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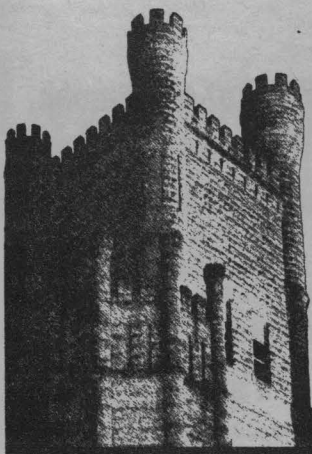
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Danny Elchert, a junior art major, receives holy communion at the Newman Catholic Center in February.

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Students find guidance

Troubled find many places that help offer direction

By JESSICA CANTARELLI
CAMPUS EDITOR

Students who find themselves faced with tough problem often consider talking to a campus counselor, but others find their churches more comfortable.

Greg Witto, director of campus ministry at Immanuel Lutheran Church, said often students who need professional attention go to counselors, but church groups can offer support on a different level.

"Depression issues and stress-related issues are the things I think a professional counselor would be the best person to go to," Witto said.

The Association of Campus Ministers is currently working with the Counseling Center to establish a relationship to effectively help students in need.

"One thing we're trying to do with the Counseling Center is to establish specific behavior issues that students can recognize," he said. "Recognizing the list of red-flag issues and making

the connection."

Lauren Jasin, a junior special education major, was a peer minister with her church for two years where she led religious education classes.

Jasin dealt with many peers coming to her with their problems.

"We had a kid who was very depressed and thinking about taking his own life," she said. "As peer ministers we saw that, even when the adult leader couldn't recognize it. I talked to

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FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Workshop to show benefits of grants

By KRISTINA PETERS
STAFF REPORTER

Marylin Lisowski's trip to Vietnam had her explaining rural education technology.

Lisowski, professor of science and environmental education, used money from a Faculty Support Grant to help pay for the trip.

"It was a drop in the bucket," Lisowski said. "(But) every little bit helps."

Today's faculty development meeting, "News You Can Use About Teaching, Research and Service," will have grant recipients tell how the grants helped them.

Faculty members submitted applications for the grant to the Faculty Development Advisory Committee.

Chosen faculty members received \$400 to use toward improving their teaching methods.

Rebecca Peebles, an assistant professor of chemistry, chose to use

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Grant information

♦ **What:** "News you can use": a teaching, research and service faculty development event.

♦ **When:** Noon to 1:30 p.m. today.

♦ **Where:** Oakland Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

2006 POLAR PLUNGE



EVAN HILL/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Participants of the Polar Plunge take a running start into Lake Sara in Effingham Saturday afternoon as part of a fundraiser for Special Olympics. The water temperature was only about 40 degrees. Sixty-eight plungers raised more than \$13,000 for the Special Olympics.

Gathering the courage to take the plunge

By CATHY BAYER
STAFF REPORTER

Julie Templin stood shivering with her arms crossed on an Effingham beach Saturday wearing a bright yellow sweatshirt, shorts and flip-flops. Yellow feathers were attached to her collar and on the bottom of her sweatshirt to make a tail.

Templin, a junior special elementary education major, looked at the 40-degree water with two friends in matching outfits with orange inner tubes around their necks.

Templin's mother Debbie, who made the duck costumes, was also wearing one.

"I'm the momma duck," she said, holding a mesh bag of rubber ducks.

It was Julie's idea to dress up like ducks, Debbie said, because ducks love water.

But it was more than just love of water that made this group of ducks swim on Saturday.

Sixty-eight people sprinted into Effingham's frigid Lake Sara to raise money for the local Special Olympics. The Polar Plunge raised \$13,636.

Heather Janik, a junior special education major, raised \$1,501.

Janik hadn't thought much about how to prepare for the cold water.

"The plan is to run in and out as fast as we can," she said.

For safety reasons, participants were divided into groups of approximately 10.

First-time plunger Moni Sheehan was in the first group of people. Shivering, she wore a formfitting black tank top and pants, swimming cap with multicolored spikes protruding from it, a snorkel and clear arm floaties. She wanted to plunge for her son, who is a Special Olympian.

Also in the first group was Kelli Janssen, a junior early childhood education major. Standing on the beach, nearly 10 people grabbed hands and ran into

the water, screaming, until the water was waist deep. Janssen was the first one out of the water and kept sprinting past the beach onto the grass.

Her first thought after hitting the water was regret, but she'll definitely be back next year, she said.

More than 200 people came to watch the event. As one group took off running, a woman took nearly six strides before taking a belly flop into the water and splashing around. The audiences' gloved hands provided muffled applause.

"I've never seen anything like this before," said 65-year-old Melvin Utsler.

Utsler drove a charter bus of Eastern students from Greek Court to the event.

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NORA MABERRY
ENGLISH GRADUATE
STUDENT

"I am so sick of people being offended by anything that has homosexual undertones."

Furthermore, the book, called "And Tango Makes Three," is based on a true story of two male penguins, named Roy and Silo, who adopted an abandoned egg at New York City's Central Park Zoo in the late 1990s."



JOHN BOLIN
SENIOR
ENGLISH MAJOR

"Why get married at all? I mean, really, what's the point of marriage in today's society?"

Last week, I ran into an old high school classmate; we began talking, and she told me that she was getting married in May. The way she talked about it was puzzling to me — she didn't really seem too enthusiastic about the idea ...

FIVE-DAY WEATHER

TODAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
43	47	58	60	68
28	39	51	52	51
Mostly cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Showers	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

WTF?

Professor allegedly shows explicit video

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. - A criminal justice professor at Grand Rapids Community College has resigned after showing a video in class of a man having sex with a pig, students and a faculty representative said.

A school administrator confirmed Samuel Naves, 47, resigned Feb. 17 but would not comment on why he left.

However, students and a faculty leader said the resignation had to do with the video. They said Naves was teaching an introductory criminal justice class earlier this year when he was going through video files on his computer.

The video appeared on a projection screen and students begged Naves to show the 10-second footage, according to the accounts.

Faculty association president Fred vanHartesveldt said the incident occurred this year. He said Naves was known for a blunt teaching style.

"His pedagogy was to teach real life," vanHartesveldt told The Grand Rapids Press.

Naves, who had worked at the college since 1997, declined to comment to the newspaper.

Conn. City hopes music will clean up park

HARTFORD, Conn. - Residents of one Hartford neighborhood hope Beethoven and Mozart will help drive drug dealers and prostitutes out of a local park.

Activists propose playing recordings of classical music in Barnard Park in hopes of annoying petty criminals so much that they'll leave. They also hope the music will make the park more pleasant for other people once it is cleaned up.

Resident Carol Coburn said she came up with the idea after reading about similar efforts in West Palm Beach, Fla., where she said crime decreased as much as 40 percent in parks where classical music was played.

KICKIN' IT UP



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Members of the EIU Dancers perform a number titled "Frankie Baby" during their final performance on Sunday evening in McAfee Gymnasium.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY NEWS

Grads facing bigger bills

BY ALEX ABNOS

WASHINGTON - By all accounts, student activism is alive and well. With an unpopular war, a controversial administration and a constant debate over civil liberties, one might even say that today's college-age protesters are spoiled for choice.

However, for Village Voice writer Anya Kamenetz, there has been one major exclusion from students' list of grievances: Their own bank statements.

"One of the first stories I worked on was about how students always march for global warming and for world peace, while not paying attention to their own bank accounts," said Kamenetz, who has authored a series of articles on the new economics of being young. "I think there's a lot of room for activism on that level."

The story intrigued Kamenetz's editors at the Voice, who recommended that she turn the idea into a book.

The result is Generation Debt: Why Now Is A Terrible Time To Be Young, a 288-page distress call on the state of young people's economic futures.

Much of the book focuses on the various financial difficulties college graduates face, not the least of which is finding a ways to pay their schools' rapidly rising tuition rates.

A report by the Department of Education in 2005 showed that the total cost of attending a public four-year college or university has risen by 22% over the last three years, bringing the nationwide average cost to around \$16,000 a year.

Harvard lower-income recruitment points to Ivy

BY MEAGAN STEINER
DAILY PENNSYLVANIAN (U. PENN.)

PHILADELPHIA - A report shows that Harvard University's initiative to recruit lower-income stu-

dents is working, part of an effort intensifying at top colleges nationwide to push for economic diversity. The report, issued last month, discusses the results of Harvard's Financial Aid Initiative, which was implemented in 2004 to expand aid and recruitment for students from low-income families.

Under the initiative, Harvard families with incomes less than \$40,000 do not have to contribute to tuition costs. Families with incomes between \$40,000 and \$60,000 now pay \$1,250 less per year.

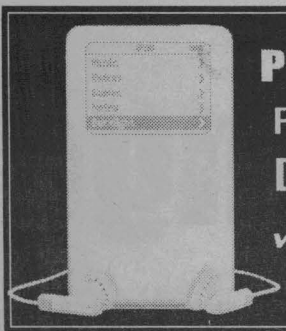
In a sign that the measures may be working, Harvard's class of 2009 included 29 more students with family incomes under \$60,000 than the class of 2008, a 1.8 percent increase.

