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# THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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## About your future

The Daily Eastern News staff provides tips for helping students get a job after graduation with the Career Day Guide.

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Cindy McNamara (left), mother of Shannon McNamara, receives a hug from Ted Ghibellini, Charleston Chief of police, after the candlelight vigil held Wednesday night at the Newman Catholic Center.

## 'Her light shines on'

◆ *More than 110 attend vigil in remembrance of McNamara*

By Jennifer Chiariello  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Light shone through the darkness Wednesday night.

More than 110 students, faculty and members of the community gathered for song, scripture and candlelight prayer for Eastern student Shannon McNamara at the Newman Catholic Center.

"Candles are a sign of light, and light is a wonderful thing. The presence of God is light," the Rev. Chris Brey of the Newman Catholic Center said. "These are days of extreme emotion. When you are feeling upset and you are not seeing the light, remember you are standing on the rock of Jesus."

McNamara was murdered June 12, 2001. The vigil took place during a time

when many close to the victim are struggling through the beginning of the capital murder trial in Coles County Circuit Court.

The Rev. Brey presented Cindy and Bob McNamara, Shannon's parents, each with a rock to keep in their pocket as a reminder they stand on the rock of Jesus. He spoke of light as being a sign of hope for justice in the future. Already, he said a victory happened in court Wednesday, referring to the Judge Dale Cini's ruling to allow testimony the defense objected to hearing.

"This evening we've prayed for justice and wisdom, for the judge and jury and for healing for the McNamaras, the Alpha Phi's and all of those who are touched by Shannon's life, for she remains a constant light," Brey said.

At the ceremony, participants individually lit their candles, formed a circle and joined together in prayer.

"Light is such a beautiful and power-

ful symbol. Take this candle and light it knowing the light continues to pervade in our heart," Brey said. "Pray for justice and peace."

"It just seems that the power of prayer — it's like strength in numbers," Bob McNamara said after the service. "It was like therapy for me. It's hard for me when I see kids her age; it just hurts. I wanted to do it for the family."

Roy Lanham, director of the Newman Catholic Center, addressed those in attendance, saying they prayed for the family and friends of Shannon, her memory, wisdom and justice of the trial, healing and forgiveness of God and healing and strength for family and friends.

"We are gathered here after three hard days for family and friends reliving a moment of evil, to remember the goodness Shannon was," Lanham said.

A representative from Alpha Phi, the

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## Delman: UPI membership at 75 percent

By Kevin Sampier  
ADMINISTRATION REPORTER

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## Mediator talks continue into late hours

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Talks with federal mediator Jerry Carmichael continued Wednesday beginning at 3 p.m.

Both sides were unavailable for comment at press time.

The UPI voted on a strike authorization vote last week with a 212-40 vote in support, but a survey was started last month to call and poll all union members on the progression of negotiations.

The survey is still incomplete, but union president David Radavich said there was a strong rejection of the current administration's offers, and a majority of the 450 to 500 union members are in support of a strike.

"There was very strong support for a strike authorization,"

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Charles Delman

## Witness: Front door likely attempted point of entry

◆ *10 witnesses called in Mertz jury trial's third day*

By Shauna Gustafson  
SENIOR WRITER

The lower lock on the front door of Shannon McNamara's apartment was likely an attempted entry point the night of her murder, State Police Master Sgt. Michael Bernardini testified Wednesday.

Bernardini said although the door had not been the entry point, there is evidence the door had been tampered with, and in his opinion, a credit card was likely used.

Tool marks between the door and the plate indicated someone had attempted to compromise the lower lock, he said. Also, the credit card bearing the name of Anthony B. Mertz that was found in the apartment was

"considerably bent up and distorted."

Mertz is accused of murdering McNamara June 12, 2001. He is charged with first degree murder, aggravated criminal sexual assault and home invasion. He could face the death penalty if found guilty.

Bernardini also testified a common form of compromising spring-loaded locks, like the one in McNamara's front door handle, is to insert a thin piece of rigid material to slide between the door and the plate.

"I don't know what other tools would do that," he said during cross examination, as defense attorney Paula Phillips asked him what else could leave marks on a door.

She suggested that a key could have left the marks just as easily, to which Bernardini responded those marks would be on the

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STEPHEN HAAS/ASSOCIATE PHOTO EDITOR

Students, friends and family of Shannon McNamara and area residents leave the courtroom after the third day of the capital murder trial of Anthony B. Mertz in the Coles County Courthouse.



CAA examines bylaws, journalism program changes

By Chris Womack  
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs plans to examine proposed bylaw revisions and provide an overview of the journalism bachelor of arts program Thursday.

CAA chair Nancy Marlow said the council may revise its bylaws to keep up with changes it has made to its program.

"Sometimes changes need to be made and bylaw revisions should reflect those changes," Marlow said.

The CAA's bylaws were last revised in 1997 and some of the CAA's practices have changed since then.

"The Council on Academic Affairs does more things electronically than in 1997 so some bylaw amendments may be necessary," Marlow said.

The journalism bachelor of arts program also will be discussed.

The council will give an overview of the the current program, as well as discuss how course alterations will affect the program in the future, Marlow said.

"The entire program needs to be revised due to changes that have been made in regard to courses," she said.

New journalism courses have been added and other courses have been changed so the program can include new and altered courses, she said.

The CAA also plans to discuss two new journalism courses in addition to the bachelor of arts program.

JOU 4762, Interactive Reporting and Design, is a new course, while JOU 4101, Communication Law, is an established course the council is proposing to revise.

The CAA approved 12 other new and revised journalism courses last week.

The curriculum has not seen significant changes in the last 10 years, journalism department chair Les Hyder said previously.

The changes, such as reworking the number of credit hours per course, will help the journalism department comply with North Central Association accreditation standards, Hyder said.

Pizza for blood

◆ Alpha Sigma Alpha provides Papa John's during blood drive

By Jennifer Chiariello  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Alpha Sigma Alpha will provide free Papa John's pizza to blood donors Thursday.

The Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority is sponsoring the blood drive with the American Red Cross as a community service project.

"It is our first time sponsoring one of more we hope to have," said Jamie Kleiss, Alpha Sigma Alpha blood drive organizer.

"We are having the blood drive because, right now, we are in

such a dire need for blood," Kleiss said. "The American Association of Blood Banks and the American Red Cross put out a call to action to all eligible donors Jan. 14.

"We encourage people to come out and donate and are hoping to get over 35 donors."

Kleiss said the American Red Cross also stated, "60 percent of the general public is eligible to donate, but only 5 percent of the medically eligible give blood."

Kleiss said it takes about 45 minutes to an hour to donate blood.

The blood drive is from 2-6 p.m. at the Alpha Sigma Alpha House in Greek Court.

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Air time

Nick Price, a freshman graphic design major, skateboards outside Taylor Hall Wednesday night.

Last candidate interviews Thursday

By John Chambers  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The fourth candidate for Eastern's budget director will be on campus Thursday for an open interview session, the last in the search to fill the position vacated in December.

Jimmy Shonkwiler was on campus Wednesday and met with screening committee representatives and others and will do the same Thursday. The open session, from 11 a.m. to noon in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, will also give the public an opportunity to ask questions.

Shonkwiler is presently a faculty specialist working with university outreach and extension at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

He received a bachelor of science and master of science degree in finance, and a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana.

The budget position will coordinate the external budget process, including preparation and review of capital budget requests and make recommendations to the vice president for business affairs, among other tasks, Eastern's Civil Rights and Diversity Web site says.

Frank Papke, vice president for business services and finances at Illinois Valley Community College; Max Kerlin, resource management director at the University of New Mexico; and Ron Hatley, the budget director at Birgar Associates in Greensboro, N.C., were the three previous candidates on campus this week and last week in open sessions.

The budget director will be chosen in March based on personal interviews, evaluation sheets filled out by faculty and staff during open sessions and recommendations from the screening committee, said Jeff Cooley, vice president for academic affairs.

POLICE BLOTTER  
Hit and Run

A vehicle was struck by another vehicle while it was parked in the W lot Jan. 27, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

Theft

Keys and currency were stolen from a room in Andrews Hall Feb. 1, police reports stated. The incident is under investigation.

Illegal Consumption of Alcohol by a Minor

Ryan M. Graczyk, 19, of Thomas Hall was arrested at 1:20 a.m. Jan. 18 at Fifth Street and Monroe Avenue, on charges of illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor, police reports stated.

CORRECTION

A pull quote on the front page of Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* was attributed to the wrong person. The speaker of that quote was Nathan Bichorn, a senior physical education major.

Timothy P. Addante, 19, of Carman Hall was arrested at 4:01 a.m. Feb. 2, on charges of illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor, police reports stated.

Driving Under the Influence

Elizabeth A. Hammett, 20, of Third Street, was arrested at 1:25 a.m. Feb. 2 at the 1000 block of First Street, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol level of 0.15, police reports stated.

Public Possession, Purchase and Acceptance of Alcohol by a Minor

Daniel J. Roby, 19, of Douglas Hall was arrested at 10:25 p.m. Feb. 1 at the 1500 block of First Street, on charges of public possession, purchase and acceptance of alcohol by a minor, police reports stated.



# Faculty union membership now on rise

By Kevin Sampier  
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"There are some who believe being in the union is counter to their religion," Radavich said. "Some choose to do fair share because they think the union is not strong enough, and some associate the union with factory workers," he said.

Business instructor Renee King

belongs to the set of instructors who have decided not to join the union.

She said if the administration treats the employees right in any organization or company, there would be no need for a union.

King said the unions she has belonged to in the past served only to keep people employed that should not have been.

Delman said: "The purpose of this union is to protect faculty interests and rights. The union is a professional organization that not only protects the indi-

vidual interests of professors, but also their interests in the quality of education and the pride they take in their work."

UPI membership has increased by 25 people in the last few weeks, Radavich said.

"I think the unrest has caused people to sign up," he said, referring to the talk of a possible strike by faculty members.

Radavich also said membership has increased by 25 members since January of last year.

## Award shines on teachers

By Joe Delcorse  
STAFF WRITER

Students, faculty, administrators, staff and alumni who know teachers who go beyond the call of duty now have an opportunity to reward them.

The Distinguished Faculty Award is one of the most prestigious awards given to Eastern faculty members.

The award is offered to tenured or tenure-track faculty members that have at least four years of full-time employment at Eastern.

The winner must excel in the following areas: teaching, research in their field of specialty and service to the community.

A committee of seven is put together to discuss all of the possible nominees. The committee consists of four members of the Faculty Senate, including Steven Scher from the psychology department, Jean Dillworth from the department of family consumer sciences, Reed Benedict from the sociology department and Patricia Poulter from the music department, who was appointed to the board by interim President Lou Hencken.

The other three board members are graduate student Brian Donnelly, undergraduate Nancy Zegler and Tim McCollum, the one alumni on the board.

The seven consider all of the nominees, then vote and tell the University Foundation who in most cases agrees with the board.

The winner will receive a small monetary award and a plaque, which will be presented by the University Foundation during commencement ceremonies in the spring.

Previous winners of the award are David Carpenter from the English department, George Sanders from the music department, Bruce Guernsey from the English department and Gail Richard from the field of communication disorders and sciences.

