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# Student death ruled suicide

## Blood tested positive for cocaine, alcohol

By Nicole Milstead  
Campus Editor

Mark Apa's death was ruled a suicide by a jury of four men and two women at Wednesday night's coroners inquest. Apa, 20, of Downers Grove, was found dead in the Pi Kappa Alpha house in Greek court on Dec. 2, 2006. The jury ruled that the cause of death was "asphyxia due to, or as a consequence of, hanging."

Coles County Coroner Mike Nichols called Officer Patrick Hall of the University Police department to the front of the jury to present evidence.

The jury must choose from four reasons of death: accidental, homicidal, suicidal or natural causes. The jury can also rule that the cause of death is undeterminable based on the evidence.

Hall was the first officer on the scene at 1:20 p.m.

Apa was found by friends Mike Caputo and Ryan O'Rourke.

Caputo and O'Rourke went through the room of Apa's suitemate, who went home for the weekend, and entered the room through the adjoining bathroom.

They found Apa hanging from his clothes rod in his closet. One belt was around Apa's neck connected to a second belt that was secured to the rod. Caputo removed the belts from Apa's neck and the clothing rod in an attempt to save his life. They called 911 at 1:10 p.m., Hall said.

Nichols pronounced Apa dead at 2:04 p.m. in Room 173 of 1000 Greek Court.



Family and Consumer Sciences Professor Pat Mcallister waits while the jury of Mark Apa's inquest deliberates at the Mattoon Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night.

Center, Hall said.

Apa's counselor was at the Pike house after his death to help comfort the other men of the fraternity. She then told police that this was not his first time using cocaine, Hall said.

"She said that he had appeared to have been clean for this year and was dealing with school and girls fairly well," Hall said.

Once Caputo had called 911, he told police he looked through Apa's palm pilot to find his father's number to inform him. Caputo found a suicide letter on the screen

and moved it to find his contacts. Illinois State Police later recovered the letter.

In the letter, Apa told his mother that this was not because of what happened with his girlfriend.

"I just have problems I can't hide anymore ... I just can't take it anymore, I don't know what is wrong with me ... I just can't face it anymore ... this was no other's fault but my own," Apa wrote in his letter.

Apa wrote in the letter that he loved his family, and said to his

mother that she was his best friend and meant more to him than the world.

When the police arrived they also found a new document at the bottom of Apa's computer. When they opened it, they found a short suicide note.

When the police questioned O'Rourke and Caputo, they reported seeing Apa out the night before with his girlfriend.

They said he appeared to be in good humor and they saw no reason why he would end his life.

## Campus officials offer aid in time of student crisis

By Ashley Rueff  
Senior University Reporter

It was difficult for President Hencken to stay home instead of rushing to campus when he was alerted about a student death on campus Dec. 2.

"I'm not the Vice President of Student Affairs anymore," Hencken said.

He opted to stay home, instead, and follow the protocol by having the current Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Nadler respond when Mark Apa's body was found in his room at the Pi Kappa Alpha house.

As the chair of the Emergency Management Team at Eastern, Nadler responded to the death along with the other appropriate members of EMT such as Jill Nilsen, Vice President for External Relations, Mark Hudson, director of university Housing and Dining, and Sandy Cox, director of the Counseling Center.

EMT is organized to respond in cases of a death, major accident or disaster on campus with appropriate protocols to follow for different situations.

In the case of a student death, the counseling center organizes the actions that follow, Cox said, by organizing an opportunity for friends to grieve together, speak to counselors and organize memorial services.

"A situation like this falls more under our area," Cox said. "The counseling center has a plan and the EMT kicks in to see how they can collaborate with that."

Housing and dining can be involved by making the needed housing accommodations and by providing food for the affected parties.

If the situation involves a member of a fraternity or sorority, Greek Life will be involved. Also, Academic Affairs will respond to make arrangements for students who might need time away from class.

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# Housing and Dining makes room for 'Desperate Housewives'

ABC PRIMETIME LINEUP  
7-10 p.m.

Sundays: Extreme Home Makeover, Desperate Housewives, Brothers and Sisters

Mondays: Wife Swap, Supernanny, What about Brian

Tuesdays: AFV, AFV, Boston Legal

Wednesdays: According to Jim, The Knights of Prosperity, In case of Prosperity, Primetime, Lost

Thursdays: Ugly Betty, Grey's Anatomy, Men in Trees

Fridays: Grey's Anatomy, Brothers and Sisters, 20/20

## University provides ABC to on-campus students

By Nicole Milstead  
Campus Editor

On-campus residents in fear of losing their ABC favorites because of Mediacom should fear no more.

Residents will have ABC effective immediately. Mediacom is still not providing ABC to its cable subscribers in Charleston and Central Illinois after Sinclair

Broadcasting pulled its stations from the Mediacom service Jan. 6.

University Housing and Dining contracts its cable for the residence halls through INC, a telecommunication company. INC contracts with Mediacom for Eastern and also has contracts with Direct TV. That is how Eastern will be able to tune into ABC, said Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining.

"We are a big cable market of 5,000 students on campus," Hudson said.

Housing had a Direct TV satellite shipped overnight to campus and installed on the roof of Buzzard Hall. Adjustments were made to the satellite Wednesday while housing staff waited for the OK to post signs announcing the new service.

At press time, one part of the satellite did not work. However, Hudson has been promised by INC that the station will be up and running before "Grey's Anatomy" tonight at 8.

The satellite is an additional service INC is giving the university

at no additional charge.

ABC was previously broadcast on channel 11. Mediacom then replaced ABC on channel 11 with Starz Family.

To avoid students losing Starz Family, the new ABC will broadcast on channel 22. Channel 22 is currently a mirror of channel 6, which is WEIU. Students will only gain programming from this change.

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University police and the communications office also play a role.

“Different people play different parts,” Cox said. “There are few departments on campus with a student death that isn’t in some way helping.”

While there are protocols to follow for such an occasion, there is no way to predict how to deal with a student death because each case is different.



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Although the Sinclair Broadcasting Company has pulled ABC from its broadcast, Eastern's housing department had a Direct TV satellite shipped overnight and installed on the roof of Buzzard Hall so that ABC can be viewed on campus.

» ABC

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ABC currently features top-rated shows like as “Grey’s Anatomy”, “Lost”, “Desperate Housewives”, “Brothers and Sisters” and “Ugly Betty”.

These shows can be seen in full at the ABC Web site.

“There’s a certain protocol,” Hencken said. “But you have to improvise because you never know what you’re going to find. You always get training in this and you hope that it never happens.”

Cox described Eastern’s reaction to student deaths as being compassionate, comprehensive and collaborate driven by a caring philosophy of the administration.

“I’m overwhelmed with the level of compassion Eastern has,” she said. “Ours is one of the greatest, most compassionate responses that I have seen, and I think it’s important that people understand that.”

Mediacom’s basic cable package for Channels 2-22 is \$20.95 per month plus a one-time instillation fee. An upgrade to 78 channels is \$49.95 per month. Direct TV offers a package on its website for 155 channels at \$39.99 per month, plus instillation costs.

The posted signs in residence halls say that this is an interim arrangement with INC, and Housing believes Mediacom will probably restore ABC to its broadcasting lineup eventually.

Online threats against Indian American student under university investigation

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—The University of Illinois is investigating online threats made against an American Indian student on a Web page that defended the use of the school’s Chief Illiniwek mascot, the university’s chancellor said Tuesday.

In a letter sent Tuesday to faculty and others on campus, Chancellor Richard Herman said threats aimed at an American Indian student and American Indians in general were made on the Facebook social-networking Web site and appeared to have been made by students.

The Web page, which Herman said has been taken down, defended the university’s continued use of the Chief Illiniwek mascot, a frequent subject of criticism by American Indians and others.

Faculty and others first were alerted to the existence of the Facebook page last week by an e-mail sent by a student, who quoted the page extensively.

“I say we throw a tomahawk into her face,” one person wrote on the page in reference to the American Indian student, according to a copy of the e-mail obtained by The Associated Press.

“I do not know the motives of the students who posted the threats, but I do know that their words are dangerous and racist,” Herman said in his letter.

