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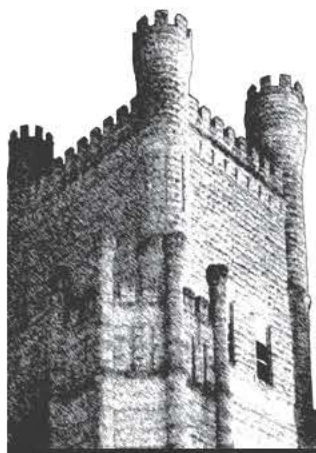
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Doudna is third priority

IBHE recommends \$1.5 million in additional funds for fine arts center

BY JENNIFER PERYAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Awarding capital funds for Doudna Fine Arts Center is third on the Illinois Board of Higher Education's priority list, but IBHE did not give Eastern the \$6.7 million in new funding requested.

The IBHE unanimously approved \$2.43 billion in budget recommendations Feb. 1 that targets financial aid as the top funding priority while recognizing the continued fiscal struggle confronting state policy-makers.

Under IBHE's proposal, Eastern would receive \$48.4 million, \$6 million less than the university was requesting.

"We had requested \$6.7 million in new funding, but did not get everything we had hoped for because of the state's economic situation and other pressing needs," said Jeff Cooley, vice president for business affairs.

Cooley identified some of the needs such as Medicare and Medicaid costs for the lack of funding for universities. Despite the cuts, administrators feel Eastern will be able to handle the recommended budget.

"I think hopefully through lobbying we can take the cuts and still offer quality," said Eastern President Lou Hencken.

Hencken said he is confident that IBHE would have liked to meet Eastern's requests, but there were

only so much funding available.

"Given the state of the economy and the potential deficit facing the state, I am very pleased with the recommendation," Cooley said.

The next step for the board will be to take the recommendations to the governor and General Assembly. Gov. Rod Blagojevich will give a state of the budget address Feb. 16.

IBHE is recommending \$2.1 billion, a less than one-percent increase from fiscal year 2005, for grants and delayed capital projects.

The first priority for higher education capital improvement is a recommended \$40 million for capital renewal projects.

"The pool of funds is distributed among the colleges and universities using a formula based on square footage," Cooley said.

IBHE's second capital priority is

money for the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, a high school for gifted students in Aurora, IL. IBHE is recommending \$7.8 million in remodeling the school's main building addition.

IBHE is recommending \$1.5 million for equipment for Doudna Fine Arts Center renovations and expansion.

"Eastern is fortunate that the IBHE has recommended equipment money for our Doudna Fine Arts project as their third priority," Cooley said.

The capital funds would go toward classroom desks, chairs and theater equipment for the center.

The \$1.5 million project would cover movable equipment expenditures and allow Eastern to complete the \$53.8 million project.

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Textbook rental praised by IBHE

"...the board members expressed how they wish more universities could develop a textbook rental system."

LOU HENCKEN, EASTERN PRESIDENT

BY JENNIFER PERYAM
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

The Illinois Board of Higher Education discussed Eastern's textbook rental service when it met Feb. 1.

Eastern is one of 49 universities in the United States and Canada, and only one of two in Illinois, with a textbook rental service.

In August 2004, the IBHE requested input from Illinois public universities concerning the feasibility and desirability of instituting textbook rental programs.

"Eastern was cited a number of times in the report, and the board members expressed how they wish more universities could develop a textbook rental system," Hencken said.

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville is the other university in Illinois with a textbook rental system.

"I do believe textbook rental at Eastern is valued and we will continue to advertise that we have the system in our recruiting," Hencken said. "We have built up our inventory and already have spent approximately \$1.5 million on new books."

Hencken said some of the concerns he has heard from other universities in implementing a textbook rental system are students having to purchase new textbook additions and inventory costs.

"I am well aware that the costs of textbooks is expensive, but the experience of getting an education will last a lifetime," Hencken said.

Bruce Hildebrand, executive director for higher education for the Association of American Publishers in Washington D.C., said there are economics behind college publishing that are not always addressed.

"There is a misconception that buyers purchase textbooks on impulse, but there are massive reviews by those who weigh the costs of textbooks, then make purchases," Hildebrand said.

Those universities who have textbook rental systems, Hildebrand said,

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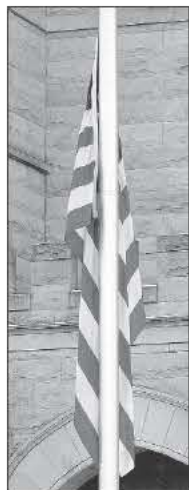
SINGING THE BLUES



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Frute and Jackson explains the roots of blues in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Thursday afternoon during his semester Blues 101. See Monday's paper for coverage of Jackson's performance in the 7th Street Underground.

Flags honor fallen soldiers



BY MATT POLI
STAFF WRITER

Eastern will be flying its flags at half-staff for the next three days to honor and remember fallen soldiers.

After a proclamation by Gov. Rod Blagojevich, all buildings owned by the state of Illinois will take part in the remembrance.

"It's appropriate that we remember these brave soldiers because there's no bigger sacrifice that anyone could make for you and I," said state Sen. Dale Righter, R-Mattoon.

Since yesterday and until Saturday, flags

will be at half-staff to remember the three Marines from Illinois who were recently killed in Iraq. For each of the three days of remembrance, a flag will fly for each soldier.

Yesterday it was Lance Cpl. Hector Ramos, 20, of Aurora, who was honored.

Ramos was on a mission Jan. 31 supporting the Iraqi election when his helicopter was caught in a sandstorm and crashed near the Jordanian border Jan. 26.

Military officials said the crash, which killed 30 Marines and one Navy sailor, was



HECTOR RAMOS



JOHNATHAN BEATTY



NATHANIEL MOORE

the deadliest day for U.S. forces since the Iraq war began.

Another soldier on board the same helicopter as Ramos was Cpl. Nathaniel K.

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FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

| TODAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY |
|--------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| 49 | 52 | 48 | 51 | 53 |
| 34 | 38 | 41 | 43 | 31 |
| Mostly sunny | Sunny | Few showers | Few showers | Showers |

AROUND U.S. CAMPUSES

NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Problems with wireless internet

(U-WIRE) DEKALB— The \$24 million construction of Barsema Hall at Northern Illinois University included wireless Internet for students and users of the building, but some teachers forbid its use in classes.

Although wireless Internet was installed for student and faculty convenience, some teachers feel it distracts students who use it in class.

"Even though we have the wireless Internet in this building, teachers sometimes don't want students to use laptops in class," said Tim Paige, technology director of Barsema Hall.

Outside of banning laptops in classrooms, teachers have no way of knowing students are not using their laptops as distractions.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Waves slam study-abroad ship

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. - A life-changing experience turned into a life-threatening nightmare for nine University of California-Berkeley students aboard the Semester at Sea vessel, when waves and winds rocked the ship on the morning of Jan. 26.

The Explorer, which houses the popular Semester at Sea study-abroad program, was carrying 990 passengers -- 700 of whom were students -- from Vancouver to Korea when it was hit by a 50-foot wave and strong winds 650 miles south of Adak, Alaska.

The wave shattered windows, damaged computers and equipment on the navigation bridge and displaced furniture throughout the ship.

All of the ship's engines were momentarily disabled by the wave's impact before two of the four were brought back under control.

