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New beginning

Take a look at Eastern's spring sports programs.

Section B



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Blake Graven (center), of the Charleston Fire Department gets a helping hand Wednesday afternoon from Fire Chief Darrell Nees and a worker from Ameren CIPS to a nearby ambulance. Graven was released from Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center later in the afternoon after being treated for a sprained ankle he got while battling a blaze at a house at 208 7th St.

Fire rages in vacant Seventh Street house

◆ Firefighter injured during afternoon blaze

By Evan Hill
CAMPUS EDITOR

One Charleston firefighter was injured Wednesday afternoon during a house fire at 208 N. 7th St.

The injured firefighter, Blake Graven, was treated for a sprained ankle he received when climbing down a ladder from the attic of the house, Charleston Fire Chief Darrell Nees said.

"We suspect it was an electrical malfunction in the electrical wiring," Nees said.

The fire is still being investigated, but Nees said he estimated the damage to the house at near \$20,000.

Graven was taken to Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center for x-rays and then released around 2:15 p.m., Nees said.

Officer Ron Delude said the Charleston Police Department received the fire call at 12:10 p.m., and he was sent to scene along with another car.

"There was a large amount of smoke and some flames coming out of the building," Delude said.

Delude said he arrived at 12:15 p.m., and an ambulance and two fire trucks were on the scene and had the fire under control a few minutes later.

Captain Scott Todd of the Charleston Fire Department said he saw smoke coming from the front of the house and smoke and flames coming from the rear.

The firefighters began hosing down the back of the house, where the fire was concentrated, with water from one truck and then sent a crew through the front of the house with a hose from a separate truck, Todd said.



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Tim Meister, of the Charleston Fire Department, exits from the rear of the house at 208 N. 7th Street while examining the structure for flames Wednesday afternoon.

"We threw 1,000 gallons of water at it," Todd said.

Jeff Day, owner of JL Property Maintenance, said no one was in the house when the fire started.

Day and a crew of five workers had been tearing out drywall inside the house Wednesday morning, but had been at lunch when the fire started.

"I'm assuming it was wiring (that caused the fire), but we weren't messing with any of the wiring," Day said.

Day said his company was hired for demolition work and were tearing down drywall before the fire Wednesday so an electrician could have access to wiring.

The house's electricity had been turned off at the circuit breaker, but Day said his crew turned the electricity back on when they arrived for work Wednesday morning to power their saws and other equipment. He said they worked for several hours without incident.

Day said he lost an estimated \$1,500 in tools and equipment in the fire plus an undetermined amount of materials.

However, Day said both he and his client are insured.

"Looks like that's a little more than a (demolition) job now," Day said to his crew as he told them to go home for the day.

Eastern the lone university testing new fat substitute

◆ Z-Trim lowers up to 50 percent of calories and fats

By Karen Kirr
SENIOR WRITER

Beginning Friday, Eastern will be the lone university assisting Mundelein-based FiberGel Technologies Inc., a subsidiary of Circle Group Holdings Inc., in testing what may arguably wind up being the most successful fat substitute in history.

Z-Trim, a fat replacement that lowers up to 50 percent of calories and fats in foods without hindering taste or texture, has been available for consumers to purchase online since January in a powder form.

The product is one Greg Halpern, Chief Executive Officer of Circle Group Holdings, said consumers can expect in mainstream food products made by Nestle and other major food brands by summer.

"Few people know about it now, but by the end of the year everyone in America will know about it," he said.

The company purchased the patent from the United States Department of

Agriculture laboratory in Peoria, where Z-Trim was developed.

From June through the end of the year, it will air \$20-\$30 million worth of commercials hawking the zero-calorie, corn-based substitute that increases healthy insoluble fiber when used in products, Halpern said. He said a direct response company will be responsible for all the marketing and promotions involving the product.

First-year School of Family & Consumer Sciences Chair James Painter, former assistant professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, initially became involved with FiberGel Technologies when he introduced his Nutrition Analysis Tools and System (NATS) to Halpern at a conference last June. The NATS program uses tables to analyze the nutrient content of the food people consume and is compatible with most browsers. During midsummer of last year he licensed the company with a 15-year agreement to make NATS accessible through the Z-Trim Web site (ztrim.com).

During his encounter with Halpern is

What is Z-Trim

- ◆ An All-natural, zero calorie fat replacement developed by USDA Agricultural Research Service.
- ◆ A food ingredient that can carry other functional food ingredients such as Omega-3 fatty acid, phytosterol, beta glucan and beta carotene as an emulsion to decrease fat and calories and increase insoluble fiber in a variety of products, including cheeses, baked goods, meat products, dressings, confectionary products and a wide range of other prepared foods.

when Painter became aware of Z-Trim, which at the time was in the process of being developed. In exchange for pursuing Z-Trim studies, Eastern received a financial gift from FiberGel Technologies, Painter said.

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Doudna funding includes electrical system overhaul

By Evan Hill
CAMPUS EDITOR

While the \$46 million in capital funds released to Eastern by Gov. Rod Blagojevich last week was intended mostly for the Doudna Fine Arts Center revisions, a portion of the \$46 million will fund an overhaul of Eastern's electrical infrastructure.

"Capital funds were recently made available that will result in a reliable electric distribution system that will serve the University for approximately 50 years," said Jim Nantz, business manager for Eastern's Facilities, Planning and Management Office. "These funds and this project is managed by the Capital Development Board.

"We are working closely with the Capital Development Board to select an engineering firm to design this project."

Eastern's electrical infrastructure has experienced problems for several years.

In 1995, Eastern "experienced a major electrical outage resulting from problems with the local utility and weak electrical distribution cabling," Nantz said.

He said a study was conducted to investigate the incident and the extent of other electrical problems that could lead to a future major power loss.

However, the incident in 1995 was not the end of Eastern's power problems.

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Today
Showers



55° 52°
HIGH LOW

Friday
Showers, wind



63° 38°
HIGH LOW

Saturday
Partly cloudy



49° 40°
HIGH LOW

Sunday
Few showers



48° 27°
HIGH LOW

Monday
Mostly sunny



46° 32°
HIGH LOW

Tuesday
Mostly cloudy

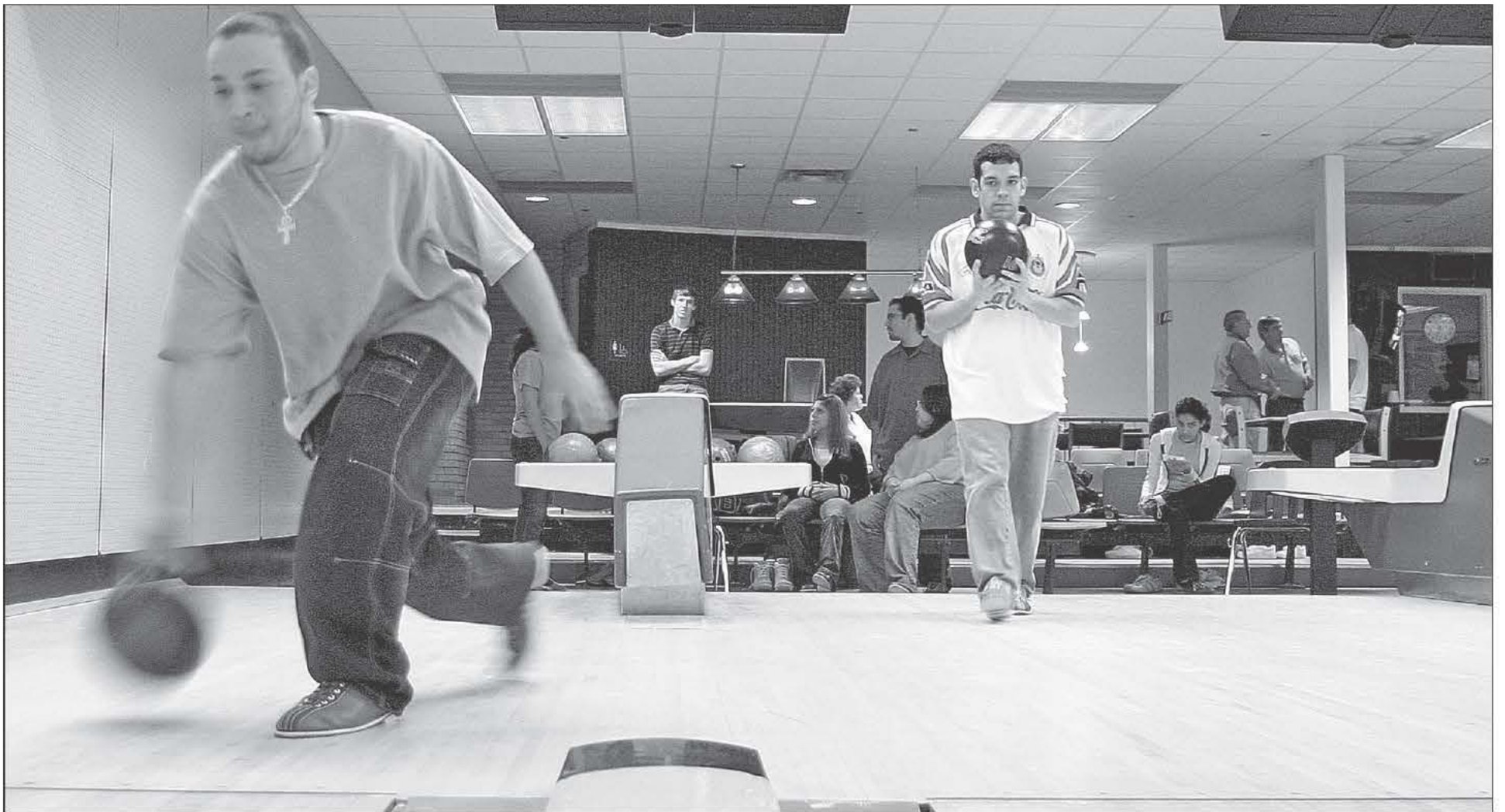


49° 33°
HIGH LOW

Wednesday
Sunny



51° 38°
HIGH LOW



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Praying for a strike

Jonathan Sanchez, a freshman family and consumer sciences major, lets a hopeful strike out of his hand as Luis Garcia, a junior science with teacher certification major awaits his turn, Wednesday night in the University Lanes in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Library exhibit fit for queen

Lindsey Dunton
STAFF WRITER

In celebration of women's history month, Booth Library is hosting an exhibit in honor of Queen Elizabeth I. The exhibit will open at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The exhibit, "Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend", examines the life of Queen Elizabeth I and her reign as the queen of England. It will also expose who Queen Elizabeth I was and why she was a powerful figure throughout history. Other topics included in the exhibit are whether women can be rulers, the price of peace and costs of war and the images of political leaders.

According to a press release, "Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend" is based upon books, manuscripts, letters and artifacts in collections, items from the British Library and Queen Elizabeth II's collected works.

The press release said that at the beginning of her 45-year reign, people questioned if a woman could rule an entire country, but she won the hearts of her male counterparts through wise decisions, courage in the face of conflict and court intrigues and skill in maintaining a strong public image.

Only 40 libraries nationwide will display the exhibit. Allen Lanham, Dean of Library Services, is glad Eastern has been selected as a site for the exhibit. He hopes the community will gain a better understanding of

how influential Queen Elizabeth I was through library programs and the exhibit.

"Elizabeth I was a remarkable historical figure and the Elizabethan Age is filled with many fascinating topics of interest for audiences of all ages," Lanham said.

Some topics this exhibit will pose include whether or not women can hold leadership positions, the price of peace, what war costs people and countries, the place of religion in state and political leaders' control over their own images.

"Through the exhibit and library programs, our community will learn more about the woman who became a monarch at 25 and exerted such a strong influence in government, religion, the arts and the exploration of the world," Lanham said.

Booth Library will introduce other similar exhibits featuring Shakespeare, Henry VIII, the Spanish Armada, Elizabethan daily life, women rulers and art and architecture.

The exhibition was organized by the Newberry Library's Center for Renaissance Studies in Chicago in collaboration with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. It is made possible to come here by grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Vance Family Fund and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The exhibition will be open until April 16.

Halls wage battle of trivia

By Megan Jurinek
ACTIVITIES REPORTER

Eastern's residence halls battled it out Wednesday night to see who was the master of trivia.

University Board held a collegiate bowl in the basement of Andrews Hall. The contenders were groups of four students representing the residence halls.

Taylor Hall placed first, Pemberton Hall earned second and McKinney Hall was awarded third place.

Seven residence halls participated in answering trivia questions about television shows like "Full House" and "Saved by the Bell," movie stars, Charleston, video games and many more.

Coordinator and University Board member Theresa Outman said the event was a first for Eastern.

"We really wanted to do it because I think collegiate bowls are fun, and I think that they are a good way to get students involved," Outman said. "A lot of people sit home and watch Jeopardy and know all this useless trivia."

Outman said a lot of time was spent coming up with the questions.