Penn Dean of Admissions Lee Stetson said that he was not surprised by the report and that Harvard's initiative has also benefited its peer institutions.



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Two students earn fitness title

Competition promotes healthy eating, weight training

BY LAUREN MOORE
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Hard work paid off for Tim McEnery and Mindy Valdez, who now hold the titles of Mr. and Ms. EIU Fitness.

The Student Recreation Center hosted the event Friday in the in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Ballroom.

Ken Baker, director of the Rec Center, said the event was packed with nearly 500 people in attendance.

The Mr. EIU competition was divided up into three sections, which were lightweight class, middleweight class and heavyweight class.

Finalists from each class were Tim McEnery, Dave Keyes and Chuck Bono.

These three then competed for the Mr. EIU title. Keyes, a junior exercise science major, said he trained with weights since the beginning of the school year and later changed his diet.

"I started eating six meals a day, which were small, and I worked on posing," Keyes said.

He said he learned self-discipline through dieting and keeping up with his workouts.

"This competition tests you, but it's all worth it once you're on stage," Keyes said. "Without the fans, it wouldn't be rewarding."

Although Keyes did not win in the final round, he said he was happy with the way the competition turned out.

"At the end of the day a decision had to be made," Keyes said. "It gives me an opportunity for next year."

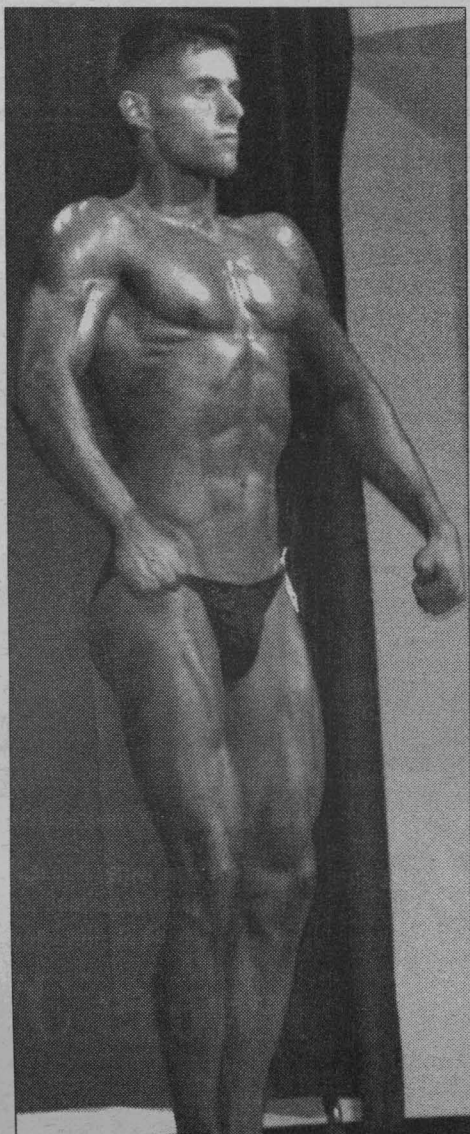
"It was hard going out as a freshman against seniors, but now I feel I won't be complete without (competing next year)," he said.

McEnery, a junior finance major and Keyes' roommate, said the best part of the competition was right before he walked on stage in the finals.

"(Keyes and I) talked about being in the finals together, standing next to each other," McEnery said.

This was his first competition, and he sparked an interest after his two roommates had participated in the past.

He said he has been working toward this



LAUREN MOORE/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Winner of Mr. EIU Fitness 2006 Tim McEnery, a junior finance major, poses for the judges at the contest Friday evening in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

goal of becoming Mr. EIU since the beginning of last semester.

"I've been eating healthy and bulking up," McEnery said. "On Dec. 1, I started dieting and began doing cardio three days a week and lifting six days a week."

He said because his roommates had been through the same experience, it made dieting a little easier.

"We all did the same thing, so we supported each other through it," McEnery said. "I had to make sure everything was measured out and watch everything I consumed."

McEnery said he does not plan on competing again.

"Once you win, you have to give everyone else a chance," McEnery said.

For Ms. Fitness, all six participants competed at once with each person performing a routine and demonstrating poses as a group.

Valdez, a junior psychology major, said she felt training for over two months was worth it.

"I learned being Ms. Fitness isn't just about the competition," Valdez said. "It's about living a healthy lifestyle afterwards."

Kristen Jurewicz, a junior special education major, who attended the event, said she thought the competition was exciting.

"There was a lot of energy at the competition," Jurewicz said.

Valdez said the participants met only a few times at meetings, but it was during the show that they made a connection.

"We bonded backstage because we worked really hard," Valdez said.

She said her favorite part of the competition was after she completed her salsa-inspired dance routine.

"The crowd was cheering, and it was like an out-of-body experience," Valdez said.

She said the training for the competition taught her that motivation and will power are essential and that it is a lot harder than it looks.

Graduate assistants and other students who work at the Rec Center helped plan the event, said Baker.

"They did a nice job; that's where the credit lies," Baker said.

He said this year the competition had the most female competitors in its history, and there was television coverage.

"If I could change one thing about the competition, I would make everyone a winner," Baker said.

Residence Halls

'bowl for a cause'

BY NICOLE WESKERA
STAFF REPORTER

Students laced up their bowling shoes Sunday at the Charleston Lanes to help raise money for a charitable cause.

More than 50 students raised money for vaccine funds for children in third-world countries.

"(The lack of vaccines) is something that has been in the news a lot lately, and we noticed there was a greater need for them," said Blake Boldt, senior communication studies major and McKinney Hall president. "There hasn't been an event like this to unite all the residents (on campus), and I'm impressed with the turnout."

Ten teams of five took to the lanes to battle out who would win the trophy incentives at the end of the tournament. Two bowling trophies waited—one for the team that scored the most points and one for the team that raised the most money.

At one point, students with matching homemade t-shirts saying "bowling for the cause" cheered while their teammate bowled a strike. The other teams were just as enthusiastic about being there.

Heather Cooper, a junior foreign languages major and president of Taylor Hall, was one of five participants wearing a "bowling for the cause" shirt.

"(Boldt) did a good job organizing the tournament, and he worked really hard," Cooper said. "He brought up the tournament to the Residence Hall Association at least once a week for the past month."

Some students won free coupons, gift certificates and t-shirts in a raffle.

"(The tournament) is an opportunity to build a community among the residence halls and Greek organizations," Boldt said. "We're all supporting a worthy cause."

Boldt said the charitable bowling tournament is the first event McKinney Hall has hosted in awhile, and he looks to make it an annual event.

Everyone who participated played two games and spent \$15 at the door, \$10 of which went toward the charity. The teams raised a total \$500 to put toward the vaccinations.

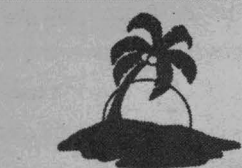
Hannah Morgenroth, a freshman elementary education major, said she participated in the tournament because she wanted to support the charity and help others.

"Everyone loves bowling," said Lexi Mayberry, a sophomore art education major and the vice president of McKinney Hall. "It's a great cause to support."

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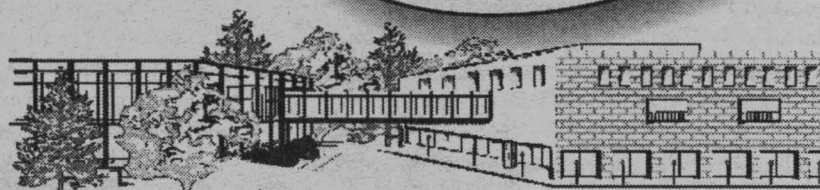
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COMMENTARY



AARON SEIDLITZ
EDITOR IN CHIEF

WIN ... OR ANSWER TO THE GOVERNMENT

Back in the spring of 2005, in March to be exact, numerous present and retired Major League Baseball players were called before a governmental committee to explain the current state of steroids in baseball.

The nation was divided over whether or not this was going to be an effective way to gauge the state of steroids, and many even doubted whether or not the government had a place in this situation at all.

People said, at the time, that these governmental officials were wasting their time and taxpayers' money by involving themselves in a steroid decision. Thank goodness those same people don't live in the country that is gearing up for hosting this summer's World Cup.

If the American government was out of line in dealing with the national pastime here in America, what would people think of Germany's parliamentary process that involves a sporting committee?

The committee has called the manager of the country's World Cup club, Juergen Klinsmann, to come in before it for something of the utmost importance to the committee.

No, it's not steroids. No, it doesn't have to do with technicalities in hosting the World Cup this summer. It just simply has to do with winning because, you see, the members of parliament just can't sleep anymore after the Germany's 4-1 loss to

Italy's squad recently.

How about that? All this is for is losing—nothing more, nothing less. The parliamentary members are concerned that their team is not faring as well as it should, so, of course, the government needs to be

"That (German) team doesn't just garner negative press or fan reactions, it also has to explain itself to the government."

informed of why exactly this is.

There is not an overlying issue here except for the fact that placing high at this summer's World Cup is actually of the utmost importance to the German parliament.