"One of the things that was given was a financial stipend," Richard said. "I donated it to the American Speech and Hearing Association. I felt I was doing something for the field, so I thought I should give it back for future research for future generations in my field."

All nominations are due by 4 p.m. Feb. 28 and should be handed in to Scher at his office in the Physical Sciences Building, room 3143.

Nomination forms can be found at [www.eiu.edu/~FacSen/dist\\_fac.html](http://www.eiu.edu/~FacSen/dist_fac.html) and must include the nomination form, a letter of nomination, the curriculum resume of the nominee and up to three additional letters of support.

Any students wanting to nominate a teacher and needs help should call Scher at 581-7269.

Scher said he is more than willing to help students with their nominations.



COLIN MCAULIFFE/PHOTO EDITOR

Jennifer Olson, a freshman special education major, talks to students, faculty and Charleston residents about growing up in an interracial family Wednesday evening in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

## Panel breaks down interracial barriers

By Matthew Kent  
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Five panelists addressed issues involved in raising biracial children Wednesday, with a focus placed on the importance of being unique.

Moderator Bud Edwards of the Counseling Center opened up the discussion speaking about the country's struggle with race.

"In this country, race is a big deal and always has been," Edwards said. "This country has always struggled."

Jennifer Osun, a freshman undeclared major, spoke of her Nigerian father and Lithuanian mother and how they met.

"My father came on a student visa from Nigeria and attended Virginia State where he met my mother," Osun said.

She spoke of the difficulties her parents faced at the time.

"Every one of my mother's friends wanted her to leave," noting that they didn't approve of the person she was dating.

Regardless, they got married even though interracial marriages were illegal at the time.

Renee Saunches, a fifth grade teacher from Decatur, spoke how she met her Caucasian husband at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale in the late 1960s.

They had similar classes together, began dating and eventually decided to get married.

"We were breaking down all types of barriers," Saunches said. "I lost some friends because of it."

She said she found it especially important to live in a racially mixed neighborhood in her marriage.

"I was looking for the most diverse opportunities for my children," Saunches said.

Alexandra Harold, a senior journalism major, grew up in a household where her mother was African-American and Native-American while her father was German and Greek.

She perceived her childhood as "completely normal."

"It's just everyone who points it out

that makes it seem different," Harold said.

Despite the differences, she said she never let it stop her from viewing both sides of her culture.

"I went to a black church and also a white church to be exposed to both sides," Harold said.

She describes biracial children who are raised with only one parent "much harder."

"I see children who flounder a lot ... I find it better with two parents with two cultures," Harold said.

Bill and Susan Hall of Charleston noted the importance of family in today's society. The Halls have eight children: four natural children, three adopted children and one currently pending adoption.

"Kids get their values through family relationships," Susan Hall said. "We try to make each child proud of who they are."

"The desire to be in a family and to raise them to respect other people regardless of any differences is so important," they said.

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### EDITORIAL

# Network speed is top priority

All you want to do is find that piece of information you need for a class project your professor said you must obtain from an online source. You sit down in front of the computer, and one of two things happens: No. 1, the Internet won't connect to any site, or No. 2, web pages load slower than the speed at which a turtle moves.

Such discoveries are frustrating whether you need the Internet for research or you need to e-mail a professor.

Eastern's installation of a new technology is expected to help the network, but some students may complain of being inconvenienced in another way — it takes longer to download music or they cannot connect to online video games.

The Internet, especially on campus, is a tool to help students with academic needs, not to give them an outlet to use file-sharing programs.

Mihir Chatterji, assistant vice president of Information Technology Services, said a package sharper, or "a piece of software closely associated to a firewall that gives priority to certain kinds of network usage," was added to improve the current firewall.

The package sharper gives higher priority to web browsing and lower priority to file sharing.

Some students have said they have noticed a difference with Internet speed since the new firewall technology was installed. Whether or not everyone thinks the network's speed is improving, it's good the university is serious about coming up with a solution.

The Internet needs to be faster, and if that means students are limited in their abilities to use file sharing programs and music sharing, so be it.

The university is not acting harshly by taking away students' "fun." The Residence Hall Association also supports the efforts. It asked the university to limit or stop such activity.

The network has caused students, faculty and staff numerous problems and headaches for too long now. Something needs to be done to solve the problems, or at least to take steps necessary to solve them. Students are here for an education; the biggest priority at this university and all universities is academics.

Students have a legitimate excuse to complain about network failures, but they don't have a legitimate excuse to complain about downloading music taking too long while the university works to improve general network use.

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

**At issue**  
 Eastern's installation of a package sharper installed to help speed up its Internet

**Our stance**  
 Even if this technology goes unnoticed, at least Eastern is trying to speed up its Internet.

### OPINION

# Voice your opinions by voting



Jim Sturgill

Graduate student and guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News

Sturgill also is a historical administration major.

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At a time when all I read in the newspaper appears to be no more than slams against or slights towards the United States from U.S. citizens, I wonder whether any patriots left.

The easy way of dealing with disagreement with the way our government runs our country, attacking the politicians and the decisions they make, seems the only way anyone feels their opinion can be voiced.

If so many people dislike our country and the decisions made by it, then we as citizens possess two options.

One, those of us who dislike the country may leave (as many Loyalists did at the end of the Revolution).

If you are unhappy with the government, then I'm sure plenty of places will gladly accept your wisdom and knowledge.

And if you're heading to Canada for that state run health insurance, prepare yourself to pay about 16 percent on the first \$31,677 of taxable income, 22 percent on the next \$31,677 of taxable income, 26 percent on the next \$39,646 of taxable income and 29 percent of taxable income over \$103,000 (fwww.ccradrc.gc.ca). These figures only take into account federal taxes, not provincial taxes. These are places where freedom doesn't exist in any way.

Secondly, you can work to change the people who run the

*"It is easy for people to offer complaints when something is not going their way."*

government by exercising your right to vote.

We all hold this right and only need to register in our respective counties to be able to do so.

Voting determines the people who run our government and ensures those people are the ones the majority of the citizens want in office.

I know many of you would look to the 2000 presidential election and say this system doesn't work since when a disputed race occurs, the judicial system will decide the outcome.

Well, folks, that's not really how it always works.

I know most of us have not been alive long enough to see many elections, but those of us who have, namely our professors and other staff members, could tell you elections are rarely decided this way.

History professors might tell you the founding fathers expected the presidential elections to go to the House of Representatives for decision, but the facts of the elections do not hold this to be true.

So, what this means is we have plenty of reasons to vote.

Since it seems that so few of us are willing to serve in the Armed Forces to defend our country, a fact made clear by the low number of enlistments the Armed Forces have seen since the end of the Cold War, the only way any of us can really do something to make the country better is to vote.

By choosing the person you feel will do the best job, you are exercising the right those before us fought and died to protect.

You honor their memory by voting, and you honor yourself by taking responsibility for what happens in our government.

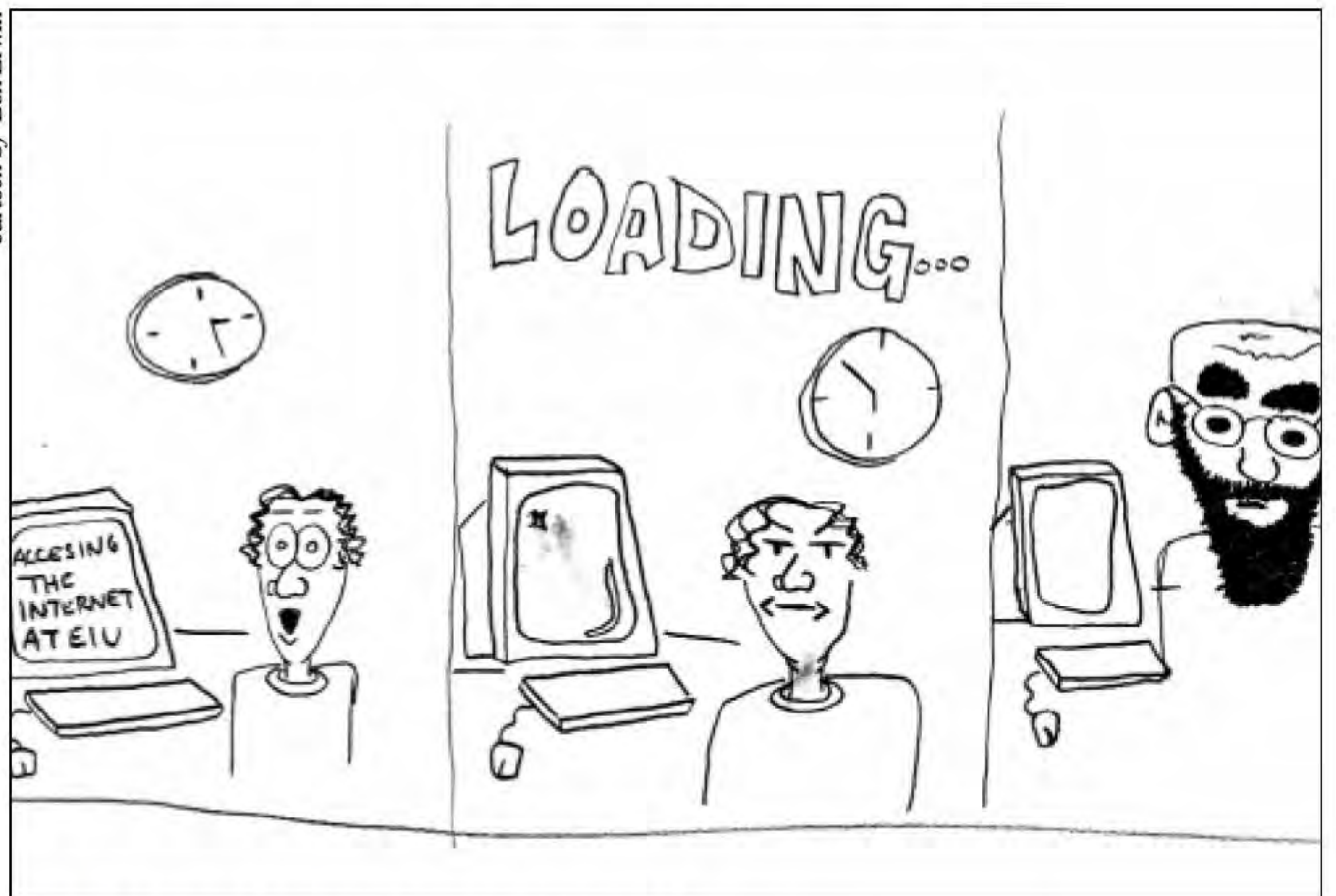
Before you shout out your next slur against the government, ask yourself, "Did I vote this last election?" If you answer yes, then keep on shouting.

If you answer no, then shut up and vote. And three, offer alternatives. I know we all are receiving an education here at Eastern, so we should use that education to offer alternatives to policies we don't like.

It is easy for people to offer complaints when something is not going their way.

It takes thought and maturity to offer an alternative to what is being done, whether a viable alternative or not. So, please, consider these options the next time you want to attack the government. You'll be doing yourself and your country a service.