The incident has forced the ship to dock for repairs in Honolulu Harbor.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Coca-Cola sponsors campus search

(U-WIRE) SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Coca-Cola Enterprises is sponsoring a new campus wide competition, offering \$2,000 to the dorm that consumes the most Coke products per resident.

"Our promotions in the past few years have not been much success," said Judah Wilson, campus market representative for Coca-Cola. "I think this will be successful because it benefits the whole dorm."

Wilson said Coca-Cola offered two \$500 travel packages through Anthony Travel and \$1,000 in other prizes last year to students who scratched off the winning bottle caps.

"About 20 T-shirts were picked up, but no one claimed the grand prizes. No one was interested," Wilson said.

SEWING WOES



LAURA MILEN/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Nicole Fleming, a freshman undeclared major, undoes a few stitches on a zipper she is sewing on a skirt in the costume shop at the Village Theatre Thursday afternoon. "For as many times as I've messed this up, I better be a zipper god by the time I'm done."

PEOPLE

'Cutesy' Superbowl ads

NEW YORK (AP)— If last year's Super Bowl ads were fueled by gross humor, this year's are running on nostalgia and cute cartoon characters.

With Janet Jackson's exposed bosom thrown into the mix, the ads of last year left many viewers thinking that advertisers had just gone too far.

A preview of some of this year's ads reveals that many advertisers are returning to cozy themes and familiar icons. Lay's brings back '80s singer M.C. Hammer and his "Can't Touch This" single to pitch potato chips; Miss Piggy, Kermit and other Muppets appear in a spot for Pizza Hut; and the Pillsbury Doughboy, Count Chocula and Mr. Clean appear in a spot for MasterCard.

With Super Bowl ads costing an average of \$2.4 million this year for a 30-second spot - that's \$80,000 a second - advertisers are loath to make slip-ups.

WTF?

Pregnant belly auctioned

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. (AP) - A woman selling advertising on her pregnant belly will receive \$4,050 from the highest eBay auction bidder, Golden Palace Casino.

Amber Rainey will have the online casino's Web site temporarily tattooed to her stomach Thursday. It will remain until she delivers her first child, due on March 21.

Rainey didn't think her belly would fetch much as advertising space, but the casino has a record of unusual buys in online auctions, including paying \$28,000 for a grilled cheese sandwich that bears the image of the Virgin Mary.

Rainey said Golden Palace officials would like her to expose her belly at concerts and the Super Bowl, though no final decisions have been made.

RESULTS TO THIS WEEK'S ONLINE POLL

What part of the Super Bowl are you most excited about?

- A) The game. 28%
- B) The commercials. 41%
- C) Another wardrobe malfunction! 7%
- D) And end to all the hype. 24%

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Today from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. hearing evaluations at the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic. If you are concerned you might have a hearing problem, contact the Speech-Language-Hearing Clinic for additional information or to schedule an appointment.

Saturday from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Booth Library Storytime. The Ballenger Teachers' Center at Booth Library is offering free Storytimes every Saturday from January 15 through March 5. Sessions are open to all children age 3-6, accompanied by parents.

COUNTING DOWN

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Days until the Super Bowl!

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raffish:
mildly or some times engagingly disreputable or non conformist

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A celebration of stupidity



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Nick Slicer, a senior English major, guesses the crowd's card during a magic trick in McKinney Hall Thursday evening as part of the "Nick Slicer and Associates Do Something Stupid".

BY KRISTY MELLENDORF
STAFF WRITER

When the term auction comes to mind, one tends not to think of something like a prank service or a home cooked-meal as items that are up for grabs.

However, this is what was found at the "Nick Slicer and Associates are

Going to do Something Stupid" fundraiser yesterday.

Nick Slicer, a senior English major, put the event together to raise money for Project Hope and conceived the idea over winter break.

"I knew the (McKinney) Hall Council needed funds, so they would be able to help," said Slicer.

As far as preparations, Slicer tried to

get as much attention attracted to this event as possible. He tried to figure out what everyone wanted to do, and bought all of the needed supplies.

The auction included a wide array of objects such as paying to watch someone eat paper, drink a mystery blender item, get a ride to class or a trip to Wal-Mart, a Nick Slicer random embarrassment and picking

who had to lick whip cream off an arm of their choice.

"We just randomly decided what to do and picked stuff we knew would be popular," said associate Heather Long, a sophomore journalism major.

The fundraiser earned \$119.29. The funds will be divided between the McKinney Hall Council and Project Hope.

RHA meeting touches on a variety of issues

BY NICOLE MILSTEAD
STAFF WRITER

Eastern's bookstore should quit selling clothing made in sweatshops, a guest speaker told the Residence Hall Association yesterday.

Jon Dean, a Douglas Hall resident assistant, spoke on behalf of the Fair Trade Coalition and asked RHA to post petitions in each hall to keep Martin Luther King Jr University Union Bookstore from selling clothing manufactured in sweatshops.

This change could result in a maximum of a 1 percent increase in price, but will most likely result in no increase, Dean said.

Also at the meeting Lance Ellington, Thomas Hall vice president, presented plaques to the winning halls of the Campus Poker Tour. First place went to the Sigma Nu

house, second place went to McKinney Hall and Taylor Hall took third.

Robyn Drozd, WEIU-FM music director, in conjunction with the Office of Orientation, plans to put on a campus residence hall tour.

The tour will feature local bands and those from the Chicagoland area in conjunction with her radio program called "Illinoise," Drozd said. The Office of Orientation is working on plans for concerts in both March and April.

Dave Jones, resident assistant from Carman Hall and orientation leader, asked RHA for permission to use the residence hall dining centers for these concerts. RHA consented in an informal vote to let the Office of Orientation know that this is a good idea.

Tracy Torbeck, manager of the

Coles County American Red Cross, came to give RHA the details for the next blood drive.

"Last week, we had a great turnout; there were 97 people on Tuesday and 80 people on Wednesday," Torbeck said.

The next blood drive will be in Andrews Hall on March 28 and 29. The goal is 60 people per day, Torbeck said.

RHA set upcoming Valentine's Day events to include reenactments of the TV dating shows "The Dating Game" and "The Newlywed Game."

Becky Wilson, Carman Hall Council programming committee member, said the game will allow contestants to ask questions and choose from a panel of three single people.

"(The winners) will go on a group date to enjoy fine Charleston food,"

Wilson said.

The exact destination has yet to be determined.

Carman Hall residents will play The Dating Game at 9 p.m. Feb. 8. Taylor Hall residents will be playing The Newlywed Game and The Dating Game on Feb. 15. Candy grams are being sold for Valentine's Day. Taylor Hall front desk will sell candy for \$1.00 and candy in a cup for \$2.00. These can be delivered anywhere on campus. Lincoln Hall will be selling candy for 50 cents and Greek court will be selling it for 25 cents.

Super Bowl parties will also be held throughout the day Sunday in Stevenson, Pemberton and Ford halls.

RHA meets at 5 p.m. on Thursdays in the Andrews Hall basement.

Lessons on Lobbying

BY JESSICA PARKS
STAFF WRITER

Lobbying techniques will be discussed by Loretta Durbin, Eastern's school lobbyist, at the Student Action Team meeting today at 11 am.

Chairman Adam Howell, with members of the SAT, said they plan to gain useful information to "better prepare" them for future lobbying in Springfield.

"Hopefully (Durbin will) give us some good tips," said Carolyn Beck, SAT member and freshman physical science major. "(She will) give us advice on the best way to approach and persuade (legislators)."

