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CAMPUS | VOLUNTEERS

Break into another world

Students help others at Alternative Spring Break

By **Tearria Ruffin**
Campus Reporter

Instead of basking under the sun in Cancun, Diana Iocco made a friend while volunteering at Project Lazarus in New Orleans, La.

She was a freshman, and she said she wanted to create a positive environment for a middle-aged AIDS victim.

He did not have any family, but for that week he had Iocco's helping hand.

“It really opened my eyes to different situations I would have never known,” Iocco said.

Some Eastern students choose to dedicate their lives to others instead of taking personal recreation for spring break.

Iocco, a junior education major, valued spending time to get to know the HIV and AIDS victims in Project Lazarus.

Iocco said she enjoyed participating in Alternative Spring Break because it gave her a chance to help someone else.

The moments she cherished befriending AIDS victims are something she would never forget. It became devastating, however, when she found out several months later that some of the friends she made had passed away.

“It was like losing a friend that I had known forever,” Iocco said.

Doris Nordin, coordinator of the EIU student volunteer center, said students find out the reality that many Americans face.

These realities might include poverty, people living with disabilities or domestic violence.

“In the process of giving, you get so much in return,” Nordin said.

Alternative Spring Break places groups of college students, faculty and staff in communities across the United States and Canada to perform service projects.

Katie Gillen, graduate student in historical administration, said she became thankful for what she had when she visited L'Arche twice in London, Canada.

“Everyone has a story,” Gillen said. “You shouldn't pass judgment.”

For a week, she lived with people with disabilities. At first, Gillen said that she was nervous, but she left with so much peace.

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CAMPUS | TRANSPORTATION

Gear up for spring cycling

Performance, safety amongst top concerns

By **Sarah Whitney**
Senior Reporter

Students' bicycles might need some repair after spending the winter stashed in an apartment hallway or chained in the backyard.

For manager Keith Cox of Bike and Hike, 959 18th St., spring is one of the store's busiest times.

In order to ensure students' bicycles are in the best working condition, Cox said overall performance is key.

Bikes need to be evaluated for tread condition, rusted cables, gears shifting properly, rubbing breaks and condition of chain, Cox said.

But overall, is the bike performing the way it should, he said.

Students can take their bikes to Bike and Hike to receive a free estimate.

Cox said to get the best performance out of a bicycle, it should be tuned up once a year. At Bike and Hike a tune up costs \$45.

During this, employees will properly adjust the bike's gears, brakes and bearings, check that the nuts and bolts are tight, straighten the wheels if needed, inflate the tires and clean the bike.

The Exchange Club in Charleston – a service organization – recommends that while getting ready to bike, people should wear



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Liz Lloyd adjusts the pedals on her bike. Bike and Hike manager Keith Cox says bikes should be tuned up every year to make sure they are in the best working condition. His store charges \$45 for a tune up.

proper clothes, wear a helmet and make sure their bikes are in good condition.

Deb Hutti, vice president for the Exchange Club, agreed with Cox that students should check their brakes and air pressure.

As for proper clothes, Hutti explained that on longer rides, students wouldn't want to wear a

heavy winter coat because that's more weight on the bike while looser clothing will make riders wind resistant.

“Appropriate bike clothes would be that which would allow you to comfortably ride a bike over many miles,” Hutti said.

Later in April, the Exchange Club will host a one-day biking

tour later to benefit local charities.

“We chose a biking fundraiser because there's a lot of people in the Coles County area who do long-distance biking, but there isn't any activity for them to do that in our own town,” she said.

» SEE **BIKE**, PAGE 5

Play Ball



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Corey Hannig, a freshman social sciences major, plays catch outside of Carman Hall Monday. Despite the sunshine, the day was 47 degrees.

CAMPUS | 'FARM LIFE' EXHIBIT

Dust Bowl exhibit to sweep through library

Eastern professor to demonstrate life during the Depression using audience interaction

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior Activities Reporter

Marie Fero wants one thing to be understood.

She wants students to know that her presentation on life in the Dust Bowl for the Booth Library exhibit "Farm Life: A Century of Change for Farm Families and Their Neighbors," will not be a lecture.

"People don't come to lectures," said Fero, an assistant professor of early childhood, elementary and middle level education. "It's an interactive discussion about migrant children's education during the Dust Bowl, but it has to have audience participation."

Fero's discussion on migrant children's education during the Dust Bowl will take place at 4 p.m. today in Booth Library Room 4440.

Fero plans to use a PowerPoint presentation complete with pictures of migrant children and families during the Dust Bowl.

"When you use a primary source as a part of your presentation, you ask open-ended questions," Fero said. "(The pictures) basically

MARIE FERRO | ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION

"My parents grew up during the Depression, which makes it a particularly interesting time for me... your grandparents may have grown up during it, too"

SURVIVING THE DUST BOWL

» **When:** The drought that caused the Dust Bowl to form lasted from 1931 to fall 1939

» **Where:** Parts of Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas

» **Why:** Severe drought in the midwestern and southern plains states caused most crops to die. This resulted in the topsoil being blown away in dust storms. The lack of rain and blowing topsoil meant growing anything was very difficult

» **Effects:** Extensive soil conservation projects were started, including the Shelterbelt project, which called for the planting of native trees in a 100-mile wide area of the Great Plains to help prevent erosion

» **Migration:** One-quarter of the population from the affected states had moved elsewhere by 1940 - a total of 2.5 million people

- www.pbs.org

brings the audience in and keeps them interested."