"We spent three or four nights doing this. We have been working on the different categories and different questions," she said.

University Board members found students to participate by going to hall council meetings, Outman said.

"We asked RHA if they would come and kind of be our guinea pigs because this was our first year doing this so we wanted to learn how to," Outman said.

Andrews, Pemberton, Ford, McKinney, Thomas, Taylor and Carman Halls participated.

Outman said this year they asked a lot of fun questions, but they plan on asking more scholastic based questions next year.

University Board is going to open it up to more people next year so that participants do not have to be living in a dorm to be involved.

Thomas Hall Council President and junior speech communications major Doug Shrader was a member of the Thomas team.

"Overall it was a success, and a lot of people learned new and exciting information," Shrader said. "I think it's a great program and has room to prosper, and has a lot of potential."

Shrader was excited with how well his team performed.

"I was very proud with my team members, we had one question wrong, which killed us in the end. Overall we learned new and exciting things," he said. "We look forward to participating next year."

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CORRECTIONS

A story in Monday's issue of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly reported the March 10 date of a health fair, the last event celebrating Black History Month.

The edit in Tuesday's edition reported funds for construction and renovations of the Doudna Fine Arts Center were released by the Capital Development Board. They were released by the Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

The News regrets the errors.

SUGGESTIONS

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Water damage in the "rat room" on the fourth floor of the Physical Sciences Building Wednesday afternoon after a large leak during maintenance work caused flooding and broken ceiling tiles in the building.

Ceiling leak causes flooding

By Julie Bourque
CAMPUS REPORTER

Though the weather didn't bring much rain to most of Eastern's campus, students and faculty members in the Physical Science building did experience somewhat of a flood.

During maintenance work Wednesday, a leak caused flooding and broken ceiling tiles in the building.

While Eastern maintenance members and their fellow contractors were preparing the building for its air-conditioning startup, a valve was not fully closed during the filling operation and a massive leak occurred, Steve Shrake, director of the Physical Plant, said.

"Water was gushing from the ceilings and bath-

rooms into the hallways," said Rebecca Peebles, an assistant chemistry professor.

The leak occurred on the fourth floor early this morning and affected the mechanical and storage rooms, toilets in the girls' bathroom and the hallways, Shrake said.

Though the ceiling tiles on the fourth floor received the most damage, Shrake said the third floor's ceiling tiles received some damages as well.

Some classes were canceled in response to the incident, but things are expected to be returned to normal.

Shrake said Eastern staff started the cleanup process immediately after receiving reports of the floods. Mess cleanup was expected to be complete before Thursday.

Senate approves renovation costs

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate Wednesday approved unanimously the amount of \$44,364.92 to renovate the Student Activities Center in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The activities center is home to several organizations including senate and University Board as well as more than 150 RSOs.

Student Body President Caleb Judy said the approved amount will have the entire office emptied, painted, carpeted and refurnished.

"That will cover the rest of the costs," Judy said.

The renovations are planned to start in the middle of April and will be finished about a week before final exams in May.

"That's the small, tiny window we can get in there and make the renovations," Judy said.

The senate also passed two motions recommending to increase the Health Service and Recreation Center fees.

Both recommendations will be given to Shirley Stewart, vice president for student affairs, and she will make a decision. Stewart set a fee increase proposal at 4 percent but allowed groups to exceed that amount if needed.

The senate voted 13-9-1 in favor of a 6 percent increase, \$4.05 more per student, to the health service fee.

Larry Ward, student vice president for financial affairs, said the Health Service Building is currently in a deficit, so they need the 6 percent.

"The entire university is in a budget crunch," Ward said. "If you're in the red it's better to keep from sinking deeper into the red."

Judy said passing the 6 per-

"That's the small, tiny window we can get in there and make the renovations."

—Caleb Judy, student body president

cent increase could make groups think they can sink into debt and get help from senate.

"By continually bailing them out, we are telling them that it's OK to occasionally fall in the red," he said.

Nikki Kull, chair for the Tuition and Fees Review Committee, said the increase would go mostly to medication and would help students.

"This fee is to benefit students," Kull said.

Jeff Collier, chair for the Academic Affairs Committee, said students have told him they don't want increased fees.

"They tell me to keep these fees as low as possible," Collier said.

Amanda Sartore, student vice president for Academic Affairs said the Health Services Building is important to all students.

"It's what's keeping all of us healthy," Sartore said. "Give them the money that they need."

The senate also passed the recreation center fee of 4 percent, \$2.70 more per student, in a vote of 19-0-2.

Kull said both salaries and operation and maintenance costs were increased 3 percent.

Lauren Kluge, chair for the Internal Relations Committee, said the rec center is an important area of campus.

"A lot of people take advantage of the rec," Kluge said.

Faculty Senate will still recommend smaller council

By Jeff Stauber
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's Faculty Senate will continue to recommend a reduction in the membership of the Council on University Planning and Budget to President Lou Hencken, despite the council's voting down a motion to consider such action on Feb. 20, according to Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter.

"(The motion) will come up for vote again next year, and the year after, and the year after," Carpenter said.

An ad hoc Faculty Senate subcommittee first recommended a reduction in the council's size to

Hencken in the spring semester of 2003, suggesting the council cut its membership roughly in half.

Then, last fall, the CUPB voted down a motion to consider the Faculty Senate's suggested reduction to approximately 17 council members.

Carpenter, who was on the ad hoc Faculty Senate subcommittee, said the council of 37 voting members is presently so large it's not only inefficient, but ineffective.

"If the CUPB were a smaller group, it could get the same things done in much less time," Carpenter said. "Where the council's business is actually accomplished is in its various subcommittees."

CUPB Chair Christine McCormick said she believes the council can function with the size of its current membership "if smaller working groups are used effectively when needed."

"Personally, I was in favor of considering a reduction in the size of the committee," McCormick said. "I don't think there is a specific number for best functioning, but I do think that a council of 20-something could adequately include all constituencies and allow the council to fulfill its functions."

But McCormick also said she fully accepts the decision of the council to remain at its current size.

Faculty Senate and CUPB member John Allison said the council would benefit from a reduction in its membership.

"As a longtime member of CUPB, I observed that it had become inefficient partly because of its size," Allison said. "It's just a large group. When you take a roll call vote of 37 people just to approve the minutes, it seems to me that that is less efficient than it could be, particularly for a group that meets only once a month, and sometimes not even that often."

But Allison also said he understands why some members of the CUPB don't want to reduce its size. "They're people who quite right-

ly value wide representation," he said. "They point out how CUPB is perhaps the most representative body on campus because there are people in it from every group."

Allison offered two responses to those who want to maintain the council's current size.

"First, you can invite people when you're seeking information from various areas. Groups can still be representational by assuring that voices that should be heard on particular issues are heard (without having one of its members on the CUPB)," he said. "Second, a group can be widely representative without having a number of representatives on the council."

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EDITORIAL

Coach should work to improve game strategies

Head basketball coach Rick Samuels is going to be around for his 25th consecutive season at Eastern. Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie has already made that determination, but Samuels needs to take a close look at the department.

Samuels has to find a way to improve aspects of the basketball team before they even step on the Lantz Arena floor.

Problem number one is recruiting or the lack there of.

Samuels decided to go the junior college route for this year's team that ended the season 6-21 overall and 3-13 in conference play.

The immediate problem now is that Eastern is way behind other in-state mid-major schools when it comes to recruiting.

Southern Illinois is 24-2 this season, ranked 15th in the nation and will be able to go into any home in America to sell their basketball

program. By the way, the Salukis are coached by former Eastern assistant Matt Painter. Northern Illinois has struggled this season, but under head coach Rob Judson, the Huskies have an excellent recruiting class ready to hit Dekalb next season. As a former Illinois assistant, Judson proved he can keep in-state recruits at home and will continue to do so over the next few years.

This provides a serious problem for Samuels and his staff when fighting for talent even in our own backyard.

The real puzzle for Samuels and company is keeping that young energetic recruiter on his staff for long periods of time.

Enter Barry Stevens, Eastern's first-year assistant. Unless Samuels can get these type of coaches to stick around the program, Eastern will be in limbo in the way of recruiting.

However, help is on the way.

Jake Byne, a 6-foot-8-inch forward out of Missouri, is averaging 28 points and 18 rebounds per game in his senior season of high school, but he is being compared to departing senior Jesse Mackinson. The Panthers currently have a need for a big, strong center in the post and a point guard with leadership skills.

Unless these answers occur during the recruitment season this year, Eastern fans can anticipate another lackluster performance at Lantz Arena.

Samuels has large tasks ahead of him.

At issue

Rick Samuels contract as Eastern's head basketball coach will be renewed.

Our stance

Many aspects of the basketball team need to be considered and improved before a new season starts.

OPINION

Campus should learn to be informed



John Chambers
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Situations such as recent charges against Kobe Bryant force society to search for the truth about sexual assault. The rest of the time, the figures lie.

The number of reported criminal assaults are far less than the actual amount of times they happen.

Eastern's University Police Department reported four incidents of criminal sexual assault in 2003; two of the four happened in March.

The UPD's figures for last year are just the "tip of the iceberg," especially since the Counseling Center alone sees around 10 cases a year of sexual assault, said Director David Onestak.

Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Service received 20 reports of sexual assault between July 1, 2002 and June 30 of last year.

Even though 12 more assaults have been reported to SACIS this fiscal year, most students aren't aware of the details surrounding sexual assault at Eastern, said, Misti Farler, the organizations director of adult education.

This week, a friend told me about three Eastern students he knew personally who had been sexually assaulted. They didn't report what happened; one of them left school.

I was shocked. Distracted by the quaint feel of Charleston and a campus that always seems safe, I couldn't believe he was telling me about even one student who had recently been assaulted.

I've never been assaulted, and no one I'm close to has told me it's happened to them.

I think I'm in control of my life. I wake up when I want to, I start conversations, go to class, balance my checkbook and send e-mails all when I

"Members of the campus community are still racist, they are still homophobic, but it could be because of ignorance."

want to. It's hard to imagine someone else making the decisions; another person forcing something against my will. Add violence, and that is exactly what happens in assault cases.

The Counseling Center wants to bring more attention to sexual assault.

The center wants it to be the issue that is focused on most in the future, Onestak said.

He said education is still necessary to keep an awareness of sexual assault, especially letting men know what constitutes as assault.

"I think there's an awareness about it, but I'm not sure if people are aware of what to do about it or how to prevent it," he said.

SACIS classifies sexual assault as forced anal, oral or vaginal penetration in a forceful manner without consent.

It's sometimes not reported because the victim wants to pretend like they were never assaulted, or they don't want to face the possibility of meeting their perpetrator through pressing charges, Onestak said.

If not the police, Onestak said students should talk to someone if they are assaulted. The Counseling Center can be reached at at 581-3413. Students can receive emergency appointments, and counselors are not legally required

to inform police about information nonminors tell counselors.

SACIS can also see individuals in an emergency. The group is located in the basement of Lawson Hall or contact 348-5033. Their 24 hour hotline is 1-888-345-2846.

Information on sexual assault isn't discussed enough at Eastern, and it's not the only issue. Members of the campus community are still racist, they are still homophobic, but it could be because of ignorance. Eastern's campus isn't the only place by any means where everyone's still not seen equally.

University groups can change that.

Farler said Eastern's community is at a standstill in providing information on sexual assault and other more controversial issues.

"I think it's a closed campus to a lot of issues if it's not in the norm or it's not on someone's agenda," she said.

SACIS offers to speak to residence hall floors, sports teams, fraternities, sororities and other groups, but the educational opportunity is not required.

The University of Illinois requires parts of the university community to hear information on sexual assault, Farler said.

Whatever we do at Eastern can be added to. Workshops can be planned, speakers can present facts and organizations can seek to inform their members, but students still have to listen.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Go to one of the many events SACIS and other groups are sponsoring.

Let's change awareness at Eastern. Recognize there are minds that can be educated, and not just about sexual assault.

Cartoon by Robert Singraber



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Constitution cannot discriminate

Feb. 24, President George W. Bush officially came out in support of a Constitutional amendment to define marriage as between a man and a woman.

Having just completed a course on the Constitution, my knowledge of history proves that such an amendment does not belong in the Constitution, and proposing it only proves ignorance concerning our nation's history.

The Constitution is where rights are to be given, not taken away. The only amendment to take away rights,

the 18th, was eventually repealed, showing that such a restrictive law does not belong in the Constitution.

Also, the initial discriminating definition of a citizen, the white male landowner, was eventually extended to include blacks and women and allowed these groups to vote.

The Constitution is not the place for a restriction of rights or discrimination against certain groups, both of which the proposed amendment concerning gay marriage includes.

Also, phases of discrimi-

nation occur in history, with blacks, women, blacks again and now gays having to fight for their rights. In fact, gays today face the same issues that blacks did 50 years ago concerning marriage; then the issue were interracial marriage and the ability to serve in the military.