The university’s Office of Student Conflict Resolution is investigating the threats, Herman said. He didn’t identify the target of the threats or the students accused of making them, or say how many were believed to be involved. He was traveling Tuesday and unavailable for comment.

One faculty member said the woman who was threatened is one of her students.

“She’s targeted because she has been very brave and active,” professor Brenda Farnell told The AP on Tuesday. “She’s been the recipient of hate speech before, to her face.”

Farnell, part of the university’s Native American Studies program, declined to identify the woman but said she is a graduate student and a Sioux.

According to the copy of the e-mail received by faculty and students last week, another person wrote

RICHARD HERMAN | U OF I CHANCELLOR

“I do not know the motives of the students who posted the threats, but I do know that their words are dangerous and racist.”

on the Web page: “what they don’t realize is that there never was a racist problem before ... but now i hate redskins and hope all those drunk casino owning bums die.”

Ninety-five undergraduate students who identity themselves as American Indians are enrolled at the university’s Champaign-Urbana campus, a university spokeswoman said. The campus has more than 30,000 students.

Chief Illiniwek, portrayed by a student dressed in buckskins, dances at home football and basketball games and other athletic events.

The Illinois mascot has been a source of tension for years.

Many American Indians and others complain that the chief and other American Indian mascots are demeaning and disrespectful of Indians. Supporters of the mascot, which has been used for more than 80 years, say it honors the contributions of American Indians to Illinois.

The NCAA in 2005 deemed Illiniwek and his dance a “hostile and abusive” use of American Indian imagery, and barred Illinois from hosting postseason NCAA events. The athletic association upheld its decision through two university appeals.

The men’s tennis team felt its impact when it was barred from playing host to the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament last May and Illini women’s soccer team was prevented from hosting any games after winning an NCAA tournament seed last fall.

The university’s board of trustees could discourage further threats by doing away with the mascot, Farnell said.

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STUDENT SENATE | 2008 BUDGET AT A GLANCE

# Housing increase proposed to Student Senate

By Matt Hopf  
Student Government Reporter

The 6.95 percent increase in room and board rates for next year was presented at Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

Mark Hudson, director of Housing and Dining, presented the projected budget for fiscal year 2008.

The Bond Revenue Committee, comprised of three Student Senate members and three Residence Hall Association members, proposed the increase.

The Bond Revenue Committee has spent more than 10 hours looking over the Housing and Dining budget, Hudson said.

A 3 percent increase in staff salaries is from a previous labor agreement. Student salaries will also cost Housing more from the minimum wage increase that will go into effect, he said.

A 4 percent increase in food and commodities

for dining was decided when the companies that supply dining estimated prices for next year, Hudson said.

Approximately \$3.5 million dollars will go toward capital projects for next year. Capital projects include things that are not covered by everyday expenses for Housing and Dining.

Housing and Dining is currently implementing a 10-year \$75-million renovation plan, Hudson said.

All on-campus housing in Illinois will be required to have fire sprinklers installed by Jan. 1, 2013, and that project alone costs \$12 million, he said. Other projects include renovating the dorm rooms with new stackable furniture. And in the summer of 2008, restroom renovations for the dorms will begin in Douglas Hall.

Overall, there is a proposed 8.42 percent increase in the Housing and Dining budget, but more revenue is brought in to offset the increase.

Housing collects rent from departments such as Textbook Rental for the space it uses in Pemberton, Academics in Lawson and from Sexual Assault Counseling and Information Services.

Areas that are not seeing an increase are in cable TV and telephone service.

The contracts are being renewed for those services and it will allow Eastern to get premium movie channels for no additional cost to the students, Hudson said.

While there is no contract yet, on-campus housing may be getting an eight-channel HBO package and a Starz/Encore package.

Student Senate members seemed satisfied with Hudson's presentation, as there were few questions.

Student Senate member Katie Dzielski resigned from her position because of a class conflict.

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Andrew Burgoni, a junior marketing major, leans in for a shot while playing ping pong in a close game of 23-21 with fellow Taylor Hall resident Zach Klinick, a junior sociology major, in the basement of Taylor Hall. The first Residence Hall Association meeting will be held Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Thomas Hall party room.

# RHA prepares for winter olympics

Event to feature cardboard sled races, semi-formal

By Lauren Krull  
Associate News Editor

The Bond Revenue Committee will give their proposal for increases and changes concerning on-campus room and board rates at tonight's Residence Hall Association meeting.

Carrie Mueller, president of the RHA, said that the changes and increases being proposed are based on inflation and that she believes they are necessary and affordable.

"Eastern's housing and dining is a good value for your money," she said.

Also to be discussed is a winter olympics event that RHA is putting together.

This is the first year for the event. Eric Dusanek, RHA's programming and diversity coordinator, said that because Roc Fest, RHA's fall semester event, had such a good turnout, RHA's General Assembly asked that there be a spring semester event.

Dusanek said the winter olympics will be held Feb. 7 through Feb. 10 and will consist of winter-themed events where participants will earn points according to the rules of the event. The winter olympics will kick-off with sled-dog races in the south quad where participants will trek through an obstacle course in cardboard sleds.

Also planned for the winter olympians is RHA's version of the Amazing Race, "Snowmazing Race." The winter olympics will come to a close at a semi-formal Black and White Ball in the basement of Andrews Hall. The winter olympics event will be open to all students who live in on-campus housing.

RHA will also discuss the time and place of their spring retreat. This retreat will be a day trip allowing people to relax, have fun and meet each other, Mueller said.

Elections for next year's RHA positions will take place on Feb. 22 and requirements for positions will be discussed at the meeting

The RHA meeting is at 5 p.m. in Thomas Hall's party room.

Interactive exhibit comes to Tarble

Artist Anna Kunz will be available to talk about her installation, "Forestcanopy" today at 7 p.m. in the Tarble Arts Center.

Kunz's "Forestcanopy" will be on display for the public to view from Jan. 13 to March 4. She combined painting and installations to create the "Forestcanopy," which is formed to fit the Brainerd Gallery in the Tarble Arts Center.

Visitors will be able to walk through the exhibit and interact with Kunz's artwork.

Get in line for Goo

Tickets for the Goo Goo Dolls concert March 4 will go on sale Tuesday for Eastern students. Tickets are \$12 and can also be purchased at the ticket office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tickets will be available to the general public on Jan. 22 for \$17.

The Goo Goo Dolls, along with opening act Augustana, will be performing Sunday, March 4 at 8 p.m. in Lantz arena.

## campusbriefs

Fast facts about the Mumps

»Due to the recent Mumps outbreak in the Midwest, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American College Health Association (ACHA) have issued the following recommendations concerning college students and the prevention of Mumps:

All students should have documentation that they have received two doses of MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella) or show other evidence of immunity to mumps. Other acceptable evidence of immunity to mumps could include

—A Mumps titer (a blood test showing immunity)

—Two documented doses of any Mumps-containing vaccine

—Birth before 1957

Students who have received only one dose of MMR should receive a second dose of MMR.

As a part of our outreach to the Eastern community, we request that you review your immunization history to ascertain if you have had two mumps immunizations. If it is determined that you need mumps vaccination, you can receive this immunization at Health Service or at your primary provider's office or other Health Clinic.

Students taking six or more semester hours have provided Health Service with documentation of DT and MMR immunization history. Please contact Health Service if you are unsure of your immunization history or to update your records if you receive additional Mumps vaccination.

Students not previously required to submit proof of immunizations according to Illinois state law are encouraged to submit immunization records to Health Service. Please call Health Service if you have questions, (217) 581-3013.

Symptoms of mumps begin with aches, loss of appetite, malaise, headache and low-grade fever and then progress to swelling and pain of one or more salivary glands around the ear or jaw line. Although other complications can arise, symptoms almost always decrease after one week and usually resolve after 10 days.

If you become ill with similar symptoms you should call the Health Service to discuss your illness with a nurse. Call 581-2727 (581-ASAP). Do not come directly to the Health Service without calling first to prevent exposure of others to this illness.