Cartoon by Ben Erwin



### YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Don't blame the soldiers for war

Many of us oppose war, even many of those who will be fighting, killing and dying because of it. This war will quickly become very unpopular.

But — don't repeat the mistake of Vietnam! Don't blame the ones who are only doing their jobs! Those men and women on the front lines have no choice. They have been assigned the responsibility to be there.

Our federal powers (the White House, "national security") sent our friends there.

In most instances, they just have no choice. Those men and women do their

best to protect us from perceived harm, even if it means putting themselves in the way of real harm. They don't like war any more than you do.

The powers (the White House, Saddam Hussein, "national security") that put people in harm's way are whom you should be angry with! It's those who have unilaterally decided to throw our neighbors there, who consider them "expendable" for oil and pride, and who are to be blamed.

The powers never have to sacrifice. The men and women who are forced to do the bidding of the pow-

ers are honorable and loyal and acting in good faith. They deserve our praise!

There is a real difference between the "foot soldier" and the authorities who control them.

As much as I despise war, I will acknowledge the courage and care displayed by those who are required to walk the front line and stand on the wall in the face of danger.

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Bryan Miller  
 Associate professor for  
 Biological Sciences

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# Students given job tips and a chance to improve resume skills

By Sarah Marinacci  
STAFF WRITER

Students were given the opportunity to register with career services and learn some helpful resume tips while enjoying pizza and soda Wednesday at Career Services' Resume Blitz workshop.

Linda Moore, career Services interim director, said Career Services had never done anything like this before but decided to because "at this time of the year, career services gets booked with appointments."

She said she wanted to have a day of "absolute walk-ins."

Moore also said the workshop was intended for "people with real demanding schedules because sometimes 10-15 minutes is all that people have."

At the workshop, students could walk into Career Services and get the immediate help they needed.

Valerie Millman, a senior speech communication major, said she decided to come to Career Services' workshop to get assistance with her resume.

"I wanted Career Services to look over my resume and to get some tips on how to make my resume more appealing to an employer."

She said she was helped a lot and would recommend other students to come in the future.

Christy Hoefle, a senior marketing major, said she is in the middle of job hunting and came to the workshop to, "have them review (her) resumes and see if they had any advice."

Moore said one student came in to get some tips for a job interview he had the following day. Moore helped him strengthen his resume and gave him some interview advice as well.

She also told him to remember to starch his shirt, because sometimes it's the little things that make a big impression.



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Lindsey Bales, a senior elementary education major, gets help with her resume from Debbie Endsley, an office systems specialist, Wednesday afternoon in Career Services.

# Senate discussion tables Iraq anti-war resolution

By Avian Carrasquillo  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate debated and went over several resolutions including opposing a unilateral, pre-emptive war on Iraq and encouraging the United States to work with and through the United Nations on inspections in Iraq.

The resolution was tabled for further discussion so Student Senate members could gauge the overall opinion of the student body.

Eastern junior social science major Jeremy Pelzer, who

authored the resolution, said he has a similar resolution currently in motion with the Charleston City Council, and will send a copy to President Bush.

The next resolution requests an on-campus dentist be made available. This motion also was tabled for further discussion.

A proposed bylaw change, making the compensation of executives from a dollar amount to a credit hour amount was tabled for further discussion in accordance with the senate bylaws.

An allocation of \$2,618 from the Student Government budget

to send Student Senate members Amanda Sartore, Amy Leonard, Lindsay Baum and Advisor Ceci Brinker to the Conference on Student Government Association was approved. The senate's bylaws state this business should have been tabled for one week, but because of registration deadlines the bylaws were suspended.

The request for an allocation of more than \$75 for Student Senate member name tags was tabled for further discussion.

The allocation request of \$874 to Student Government from the Apportionment Board for Student Body President Alison

Mormino and Speaker of the Senate Bill Davidson to attend COSGA was approved, again because of registration deadlines.

The allocation of \$28,000 from the AB to the University Board for Grand Ballroom lighting was tabled for further discussion.

The AB allocation for \$11,168 to UB Special Events for "Crazy Daze" also was tabled for further discussion.

The United People's Association was voted in as a new recognized student organization.

Ronnie Deedrick, vice president for academic affairs, report-

ed he met with Allen Lanham, dean of Library Services, about the possibility of extending library hours.

Deedrick said the plan would not work because of budget problems, and previous surveys and subsequent resolutions by individuals to extend the library hours lacked the research needed to the extent of almost making enemies.

According to Deedrick, Lanham said the number of students who take advantage of extended hours during finals are small; and therefore, the library will not add extended hours even during finals week.

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# RHA to discuss fundraiser, donations, Habitat for Humanity

By Jamie Hussey  
STAFF WRITER

A guest speaker from Habitat for Humanity will speak at Thursday's Residence Hall Association meeting.

The guest speaker from the organization is Amanda Zueck. RHA president Stina Heldmann said Zueck is asking the RHA for a donation to Habitat for Humanity. They also are hoping the RHA can help her spread the word about Habitat for Humanity.

RHA also will discuss the fundraiser Up Till Dawn. Heldmann said the RHA would hear feedback from individual residence halls about the fundraiser. The RHA wants residence halls to form individual teams from their halls.

The RHA also wants to spread the word about the fundraiser and will discuss making a donation to either the fundraiser

itself or to individual residence hall teams.

Heldmann said the RHA will discuss a possible donation to Camp New Hope, a camp the organization has used before for gatherings. It is customary for the RHA to make a small donation to Camp New Hope, Heldmann said.

Camp New Hope is a camp for children with special needs. The donation from RHA will go toward the camp's funding and programming.

Representatives from Taylor Hall also will speak at the meeting to discuss reducing the number of smoking floors in Taylor Hall. The Taylor Hall council passed a bill in the hall for the number of smoking floors to be reduced from four floors to two floors, Heldmann said.

RHA will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday in Stevenson Hall.

## Senator adds hotline, constituents can now call long distance free

By Andre Raymond  
STAFF WRITER

State Senator Dale Righter recently unveiled a toll-free hotline for constituents to accommodate the district's size.

"I also looked at the 12 counties and noticed that most of the constituents were dialing long distance most of the time," Righter said.

He wanted concerned residents to have an easier time contacting him, so he added a toll-free number.

On an average day, Senator Righter gets 25 to 30 calls.

"I can spend an hour on the phone," Righter said. "Or sometimes it can just be a yes or no

answer to a question."

Most of the phone calls address concerns and issues like child support, public aid, schools, roads and bridges. Righter also offers satellite office hours. He and his staff pick a number of communities then decide which one they will visit.

"When a certain community is chosen, we call the radio stations and newspapers so they can let the residents know we are going to be in town."

Righter and his staff set up shop at local county courthouses or senior halls.

"Residents can come in to talk about the area or any issue they want to talk about," Righter said.



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From left to right Pat Utroska, a freshman undecided major; Lush Jancik, a freshman pre-med major; Dan Mazzacno, a freshman accounting major and Andy Gahan, a freshman finance major play video games Wednesday afternoon on Carman Hall's 7th floor.

## Students balance books, video game popularity

By Ryan Terrell  
STAFF WRITER

Throw the ball deep to Terrell Owens in Madden, or hit the books and study for a couple hours.

This can be a debatable situation for some students as hours spent playing video games sometimes exceed hours spent studying.

But are video games hindering the education students pay for?

Freshman marketing major Matt Deckman doesn't think so.

"I usually play video games for about three hours a day, especially when I have a lot of free time," he said. "I don't think video games affect my studying habits at all. The time I spend playing video games is strictly free time - studying is always first priority."

Deckman's roommate, Grant Kummerow, a freshman computer information systems major, agrees, but in a different sense.

"I spend a lot of time playing video games, but even if I didn't, I

still wouldn't study or do my homework," he said.

But the toughest decision for Kummerow and Deckman isn't to study or not study, but who gets to play what.

"We have four gaming systems and only one television, so Matt and I often argue about who gets to play," Kummerow said.

Video game popularity on campus is a product of the hobby's popularity to the generation's youth years before students stepped on campus, Russell Gruber, a psychology professor, said.

"The habits you form when you are younger carry over to your adult years," Gruber said. "Things like physical exercise and violence issues can be largely affected by video games."

The prominence of video games around campus has sparked various tournaments.

Thomas Hall created a Madden Tournament last semester, drawing 30 to 35 residents.

"This was the first time the Thomas Hall Council held an event of that nature," said Stuart Kaeding, Thomas Hall resident director.

"We received many requests from our residents for a Madden 2003 video game tournament, and it turned out to be a huge success."

A \$1 fee was charged to participate, and all proceeds benefited local charities.

Prizes for the tournament included a Playstation 2 system for first place, with Playstation 2 games for second and third place winners.

Gruber said video games can be fun, but must not be misused.

"I am not an expert on video games and their affects on daily life, but I believe video games become a strong force when the player is addicted to playing," he said. "By addicted, I mean a person may spend hours a day playing or may look forward to spending their evenings playing video games."

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Julie Ross (left), a sophomore elementary education major and Nicole Weidner, a sophomore biology major, fill out forms Wednesday to donate bone marrow at the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Union.

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sorority to which Shannon belonged, recited a poem capturing Shannon's successes throughout high school and college with athletics and in her love for people, her family and sisters of Alpha Phi.

The poem also shared Shannon's compassion as a good listener and in helping children with Down Syndrome.

Shannon's father said comments people have made to him support Shannon's good qualities.

"I have a guardian angel in my pocket," McNamara said.

McNamara said many people who never met Shannon have spoken to the McNamaras' about their daughter, and interim President Lou Hencken told him "I never met your daughter, but there is not a day I don't think about

her."

McNamara said the first time there was a service in Charleston for Shannon a man approached him and said he had never met Shannon, but he had heard so many good things about her he had to come to the service.

"She obviously was a special person who has impacted a lot of people. I didn't know her, but I think it's important for us all to show support for her family and friends," Kerry Curran, a sophomore psychology major, said.

Hencken said: "There is tribute to her life in the number of people that came on such a cold night to show support.

"People are not going to forget what she meant to them and their lives."

Some public figures in attendance at the service included Charleston Police Chief Ted Ghibellini, Charleston Detective Kevin Paddock and Bob Dudolski,

Entry:

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handle, not the door itself.

Phillips then asked, if, in his opinion, it be impossible to unlock this type of handle and if it could have been tampered with from inside.

"In my opinion, that lower lock could be compromised," he said. "If you were inside you wouldn't need to (tamper with the lock)."

Bernardini also testified about an interview he conducted with Mertz right before arresting him for the murder.

"It was a very soft-spoken interview," he said. "He offered no alibi."

Mertz's emotions ran high during the interview, Bernardini testified, with the defendant tearing up at times. He also testified Mertz said "How can I explain this?" and "Why aren't I under arrest for this yet?"

Again, during cross examination, Phillips tried to negate the statements of Bernardini. She had him confirm Mertz was free to leave at the time of the interview and while photos were taken of him showing multiple scratches and bruises.

Bernardini said he told the defendant it was his opinion Mertz had been at the scene of the crime and had murdered McNamara.