The Dust Bowl started in 1934 because of severe drought and winds that circulated topsoil into the air, which destroyed farmers' livestock and crops all across the South and Southwest.

As for Fero, she volunteered to discuss the Dust Bowl.

"Since (the theme) is about farm life, the first thing that came to mind was talking about the Dust

Bowl of the 1930s," she said.

Fero said that students should come see the presentation because the Great Depression was a crucial time in America's history, and the Dust Bowl was one of the reasons why.

"My parents grew up during the Depression, which makes it a particularly interesting time for me. And your grandparents may have grown up during it, too," Fero said. "I just think it connects students with their families."

New city code to go online if adopted

City Council considers Park Hills annexation, recodifying City Code, authorizing loan

Staff Report

Tonight's City Council meeting will include a public hearing to consider the annexation of the Park Hills Subdivision at 919 W. Polk to the city.

The council will also address the adoption of the 2007 City Code.

The code is up for recodification, comparing the code to prior codification from 1991, said City Clerk Deborah Muller.

To codify something means that an ordinance is approved and is then put into readable form, Muller said.

She was hoping for the 2007 code to be adopted at the last meeting, but the council didn't have the required quorum, Muller said.

Once the code is adopted, the city will have a hard copy as well as an online version.

Also on the council's agenda is the authorization of a \$400,000 loan to the Diepholtz Auto Group for the purposes of expansion and new hires was also placed on file.

The company recently purchased the franchise for the Pontiac, Buick and GMC truck lines, in addition to the Chevrolet and Cadillac franchises they already owned.

Pilot program might make getting money easier

External funding grant program to be proposed today

Staff Report

Bob Chesnut, director of the office of grants and research, will present a 3-year pilot program of new internal funding, available in fiscal year 2008, at the Faculty Senate meeting at 2 p.m. today.

The funding would come from a new Proposal Incentive Fund, which Chesnut hopes will stimulate applications for new external grants.

Chesnut said PIF grants differ from Council for Faculty Research grants in several

respects. First, any university employee may apply for a PIF grant.

These grants must be used by the recipient to improve chances of gaining external funding for a project. For example, PIF grants are not restricted to research and creative activity projects.

When a person accepts a PIF grant, an individual is to apply for an external grant within one year of the end of the PIF grant, unless a funding agency's

deadlines dictate a longer time.

Grant proposals will be reviewed by a panel of individuals, all of whom have obtained external funding in the past, Chesnut said. Chesnut will be a voting member of the panel, as office director.

Also at the senate meeting, Rich McDuffie, director of athletics, will address the year's athletic highlights and the future direction for the athletic department.

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Looking beyond the veil

Performance to explore lives of Middle Eastern women, racism and misrepresentation in U.S. media

By Tearria Ruffin
Campus Reporter

Behind their veils is the new face of discrimination.

Misrepresentation in the media has become a weapon of mass destruction to the lives of these women.

Laila Farah said tonight's performance, "Living in a Hyphen-Nation," will unveil the institutional racism in the U.S. government and what it means to be a woman of Middle Eastern descent. The discussion will take place at 7 tonight in the Tarble Arts Center.

"The U.S. continues to ignore these issues and justify them as national security," Farah said. "I find that to be a real problem."

Farah is a Lebanese-American and assistant professor in women's studies at DePaul University. She said that because she is a hyphenated person, she is able to express herself well through her performance.

"I belong in two spaces at the same time," Farah said. "I am exploring what it means to be here and there at the same time."

"Living in a Hyphen-Nation" was produced and has been performed by Farah for more than eight years. Farah said her show is a work in progress because her story is always being updated. The story that Farah shares is not only her own, but that of many other women who face stereotypes, racial profiling and demonization.

"I want people to question what they've been told," Farah said. "I want people to become more responsible for their own actions as (citizens)."

Penka Skachkova, coordinator of the women's studies program, said that this year for Women's History and Awareness Month, the department is focusing on immigrant women and what they have contributed to America.

"They are not dependents," Skachkova said. "They are workers, artist, athletes in many areas."

Since Sept. 11, there has been a lot of legislation passed in the United States that affects the core of Middle Eastern families.

Many women have been separated from their families because of deportation, according to Skachkova.

"These women have to take charge of their families and become bread winners," Skachkova.

Skachkova said that she is very excited to view Farah's performance and hopes that students can learn not only from Farah's story, but all Middle Eastern women in order to make a better America.

"If a women doesn't wear a short skirt and doesn't go drinking and dancing in night clubs, it doesn't mean she has less rights," Skachkova said.

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Partly cloudy



WEDNESDAY

45° | 23°

Partly cloudy



THURSDAY

45° | 34°

Mostly sunny



CAMPUS | CONCERT



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Trumpeter Garrett Schmidt, a junior music major, plays his part in "Friday Night at the Cadillac Club" by Bob Berg at the EIU Jazz Combos in Concert performance at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom on Monday.

Combos gettin' jazzy

EIU Jazz Group gets audience members tapping in Grand Ballroom

By Zach Nugent
Apportionment Board Reporter

Scott Clements is a showman.

The trombone player put on a show Monday night.