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TODAY

WEBCT Help Session

Time | 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Location | McAfee 1214

More info | 581-8397

Lose that holiday bulge

Time | 12 p.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Location | Casey Room, MLK Union

More info | 581-7786

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## ourview

**ISSUE** | Eastern's Blair Hall restoration project has received much recognition

# Blair Hall honored

More than two years of construction and \$10.7 million have paid off.

Blair Hall has been honored "Renovation/Restoration Project of the Year Award" in the December issue of the Midwest Construction magazine.

Both Blair Hall and KJWW Engineering Consultants of St. Louis, the construction company that worked on the hall, were honored in the November issue of the PM Engineer magazine.

This is a great triumph for the university and construction workers who dedicated their time to Blair Hall's restoration.

On April 28, 2004, a fire destroyed Blair Hall, the third oldest building on campus. Its roof collapsed onto the third floor and its interior was ruined by water.

The university chose to restore the building instead of demolish it, and many of its original features were closely replicated.

Blair Hall was highlighted for keeping the period look of the building and satisfying the Illinois Historical Preservation Association guidelines, while integrating modern technology. The university and construction team were praised for working within the confines of an old building shell while meeting the demands of current building codes and laws.

KJWW Engineering Consultants was also noted for finishing the project under budget and on schedule.

It is very impressive to see such achievements from a small, quiet university such as Eastern.

Though it sometimes seems like campus construction is never ending, once it is done it proves to accomplish beyond expectations.

Currently, the Doudna Fine Arts Building is halfway through its proposed \$46.8 million project.

Once completed it would be nice to see similar rewards and honors given to the project.

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# Live life through awareness

The new year is upon us. For many that means a slew of resolutions that more than likely will be broken by the first month. For others, the new year is a symbol of change and a time for new beginnings.

Have you ever wondered what is so intrinsically good about the chance to start over, the opportunity to have a blank slate? All the shame and embarrassment of past mistakes cease to exist. Our faults and misgivings are like a wind that blows softly – they exist, yet they don't. Language cannot quite express this fundamental truth. We live with it everyday, but we fail to recognize the idea of duality in the universe. Orwell had it right when he coined the term 'doublespeak,' but I digress.

Somewhere along this journey of life, we've lost our sense of curiosity and wonderment, the kind that a child possesses. When does a tree branch? Is it after the limb is so long it branches at a point that is shorter than the longest point, or is it when the limb reaches a certain length that it will go into two at that moment? I don't know the answer, but I find the question intriguing, and the pursuit of the answer more so.

People rarely take the time to observe their surroundings and ask *meaningful* questions. The daily goings of life impede on us, and we are stuck in a rat race. Slow down, ask questions that interest you outside of work or school, and find out the answers on your own – do not let others tell you themselves. Life is all about your own experience.

Awareness is a key factor as well. When was the last time you took the time out to watch a sunset? What about the stars in the night sky? Charleston is blessed with very little light pollution in almost any direction away from town. Go out some night and feel the wind blowing across your face as you look at the stars in some open field. There are plenty of them if you haven't noticed.

Fox Ridge State Park is just a jog away

as well. Go for a hike and observe your surroundings. Learn to identify trees by their bark or leaves or whatever. Stare at the bark and the pattern it makes. It doesn't matter what you are aware of; choose something that you take pleasure in. Whatever your choice is, enjoy it.

Finally, most people I meet are close-minded, even when they claim they're open-minded. Generally, people already

**"Somewhere along this journey of life, we've lost our sense of curiosity and wonderment, the kind that a child possesses."**

have a specific view on a subject matter – they'll let you know it and be damned if they let you change it, regardless of the information that's presented on both sides of the argument. I'm the same way most of the time; I readily admit it. I'm always interested in

what other people have to say on life, the universe, and well ... everything.

So, I ask questions and refine my own viewpoints, weighing the arguments of both sides and I try to find where logic fails in the argument. I'd like to think that's what others do as well. Until I develop some sort of mind-reading powers, I'm just going to assume that what I do is the norm. I'll sleep better at night.

What's this all lead up to? What did you think I was doing with the myriad of subjects I touched based on other than prepare you for my own resolution? Here it is: Slow down, observe, ask questions, be aware of your surroundings, be open-minded, and *live* life. I think this will be my resolution every year. What more is there left for me to do?

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GUEST COLUMNIST | ROB JACKMAN

# Pelosi is not a hero for women

By Rob Jackman  
Northwestern University

(U-WIRE) EVANSTON, ILL. - Taking the Speaker's gavel last week, Nancy Pelosi declared she had "broken through the marble ceiling" of Congress. Hogwash. Pelosi's election as speaker has simply proven that this ceiling was broken long ago. If Speaker Pelosi is the individual to bring such a historic victory to the female sex, then Americans would undoubtedly be emphasizing her praiseworthy personality and admirable traits. Yet from all corners of the political spectrum, no one can find any such traits to praise. Nancy Pelosi did not win the House of Representatives for the Democrats any more than Cincinnati Reds won the 1919 World Series against the Chicago "Black Sox." It was a matter of default.

A woman is now the Speaker and second in line for the presidency of the United States. One of the leading contenders for the presidency in 2008, Hillary Clinton, is a political force of much greater magnitude than Mrs. Pelosi. This leaves us with a salient observation about American society: Women have as much opportunity to succeed on the highest levels of our nation as men. This is not just in the United States, but in the western world. Margaret Thatcher, Angela Merkel, Michelle Bachelet and, very possibly, Segolène Royal have all risen to the highest positions of their respective states. Those who are celebrating Nancy Pelosi as an individual hero are celebrating the event rather than the culture and the gallant woman's movement that made the event possible.

Some might say there is no harm done by heaping praise on the historical originality of Pelosi's victory because it shows other women what they might achieve with sufficient effort. But it is indeed harmful, because Speaker Pelosi, above all else, is a politician. Her struggle to rise to the top of the Democratic Party was as a politician, not as a woman. She is using the woman's movement in America to provide cover for her uninspiring politics -- and she should be publicly rebuked for this.

Pelosi's politics have no cohesive direction, and she rose to her position with a Machiavellian vigor. Her rhetoric is historically vicious, calling her Republican opponents, among other insults, "dangerous" and "a freak show." Such words are muted when Pelosi decides that it is in her best interest to call for bipartisanship, but they still betray the fact that she is simply a politician. Speaker Pelosi refuses to address the difficult problems that dot America's political and social landscape, and for that she should be scorned. Rather than addressing major long-term fiscal imbalances, such as fundamental Medicare and Social Security reform, Pelosi's plan is to tackle the non-controversial.

Now that we have our first female Speaker, let's not fawn over the speaker herself. Instead, let's use the 110th Congress to praise America and the West.

The Western world has moved from a state of inequality of opportunity between the genders to a state of relative equality. Let's celebrate that shift as the great development -- not the politician who has benefited from it.

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# Expansion project \$400 million over budget

Chicago's O'Hare proposes to use ticket taxes to pay for project

The Associated Press

CHICAGO--The city of Chicago plans to seek federal approval to use \$270 million in passenger ticket taxes to cover the growing costs of expanding O'Hare International Airport. The money would come from ticket taxes, also called passenger facility charges, already collected in the form of a \$4.50 fee that travelers pay on each leg of travel. FAA approval is required to spend the tax money.

The \$270 million would represent almost two years' worth of O'Hare ticket tax collections.

It would pay for suburban land acquisition and building demolition needed for new runways as part of a larger \$15 billion O'Hare expansion project that already is \$400 million over budget, according to project director Rosemarie Andolino.

The planned application to the FAA is an attempt to make up some of the shortfall after the airlines turned down the city's request to sell \$500 million more in general airport revenue bonds. Airlines must approve new bonds backed by their revenues.

The city filed a public notice of its intent late last month, triggering a period of public comment that ends Feb. 2, city spokesman Roderick Drew said Wednesday. After that, the city plans to file a formal application to the Federal Aviation Administration, Drew said.

"The airlines said 'no' for new money right now, and that's OK with us," Andolino said. "We have a problem to solve and we are solving it in a way that bypasses the need for new (revenue bonds). The airlines still support the modernization program."

The airlines agreed to underwrite \$1.87 billion for the first phase of the project, but are urging the city to keep costs down and get the project back within its budget, according to airline officials.