"He wasn't giving you the answers you wanted, was he?" Phillips asked, then proceeded to say Mertz had asked how he could explain after Bernardini placed him at the crime scene.

A now-retired Master Sgt. Danny Reed of the Illinois State Police testified the credit card found in the apartment, shown to him by crime scene investigator Richard Caudell, was bent in a similar way to other credit cards he's seen in other burglary investigations.

"If it's not a deadbolt lock, they use it to jimmy the lock open," he said.

In what seemed like a victory for the prosecution late in the day, motus operandi, loosely translated to method of operation, was allowed to be the basis for the jury hearing the hotly debated testimony of five prosecution

witnesses today.

Although 10 witnesses testified Wednesday, some of the most compelling moments in the trial happened outside the presence of the jury at the end of the afternoon. Prosecutor Ed Parkinson argued before Coles County Circuit Court Judge Dale Cini that although the front door to McNamara's apartment was not the point of entry the night of her murder, evidence shows the door had been tampered with, most likely with a credit card.

The prosecution has five witnesses who will now be able to testify they have seen Mertz open a door with a credit card, or have known him to enter their apartment with a credit card and without permission.

Nine other witnesses, not including Bernardini, testified Wednesday. Included in these were McNamara's boyfriend, Mertz's former work supervisor, another police officer and several acquaintances of Mertz.

Kathryn Schaffnit, whose ex-boyfriend lived in the same apartment building as Mertz, testified she had spoken with Mertz June 12, 2001, during the investigation of the crime scene. The two watched police search areas around the apartment building and discussed what they might be looking for. She said it seemed the police were looking awfully close to the crime scene to find a weapon, to which Mertz replied: "That's why we hid it at your place," she testified. She said at the time, the remark seemed "insensitive."

McNamara's boyfriend, Keith Laski, testified he had seen McNamara the evening of June 11, 2001, at his apartment. He said he went to Marty's around 11:10 p.m., and Shannon went back to her apartment.

He said he assumed McNamara had slept late when she was not in a class they had together the next morning. He overheard a classmate discussing a murder during his second class and drove to McNamara's apartment immediately after class to find out what was going on.

"I just assumed the worst," he said. Roger Hudson, a building service

sub-foreman at Eastern, testified he had been Mertz's supervisor at Lantz Arena, and that Mertz had access to a box cutter like the one found in McNamara's apartment.

The one that had been on a cart in Lantz had been missing since the murder, he testified.

Hudson said Mertz had been at the execution of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh in Terre Haute, Ind., the weekend before the murder and had commented "we the people, of the people, killing our own people." Hudson also said Mertz referred to the McVeigh execution as a circus.

The friend of a neighbor of Mertz testified he had overheard Mertz make a telephone call from the street June 12, 2001, in which he overheard Mertz say there had been a "brutal knife murder."

However, police had not released any information about what kind of murder had occurred at that time, he said.

Roger Cunningham, assistant chief of the Charleston Police Department, testified he had spoken with McNamara's next door neighbors, and Lt. Kevin Paddock of the police department had taken a knife from their apartment into custody.

Kirby Barr, a paramedic and firefighter with the Charleston Fire Department, testified he and three other paramedics had arrived at the scene and two of them entered the apartment. He touched the wrist to check for life and was wearing latex gloves. He also testified the paramedics did not leave any latex gloves behind.

Chris Sims, an officer with the Moultrie County Sheriff's Department, testified he found a blood-stained knife in a dumpster about 100 yards from Mertz's apartment building, along with a paper bag with blood on it. The dumpster was then secured and taken into police custody.

Reed also testified he had the dumpster searched more thoroughly and no other evidence was found. He also said he had thrown his latex gloves into the dumpster and wished he hadn't. Phillips questioned this as a matter of procedure.

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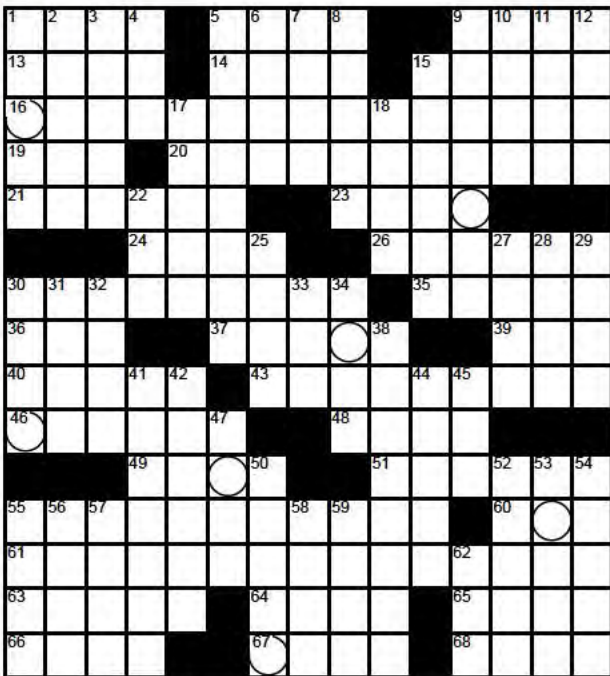
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- 13 It was dropped in the 60's
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- 16 Hearty breakfast fare
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- 20 Concur
- 21 Beethoven's "Kreutzer"
- 23 Fast bucks
- 24 Four: Prefix
- 26 Labored
- 30 Hagfish by another name
- 35 Not waste
- 36 Secreted
- 37 Improve on, say, as a bow
- 39 Big inits. in paperback publishing
- 40 Standing
- 43 Yahoo offering
- 46 Looked hard
- 48 Hair controllers
- 49 In a while
- 51 Like jungles vis-à-vis deserts
- 55 Jazz trumpeter of the Big Band era
- 60 Will Smith title role
- 61 Print version of an online publication, slangily
- 63 Tapestry city
- 64 Ninny
- 65 View in northern Italy
- 66 Tag word
- 67 Narrow strait of land: Abbr.
- 68 Therapist's remark
- DOWN
- 1 Park network
- 2 Allergy season sound
- 3 Certain wail
- 4 Calverley's "to Tobacco"
- 5 Relative of a kingfisher
- 6 "Splendor in the Grass" screenwriter
- 7 Theater section
- 8 Emily of "A River Runs Through It"
- 9 Unit of heat
- 10 Molding shape
- 11 Carrying out the trash, maybe
- 12 Start of North Carolina's motto
- 15 Shower part
- 17 First name in cosmetics
- 18 Satisfy
- 22 It helps you watch your balance: Abbr.
- 25 Part of a sail

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Puzzle by Cathy Millhauser

- 27 Moon goddess
- 28 Actor Morales
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- 30 Name for a big dog
- 31 Euros replaced them
- 32 It comes from a French bean
- 33 Missive: Abbr.
- 34 Victory, Viennese-style
- 38 Like Shaquille O'Neal's shoes
- 41 Freshwater crustacean
- 42 Principles
- 44 Nicholas Gage book
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- 47 Idler's opposite
- 50 "\_\_\_\_ say more?"
- 52 Flip response?
- 53 Run off together
- 54 Dentist's direction
- 55 Modern electronic organizers, for short
- 56 Architect Saarinen
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- 58 Model T contemporaries
- 59 Mark of punishment
- 62 \_\_\_\_ chi



Membership:

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"There are some who believe being in the union is counter to their religion," Radavich said. "Some choose to do fair share because they think the union is not strong enough, and some associate the union with factory workers," he said.

Business instructor Renee King belongs to the set of instructors who have decided not to join the union. She said if the administration treats the employees right in any organization or company, there would be no need for a union.

King said the unions she has belonged to in the past served only to keep people employed that should not have been.

Delman said: "The purpose of this union is to protect faculty interests and rights. The union is a professional organization that not only protects the individual interests of professors, but also their interests in the quality of education and the pride they take in their work."

UPI membership has increased by 25 people in the last few weeks, Radavich said.

"I think the unrest has caused people to sign up," he said, referring to the talk of a possible strike by faculty members.

Radavich also said membership has increased by 25 members since January of last year.

Hours:

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he said.

The UPI has identified the issues of faculty and staff compensation, workload and online and distance education as primary issues in negotiations.

This week, *The Daily Eastern News* learned merit pay determined by administration, patent income, continuing education and study abroad courses, summer school salaries and post-tenure review are also issues for both sides.

The administration has offered a zero percent basic increase, and an additional one-time bonus in June. The bonus is equal to 1 percent of salary and will only be distributed if there is no recision over \$500,000.

Bob Wayland, director of employee and labor relations, said no administration proposal has been made to increase full-time academic year assignment.

"Administration proposals have consistently enabled the assignment of increased workloads," stated a flier given to members at union meeting last week.

Instructors should have the right to decide what distance learning and online classes are taught and whether or not they should teach them, said UPI chief negotiator Charles Delman.

Wayland said training or other preparation can be given to faculty if they feel they need it before teaching online or distance education course.

The Southern Illinois University Carbondale Faculty Association did not strike on the original set date of Feb. 3 and sent the administration's most recent offer for them to vote on Wednesday and Thursday.

"We have gained much, such as fixed faculty-student ratio, job security and non-contingent salary increases," Faculty Association president Morteza Daneshdoost said in a press release Tuesday.

If the contract is settled, Radavich said he hopes it will lead to the same at Eastern.

"It could play out in lots of different ways. What I hope it will do is inspire us to reach an agreement," he said.

Southern students relieved

CARBONDALE (AP) — Southern Illinois University freshman Nicole Basile was disappointed to learn when she awakened Wednesday that her 8 a.m. class would proceed as scheduled, now that the threat of a faculty strike on the Carbondale campus has faded. "I wanted to sleep," said Basile, 19.

No such luck. Late Tuesday, leaders of the faculty union recommended that their members accept the school's latest contract offer, a move likely to end an impasse over a new contract and avert a strike. Classes continued as usual.

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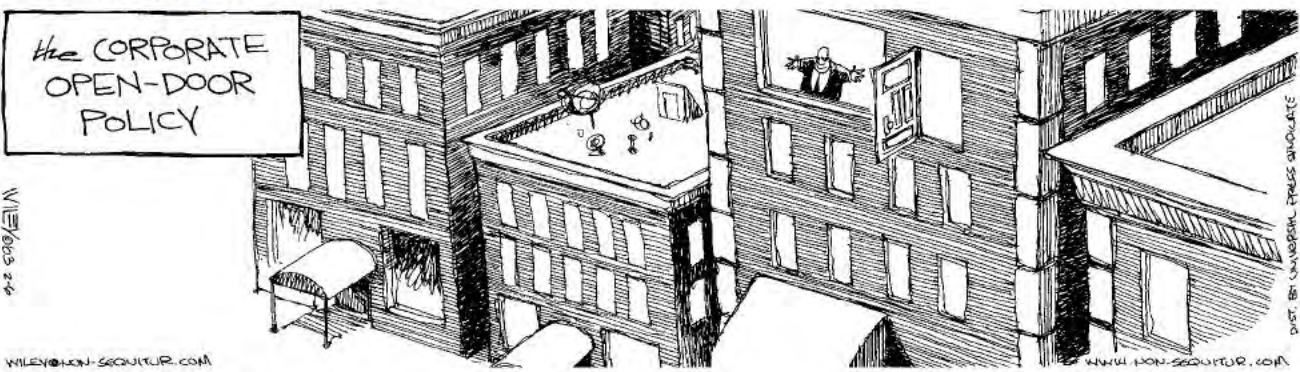
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# There's no place like home

◆ Several teams, including Eastern, happy to be home for the weekend

By Matt Meinheit  
SPORTS EDITOR

If one thing has been on the lips of women's basketball coaches in the Ohio Valley Conference this week, it has been "there's no place like home."

