at Austin Peay*	Clarksville, TN			
Jan. 25	Aurora	Lantz Arena			
Jan. 30	Tennessee Tech*	Lantz Arena			
Feb. 1	Tennessee State*	Lantz Arena			
Feb. 4	Southeast Missouri*	Lantz Arena			
Feb. 6	Eastern Kentucky*	Lantz Arena			

Schedule of tele-vised sports for June 19, 2002

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ESPN2 — NCAA tournament, College World Series, game 11, Clemson vs. South Carolina-Georgia Tech winner, at Omaha, Neb.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL 1:15 p.m.

ESPN — Texas at Chicago Cubs
1:20 p.m.

WGN — Texas at Chicago Cubs
6 p.m.

ESPN — Regional coverage, Anaheim at St. Louis, or Seattle at Cincinnati
9 p.m.

ESPN2 — Boston at San Diego

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Olympic Trials.

Jon Mayfield, Class of 1975, set two national swimming records and won five national championships during a four year career (1972-75) for Panther swimming teams that were among the nation's best in the 1970's. He was a three time national champion in the 200 breaststroke.

He set a NCAA Division II record in winning the event in 1974 and then broke his own record winning it again in 1975. He also won the 200 breast in the 1973 NAIA Championships.

Altogether he earned 12 All-American honors which included swimming les on national championship 400 medley relay teams in 1973 and 1974.

Ray McElroy, Class of 1995, was chosen Third Team All-American by the Associated Press in 1994. He played in the 1994 Blue-Gray Classic, only the third

Panther at that time to play in a post-season all-star game.

A fourth round draft choice of the Indianapolis Colts, he played with that NFL team for four seasons (1995-1998) before briefly appearing with the Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions. McElroy was also a three time Gateway Conference First Team selection.

Robin Smith Daugherty, Class of 1980, who still holds the school record in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter runs outdoor, was a pioneer to Panther women's athletics by competing on the first cross country team in 1977. She was the first female to earn All-American honors in that sport in 1979.

She also still ranks in the track 'top five' in the indoor 1,500 and 3,000 meter runs, and was the state collegiate champ in the two mile, three mile, and 10,000 run during her career. Smith also qualified to run in the 1989 Boston Marathon.

Mary Tiegs-Hoyer, Class of 1984, was a two time All-Gateway Conference softball in 1983-84 and Second Team All-American

in 1983. She still ranks in the EIU 'top five' for career runs scored, runs batted in, home runs, and stolen bases. Tiegs-Hoyer is also in the 'top five' for single season runs scored, home runs, and runs batted in.

She was a member of the 1982 team that finished fourth in the national in AIAW II with a 45-8 record. Tiegs-Hoyer is still competing for teams that qualified for world championship tournaments in 1996, 1998, and 2001.

Midge Seaman Wallace, Class of 1954, was a member of the Panther cheer team for four years (1951-1954), and team captain as a senior. She also was a 1952 Football Greeter for home game captains/officials. She was a four year member of the Women's Athletic Association, and elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

She is currently serving as a member of the Governor's Council on Health and Physical Fitness and just completed her 11th term as Champaign Park Commissioner.

Sports



Anthony Braviere
"The Shooter"
Staff Writer

Domercant's decision affects many people

Good morning, sports fans. All it takes is one decision to make a world of difference to many different people.

This past weekend, Eastern's basketball team got a huge lift when its star senior forward Henry Domercant withdrew his name from the NBA Draft.

Domercant, who worked out for the Chicago Bulls earlier this month, was not invited to the pre-draft camp in Chicago, which seemed to be the tell tale sign that the Naperville product was probably not going to be drafted.

To tell the truth, I don't think the chances were very good that Domercant would have been drafted this season anyway. I have watched him play for the last three years, and I think one more year of school will suit him just fine.

Don't get me wrong I think he is one of the best I have ever seen, but he just didn't look ready during this season to be an NBA player. It sounds harsh, I know, but you know what it's the truth.

I know that one more year of coaching from head coach Rick Samuels, and another year of experience in the Ohio Valley Conference will help Domercant immensely.

Think of all the things that the senior can accomplish this season. With 135 points this season he will become Eastern's all-time leading scorer.

With 791 points (he scored 817 last season) he could become the all-time leader in points in the entire OVC. Not to mention that the reigning OVC 'Player of the Year' has a very good chance of gaining All-America Honors next season.

With all of these accomplishments, and if he plays his senior season like he has his last two, there should be no reason why Domercant wouldn't be drafted.

All of these things and more are reasons that his decision was the best that he could have made for himself, and for this university.