Clements' solo was the highlight of the EIU Jazz Combos in Concert, a concert showcasing three jazz groups.

Music filled the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom as about 50 students and community members filled the seats around the stage.

Musicians played a variety of jazz pieces arranged by performers such as Miles Davis, Bob Berg and Hank Mobley in the hour-long concert.

The concert was broken up into three sections. For each section, a new group of six musicians came on stage and performed three pieces.

Each musician had at least one solo.

The greatest audience response came as Clements performed his solo.

When he took the spotlight, he was very animated and the audience took note.

Some audience members tapped their feet and nodded their heads as Clements performed his solo during "Friday Night at the Cadillac Club," a piece composed by Bob Berg.

Clements said he has been playing his instrument for more than 10 years. As a senior music major, he spends several hours a week practicing.

"Small groups meet twice a week, and then jazz ensembles meet another two times a week,"



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Trombonist Scott Clements, a senior music major, plays his part in "Home at Last" by Hank Mobley at the EIU Jazz Combos in Concert performance at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom on Monday.

SCOTT CLEMENTS | TROMBONE PERFORMER

"Small groups meet twice a week, and then jazz ensembles meet another two times a week. It takes a lot of time and dedication (to participate)."

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Clements attributes his passion for jazz to his high school jazz instructor.

"Thanks to public schools, I was able participate in a jazz program in high school," he said.

Eastern's music department's Jazz Combo program will be hosting three more jazz concerts this year.

The next concert, EIU Jazz Lab Band, will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 29 in the Grand Ballroom.

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campusbriefs

Women celebrate Greek-style

» The Panhellenic Council is celebrating Pride Week to acknowledge excellence of sorority women.

Chapter presidents will meet with those from the National Interfraternity Conference and National Panhellenic Conference to vote for top honors at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. The awards will be presented at the Greek Week Awards Banquet April 26.

Gamma Chi recruitment counselors will be available to answer any questions students might have about Greek Life on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the University Food Court.

-Stacy Smith, Greek Life Reporter

Run for Glory taking registration

» The first Run for Glory will be held March 24.

The Run for Glory is in honor of Glorivette Alegria, an Eastern student who died March 17 of last year.

Registration is \$14 before Saturday and \$15 after. The race will begin in front of the Alpha Gamma Delta house on Ninth Street.

All proceeds from Run for Glory will go toward the Glorivette Alegria Scholarship Fund. Registration forms are available online at www.pen.eiu.edu/~adtaylor/RUN4GLORY.html

They can also be picked up at the Greek Life Office in the union.

Health Fair to invade SRC in Lantz Arena

» Health Education Resource Center will host the Ninth Annual Health Fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday in the Student Recreation Center.

More than 65 organizations will be present and contribute to health awareness.

For more information, e-mail HERC at herc@eiu.edu.

"New Beginnings" submissions still needed

» Students with suggestions for the Great Beginnings Window Project should submit them as soon as possible to Ann Brownson.

Brownson is the chair of the committee overseeing the project.

Outgoing Eastern President Lou Hencken proposed the idea early in the fall semester as a way of giving the new president an appropriate welcome.

Submissions should be great first lines in history such as first lines of a book, play, speech, lyric or other documents.

To submit the suggestion, e-mail Brownson at aebrownson@eiu.edu. The deadline is March 15.

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VIEWS

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COLUMNIST | MICHAEL KLEEN

Open borders bring problems

National borders define the territorial limits of sovereign nations, and those nations have the right to secure and control their borders. Every nation, state, tribe and kingdom since the dawn of time has demarcated territory and boundaries and reserved the right to defend them from other tribes or nations.

Yet, some in the United States feel that right no longer exists, and that protecting our territorial integrity is fundamentally unconscionable. These same people chastised both Yugoslavia and Macedonia for justly resisting secessionist claims by ethnic Albanians who sought to carve out their own autonomous zones and attach them to their Albanian motherland throughout the late 1990s. Similar forms of irredentism and separatism have been two of the primary challenges to national sovereignty in the past few decades.

Although dozens of comparable examples can be found all around the world, the Balkan mess is a good forewarning for what is increasingly likely to happen in the southwestern United States, where millions of Mexican immigrants have colonized large areas they consider to be theirs by right, even though they lost those lands during the 1840s.

Many in the United States have turned a blind eye to this situation, even when the border town of El Cenizo, Texas, declared Spanish its official language in 1999, or when Mario Obledo, president of the League of United Latin American Citizens, claimed, "California is going to be a Mexican state... if people don't like it, they should leave."

And what reason should this new immigrant population – much larger than any in the past history of immigration to the US, located adjacent to their country of origin and with historic grievances against the United States – have for assimilation or even consideration of United States sovereignty when these actions and words go uncontested?

In that context, a blanket amnesty for the millions of illegal Mexican immigrants in the US would only encourage this behavior in those, like Mr. Obledo, who would use it to further their divisive political agenda.

One of the first signs of a failed state is its inability to control its borders, and with many American intellectuals openly sympathetic to the irredentism of contemporary Mexican immigration, and with most of our military and National Guard overseas, our border is like a rope of sand.

We are without question failing in our duty to protect our sovereignty, which includes the absolute right to say who can come across our border and for how long. Setting a firm and resolute immigration policy to prevent the disintegration of large areas of our territory is not 'nativist' and it is not racist. It is our right as a country to exert supreme political and lawful authority over the territory under our control.