Foes of the project said the airlines finally are becoming aware of cost overruns.



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The outside structure of Carnegie Library on 6th St. stands right next to the library. The project is expected to be completed by 2008.

# Carnegie Hall's reconstruction going smoothly

Weather allows for speedy completion of the Charleston Library construction

By Nicole Nicolas  
City Reporter

On site at the Charleston Carnegie Public Library, 712 6th St., construction workers are currently reinforcing the gray steel structure, laying down silver decking for the floors and leveling the ground for the new addition to the library.

The project will expand the library to approximately 28,000 square feet with two floors. It costs about \$7 million and is expected to be complete in January 2008, said Sheryl Snyder, director of the Charleston Public Library.

"I think because of the weather holding up, it's going very well," said Ruth Straith, the director of public services at the library. "A lot of steel is up and it looks like the plumbing has been laid."

Before construction of the new wing could begin, workers had to knock down 8 houses and 8 trees on Fifth and Van Buren streets. They also had to take down the water tower and dig out the legs that held it up.

Last spring, the construction for the new wing of the library began. In the beginning of the summer, they leveled the ground for the new

parking lot of the library.

By the end of the summer, Hancor/Illinois Meter Inc. of Springfield had the pipes laid for an underground storm water detention system. They moved the telephone lines and created a temporary road for the people at the Elks Lodge next door.

Preparing for the building of the library is very tedious, Snyder said. But now that the construction has started they are all very excited.

This fall, the bid for the steel was awarded to the English Brothers Company. The steel structure of the building was erected on Dec. 28. Also in December, the installation of the plumbing was completed, Snyder said.

Beginning Jan. 10, they will start to work on the walls for the elevator shaft and the northwest stairwell.

"We're getting excited now that we're seeing it take shape," Snyder said.

The new and old wings of the library will be brought together with a glass-like atrium.

At the new entrance will be a circulation desk for children and adults, as well as a canopy circle drive to drop off both people and books.

Another new addition is a craft and story area for the children complete with a sink for kids to clean up after crafts, Snyder said.

The additions to the library include: a large meeting room that can fit up to 200 people, two small study rooms, two small conference rooms and a service road for people coming to meetings to unload their materials. The expansion will have more space for the public and people who work at the library with new office areas and more space for books and more computers.

In addition, there will be a genealogy room where all Coles County records are stored so people can research Coles County's history, Snyder said.

"We're so excited just because we're so cramped for space," Snyder said. "You look out and see all this and it looks like a large expansion to us -- well, it is. We can hardly wait to spread out in it. More office space, more public space and expanding our materials will be a big plus for us."

For updates or to view construction pictures, go to [www.charlestonlibrary.org](http://www.charlestonlibrary.org).

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The Associated Press

### US Airways raises bid for Delta

» ATLANTA-- US Airways increased the pressure on Delta Air Lines' unsecured creditors to take its buyout offer by raising the bid Wednesday nearly 20 percent to \$10.3 billion. Whether the deal would survive regulatory scrutiny may be the deciding factor. The Tempe, Ariz.-based company also set a Feb. 1 deadline for certain conditions to be met or its entire bid would be revoked. Daniel Golden, a lawyer for Delta's unsecured creditors committee, did not return several phone calls Wednesday seeking comment. Most of the large creditors on the committee have refused to discuss their position publicly, except Delta's pilots union, which opposes the merger. A Jan. 24 hearing has been scheduled by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation on the state of the airline industry and the potential impact of airline mergers.

### 744,000 homeless in U.S.

» WASHINGTON-- There were 744,000 homeless people in the United States in 2005, according to the first national estimate in a decade. A little more than half were living in shelters, and nearly a quarter were chronically homeless, according to the report Wednesday by the National Alliance to End Homelessness, an advocacy group. A majority of the homeless were single adults, but about 41 percent were in families, the report said. The group compiled data collected by the Department of Housing and Urban Development from service providers throughout the country. It is the first national study on the number of homeless people since 1996. That study came up with a wide range for America's homeless population: between 444,000 and 842,000. Counting people without permanent addresses, especially those living on the street, is an inexact process. "Having this data brings all of us another step closer to understanding the scope and nature of homelessness in America, and establishing this baseline is an extremely challenging task," HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson said.

### IRAQ | TROOP DEPLOYMENT



NANCY YOUSSEF | MCT

U.S. Army Reserve Lt. Col. Jody Creekmore of Huntsville, Alabama, addresses fellow military trainers. Creekmore is responsible for helping train Iraqi soldiers in Muqdadiyah, Iraq.

# 21,500 troops to Iraq

War costs United States more than 3,000 lives, \$400 billion

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON--President Bush on Wednesday acknowledged for the first time he erred by failing to order a military buildup in Iraq last year and said he was increasing U.S. troops by 21,500 to quell the country's near-anarchy.

"Where mistakes have been made, the responsibility rests with me," Bush said.

The military increase puts Bush on a collision course with the new Democratic Congress and pushes the American presence in Iraq toward its highest level.

It also runs counter to widespread anti-war passions among Americans and the advice of some top generals.

In a prime-time address to the nation, Bush pushed back against the Democrats' calls to end the unpopular war.

He said that "to step back now would force a collapse of the Iraqi government, tear that country apart and result in mass killings on an unimaginable scale."

"If we increase our support at this crucial moment and help the Iraqis break the current cycle of violence, we can hasten the day our troops begin coming home," he said.

In addition to extra U.S. forces, the plan envisions Iraq committing 10,000 to 12,000 more troops to secure Baghdad's neighborhoods.

Even before Bush's address, the new Democratic leaders of Congress renewed their opposition to a buildup.

"This is the third time we are going down this path. Two times this has not worked," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said after meeting with the president. "Why are they doing this now? That question remains."

Senate and House Democrats are arranging votes urging the president not to send more troops. While lacking the force of law, the measures would compel Republicans to go on record as either bucking the president or supporting an escalation.

Usually loath to admit error, Bush said it also was a mistake to have allowed American forces to be restricted by the Iraqi government, which tried to prevent U.S. military operations against fighters controlled by the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, a powerful political ally of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The president said al-Maliki had assured him that "political or sectarian interference will not be tolerated."

After nearly four years of bloody combat, the speech was perhaps Bush's last credible chance to try to present a winning strategy in Iraq and persuade Americans to change their minds about the unpopular war, which has cost the lives of more than 3,000 members of the U.S. military as well as more than \$400 billion.

Bush's approach amounts to a huge gamble on al-Maliki's willingness \_ and ability \_ to deliver on promises he has consistently failed to keep: to disband Shiite militias, pursue national reconciliation and make good on commitments for Iraqi forces to handle security operations in Baghdad.

"Our past efforts to secure Baghdad failed for two principal reasons: There were not enough Iraqi and American troops to secure neighborhoods that had been cleared of terrorists and insurgents," the president said. "And there were too many restrictions on the troops we did have."

He said American commanders have reviewed the Iraqi plan "to ensure that it addressed these mistakes."

Bush said that under his plan, U.S. forces will work alongside Iraqi units and be embedded in their formations.

# Soldiers deployed for third tour

Georgia based troops leave for Iraq

The Associated Press

FORT STEWART, Ga.—Twice before, Sgt. Michael Konvicka has picked up a rifle to go to war. Doing it a third time won't be any easier.

"Every time I come back from Iraq, I tell my wife, 'I'm done honey, stick a fork in me,'" said Konvicka, 36, of Flint, Mich. "I'm not really looking forward to it. But I've got 10 years in the Army, and I'm not about to throw that away."

Hours before President Bush was to announce his plan Wednesday to increase U.S. forces in Iraq, soldiers of the Army's 3rd Infantry Division said goodbye to their families as they deployed on their third tour. The 19,000-troop 3rd Infantry, which helped lead the 2003 charge to Baghdad, is the first Army division to be tapped for a third deployment to the war. Barely a year has passed since its soldiers returned from their last yearlong rotation.

"It's another year I have to endure, and it's not easy," said Konvicka's wife, Sharon, resting her head on her husband's shoulder while soldiers piled duffel bags and rucksacks into trucks for shipping to Iraq. Wives wept and wrapped their arms around husbands with rifles slung over their shoulders. Some 400 troops of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment departing Wednesday are among 4,000 soldiers of the division's 1st Brigade Combat Team deploying this month.