Eastern basketball will ride the coat tails of a superstar for the fifth straight season, starting with Hill back in the 98-99 season all the way up to Domercant's stellar last two seasons.

Domercant's decision takes the Panthers from potential cellar dwellers to the middle or even the upper portion of the OVC next season, and it saves Samuels a summer of wondering who was going to put the ball in the hoop next winter.

It's funny how one decision can have such a big difference to so many people.

'Oh Henry' is coming back for final year

Erik Hall
Sports Editor

One of the top 20 shooting guards available for the 2002 NBA Draft (according to CBS Sports) has decided to withdraw his name from the Draft and return to play basketball next season for EIU.

EIU's Henry Domercant prepares to return for his senior year and play a fourth and final year for EIU's men's head coach Rick Samuels.

"I didn't try to impose my preferences on him, but I am certainly excited that he is coming back," Samuels said.

Domercant was the second highest scorer in NCAA basketball last season while playing for the Panthers. Domercant averages 26.4 points per game and finished the season just 135 points short of becoming the all-time leading scorer in EIU basketball history.

A lack of an opportunity to demonstrate his abilities influenced Domercant's decision to return for another season.

"The Chicago pre-draft camp had passed and it appeared he wasn't going to have an opportunity to showcase to people before the draft," Samuels said. "There was just no reason to gamble his eligibility."

Domercant received a lot of recognition during his junior year at EIU. He was an Associated Press Honorable Mention All-American, Basketball Times All-Midwest, Ohio Valley Conference 'Player of the Year', NABC All-District 11, Chicago Tribune Division I Collegiate All-City

Team, and CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major All-American.

"I hope that (through this experience) he has gained the attention of the NBA," Samuels said. "I think he has also realized that he is on that threshold, but that he must improve in some areas of his game to get there."

Today is the final day for underclassmen to officially withdraw from the 2002 NBA draft.

The NBA draft is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 26 at New York City's Madison Square Garden. The NBA draft will be televised nationwide on Turner Network Television (TNT) at 6:30 p.m. Central Time on Charleston Cable Channel 54.

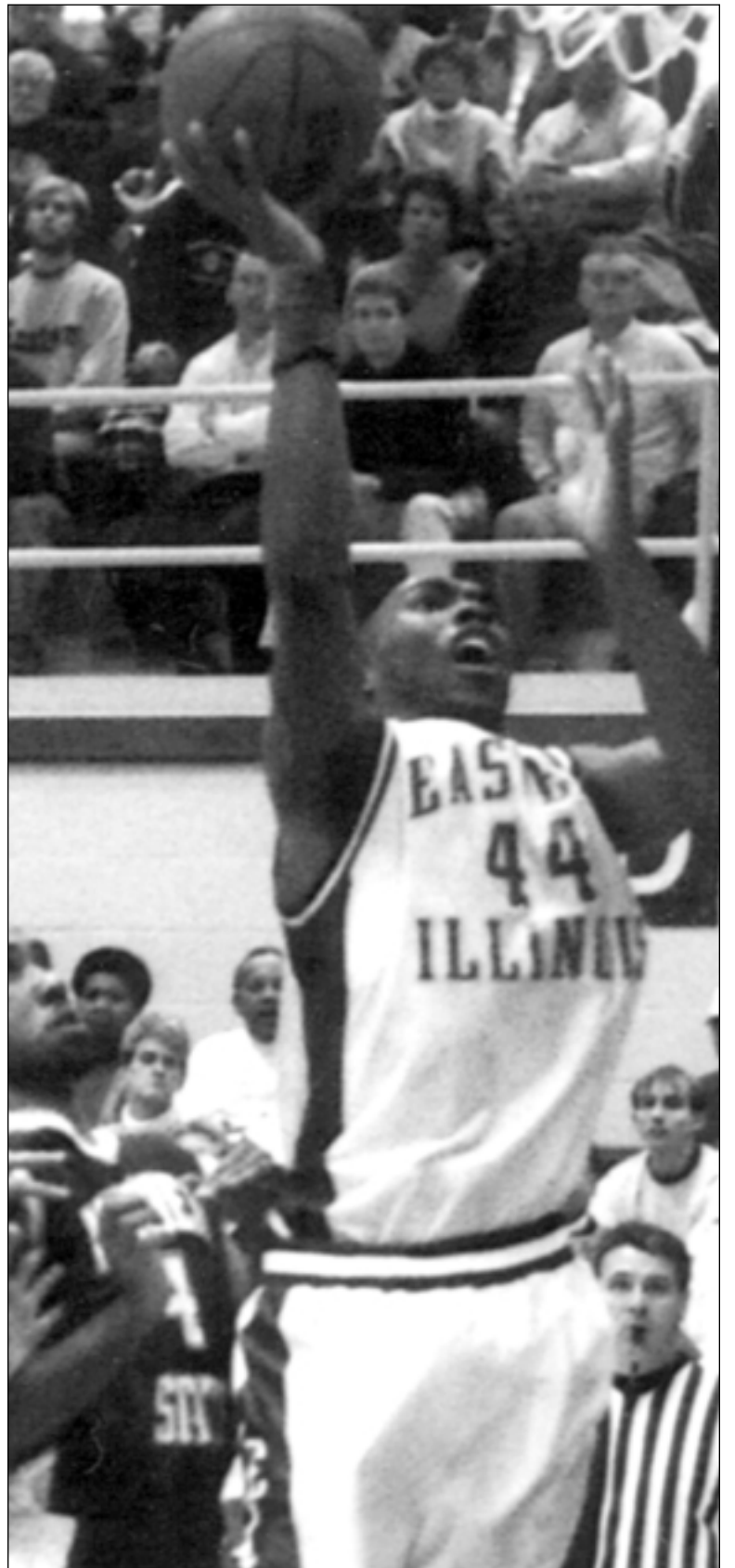
Just last year, EIU's Kyle Hill was drafted in the second round of the NBA draft with the 44th pick by the Dallas Mavericks.