It saddens me to look back at these ignorant examples

of discrimination and yet still see it happening today. Knowing history helps to avoid repeating past faults, but refusing to acknowledge parts of history is just as dangerous.

Rachel Dent,
senior math and history major

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APPORTIONMENT BOARD

Board will consider five groups' budgets

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Apportionment Board Thursday will make recommendations to the proposed, fiscal year 2005 budgets of each of the five fee-funded boards.

AB provides funds to themselves, the University Board, Student Government, Student Recreation Center and the Dramatic Player's Club.

Larry Ward, Student Senate vice president of Financial Affairs and AB chair, said the available amount for distribution will be about \$477,000.

"This is a conservative increase based on projected enrollment for next year," Ward said.

On Feb. 5 the Student Government and Student Recreation Center gave their proposed budgets.

Director of Campus Recreation Ken Baker said the rec center is making a budget request of \$206,100.

Baker said the students are important in making the rec center a welcome environment.

"Without your support, the Student Recreation Center wouldn't function the way you know it now," Baker said.

Student Body President Caleb Judy said the Student Government's budget request has increased since last year.

An added item in the budget request is to pay committee chairs and add equipment.

"That's why it's fluctuated quite a bit," Judy said.

Last week the University Board asked for more than \$250,000, which is a decrease of \$1,000 on this

"Without your support, the Student Recreation Center wouldn't function the way you know it now."

—Ken Baker, campus rec director

year's budget.

UB Chair Jenn Kieffer said the fee students pay is the most important part of UB's budget.

"Student activity fee money is our main source of money," Kieffer said.

On Jan. 29, AB and the Dramatic Player's Club gave their budget presentations.

J. Sain, business manager for the theater department and Player's Club member, said their budget request was \$5,156, which is about \$1,000 less than the current year's budget.

Sain said the decrease is because of the department's relocation from Doudna Fine Arts Center to the Village Theater on 18th street.

"Doudna had two theaters, but the Village Theater has one, which means we can only do four shows instead of eight," Sain said.

Sha Woodyard, staff clerk for Union General Operations and AB member, said the proposed budget of \$38,925 is a normal budget request for them.

"Our budget traditionally stays about the same," Woodyard said.

The Apportionment Board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Students travel for class credit

Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Students desiring to travel the world for class credit have the opportunity. A study abroad forum will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"There will be six students who have recently returned from studying abroad," said Alise Lyons, graduate assistant for the study abroad office. "They will be interviewed by a study abroad program facilitator, and then questions will be opened up to the audience."

Lyons said students can go anywhere in the world to study abroad, and if there are no schools that Eastern is affiliated with in a specific city or country, then the study abroad office will work with the student to find a school to study at.

There are summer, semester and yearlong study abroad programs. There are also internship opportunities available.

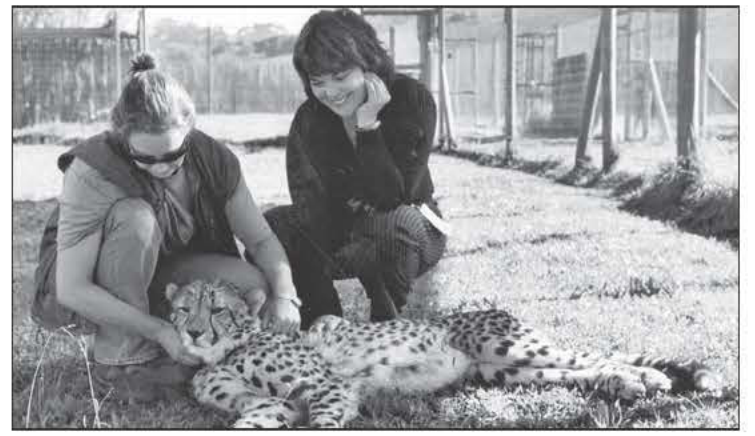
Lyons said the summer study abroad programs are more popular because they usually last a month so students can come home, work and still have a break.

Australia, Spain, London, Ireland and the Netherlands are some of the popular places for students to study.

"Some trips are more costly than others because of the cities and schools, but there is always financial aid, loans and scholarships available," Lyons said.

She said that it is better for students to study abroad when they are younger and still taking general education classes but stresses that students who are taking classes in their major can still study abroad.

Students who do take advantage of the program will most



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Dagni Bredesen, an English professor at Eastern Illinois University, pets a cheetah this past summer during the study abroad program that she led to Cape Town, South Africa.

likely live in a single dorm or in a flat with several other students.

"If anyone is seriously interested in studying abroad after the forum, they would need to make an appointment with an adviser from the study abroad program and sit down to talk to them," Lyons said.

Senior marketing major Curt Stepp will be one for the panels on the forum. He just recently returned to Eastern from studying for 4 1/2 months in the Netherlands.

"We only had school Monday through Thursday and took general education classes," Stepp said. "We traveled to 12 different countries. We usually traveled from Thursday night until Monday morning."

He said in the 4 1/2 months he was gone, they had two five day breaks and one 10-day break.

"It was a very neat experience," Stepp said. "My favorite part of the trip was getting to know people from other countries."

He said approximately 20 students from the United States went. Two from Eastern, Stepp

and his girlfriend, and 12-15 students from other parts of the world.

"We traveled all over," he said. "My girlfriend and I got engaged in Ireland."

Stepp said classes here are very different then overseas. He took a terrorism class that was very "hands-on" and went on frequent field trips.

Stepp said at first his family did not want him to go because it was for a long period of time and there were so many security risks, but he said after he got there, his family was proud of him for going.

"The style is very different here than there," Stepp said. "The U.S. is very fast paced and everything is based around time, but in the Netherlands and Europe things move a little slower, you get to sit down and talk and get to know people."

Stepp said that there is a big culture change, and it was hard adjusting to life back here. He said it was hard leaving all the friends he made.

"I would do it again," he said. "I'm ready to go back tomorrow."

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COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Questionnaire concerning general education to be addressed

By Jennifer Peryam
STAFF WRITER

The Council on Academic Affairs will vote on the format for the Illinois Board of Higher Education, North Central Association Self-Study Steering Committee Questionnaire and a policy for Council on Graduate Studies.

The IBHE oversees schools and establishes data on issues such as whether or not students are well prepared for a job and how many graduates were able to find careers after college.

"The IBHE review is a means to formulate questions to ask representatives from departments at Eastern about their curriculum,"

Andrew Methven, chair of the Council on Academic Affairs said.

He said faculty members will be asked about program learning goals, what has been expected of students to attain degrees and what has been done to fulfill good practices in undergraduate studies.

"Programs change every 7-8 years, and this review will allow Eastern to determine how well prepared students are, and this survey provides a more formalized process," Methven said. The council will also act on the North Central Association Self-Study Steering Committee Questionnaire.

"CAA has had subcommittee members meet and draft responses to the questions NCA has asked,"

Methven said. "We will discuss in our meeting if the questions are answered appropriately, and if everyone agrees then we will submit the responses to NCA."

Questions on the questionnaire address goals that define the mission statement of general education at Eastern. The questions ask how general education goals are applied to the curriculum, the relationship between the goals and the university's mission and the council's plan for assessing the effectiveness of the general education program. Council members submitted their questionnaire responses to Methven, and the answers will be discussed at the council's next meeting.

The council will also vote on the

Council on Graduate Studies policy for approval of technology-delivered sections of previously approved courses.

"The goal of this policy is to check the quality of online courses Eastern offers," Methven said.

Some professors may want to offer their course online, but confirmation must be attained assuring the course is meeting the goals of a classroom based course, he said.

The following information must be submitted to the curriculum bodies for the course to be offered online: a copy of the original course proposal; rationale for offering a technology-delivered section of the course; and descriptions of integrity of student work must be assured

and student-professor interaction, as well as equivalent units of course work must be submitted.

"Online courses are often offered at community colleges and for non-traditional students," James Tidwell, vice chair for the Council on Academic Affairs said. "This proposal is necessary to make sure we are on the same page of curriculum requirements for our online classes at Eastern."

Also added to the agenda will be a revision to the sociology minor and a proposed name change for the Department of Speech Communication.

The Council on Academic Affairs will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

Z-Trim:

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Now, Painter said, working in conjunction with food science instructor Susan Rippey, Eastern's food science class will experiment with Z-Trim by cooking with it along with recruiting consumer panels to serve as taste testers.

"I asked Susan Rippey if she would take this experiment to her classes," Painter said. "I want the faculty to be doing real world teaching. I really wanted to make a connection between Eastern and industry. We'll gather the consumer panel to gather the overall opinion (on how well it is received). It is a win-win situation."

Students will be incorporating Z-Trim into baked goods, salad dressings and the like and gradually will chart how well it performs in the various tests the class conducts.

Rippey insisted while she expects the fat substitute to help people battle obesity, they still must implement lifestyle changes.

"We will be using the gel to substitute for part of the fat in common baked products," said Rippey, who with Painter has already determined what the testing will entail. "Part of our work will be to determine the acceptability of the finished product and to determine the level of replacement that will be acceptable... It will help, but people must still incorporate a well balanced diet with variety and moderation..."

Painter expressed confidence in

Z-Trim and is hopeful it will eventually become a food industry staple.

"I really like Z-Trim," he said. "It is exactly what we need in this country. It is not a magic bullet because obviously there isn't one. But it comes close to it."

Painter, who has conducted ample research in the field of nutrition and health and fitness, has created meal bars and gives lectures on diets, anticipates Z-Trim will be a massive success that Halpern will directly reap the benefits from.

"(Halpern) is very excited because it will probably make him millions," he said.

Not only that, but Halpern expects Z-Trim to help curb the United States' constantly climbing obesity rates.

"This is huge breakthrough," he said. "By the end of the year, everyone will know Z-Trim is the answer to obesity. It you look at what people are doing now (with the various diets), it is a great solution."

Presently, according to the Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the prevalence of obesity in the United States has soared at an epidemic rate during the past 20 years. The department also states one of the national health objectives for the year 2010 is to reduce obesity among adults to less than 15 percent.

And with the reaction his company has received thus far from the food industry regarding Z-Trim, Halpern is over the moon about the product and its future. He said



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School of Family & Consumer Sciences Chair James Painter Wednesday afternoon stands with a supply of fat replacement product Z-Trim in the Food Lab of Klehm Hall.

FiberGel Technologies is scrambling to meet the demand of major brand corporations that want to use Z-Trim in their food products.

"They are jazzed about the product," Halpern said. "The problem is they want more of the product than we can provide. It's a push-pull campaign."

Z-Trim's versatility is what Halpern said adds to its appeal.

It can be mixed into a myriad of products including salad dressings, cookies, brownies, mayonnaise and butter as a fat replacement. And

Halpern said consumers will be deceived when they compare the Z-Trim laden food with full-fat product.

"Actually, a too-good-to-be-true scenario came out of the product," he said. "In a taste test seven out of 10 said Z-Trim was the full fat product."

Adding to the enticement of Z-Trim is that it is relatively cost competitive with fat.

"It makes a gourmet cookie that's less expensive, even less expensive than Mrs. Field's," Halpern said.

Although its powder form is the sole form than can currently be purchased by consumers, it also is made in the gel form the food science class will be experimenting with.

"We are only selling powder, but we want to sell it as a gel," he said. "I can sell smaller amounts as powder though, and it is cheaper for the consumer."

Kathy Rhodes, a senior dietetics major and student in Eastern's food science class, said she is elated to have the opportunity to participate in the fat substitute tests.

"I am very excited about the Z-Trim project," she said. "It is so wonderful to be in on the ground floor of a fat substitute that I feel will be the breakthrough for obesity in America today. When the sugar substitutes came out, everyone thought that was it — everyone can eat what they want and it won't affect their weight."

"Well, as we can all see, that sort of backfired. Z-Trim is different... I tried one of the chocolate chip cookies (baked with Z-Trim available online), and it was unbelievable. There was no after taste or strange taste. It was soft and chewy like a cookie should be."

But Rhodes divulged she won't dub the product the diet solution until her class conducts an array of tests.

"The only drawback I have on Z-Trim is the fact that they don't know the long term effects of it yet," She said. "That is one of the tests, as many others will be, that will be conducted for Z-Trim."

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Leadership council increasing attendance

By Matt Leibert
STAFF WRITER

The Student Leadership Council, a group working to help Recognized Student Organizations, has had about 42 different groups represented at their meetings this semester.

The council has held four meetings to which an increase in attendants has occurred every week.

Lisa Flam, Student Senate vice president for student affairs, said

last Thursday's meeting was the most successful, with 22 RSO members attending resulting in 26 different organizations being represented, Flam said.

Flam said this week she will announce coordinators for the positions that have been filled as well as more specifics about how the council will benefit different RSOs on campus.

"The council was designed to bring all RSOs together to improve communication and help each

other with things they all need to know," Flam said.

Ken Bauer, a member of the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity, said the Student Leadership Council is a good organization made up to help RSOs work together with other RSOs on campus.