"I hope it's the last one," said Staff Sgt. Harold Hensel, 30, of Little Valley, N.Y., hugging his pregnant wife, who is due in May, before leaving for his second combat tour. The 3rd Infantry's three remaining combat brigades are scheduled to deploy later this year, including the 3rd Brigade at Fort Benning, Ga., where Bush planned a visit Thursday. When the 3rd Infantry first deployed to Iraq in 2003, it quickly helped topple Saddam Hussein's regime. During its second tour in 2005, troops saw Iraqis elect their first democratic government.



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Hostility rises towards U.S.

»CAIRO, Egypt-- Saddam Hussein's unruly execution, gunbattles in Iraq and U.S. airstrikes on Somalia are increasing hostility toward America in the Arab world and deepening the Shiite-Sunni divide.

The conflicts in Iraq and Somalia are not directly connected, but this week's U.S. strikes in the Horn of Africa country are feeding a fear among Sunni Muslim Arabs that a growing campaign is challenging their historic dominance of the Middle East.

In Somalia, the assault is seen as coming from mainly Christian Ethiopia, whose troops swept in to topple the hard-line Islamic Sunni group that had seized control of much of the country. In Iraq, the threat comes from Shiites, brought to power by the U.S. invasion and backed by Iran.

The Ethiopian invasion, "backed completely by the United States and Israel, ... has led to the occupation of a nation that is a member of the Arab League for more than 30 years, yet no one in the Arab world has moved," columnist Fahmi Huweidi wrote Wednesday.

Sudan rebuffs calls for troops

» KHARTOUM, Sudan-- Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir on Wednesday rebuffed calls for U.N. peacekeeping troops in war-ravaged Darfur despite personal pleas from New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson.

Richardson wrapped up a four-day private diplomatic mission with a conditional promise from various factions in the conflict for another cease-fire. Al-Bashir has resisted international pressure to allow U.N. forces in Darfur, arguing they would be "colonialist," and he offered fresh criticism of the U.S. treatment of Khartoum.

The Sudan leader complained to the U.S. delegation that American promises to Sudan had gone unrealized while little pressure had been applied to rebel groups.

"Our experience with U.N. operations in the world is not encouraging," al-Bashir told an Associated Press reporter in a brief interview Wednesday at his residence, a rarity for Western media. "There are sufficient forces in the Sudan from African countries to maintain order and they can provide order. All we need is funding for the African troops."

IRAQ | WORLD REACTION



MCT

Minutes after the Iraqi government released video capturing the last minutes of Saddam Hussein's life, residents of the holy Shiite city of Najaf marched in celebration on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006. A man carries a photo of Abdul Aziz al Hakim, the leader of a top Shiite party.

Peacekeepers to stay in Ivory Coast

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS--The Security Council voted unanimously Wednesday to extend the mandate of U.N. and French peacekeepers in Ivory Coast until June 30 and authorized it to help dismantle all militias and help with preparations for elections by Oct. 31.

The U.N. mission has about 8,000 troops and military observers, and 950 international police deployed in the west African nation, which has been split into a government-run south and a rebel-held north since insurgents failed to topple President Laurent Gbagbo in a 2002 coup attempt.

France, the country's former colonial power, has about 2,000 troops.

The Security Council on Dec. 15 extended the mandate of both forces until Wednesday to provide extra time to resolve differences on how long the mandate should be extended in light of the expected elections, and to consider former Secretary-General Kofi Annan's request for three additional battalions for the U.N. force.

The resolution adopted Wednesday does not authorize any U.N. troop increase, but it says the council intends to review the size of the U.N. force and its mandates by June 30 "in the light of the progress achieved in the implementation of the peace process."

The United Nations is overseeing a transition government and many of the U.N. and French troops are deployed in a buffer zone separating both sides.

Presidential and legislative elections had to be

postponed twice due to the failure of both sides to implement peace agreements.

The council adopted a resolution Nov. 1 that extended Ivory Coast's transitional government for a final year and gave new powers to its unelected prime minister, Charles Konan Banny, to implement a peace plan and prepare for elections.

Gbagbo has rejected the road map to peace drawn up by a group of mediators and backed by the U.N. Last month, he presented an alternative peace plan, calling for the buffer zone to be abolished and direct talks with rebels. But the Security Council on Dec. 22 reiterated its "full support" for Banny exercising the wide powers it gave him to prepare for elections, implicitly rejecting Gbagbo's alternative plan.

In Wednesday's resolution, the council expressed "serious concern at the persistence of the crisis and the deterioration of the situation in Ivory Coast, including its grave humanitarian consequences causing large-scale civilian suffering and displacement."

The situation in Ivory Coast "continues to pose a threat to international peace and security in the region," it said. The resolution authorizes the U.N. force to monitor cease-fire agreements and movements of armed groups, to help the government in disarming and demobilizing all combatants, to help Banny formulate and implement a program "for the immediate disarmament and dismantling of militias," and to assist in reforms of Ivory Coast's defense and security forces and in restoring a civilian police presence in the country.

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Father pleads for son's release

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM--The father of a captured Israeli soldier confronted one of his son's captors in a dramatic joint radio appearance Wednesday pleading with the Hamas-linked militants to release his boy and take him instead.

The militant rejected the plea from Noam Shalit, saying the soldier will be freed only when Israel releases large numbers of Palestinian prisoners.

Cpl. Gilad Shalit, 20, was captured in a June 25 raid by militants who tunneled under the Gaza-Israel border and attacked an Israeli army post, killing two soldiers and taking Shalit with them.

Negotiations through Egyptian mediators have failed to win his freedom, with the two sides blaming each other for the breakdown.

Frustrated by the six-month stalemate, the elder Shalit said that if his son's captors sought assurances, he was willing to offer himself up as collateral until a final deal could be secured.

"I, myself, am prepared to be guarantor for this and, if needed, I am prepared to travel to the Gaza Strip, and to stay with Hamas' security forces until all of their demands are answered," said Shalit.

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# Duke loses second straight

ATLANTA – Ra'Sean Dickey scored a season-high 21 points, Javaris Crittenton made two key baskets down the stretch and Georgia Tech held on for a rare win over No. 11 Duke, beating the Blue Devils 74-63 on Wednesday night.

Duke (13-3, 0-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) lost its second straight, failing to bounce back from a shocking home loss to Virginia Tech, and is off to its worst start in the ACC since 1996.

That same season was also the last time Georgia Tech (12-4, 1-2 ACC) had defeated the Blue Devils at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Duke won 21 of 22 over its conference rival, including five straight, before a loss that sent the Georgia Tech student body charging onto the court.

## No. 1 North Carolina 79, Virginia 69

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – Tyler Hansbrough had 18 points and No. 1 North Carolina overcame a slow start to improve to 11-0 at the Dean Smith Center.

## No. 6 Kansas 87, No. 9 Oklahoma State 57

LAWRENCE, Kan. – Brandon Rush scored 18 points and the Jayhawks handed the Cowboys their 32nd straight road loss against top 10 teams.

## No. 7 Pittsburgh 59, DePaul 49

ROSEMONT – Aaron Gray scored 18 points and had seven rebounds to lead the Panthers.

The Panthers handed DePaul (10-7, 1-2) its first loss at home. Draelon Burns led the Blue Devils with 15 points and Wilson Chandler added nine points and eight rebounds.

## University of Illinois-Chicago 73, No. 12 Butler 67

CHICAGO – Josh Mayo scored 19 points and hit a big 3-pointer in overtime to lead the University of Illinois-Chicago to its second-ever win over a ranked team.

## Vanderbilt 82, No. 16 Tennessee 81

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Shan Foster scored on a putback as time expired, and Vanderbilt snapped Tennessee's nine-game winning streak.

## Marquette 73, No. 24 Connecticut 69

STORRS, Conn. – Ousman Barro had 17 points and 13 rebounds and Marquette used a 16-2 second-half run to snap the Huskies' 31-game home winning streak.

Jerel McNeal had 19 points and Dominic James added 17. for the Golden Eagles (14-4, 1-2 Big East).