After Hill's rights were traded on August 10, 2001, from Dallas to the Houston Rockets as a part of a three team trade, the EIU graduate decided to go play basketball in Europe and become a better point guard after playing shooting guard for Samuels.

Samuels said that Hill's team in Lion, France, had the second best record during the regular season and last week won their first round post season game and were preparing for the second round series.

Hill's NBA rights still belong to Houston and he plans to play for the Rockets' summer league team at the end of July.

"The good thing about playing in the summer league is that he gets the opportunity to show his wares for Houston and all the other teams



Henry Domercant goes up for two points against conference opponent Morehead State. Domercant has decided to withdraw from the NBA Draft and return for his senior season as a member of the EIU men's basketball team.

participating in the summer league," Samuels said.

Hill's team in Lion, France, could potentially be playing games through the week of July Fourth after which he will begin becoming acclimated with the Houston Rockets' organization.

Nine new members announced for EIU 'Hall of Fame' induction

Charleston — Nine new members will be inducted into the Eastern Illinois University athletic department 'Hall of Fame' on Saturday, Sept. 21.

The nine are Toni Ababio, Roy Banks, Rick Livesey, Jim Maton, Ray McElroy, Robin Smith Daugherty, Mary Tiegs-Hoyer, and Midge Seaman Wallace.

These nine will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame at a brunch ceremony honoring all former athletes that Saturday morning prior to EIU's football home opener vs. Indiana State. Kickoff is 6:00 on Sept. 21.

Toni Ababio, Class of 1976, is being honored posthumously. He was a NCAA Division II National Champion in both the long jump and triple jump in 1975. He followed that in 1976 by placing third in both events at the Division II championship and then earned Division I All-

American honors by placing sixth in both events. He still holds the EIU school indoor triple jump record of 51 feet six and one half inches, is third best in the outdoor triple jump and both indoor/outdoor long jump.

Roy Banks, Class of 1987, was the Panthers all-time greatest football wide receiver. A 1987 fifth round draft choice of the Indianapolis Colts, Banks still holds EIU career records for receiving yards (3,177), pass receptions (184) and touchdown receptions (38).

In 1986 he was a consensus First Team All-American for I-AA as chosen by the Associated Press and American Football Coaches Association.

Rick Livesey, Class of 1975, was on of the Panthers most honored distance runners in both cross country and track. He is the only athlete to gain All-American honors in the same event, the

3,000 meter steeplechase, in all four years (1972-75). He was a NCAA Division II runner-up in that event in both 1973 and '74.

He also earned All-American honors finishing 13th in cross country in 1974. He lettered eight times in both track and cross country.

Jim Maton, Class of 1988, was Eastern's first NCAA individual national champion winning the 800 meter indoor run in 1:49.27. He won 15 Mid-Continent Conference individual or relay championships, and was the 1988 conference 'Athlete of the Year' for both the indoor and outdoor championship.

Maton also earned All-American honors in 1987 taking second indoors in the 1,000 meter run and third in the outdoor 800 at the NCAA Championships. He still holds the indoor and outdoor EIU records, and competed in the 1988