The teams with road games this week are wishing they were at home, and the teams with home games are glad to be where they're at.

Facing a three-game road trip, taking his team through first place Austin Peay, Murray State assistant coach Rob Cross had a simple plan to handle the trek.

"Prayer, lots of prayer with those three teams (Tennessee State, Tennessee Tech and Austin Peay)" Cross said. "They've won lots of games; we've only won one."

Only two teams in the OVC (Murray State and Tennessee State) have home records below .500, while all but three teams (first place Austin Peay, Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State) have losing records on the road.

One team happy to be home will be Tennessee State. The Tigers (2-16, 0-8) are looking for their first OVC win and have good odds of getting that first win Thursday when they host Southeast Missouri (5-13, 1-6). The battle between this year's OVC bottom dwellers will match the conference's second stingiest defense (Murray State with 64.2 points allowed per game) against a Tiger team ranking in the bottom third of eight of 10 statistical categories.

Tennessee State head coach

Valencia Jordan addressed concerns about her team's inconsistency this season.

"(Inconsistency) has been a problem we have had all season," Jordan said. "It's nothing that we're all in a panic about it, and we're excited about getting to play two games at home."

Eastern might be the happiest team to play at home. Not only have they won four out of their last five OVC games held in Lantz Arena, but Eastern doesn't have to worry about playing the top two teams in the conference (first place Austin Peay and second place Southeast Missouri), who are both at home this weekend.

Eastern also likes being at home because of the amount of games they have played recently.

"It helps being at home," Eastern head coach Linda Wunder said. "We played four games in seven days, so we were a little fatigued coming down the stretch, we were at home; so at least we could be fatigued at home."

The Panthers will have a chance to continue moving up the conference standings Saturday when they host Morehead State (11-9, 4-5). The Eagles are coming off an 83-76 loss to Austin Peay Monday.

The last time the two teams met, the Panthers lost to the Eagles 75-70 at Morehead Jan. 13.

"This road trip is one we don't look forward to," Morehead head coach Laura Litter said. "Eastern Illinois is a lot like we were three to four years ago. They have the talent it takes to do well."

"They played a close game with



## Women's Basketball Standings

	OVC	OVERALL
Austin Peay	9-0	16-3
Southeast Missouri	7-2	13-6
Eastern Kentucky	6-2	14-6
Tennessee-Martin	5-4	8-12
Morehead State	4-5	11-9
Eastern Illinois	4-5	5-15
Tennessee Tech	2-6	7-12
Murray State	1-6	5-13
Tennessee State	0-8	2-16

### Saturdays Games

Murray State at Austin Peay - 5 p.m.  
Morehead State at Eastern - 5:15 p.m.  
Eastern Kentucky at SEMO - 5:30 p.m.  
Tenn.-Martin at Tenn. Tech - 5:30 p.m.

us at our place, and we are going to come in expecting a good game."

Another important game this weekend in the OVC will be Eastern Kentucky at SEMO. Only half a game separates the No. 2 and No. 3 teams in the conference.

"The Eastern Kentucky game is a big game for us," SEMO head coach B.J. Smith said. "They've established themselves in the past 10 years as a team to contend with in the OVC. They made us look really bad at their place, they really dominated us, so hopefully we can have a better showing."



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Sophomore guard Sara Riva fights past a Tennessee State defender Saturday at Lantz Arena. The Panthers will be back at home Saturday with hopes of pulling their conference record to .500.

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SWIMMING

# Swim teams end regular season vs. Billikens

◆ *Seniors look for revenge against Saint Louis on Senior Recognition Night*

By Michael Gilbert  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern men's and women's swim teams will conclude their regular season Saturday at the Lantz Natatorium as the Panthers host the Billikens of Saint Louis.

The Panther men (6-2-1) have won three meets in a row and have not tasted defeat since losing to the same Billikens back in November by a score of 142-92. Assistant coach Bill Yanney knows Saint Louis presents a challenge, but he feels the underclassmen will step up and give the seniors a win on Senior Recognition Night.

"Saint Louis has more depth than we do, but at home and on Senior Recognition Night we can win the meet," Yanney said.

The depth factor Yanney was alluding to

*"Saint Louis has more depth than we do, but at home and on Senior Recognition Night we can win the meet."*

—Bill Yanney

comes in the diving portion of the meet. The Panthers lack male divers, so Saint Louis could find themselves up by 30 points before the meet begins.

To overcome the points lost in the diving competition, Yanney will look for three young swimmers to have impressive showings. He expects big performances from sophomores Tom Watson, Kevin Wheatley and Frank Muchna.

"Watson has been swimming well," Yanney said. "He won the 500-freestyle and 1000-freestyle against Valpo last week.

Kevin did well in the butterfly, and Frank Muchna won the 200-freestyle last week."

Panther fans can also expect another outstanding outing from Josh Kercheval. The highly-decorated senior from Sullivan, Ill., continued his dominance this year by winning two events against Valparaiso.

Kercheval took home first place in the 50-freestyle with a time of 21.73 and was tops in the 200-backstroke finishing in 1:57.50.

Regardless of whether or not the men produce a winner against Saint Louis, Yanney said he is very pleased with the team performance this year.

"Absolutely," Yanney said. "The team never gives up and have swam really well."

While the Panther men might struggle against the Billikens, the women's team appear to be able to avenge a loss to Saint Louis from earlier this season with relative ease.

"We can very easily win the meet," Yanney said. "The last time we played Saint Louis (in November) we seemed uninspired

and couldn't find the emotion to win but that won't be the case this time."

The women's team (7-2) has won three in a row and is riding the wake of its senior leader Allison Kenny and a pair of talented freshmen in Jenny Curry and Claire Garvey.

"Allison Kenny has been performing well in the freestyle events," Yanney said. "Garvey and Curry have been very consistent all year. Claire has had a couple of great races this year."

After the meet against Saint Louis the Panthers will compete in the season-ending Midwest Classic Championships held in Indianapolis Feb. 20-22.

Schools scheduled to compete at the Midwest Classic Championships are Valparaiso, IUPUI, Miami (Ohio) and Eastern Michigan. Despite the impressive teams, Yanney says the Panthers will be prepared for the Midwest Classic Championships.

"We're getting ready for it," Yanney said. "We're in the ready mode."

Shoot:  
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"He has meant a lot to our basketball team," Ford said. "We have put a lot of pressure on him, but overall I am very happy with Matt Witt."

Eastern will look toward other guards like Josh Gomes and Ramon Taylor off the bench.

"We've got to continue to use Ramon as a energy lifter," Samuels said.

Samuels doesn't expect the Colonels to throw anything different to the Panthers except for maybe a more aggressive defense on senior guard Henry Domercant.

"Every defense is going to be revolved around Henry but they may attack the passing lines more," Samuels said.

Domercant has had at least 29 points in the last three games he has faced Eastern Kentucky.

Rennels:  
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when he signed longtime Brave southpaw Mike Remlinger, a very effective reliever in years past. He also lured the southern rival Dave Veres from those dastardly Cardinals. He may not be the dirty hat guy, but he is still good.

Former Met Mark Guthrie was then lured to the Cubs for the second time, joining a suddenly jam-packed relief staff, not to mention the shooter, Rod Beck, or shall I say the signing of the winter, who has reportedly cut that gut, lost the mullet and sped up the fastball.

And the sucker of the winter goes to, trumpet, roll out carpet and confetti please... the Los Angeles Dodgers! They took on the monster salary of Todd Hundley who is a cancer to any team even if he costs ten bucks. This brought over-skilled veterans Eric Karros and Mark Grudzielanek to the north siders who will act as good father figures to Bobby Hill and Hee Sop Choi.

As for the Cubs weak offense, young guns Bobby Hill, Corey Patterson and Choi must be entrusted. Hill had a promising finish last year and Patterson had a good start. If he doesn't have a breakout year Cubs fans have been waiting for, it might be time to start looking for our next center fielder.

Fans will not expect Choi to have a breakout rookie year, they will pray for it. If he pulls an Albert Pujols, our offense will have the spark it needs.

About a thousand things have to fall into place for a team to win a championship, and last year there were about seven. Let's hope for more this year.

Recruits:  
Spoo pleased with incoming recruit class  
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"Robert comes from a poor home and that's why he's so thin," Bellantoni said. "When he gets to campus, the first thing he'll do is eat, and the last thing he'll do here is eat."

The only quarterback signed by the Panthers will get an opportunity to compete for the starting position. Rockford Boylan Catholic High School signal caller Matt Weber will challenge red-shirt freshman Ben King for the starting position.

Weber broke the high school records in career passing yards (3219) and touchdowns (30).

Weber will also bring his 90-mph-fastball to Eastern's baseball program as well.

"I liked to have someone emerge in the spring as a starting quarterback," Spoo said.

A pair of wide receiver prospects

includes the tallest Eastern has had in recent years.

Ryan Voss, a 6-foot-5 receiver out of Punta Gorda, Fla., ran a 4.58-second 40-yard dash.

Voss chose the Panthers over Eastern and Western Kentucky, Western Illinois, South Florida and Florida International.

The other receiver is the only local boy of them all. Matt Shonk, from Charleston High School, is a player Spoo felt excited with signing.

"Matt does a great job of receiving the ball in traffic," Spoo said.

Overall, Spoo was very pleased his staff's prediction of having a solid recruiting came true.

"On paper, it appears to be a much more athletic class than any we've had in recent years," Spoo said.

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SATURDAY	M basketball vs. Morehead	7:10 p.m.	Lantz Arena

## THE DUDE



Matt Rennels  
STAFF WRITER

### Could this be the year of the Cub?

What exactly happened last year?

That's the question on the minds of Cubdom, and whoever has the right answer has the chance to fight Rod Beck and Antonio Alfonseca for the closer role.

There are plenty of things to point fingers at. Was it the Cubs manager, who was not what one would call the "player's manager," or was it our interim manager who was a really nice guy? Did he have an idea how to run a major league team? No one's sure, but gosh darn it, he was a swell guy.

Cubs fans could look in the direction of Fred McGriff and Moises Alou, who always took turns at playing baseball, rotating Sammy Sosa into the mix. Or they could take the stance that the relief pitching was at fault, a corps arms that blew more saves than it converted. For those who thought an extra finger and toe would help, guess not.

It was an awful season.

It may have gone down as just another typical Cubs season if there hadn't been so much emphasis into it. The Cubs took the same team that won 89 games, added Alou, fresh off a season where he batted .330 and drove in 100 runs, and we ended up losing 95.

Should fans chalk it up to the Cub curse?