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improvement, the online-only registration system has the potential to cause some serious headaches for students and advisers alike.

Students and faculty experienced a lot of problems when the university installed the new Panthermail system; people lost a lot of important emails and contacts during that time.

It is almost an entire semester later and bugs are still being worked out with our university e-mail system.

While Tammy Zuber, assistant director of academic records and registration, commented that she felt student reaction to the mock registration sessions with the online system were positive, this does not mean the new system will be flawless.

One can only imagine what types of difficulties students will encounter when registering for next semester.

Inadvertently dropped classes and a catalog of forgotten pin numbers are likely to be at the top of the list of problems.

Instead of plunging full force into a new registration process, we feel Eastern would fare better with a trial period.

During the first semester of use, students should have the option of viewing and choosing their classes as they have been for the past few years instead of forcing the online-only system exclusively.

The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board. Reach the Opinions editor at DENopinions@gmail.com.

Another concern is the amount of time the new registration system will be available during the day.

One problem with the current PAWS system is that it is only available during certain hours of the week and is never open during late night hours.

If we are going to keep pushing toward more online usage, the university must understand that the Internet is a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week medium.

The new registration system should recognize this and be available for students to view and allow them to make changes at anytime of the day or night.

We also wonder how much money in student funds is being used to install the software and train our advisors.

If the new system is being forced upon us at great expense, we question its practicality.

Were there enough problems with our current registration system to justify the time, effort and money that have gone into operating this new one?

While there is always room for

DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | DON WRIGHT



OTHER VIEWS | DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

We are a liberal arts university of roughly 2,400 students in the middle of Indiana. Sometimes, it's easy for us to think of ourselves as small and unimportant. Then something like the Delta Zeta sorority controversy explodes...

...In a week or so, the media will leave. We won't hear Barbara Walters mentioning DZ on "The View" while we're eating breakfast. We will no longer see familiar faces and DePauw landmarks on the nightly news. And we won't have the nation looking at us through a magnifying glass.

Instead, the women on all sides of this issue will return to healing their now-deeper emotional wounds. But, hey, at least no one will confuse us with DePaul anymore.

FEATURED BLOGGER | ADAM TEDDER

"The war is over. Marvel Comics wrapped up their 7-part special series event 'Civil War.' It was an original, compelling story idea that dealt with many political issues inside the Marvel universe that reflected many American political issues."



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» **Bike**

FROM PAGE 1

Laws

Contrary to popular belief, bikers do not always have the right-of-way. Cyclists must follow traffic signs the same as motorists said University Police Officer Art Mitchell.

"Bicycles don't have the right-of-way over vehicles and conversely the bicycle has to follow the rules of the road also," he said.

He noted that pedestrians also do not always have the right-of-way.

On campus, though, it's up to the students to use common sense and common courtesy, Mitchell said.

The campus doesn't have set bike paths, and construction causes more cyclists to cut across campus. Mitchell said this is not a problem as long as cyclists are considerate of people walking.

But this goes for walkers, too, he said.

People walking on the sidewalk don't need to have five people walking abreast and blocking the sidewalk, he said.

By the numbers

The number of bicycles on campus has dropped since Mitchell has been at Eastern, he said.

Mitchell has patrolled the

BIKE IN THE KNOW

- » There are 5.97 million active American cyclists.
 - » Thirty percent live in California, New York, and Illinois.
 - » California accounts for 14.5 percent of the nation's riders and 18 percent of all its mountain bike riders.
- *Bicycle Retailer and Industry News*, April 15, 1995 issue

campus for nearly 17 years and before that he attended Eastern as an undergraduate in the early 1960s. He said he could tell the number has dropped just by looking at the bike racks.

"I think there's a lot less bikes," he said. "It's a sign that we're an affluent society."

More people are getting cars as soon as they turn 16, he explained.

Even in the early '90s, more students were apt to ride bikes compared to cars. Eric Davidson, who attended Eastern in the early '90s, remembered that freshmen and sophomores weren't allowed to bring their cars to campus.

"When I came to campus, I was asking for a bicycle, not a car," he said.

Today, Davidson is the director of the Health Education Resource Center and said his perception is that there are more freshman and sophomores who own cars.

Theft

Mitchell also said the number of bikes reported stolen on campus has also decreased.

"It used to be almost a daily occurrence years ago," he said.

He said this could be because students are buying cheaper bikes from Wal-Mart.

"There used to be a lot of expensive bikes, those were the ones that got stolen," he explained.

The thief would then dismantle the bike and sell the parts, he said.

Now it's more common for a bike to be borrowed. Mitchell explained that some people are too drunk to walk, so they take a bike from a rack.

This is what one student told him five years ago when he was caught with someone else's bike, Mitchell said.

Most of the time, students come in to report their bike is stolen and then it will turn up on the opposite side of campus where possibly another student just used it to ride across campus, Mitchell said.

"If someone takes off on a bike and ditches it - if they don't intend to permanently deprive someone - it's hard to call that theft," he said.

Instead, if caught, the person would be charged with criminal trespass, he said.

» **Break**

FROM PAGE 1

From the lives that she viewed, she said she learned the meaning of life.

"People didn't choose to have these disabilities," Gillen said. "They are still living life to the fullest."