"RSOs have started working together for a common goal. There have only been a few meetings and that has already happened, and we aren't even in the full swing of things yet," Bauer said.

Another goal that Bauer said he hopes to reach is to preserve funding through university assistance.

Eastern does not currently fund its RSOs, and since it is student money, these organizations should be allowed funding, Bauer said.

Anybody can start an RSO on campus, but there are two standards that the group must meet, Bauer said.

"An RSO must in some way benefit the students of Eastern, and everyone must have the potential

to join," Bauer said.

John Swanson, social science major with teacher's certification, said RSOs are a positive way for a student to get involved.

"I believe that any organization at Eastern that encourages the activity of students is a positive program for anyone to be involved in," Swanson said.

The Student Leadership Council will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Kansas Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

National conference a main concern for RHA

By Tim Mahoney
STAFF WRITER

The National Residence Hall conference will be the main concern in Thursday's Residence Hall Association meeting.

The conference, put on by the National Association of Colleges & University Residence Halls, is a four day event that will host close to 1,000 universities from across the country.

RHA Vice-President Matt O'Malley said the four day event will help provide programs and informational services to promote the educational and social aspects of student life to help residence halls run smoother and more efficiently.

This is the 50th anniversary of the conference, and it will be held in St. Louis toward the end of May. Only six members of RHA will be allowed to attend

and will be selected through an application process.

The organization of a bowling fundraiser is also on the agenda. The proposed fundraiser's proceeds will go directly to the Sean McKinney and Brad Wright scholarships. These scholarships are usually given to either freshmen or transfer students for their contributions to residence halls and university housing.

RHA will also begin preparations for next week's nomination process for Eastern's executive board.

"We will be there to answer any questions for anyone interested in running for a position," said RHA member Megan Stepp. An informational packet is also to be handed out at the meeting concerning nominations. Nominations for positions will be taken care of next week. The

elections themselves will not take place until after spring break.

Minor changes to the RHA constitution are to be made. The RHA constitution serves as the building blocks and guidelines for the group to follow. Nothing but a few words and sentences are on topic for change.

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Public library hosts 'Kindermusic'

◆ Program helps children ages 2 through 5 learn music and rhythm

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER

For parents of children in the Charleston area, the time is now to encourage their child to the many qualities of music that make it such a learning tool.

Tonight the Charleston Public Library will be hosting a program entitled "Kindermusic."

Children's Librarian Judy Looby said, "Kindermusic" is a "method of teaching music and rhythm."

The program will be held at 7 p.m. in

the library, Looby said.

Children ages 2-5 are invited and parents are asked to register their children ahead of time with the library.

The class is based on a story about cars, trains and airplanes, with the children learning different sounds and enhancing their musical abilities.

Shiela Doak is presenting the program and said she believes the children can receive numerous benefits from attending.

"The focus is on the development of the whole child," Doak said.

She explained that the cognitive, language and physical skills of the child are all heightened by this activity.

"The program gives the children a chance to be imaginative and creative," Doak said.

According to Doak, the program will involve singing and instrumentation, and the story will keep the children entertained while they are becoming more knowledgeable.

"Children will be taught such things as foundation, rhythm and pitch," she said.

Doak emphasized that the children will discover a "steady beat" that they will become accustomed to.

A social aspect is involved, and children learn to interact with each other, she said.

When asked about the benefits of teaching the young children in this way, Doak said she most enjoys the excitement the children exhibit.

"I love what 'Kindermusic' does for young children," Doak said.

Electrical:

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"Since that outage we have experienced six additional failures on the high voltage distribution system," Nantz said. "The most recent occurrence on Christmas Eve 2000 resulted in a major piping system freeze-up and significant mechanical systems damage in the Fine Arts complex."

Nantz said the outages left academic, residential and administrative buildings without electrical service for extended periods of time.

Another power outage resulting from an explosion in a manhole on Oct. 24, 2001, brought Eastern's power problems to the foreground.

The current director of facilities, planning and management Gary Reed, then Physical Plant director, explained the incident in a *Daily Eastern News* story as "just another in a series with our aging electrical underground infrastructure. Invariably there will be more failures as time goes on."

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SWIMMING

Eastern caps off year with many honors

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Facing the most difficult competition of the entire season, the Eastern men's swim team received numerous lifetime best swims and were victorious at the season-ending Midwest Classic Championship held at the Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis Natatorium Feb. 19-21.

Eastern accumulated 803 total team points to run away with first place and the title. Western Illinois (685) and host Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis (505) placed second and third respectively.

During the meet, Eastern broke several long school records. Freshman Bill Senese marked his name at the top of two school events with new records in the 100 and 200-meter backstroke. Senior Rich Wahlgren added to his legacy at Eastern winning three events at the "Classics" and breaking his own record in the 50-freestyle and setting a new best time in the 100-free.

"I thought we would need 90 percent lifetime best swims from the team in order to win," Panther's coach Ray Padovan said. "We didn't get 90 percent, we got more like 99 percent lifetime bests."

The win capped off a turnaround season after the men struggled in 2002-03 with a 6-4-1 record and a fourth-place finish at the Midwest Classics.

The Panthers started the 2003-04 dual meet season by dropping a close swim to Louisville 119-112 on Oct. 17. The very next day, Eastern evened their record at 1-1, squeaking past Xavier University (49-46). Eastern suffered their largest and last defeat of the season against Illinois-Chicago (143-100) the following weekend before going on a tear to win their last eight meets.

During the winning streak, the Panthers knocked off Saint Louis University twice, including a 17-point road win in November. Eastern also defeated Western Illinois and Valparaiso as their dual meet record grew to an impressive

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—Ray Padovan, head coach

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The Panthers were led all season long by Wahlgren, who finished his final year at Eastern with 23 individual victories. The Amos A. Stagg graduate won the 200-free 11 times, 100-free nine times, 50-free twice and the 500-free once. Wahlgren was also named the "Male Swimmer of the Meet" at the Midwest Classics.

"I was really happy for him to win in his final meet," Senese, a teammate of Wahlgren's in high school said. "He's been like a mentor to me, and we've had a friendly rivalry all season, so to see him go out as a winner was nice."

Wahlgren's apprentice also had an amazing freshman season as he tied for second place with 19 individual victories. Senese led the Panthers with nine wins in the 50-free and added four more victories apiece in the 100 and 200-back. The Hickory Hills native was part of 18 winning relay teams, including two record breakers (200 and 400-free) at the Midwest Classic Championship.

Junior Tom Watson had a stellar season in the distance events for the Panthers. Watson finished tied with Senese at 19 victories, and he was part of the record breaking 400-free relay time in Indianapolis. Eleven of those 19 victories came in the 500-free, while seven more occurred in the 1000-free. At the "Classics" Watson nearly added to that win total but finished second in the 200, 400 and 1650-free.

Other key swimmers for the men were junior Eric Petersen (14 relay wins), freshman Tyson Beaman (four individual victories and nine relay wins) and freshman diver Dave Trablisy (six diving victories).

The women were unable to repeat as champions at the Midwest Classic as they finished in third-place behind Miami (Ohio) and Northern Colorado. The

women's season will be remembered for their great second half in which the Panthers won four of five meets to finish the year 5-6 overall.

Senior Jordan Sherbrooke again was the best swimmer for the women winning 20 individual events. The Avon, Ind., resident will depart Eastern with four school records (200, 500, 1000 and 1650-free) and a member of one record holding relay team. This season, Sherbrooke won the 200 and 500-free seven times each and was tops in the 1000-free three times.

"She's was the core of our team this year," Padovan said. "Jordan set a bunch of records as a freshman and has been solid all four years. She was named the Most Valuable Swimmer at last year's Midwest Classic and this year she won two of the three events she competed in."

Sophomore Jenny Curry placed second on the Panthers with 11 victories. Curry heated up towards the end of the season with four wins in the last four events including two against Milikin University in January. Breaking down the victories, Curry won the 100-free six times, 50-free four times and the 200-free once.

Eastern also received a solid year from junior diver Lindsay Blades (nine victories), sophomore freestyler Claire Garvey (four wins) and freshman Marlise Davidson (five wins).

The women will return 24 swimmers while the men will bring back 21 members of their championship team with the thoughts of repeating already on their mind.

"Yeah, I really think we can repeat," Senese said. "We have a good group of freshmen, sophomores and juniors returning and we're bringing in a talented freshmen crew for next year."

Colt:

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practice fields to be in better shape and other improvements like the locker rooms."

McDuffie has repeatedly stated that the Pro-Grass artificial surface now at O'Brien Stadium is a major reason Eastern is considered for the site.

Smith commented on how landing the Colts training camp would help the university and the community more than the athletic department in the financial sense.

"I think it will have a lot of economic impact on EIU, and it's a nice way for us to give back to the local community," Smith said. "We ask for so much money in donations and such that it's nice to say to them that this money was a major reason for this opportunity."

The Colts has had its training camp for several years at the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, but talks broke down and the franchise began the process of investigating other possible locations.

According to many local sources, the Colts have narrowed the search down to six possible venues including Eastern; however, McDuffie did not want to categorize Eastern as a finalist.

"I think it's a positive step to have them visit, but I just don't want to get too excited before they make their announcement," McDuffie said.

The Colts feature a team that ended its season 12-4 and won the AFC South division. Led by four-time Pro Bowl quarterback Peyton Manning, Indianapolis advanced to the AFC Championship Game where they were defeated 24-14 to the eventual Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.

Manning signed a seven-year contract with the Colts Tuesday morning worth \$98 million including a record \$34.5 million signing bonus.

Because of this potential star power hitting the campus, Eastern couldn't be more excited to host the Colts next week.

"We just can't wait until they get here to see us," Smith said.

Recap:

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First Round Results

#1 Austin Peay	75
#8 Tennessee State	71
#2 Murray State	92
#7 Tennessee Tech	75
#3 Morehead State	82
#6 Jacksonville State	68
#4 Eastern Kentucky	81
#5 Samford	61

Samuels pointed out wins against Southeast Missouri State and Morehead State as indications of the success this team could obtain.

Samuels has asked his players to evaluate themselves in the off season. He said he wants each of them to come to the coaching staff with the two most important things they can improve on.

Then the coaching staff will identify what they think each player's two greatest weaknesses are and then develop individual workouts based on those four things.

Samuels said as a whole the Panthers will be in the weight room quite a bit in order to get stronger for next season.

"Next year we will be tougher as a team, more confident and more exciting to watch," Samuels said.

Back nine:

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back to finish in tied for fourth.

After leading the Panthers in the first meet of the spring, junior Matt Kockler had a disappointing performance shooting an 80 and placing in 81st position.

The host school Tennessee-Martin struggled to an eighth place finish with its highest finisher being Heath Prescott at even-par 72.

The Panthers will travel to Huntsville, Texas to play in the Bearcat Classic next weekend.

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Panther sports calendar

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	Baseball at Mississippi	6:30 p.m.
	Track at Last Chance Meets	All day
SATURDAY	Softball at Sycamore Classic	11:30 a.m.
	Baseball at Mississippi	4 p.m.
	Wrestling at NCAA West Regional	All day

Eastern a possibility for Colts practice facility

◆ *Indianapolis trio scheduled to visit athletic facilities Tuesday*

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern is getting a visit from above. The Indianapolis Colts have agreed to send representatives by helicopter on Tuesday to visit Eastern's athletic facilities the campus of Eastern up close. Colts general manager Bill Polian, head coach Tony Dungy and director of player development Steve Champlin will touch down at midfield of O'Brien Stadium around 11 a.m. Tuesday morning. To greet the NFL trio will be president Lou Hencken, director of athletics Rich McDuffie, Charleston mayor Dan

Cougill, Mattoon mayor David Carter and assistant athletic director for development John Smith.

"We are absolutely excited to have the Colts coming to visit us," Smith said. "It's a wonderful opportunity for not only the athletic department but Eastern Illinois University as a whole."

Champlin has visited Eastern before, and Smith has kept in close contact with the member of the Colts front office since his first visit.

"He came before their season was over and just fell in love with the place," Smith said. "The two of us developed a relationship and that's certainly helped the process."

In fact, Smith had just gotten off the phone with Champlin when the announcement was made and felt good about the Colts

Indianapolis Colts Representatives



Bill Polian

General Manager

Steve Champlin

Director of Player Development

Tony Dungy

Head Coach

attitude toward the visit to Charleston.

"He said that as long as we show coach Dungy and Mr. Polian the same things in the same way we showed him, they would both

be impressed with what we have to offer," Smith said. "He said, 'I even remember why I liked it so much.'"

The Colts organizations will be looking for specific things that Smith and McDuffie pointed out Wednesday which include improvements to resident halls, locker rooms at O'Brien and other facility upgrades.

"I think it will be about us show casing what we have to offer their organization as a training camp location which is always a good thing," McDuffie said.

"They will be able to visualize some of the renovations like how to convert some of the rooms in dorms to meeting rooms," Smith said. "They will want our

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MEN'S GOLF



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

Senior Kyle Maxwell, pictured here at Iron Horse Golf Course in Tuscola Oct. 14, 2004, finished second individually Tuesday as the team finished fifth over all.