This would be equivalent to Chicago White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen being called in front of a congressional committee if the Sox were losing too much and perhaps U.S. Senator Barack Obama wanted to find out what was wrong.

One German parliament member, Norbert Barthle, was quoted as saying that the loss to Italy was "gruesome" and that since parliament is the largest sponsor of the World Cup in Germany, "I'd like to get a few answers from (Klinsmann)."

And people think they are actually sports fans in this country.

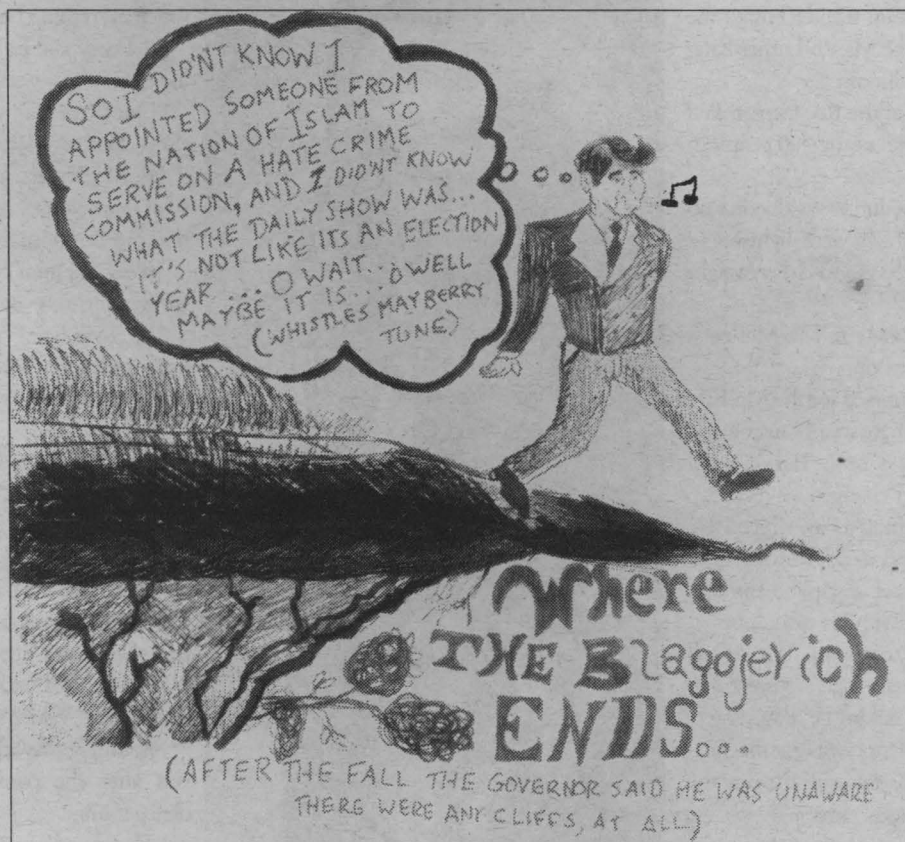
Look at what happens if your national futbol team in Europe starts to lose. That (German) team doesn't just garner negative press or fan reactions, it also has to explain itself to the government.

What will happen if Klinsmann's squad departs early in the World Cup this summer. Will the same parliamentary committee call him back to question him again? Or will governmental police forces simply detain him in a more secure area away from the squad, say, I don't know, a prison?

But kudos to the German parliamentary committee on sports. Perhaps they will be able to enact some legislation after talking to Klinsmann to address the team's apparent lack of training.

Hopefully, soon it will be German law that 30 up-and-backs are necessary for the members of the national team every practice, instead of the 15 Klinsmann was planning on doing.

EDITORIAL CARTOON BY RICH LAKEBERG



EDITORIAL

Senate showing student interest

University presidents may be signing on to the governor's recent move to sell the student loan debt. Students, however, are not.

Last Wednesday, the Student Government at Eastern voted unanimously to send letters to Gov. Rod Blagojevich and the state legislature voicing their concerns about selling the student loan debt.

"We the students of Eastern Illinois University..." This is how the two letters Student Government will mail today begin.

It's good to know the Student Senate is using its student-representative status for a worthwhile effort. Though a letter to the governor may not necessarily be answered, it will let the state legislature know where students stand on the topic.

Both are signed by Andrew Berger, student executive vice president, who represents Eastern's students. The letter to the governor urges him to not sell student loan debt to a private business.

Period, Berger said. The letter is in response to the governor's recent push to sell the student loan debt in an effort to fund his proposed College Tuition Tax Credit. Several questions remain unanswered about the whole process.

One question is what's the governor going to do after the

At issue

The Student Government passed a resolution to voice concerns to the governor about the student loan debt.

Our stance

The Student Senate has a strong concern about student loans, and it's taking a worthwhile chance by writing the governor a letter. This will give the state government an idea of where students from around the state stand on this issue.

money from selling the student loan debt runs out? Currently, selling the loans would give the state a one-time payment of \$500 million. The tax credit proposal would cost the state \$90 million a year. Since the money would only come one time, State Representative Chapin Rose said in the Feb. 27 edition of *The Daily Eastern News* that he is wondering how the tax credit will be funded in the future.

The senate sent the second letter to the Illinois House of Representatives. In it, the senate commends the House for its recent passage of House Bill 4221. This amendment to the Higher Education Assistance Act locks in the current interest rates for student loans in the event that the student loan debt is sold.

Berger, who has read the amendment, said that while the bill locks in rates for students and graduates who currently have loans, the language was vague on whether rates could be raised for future loans. Student Government has done an excellent job in addressing a state issue, which affects not only current Eastern students but future ones as well.

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

YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

Editorial cartoons run everyday, while guest columns run once a week on Wednesday. Anyone is welcome to write a column or draw a cartoon, but it is at the editor's discretion when to run the column or the cartoon.

COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

CARTOONISTS WANTED

The DEN is interested in recruiting cartoonists that display artistic ability, particularly caricatures and tasteful humor as well as address campus issues. A grasp of the news and current events is necessary for cartoonists to be effective.

Columns, cartoons and letters can be submitted at room 1811 of Buzzard Hall.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: The Daily Eastern News accepts letters to the editor addressing local, state, national and international issues. They should be fewer than 250 words and include the authors' name, telephone number and address. Students should indicate their year in school and major. Faculty, administration and staff should indicate their position and department. Letters whose authors cannot be verified will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters for length. Letters can be sent to *The Daily Eastern News* at 1811 Buzzard Hall, Charleston IL 61920; faxed to 217-581-2923; or e-mailed to DENEic@gmail.com

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Charleston pool to stay closed through most of the summer

STAFF REPORT

Staying for the summer just became a little less inviting for students.

The Charleston Rotary Pool's renovations are not expected to be done in time for the traditional Memorial Day opening and may keep the pool from opening this summer, said Brian Jones, director of parks and recreation.

Construction bids for the project came in about \$600,000 above the projected budget last fall so the city requested new bids in January, pushing the construction back.

"We're hoping to salvage a summer session," Jones said, discounting the possibility of the pool opening early in the summer.

Several construction companies are currently on site removing old concrete and doing renovations on the



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Charleston Rotary Pool is still under construction. The renovations will not be completed for the traditional Memorial Day opening this summer, said Brian Jones, director of parks and recreation.

bath house.

When the renovations are complete, the pool will have several improvements. Plans include new piping, a new filtration system, a zero-depth entry pool for children and competitive swimming lanes.

Charleston police bust underage bar-goers

The Charleston Police Department checked two bars on Thursday night for compliance with age-related alco-

hol laws.

The checks resulted in 27 city violations at Marty's and six at Lefty's Holler.

The ordinance violations included minors frequenting a licensed premise, purchase/acceptance of alcohol by minors and misrepresentation of age.

"Sex Slaves" show in Tarble

"Sex Slaves" a PBS documentary, will be shown at 6 p.m. tonight in the Tarble Arts Center Atrium.

The Women's Studies Gender and Popcorn committee will be presenting the movie as part of Women's History Month.

King scholarship deadline

Nominations for the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship award are due today.

Nomination forms may be picked up from the Office of the Provost and the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The scholarship goes to a student who "shows a commitment to academic excellence and a desire to improve human existence."

Piñata contest as part of Foreign Language Week

The Spanish Honorary Society, Sigma Delta Pi, is holding a piñata contest this week as part of Foreign Language Week.

Prizes will go to the best piñatas representing a Latin American country or an aspect of Latin American culture.

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CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Michael Dean Ester makes fun of speeding drivers during his skit in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Ballroom Friday night. Ester's secret to being a comedian, "Watch CNN, drunk." Ester said he could joke about almost anything including serious matters such as the death penalty and religion. He has performed on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien."

Comedian makes jokes about Eastern, town

Past performances include late-night TV show, cruise ship

BY KRISTINA PETERS
STAFF REPORTER

Comedian Michael Dean Ester impressed a crowd of about 60 people Friday night.

Ester's credentials include performing on a cruise ship with 2,500 people in the Caribbean and a performance on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien."

Although Ester has entertained for some large crowds, he finds that performing for a college-age audience has its advantages.

He said he could joke about almost anything, including serious matters such as the death penalty and religion.