This year, Gillen plans to work for Catholic Worker in New York and help impoverished people. Gillen said Alternative Spring Break is an opportunity that might not be available after college.

"It's a great opportunity," said Gillen. "You may not be able to get away in the real world and do something like this."

Alternative Spring Break costs \$150. That includes the cost of transportation, site fees, housing, meals, and a t-shirt. Newman Catholic Center subsidizes the cost.

Students can call Nordin at 348-0188 for more information.

Past spring break trips have included:

- St. Francis Inn - Philadelphia
- Habitat for Humanity - Omaha, Neb.
- Habitat for Humanity - Blount County, Tenn.
- Nazareth Farm - Salem, W.Va.
- Big Oak Girl's Ranch - Springville, Ala.

DUIs not taken seriously

Police, lawyers say it will not be tolerated

By **Stephanie Kohl**

Northern Star (Northern Illinois U.)

(U-WIRE) DEKALB — Just because a person isn't falling-down drunk doesn't mean that they are OK to drive, said Don Henderson Jr., director and attorney at law for Students' Legal Assistance office at Northern Illinois University.

The average DUI offender in Illinois in 2004 was a 34-year-old male, pulled over between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. on a weekend, with a blood alcohol content of .16, according to the Illinois Secretary of State's office. Sixty-one percent of those arrested for DUI are younger than 35.

To avoid a DUI, the easiest thing to do is not drink and drive, said DeKalb (Ill.) Police Sergeant Jon Costliow.

"The laws are getting stricter, and we are trying to send the message that it will not be tolerated," Costliow said.

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Cheney has blood clot in leg; can be fatal if left untreated

» WASHINGTON — Doctors discovered a blood clot in Vice President Dick Cheney's left leg Monday, a condition that could be fatal if left untreated.

The 66-year-old Cheney, who has a history of heart problems, will be treated with blood-thinning medication for several months, said spokeswoman Lea Anne McBride.

She said Cheney visited his doctor's office in Washington after feeling minor discomfort in his calf. An ultrasound showed the blood clot—called a deep venous thrombosis—in his left lower leg. “When you're just sitting there with your legs hanging down for long periods of time, that's what predisposes you to the problem,” said Sean O'Donnell.

Michigan Man confesses to killing, dismembering wife

» MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — A man captured after a night on the run confessed to killing his wife in the couple's home while their children were there and later dismembering her, authorities said Monday.

Stephen Grant, 37, was arrested over the weekend after he spent 10 hours hiding in a park at the tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Prosecutor Eric Smith said investigators do not believe that the couple's two children — a 6-year-old girl and a 4-year-old boy — witnessed the slaying.

Missouri serial killings suspect linked by DNA to seven deaths

» KANSAS CITY, Mo. — DNA evidence links a former trash company supervisor to a series of murdered women, a prosecutor said Monday as the man's trial began.

Lorenzo Gilyard, 56, charged with strangling seven women, had sex with them just before they died, prosecutor Jim Kanatkar said.

Gilyard is suspected of killing 13 women and girls, most of them prostitutes, between 1977 and 1993. The trial covers seven of those killings.



CHUCK KENNEDY | MCT

Annette McLeod (center), wife of a wounded U.S. Army soldier, wipes away a tear next to wounded U.S. Army Sergeant John Daniel Shannon (left) and wounded U.S. Army Specialist Jeremy Duncan (right) while testifying before a U.S. House subcommittee entitled “Is This Any Way To Treat Our Troops? The Care and Conditions of Wounded Soldiers at Walter Reed” at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington on Monday.

Army leaders admit fault

Walter Reed commanders say they were unaware of hospital problems

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Flayed by lawmakers' criticism, Army leaders said Monday they accept responsibility for substandard conditions at the service's flagship Walter Reed Army Medical Center but also said they hadn't known about most of the problems.

Democrats and Republicans alike suggested the failings go far beyond the one hospital for wounded soldiers in Washington, and they demanded action. Military leaders — and Vice President Dick Cheney — promised they'd get it.

“We can't fail one of these soldiers or their families, not one. And we did,” said Maj. Gen. George W. Weightman, who was in charge of Walter Reed from August 2006 until he was fired last week. He added, “We did not fully recognize the frustrating bureaucratic and administrative processes some of these soldiers go

through. We should have, and in this I failed.”

Weightman's comments were echoed by other top Army officials at an emotional House hearing held at the hospital itself as Congress began digging into the controversy.

In a session that mixed contrition and clashes, lawmakers said dilapidated housing and excessive red tape were problems beyond Walter Reed, underscoring how recent revelations about the hospital have become a metaphor for broader concerns about the government's treatment of soldiers returning from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“I'm afraid this is just the tip of the iceberg, that when we got out into the field we may find more of this,” said Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., a member of the House Oversight and Government Reform subcommittee that held the session.

“My question is, where have you been?” Rep. John Tierney, D-Mass., chairman of the panel, asked Army Undersecretary Peter Geren, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker and Vice Chief Gen. Richard Cody.

In one exchange, Schoomaker

told Tierney, “I've got a daughter and a son-in-law that are on the way to combat. This is not something about people who don't care. And I am not going to sit here and have anybody tell me that we don't care about—”

“Nobody said anything about people not caring, so we'll put that red herring aside and, if I can, calm you down and get you back to the issue here,” Tierney answered.