Sudoku By Michael Mepham

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# Double trouble in Martin

By Marc Correnti  
Staff Reporter

Among some of the dominant post players in the Ohio Valley Conference, Andreika Jackson stands out as one of the best and most underrated.

Even though the Tennessee-Martin senior is listed at 5 feet, 9 inches, it's her strength and stocky build that make her one of the toughest players to guard in the paint.

In Eastern's 70-64 loss at Martin, Jackson dominated Panthers' center Rachel Galligan. Although Galligan has about five inches on her OVC counterpart, Jackson still scored 30 points and grabbed 19 rebounds.

It's a game that Galligan would like to forget.

"I kind of looked at her last year and said, 'She's not that tall, I can handle her,'" Galligan said. "She's one of the hardest players to guard. She's a really good player with a lot of strength."

Jackson won't be the only player the Panthers will have to key on in tonight's game at Martin. The Skyhawks (8-6, 3-3 OVC) also feature Phyllisha Mitchell, who is built similar to Jackson.

The 5-foot-10 sophomore has enjoyed a breakout season, increasing her points per game average from 3.7 to 12.8 and her rebounds from 1.7 to 9.1.

"It just makes our jobs a little tougher," Sallee said. "Her and Andreika are very similar players. It'll be up to us to get to the boards."

During the Panthers (5-11, 2-5) five-game losing streak, they have surrendered 15.2 offensive rebounds per game. The task could become even more daunting with the recent ankle injury to Julie Lipperd.

With post players that are smaller and more physical, Sallee knows the importance of keeping Galligan and his other post players out of foul trouble.

"They're unconventional post players," Sallee said. "They do a lot of pump fakes and get you up in the air. The key with (Jackson and Mitchell) is to not let them get too deep in the paint."

Galligan anticipates the Panthers playing a lot more zone defense to help counter the size difference. Sallee has also hinted at a bigger frontcourt for most of the game.

"Their post players are real quick off their first step," Galligan said. "It's a situation where we have to take advantage of our height and surround them. It'll definitely be a team effort."

In losing seven of their last eight games, the Panthers have struggled to find a consistent third scorer. Last season, Eastern featured Galligan, along with Megan Edwards and Megan Sparks to help balance the offense.

With Sparks graduating and Edwards out for the season with a knee injury, Galligan and Jessica Huffman have shouldered most of the scoring burden.

"One night it could be Meggie (Eck) or (Ashley) Thomas," Galligan said. "It's hard to find consistency, but we haven't lost trust in any of them."

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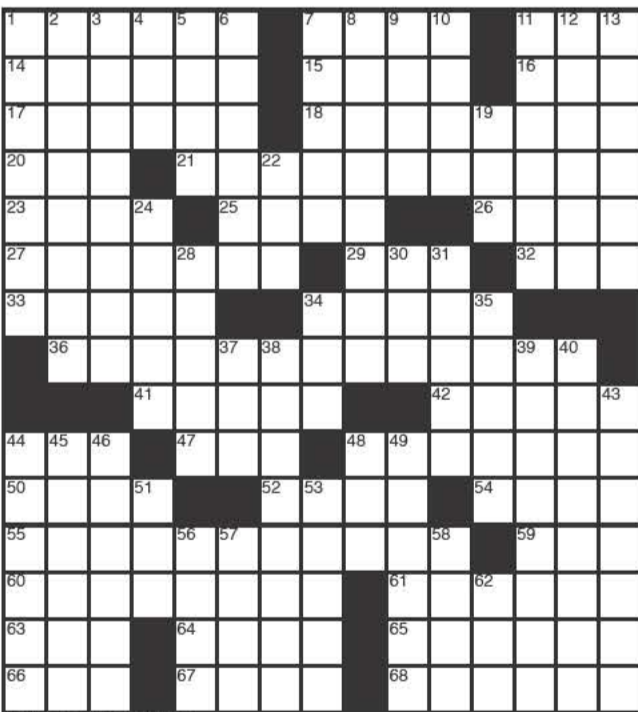
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TOP CAT | KENNY ROBERTSON



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Even the top cat of the wrestling team, Kenny Robertson has a weak spot and it is not his knee but in his heart for his dog "Memphis." Robertson went 3-0 at the Purdue Duals last week after coming off a knee injury five months ago.

# One knee at a time

**Robertson recovers quickly from surgery, back to old form – winning**

By Matt Daniels  
Sports Editor

*Top Cat is the weekly award the Daily Eastern News gives to Eastern's top athlete of the past week. This week it is senior wrestler Kenny Robertson.*

Kenny Robertson wrestled the entire 2005-06 wrestling season with a hurt right knee.

Unknown to him, his head coach and his teammates was how severe it was at the time.

Robertson, who wrestled in the NCAA Championships in St. Louis last March, finishing with a 3-2 record there, found out how severe it was this summer. Robertson went in for an MRI after the season ended and found out he had completely torn his right ACL, along with damage to his meniscus.

He had surgery on July 14, where, Robertson said, doctors took 30 percent of his meniscus, repairing part of it. They then had to take his patella and do a graft on his ACL. Robertson was worried his upcoming senior season might be affected.

He has proved all of his doubts wrong, especially coming off a 3-0 record at last weekend's Purdue Duals.

The Metamora native, who wrestles in the 174-pound weight class, was back on the mat competing in a tournament less than five months after having complete reconstruction surgery.

"I think the knee is sound," Eastern head coach Ralph McCausland said. "It becomes a more psychological, mental thing."

The thought of whether he could re-injure the knee when he competed at the Northern Iowa Open on Dec. 3 was non-existent

to him.

"It was just another wrestling match," Robertson said. "I've been wrestling for 18 years now. When I was wrestling in practice, I was just being real careful until I could let it go in practice. In a match, I didn't think about my knee at all. I just thought about wrestling."

Which has worked out well for Robertson in his career at Eastern. He had a 28-9 overall record last season, despite dealing with the severe knee injury he didn't know about.

The rust and fatigue of someone coming off a torn ACL was not evident in Robertson's performance at Northern Iowa, where he was the No. 1 seeded wrestler in his weight class.

He won his first four matches of the tournament, only to lose to the No. 2 seed Jay Borschel of Iowa in the final.

Junior Greg Perz, who also went 3-0 at the Purdue Duals last weekend, thinks Robertson has evolved his wrestling style since he has been at Eastern.

"He's gotten a lot better on his feet," said Perz, who also competed with Robertson at the NCAA Championships last year. "Before he was pretty much just a mat wrestler. But now he's getting a lot better on his feet, which makes him able to wrestle with anybody. Because on the mat, he can wrestle with anybody."

He followed up his performance at Northern Iowa with a 6-4 loss at Northwestern.

He didn't perform well at the Midlands Tournament on Dec. 29, losing his first two matches and being eliminated from the tournament.

McCausland thinks the way he wrestled at the Midlands "lit a bit of a fire under him."

The "fire" helped Robertson accomplish the quickest win of last weekend's match in a match that his own head coach and Perz did not see.

Robertson pinned Cleveland

## MORE ABOUT KENNY ROBERTSON

- » **Name:** Kenny Robertson
- » **Year:** Senior
- » **Hometown:** Metamora
- » **High school:** Metamora Township
- » **Major:** Career and technical education
- » **In-season habit:** "I'm pretty boring and dorky. I play video games and watch movies and stuff. There's not much more you can do."

State's Nate Kinetz in 15 seconds.

Perz, who wrestled after Robertson, started to warm up, turned around and realized Robertson had pinned his man.

"Stuff like that happens all the time," Perz said. "He put the kid to his back quick and took advantage of it and stuck him."

Robertson said he recognized a move Kinetz did at the start of the match, so he fell into Kinetz's shoulder, pinning him quickly.

A win in early January for a wrestler coming less than six months after reconstructive knee surgery is impressive for any wrestler.

But Robertson has bigger goals to end his collegiate career.

He was one point shy from finishing as an All-American last year, McCausland said, and wants another chance at nationals.

"That's all I've been thinking about," Robertson said. "I've got a pretty good desire for that. I'd lose a lot of sleep if that didn't happen. A lot."