Disappointing back nine hooks strong start

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

It's amazing what can happen in the final nine holes of a golf tournament, and Eastern found that out very quickly Tuesday.

The Panthers' team was even par and only three strokes behind the leader at that time, Western Illinois, as everyone made the turn.

However, Eastern played the back nine at Pickwick State Park Golf Course nine-over

par to fall seven strokes behind the eventual winner, Lipscomb University and the Panthers finished tied for fifth.

This performance was the highest finish in a meet for the Panthers of the spring season, and the team also had a solid performance from a senior.

Kyle Maxwell was the most consistent Panther in the lineup by staying at even par on the front and being one of the few golfers to break par on the difficult back side.

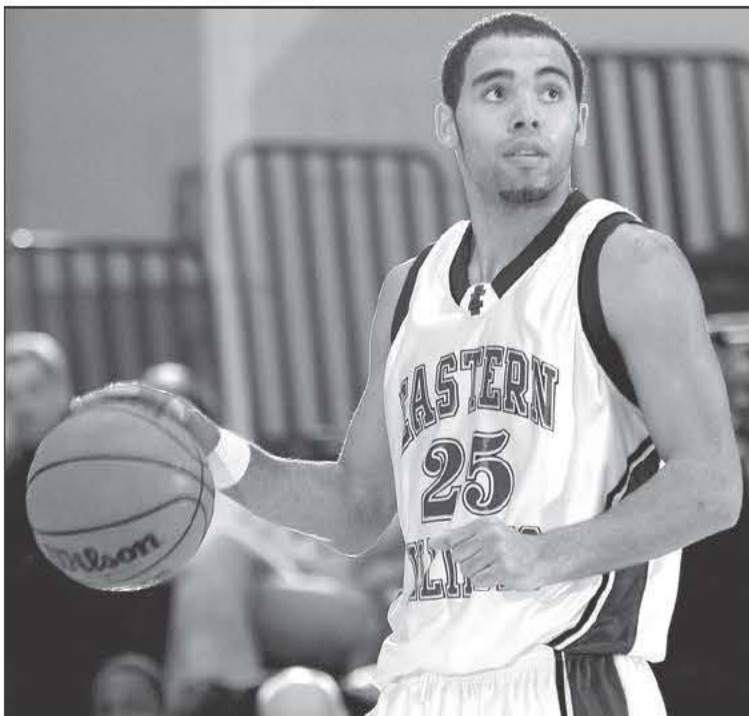
Maxwell ended the day with a 2-under-par 70 which gave him second place alone in the 86-man field.

Maxwell finished one stroke behind North Alabama junior James Porter, who won the medalist honor by being the only player to card a round under 70 (69). The Australian native's 3-under-par round was identical to Maxwell's front nine but Porter carded the best final nine performance with a 33.

The Panthers were hoping for big things out of sophomore golfer Dustin Sloat after the Charleston native was 2-under-par after the opening nine but couldn't hold the position on the final nine by shooting a 41 and ending with a 75, placing him in a tie for 31st. Sloat was tied with Murray State's Nicholas Griffen and Missouri Baptist's Adam Loyd, but Griffen and Loyd both shot 38 on the

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Junior guard Derik Hollyfield looks up at the scoreboard as the seconds wane during a win against Morehead State Feb. 19 at Lantz Arena.

Season consistently inconsistent

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

To say the Eastern men's basketball team had a dismal season would be an understatement.

The fact is they failed to qualify for the Ohio Valley Conference tournament for the first time since joining it in 1996. The Panthers went 6-21 on the season with a 4-12 conference record.

"None of us have a good feeling about this season," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said. "I think that's motivation to work hard in the offseason."

Samuels said the biggest problem this season was the inability to finish games. In fact, Eastern led 12 games at halftime but ended up losing seven of the 12.

Samuels said the Panthers were inconsistent as a whole, but they also lacked a single player who they could rely on every game.

"If you look at Josh Gomes' sta-

tistics you see he had a good year for a sophomore," Samuels said. "But he needs to be more consistent and make big plays at the right times."

Although Gomes was inconsistent at times, Samuels said he and senior Jesse Mackinson would be the team's most valuable players if he had to choose.

"Jesse came out and played hard every night," Samuels said. "He was our emotional leader and leader by example."

The Panthers will be without Mackinson next year, but he and David Roos will be the only two players departing.

"We will return a lot of experience next year," Samuels said. "We got a good group of kids who care."

Samuels believes the turning point this past season was on Jan. 17 when the Panthers played Tennessee State at Lantz. Eastern was up 56-50 with 2:07 left to play when Bruce Price sank a three-

pointer to start a 10-3 run. When Price's 10-point run ended at the final buzzer, the Panthers had lost 60-59.

"Frankly, the Tennessee State loss here haunted us," Samuels said. "It took our confidence away from us."

The confidence Samuels meant was the confidence to win close games.

Samuels didn't give up hope until Feb. 21, when the Panthers lost their final home game to Eastern Kentucky.

"If we win that one we go on the road perhaps needing only one win to make the OVC tournament," Samuels said.

There isn't much good a team can take from such a disappointing season, but Samuels said the Panthers will respond to this year's experience and work hard to get better.

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Building for the Future

By Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

A new season and a new stadium. These two elements have Panther softball players excited to start the 2004 season.

This year's softball season for Eastern has started with a bright spot both at home and in the team's first tournament of the year.

After the baseball field, Coaches' Stadium, was remodeled for the 2002 season, Director of Athletics Rich McDuffie gave the same flavor to the softball team this year.

So far the news has been all positive from both past and present Panther players as well as coach Lloydene Searle.

"When the seniors and the coaches first got here the first thing we noticed was the brick," Searle said. "The outside looked nice and the field seems more smooth and ready to play on."

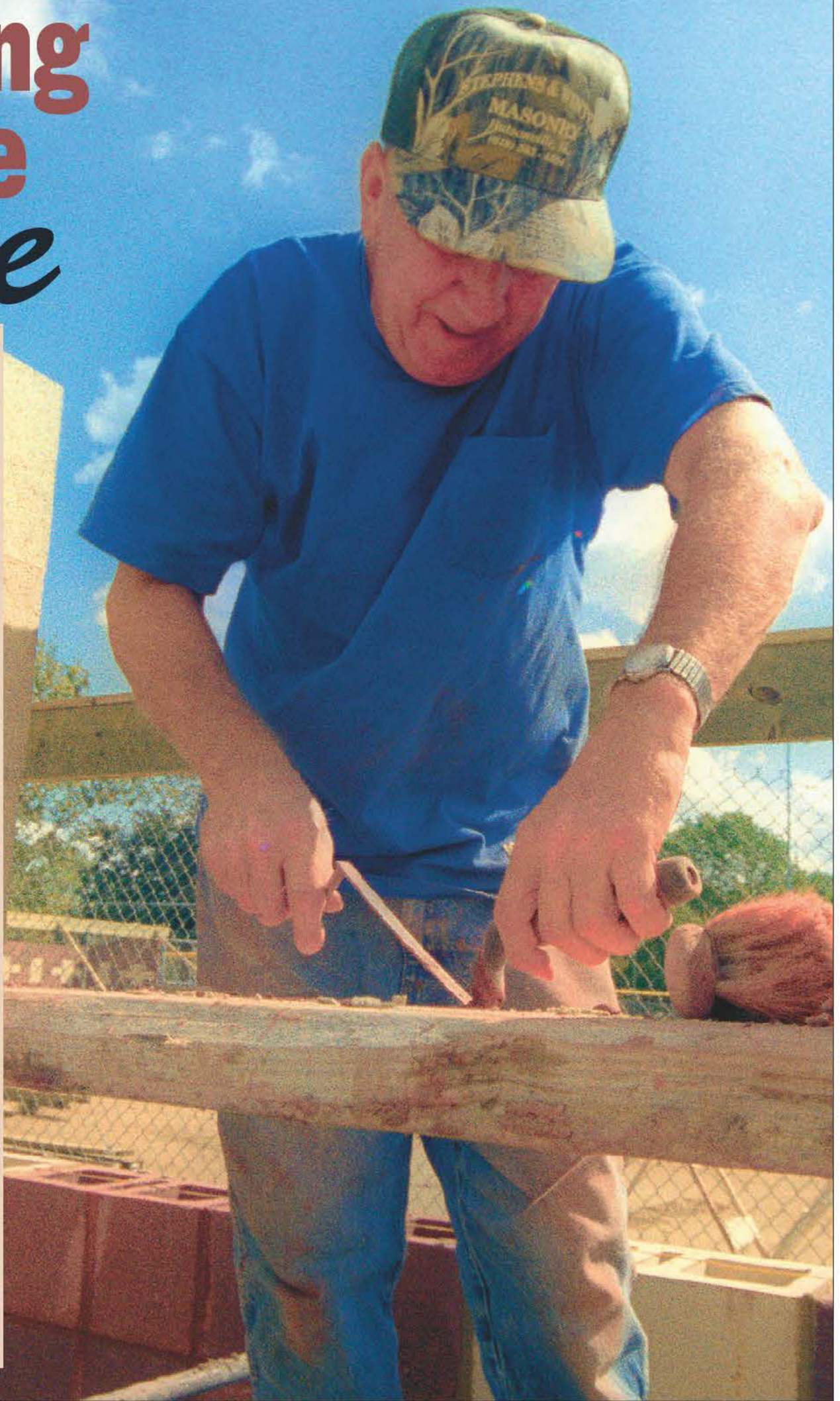
This not only excited the players, who are about to play on the new field for the first time when the gates open for the first game March 30, but the former players from last year also seemed to be quite jealous of the fact they departed the year before the field was remodeled.

"One of our pitchers from a year ago, Kristen Becker, e-mailed me before the season stating how she liked that the field was remodeled," Searle said. "She was just a little disappointed that it happened the year after she had left."

The hopes for the newly remodeled park are to uplift the players this season, as well as being a benefit for recruiting in the future.

While the park was serviceable over the past few years, the renovation proves a little work can make a lot of difference in the minds of the players and coaches.

"Really, right now the new park is a good stepping stone that Dr. McDuffie gave us," Searle said. "We are proud of the fact that people come to Eastern now and they come to this new stadium."



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Don Winters of Stephens and Winters Masonry working on the renovations to Williams Field on September 25th. The field was done in plenty of time for the 2004 softball season.

◆ *With experienced upperclassmen returning and talented new recruits, Eastern's softball team is enjoying ...*

The best of both worlds

By Jamie Hussey
STAFF WRITER

Having youth and experience on a team are two qualities that don't occur at the same time very often for a coach, but women's softball coach Lloydene Searle is getting both this season.

The experienced veterans will be led back onto the field by senior second baseman and captain Kristin Lovering. Freshman catcher Sandyn Short will head up the new crop of play-

ers for the Panthers as well.

Lovering and Short have both had big games to start the spring season and have taken on a leadership role for the team.

Searle said Lovering has shown leadership qualities since coming to Eastern.

"She leads by example. When things weren't going right for her hitting wise, she changed things and hit a grand slam," Searle said.

The Panthers coach also commended her senior infielder for her ability to come back from injury.

"She just came back from a shoulder surgery. She had pulled it again; she is always trying to get as strong as she can get," Searle said.

While the leadership from a senior is expected, having a freshman with those qualities is anything but usual. Eastern has found those qualities in Short.

"The team has to have a catcher who leads and Sandyn (Short) does," Searle said. "She has brought a vast amount of experience with her."

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GOLF

2004 Men's
golf roster

PLAYER NAME	YR
Kyle Averkamp	Jr
Eric Disseler	Fr
Brandon Jutras	Jr
Matthew Kockler	Jr
Ryan Lambert	Jr
Kyle Maxwell	Sr
Patrick Reid	So
Dustin Sloat	So
Kevin Wall	Fr
Ben Wochner	Jr

2004 Women's
golf roster

PLAYER NAME	YR
Jacky Bodis	Fr
Nicole Bram	Fr
Monica Krauss	Sr
Amanda Minchin	Sr
Dale Morris	Jr
Brooke Pellock	Sr

HEAD COACH: Mike Moncel
(5th year)
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COACH: Dave Rella



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Sophomore Dustin Sloat working on his driving as he tees it up at the driving range during practice. Sloat will be counted to lead the Panthers this spring.

Women have
international
talent in 2004

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern's international flavor will lead the women's golf team during the spring season.

Canadian pride will be pushing senior and No. 1 player Amanda Minchin as the Saskatchewan native will attempt to improve on her one victory (playoff at the Butler Invitational) and three Top Five finishes.

"Amanda is a really good player who knows how to grind it out to score well," Eastern head coach Mike Moncel said. "She is a player who will count on every meet."

The player looking to have a breakout year in her junior season is the girl from down under. Australian native Dale Morris will take her 84-stroke average and make a drastic leap into Eastern's top tier players for the spring season.