Kara Shively, SAT Legislative Action Committee chairman, is looking forward to Durbin's appearance.

"I'm interested in lobbying efforts," Shively said. "This is like hands-on experience for me."

Howell anticipates that Durbin will teach them what works best, "what tends to sway their opinion more and what doesn't," he said.

In Springfield, Howell said members of the SAT will deliver short speeches containing facts about Eastern and facts about the state to the members of the Higher Education Committee in an attempt to raise funds for Eastern.

"Anything longer than that and we'll lose them," Howell said.

On their two planned trips to the capitol, the SAT will utilize the strategies given by Durbin, Howell said.

The first trip will be specifically targeted toward the decision regarding the Higher Education Committee where Howell says they will "talk up Eastern and highlight problems to consider when the vote on the overall budget is cut."

The second trip he calls a "blitz," where they will go "office to office and talk to people," Howell said.

SAT is a group within Student Government where Howell said the results of their efforts in lobbying are not always immediate.

"(Student Government) works the hardest, yet it's the most hard to see. We do have an effect, but it's never really clear," Howell said.

The primary focus of the SAT's Springfield trips is about "being visible and constantly keeping Eastern in their minds," Howell said.

"I think we're off to an excellent start, and we are going to get a lot accomplished this year," Howell said.

Members of SAT meet at 5 p.m. Thursdays in the Bridge Lounge in the Martin Luther King Jr University Union.

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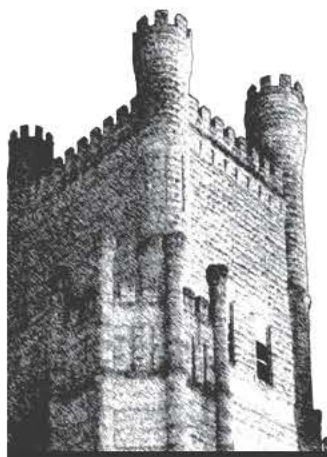
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COLUMN

Drugs, brats and paddles: The classroom battle



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Elementary education and early childhood majors have it rough. After four years of college costs, graduation day finally comes. The cap is thrown in the air, and the search for a job begins.

But the hardest part may not be getting the job; it could be surviving it.

I've heard horror stories from the battlefield that is the kindergarten classroom: an unruly mob of 5-year-olds, all with their own agenda; routine trips to the bathroom that more closely resemble a prison escape and bickering and fighting on the playground that would impress members of congress.

After a stiff drink and a shudder, I wonder to myself, "how do young children get so out of control?"

It's easy to blame the teacher. Granted, sometimes the teacher is at fault for not taking charge of the class and establishing authority early on.

Once, my brother's second grade music teacher let her classroom become a circus. Undaunted, he simply wrote a note to the principal, inviting him to view the classroom's behavior first-hand. Both the principal and my dad watched from the hallway as the class fell apart. Girls braiding each other's hair, students getting louder and louder while the teacher did nothing.

Adding insult to injury, my brother wore a pair of bright orange ear plugs in the classroom.

Needless to say, things changed quickly for that young teacher.

System reform from a second grader; I couldn't be more proud.

But the blame can't always be placed at the foot of the teacher. Parents are ultimately responsible for everything their children do. The way they behave, the things they say and how they respond in a classroom depend on the way they were raised.

Unfortunately, the parents of problem children (brats) never accept the fact their children are rotten to the core. If they did, that would be admitting fault and defeat in the child-rearing arena. These parents let their pride cloud their judgment and allow their children to run rampant in school, and eventually, on the streets.

The frustrated teacher's hands are tied in this situation. They can't erase all the bad values the kid got from home and can't resort to a wooden paddle either.

If a child won't listen to his parents, what chance does some stranger have in a seven-hour day?

The most common course of action now is to resort to behavior-controlling drugs. Because of the parent's bad choices, the child suffers. It's easier to say there's something wrong with the kid because he won't sit down and learn than it is to tell someone they're a horrible parent and should try raising house plants instead of children.

Drugging students is an easy way out for everyone involved. No more awkward moments during parent-teacher conferences, no guilt, no blame. How else could a teacher gain control over 25 screaming maniacs? If parents can't create obedient children who will sit down and shut up, the pharmaceutical companies will.

But this sedate to educate plan is not without its consequences. Fast forward 20 years and guess where these children will end up. They were never given responsibility, taught acceptable behavior or made accountable for their own actions. They, too, learn to blame it on the drugs.

But the situation is not hopeless. Elementary education and early childhood majors take note. Band together, stage protests, hold demonstrations and marches, make signs, boycott and go on strike until school boards hear your demand: bring back the paddle. Not for the students, for their parents.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAN RENICK



EDITORIAL

Housing fee increase needed

Last week, the Board of Trustees approved a 7.7 percent increase in housing fees for residence halls and a 3 percent increase for University Apartments for 2005-2006 academic year.

This increase, which was recommended by Mark Hudson, director of University Housing, and approved by Student Senate in November, is unfortunately becoming typical, but is necessary.

A 7 percent increase in housing fees was issued for 2004-2005. Much of that money went toward replacing the furniture in the dorms, which will continue this summer. Hudson cited the recent increase in minimum wage as another additional cost that must be accounted for.

Throw in the new state law that requires sprinklers in all residence halls by 2013, and it becomes obvious that the housing fee increase is required.

Ring in at \$10 million, Eastern is required to pay for the cost of putting sprinklers in the dorms. Pemberton Hall, University Apartments and Greek Court are the only housing facilities that currently have a sprinkler system.

When the law was passed, the state proposed setting up a loan fund to assist all public and private colleges, however, nothing has materialized prompting Eastern to go ahead

At issue

The 7.7 percent increase in housing fee.

Our stance

Although two straight years of increases of over 7 percent seems steep, the money is going to good use and is no different than other state universities.

on their own, according to Mark Shaklee, associate director for student housing.

The school requires that any finances housing requires can only come from the housing fee. The tuition paid by students is not allowed to go to any new furniture or sprinklers.

That leaves the cost to fall on the students, at least those that live on campus. While it would be nice to get a check from Springfield, it isn't an option. With the state's current financial situation, the money can't be expected from the government; they don't have an endless supply of money.

Two straight years of having a 7 percent or more increase is a tough pill to swallow, but it is

a necessary one. Some state schools have had even steeper increases. Northern Illinois University is expected to see an increase in the neighborhood of 15 percent.

The majority of the dorms at Eastern have received new furniture, and as Blair Hall showed us last spring, fires happen. And when there are no sprinklers the damage can be quite extensive. At Eastern, the increase is going to good use.

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

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Steppin' Out dancers step into EIU

Dancers travel from Chicago to teach Eastern how to 'step'

By JESSICA CANTARELLI
STAFF WRITER

Eastern students will have a chance to break out their dancing shoes tonight as Steppin' Out dance lessons premier on campus.

Free lessons will be given by Big Chi Productions, a step-dance group from Chicago,

the city native to the step dance.

The dance originated during the 1940s and is widely known as "steppin'," according to Big Chi Production's Web site, www.bigchiproductions.com.

It has evolved through the 1950s and 1960s and has taken on a new, modern form today.

Step-dance music includes mostly R&B, hip-hop, jazz, contemporary dance and pop. The dance goes to an eight-step count, with dancers finding their own rhythm.