"(College students) are all hip enough to get the joke," Ester said.

Besides controversial subjects, Ester also chose to make a few jokes about Eastern, Charleston and the audience.

One of the first things Ester mentioned was about performing at Eastern.

"I am the world's greatest entertainer in Eastern's price range," Ester said.

Kallee Block, a freshman early childhood education major, said she has seen many comedians at Eastern before, but thought Ester connected with the audience best.

"I am the world's greatest entertainer in Eastern's price range."

MICHAEL DEAN ESTER, COMEDIAN

"I thought he related (his jokes) better to the campus," Block said.

Ester's act was well-received by the audience, and at the end of the night, some audience members gave Ester a standing ovation.

"(His comedy) was funny because it was true," Block said.

Ester may have had some truth to his jokes, but his energy kept the show going too.

At one point he jumped on a chair startling some nearby.

"It was full of energy," said Matt King, a freshman elementary education major. "Ester was crazy."

King has been to other comedians' shows before and finds them all enjoyable.

"I always leave happy," King said.

"He's very professional," said Gretchen Claypool, comedy coordinator for University Board.

Claypool and other members of UB found Ester while looking for acts at a talent convention they attend every year.

"We really, really liked him," Claypool said. "He was one of our top choices."

NATIONAL STORY

Clooney, Weisz win Oscars for best supporting-performer Sunday night

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — George Clooney won the supporting-actor Academy Award on Sunday for the oil-industry thriller "Syriana," and Rachel Weisz took the supporting-actress prize for another corporate thriller, "The Constant Gardener."

The win capped a remarkable year for Clooney, who made Oscar history by becoming the first person nominated for acting in one movie and directing another.

Along with performing in "Syriana," Clooney directed the Edward R. Murrow tale "Good Night, and Good Luck," which earned him directing and writing nominations and was among the best-picture contenders.

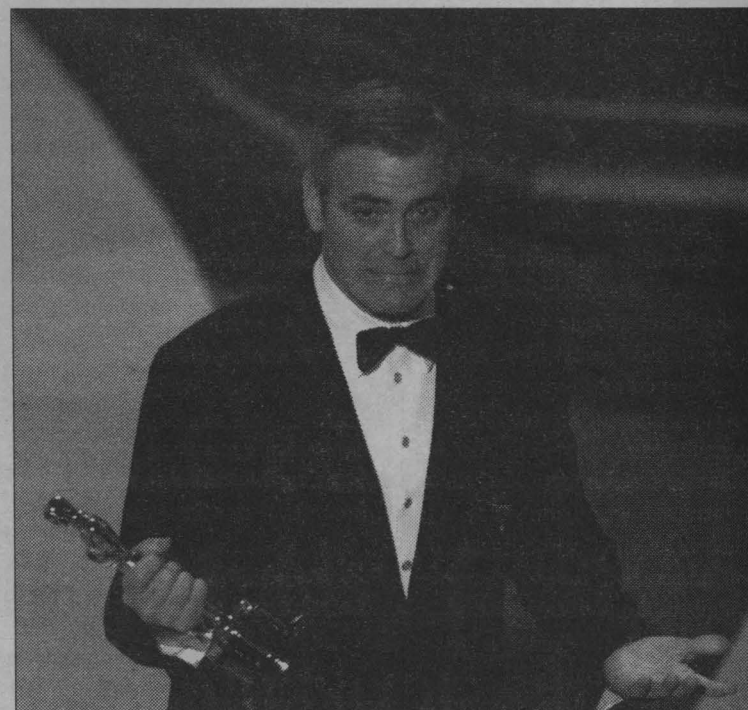
"All right, so I'm not winning director," the first-time winner joked, adding that an Oscar always would be synonymous with his name from then on, including in his obituary. "Oscar winner George Clooney, sexiest man alive 1997, 'Batman,' died today in a freak accident."

"This group of people gave Hattie McDaniel an Oscar in 1939 when blacks were still sitting in the back of theaters," Clooney said, referring to the supporting-actress winner from "Gone With the Wind," the first black performer to receive an Oscar.

In "The Constant Gardener," adapted from John le Carre's novel, Weisz played a humanitarian-aid worker whose fearless efforts against questionable pharmaceutical practices makes her a target for government and corporate interests in Africa.

Best-picture favorite "Brokeback Mountain," which led contenders with eight nominations, lost in both supporting-actor categories for Michelle Williams and Jake Gyllenhaal but picked up the Oscar for Gustavo Santaolalla's musical score.

The stop-motion family tale "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit" won the Oscar for



LEONARD ORTIZ/ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/KRT

George Clooney accepts his Oscar for Best Supporting Actor for "Syriana" at the 78th Annual Academy Awards at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood, Calif., Sunday.

best-animated feature film.

Co-director Nick Park, who also made the hit stop-motion film "Chicken Run," thanked voice stars Helena Bonham Carter and Peter Sallis, who has done the voice of cheese-loving Brit Wallace for 23 years, since the filmmaker came up with the character in his student days.

The Antarctic nature tale "March of the Penguins," a surprise smash at the box office, was honored as best documentary.

"King Kong," from "Lord of the Rings" creator Peter Jackson, won the visual-effects trophy. The Japan drama "Memoirs of a Geisha" earned Oscars for costume design and art direction, while the fantasy epic "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" was picked for best makeup.

Clooney was one of the marquee names among a lineup of acting nominees heavy on lesser-known performers. And with a best-picture field of lower-budgeted films that

drew smaller audiences than the commercial flicks that often dominate the Oscars, the question was whether Hollywood's big awards night could lure TV viewers.

"Brokeback Mountain," though, has become a phenomenon far beyond those who have actually seen it, entering the pop-culture psyche with its tale of cowboys in love (best-actor nominee Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal, who had been among supporting-actor nominees).

The show began with reprise visits from former Oscar hosts Billy Crystal, Chris Rock, Whoopi Goldberg, Steve Martin and David Letterman, in which they all turn down offers to do the show again. Crystal and Rock did a "Brokeback Mountain" spoof, the two sharing a mountainside tent like the cowboys in the film and begging off as hosts, saying they were too busy.

Along with "Crash," "Brokeback Mountain" and "Capote," the other best-picture nominees were "Good Night, and Good Luck" and the assassination thriller "Munich."

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While taking a break from drywalling his damaged home, Clarence Augustine sits on the steps of his FEMA trailer Wednesday in New Orleans.

New Katrina video shows Louisiana governor assuring safety of levees

Critics claim the error allowed worse flooding

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — As Hurricane Katrina loomed over the Gulf Coast, federal and state officials agonized about the threat to levees and lives. Hours after the catastrophic storm hit, Louisiana's governor believed New Orleans' crucial floodwalls were still intact.

"We keep getting reports in some places that maybe water is coming over the levees," Gov. Kathleen Blanco said shortly after noon on Aug. 29, the day the storm hit the Gulf coast.

"We heard a report unconfirmed, I think, we have not breached the levee," she said on a video of the day's disaster briefing that was obtained Thursday night by The Associated Press.

In fact, the National Weather Service received a report of a levee breach and issued a flash-flood warning as early as 9:12 a.m. that day, according to the White House's formal

recounting of events the day Katrina struck.

Not until the day after Katrina roared ashore did the White House confirm that its surge had, in fact, breached the levees; a delay that critics charge held up repair efforts and allowed the deadly flooding to worsen.

Michael Brown, the former Federal Emergency Management Agency chief who resigned under fire for mishandling the disaster, said Friday that rescue workers should have been sent to New Orleans earlier, regardless of whether reports of a breach had been confirmed.

"In emergency management, you prepare for the worst," Brown said on CBS' "The Early Show."

The rampant confusion is highlighted in the two FEMA video briefings, obtained this week by the AP, revealing disaster plans and damage reports detailed by officials as the storm smashed into the coast.

The tapes, and particularly the pre-storm Aug. 28 video that includes an appearance by President Bush, prompted widespread criticism by Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike who said the government should have been better prepared for the storm that flooded New Orleans and killed more than 1,300 people.

GRANTS:

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Faculty share how small grants can help studies

use her grant to pay for training on the software program Lab View, which she uses in the classroom.

Recipients also used the money to attend workshops and to get additional training in their field.

Lisowski chose to use the grant for her trip to Vietnam and Halong Bay, where she presented a paper to the International Conference on Sustainability and the Environment.

At today's meeting, she will share what she learned about helping the environment and her experiences during the meeting.

"I think it is vital for faculty to receive support for going to conferences," said grant recipient Dagni Bredesen, an assistant English professor.

Bredesen also choose to use the grant toward attending a conference.

She went to the Pacific Ancient and Modern Language Association conference and plans on describing to the audience the importance of attending such meetings.

"(It's important) to keep your finger on the pulse of current academic conversations," Bredesen said.

Lisowski said that audience mem-

bers would benefit from hearing how the grant recipients were helped.

"It's a good venue for sharing research," Lisowski said. "(Faculty) can learn about what people are doing and what they care about."

It is also important that faculty and people on campus know about these developmental opportunities, Peebles said.

Other grant recipients that are scheduled to speak include Darrel Wanzer, Suzanne Wanzer, Betty Smith, Paul Switzer, Jon Oliver, Sam Guccione, Eric Bollinger and Ann Coddington.