"Dale has shown some improvement and has really put up some good rounds early in the spring," Moncel said.

In her final meet of the fall, Morris finished 10th in the Huskie Classic hosted by Northern Illinois University.

Moncel doesn't put too much weight into his international players being more mature players than his golfers who are from America, however.

"They really aren't that different because the style they play is similar and people make a big deal about that," Moncel said. "The reason we get those types of players is that in Amanda's case it's warmer here sooner than in Canada."

The only returner with significant experience is senior Brooke Pellock, who spent the fall switching with Morris between the two and three spot in the lineup.

With the lack of a deep roster (only 6 players), Eastern must get positive performances out of senior Jackie Bodis and freshman Monica Kraus.

"We don't have the numbers to rotate people in and out. These are the five people that I'm sticking with all year long," Moncel said.

To start out the spring season, the Panthers traveled to the Birmingham Southern Invitational in Alabama where they placed 10th out of 14 teams mostly from the south.

"I thought we could've played a lot better but overall, we were able to beat four teams coming out of the block so that's a positive."

The Ohio Valley Conference championships take place in April 26-28 in Paducah, Ky. where Eastern will attempt to win its first ever conference title.

Charleston native expected to lead men's team

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern will be led by a hometown prospect ready to make an impact in his sophomore season.

Charleston native Dustin Sloat won his first collegiate tournament during the fall season and will be posted as the No. 1 player throughout the spring.

"Dustin has made so much progress with his game since I've gotten here," Eastern head coach Mike Moncel said.

Moncel enters his first spring season with Eastern heading into a gauntlet of Ohio Valley Conference teams that will challenge the Panthers in their attempt to win their first ever conference title.

"Jacksonville State is awesome, Austin Peay is loaded, Eastern Kentucky is really good," Moncel said. "I can see us challenging those teams if we all play well but that's the problem, we have to play well."

Eastern received a solid per-

formance out of junior Matt Kockler in the Charleston Southern Invitational in South Carolina. Kockler and Sloat were the only players to break 80 on all three rounds with Kockler finishing as the highest Panther tying for 16th individually.

"Kockler hit the ball incredibly well that week and he actually played better than he scored," Moncel said. "If he could limit his three puts then he would've contended for medalist."

Moncel believes this team could

be the most balanced team in recent years.

"This team has solid players down the line but the key is getting all of them to play well on the same day," Moncel said. "That's the tricky part."

Another trio in the roster looking to make some noise is senior Kyle Maxwell, junior, and Charleston High teammate of Sloat's, Ben Wochner and junior Ryan Lambert.

Maxwell and Lambert were able to break 80 in their final

round in South Carolina and Wochner was under par after a handful of holes in the second tournament of the year hosted by Tennessee-Martin.

"There's some talent on this team, but we have to knock the rust off before the southern schools get too far ahead of us," Moncel said.

Eastern ended the fall season as the 188th best team in the nation according to the Golfweek/Sagarin Men's College Team Ratings.

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2004 Softball roster

NO.	PLAYER NAME	POS	YR
00	Sandyn Short	C/IF	Fr
1	Jenny Cervetto	IF	So
2	Heather Hoeschen	P/IF	Jr
3	Kristin Lovering	IF	Sr
4	Katy Steele	C/I	Fr
5	Nicole Eichelberger	C/IF	So
6	Rachel Karos	IF	So
7	Ashley Condon	P	So
8	Brittany Castle	IF/OF	Fr
9	Kari Hagerty	IF/P	Sr
10	Becky Nemeth	OF	Jr
14	Jessica Irps	OF	Jr
15	Kelly McMahon	OF	Fr
16	Molly Rambo	OF	Fr
17	Brittany Whelan	P	Fr
18	Andrea Darnell	P/IF	Fr
19	Mandy Lindwall	IF	Sr
20	Cassandra North	OF	So
21	Bridget Owen	OF	Jr
22	Chelsea Adams	IF	Fr

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ASSISTANT COACH: TBA

MANAGER: Melissa Murphy

SOFTBALL CONTACT/GRADUATE ASSISTANT:
Ben Turner



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Senior infielder and team captain Kristin Lovering (left) leads the returning players on the Panthers roster while freshman catcher Sandyn Short is at a top of the list of talented new players to Eastern's lineup card.

Both:

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Besides her role as a leader, Short has been sensational at the plate hitting two home runs in the team's first five games.

Searle is happy there is leadership in both classes.

"There is respect from the seniors to the freshmen and from the freshmen to the seniors," Searle said.

Searle is not the only one seeing the leadership from Lovering. Short also recognizes what the senior has done thus far.

"Lovering is really a great leader and motivational, and on the field she plays her

heart out," Short said. "She's just a great player as well as leader, and leads by example and keeps everybody up all the time."

Lovering feels the same mutual respect for the Panthers new starting catcher.

"Sandyn has a good head on her shoulders. She is smart and confident behind the plate, and she is very aggressive," Lovering said.

Lovering has been pleased early on with how well the Panthers have been playing, and she has high hopes about the Ohio Valley Conference season.

"It gave me a confidence boost to see us play well together. It should give us confidence for the OVC because of the level of

competition that we had last weekend was similar to our conference competition," Lovering said.

Short is just as optimistic about the season.

"I think the team has come a long way since the fall," Short said. "We have a full lineup; we are three deep in every position."

After opening the season at the Charleston Southern Invite in South Carolina with a 3-2 record, Lovering and Short were both named to the All-Tournament Team;

A fitting sign for the Panthers present and future to start the season.

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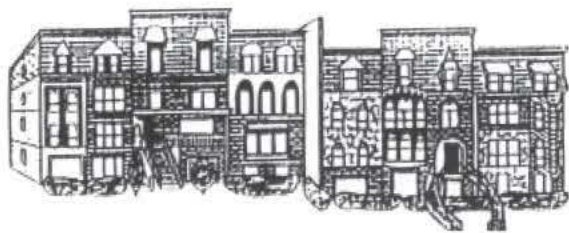
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2004 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

3/5	6:30 p.m.	at Mississippi	Oxford, Miss.
3/6	4 p.m.	at Mississippi	Oxford, Miss.
3/7	1:30 p.m.	at Mississippi	Oxford, Miss.
3/12	6:30 p.m.	at Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, Miss.
3/13	3 p.m.	at Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, Miss.
3/14	1 p.m.	at Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, Miss.
3/16	6 p.m.	at South Alabama	Mobile, Ala.
3/17	6 p.m.	at South Alabama	Mobile, Ala.
3/19	6:30 p.m.	at Arkansas State	State University, Ark.
3/20	2 p.m.	at Arkansas State	State University, Ark.
3/21	1 p.m.	at Arkansas State	State University, Ark.
3/23	3 p.m.	at Indiana State	Terre Haute, Ind.
3/24	2 p.m.	OLIVET NAZARENE	COACHES STADIUM
3/27	Noon	• TENNESSEE-MARTIN (2)	COACHES STADIUM
3/28	Noon	• TENNESSEE-MARTIN	COACHES STADIUM
3/30	2 p.m.	at Saint Louis	St. Louis
3/31	2 p.m.	CHICAGO STATE	COACHES STADIUM
4/3	Noon	• at Murray State (2)	Murray, Ky.
4/4	1 p.m.	• at Murray State	Murray, Ky.
4/6	3 p.m.	WESTERN ILLINOIS	COACHES STADIUM
4/9	1 p.m.	• JACKSONVILLE STATE (2)	COACHES STADIUM
4/10	1 p.m.	• JACKSONVILLE STATE	COACHES STADIUM
4/13	3 p.m.	SAINT JOSEPH'S	COACHES STADIUM
4/14	3 p.m.	at Northern Illinois	DeKalb
4/17	1 p.m.	• at Samford (2)	Birmingham, Ala.
4/18	1 p.m.	• at Samford	Birmingham, Ala.
4/20	7:05 p.m.	at Illinois-Chicago	Chicago
4/21	3 p.m.	SAINT LOUIS	COACHES STADIUM
4/24	1 p.m.	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI (2)	COACHES STADIUM
4/25	1 p.m.	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	COACHES STADIUM
4/27	3 p.m.	ILLINOIS	COACHES STADIUM
4/28	6 p.m.	at Illinois State	Bloomington
5/1	1 p.m.	• AUSTIN PEAY (2)	COACHES STADIUM
5/2	1 p.m.	• AUSTIN PEAY	COACHES STADIUM
5/8	Noon	• at Eastern Kentucky (2)	Richmond, Ky.
5/9	Noon	• at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.
5/11	3:30 p.m.	at Western Illinois	Macomb
5/12	5 p.m.	at Bradley (2)	Peoria
5/15	1 p.m.	• MOREHEAD STATE (2)	COACHES STADIUM
5/16	1 p.m.	• MOREHEAD STATE	COACHES STADIUM
5/18	3 p.m.	at Chicago State	Chicago
5/21	1 p.m.	• at Tennessee Tech (2)	Cookeville, Tenn.
5/22	1 p.m.	• at Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.
5/26-29	TBA	at OVC Tournament:	Paducah, Ky.
		... Opponents To Be Determined	

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2004 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

3/6	11:30 a.m.	...vs. Valparaiso	Terre Haute, Ind.
	1:30 p.m.	...vs. Central Connecticut State	Terre Haute, Ind.
3/7	9:30 a.m.	...vs. Central Connecticut State	Terre Haute, Ind.
	11:30 a.m.	...at Indiana State	
	3:30 p.m.	...vs. Valparaiso	
3/9	1 p.m.	at Indiana State (2)	Terre Haute, Ind.
		at Winthrop Ringor Classic:	
3/12	11 a.m.	...vs. Furman	Rock Hills, S.C.
	3 p.m.	...vs. North Carolina A&T	
3/13	11 a.m.	...at Winthrop	Rock Hills, S.C.
	7 p.m.	...vs. North Carolina State	
3/14	TBA	...Bracket Play (Opponents TBD)	
3/16	TBA	at Gardner-Webb	Boiling Springs, N.C.
3/18	TBA	at Charleston Southern	Charleston, S.C.
		at Georgia Tech Buzz Classic:	
3/19	10 a.m.	...vs. Georgia State	Marietta, Ga.
	5 p.m.	...vs. North Carolina State	
3/20	10 a.m.	...vs. Bowling Green	Marietta, Ga.
	Noon	...vs. Tulsa	
3/21	TBA	...Bracket Play (Opponents TBD)	
3/27	Noon	• at Eastern Kentucky (2)	Richmond, Ky.
3/28	Noon	• at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.
3/30	2 p.m.	IUPUI (2)	WILLIAMS FIELD
4/1	3 p.m.	• at Southeast Missouri (2)	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
4/3	1 p.m.	• at Samford (2)	Birmingham, Ala.
4/4	1 p.m.	• at Samford	Birmingham, Ala.
4/8	1:30 p.m.	at Butler (2)	Indianapolis
4/9	2 p.m.	• MOREHEAD STATE (2)	WILLIAMS FIELD
4/10	Noon	• MOREHEAD STATE	WILLIAMS FIELD
4/13	2 p.m.	BUTLER (2)	WILLIAMS FIELD
4/15	2 p.m.	WESTERN ILLINOIS (2)	WILLIAMS FIELD
4/17	1 p.m.	• at Austin Peay (2)	Clarksville, Tenn.
4/18	1 p.m.	• at Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn.
4/21	2 p.m.	• at Tennessee-Martin (2)	Martin, Tenn.
4/24	Noon	• JACKSONVILLE STATE (2)	WILLIAMS FIELD
4/25	Noon	• JACKSONVILLE STATE	WILLIAMS FIELD
4/28	2 p.m.	• TENNESSEE-MARTIN	WILLIAMS FIELD
5/1	1 p.m.	• at Tennessee State (2)	Nashville, Tenn.
5/2	1 p.m.	• at Tennessee State	Nashville, Tenn.
5/5	2 p.m.	• SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	WILLIAMS FIELD
5/8	Noon	• TENNESSEE TECH (2)	WILLIAMS FIELD
5/9	Noon	• TENNESSEE TECH	WILLIAMS FIELD
5/12-16	TBA	at OVC Tournament:	at No. 1 Seed
		... Opponents To Be Determined	

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2004 TRACK & FIELD SCHEDULE

3/17-21	TBA	at Spring Trip Meets	TBA
3/26-27	TBA	at Bayou Classic	Houston, Texas
3/27	TBA	at SIU Collegiate Series	Carbondale
4/1-3	All Day	BIG BLUE CLASSIC & MULTIS	O'BRIEN STADIUM
4/10	TBA	at Western Illinois or Sea Ray	Macomb
4/16-17	TBA	at Pace Setter or Kansas Relays	Terre Haute, Ind./Lawrence, Kan.
4/22-24	TBA	at Drake Relays	Des Moines, Iowa
5/7-8	All Day	at OVC Outdoor Championship	Birmingham, Ala.
5/16	TBA	at Billy Hayes Invitational	Bloomington, Ind.
5/21-22	TBA	at Reebok Invitational	Atlanta
5/28-29	TBA	at NCAA Regional Qualifying Meet	Baton Rouge, La.
6/9-12	TBA	at NCAA Championships/ USATF National Championships	Austin, Texas

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2004 MEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

2/21-24	at Charleston Southern Invitational (Coosaw Creek Golf Course)	Charleston, S.C.
2/29-3/2	at Tri-State Classic (Pickwick State Park Golf Course)	Pickwick, Tenn.
3/12-15	at Bearkat Classic (Waterwood National Resort)	Huntsville, Texas
4/11-13	at Billiken Invitational (Gateway National Golf Course)	Madison
4/25-28	at OVC Championship (Country Club of Paducah)	Paducah, Ky.