Put your goat away, it wasn't that. The Cubs were headed by a manager who was never going to take them anywhere, not even Dairy Queen if they won a big game.

The Cubs were juggling crappy veterans and young prospects. Delino Deshields should never have been allowed to walk on to the field, and someone should have realized just how done Jeff Fassero's career was. Remember Gary Gaetti? Anyone can have one last push - Gaetti's was '98, Fassero's was '01.

Let's look at the bright side. Matt Clement emerged with one of the best sliders in the game and can prove to be a reliable number three starter and more. The next and final bright aspect of last year's dismal season was everyone's favorite backup, Mark Bellhorn, who rose from obscurity to hit 28 home runs, the most for any switch-hitter in Cub history.

In a nutshell, the offseason certainly was bright. First and foremost with a trumpet call and a roll out rug - three-time manager of the year Dusty Baker is the new man at the helm.

This is huge! The Cubs have never had this ammo in their dugout. Remember Jim Lefebvre? Jim Rigglesman? Bruce Kimm? No. We will all remember Dusty, regardless.

Cubs GM Jim Hendry then began beefing up the bullpen

## FOOTBALL

# Eastern football signs 20 recruits

♦ Nineteen prep recruits and one junior college player signed national letters-of-intent Wednesday

By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS REPORTER

Panthers head football coach Bob Spoo said before defense would be emphasized during the recruiting trail, and his recruiting class Wednesday proved it.

"We obviously went for defensive guys with good mobility," Spoo said. "I'm very pleased with the efforts of the coaches in obtaining a solid class."

Defensive Coordinator Roc Bellantoni was the busiest of the entire staff, obtaining several well-regarded athletes from the state of Florida.

"I believe that Nick Ricks (linebacker from Deerfield Beach) and Vince Lewis (cornerback from Fort Lauderdale) do a great job of selling the program," Bellantoni said.

The ironic part of Panthers signing day was the staff seemed confident the best prospect of the class plays offense.

Offensive tackle Anthony Rubican from Schaumburg, Ill., was projected very early to be heavily recruited by schools from the Big Ten Conference, and therefore, Eastern didn't pursue him initially.

However, Eastern's staff received a phone call from Rubican's high school coach expressing frustration over the non-interest his player was receiving.

"(Rubican) is arguably the best player of the bunch, and we are very grateful to sign a player that talented," offensive line coach Steve Farmer said.

The best defensive player of the class may be linebacker Stephen Washington from Jenkins High School in Lakeland, Fla. The 6-foot-3 200-pound linebacker played defensive

"I'm very pleased with the efforts of the coaches in obtaining a solid class."

—Bob Spoo

end at a prior high school, but later played as a safety and linebacker his senior year.

"Stephen is a kid that has extremely long arms and could be an outstanding linebacker once he learns the system," Bellantoni said.

Washington's high school teammate is the only safety of the 2004 recruiting class.

Mike Embry is one of the few prospects that could provide immediate impact for the Panthers defense next season.

"Mike is one of those kids that could compete for a backup spot in spring ball," Bellantoni said.

With Eastern only having three secondary players on scholarship, the Panthers signed four cornerbacks including the only junior college transfer.

At 5-foot-8, Amral Johnson from Wellington/L.A. Valley Community College in West Palm Beach, Fla., is the shortest player signed this year but makes up for it with his incredible size and strength. Johnson packs 190 pounds into his small frame and can bench press 365 pounds.

"Amral is incredibly strong and has great feet," offensive line assistant Doug Heinz said.

Six-foot-1 160-pound cornerback Albert

## Recruit breakdown

NEW RECRUITS	POS.	HOMETOWN
Ademola Adeniji	RB	Springfield, Ill.
Reggie Anthony	TE	Edwardsville, Ill.
Scott Bennett	LB	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Albert Brown	CB	Plantation, Fla.
B.J. Brown	CB	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Tristan Burge	CB	Romeoville, Ill.
Keidrick Doby	LB	Apopka, Fla.
Mike Embry	S	Lakeland, Fla.
Amral Johnson	CB	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Tony Jones	OL	Oak Forest, Ill.
Robert Nichols	DE	Delray Beach, Fla.
Lucius Pusey	LB	Delray Beach, Fla.
Anthony Rubican	OT	Schaumburg, Ill.
David Schratz	LB	Garfield, N.J.
Ryan Schulz	OL	Valders, Wis.
Matt Shonk	WR	Charleston, Ill.
Michael Torres	DE	Miami, Fla.
Ryan Voss	WR	Punta Gorda, Fla.
Stephen Washington	LB	Lakeland, Fla.
Matt Weber	QB	Rockford, Ill.

Brown is rated by the Panthers coaching staff as the best cornerback of the four because of his size and recovering speed.

"Albert was the point guard on the basketball team and has an excellent chance for playing time," Bellantoni said.

The most interesting prospect the Panthers signed was defensive end Robert Nichols from Delray Beach, Fla.,

Nichols stands at 6-foot-3-inches, but currently only weighs 210 pounds.

SEE RECRUITS ♦ Page 11

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Panthers shoot for third straight



By Matthew Stevens  
SPORTS REPORTER

Eastern will look to achieve its first three-game winning streak of the season versus Eastern Kentucky 7:10 p.m. Thursday night at Lantz Arena.

The Panthers (9-12, 4-5) also can avenge an early conference season 94-85 defeat in Richmond almost one month ago.

Eastern Kentucky (8-11, 2-6) shot 59 percent from the floor, and sophomore forward Michael Haney had a career high 27 points, helped by going 13 of 13 from the charity stripe.

"I don't feel like we played poorly; I thought they played really well," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said.

The Panthers have currently won four of their last five at home, and Samuels insists defending Lantz Arena is a top priority.

"Since we've already dropped two at home, we now have to win at home period," Samuels said.

Eastern Kentucky will be without sophomore point guard Ben Rushing who has reinjured the, same knee forcing him to redshirt his freshman year. Rushing is currently second in the Ohio Valley Conference in free throw percentage at 92.3 and brings in 10.7 points per game for the Colonels.

"We just need some other guys to step up and take over the leadership that he gives us," Colonels head coach Travis Ford said.

Eastern also is suffering from slighter injury concerns on a few of its backcourt players. According to head trainer Ryan Collins, Craig Lewis has a sore foot that will be heavily taped Thursday night. Jake Sinclair is suffering from cold-like symptoms that continue to worry Samuels.

"Jake says he can play, but he still is constantly coughing," Samuels said.

The Colonels have been led in scoring by senior guard Shawn Fields, who is averaging 13.9 points per game, and have gotten a significant lift from freshman guard Matt Witt who averages 13.6.

Witt is the leading candidate for OVC Newcomer of the Year by winning the weekly award seven times.

Senior guard Craig Lewis cuts to the basket against Southeast Missouri State Tuesday at Lantz Arena. Lewis should continue to receive quality minutes despite an injured foot.

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# The inside scoop . . .

◆ *Teaching, engineering, sales top list of jobs in demand, available for college graduates*

By Niki Jensen  
STAFF WRITER

The job market continually changes, but right now, the teaching field is the shining starlet of the marketplace, said Linda Moore, interim director of Career Services.

As more elementary, intermediate and secondary schools are being built throughout the nation, Moore said the teaching industry is seeing a major surge in the number of immediate, available jobs.

Teaching positions especially in demand are secondary math, science, industrial technology and home economics, Moore said.

In addition, special education continues to flourish and is expected to see even more employment growth in the near future, Moore said.

Increasing dependency on technologies of all kinds is responsible for the abundance of employment opportunities Moore said are currently found in the engineering and information systems industries.

Similarly, accounting and sales are two sectors of the employment landscape that are experiencing high employment rates and equally strong growth, Moore said.

"Sales as a whole is strong now because that's the last thing the companies are going to cut back on — what makes the money," she said.

Moore said most students have distorted perceptions of sales, which she said focuses on the establishment and maintenance of relationships between companies and respective clients.

There is "very little pushing in most of sales," Moore said.

But of all the booming job fields listed, she said Eastern students with special education and accounting majors, especially the certified public accountant, have had the easiest times finding jobs in the past year.

## Job Market 1001

To better understand why certain occupations may be hot and others are not, students need not look any further than the state of the economy, Moore said.

Because the condition of the economy sharply dictates the make-up of the job marketplace, fluctuations in the economy will cause the job market to shift accordingly, Moore said.

Take a healthy 1998 economy, for example. At job fairs during this time, "all you had to do (to get a job) was have a pulse, eye contact and a resume," Moore says.

But with the emergence of a weak economy in the spring of 2001, Moore said "employers cut their recruiting by one-third."

Instead of actively pursuing qualified job applicants, as was common during the boom

of 1998, more companies began to make the job seekers come to them, Moore said.

Throughout history, some of the most rapid and extreme alterations to the structure of the job market have been caused by the despairing effects of major events such as the infamous Stock Market Crash of 1929 and the more recent tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

"The events of Sept. 11 totally crushed the job market," Moore said.

Nearly a year and a half after the events of Sept. 11, Moore said many hard-hit industries are once again experiencing growth.

And this couldn't be better for the students.

"The hospitality industry in particular is rebounding from last fall when no one was traveling," she says.

Moore strongly advised students to be aware of the changing economy, which gives insight to the current needs and in-demand jobs of the marketplace.

"You really have to know how times change and make adjustments accordingly," she said.

Long term predictions of the future economy and job market are hard to make because no one knows what impact the possible war with Iraq will have on the economy, Moore said.

## Little Things that Matter Big

Whether the job market is floundering or flourishing, Moore had a tip for students.

"Jobs are always out there. It's just that sometimes they are hidden," she said.

Disregarding any specific major or field of interest, Moore said every student can and should do some little things to better their chances of getting that desired job.

"What the students must do is network with people — all mom and dad's friends, your roommate's friends," Moore says.

Networking will allow students to meet a lot of people, some of whom may prove to be valuable resources or references in their desired fields of employment.

"Once you network, it usually will open a door," Moore said.

In addition to networking while at Eastern, Moore said she encourages students to see speakers who come to campus, especially if the speaker or topic is of particular interest to one's intended career field. Not only will one learn more about the field, but he or she will be able to network with the speaker following the speech, Moore says.

Another thing all students should do is work on developing their "soft skills," as Moore put it.

She said employers are always on the look out for applicants who display soft skills such as initiative, good communication, confidence and enthusiasm.

"You must show employers how you can help them," Moore says.

Lastly, Moore said students should never underestimate the importance of their resumes. Sometimes, the resume can either make or break one's chances of getting the job, she said.



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Jim Uphoff, office manager and accountant with H&R Block on Woodfall Drive, processes paperwork on Tuesday night. Accounting jobs are one career experiencing high employment rates.



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Jed Arseneau, a physical education major and student teacher at Charleston High School, plays pickleball with students during gym class Tuesday afternoon. High school education is one of the biggest jobs available and in demand.

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# Resume, cover letter often deciding factors

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

In less than one minute a potential employer decides whether to consider a job applicant, a Career Services pamphlet said.

During the fateful minute, a flawless and impressive cover letter and resume can make a substantial difference.