The workshop is from noon to 1:30 p.m. today in the Oakland Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Homeless man kicked, set on fire in Boston park

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — A homeless man sleeping in a park was attacked early Sunday by two men who kicked him in the stomach and then set him on fire, police said.

No arrests were made and police gave no indication of what might have motivated the attack.

The 30-year-old homeless man, whose name was not released, told police he was awakened by the men kicking him in Langone Park in the city's North End.

He drifted back to sleep after the assault, but the men returned, drenched him with a flammable liquid and set his legs on fire, police said.

A 911 caller reported flames in the park, and firefighters found the man wrapped in a blanket after he had ripped off some of his burning clothes.

"He was shivering and was partially dressed," said police spokesman John Boyle.

The park is a short walk from a cluster of downtown bars.

The victim was treated at Massachusetts General Hospital for burns to his legs.

AT&T reaches deal to buy BellSouth for \$67 billion

ATLANTA — AT&T Inc. is buying BellSouth Corp. for \$67 billion in stock in a bid that further consolidates the telecommunications industry and would give AT&T total control of their growing joint venture, Cingular Wireless LLC.

The proposed purchase, announced Sunday, also goes a long way toward resurrecting the old Ma Bell telephone system, which was broken apart in 1984.

The merged company would have 70 million local-line phone customers, 54.1 million wireless subscribers and nearly 10 million broadband subscribers in the 22 states where they now operate. The

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deal appears to be the largest yet among U.S. telecom players.

In 1999, MCI WorldCom Inc. agreed to buy Sprint Corp. for an even larger sum, \$115 billion, but that deal was blocked by federal regulators. Internationally, Britain's Vodafone Airtouch PLC paid \$180 billion in stock for Mannesmann AG of Germany in 2000.

The sale, which is subject to regulatory and shareholder approvals, would give San Antonio-based AT&T total control over Atlanta-based BellSouth's nine-state network and its share of Cingular. AT&T currently owns a 60 percent share of the nation's No. 1 cell phone provider, while BellSouth has 40 percent.

UNC graduate charged with attempted murder

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — A recent University of North Carolina graduate was charged with nine counts of attempted murder Saturday, a day after authorities say he drove through a popular campus gathering spot in an attempt to avenge Muslim deaths.

Derek Poarch, chief of the university police department, confirmed Saturday that Mohammed Reza Taheri-azar, a 22-year-old Iran native, told investigators he wanted to "avenge the deaths or murders of Muslims around the world." Poarch would not provide any other details on the motive.

Taheri-azar also is charged with nine counts of assault.

No one was seriously hurt in the incident just before noon Friday at The Pit, a sunken, brick-paved area surrounded by two libraries, a dining hall and the student union near the center of campus.

The area has broad walkways that can be used as fire lanes, but it has no streets. Taheri-azar drove a Jeep Cherokee from a parking lot looping past the dining hall and between it and one of the libraries before he reached a side road and sped away.

Taheri-azar is being held on a \$5.5 million bond. He was scheduled appear in court Monday.

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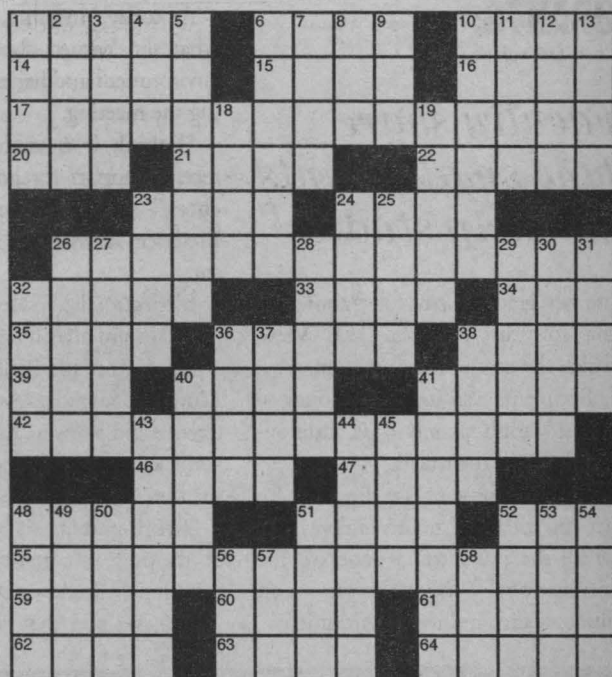
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Puzzle by Mark T. Millhet

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| 19 They're taboo | 32 It may be new, raw or big | 50 Wing _____ prayer |
| 23 "Wheel of Fortune" turn | 36 Gun blast | 51 Young 12-Downs |
| 24 Eye sore | 37 Mystique | 52 Jason's ship |
| 25 11's in blackjack | 38 Circus animal with a tamer | 53 Fibber |
| 26 Actress Shire | 40 Hogs | 54 Without doing anything |
| 27 Picture frames lacking corners | 41 Novelists | 56 Ewe's mate |
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| | 44 Playing marbles | 58 "_____ lost!" |

GUIDANCE:
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Some recommend students balance professional, spiritual help

him, and a few years later he thanked me for changing his view on life.”

Jasin said she thinks there is a definite line between when students should seek professional help and when they should seek spiritual guidance.

“I would say if you recognize that you are having problems and want to receive help before something terrible happens, the religious group would be your best bet,” she said. “However, if its way past that point where the person is out of control and can’t even recognize what they’re doing, then it would be time to seek professional counseling.”

Witto said he thinks a religious setting would benefit students who feel more comfortable talking about their problems with people they know and have established a good relationship with. But those

who feel more comfortable talking to a professional should consider utilizing the Counseling Center.

Jasin said she thinks she would go to a counselor only if her issues were so severe she would need professional help.

“I would feel much more comfortable sharing things with my peers than with someone older who grew up in a completely different time period and who would most likely make quick judgments about me,” Jasin said. “My peers would have similar life experiences and would definitely be more understanding.”

Ashley Allen, a junior graphic design major, is a resident assistant in Ford Hall. Part of her job as an RA is being a peer educator and being available to students who need any kind of assistance.

Allen said she can help students with most problems, like roommate issues, homesickness and stress, but thinks some issues are better left to a professional.

“One of the big things we’re taught is that we are not there to solve the problems for (residents) but rather to coach them through the problems to the best of our ability,” Allen said. “The situation can range anywhere from a roommate borrowing clothes without permission to a resident considering suicide.”

Counseling by a professional, Allen said, would be a good decision when dealing with issues of bodily harm because the counselors are trained to be prepared for those situations.

“In those cases, the counselors would be more familiar with resources to help the student,” she said. “Those (issues) are what the professional is there to help with.”

Allen said she thinks the person in need can utilize religious groups and professional counselors interchangeably. In RA training groups, people are put in mock life situations to see how they handle them, and then the group critiques the situation.

“The title of the job is kind of the epitome, we’re here as resident assistants to support the students,” she said.

Witto said what peer ministry wants to do is establish those relationships so students feel comfortable in a spiritual setting.

“One of the things we’re working on is a strong partnership between the importance and value of the counselor and how medical things can partner with spiritual and religious church side of things,” Witto said. “I think it’s bringing both practices to the overall health of individual.”

PLUNGE:
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No injuries reported at Polar Plunge

Becky Morris, manager of CarQuest in Charleston, was not looking forward to the cold water.

“I’m gonna be 50, and I’m gonna die,” Morris said. She was telling herself to imagine the waters of Jamaica while standing on the beach with a towel around her shoulders, shivering, waiting her turn.

Participants were dressed to compete in the costume contest that included a fairy, men in grass skirts and a University of Illinois fan wearing a wig and body and face paint.

The group of ducks won the contest, and each winner received two tickets to Six Flags Hurricane Harbor.

The Effingham County Dive-Rescue Team had two members in wetsuits in the water in case of emergency.

People do not realize they lose their body heat 25 times faster in water than on land, said Terry Trueblood, commander of the team.

“From the health point of view, it’s probably not a good idea,” he said. But a healthy person will be just fine since people are only in the water for a few minutes, he said.

The Dive-Rescue Team has supervised the event for many years as their donation to the program.

“It’s idiots running into water,” he said with a laugh.

There were no safety problems Saturday.

“Everything was perfect,” Trueblood said. “And you can’t beat that with a stick!”

Kimberly Abell, the local Area Nine Special Olympics director, said she was extremely happy with how things went.