2004 WOMEN'S GOLF SCHEDULE

2/14-17	at Southern Shootout (Greystone Golf Course)	Birmingham, Ala.
3/2-6	at East/West Rio Verde Collegiate (Rio Verde Country Club)	Rio Verde, Ariz.
3/27-29	at Saluki Invitational (Hickory Ridge Golf Course)	Carbondale
4/4-6	at Payne Stewart/SW Missouri Memorial (Hickory Hills Golf Course)	Springfield, Mo.
4/8-10	at Illini Spring Classic (Stone Creek Golf Course)	Urbana
4/25-28	at Ohio Valley Conference Championship (Country Club of Paducah)	Paducah, Ky.

2004 MEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

3/7	1 pm	at IUPUI	Indianapolis
3/8	10 am	vs. Creighton	Indianapolis
3/20	Noon	• at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.
3/21	10 am	• at Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.
3/27	10 am	• TENNESSEE-MARTIN	DARLING COURTS
3/29	Noon	• at Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.
4/3	10 am	• AUSTIN PEAY	DARLING COURTS
4/4	10 am	DEPAUL	DARLING COURTS
4/9	Noon	• at Murray State	Murray, Ky.
4/10	10 am	• vs. Samford	Murray, Ky.
4/11	10 am	• vs. Jacksonville State	Murray, Ky.
4/16-18	All Day	at OVC Tournament	Nashville, Tenn.

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2004 WOMEN'S TENNIS SCHEDULE

3/5	6 pm	at IUPUI	Indianapolis
3/20	10 am	• at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.
3/21	10 am	• at Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.
3/26	2 pm	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	DARLING COURTS
3/27	10 am	• TENNESSEE-MARTIN	DARLING COURTS
3/30	12 pm	• at Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.
4/3	10 am	• AUSTIN PEAY	DARLING COURTS
4/6	2 pm	INDIANA STATE	DARLING COURTS
4/9	3 pm	• at Murray State	Murray, Ky.
4/10	10 am	• vs. Samford	Murray, Ky.
4/11	10 am	• vs. Jacksonville State	Murray, Ky.
4/16-18	All Day	at OVC Tournament	Nashville, Tenn.

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TRACK & FIELD

Panthers getting excited

By Dan Renick
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's men and women's track teams will need to make adjustments as they switch from the indoor to the outdoor season.

Although the indoor season hasn't officially ended, the track teams will only have four days between the indoor NCAA championships, on March 12 and 13, and their first outdoor meet.

Over spring break, the track teams will travel for the Spring Trip Meets on March 17 through the 21 at the University of Alabama. But it's the weather in Charleston men's head coach Tom Akers and women's head coach Mary Wallace are worried about.

"Indoors, it's always 70 degrees with no wind," Akers said. "Outdoors it may be 40 degrees and raining one day and then 80



Sophomore Casey Becker practices the high jump last year at O'Brien Stadium.

degrees the next." The heat won't affect sprinters and middle distant runners as much as the distance runners, but if it's cold outdoors it works harder against the sprinters.

"The wind can play a big part in the throws, obviously, but can affect runners just as much," assistant coach John McInerney said. "The wind changes tactics

cause it slows runners down. But one perk of the open air is that it's not as dry as indoors, and the runners appreciate that."

"There have been days I wish we could practice outside because it's so nice. Other times I'm glad we're inside," Akers said.

Another factor the teams will have to deal with is the space outside. Everything indoors is going on in a small space and it's easy to

see all the competitions, Akers said. "There's more team unity indoors," Akers said. "When we move outdoors the team almost disappears because we're so spread out."

One of the biggest challenges will be the added events in the outdoor season. The 60-meter dash has been dropped and replaced with the 100-meter. The javelin has been added in the field events, and in distance, what McInerney coaches, the 3,000-meter run is dropped and the steeplechase and the 10,000-meter run were added.

"The actual running isn't the problem; it's the events," McInerney said.

Akers and Wallace agree their teams are better with the added events, but it's a challenge for the distance to fill those spots, McInerney said. The steeplechase is a 3,000-meter race that has 36 or 37 barriers runners have to jump during the race. High schools don't compete in the event so coaches have to start teaching their runners early. Luckily, Akers will have Jake Stout, who was a NCAA qualifier last year, for the event.

Another added event that isn't offered in high school is the javelin and this requires coaches to start with freshmen who probably have never thrown the javelin before.

The 10,000-meter run also poses problems because it is a hard mental adjustment to be on the track for that long, McInerney said.

"Even our top kids will only run that event two or three times this year because it's so draining," McInerney said.

2004 Women's track roster

PLAYER NAME	EVENT	YR
Megan Balas	Distance	Fr
Libby Bedoe	Jumps/Vaults	Fr
Jill Blondell	Distance	Fr
Stephanie Bone	Distance	Sr
Tiffany Brown	Sprints	So
Jaylee Carr	Middle Distance	So
Kristen Chandler	Middle Distance	So
Katherine Dzielski	Distance	Fr
Shane Evans	Middle Distance	Fr
Nicole Flouders	Middle Distance	Fr
Ronesha Franklin	Sprints/Jumps	Jr
Nicolene Galas	Vault	Fr
Megan Garrity	Hurdles	So
Georgia Griffin	Throws	Jr
Alicia Harris	Sprints	Jr
Robyn Harris	Throws	Fr
Deb Hasik	Sprints/Jumps	Fr
Cassie Howard	Throws	Fr
Denise Jones	Jumps/Javelin	Jr
Adrienne Leschewski	Throws	Jr
Nicole Marczewski	Jumps	Fr
Nicole Millici	Middle Distance	Sr
Rachel Moreno	Hurdles	Fr
Lexie Nuckolls	Sprints	Sr
Jessica Peach	Distance	So
Krissy Peters	Distance	Jr
Nikki Ponce	Sprints/Jumps	Jr
Lizette Ruvalcaba	Distance	So
Mary Beth Schmitt	Distance	So
Amanda Schuette	Distance	Jr
Angie Simone	Distance	Jr
Susan Stamm	Distance	Fr
Erin Stein	Throws	Fr
Lisa Tarasiewicz	Vault	Jr
Deb Tygrett	Distance	So
Theresa Walker	Sprints	So
Ashley Wallace	Middle Distance	Fr
Mary Wood	Vault	Sr
Katie Zavodny	Distance	Fr

Move outdoors makes weather a big concern

By Dan Renick
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's men's and women's track teams are hoping to transfer their indoor success to the outdoor season.

Both of the teams have plenty to be excited about. The men won a fourth straight Ohio Valley Conference indoor track championship and the women have OVC female indoor track athlete of the year in junior Alicia Harris.

The men are looking to win their eighth straight outdoor title. Despite losing the OVC male outdoor track athlete of the year, the Panthers still have plenty of young talent willing to step up.

"This was the first year we elected team captains, but we have other individuals who have the personalities to lead," men's head coach Tom Akers said.

Seniors Jermaine Jones, who won conference last year in the 400-meter hurdles, and distance runners Jackson Johnson and Kevin Atkins will lead the Panthers. Johnson will run the steeplechase alongside NCAA qualifier sophomore Jake Stout, who took first in the 3,000 meter run at last weekend's OVC indoor championship.

Atkins also will run in the 5,000-meter and mile run with underclass standout sophomore Dan Strackeljahn. Strackeljahn won the mile run at the conference championship and looks to complete his

first full outdoor season since he was injured last spring.

The men will hope for good performances from sophomore Dave Carlson in the 5,000 and 10,000 meter runs, an area were they are in need of depth, assistant coach John McInerney said.

The men will be strong in the jumps, were they have sophomore Jason Stark, who won the high jump last weekend, and sophomore Marcel Morgan, who won the long jump at the same meet.

The women are led by Alicia Harris, who broke four indoor records this year, and will run the 200 and 400-meter dashes. Fifth-year senior Nicole Millici, who wasn't eligible for the indoor season, will anchor Eastern's strong middle distance runners, and junior Angie Simone will lead the way in the distance events.

In the field, the women have junior Denise Jones in the javelin and the high jump, which she won at last week's conference championship, and freshman standout Nicolene Galas in the pole vault.

"The indoor season is really just a base of training for the outdoor season," women's head coach Mary Wallace said. "We just want to replicate what we've done indoors."

The Panthers will get their first outdoor competition when they travel to the Spring Meets March 17-21 at the University of Alabama. Wallace said it's a chance to get adjusted to the outdoor season and get their feet wet.

2004 Men's track roster

PLAYER NAME	EVENT	YR
Brock Athey	Pole Vault	Fr
Kevin Atkins	Middle Distance	Sr
Casey Becker	Jumps	So
Mike Begich	Distance	Jr
Monty Buckley	Sprints/Jumps	So
Eric Buhot	Middle Distance	Jr
Adam Caldwell	Pole Vault	Jr
Dave Carlson	Distance	So
Shane Cameron	Sprints	Fr
Matt Comella	Hurdles	So
Pete D'Agastino	Throws	Jr
Eric Dorsch	Distances	So
Roger Driver	Sprints	Jr
Jeremy Duda	Sprints	Fr
Obe Eruteya	Jumps	Fr
Michael Farthing	Sprints	Fr
Aaron Grobengieser	Throws	Jr
Justin Harris	Sprints	So
Nick Jackson	Pole Vault	Sr
Jackson Johnson	Distances	Sr
Jermaine Jones	Hurdles	Sr
Kai Karlstrom	Distances	Fr
Eric Lentzkow	Middle Distances	Fr
Brian Levan	Distances	So
Greg Lyons	Sprints	Jr
Dan Mackey	Distances	Sr
Kenny Mackey	Distances	So
Scott McNamer	Distances	So
Marcel Morgan	Sprints/Jumps	So
Andrew Newton	Middle Distances	Fr
Nate Pepper	Middle Distances	So
Raushawn Render	Sprints	Jr
Dan Roby	Hurdles	So
Brad Runnion	Middle Distances	So
Jimmy Schultz	Throws	Fr
Justin Smith	Jumps	So
Chris Spencer	Sprints	Fr
Jason Stark	Jumps	So
Jake Stout	Distances	So
Dan Strackeljahn	Distances	So
Mike Trinkle	Distances	Jr
Josh Wakey	Pole Vault/Hurdles	Jr
Erik Werden	Middle Distances	Fr

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S TENNIS



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Eastern's Russian native Madina Mambetova returning a volley in practice last season. The 16-year-old is the youngest player in Panthers history to compete at Eastern.

Rebounding after early folly

By Kurtis Allen
STAFF WRITER

The Eastern women's tennis team may have started the season out slowly losing their first two matches, but they quickly rebounded and went on a three game winning streak.

At first, Eastern tennis coach Brian Holzgrafe was a little worried about the women's play after one of the players quit the team.

"It took them a little while to get their character back, but once they did it started to show in their play," Holzgrafe said. Holzgrafe feels that senior players Becky Brunner and Amber Lenfert have taken the roles of leaders on the team.

"Both those ladies have stepped up their play, big time," Holzgrafe said.

Holzgrafe has also been impressed with the performances of many of the ladies on the team. Costanza Comacho, Sarah Freeman, and Jill Wirtz have all played roles in the recent success of the Eastern women's tennis team.

"These ladies all seem anxious

to play every time they step onto a tennis court," Holzgrafe said. "They are not nervous. They are just ready to play."

There is the 16-year-old freshman Russian sensation, Madina Mambetova. The young Chegem, Russia native has already captured three victories this year, and is improving every day. While most people Madina's age are enjoying their driver's license for the first time, Madina is enjoying success as an athlete at a college level. Her abilities on the court are something that doesn't surprise Holzgrafe at all.

"She has adapted very well," Holzgrafe said. "She is going to get better every time she steps on the court, and she will be a leader for us in the future."

If the trend of solid play and big victories continues for the women's team, it could be a matter of time before they bring in some hardware during conference play.

"It's just a real pleasure to coach this time right now," Holzgrafe said. "These ladies work incredibly hard and deserve all the success in the world."