Cover letters personalize an applicant's interest directly to the particular company. They also serve as an introductory step to present a resume, contact information and a desire for an interview, the pamphlet said.

Cover letters are brief, typically three or four paragraphs of about three or four sentences each. These paragraphs should introduce the applicant, present the applicant's specific interests and appealing qualities, and express his or her availability for an interview.

The first paragraph should be an introduction stating the applicant's interest in the company. To prove that interest, it is wise to include the specific fact about the company that connects an applicant's qualities to the company's work. The desired position should be immediately addressed in this paragraph.

"A cover letter has to be specific to each individual employer," said Linda Moore, interim director of Career Services. "Tell them why you want to work there."

Next, the cover letter should introduce the applicant's expertise. It should briefly highlight qualifications and support those qualifications with one or two sentences. If this paragraph appears unappealingly long, it should be divided into two shorter paragraphs.

The closing paragraph should summarize the letter's purpose. The paragraph should refer to the resume, request an interview and supply contact information, and thank the potential employer for time and consideration.

Following this paragraph is the closing, signature, and "Enc." which indicates that a resume is enclosed.

A cover letter is meant to direct the reader into the following resume. It is the first thing a potential employer sees when the envelope is opened. The letter should be clearly written, directly to the point, and free of error.

Resumes summarize personal and professional experience and qualifications. Clear headings, evidence of intelligence, neatness and consistency determine a quality resume.

"This year, make multiple resumes as specific as the cover letter," Moore said. "Go to a job fair with different resumes color-coded."

There are various resume types to cater to each applicant's qualifications. A chronological resume is the most common. It lists employment and experience by date in reverse chronological order.



Sarah Deloche, a senior elementary education major, drinks her Sprite while looking over information about resumes during the Career Services workshop on resumes Wednesday afternoon.

A functional resume can be used if skills outnumber dates. For this type, experience is grouped into skill categories that emphasize strengths.

Combination resumes use both chronological and functional aspects.

Resumes should be done with headings and bullets for each important point. They should have sentence fragments beginning with action verbs and avoid "I's". This is meant to grab attention and maintain focus when the resume is read.

Resumes should be specific to the individual. Pre-formatted outlines make good guides, but applicants should create resumes that express themselves.

"A resume is in fact a marketing tool, not a historical document," Moore said. "It should be informative and entertaining as well as factual."

Both the letter and the resume should be typed on 8 1/2 by 11 inch, 20-pound bond paper. White, ivory, off-white, or light grey paper is recommended.

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# Who or what you know on the way

◆ *Many faculty, employers agree networking helps students land a job*

By Tim Martin  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Linda Moore, interim director of Career Services, told a story about how two students took advantage of Eastern's Career Day.

"I remember a few years ago, a CEO of a big company was at one of our career days," she said. "And two girls went up to him, unsolicited, and introduced themselves. The CEO was so impressed he told his interviewer to interview them."

The story shows a prime example of networking, the No. 2 way for college students to get a job out of school. The next career day will be Feb. 19.

Moore, who said the No. 1 way students get jobs out of school is from internships, clarified the opportunities for Eastern students to network on campus is many.

"It is an active and ongoing process," she said. "Students can go to speeches given on campus by professionals in their field or industry, job shadow, go to our career days or get on a list server."

The addition of the Internet in the networking process has been beneficiary, Moore said.

Career Services maintains constant connection with the list server and has gotten information on more than 500 internships so far.

"All students have to do is get online and we get at least seven new internships every week," Moore said.

William Addison, chair of the psychology department, said he also is impressed by the Internet's capabilities.

"Ten years ago, people had to do all their networking face-to-face or by telephone," he said. "But now you can easily track down people in your profession by finding their e-mail addresses, and you can do it only five or 10 minutes."

But if networking, whether it be interpersonal or Internet, is so useful, why is it that most Eastern students don't take advantage of it?

"I haven't done any networking yet," Chad Schmidt, a freshman business management major, said. "I'm kind of indifferent about it."

Holly Steiling, a graduate student in

elementary education, said she will wait until the spring to start making her contacts.

"I'm sure I will do something about it when I get closer to graduation," she said.

Moore accredited the lack of networking to a lack of knowledge.

"I don't think students take advantage of events put on by the University Board or their academic departments," she said. "A lot of people are bringing various movers and shakers to Eastern and students don't understand how helpful networking can be."

Faculty members also have noticed students' lack of activity in making contacts.

"I think networking is important in all professional endeavors," said Meribetha Bruning, chair of the department of early childhood, elementary and middle-level education. "It at least allows you to look at your future profession at another perspective."

Glenn Hild, chair of the art department, said he doesn't think students understand the positive results making contacts could have.

"I see students who do it, who are out there projecting themselves, and it's important that they do it," he said. "But I'm not certain students know how valuable networking can be."

Businesses also have noticed how a majority of college students don't take a big enough advantage of what is offered to them.

"I have three kids in college, my two youngest ones being typical boys," said Dick Stark, a self-employed State Farm insurance agent. "I see that they don't think it is important what they are doing right now, who they are contacting, or where they want to be — but that's college."

"Too many people don't focus on making contacts until they say to themselves 'Hey, I need a job,' and they don't realize they won't have much to show," Stark said.

With such a high emphasis on networking, is the cliché "It's not what you know, but who you know" stand in today's job market? — maybe.

"I think networking is extremely important, especially with the employment situation as it is," Mike Alexander, an investment representative from Edward Jones, said.

Stark said he doesn't hire people he

*"I think networking is important in all professional endeavors. It at least allows you to look at your future profession at another perspective."*

—Meribetha Bruning

doesn't know.

"The people who I have employed have come to me from people who know them and reer them to me," he said. "I have found that I have had more success from people I know who I know have a good work ethic, as opposed to people who I have no background on."

John Broome, principal at Charleston High School, said he takes an unconventional strategy to the job selection process.

"Honestly, we look for teachers that will be the very best for us," he said. "I'm not saying networking isn't important, it just isn't the way I go through the process. If I had to choose between a candidate with good contacts and a candidate with no contacts and who is higher qualified, I'd choose the more qualified person every time."

But maybe what and who you know is equally important.

"Initially I think yes, it is important 'who you know' and that is why networking is so important," said Cheryl Noll, coordinator of MBA admissions, advisement and certification. "But knowing someone is only good for getting that initial interview. You still have to demonstrate not just that you have the communication skills, but that you are qualified for the job."

Although faculty and businesses see improvement in the networking process, some students still find a way to make contacts.

"I have job teaching and coaching set up when I go back home after I graduate," Adrienne Leschewski, a junior elementary education major, said. "And I got that job because I talked to teachers and go to know some people. Now they know who I am and they are excited to have me."

# Internships available but difficult to find in bad economy

◆ *Career Services' resources can help students find an internship*

By Brian Gordon  
STAFF WRITER

An internship provides valuable job experience and can be a stepping stone for landing that dream job.

Career Services offers many valuable resources for obtaining internships, such as a comprehensive Web site with links to more than 500 internships nationwide and a multitude of books and binders with more than 1,000 internships available.

"All the student has to do is contact the office to obtain a password for the Web site, which provides over 500 full-time jobs and internships nationwide," said Bobbi Kingery, career adviser at Career Services.

The Internet has become a good research tool for obtaining information on internships.

Going through the work to search for an internship does not necessarily guarantee a student will find summer employment. One reason for the difficulty is the sluggish economy.

"The economy has hurt full time employment as well as internships. They still exist, but they may be harder to find," Kingery said.

The resources at the office detail where the internships are available, what areas of study they pertain to and whether they are paid or unpaid jobs. Handouts also are readily available at the office, Kingery said.

The deadline for applying usually ends around mid-March unless the applicant seeks an internship in a top firm where the deadline is in mid-December, she said.

Career Services also provides assistance in resume writing and interviewing. Normally, students will put together a resume, and the staff will critique it, Kingery said.

"Career Services offers job specific one-on-one help for students," Kingery said.

In addition to Career Services, advisers and internship coordinators for various majors also provide valuable information for potential jobs.

Internships usually are posted on bulletin boards throughout academic buildings on campus. Students also can obtain more information on internships on the Career Services Web site at [www.jobsrv.etu.edu](http://www.jobsrv.etu.edu).

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## History, rural teachers not demanded

By Carly Mullady  
CITY EDITOR

Students entering the career field may need to balance interests between what jobs are in high or low demand. It is advised that applicants keep open eyes and an open mind on careers in both categories to establish a range of opportunities. While teaching jobs are generally high in demand, Linda Moore, interim director of Career Services, said teaching jobs in certain areas are not currently in very high demand. "History teachers are of very

low demand right now," she said. Another very low-demand career is business management, she said. Moore said another issue with career demand is elementary education because it is not demanded in rural areas or in small towns where many graduates would wish to work. However, teachers are strongly needed in some urban areas and big cities. According to an article in the Wall Street Journal Career Journal, some of the best jobs have a very low demand right now, including careers in biology, financial planning, meteorology,

statistics and accounting. Other low-demand careers are in software engineering, computer systems analysis and paralegal assistance. Moore advised anyone pursuing any career, high or low demand, be fully aware of the particular business endeavor. "The No. 1 thing is to know what's going on, in full, by reading journals and publications of that professional field," she said. The second important step in attaining a desired career is to network with people in that field. "A network can help a person all through life, even in college," she said.

## Preparing for life after graduation

◆ Career Services helps students map out plan for their futures

By Chris Luther  
STAFF WRITER

College students have to make decisions that will effect the rest of their lives. To help them make these decisions, Eastern offers its students programs that put them on the right track to reach the right decision. For anyone unsure about what their field of interest is, Career Services offers specialized career assessment tests. These tests help students find their place in a professional field. "Different career paths have different needs," said Linda Moore, interim director of Career Services. "We all have a professional style to our self, and the career assessment test helps us find that style." Employers hiring college graduates like to see experience. The best way to gain experience in school is getting an internship. An internship is a pre-professional experience partially or fully supervised by a professional of that field, Moore said. If getting involved in an internship seems too much at once, Eastern also offers externships. These are one-day experiences in a profession that give a student an opportunity to ask questions and meet people on the inside of a company, she said.

"Different career paths have different needs."  
—Linda Moore

"If you are interested in a field but not yet ready for an internship, an externship is the best way to get a basic understanding of that field," Moore said. Internships and externships are not the only way to prepare for the future. Moore said the university offers a variety of services for students. These include a dining etiquette class, mock interviews and networking workshops. "Employers notice little things like table manners at interviews," Moore said. "It's good for a student to be able to impress them with their manners." One student took advantage of such a workshop. "I thought my friends would make fun of me for taking a dining class," Ryan Fitzgibbons, a senior English major said. "It was helpful because now I know the difference between a salad fork and a dinner fork." The networking workshops teach students how to network in a professional setting. The workshops show students how to enter and exit a conversation, and also how to make good contacts. More information about these services is available at [www.job.srv.eiu.edu](http://www.job.srv.eiu.edu).

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# A handy resource for job hunting

◆ Career Services staff members guide students down path to employment

By Avian Carrasquillo  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Career Services continues to counsel students on the right path to a successful career despite a small job market for college graduates.