Jeff Collier, a junior political science major and president of the Black Student Union, got

the idea for the event from his social chair, Candice Cousins, a junior health studies major.

"Everyone's used to the norm—typical dances, and this is bringing something different to Eastern's campus," Cousins said.

The BSU is hoping Steppin' Out lessons will become an annual event at Eastern.

"We're trying to bring different cultures together more than anything," Cousins said.

"I want to learn from the experts," Collier said.

Both Collier and Cousins have had minimal step-dance experience prior to this event and have seen it done by relatives and friends.

"We're trying to bring different cultures together more than anything."

CANDICE COUSINS, JUNIOR HEALTH STUDIES MAJOR

The event will take place from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr University Union. It is sponsored by the Black Student Union, the Student Government and Diversity Affairs.

Returning a musical favor

Alex Peck shows his appreciation for Eastern's music department

By APRIL McLAREN
CAMPUS EDITOR

Since Charleston resident Alex Peck has been a little boy, his parents would take him to concerts and musical events on Eastern's campus. Now, years later, Peck still enjoys and appreciates the musical community on campus.

Because of his appreciation, Peck, owner of Alex Peck Medical Antiques, is sponsoring the Peck Music Competition, which will become an annual event. Peck said he and his wife, Susan, wanted to provide an opportunity for music students to perform and compete for money.

"It's a good experience for (students) and the community," he said.

Dan Crews, director of publicity for the College of Arts and Humanities, is looking forward to the competition.

"It's a good and fun idea to have music students compete," he said.

Crews said Peck chose to create the competition to reward students who work hard and merit recognition.

The event is a competition with two rounds of students performing various musical acts.

A preliminary round will begin at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Wesley United

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Methodist Church. About 20 students are involved in the competition and judges who are unaffiliated with the university will be choosing about six to seven students who will advance to the final round.

The final round, which is open to the public, begins at 3 p.m. First, second and third place winners will be selected, receiving awards of \$1,000; \$500 and \$250.

Crews said the winner of the competition will then be asked to perform an encore for the audience.

Brandon Brown, junior vocal performance major, is singing classical music in the event. Brown is looking forward to the opportunity to win money.

"What's neat about this is (students) will receive cash awards that day," Crews said. "It's really created a lot of energy in the music department."

Crews said the music department is



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Alex Peck, local philanthropist, is sponsoring the Peck Music Competition. He's also the owner of Alex Peck Medical Antiques, seen here with his wife surrounded by his collection.

looking for people in the community, in addition to the student population, to come out and enjoy the show.

"I'm hoping that it will really show (the students') talents," Peck said. "I hope it's warmly received by the audience and fellow students. I'm curious to see how it turns out."

Court identifies two involved in '03 brawl

By HILLARY SETTLE
CITY EDITOR

Two of the three defendants involved in a fight outside La Bamba's were identified in court Wednesday by Eastern student Katie Richardson.

Lee Graham and Seniece Graham were identified by Richardson when she told the jury she saw three people get out of a car and start fighting on Sept. 26, 2003, and two of them were sitting at the defense table.

Although Richardson could put the defendants at the scene, she said she did not see them make contact with Officer John Bennett of the Charleston Police Department, which is what brought the defendants to trial.

Lee Graham is being charged with aggravated battery and obstructing a peace officer after he allegedly resisted being handcuffed and struck a police officer.

Seniece Graham is being charged with aggravated battery after she allegedly pushed a Charleston police officer while he was performing his duties.

The third defendant, William Graham, who was not identified by Richardson, is being charged with threatening a police officer after he allegedly conveyed verbal threats to members of the Charleston Police Department.

Bennett was one of several other people who testified Wednesday, giving his personal account of what happened Sept. 26.

Before Bennett was called to the stand, Judge Mitch Shick, who is presiding over the trial, made an order preventing the four attorneys from asking Bennett if he had had criminal encounters with the defendants before that night, not wanting any prior incidents to influence the jury. The trial will resume tomorrow at 9 a.m. in courtroom one of the Coles County Courthouse, in Charleston, on the square.

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Low-cost alternatives offered by Blagojevich in State of State

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD— Gov. Rod Blagojevich, facing political and budget battles just down the road, used his third State of the State address Thursday to recount past victories and offer a litany of inexpensive ideas unlikely to stir much opposition.

The Chicago Democrat avoided the harsh rhetoric of last year's speech, which was devoted almost entirely to condemning the State Board of Education as a bureaucratic nightmare that actually harmed schools. Blagojevich said that effort led to important reforms, but he offered no similar target in his prepared remarks Thursday.

Many of the plans he laid out in this year's speech amount to ordering



GOVERNOR
ROD BLAGOJEVICH

"Who can be against fighting fraud? There's fraud throughout the (healthcare) system, from phony claims to doctors who over-bill to insurers who won't pay."

state agencies to devote more attention to an issue or setting up task forces, pilot projects and Web sites.

Blagojevich said he wants to bring more jobs to Illinois by increasing international trade, supporting companies related to homeland security, helping reduce the cost of health insurance for small business and more.

"We will do whatever it takes to bring good jobs to

every county in Illinois," he said in the prepared remarks.

Blagojevich also promised a new focus on helping business— a sector he has antagonized in the past by raising taxes and fees— to control the cost of workers compensation and cut through government red tape. He called for changing the way workers comp payments are made and for creation of a unit to investigate fraud.

"Who can be against fighting fraud?" he asked. "There's fraud throughout the system, from phony claims to doctors who over-bill to insurers who won't pay."

Blagojevich called for legal reforms to cut malpractice insurance costs but offered no specifics. He also repeated his call for a new

law barring the sale of violent or sexually explicit video games to minors.

"Buying these games should be up to parents, not children," Blagojevich said.

He said the state will work more closely with businesses to keep track of employees who owe child support. "In Illinois, we are finally making deadbeat dads do what they're supposed to do: pay the child support they owe," he said.

At a time when the state is laying off employees to cut costs, Blagojevich called for a 50 percent increase in field staff at the state Department of Veterans Affairs. He said the state could actually collect more federal funds by doing this.

Putting together the state budget last year involved months of stalemate and deep divisions among Democratic legislative leaders, and Blagojevich has clashed with top officials of both parties.

He may be hoping to avoid such confrontations this session so he can launch a re-election campaign in the fall without the distraction of feuds. His speech praised Senate President Emil Jones and House Speaker Michael Madigan and congratulated all lawmakers for coming up with a budget last year that did not raise income or sales taxes.

"We showed that in tough times we can make tough decisions," he said. "And we showed that in tough times, we can still move Illinois forward and help people build better lives."

GRAYSLAKE MARINE DIES IN AMBUSH IN IRAQ

GRAYSLAKE— Lance Cpl. Sean Maher had just two days left to serve in Iraq when the 19-year-old Marine from this northern Illinois community was killed in an ambush, his family said Thursday.

Maher was driving a Humvee when his unit was ambushed Wednesday night near Fallujah, his aunt, Peggy O'Keefe, said.

Maher's parents, Dan and Janet Maher, and his 16-year-old sister, Katie, learned of his death Thursday morning when Marines rang the bell at the family's home.

"Sean was a very kind young

man," O'Keefe said. "He was always there to help you. He was the kind of kid everyone wanted for their own."

The couple also has a 22-year-old son, Dan, who is serving in the Navy. His ship is in dry dock in San Diego, O'Keefe said.