2004 Men's tennis roster

PLAYER NAME	YR
Brandon Blankenbaker	Sr
Ryan Blankenbaker	Fr
Jason Girardin	Sr
Brandon Lenfert	Fr
Charles LeVaque	Fr
Colin Priestner	So
Eric Stuert	Jr
C.J. Weber	Sr

2004 Women's tennis roster

PLAYER NAME	YR
Becky Brunner	Sr
Costanza Comacho	Fr
Maya Copic	-
Sarah Freeman	Jr
Kimberly Keethler	Fr
Audra Koerner	So
Amber Lenfert	Sr
Madina Mambetova	Fr
Jill Wirtz	So

Playing tough to get at title

By Kurtis Allen
STAFF WRITER

The Eastern men's tennis team are playing extremely tough tennis this season and are looking for a conference championship.

The energy of the teams stems from the team captain, C.J. Weber. Earlier this season Weber was being considered for a National ranking, but after suffering two straight losses that bid may be over. According to Weber, not getting a national ranking isn't a big deal.

"It isn't my main focus," Weber said earlier this season. "Honestly, I didn't expect to play this well at all."

"He has the secret. He plays as hard as he can on the court, and his play is infectious to the rest of the team" head tennis coach Brian Holzgrafe said. "I think he's better now than he was last year."

In fact, Holzgrafe feels that everyone on the team has improved from where they were last year.

"I have really been impressed with the improvement of the Blakenbaker brothers, Chuck LeVaque, Colin Priestner, and Brandon Lenfert," Holzgrafe said.

The men are currently 4-4 this year with victories over Saint Louis, Wisconsin-Green Bay, IPFW, and Cleveland State. Thus far, Holzgrafe has been very pleased with the men's team.

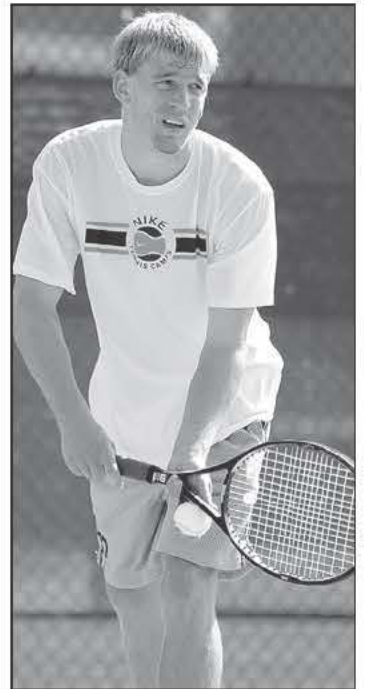
"We improve every match, and that's what I want to see out of these guys," Holzgrafe said.

Their losses came in close matches against Illinois State, Marquette, Indiana State, and Bradley University. Coach Holzgrafe isn't too worried about the losses and has faith that the team will bounce back.

"There is nothing wrong with losing, as long as it is a learning experience," Holzgrafe said.

"We improve every match, and that's what I want to see out of these guys."

Brian Holzgrafe,
Eastern coach



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Team captain C.J. was being considered for a national ranking before losing last two matches.

"We just have to get back up and work harder next time." Holzgrafe also felt that the losses served as ammunition to motivate the team.

"Motivation is the key," Holzgrafe said. "We have got to fight for every match from now on and the big payoff will come during conference play."

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BASEBALL

Looking young after 100 years

◆ *Young team to play in Eastern's 100th season*

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The 100th season of Eastern baseball got off to a rousing start with a 6-4 extra inning victory against 2003 College World Series participant Southwest Missouri State at the Holiday Inn and Suites/Citgo Classic last weekend. The Panthers dropped the next two contests to Louisiana-Monroe and Kansas State and will embark on their first official road trip this weekend against Mississippi.

The 2004 season will be marked by numerous questions for the Panther's after losing several productive players to graduation. Gone from last year's 26-31 squad are Aaron Shelbourne, Bret Pignatiello, Danny Jordan and Kirk Walters. All four were clogs in the Panthers lineup as they combined to contributed 260 hits, 36 home runs and 193 RBIs last season.

Eastern's head coach Jim Schmitz realizes it will be very difficult to replace those four hitters, but said the offense will rely around senior shortstop Kyle Haines who moves into the third spot in the batting order after spending the last year in the No. 2 hole.

"The key is how Haines adjusts to being pitched around," Schmitz said. "If he can handle that, it will be really interesting how our young hitters perform. But we sure don't have the number of boppers we did last year."

Young is definite a recurring theme for the Panthers who field 19 underclassmen on the team's 31-man roster.

"This is the youngest team I've had at Eastern," Schmitz said, who is now in his 10th season at Eastern. "I'm not that concerned about lack of experience because I like the talent we have this year. Experience is overrated when compared to talent, and I just have to realize it might take us longer to get going."

One spot where experience is not

“This is the youngest team I've had at eastern.”

Jim Schmitz,
in his 10th season as
Eastern coach

lacking is the double-play combination of Haines and second baseman Chris Uhle. Both are seniors and Schmitz knows he can count on Uhle and Haines defensively as well as offensively to lead the Panthers.

"Uhle is a three-year starter and he gives us a quality double play combo with Haines," Schmitz said. "Chris has hit with more power each year and I'm looking for this to be a banner year."

"Kyle Haines is our best all-around player and he has a legitimate chance to be Ohio Valley Conference 'Player of the Year,'" Schmitz said. "He hits with power from both sides and becomes more of a threat to steal bases."

Mike Gavin, a sophomore who was ineligible last year, will take over for Shelbourne at first base. Freshman Ryan Campbell replaces last year's starter, Jeff Cammann, who moved to the outfield.

"Ryan won the starting job this fall," Schmitz said. "He is one of the best pure hitters I have coached from high school and he will hit in the middle of the lineup."

The Panthers outfield is the deepest of all the positions according to Schmitz. Incumbent Pete Stone will get a majority of the starts in left field. Minnesota transfer Paul Dean and freshman Kevin Carkeek also will see time in left. Senior Marcus Jackson and junior David Chacon are penciled in at center field and Cammann will occupy right field.

"Jeff played third base out of necessity for us last year," Schmitz said. "He is an outstanding outfield-

er with a great arm and will be looked upon as the catalyst for this team."

With catchers Pignatiello, Eddie Rivera and Brad Weitekamp all departed, Eastern will turn to freshman Joe Hernandez and College of DuPage transfer Mike Bruschuk behind the plate.

"With no catchers returning, this position came under more scrutiny than most," Schmitz said. "Hernandez won the battle in the fall and he does an outstanding job handling the pitchers."

The pitching staff will focus on ace Jared Marshall, who missed the opening weekend while recovering from off-season surgery. The Panthers expect Marshall to be back in the rotation by the middle of March.

"Jared is our number one arm and he will start to throw against Southern Mississippi," Schmitz said. "Jared will be looked upon to lead this young pitching staff. If he's healthy, he can easily win the OVC 'Pitcher of the Year' award."

When Marshall returns he will allow fellow starters Kyle Widegren, Ted Juske and Kirk Miller to move back to their more familiar two through four spots in the rotation.

"What Marshall does is take the pressure off the other guys," Schmitz said. "Jared will match up with the other team's ace."

Schmitz also has high expectations for Widegren, Miller and Juske.

"Kyle has the nasty curveball to complement his fastball. He made great strides this fall locating his change up which makes him tougher on lefties."

"Kirk struggled with his control last season but this fall he was more relaxed and dominated games. Juske is going to give us the extra left handed pitcher to come in and get a lefty hitter out or get the team off balance."

As for the bullpen, freshmen Brian Long and Chris Vaculike will see action in middle relief while senior Andy Kuntz replaces Nathan Stone at the closer spot.



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Freshman left-handed pitcher Ryan Parsons throwing in practice while being watched by the coaching staff. Parsons comes to Eastern after breaking the Okaw Valley High School record for strikeouts in a season.

Transfer pitcher adjusts to changes

◆ *Kyle Widegren worked on his changeup to compensate for the difference between JUCO and D-I-A hitters*

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

Panther starting pitcher Kyle Widegren had an impressive junior college baseball career, but has moved on to bigger and better things.

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz first noticed Widegren when he was scouting Damon White, who graduated from Eastern last year, at Parkland College.

"The numbers he put up were very impressive," Schmitz said.

Another thing that impressed Schmitz was the way Widegren handled the pressure of pitching in the big games.

Widegren transferred from Parkland College where, in 2001, he was part of a rotation that won 51 games, which is the second most in school history.

In 2001, Widegren won 10 games, which is tied for third best in Parkland school history and had 100 strikeouts tying for second on the school's all time record. That same year, Widegren also tied for seventh in lowest earned run average based on a seven inning scale with 1.80. Widegren also has a no-hitter to add to his resume.

Before his first Division I-A game against Southwest Missouri, Widegren was curious about how the Division I-A hitters would compare to the junior college hitters he had faced in the previous three years.

His curiosity took him to the telephone. "I called some friends who have already made the jump from junior college to Division I-A baseball," Widegren said.

One of those friends was former Parkland College teammate Derek Drage. Drage now pitches for Southwest

“I just really want to go out there and do what I have to do.”

Kyle Widegren,
junior pitcher

Missouri. To Widegren's surprise he would face his buddy in Eastern's first game of the season.

Widegren said he talked to Drage and exchanged some competitive words on the phone before the game.

Widegren didn't earn the win in his first game against Southwest Missouri, who made it to the College World Series last year, but the Panthers did pull through with the victory.

"It felt good to beat him (Drage)," Widegren said.

Widegren went five innings in his first game against SMS. He threw 90 pitches, struck out five batters and walked only one.

"Kyle wasn't as sharp as he normally has been," Schmitz said.

"I didn't have my curveball working for me that game," Widegren said.

Widegren didn't always throw a curveball. In fact, he didn't even start pitching until his freshman year in high school.

"My coach put me out there and I would just rear back and throw as hard as I could," Widegren said. "I would strike a few out and then walk a few, then strike a few more out, then walk a few more."

Widegren said he was really the only athlete in his family so he learned how to throw his curveball from his next door neighbor.

"I learned how to throw the curve with a tennis can," Widegren said. "I would grip it at the top and then try to make the can turn end over end."

Another person who has influenced him in his baseball career is his grandmother. Widegren said she gave him a necklace in eighth grade which he wears on the mound every time he pitches.

"Before every inning I kiss my necklace," Widegren said. "I know she's with me and I can count on her during a game."

Widegren would eventually use what he learned with his tennis can on a baseball.

"The summer going into sophomore year of high school I tried throwing the curve," Widegren said. "I started to get the hang of it and started throwing it in games for strikes."

Widegren said he has just recently added a sinker to his pitching arsenal and that's the pitch that got him through his first game.

"His fastball is at about 86 miles per hour but it has sinking movement on it," Schmitz said. "It looks like a fast ball to the hitters then it sinks and turns into a ground ball for us."

Schmitz now has Widegren working on a circle change which he thinks can complement his sinker.

Schmitz feels Widegren will do whatever it takes to learn how to throw a perfect change up because he is such a hard worker.

"He's real serious about getting stuff done," Schmitz said. "He's a no nonsense guy when it comes to baseball."

"I just really want to go out there and do what I have to do," Widegren said. "I give 110 percent and don't save anything for later."

That kind of attitude may get him into the major leagues where Widegren hopes to end up one day.

"I definitely want to play with the Cubbies," he said.

2004 Baseball roster

NO.	PLAYER NAME	POS	YR
1	Kyle Haines	IF	Sr
2	Paul Dean	OF	So
3	Chris Uhle	IF	Sr
4	Kevin Carkeek	IF/OF	Fr
5	David Chacon	OF	Jr
8	Marcus Jackson	OF	Sr
9	Jeff Cammann	IF	Sr
10	Chris Vaculik	P	Fr
11	Mike Bouchez	P	So
12	Jason Pinnell	IF/OF	Jr
13	Adam Varrassi	IF	Fr
15	Brian Long	P	Fr
16	Andy Kuntz	P	Sr
17	Kirk Miller	P	So
18	Pete Stone	OF	So
19	Mike Gavin	IF	So
20	Matt Hall	P	So
21	Jared Marshall	P	Sr
22	Ryan Campbell	IF	Fr
23	Mike Bruschuk	C	Sr
24	Erik Huber	P/IF	Fr
25	Mike Manns	P	Fr
26	Mark Chagnon	OF	Fr
28	Ted Juske	P	Jr
29	Alex Chapple	P	So
30	Matt Brannigan	OF	Fr
31	Anthony Billups	P	Jr
32	Jason Cobb	C	Fr
33	Joe Hernandez	C	Fr
34	Ryan Parsons	P	Fr
35	Kyle Widegren	P	Jr
-	Mike Astrouski	IF	Fr
-	Kyle Bradd	P	Fr
-	Mike Budde	P	So
-	Jeff Denney	C	Fr

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Assistant Coach: Mitch Rosenthal (#6) - 3rd season
Restricted Assistant Coach: Chris Martin (#14) - 1st season
Undergraduate Student Coach: Brent Heaberlin
Volunteer Coach: Pat Tueth (#27)