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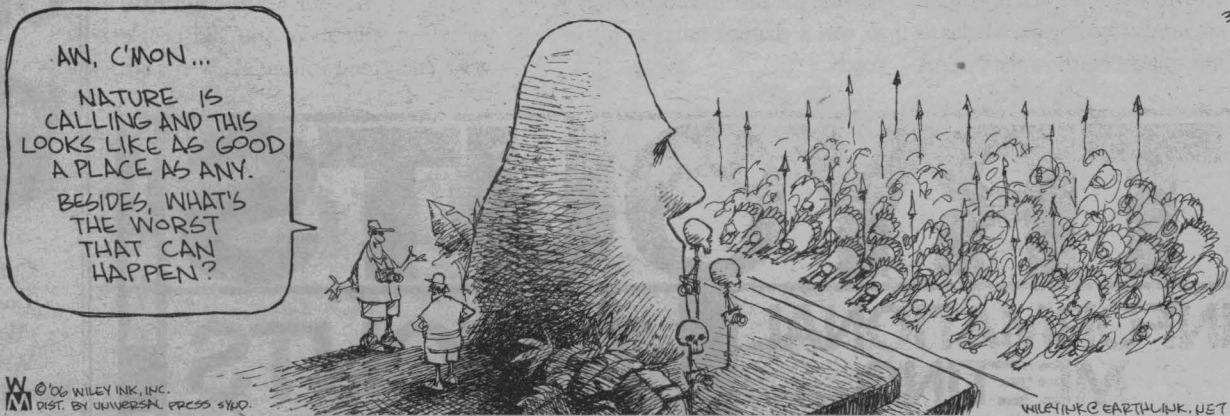
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W-BASKETBALL: OVC TOURNAMENT

OVC WOMEN'S TITLE GAME

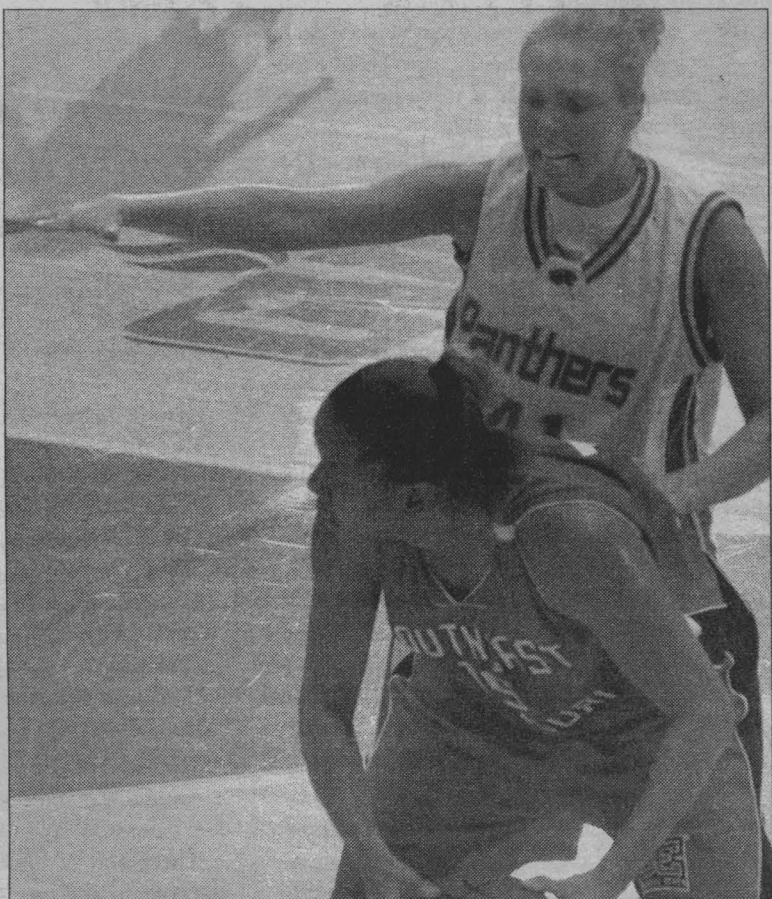
SEMO 71, TENN. TECH 50

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SEMO									
Owsley	23	2-5	0-0	0-1	2	3	5		
Purcell	29	2-8	0-0	3-7	2	2	6		
Nixon	20	2-4	0-0	1-2	1	1	5		
Conceicao	35	9-19	8-12	2-13	1	2	28		
Jackson	32	5-11	0-1	4-6	3	0	10		
Ryan	20	0-2	0-0	0-3	2	1	0		
Kintchen	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Dunn	20	2-6	0-0	0-1	0	0	6		
Pal	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Daugherty	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0		
Moreno	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Lyles	16	4-4	1-3	8-10	0	2	9		
Blunt	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Diebold	0+	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Thesing	1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2		
TOTALS	200	27-60	9-16	18-43	12	11	71		

Percentages: FG .450 3-point goals: 8-23 (Conceicao 2-5, Dunn 2-5, Purcell 2-7, Owsley 1-2, Nixon 1-3, Ryan 0-1) Blocked shots: 2 (Conceicao) Steals: 9 (Conceicao 2, Dunn 2, Nixon 2, Purcell 2, Jackson) Turnovers: 10

	fg		ft		reb		a	pf	pts
	min	m-a	m-a	o-t	a	o-t			
TENN. TECH									
Apple	30	4-4	1-3	0-2	5	1	9		
Reece	31	0-4	3-4	1-4	1	3	3		
Cavin	36	1-4	0-0	0-4	0	4	2		
Christian	38	10-25	2-3	3-7	2	2	26		
Lyons	26	4-5	0-2	1-2	2	2	8		
Tyler	1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	2	0		
Bowens	4	1-2	0-0	1-1	0	0	2		
Hensley	2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Price	10	0-1	0-0	1-1	1	0	0		
Reed	22	0-3	0-0	0-2	0	3	0		
TOTALS	200	20-50	6-12	8-26	11	17	50		

Percentages: FG .400 3-point goals: 4-13 (Christian 4-5, Reece 0-3, Cavin 0-2, Reed 0-2, Price 0-1) Blocked shots: 0 Steals: 2 (Christian, Reed) Turnovers: 13



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Senior forward Lauren Sims covers Southeast Missouri senior center Tatiana Conceicao during the Jan. 5 game in Lantz Arena. Southeast Missouri won the OVC tournament Saturday where Conceicao finished with 28 points.

Senior leads SEMO to OVC crown

Led by senior forward Tatiana Conceicao, Southeast Missouri defeated Tennessee Tech 71-50 Saturday in Nashville, Tenn., to advance to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in school history.

The Redhawks went on a 19-1 run early in the second half to take a 50-38 lead after the Golden Eaglettes led by six with 18 minutes, 2 seconds remaining in the game.

Conceicao led all scorers with 28 points, while grabbing a game-high 13 rebounds. SEMO dominated the boards, outrebounding Tech 43-26.

Tech led 32-31 at halftime, but after SEMO's run to take control of the game, the Golden Eaglettes went cold

from the floor.

After a three-point play by OVC Player of the Year Emily Christian cut SEMO's lead to 50-41 with 11:16 left, the Redhawks held Tech scoreless for the next six minutes.

Tech shot 58.3 percent in the first half, but shot a dismal 23.1 percent in the final 20 minutes.

Christian was the only Golden Eaglette in double figures, with a team-high 26 points. But those 26 points came on 10-of-25 shooting.

Brief compiled by Matt Daniels, Associate Sports Editor.

M-BASKETBALL: MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

S. Illinois turns it around just in time

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Southern Illinois was struggling entering the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, having dropped three of four.

So much for momentum.

Randal Falker's 17 points and career-high 16 rebounds powered a 59-46 victory over Bradley in the championship game on Sunday, leading the Salukis to their fifth straight berth in the NCAA tournament.

"Man, this is the greatest," said guard Matt Shaw, who scored 14 points. "This is what it's all about. Not many people gave us a chance, but we did."

Jamaal Tatum added 16 points for second-seeded Southern Illinois (22-10), which won the tournament for the first time since 1995. Chris Lowery became the first member of the Valley to win a championship as player and coach.

Lowery was the point guard for Southern Illinois' championship teams in 1994 and '95, and he mentioned that to his team at halftime. The Salukis made it to the final after beating Northern Iowa in overtime in the semi-finals.

"I talked about playing in the tournament and what that was like, and to be able to sit back for a week and have everybody talk about you and people seeing how great you are," Lowery said.

M-BASKETBALL: OVC TOURNAMENT

Murray St. races into NCAA Tournament

Murray State used a late run to defeat Samford 74-57 Saturday in Nashville, Tenn., in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship and secured the conference's automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament.

It will be the Racers' 13th NCAA Tournament appearance.

Murray State has won 14 of its last 15 games since losing to Eastern 59-54 on Jan. 16.

The Racers (24-6) were paced by tournament MVP Pearson Griffith and freshman guard Tyler Holloway in pulling away from the Bulldogs.

Griffith and Holloway scored all 16 points during a 16-4 Racer run that saw Murray State increase its lead from 46-44 to 62-48 in six-minute span.

The top two seeds in the OVC battled back and forth all game until Holloway and Griffith's scoring spurt. Samford led Murray 33-32 heading into halftime.

The Racers used a balanced scoring attack with guard Trey Pearson scoring a team-high 15 points, Holloway with 13, Griffith with 11 and sophomore Justin Orr tallying 10.

Murray held a distinct advantage on the glass, outrebounding Samford 45-29.

Junior Shawn Witherspoon showed his versatility for the Racers. The 6-foot-5 inch forward scored nine points while pulling down a game-high 14 rebounds.