Described as kind, generous and athletic, Sean Maher enlisted because he thought he could make a difference in Iraq, O'Keefe said.

In Maher's memory, flags were lowered to half-staff throughout the nearby community of Gurnee where he graduated from Warren Township High School in 2003.

Grief counselors came to the high school Thursday to talk with students and faculty who knew Maher.



BOTANIC GARDEN BEING SUED FOR FIRING

CHICAGO— A federal lawsuit accuses the operator of the Chicago Botanic Garden of illegally firing an employee who missed 15 weeks of work because of multiple sclerosis.

The suit, filed by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission on Wednesday, claims the Botanic Garden violated the Americans with Disabilities Act by failing to provide a more flexible medical-leave policy for Ellen

Weber, 40, who worked at the Botanic Garden gift shop.

A lawyer for the Botanic Garden said the living museum is a "fair and reasonable employer" and does not tolerate discrimination.

"We have substantive defenses to the allegations in the complaint and are confident the Garden will be vindicated through the legal process," said lawyer Laurie Holmes.

to force motorists in accidents to undergo tests for drunkenness.

After a traffic accident that didn't injure anyone else, police took James Jones to the hospital for treatment and ordered the tests over Jones' objection. A circuit court rejected prosecutors' attempt to use the results in court.

ILLINOIS TO REQUIRING ALCOHOL TESTS IN ALL ACCIDENTS

SPRINGFIELD— The Illinois Supreme Court on Thursday endorsed broader power for police

PEORIA— Four leaders of Hells Angels motorcycle club chapters in Illinois are charged with engaging in a decade-long conspiracy of violence and intimidation to protect their meth.

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"The \$1.5 million the IBHE is recommending for fall 2006 is the last piece of our Fine Arts building," Cooley said.

The state previously approved \$46.3 million to remodel and reconstruct the center.

IBHE also approved \$6 million for equipment for the new facility.

"The fall 2006 recommendation is simply to provide the remaining monies for the project," Cooley said.

Henken said the final money was necessary to the project.

"We can't spend \$45 to \$48 million dollars and put old furniture back in the building," Hencken said.

The suggested budget also calls for an \$18.7 million increase for the Monetary Award Program. The IBHE is suggesting an allocation of \$361 million for the program, a 6.6 increase from 2005.

"I would be thrilled if the increase was approved," said Jone Zieren, Eastern's director of financial aid. "Anytime money is put back into the program, it benefits students of Illinois as well as Eastern students."

Zieren said MAP is a scholarship that does not have to be repaid and helps cover tuition and fee expenses.

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are cautious in textbook rental purchasing.

"When you have a rental system, you have sophisticated buyers who look at costs closely," Hildebrand said.

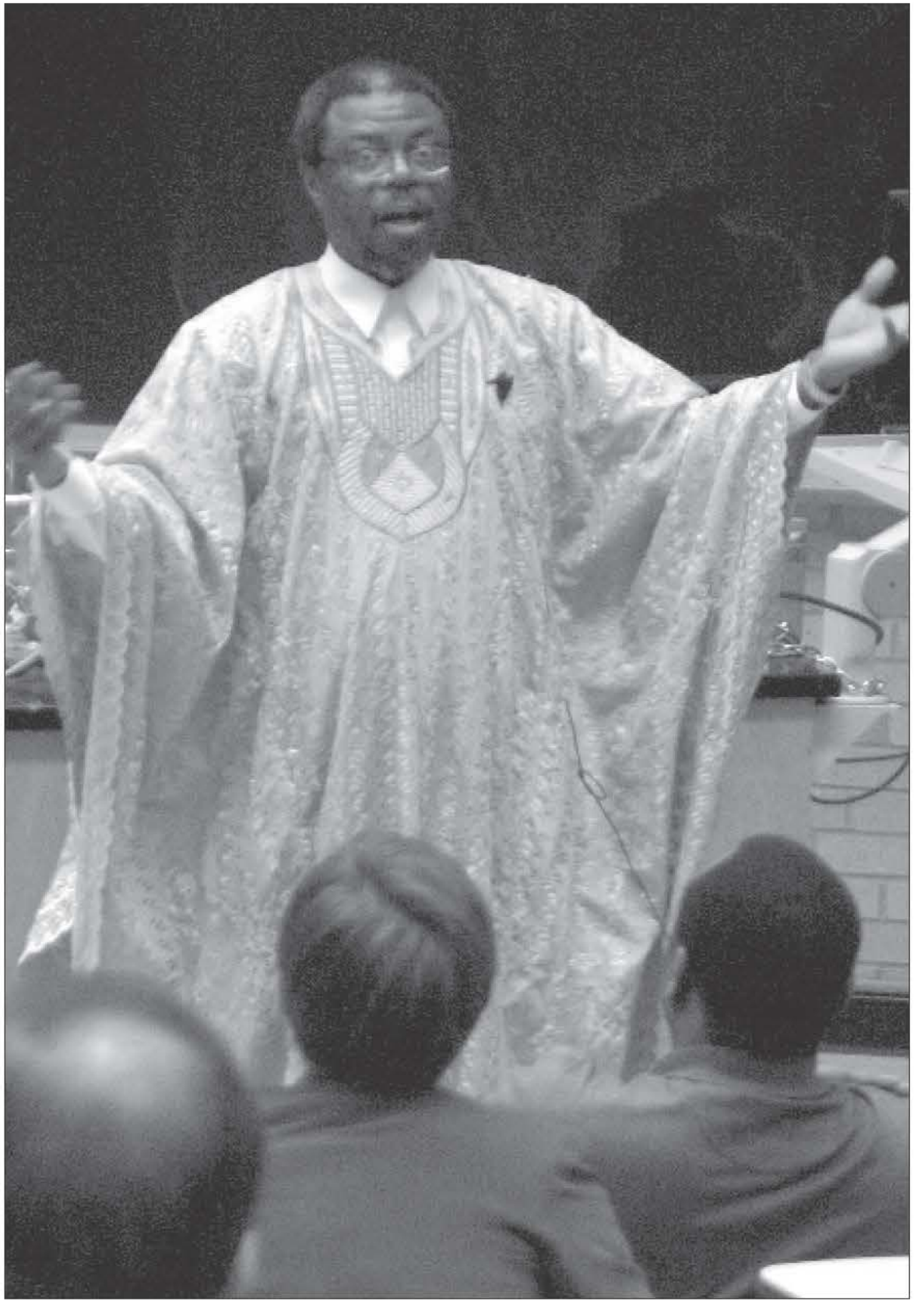
Price increases in textbooks usually occur when publishers print new editions of a textbook. Bundling, the practice of attaching CD-Roms or workbooks to textbooks, also increases the price of textbooks, Hildebrand said.

Hildebrand referred to Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who at a press conference said he was deeply concerned by how much students and parents are paying today for textbooks.

"The old laws of supply and demand don't work when it comes to textbook pricing," Schumer said. "Students have to buy them or they lose a fundamental part of their education."

To assist parents and students with the rising costs of textbooks, Schumer said he will introduce legislation this year that will provide a \$1,000 tax deduction from federal income taxes for the cost of textbooks.

"For the first time ever, this proposal would let parents or students deduct the cost of their books from their taxes," Schumer said.



MICHELLE ARNOLD/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Toyin Falola, professor of African History at the University of Texas in Austin, speaks to students and faculty about Africa and its natural resources Thursday evening in the Phipps Lecture Hall of the Physical Science Building. The presentation, "Natural Resources in Africa: Curse or Blessing?" was sponsored by Eastern's African American Studies program.