Robertson's desire is something that hasn't been questioned in his wrestling career at Eastern.

However, the uncertainty Robertson, McCausland and Perz had in July was a question for concern.

It's not anymore.

"Any time you have a major surgery like that, any athlete, there's kind of this phantom," McCausland said. "The cloud is starting to dissipate a little bit here. And he's coming back into his own form."

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SWIMMING | NOTEBOOK

# Padavon downplays '06 comparisons

## Panthers have four meets left in season

By Adam Tedder  
Staff Reporter

Comparisons to last year's team can begin to be drawn now that the season is halfway finished for Eastern.

However, head coach Ray Padovan said comparing the two teams is difficult.

"We don't have the same talent," he said. "Almost 50 percent of the team is new this year. We're basically a new team. We had some good seniors last year that are no longer with us. We're probably not as strong or balanced as last year's team. But as far as what we do in the water, that hasn't changed significantly."

Padovan also commented about the difficulty of a roster changing.

"You have people that develop for four years and then they're gone and you have to



Bill Senese

Currently holds the school record for the 50-yard freestyle.

replace them with someone new," he said. "That doesn't always work out, it's hard to replace players like that."

The men's team (2-5) is two wins shy of last year's team record of 4-5.

The women finished 5-4 last year with a second place finish in the Mid-Continent and this year they are 1-6.

Four meets are left in the season, starting with Friday's meet at Millikin. Eastern also competes against Valparaiso, Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis and Saint Louis before the conference tournament in mid-February.

### A rare treat

The Panthers have experienced a rarity

RAY PADOVAN | SWIMMING HEAD COACH

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### A team's progress

Padovan said he feels his team has progressed, but he said that he'll see just how much of a progression they have made in the next few weeks.

"I think I've seen progress from some individuals, but I haven't seen it in others," he said. "This is the time when people start breaking out."

### Injuries and health beat

Padovan said one of his key goals is keeping his team healthy for the remainder of the season.

"We've had a few players sick and a few injured, but everyone is coming back," he said. "The critical thing is that we keep everyone healthy."

## » Transition

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"Most of ours are athletes, especially the freshmen are doing one to two turns," Wallace said. "Our upperclassmen are two to three turns depending on how much time or where they're at in their progression."

The Ohio Valley Conference named Arnold field athlete of the week for her efforts in the shot put and the weight throw.

"Sometimes it's a timing and a comfort level with it because most of our athletes don't have the same," Wallace said. "It generally takes a couple of years to get a good groove with it."

### The weight throw vs. the hammer throw

Seniors Jimmy Schultz and Austin Hogue are the most experienced male throwers.

"This is the first time we've had Austin Hogue for our fall training season," said men's head coach Tom Akers. "I think that's shown in his shot and weight throw at the Early Bird Meet."

Schultz and Hogue have to make the transition of working with the indoor competition of weight throw and outdoor equivalent of hammer throw and javelin.

The weight throw is unique to the indoor season.

"It's the only long throw that has been converted to an indoor track and field event," Wallace said. "It converts them to go the hammer (throw) naturally. It's a lot of specific weight training for the hammer throw."

The hammer throw is the equivalent of the weight throw except the event takes place in the outdoor season.

"For the most part, technically you're executing the same throw," Wallace said.

The men's competition in the weight throw uses a 35-pound weight. In the outdoor season, the men used a 16-pound weight in the hammer throw competition.

Wallace said the throwing events are similar.

"All of them end with some type of rotational movement," Wallace said. "The javelin has a body rotational movement. It's all just not straight lines. You're transferring your center of your mass of weight behind you to over your form and your plant foot. It helps going sometimes from event to event to grasp what it is to throw."

But it's more than the throwers for the indoor season events that vary with the outdoor competition.

### Sprints and hurdle distances vary

The races in the indoor season are usually consistent with the outdoor season. Varying contests are the sprints and the hurdles.

"I think it's harder on the sprint athletes because they're doing a lot quicker stuff," said senior distance runner Dan Strackeljahn. "Once they move outdoor they have to deal with the cold which, whenever you're running fast, tends to affect the muscles more."

The sprinters have the most difficulty in the transitions



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Brandon Jelks practices his long jump during track practice Wednesday afternoon in Lantz Fieldhouse. The long jump event is one of many events that participants for indoor and outdoor track can take part in.

from the indoor to the outdoor season, Strackeljahn said, because the sprinters' muscles are heated.

"You're muscles are able to flex, to fire more whenever they're warmed up or heated," he said. "A lot of the time the outdoor sprinter wears tights or compression shorts to keep their muscles warm."

In the indoor season, some of the sprints are 55- to 60-meters dashes and the outdoor season equivalent is the 100-

### INDOOR TRACK EVENTS

**WEIGHT THROW** - 35-pound weight connected to a handle

**RACES** - 60-meter sprints, 60-meter hurdles

### OUTDOOR TRACK EVENTS

**DISCUS** - 1.61 kilogram disc in a 7-foot ring

**RACES** - 100-meter sprint, 400-meter hurdles, 4 X 100-meter relay

meter dash.

Working on starts and different acceleration phases can make a difference in the two seasons.

"Indoors, if they make a mistake, the race is over going to be over very quickly," Akers said.

Another indoor event is the 60-meter hurdles race, which converts into the 400-meter hurdles race in the outdoor season.

"We run a lot of 400- and 600-meter indoors," Akers said. "A lot of our 400-meter hurdlers are our quarter-milers. (We work with the hurdlers) where clearing the barrier is not a major exertion for them."

### Jumping over the hurdles and water pits

In contrast, an event that does not exist in the indoor season is a 3,000-meter steeplechase.

"We'll take a look at middle-distance, distance runners doing hurdle drills and see how they adapt," Akers said. "For a 400'er or steeplechaser, it's just trying to make sure they hurdle with either leg."

The steeplechase, an outdoor event, has water pits and hurdle-like barriers in a 3,000-meter race.

"There's a lot of jumping and landing, especially in the water pit," Strackeljahn said. "It provides a lot of force on your joints and muscles."

The group of runners who might benefit from the same events as indoor and outdoor events is the distance group.

"We actually do train a lot outdoors so adjusting to the weather is a lot easier (for the outdoor group)," Strackeljahn said.

Besides the races that vary between the indoor and the outdoor season, there are other factors too.

"Everything is confined to four walls," Akers said. "You lose a little bit of that team cohesiveness (in the outdoor season). Once we get outdoors it's not just your event anymore—you've got to battle the elements as well."

The physical materials of both tracks are different as well in both seasons.

"(The indoor track) has a honeycomb texture on the bottom of it which creates a softer feel," Akers said. "The turns indoors put a lot more stress on the lower legs. You tend to run into hip problems and knee problems."

The outdoor track is different, though.

"It's a liquid that's poured down and the granules are thrown into it," Akers said.

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Rebounding has also been a big issue.

Eastern has shot the bell well, 44.6 percent on the season, but they have been one and done on the offensive end.

Talented sophomore forward Rachel

Galligan cannot do everything alone in post and the statistics reflect Sallee's four-guard offense.

In losing five straight games, Eastern has been outscored 84-45 on second chance points.

The rebounding issues reflect the fast-paced style but the turnovers are limiting it.

Eastern is currently ninth in the 11-team

OVC, but a successful, two-win road trip could push the Panthers to fourth.

EKU and Martin are hardly the top teams in the conference and beating them on the road would be the perfect confidence builder for the Panthers. It would also propel them into a long home stand with 7 of the next 9 games in Lantz Arena.

Sallee is right: the Panthers do have enough

talent. Talent won't be a problem for the team with promising young players like Galligan and freshman point guard Jessica Huffman set to anchor the team in the near future.

But time is not on his side this year.

The time to turn the season around and prove that Sallee's offense is the best fit for his players is ticking away.

scoreboard

PANTHER SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Thursday at Tennessee-Martin | 5:30 p.m. Martin, Tenn.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thursday at Tennessee-Martin | 7:30 p.m. Martin, Tenn.

SWIMMING

Friday at Milikin | 5 p.m. Decatur

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday at Eastern Kentucky | Noon, Richmond, Ky.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Saturday at Eastern Kentucky | 3 p.m. Richmond, Ky.