The Bulldogs (20-11) were led by OVC Player of the Year J. Robert

OVC MEN'S TITLE GAME

MURRAY STATE 74, SAMFORD 57

	fg		ft		reb		a	pf	pts
	min	m-a	m-a	o-t	a	o-t			
SAMFORD									
Merritt, J. Rob.	39	8-19	2-2	2-7	0	2	26		
Merritt, J. Ros.	21	1-3	0-1	0-2	2	1	3		
Smith	39	0-7	0-0	1-5	4	4	0		
Gulina	36	2-11	3-4	4-6	4	3	8		
Peterson	37	7-15	0-3	1-2	3	4	15		
Woosley	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0		
West	23	2-5	0-0	3-4	2	5	5		
Black	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
LoPiano	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
TOTALS	200	20-60	5-10	12-29	15	21	57		

Percentages: FG .333 3-point goals: 12-39 (Merritt, J. Rob. 8-17, Merritt, J. Ros. 1-1, West 1-3, Peterson 1-4, Gulina 1-8, Smith 0-6) Blocked shots: 1 (Peterson) Steals: 3 (Merritt, J. Rob., Peterson, Smith) Turnovers: 5

	fg		ft		reb		a	pf	pts
	min	m-a	m-a	o-t	a	o-t			
MURRAY									
Jenifer	23	2-5	0-0	0-0	4	1	5		
Hopkins	18	3-7	0-2	1-2	0	0	6		
Witherspoon	35	2-5	3-5	3-14	2	1	9		
Orr	31	4-6	2-4	1-7	1	0	10		
Griffith	23	4-9	3-5	1-5	1	3	11		
Pearson	23	6-7	0-0	1-1	3	3	15		
Wright	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Wolf	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Holloway	17	4-5	2-2	0-2	1	1	13		
McCoy	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0		
Kennedy	6	1-3	0-0	2-2	0	1	2		
Redding	9	0-0	1-2	1-2	0	0	1		
Johnson	12	0-2	2-2	1-5	0	2	2		
TOTALS	200	26-49	13-22	14-45	12	12	74		

Percentages: FG .531 3-point goals: 9-18 (Holloway 3-4, Pearson 3-4, Witherspoon 2-4, Jenifer 1-1, Orr 0-1, Hopkins 0-4) Blocked shots: 2 (Kennedy, Orr) Steals: 4 (Jenifer, Pearson, Redding, Witherspoon) Turnovers: 10

Merritt. The senior scored a game-high 26 points on 8-of-19 shooting, with almost all of those being from behind the three-point line. Merritt was 8-of-17 from beyond the arc.

Brief compiled by Matt Daniels, Associate Sports Editor.

NFL

Talks break off in labor dispute

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The NFL and its players' union broke off talks Sunday evening, leaving dozens of veterans in danger of becoming salary-cap casualties before free agency begins a minute after midnight Monday.

The breakdown, though surprising, was typical of the topsy-turvy negotiations, so far: Just when things seemed

darkest, they got back on track; and when it appeared a deal could be struck, talks broke down. As they did when the union called off the talks.

"The talks ended after the NFL gave us a proposal which provided a percentage of revenues for the players which would be less than they received over the last 12 years," said Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association.

TRYOUTS

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

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STREAK:

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The girls regained their composure later in the day, according to Schuette.

In the Panthers' third game of the day, Eastern and Western Illinois tied 1-1 after the game was called on account of darkness after six innings.

Pitcher Kathleen Jacoby held Western scoreless until first baseman Meg Strazar led off the fourth inning with a home run.

However, junior Chelsea Adams led off the fifth with a double and scored two batters later on a ground out by Sara Coppert.

The coach said her team learned a lot on Saturday and will continue to focus on what it needs to do and not worry about the other team.

The results of Sunday's games showed more focus.

The Panthers beat St. Mary's 4-3 and Western 5-4 in Sunday's games.

"We played more of our style softball, we had more energy and more spunk in our game and came out ready to play," said Schuette.

In their second match-up with St. Mary's, Bro Russell gave the Gaels a 1-0 lead when she scored on a wild pitch by Karyn Mackie.

The Panthers responded with two runs in the first and two more in the second inning.

"Mostly we were just more focused

Panthers regroup after 0-2 start to finish strong

JAY GRABIEC/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Freshman outfielder Angela Danca slides into second base during practice at Williams Field Tuesday afternoon. The Panthers' five-game winning streak came to an end in their 9-8 loss Friday to Indiana State in the first game of the Wolfe Sycamore Classic in Terre Haute, Ind. Eastern finished the tournament 2-2-1.

on winning, and our hits fell through in more timely spots," said Mackie. "A lot less errors and better pitching."

Eastern committed just one error and had a two-run first inning as they finished the tournament 2-2-1 with a 5-4 win against Western Illinois.

Katy Steele gives credit to hitting. The team had an uncharacteristic weekend of RBIs and hits coupled with good base running.

Schuette was surprised by hitting done by all teams.

"I've never seen this much hitting and offense in hitting this early in the season."

Senior Rachel Karos said, "Saturday was just a fluke, it takes a while to realize we are as good as we are and not hold ourselves back."

Focus and aggressive offense will be on this week's practice schedule as the

team prepares for the "Rebel Games" in Kissimmee, Fla., over Spring Break.

SOFTBALL AT THE WOLFE SYCAMORE CLASSIC

Loss AT INDIANA STATE 9-8

Loss VS. ST. MARY'S 9-0

Tie VS. WESTERN IL 1-1

Win VS. ST. MARY'S 5-4

Win VS. WESTERN 5-4

PGA GOLF**Woods wins at Doral**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Tiger Woods played his best golf when he finally got some competition Sunday at Doral, then was at his worst when it no longer mattered.

Despite a bogey-bogey finish on the Blue Monster, Woods closed with a 3-under 69 for a one-shot victory over David Toms and Colombian rookie Camilo Villegas in the Ford Championship at Doral, his second PGA Tour victory of the year and the 13th time he has successfully defended a title.

TRACK & FIELD**Panthers can't qualify anyone at Last Chance Meet; Nationals up next**

None of the six Eastern athletes who traveled to the Last Chance Meet at Notre Dame last weekend produced times that would advance them to the NCAA Division 1 National track meet.

Senior mile runner Dan Stracklejahn was the closest of Eastern finishers with a time of 4:07.62, two seconds short of the provisional qualifying time.

The only member of the women's team to make the trip, junior Nicole Flounders, came up short in her performance as well. Her time of 5:11.46 left her almost half a minute

away from the provisional qualifying mark.

Junior triple jumper Obe Eruteya, who entered the competition with previous performances closest to qualifying standards, fouled at the meet and did not post a distance.

Fellow triple jumper Jason Stark jumped 47 feet, 5 inches, a distance more than three feet below his provisional qualifying goal.

Sophomore hurdler Kirkland Thornton made it to finals Saturday. But a false start ended his chances to qualify.

Freshman pole vaulter Dorian

White, though ranking third, vaulted only 15 feet, 9 inches, two inches short of the provisional qualifying standard.

Junior Kyle Ellis, who also competed in the pole vault, did not register a performance in his event.

The mini-squad officially ended its indoor season and will rejoin their teams for the first meet of the outdoor season March 25 at Carbondale for the SIU Collegiate Series.

Brief compiled by Katie Anderson, staff reporter.

BASEBALL**Eastern gets swept at KSU**

Eastern continued its early-season slide as it dropped three games to Kansas State from Friday to Sunday.

The teams will play the final game of the series today at 1 p.m. in Manhattan, Kan.

In the first game on Friday, the Wildcats scored five runs in three innings off starter Chris Vaculik. The Panthers did score a season-high five runs in the 12-5 loss. Center fielder Bret Nommensen went 3-for-5 with two RBIs.

The Panthers didn't fare any better in Saturday's 12-2 loss as Kansas State scored 10 runs in four innings.

In the third game of the series, the Panthers dropped a 7-5 game.

Junior third baseman Ryan Campbell extended his hitting streak to 20 games with two hits.

Brief compiled by Marc Correnti, staff reporter.

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Names are OVC's strength

If other teams went this way, there would be the Pantherettes, the Bulldogettes and, of course, the Gamecockettes.

It's almost as if Eastern should be ashamed because they bring the quality of names average down.

The Panthers name is boring and there is not much you can do with it. The players' names are not anything special either.

Megan Sparks may be the most exciting name on either team.

So while other conferences have six or seven teams in March Madness, the OVC's one team will be satisfied in the knowledge that they still have Austin Peay—as in "Let's go Peay"—reserve Tomas Janusauskas on the Governors' roster.

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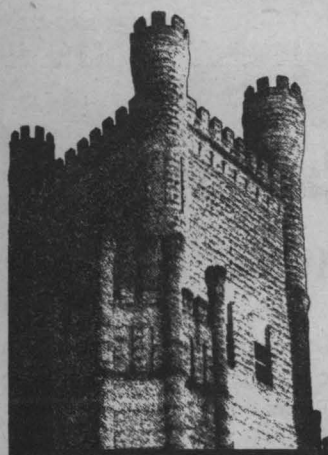
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SPORTS

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006

PANTHER SPORTS CALENDAR

TODAY	BASEBALL AT KANSAS STATE	1 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	BASEBALL VS. QUINCY	2 p.m.
	M-TENNIS AT ILLINOIS-SPRINGFIELD	2 p.m.
FRIDAY	M-GOLF AT GEICO DIRECT	through Sunday
	TRACK & FIELD AT NCAA INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS	through Saturday
	M-TENNIS VS. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (IN CHAMPAIGN)	3 p.m.