Addressing war veterans on Monday, Cheney promised that the problems at Walter Reed would be fixed.

“There will be no excuses — only action,” Cheney told a gathering of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. “And the federal bureaucracy will not slow that action down.”

Separately, as the Bush administration tried to contain political damage from the controversy, Veterans Affairs Secretary James Nicholson said his office would hire 100 new patient advocates, speed benefit claims and improve medical screenings for veterans at its facilities.

“Our goal is to do things that serve the veterans in the manner that they deserve the best way that we can,” Nicholson said in an interview on NPR's “All Things Considered.”

White House board OKs surveillance

Rules the programs do not violate liberties

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A White House privacy board is giving its stamp of approval to two of the Bush administration's controversial surveillance programs — electronic eavesdropping and financial tracking — and says they do not violate citizens' civil liberties.

Democrats newly in charge of Congress quickly criticized the findings, which they said were questionable given some of the board members' close ties with the Bush administration.

“Their current findings and any additional conclusions they reach will be taken with a grain of salt until they become fully independent,” said Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., who chairs the House Homeland Security Committee.

After operating mostly in secret for a year, the five-member Privacy and Civil Liberties Board is preparing to release its first report to Congress next week.

The report finds that both the National Security Agency's warrantless eavesdropping program and the Treasury Department's monitoring of international banking transactions have sufficient privacy protections, three board members told The Associated Press in telephone interviews.

Both programs have multiple layers of review before sensitive information is accessed, they said.

“We looked at the program, we visited NSA and met with the top people all the way down to those doing the hands-on work,” said Carol Dinkins, a Houston lawyer and former Reagan administration assistant attorney general who chairs the board.

“The program is structured and implemented in a way that is properly protective and attentive to civil liberties,” she said.

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British police investigate bullet trail

The Associated Press

MEKELE, Ethiopia — British investigators looking into the disappearance of a group of Britons affiliated with their country's embassy examined two abandoned, bullet-riddled embassy cars in a remote Ethiopian village Monday.

An AP Television News cameraman saw the two vehicles in Hamedali, the last staging post before the region's famous salt lakes. Bullet holes lined the doors of the vehicles, which still had luggage, shoes and cell phones inside. No blood was visible. British investigators at the scene refused to comment.

In London, the Foreign Office confirmed the cars were part of the missing Britons' convoy.

The tour group, which included 13 Ethiopian drivers and translators, disappeared Thursday while traveling in Ethiopia's Afar region, a barren expanse of salt mines and volcanoes 500 miles northeast of the capital, Addis Ababa.

The Britons are employees of the British Embassy in Addis Ababa or their relatives.

There was no word on who was behind the kidnapping.

"If, as has been speculated, the group is being held against their will, it may be they have been victims of mistaken identity," Bob Dewar, the British ambassador to Ethiopia, said in the Ethiopian capital Monday.

Teams in London and Ethiopia were doing everything possible to get the facts, he added.

Two residents of Mekele, which at 60 miles from Hamedali is the nearest large town, said members of Britain's elite special operations forces were there. The residents spoke on condition anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, but were familiar with military matters. British media, citing unidentified defense officials in London, reported that planning was under way for a possible military rescue.

Britain's The Guardian newspaper, citing unidentified defense sources, reported that two British special forces soldiers, described as being in a "liaison" role, were in the area.

WORLD | RIOT

Squatters loose battle

Crews tear down disputed Copenhagen youth center after days of violence

The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Masked demolition workers tore down the graffiti-sprayed building Monday that served as the makeshift cultural center for Denmark's anarchists and disaffected youth, ignoring sobs and screamed obscenities from a surrounding crowd of young people.

Four days of street riots followed the owner's decision Thursday to evict squatters from the building — officially abandoned but used by anarchists, punk rockers and left-wing groups since 1982.

The violent demonstrations were Denmark's worst in a decade and drew like-minded young people from across northern Europe, ending with more than 650 arrests and 25 injured.

Birgitte, who like many of the young people who flocked to the building over the years offered only a first name, said the center's destruction was breaking her heart.

"I cannot stand it," said the 21-year-old, wearing a black hooded sweat shirt over her dreadlocks.

Built in 1897, it was a community theater for the labor movement and a culture and conference center.

Vladimir Lenin was among its visitors.

In recent years, it has hosted concerts with performers like Australian Nick Cave and Icelandic singer Bjork.

Courts ordered the squatters out by Dec. 14 after the city sold the building to a Christian congregation six years ago.

The protesters saw their fight to keep the "Youth House" as symbolic of a wider struggle against a capitalist establishment.

They hurled cobblestones at riot police, set fire to cars and trash bins, and caused havoc on the usually calm Copenhagen

RUTH EVENSON | LEADER OF THE CONGREGATION

"It would cost us a fortune to have it fixed."

streets.

On Monday, as dust from the demolition filled the air, a surrounding crowd yelled obscenities at police who had cordoned off the building.

Others hugged and cried as workers cleared debris under police control.

Apparently fearing further violence, Danish police borrowed 16 lightly armored vehicles from the Netherlands in addition to an earlier loan of 20 police vans from Sweden.

On Monday evening, riot police stopped people from approaching the demolition site.

Nine people were arrested in the area for trespassing or refusing to obey police orders. However, no violence was reported.