JOE WALTASTI | EXTRA POINT

Long on talent, not on time

Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said his team still has the talent and time left to make a strong run into the Ohio Valley Conference tournament after Saturday's 74-62 loss to Austin Peay.

In this exact moment, Sallee is correct.

But after this weekend, with road games at Tennessee-Martin tonight and Eastern Kentucky on Saturday afternoon, the third-year head coach might not be able to make the same statement, statistically speaking.

Before the season, Sallee instituted a run-and-gun offense that, while giving up many points, was designed to outscore opponents. Judging from their current five-game losing streak, that strategy has not worked and the Panthers are slumping badly.

Sallee's squad has allowed opponents to score an average of 85 points per game while they have only been able to rack up an average of 68 ppg in that five-game span.

Panther defense has given up more points than expected, but the statistics show the offense has struggled mightily and is the cause for Eastern's five-game losing streak.

Rebounding and turnover woes are behind the offensive ineptitude.

Eastern has handed the ball to the opposing team 333 times this season - 46 more than its opponents and almost 21 times per game.

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TRACK AND FIELD | INDOOR AND OUTDOOR DIFFERENCES

Making the transition indoors

Track athletes prepare for outdoor season while inside

By Kevin Murphy Associate Sports Editor

A mild, 70-degree day with no wind; A perfect day for a runner or any track and field athlete.

Those perfect conditions are few and far between and they usually don't come until the end of April, the peak of the outdoor season.

Instead, the athletes are inside training and

will have plenty of time to focus on the outdoor events but now they will have time to focus and specialize on their indoor events.

One of those indoor events is the weight throw.

For the women, it's a 20-pound silver ball attached to a chain.

"The weight throw is the indoor version of the hammer throw," said women's head coach Mary Wallace.

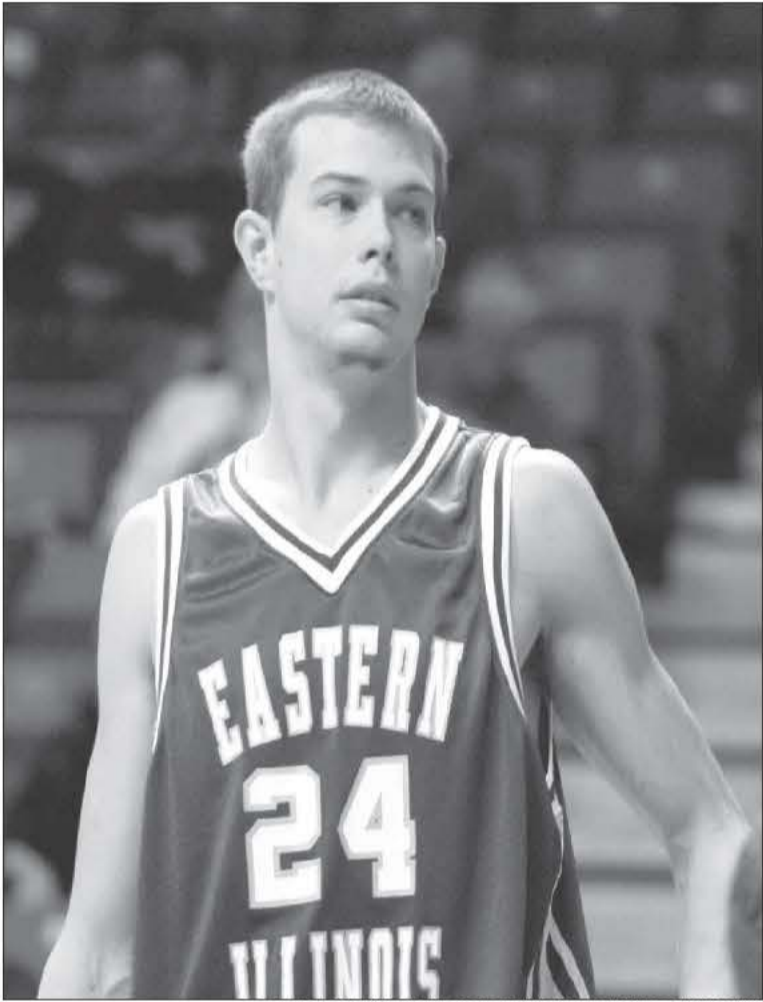
Wallace said there are multiple ways an athlete could properly compete in the weight throw competition.

"An athlete can do anything from one turn to four turns in the ring, depending on his or her ability and experience with the event," Wallace said. "Basically, it's a heel-toe turn, and they put their right foot down and they return to what I basically call zero or their zero position."

Freshman Kandace Arnold has progressed in the weight throw competition. At the Early Bird Meet, Arnold threw 52 feet, 2 inches and placed second.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | RYAN VOSS



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Ryan Voss is the first Panthers athlete to suit up for basketball and football since Dirk Androff played forward and tight end in 1985.

Just give me a ball

Voss becomes first football/basketball player in 21 years

By Matthew Stevens Staff Reporter

What began as a desperate attempt to get practice bodies led to a historic event at Lantz Arena.

By making a free throw in the Dec. 22 game against Western Illinois, Eastern basketball forward and Eastern football wide receiver Ryan Voss officially became the first Panther athlete to catch a touchdown pass on the gridiron and score a point on the hardwood in 21 years.

In 1985, Dirk Androff was a second-team, all-conference selection on the basketball team while averaging 12.1 points per game his senior season after being a starting tight end on the Panther football team.

He was approached about the idea through the football coaches after basketball assistant coach Michael Lewis inquired about getting more players to assist in practice drills.

"Coach Lewis came and they told him that I would be interested," Voss said.

Voss lettered nine times in football, basketball and track at Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda, Fla.

He received interests from smaller college basketball programs while a senior in high school but signed a football scholarship with Eastern.

"I think he figured out that he had more options in football than anything else," said Jerry Voss, Ryan's father and high school football coach.

In order to complete the process, Voss, who

RYAN VOSS			
FOOTBALL STATISTICS			
YEAR	CATCHES	YARDS	TD's
2003	25	278	1
2004	46	784	7
2005	37	610	6
2006	18	253	4

BASKETBALL STATISTICS			
YEAR	MPG	PPG	RPG
2006	1.3	0.3	0.3

had originally planned to graduate in three-and-a-half years, agreed to delay his graduation date to this spring.

"It was kind of shocking to me that he was going to do this after being beat up so bad in football this season," Jerry Voss said.

The senior is now on what he calls the Matt Leinart plan, taking only one class this semester.

"Just as long as it's not ballroom dancing like Leinart," said Eastern defensive coordinators Roc Bellantoni about the former Southern California quarterback's class schedule his final semester.

Bellantoni watched Voss during a high school basketball practice while recruiting him four years ago.

Voss began getting noticed on the bench in street clothes at the Dec. 2 game against Arkansas State.

At that point, assistant coaches were unsure about his status beyond the practice floor.

"Those first couple of weeks I was just trying to get into basketball shape," Voss said. "Football shape is so different without being here for preseason conditioning. It was hard."

Voss finally saw action wearing an unusual number, 24, (his football number for four years was nine) in the final minute of the Panthers 73-57 home loss to Eastern Kentucky Dec. 18.

"He said that he was shocked when they handed him a travel bag the first week and said we leave tomorrow," Jerry Voss said.

His close teammates regularly attend home games in hope of seeing Voss play.

"I'm sure they think it's a big joke that I'm out here and playing but whatever gets more fans is good," Voss said.

Voss played again during the 76-56 blowout of Western Illinois three days before Christmas, but this time scored a point and grabbed his only rebound of the season in this game.

The 6-foot-5 forward subbed in during the first half of Saturday night's game against Austin Peay.

Most of the Panthers had at least two fouls and Voss was called upon to give the forwards a breather for the final two minutes before halftime.

"We were just kind of helping him through the plays but we needed a body out there," Eastern forward Jake Byrne said. "Hopefully he gets more confidence because we could use him in there."

Voss has said the toughest thing is learning the complex triangle offense in such a short amount of time.

"I think you can still see during games I'm unsure of myself but I'm learning and picking it up every day," Voss said.