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

TENNIS

Eastern teams split at St. Louis

Billikens shut out Panther women

BY JOE WALTASTI
STAFF REPORTER

Sophomore Sandra Sasidharan suffered her first singles loss of the season as St. Louis University dominated the women's tennis team 7-0 over the weekend.

"The SLU women are, in my opinion, the best team we have played thus far," said head coach John Blackburn.

The Panther women did not win a match in singles or doubles.

The men's team defeated the Billikens 5-2.

Sasidharan, who entered the weekend undefeated in seven matches so far this season, lost her No. 1 singles match 2-6, 7-6, 10-1.

The third set was played as a 10-game tiebreaker because the Panthers had already lost too many matches to have a chance at winning.

Another reason for the tiebreaker was because the first two sets had outlasted all the other matches, it was 9 p.m. and the two head coaches agreed upon the short 10-point tiebreaker.

The men won the No. 1-5 singles matches for the third time this season, but the doubles tandem of juniors Chuck LeVaque and Brandon Lenfert lost at No. 1 doubles 8-7 for only the second time this year. The Panthers were dominant in singles play with Lenfert, LeVaque and freshman Vuk Milicevic winning in consecutive sets and only losing six games combined in six sets.

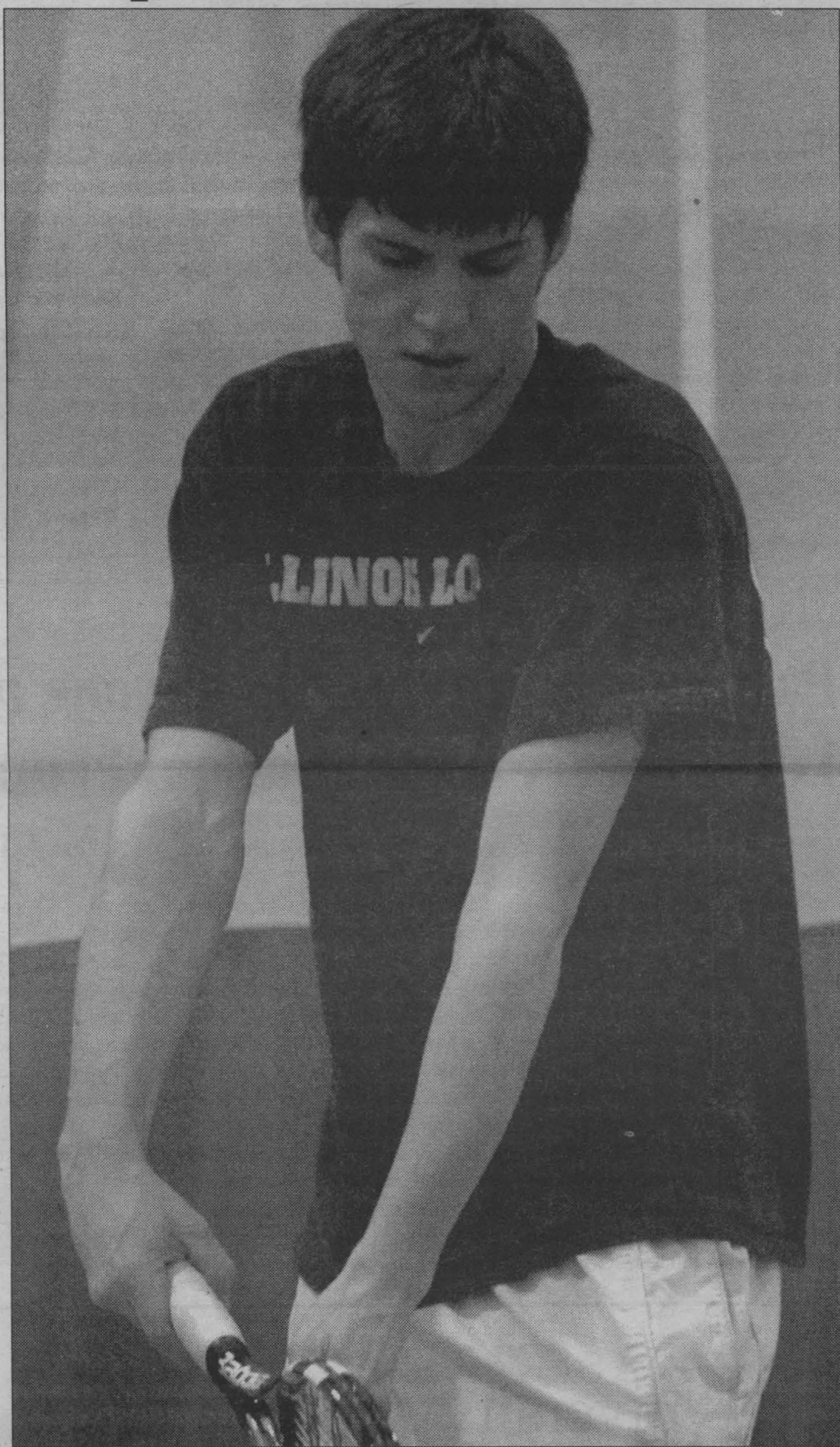
The Panthers won five of the six singles matches without the help of two regular contributors. Junior Ryan Blakenbacker and sophomore Chris Thomas did not get to test their knee strength against the Billikens because they were serving one-match suspensions for violating team rules. It would not have mattered for Blakenbacker as the training staff decided that he needed to rest his injured knee for another week.

"The medical staff felt he should rest this week," Blackburn said. "He can take this week off and also have spring break to try and heal. He will be re-evaluated after spring break."

Thomas, however, has made progress with his similar knee injury and would have gotten back to singles play if he had not gotten the suspension.

"I am getting close to being 100 percent," Thomas said. "My knee is feeling great."

Thomas will have a chance to get onto the court soon as the men will be traveling to Illinois-Springfield March 8 to take on the Prairie Stars at the Washington Park tennis complex.



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Sophomore Sean Bush prepares to serve during practice on Feb. 18. Bush won 6-4, 6-4 in his No. 5 singles match against St. Louis on Friday at the Sunset Tennis Center.



OFF THE BENCH

MARCO SANTANA
SPORTS EDITOR

At least we've got the names

The Ohio Valley Conference basketball tournament is over and the automatic berths that the women's team and men's team received have been handed out.

There probably won't be a second team going to the NCAA tournament from the OVC.

This is because of the low mid-major status the conference is stuck in.

But there is one thing the OVC's basketball teams can claim: We have great names.

The names start right at the top. Southeast Missouri is moving on to the NCAA tournament.

They are going because of a player named Tatiana Conceicao.

The Brazilian may be the best player in the conference, despite the fact that her name is never pronounced the same way twice.

There aren't many things that are more enjoyable than hearing the announcer at a women's basketball game butcher the name so badly that he decides to just call the player by their first name.

But, a case can be made that uttering Eastern Kentucky's forward's name is up there on that list.

Fataima Hala'api'api has to have the record for most As in one person's name. She hails from Hawaii.

The conference really should get a second automatic bid to the postseason just for having a star player with two apostrophes in her name.

These are not cheap apostrophes either, like O'Connor or O'Brien. The apostrophes are well placed, and they give the speaker a brief pause to catch their breath.

The cool names aren't just for the players either.

The Racers of Murray State moved on to the men's NCAA tournament when they beat the Bulldogs of Samford. The headline possibilities are endless.

"Racers race to the postseason" comes to mind.

Jacksonville State's nickname is always good for a laugh. There would probably never be a reference to a Gamecock if it weren't for the Alabama school.

Tennessee Tech does something interesting with their nickname. When it is a women's team, they go with the Golden Eaglettes.

This may not make much sense.

SOFTBALL

Panthers can't extend winning streak past five

BY KATIE ANDERSON
STAFF REPORTER

Eastern entered the Wolfe Sycamore Classic at Indiana State riding a five-game winning streak. But late errors in Saturday's tournament opener cost them the game and their winning streak.

"We never worry about winning or losing; we go out there and play our best," head coach Kim Schuette said.

"We went out there and were playing well. They scored a few runs, and we got nervous—you can never play scared."

The Panthers lost their first game against Indiana State 9-8.

The Sycamores made their way around the bases mostly because of Eastern's errors.

Errors in the last inning let the Sycamores take the win without the benefit of a hit. Pitcher Karyn Mackie

began the inning with a walk followed by an error and a wild pitch. The inning continued with the same types of errors and resulted in two unearned runs and a Panther loss.

"After the first couple of innings, we couldn't do anything right," Schuette said.

The second game of the day against St. Mary's also ended in a loss.

The 9-0 score reflected the team's weak offense and defense.

"We had more errors in our first two games than we've had the entire season," said sophomore pitcher Karyn Mackie.

The Panthers committed five errors and had just four hits in the game. This resulted in six unearned runs for St. Mary's.

Rachel Karos said her team did not seem comfortable.