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Moore, 22, of Champaign. Moore will be honored Saturday.

Marine Cpl. Jonathan S. Beatty, 22, of Streator, will be remembered and honored today.

Beatty was killed Jan. 27 by enemy action in Babil province, Iraq. Beatty was one of two servicemen from Streator killed in the war during January.

Army Cpl. Dan Castillo, 20, of Streator, was struck and killed by a

Humvee Jan. 12, during tactical convoy training.

Though Castillo does not have a specific day to be honored this weekend, the flags at half-staff will fly for all fallen soldiers.

There will also be a memorial service extending from Champaign to Mattoon on Sunday for Moore.

Judy Gorrell, executive secretary to President Hencken, said the memorial was relevant.

"It's important to recognize these soldiers, but also remember all fallen soldiers," Gorrell said.

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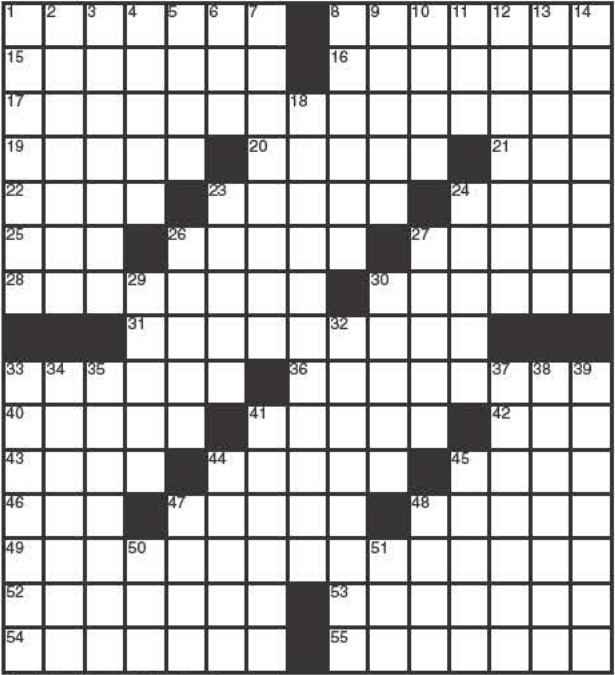
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Soldier who abused prisoners at Abu Ghraib apologizes for "mistakes"

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP)— Sgt. Javal Davis pleaded for leniency Thursday in the sentencing phase of his trial for abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib, saying he hoped a few minutes of poor judgment would not end his Army career.

The penalty phase is expected to conclude Friday and the jury will begin deliberations. Earlier Thursday, a psychology professor testified that Davis' abuse of detainees was triggered by the violent atmosphere at the prison and a lack of military discipline among guards. Davis' actions follow a common

pattern in which ordinary people become more physically aggressive in a brutish and unrestrained environment, said Ervin Staub, who teaches at the University of Massachusetts. "I did not see Sgt. Davis as a person with a tendency toward that kind of behavior without those conditions being present," Staub said.

But prosecutor Capt. Chris Graveline referred to other alleged incidents involving Davis, including a threat to an Air Force major and an assault on an Iraqi citizen. He also sexually taunted prisoners and once counted out bullets and told detainees he had one for each of them, according to Graveline.

Davis has admitted stepping on the hands and feet of detainees in 2003. On the stand Thursday, he described the harsh conditions at the prison, saying the guards had to sleep in filthy jail cells and eat bad food while working long hours trying to control vast numbers of hostile prisoners.

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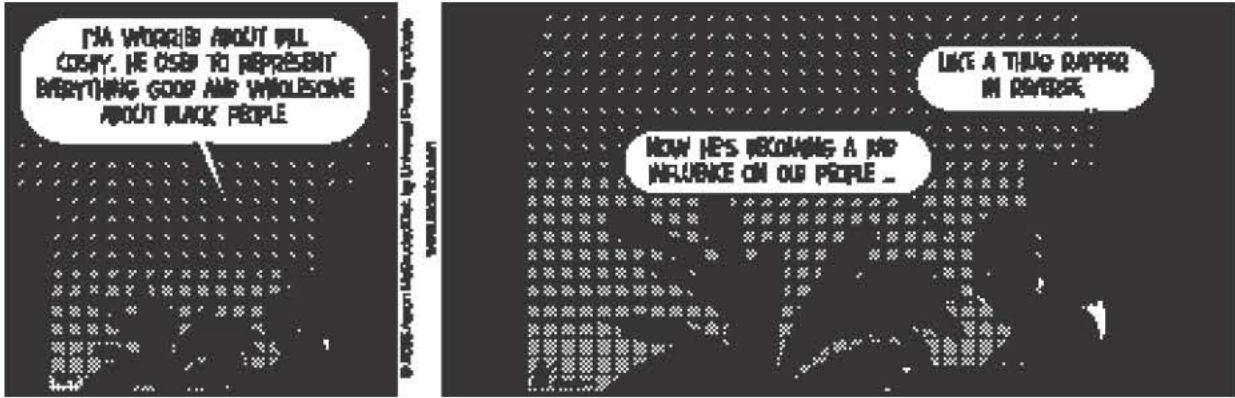
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SWIMMING

Swimmers have final dual meet Saturday



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Eastern swimmers spring off of the blocks Jan. 22 in Lantz Natatorium against Valparaiso. The men's and the women's team will take on St. Louis University on Saturday in their last dual meet.

By Heather Redenbo
Staff Writer

The Eastern men's and women's swimming and diving teams get their final tune-up Saturday at noon as they take on St. Louis University in Lantz Natatorium.

It will be their final dual meet before the Midwest Classic on Feb. 17.

The men and women are coming into this weekend with impressive winning streaks. The Panther men have won eight straight dual meets, and the women's team has won five straight.

Earlier in November, the Panthers defeated St. Louis and are hoping to repeat this weekend.

Eastern head coach Ray Padovan said he is expecting a close meet with competitive races in each event.

Senior Tom Watson, who has had at least two first-place finishes each meet, will be a huge factor this weekend because he will be relied upon to swim back-to-back events, Padovan said.

Sophomore Bill Senese will be expected to place well in the 50-yard freestyle and the 200-meter backstroke, while senior Paul Luttinen is expected to win the 200-yard butter-

"The Billikens are stronger than us, so we know what we are up against."

Ray Padovan, Head Coach

fly, Padovan said.

In November, the men only won 122-115, and Padovan said he expects it to be close this time as well.

"There are three or four races this weekend that will determine the outcome of the meet," he said.

The women will be looking for revenge against the Billikens after losing 142-99 Nov. 18.

"The Billikens are stronger than us, so we know what we are up against," Padovan said.

The Panthers are expecting great swims from all of the women - especially from junior Claire Garvey, junior Jenny Curry, sophomores Marlise Davidson and Brittany Winger, Padovan said.

The Panthers have experienced some drops in their times but have cut back on intensity in practice, hoping to be feeling better, Padovan said.

WRESTLING

Wrestlers hit the mats for a pair of meets

By Dan Renick
Associate Sports Editor

The Eastern wrestling team will head out on one of its longest road trips of the season when they travel to Dekalb today and to Kirksville, Mo. on Saturday.

This trip will cover almost 850 miles. "We traveled to Nebraska last week, and we had good results," said Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland. "We're not going to

pin anything on travel."