Ruth Evensen, leader of the small congregation that bought the building, said the four-story structure had to be torn down because it was "a total wreck" and a fire hazard.

"It would cost us a fortune to

have it fixed," she said, declining to reveal the congregation's plans for the site.

Left-wing lawmakers and a construction workers union tried to halt the demolition, citing health hazards caused by dust containing carcinogenic asbestos. But, a demolition company representative denied there was any danger.

Work safety officials, however, approved the demolition.

Police said they had arrested more than 140 foreigners since Thursday, including from Sweden, Norway, Germany and the United States.

Of the 650 arrested 190 were remanded in custody, and 26 were released.

Others were still awaiting court hearings, officials said.

The riots were Denmark's worst since May 1993, when police fired into a crowd of rioters protesting the outcome of a European Union referendum. Ten protesters were wounded.

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The Associated Press

Russian reporter dies in fall from window; foul play suspected

» MOSCOW — A military correspondent for Russia's top business daily died after falling from a fifth-story window, and some media speculated Monday that he might have been killed for his critical reporting.

Neighbors found Ivan Safronov's body shortly afterward.

Safronov frequently angered authorities with his critical reporting.

Toddler found strangled inside Brazil Church

» SAO PAULO, Brazil — The body of a strangled toddler was found inside the baptismal basin of an evangelical church in southern Brazil, officials said Monday.

Eighteen-month-old Gabrielli Cristina Eichholz was found dead Saturday during services at a Seventh-day Adventist Church in the city of Joinville.

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But the true March Madness is in other places, too.

The NCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championships are on Friday and Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark.

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And although Eastern may send no one to the national championships, it did put forth the effort.

Seniors Kyle Ellis and Obe Eruteya put themselves on the NCAA provisional qualifying list with performances earlier this season.

The distance medley relay team consisting of senior Dan Strackeljahn, juniors Brenton Pegues and Chris Wesson, and sophomore David Holm ran a provisional qualifying mark at Notre Dame this past Friday.

Although these provisional marks for Eastern are astonishing, they are not enough for the championships.

Eastern wrestlers may be crowned in March.

The NCAA Wrestling Championships are March 15-17 at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Eastern, for the second year in a row, will send two Panthers.

Senior Kenny Robertson will compete at his final NCAA Championships.

Junior Greg Perz will compete at his second.

What else makes March Madness?

Hockey.

No, hockey isn't exactly America's sport. But tell that to the NHL.

Anyway, the Women's 'Frozen Four' will be played at one of the greatest hockey sites in the history of United States hockey. Lake Placid, N.Y., is where the United States defeated the Soviet Union in the 1980 Winter Olympic sports.

On March 18, Lake Placid will feature the best of women's college hockey.

Women's college hockey not your choice of sports?

Check out future NHL stars in the men's tournament, which concludes April 7 at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis.

That madness is enjoyable.

No endless filling out of different brackets. Who wants to figure out the ratings percentage index, the strength of schedule, wins vs. the

top 50, good wins, bad losses, wins on the road and home losses in choosing teams for the national championship?

It's too much insanity. College students have more things to worry about than a bracket (or thousands of them). Unless of course Eastern made the tournament. But it didn't.

March Madness is more than the basketball tournament to me. The bubble teams, BracketBusters and the countless number of pools on Facebook create so much havoc around the state of March Madness.

Who said it's all about basketball? No one.

College basketball is exciting, but stick with the other so-called 'Olympic' sports during the month of March.

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Solution to Monday's puzzle

9	8	2	7	3	4	5	1	6
6	5	4	1	2	8	3	7	9
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8	4	5	6	7	3	9	2	1
2	9	3	4	1	5	8	6	7
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 - 11 "All That Jazz" director Bob
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 - 14 Apartment sign
 - 15 Crayola choice
 - 16 Sound of roller
 - 17 Supply weapons in a committee head?
 - 18 Crg. for Bats and Bucks
 - 20 Check payee, maybe
 - 21 Dinner product
 - 23 Conger catches
 - 26 Western resort lake
 - 27 Playboy publisher, to initials
 - 30 Whippy
 - 31 Purchase for a beer glass
 - 32 Camille's tea party visitor
 - 34 Take to the sky
 - 38 Scored 100% on
 - 39 Sophisticated
 - 41 Be delayed
 - 43 Bump into in "Oh! Susan"
 - 44 Mag's origin, with "The"
 - 46 Heroic Schindler
 - 47 Mary's sitcom rating
 - 48 Isn't miscant?
 - 61 Colorado tree
 - 62 Bengay user
 - 64 The "magic word"
 - 68 Calls to help less
 - 69 California wine valley
 - 82 20% dispenser
 - 85 Decade to Eve?
 - 88 "Don't ___ foot"
 - 87 Fruit carved in balls
 - 89 Toothbrush brand
 - 90 Author Reed
 - 78 Hugo hatters
 - 71 Big name in little ducks
- DOWN**
- 1 Wild guess
 - 2 Sported
 - 3 ___ master
 - 4 Downing Street distance
 - 5 Nuptials words
 - 6 Media switching agency
 - 7 "___ in la"
 - 8 Blind parts
 - 9 Evening, to Yves
 - 10 Painting after a painting
 - 11 Critique a bakery dessert?
 - 12 Just eat done
 - 13 Don't hag
 - 18 ___ Stanley Gardner of mysteries
 - 22 Collect Pabst
 - 24 Expected grade in a gut course
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 - 28 North Carolina university
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- 31 Gamed ___ (vine designation)
- 33 Minute-minded
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- 37 Soles under
- 38 Skin: Brits
- 40 Piece of dark meat
- 42 Just O.K.
- 46 Eric Clapton mule
- 48 Beam splitters
- 49 Theed father Thomas
- 52 Jonathan part
- 53 Food-lover
- 54 Song of David
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» Europe

FROM PAGE 12

Samuels, who recruited both Domercant and Gomes, said the most rewarding thing is talking with former players who've moved on after graduation.