Linda Moore, the interim director of Career Services, said Career Services provides individual attention to students and alumni for professional development that assists with core development.

"We assess a person's interests and try to find a career that would match that. What might be right for one person could not be right for another," Moore said.

Career Services stays in contact with employers to go over constant changes in the the recruiting industry. They sponsor workshops, job fairs and bring speakers to campus with professional experience in fields students are interested in.

"It helps to hear from a professional what it takes from someone who's made it," Moore said.

Moore said Career Services often goes unused because some students don't know the service exists and not because of a lack of trying on their part.

"We advertise in *The Daily Eastern News*, we go to every freshman orientation and we advertise on 88.9 WEIU-FM radio," Moore said.

Moore said Recognized Student Organization's have greatly benefited from working with Career Services.

"We have worked with a number of RSOs and academic clubs. We try to help them develop as people and as leaders. Working with RSOs is just a unique twists of services we provide," Moore said.

Last year Kaplan ranked Career Services in the top 35 percentile in the nation.



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Brittany Holtz, a graduate student of gerontology, or the study of older adults, discusses her resume with Linda Moore, the interim director of Career Services, during a resume workshop Wednesday afternoon.

# Dot-com slump may be economic 'correction'

By Dan Valenziano  
STAFF WRITER

It's plain to see dot-com companies have been put on the endangered species list, but did the dot-com boom burst its own bubble?

James Bruehler, an economics professor at Eastern, said two theories are behind the dot-com deflation.

"If it was the case that more resources were going into that sector than was appropriate and you view the collapse as a kind of correction, then there are

going to be less resources put in there as a result of the correction. Therefore, there will be fewer jobs and perhaps less high wages," he said.

But the economy was slowing down as a whole. So the reduction in the dot-com labor demand was probably a combination of both factors, he said.

This reduced labor demand is not problem specific to Internet companies. Many companies who have historically hired many Eastern graduates, such as Caterpillar and State Farm Insurance, are now in a hiring

freeze.

Roberta Kingery, a career adviser of Career Services, has some concern for the Career Fair on Feb. 19.

"I went through and came up with 250 to 300 new companies that we hadn't gone after before to invite to the job fair," Kingery said. "About 15 to 20 percent of that was Information Technology type companies. We haven't had a great response."

Some jobs still are available in the information technology and computer programming field. Decatur-based Archer Daniels

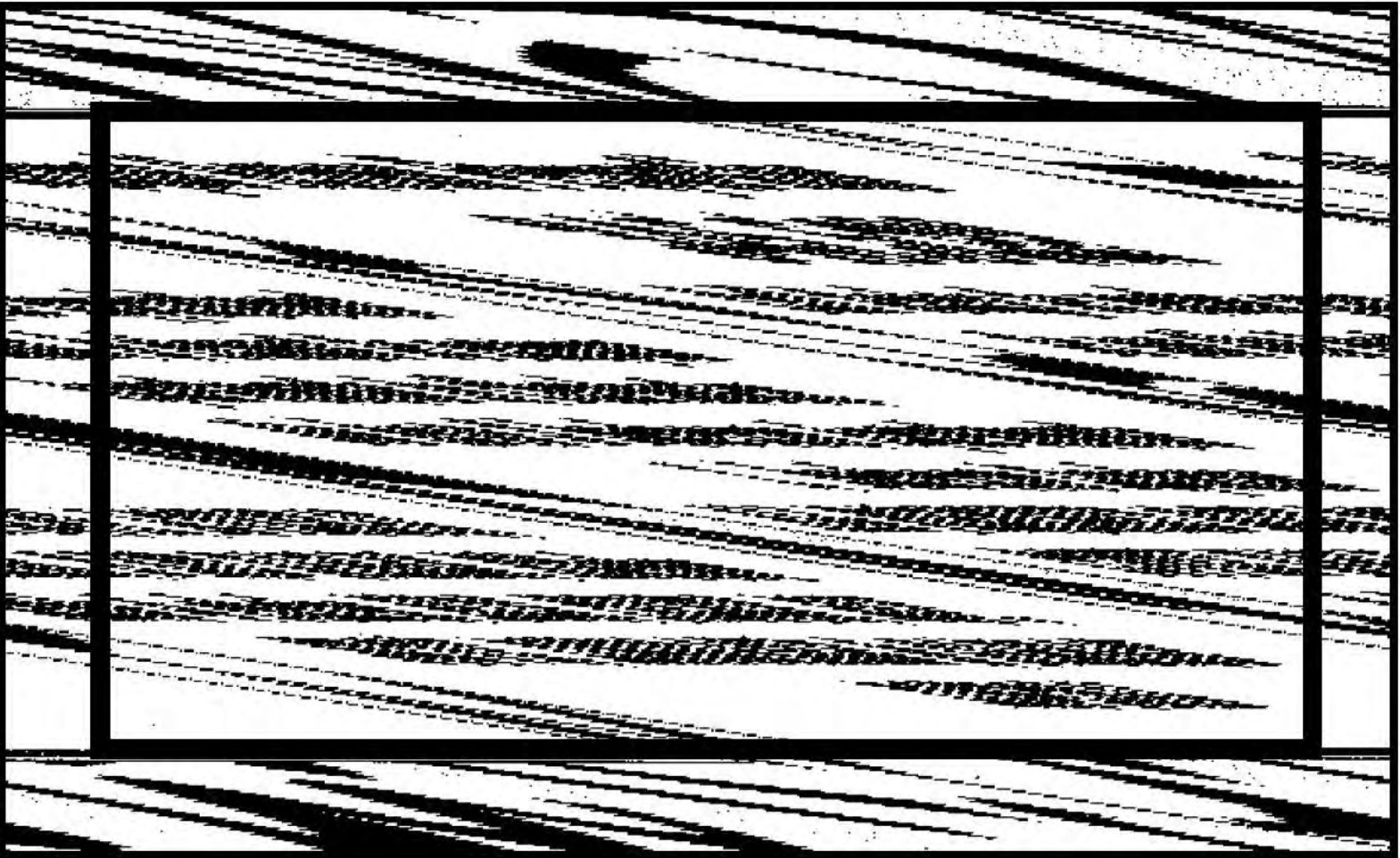
Midland, a company which will be represented at the Career Fair, is interviewing for one or two full-time information technology positions and about seven summer internships.

Not all the recent news from the dot-com and information technology industries is negative, however. This past fiscal quarter turned the heads of some economists. Many online companies, such as LookSmart and MarketWatch, have reported their first net profits in years. Although these profits are small in comparison to those

of a just a few years ago, they do offer some hope for the future.

So if jobs still are available, how does a student pick the right employer? Kingery said they can tell if a company will be a stable source of employment in a few ways.

"You want to do your research and find out where they are investing their money," she said. "Find out what their base is and is it something that people really need. Make sure it's not in an area that is flooded."



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# Career fair readies students for future

◆ More than 100 companies will have representatives on campus for annual event

By Jennifer Chiariello  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The career fair has been held for decades and so far this year 109 companies will be present, which is a 10 percent increase over last spring, said Linda Moore, interim director of Career Services.

"The goal of a career fair is to create a bridge between students and employers and to make sure they have the skills to get there. It takes practice," Moore said.

Moore said students should attend the career fair early. Some recruiters will leave once a lot of applications are turned in.

Employers with the most positions to fill or that have the most difficult positions to fill are usually the companies that are present for the fair, Moore said.

"In this economy, if they (students) see one or more companies they are interested in will be at the fair, they should probably go," she said. "It's hard to get contracts and get your foot in the door."

Students should know positions are open they don't advertise for too, Moore said.

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—Linda Moore

panies besides what is available at the job fair," she said.

"Appearance is critical — very important," Moore said. "And students should have a good line for the recruiter, like a 20-second infomercial and they can come up with more than one. They can write it on an index card to look at before they talk to a recruiter," Moore said.

Moore also suggested that students interested in two to four different things in different areas should instead of writing a general resume covering a broad range of positions, write a specific resume for each and have the different resumes printed on different colored paper.

The spring 2003 Career Day/Job Fair will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.



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Above: Valerie Millman, a senior speech communication major, looks over information given to her Wednesday afternoon at the Career Services Resume workshop.

Left: Dagni Bredesen, an English professor, teaches her Victorian Literature class in Coleman Hall Wednesday afternoon.

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- ◆ Attend the fair early — some recruiters will leave once a lot of applications are turned in
- ◆ Remember appearance is critical
- ◆ Rehearse a "20-second infomercial," to give recruiters. Applicants may have more than one ready
- ◆ Become knowledgeable of the kinds of positions available at companies, besides what is available at the job fair

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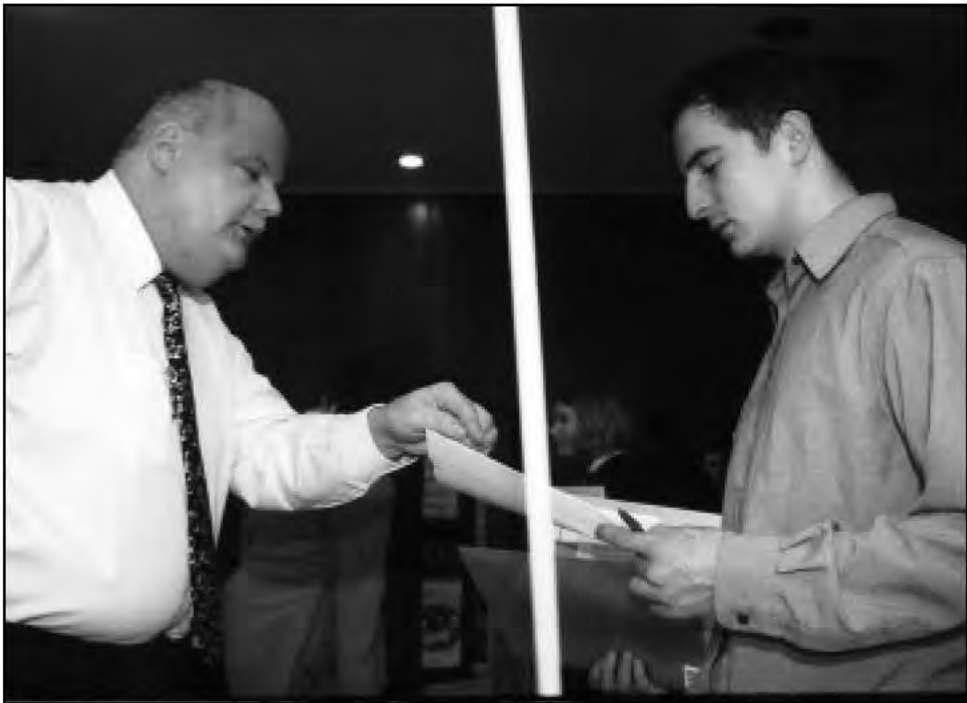


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## Making Contact

Students talk with employers at last spring's career fair. The university brings in more than 100 companies for the event. Recruiters come to the event wanting to find job applicants. Students attend to make contacts and to apply for jobs they are interested in. Linda Moore, interim director of Career Services, said: "The goal of a career fair is to create a bridge between students and employers and to make sure they have the skills to get there. It takes practice."