Friday night at 7, Eastern will wrestle against No. 23 Northern Illinois in their biggest interstate rivalry of the year.

The Panthers (1-5) lost 26-13 to the Huskies (11-3) at Lantz Arena last season, and McCausland thinks that Eastern has a good chance against Northern despite their ranking.

"We're looking for a good weekend even against Northern," McCausland said. "This isn't

"It's spaced out well so we'll have plenty of time to travel. And weigh-ins aren't 'til 4 on Saturday, so we'll be fine."

Ralph McCausland, Head Coach

Indiana (no. 8 ranked team who beat Eastern this year) who has six guys ranked, they only have one."

Northern's Sam Hiatt (20-6) is the only ranked Huskie and is No. 11 in

the nation at 133 pounds. Hiatt's also No. 1 in the Mid-American Conference at his weight class.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, the Panthers will wrestle Southern Illinois-

Edwardsville (2-9), Newman and the host team, Truman State (2-3).

Each of these schools are Division II.

Truman State lost their last dual meet to McKendree, who Eastern beat 31-30 two weeks ago. Last season the Panthers beat SIUE 34-7 in their final dual of the year.

"It's spaced out well so we'll have plenty of time to travel," McCausland said. "And weigh-ins aren't 'til 4 on Saturday, so we'll be fine,"

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points on 8-of-14 shooting while adding five rebounds.

Also in double figures for the Panthers were sophomore guard Megan Casad and junior forward Janelle Cazy. Casad finished the evening with 12 points on 4-of-8 shooting, including 3-of-7 from behind the three-point line. Casad also recorded a game-high four assists.

Cazy scored in double figures for the first time since posting a career-high 35 points Jan. 8 at Austin Peay. She finished the game with 10 points.

For the first time in six games, junior guard Megan Sparks was held

under 10 points as she finished the game with nine points, but added a team high seven rebounds.

Senior guard Rebecca Remington led four Racers in double figures as she recorded a double-double with 18 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

Matthews scored 13 while junior forward Jessie Hirsch added 11, and freshman guard Alaina Lee finished with 10.

The Panthers will look to get back into the win column Saturday as they travel to Tennessee-Martin to face the Skyhawks (6-14, 5-4). Martin lost Thursday night at home against Southeast Missouri 79-56. The Skyhawks are led by sophomore forward Andreika Jackson's 13.7 points per game.

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"We stayed with our game plan the entire 40 minutes," he said. "They made a couple plays late.

"We executed, we played hard, but sometimes you just don't get the breaks."

The Panthers are still looking for their first road win, losing all 10 of their road contests thus far.

"I'm encouraged (with how we played on the road)," Church said. "I wish we could have won, but I'm not discouraged."

The inside-outside attack of sophomore guard Trey Pearson and junior forward Reggie Jackson paced the Racers' offense. Pearson drilled six

three-pointers and scored a game-high 23 points. Jackson added 18 points and six rebounds.

Dildy led the Panthers with 15 points and five assists. Freshman center George Tandy scored a career-high 14 points in the loss. Gomes scored 13, and senior forward Aaron Patterson finished with 10 points.

The Panthers, who led for long stretches in both halves, finished the night shooting 50 percent from the field.

Eastern finishes its brief two-game road trip, taking on Tennessee-Martin at 5 p.m. Saturday. The Skyhawks (4-16, 1-8) are the worst shooting team in the OVC, hitting 41.4 percent of their field-goal attempts.

Emmitt Smith ends after 15 years

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Emmitt Smith decided to stop running. There was nothing left to prove, no records left to chase.

Breaking down in tears and grasping his beloved Dallas Cowboys helmet, Smith retired Thursday after a 15-year career in which he became the NFL's career rushing leader and played a key role on three Super Bowl champions.

The decision had been expected for several days, but the finality of it all was still poignant. Flanked by his wife, Pat, and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, Smith thanked a list of people several pages long — everyone from his Pee Wee football coaches to longtime Dallas full-back Daryl "Moose" Johnston, the fierce blocker who cleared so many holes for No. 22.

"It's been a tremendous ride," said Smith, who spent his final two years with the Arizona Cardinals after 13 seasons in Big D. "My 15 years, my 15 minutes of fame, is up."

Murray State 76, Eastern 70

Eastern (8-12, 1-8 OVC)

Sparks 3 8 1 2 9, Riva 3 8 0 0 8, Casad 4 8 1 2 12, O'Connor 8 14 4 5 20, Ploger 2 5 0 0 6, Cazy 4 7 2 2 10, Eck 1 1 0 0 3, Bytnar 1 2 0 0 2

Percentages: FG .481 (26 54), FT .727 (8 11), 3 FG .400 (10 25) **Rebounds:** 33 (Sparks 7), **Assists:** 21 (Casad 4), **Blocked shots:** 2 (Sparks 1, Cazy 1), **Steals:** 8 (Riva 3), **Turnovers:** 23 (Ploger 7) **Team Fouls:** 21 **Fouled Out:** None

Murray State (8-12, 4-5 OVC)

Miller 1 2 2 2 4, Matthews 5 9 2 2 13, Fulkerson 1 2 0 0 3, Petty 3 7 1 2 7, Remington 6 12 6 6 18, Hayes 2 4 0 0 4, Lee 4 11 2 2 10, Hirsch 4 11 2 3 11, Willinger 2 3 2 6 6

Percentages: FG .452 (28 62), FT .739 (17 23), 3 FG .231 (3 13) **Rebounds:** 33 (Remington 11), **Assists:** 15 (3 tied 3), **Blocked shots:** 2 (Remington 1, Foreman 1), **Steals:** 18 (Matthews 7), **Turnovers:** 12 (Miller 3) **Team Fouls:** 11 **Fouled Out:** None

Halftime: Eastern 39, Murray State 36

Murray State 73, Eastern 69

Eastern (8-12, 3-6)

Gomes 5 10 2 2 13, Dildy 4 13 5 7 15, Catchings 3 5 0 0 7, Patterson 5 5 0 2 10, Tandy 4 7 6 7 14, Gobjczynski 0 2 2 2 2, Wright 2 4 0 0 4, Sinclair 1 2 2 4 4

Percentages: FG 29 48 .500, FT 17 24 .708, 3 FG 4 14 .286, **Rebounds:** 33 (Gobjczynski 8), **Assists:** 16 (Dildy 5), **Blocked shots:** 4 (Tandy 2), **Steals:** 3 (3 Tied 1), **Turnovers:** 12 (Patterson 3) **Team fouls:** 20 **Fouled out:** none

Murray State (12-7, 7-2)

Witherspoon 2 6 1 2 5, Johnson 1 5 0 0 2, Pearson 8 18 1 2 23, Jenifer 2 7 4 5 8, Hopkins 4 5 0 0 11, Orr 3 8 0 0 6, Jackson 5 6 8 13 18

Percentages: FG 25 59 .424, FT 14 22 .636, 3 FG 9 23 .391, **Rebounds:** 32 (Witherspoon, Johnson 7), **Assists:** 16 (Orr 5), **Blocked shots:** 4 (Jackson 3), **Steals:** 5 (Pearson 3), **Turnovers:** 8 (3 Tied 2) **Team Fouls:** 20 **Fouled Out:** Jackson

Halftime: Murray State 35, Eastern 34

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tried to gouge out your eyes or beat-up your television, be sure to buckle-up for four hours of Fox's "traditional" pregame show. Wow, that's a lot of Terry Bradshaw. But on the plus side, I estimate at least four weather reports from meteorologist Jillian Barberie (of "Ex-treme Dating" fame). People either seem to love or hate this loud, obnoxious, curvy, lewd, blonde. You shouldn't have to think too hard about where I stand on this. I'm in love.

1:13 p.m. — The pregame crew

sets a record for the most times two words have been said in a pregame show. 13 minutes, and the hosts have said "Terrell Owens" 285,649,031 times.

5:25 p.m. — Make various ridiculous prop bets, like on who will win the coin toss, heads or tails and what number is Deion Branch thinking of.

5:30 p.m. — Kick-off already? Where did the hours go? Wasted away watching Fox broadcasting. (That can't be the first time that sentence has ever been typed.) If watching the game with females, quickly hustle them out of the

room. One look of hunky Patriots' QB Tom Brady and it's all over for you. If watching the game exclusively with males, make snide comments about Brady's masculinity. Question his sexuality. You'll feel better about yourself.

5:57 p.m. — Having just seen your fifth commercial featuring a baby or animal talking, you realize people actually get excited about watching Super Bowl commercials. Pity these people.

6:52 p.m. — Loudly wonder if any male enhancement supplements actually work. Exit the room after the ensuing awkward silence.

7:00 p.m. — Time for Sir Paul McCartney. He's "talkin' 'bout freedom, yes talkin' 'bout freedom." God, that song was awful. Keep fingers crossed that his pants stay on.

7:35 p.m. — Halftime is over, and it's back to the game. If the game is close, pick one team's bandwagon and jump on. Tell your friends that you've loved them since the days of Tony Eason/Ron Jaworski. Google the names beforehand if your friends are cynical.

9:10 p.m. — "There's no way Adam Vinatieri's making this kick."

9:11 p.m. — "Adam Vinatieri is the greatest kicker in NFL history."

9:22 p.m. — Let the whole experience soak in. Over 12 straight hours of television watching and you're still alive, hopefully. If you're muscles haven't atrophied to the point where they don't work, stand up, stretch out. You have 365 days to train for next year. Do not attempt to operate any automobiles or machinery; it's just not safe.

9:23 p.m. — Vow never to take my advice again.

Dan Woike, a journalism senior, spends 12-hour days in front of a TV on a bi-weekly basis. Tell him to get out more at woikedu@hotmail.com.

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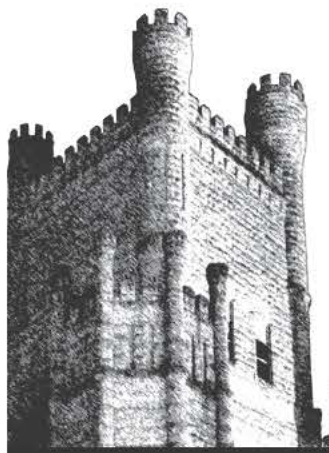
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| | Women's Basketball at Tennessee-Martin | 4 p.m. |
| | Wrestling at Truman State | 5 p.m. |
| | Men's Basketball at Tennessee-Martin | 6 p.m. |

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FROM LEFT FIELD

DAN WOIKE
SPORTS EDITOR

A super viewing guide

Got much to do Sunday? Cancel it.

The good people at Fox (the same people who gave you "When Circus Performers Attack" and "Man vs. Appliance") are serving up eight hours of pre-Super Bowl festivities.

As a service to our fine readers, and why not, to our not-so-fine ones too, I'm offering a handy viewers' guide to Super Bowl 39 (No Roman numerals here — Arabic's how I roll).

9 a.m. — Stroll in to room/apartment/house after wild Saturday night of drinking. When your loved ones ask you why you lead such a self-destructive lifestyle, tell them you've adopted ex-Raider center Barret Robins' pre-Super Bowl ritual. Flip on Fox's "NFL Films Presents: Buck, Aikman & Collinsworth — All Access" and fight off urge to throw something through the screen whenever Collinsworth speaks.

9:58 a.m. — During commercials, make breakfast. I suggest Buffalo wings or Honey Smacks, served with a side of antacids.

10 a.m. — It's time for "Untold Stories of the Super Bowl," and more Chris Collinsworth. Take two Tylenol and count number of times anyone says "behind the scenes look" or "first-time told."

11 a.m. — "Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Huckjam" makes a confusing, but still x-treme, appearance on the Super Bowl under-card. Either spend the next hour figuring out what a half-pipe has to do with the Super Bowl (answer: Michael Irvin) or nap. I encourage option two.

Noon — The moment America has been waiting for, Tom Arnold's triumphant return to network television. "The Best Damn Super Bowl Road Show Period" airs, with appearances by "American Idol's" Randy Jackson and "The Shield's" Michael Chiklis. There's a fun drinking game here — drink once for every time Jackson says "dawg" and chug a beer every time John Salley laughs at an unfunny Arnold joke. If you're lucky, you'll pass out before you're exposed to more than half of this show.

1 p.m. — If you haven't

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Junior guard Josh Gomes tries to get around Samford senior forward Jon Mills Jan. 27 in Lantz Arena. The Panthers fell 73-69 at Murray State Thursday night. Gomes had 13 points on 5-of-10 shooting in their losing effort.

Panthers can't hang with Racers

BY DAN WOIKE
SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern men's basketball team couldn't hang on to a second half lead and lost 73-69 at Murray State.

Eastern was without head coach Rick Samuels as he returned to Wyoming early this week for his father's funeral. The three Panther assis-

tant coaches shared the coaching duties for the night.

The Panthers (8-12, 3-6 Ohio Valley Conference) led 54-51 with just under nine minutes to go, but six straight Murray State points put the Racers (12-7, 7-2) up 57-54.

It was a lead they wouldn't relinquish, despite Eastern's late charge.

The Racers, second-place in the

OVC, led by 10 points before a pair of free throws by junior guard Josh Gomes cut the margin to 70-62. Senior guard Emanuel Dildy added two free throws of his own before freshman guard Bobby Catchings connected on a three-point bucket to cut the lead to 70-67.

However, the Panthers wouldn't get any closer.

Eastern had a chance to tie with less than 20 seconds left, but the Panthers elected to go for two. Senior guard Jason Wright's missed lay-in sealed things for Murray State.

Eastern assistant coach Mike Church said the Panthers did everything to put themselves in a position to win.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



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Sophomore guard Megan Casad heads down the court against Tennessee Tech Jan. 22 in Lantz Arena. Casad scored 12 points on 4-of-8 shooting in the Panthers' 76-70 loss at Murray State Thursday.

Panthers' night full of points and turnovers

Eastern loses to Murray State 76-70 with a total of 23 turnovers

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The Eastern Illinois women's basketball team dropped its fourth consecutive game Thursday night falling to the Murray State Racers 76-70 at the Regional Special Events Center at Murray, Ky.

Eastern (8-12, 1-8 Ohio Valley Conference) started four guards in an attempt to counter Murray's four-guard attack. While Eastern's guards scored 35 of the Panthers' 70 points,

they turned the ball over 17 times to the Racers.

Murray State sophomore guard Gerraca Matthews gave the Eastern backcourt trouble all night as she finished the night with seven steals. In all, the Panthers turned the ball over 23 times compared to Murray's 12.

The Panthers again received a solid performance from senior center Pam O'Connor.

O'Connor scored a game-high 20

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