"It is always enjoyable to hear from former players," Samuels said. "(It's) particularly interesting to hear from those who are playing overseas."

Even after being let go in 2005 as Eastern's head coach, Samuels still keeps in contact with both players via e-mail and phone but hasn't seen them in person since leaving the program.

"I hope that e-mails from home help them through the trials of being away from family and friends," Samuels said. "I encourage them to stay positive. Playing overseas can be a very tough experience on American players and being away from home sometimes makes it very hard to cope."

Domercant signed with Pynar Karsyaka, a professional team out of Turkey, and averaged 21.6 points per game in his first season.

"Everything takes an adjustment," Domercant said in a Nov. 7 interview with Euroleague. net "I have been fortunate so far to be in good situations and have good relations with some great coaches.

Thankfully, with all that, I've been able to have success."

Domercant then moved to a higher profile team in Turkey called Efes Pilsen where he played with former Duke guard Trajan Langdon and won the Turkish Championship in 2004-2005.

Eventually, Domercant's agent was able to get him an offer to play for the premier team in Greece, which he says is generally a better country to play professionally in a financial sense, called Olympiacos.

"Efes was a great team and a good situation," Domercant said. "I knew that Olympiacos had another great coach in Europe trying to build a great team with the Final Four coming to Athens and the club trying to do something special here."

Domercant is more of a role player this season, only scoring 10.5 points per game, but is determined to do anything to be a part of a European Championship squad.

"I will constantly be doing what the team needs from me," Domercant said in the press conference after being signed with his new team. "Whatever my coach tells me to. If I am to score, then that's what I'll do. If I am to play defense or win the rebounds, then so be it."

The surprising thing is Domercant is no longer a U.S. citizen after being granted citizenship in Bosnia a day before the 2006 World

JOSH GOMES

- » **Position:** Guard
- » **Height:** 6-2
- » **Weight:** 185
- » **Year graduated:** 2006
- » **Plays at:** AZS Koszalin
- » **Key stats:** Finished with 1,350 points
- Career high of 40 points against Tenn-Martin in 2004.
- Had 174 assists in his career
- Finished with 281 rebounds

Championships.

This allowed Domercant to suit up and start for the Bosnian national team that went winless in its group that included champion Greece and Germany, led by Dirk Nowitzki.

While Domercant was bouncing around from team to team in Europe, Gomes was trying to fill his shoes on Eastern's campus.

Gomes ended his Panthers' career with 1,350 points, but never could get past the first round of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Once his Eastern career ended, Gomes suffered an ankle injury that set back his ability to perform in front of scouts but was able to land with his Polish team.

"All that hard work you put in from the time you first picked up the ball makes it that much more

HENRY DOMERCANT

- » **Position:** Guard
- » **Height:** 6-4
- » **Weight:** 200
- » **Year graduated:** 2003
- » **Played with:** Pynar Karsyaka, Turkey
- Efes Pilsen, Turkey. Won Turkish Championship in 2004-2005
- Bosnian national team for 2006 World Championships
- » **Current team:** Olympiacos, Greece
- » **Information:** Holds 15 Eastern Single Season and Career Season Scoring Records
- Eastern's No. 1, No. 2, and No. 5 Single Season scorer
- Scored 2,602 points in his career.
- No. 1 Ohio Valley Conference All-Time Scorer
- No. 26 All-Time NCAA Division I scorer
- No. 4 All-Time Illinois Collegiate scorer
- 2002 OVC Player of the Year

satisfying when your out there playing games," Gomes said.

His Polish team has asked him to play both the point and shooting guards at the same time, which is something he never was worried about throughout high school and college.

"It just matters how the game is going on so sometimes my minutes

can vary, from 14 to 30," Gomes said. "It's just a whole new way of looking at basketball."

Gomes has begun to learn the Polish language in order to live more comfortably.

"You have to learn the language," Gomes said. "You don't want your teammates talking about you without you having a clue."

He has formed a bond with a teammate, former Michigan forward Chris Hunter.

Hunter was a local Indiana product that Gomes had played against previously to arriving in Poland.

"I was the first American who arrived (to my team) and the next day Chris showed up. Ever since then we have been inseparable," Gomes said. "Chris Hunter came out of Gary Indiana in 2002. The same year that I graduated high school. He was an Indiana All-Star player, and we played against each other for years throughout AAU."

For both Gomes and Domercant, obviously the ultimate goal is a contract in the NBA, but it's not something they think about every day.

"I think in this profession that's where individuals and teams go wrong," Gomes said. "They start thinking about their contracts for next year and lose focus on the main goal right in front of them, which is to win."

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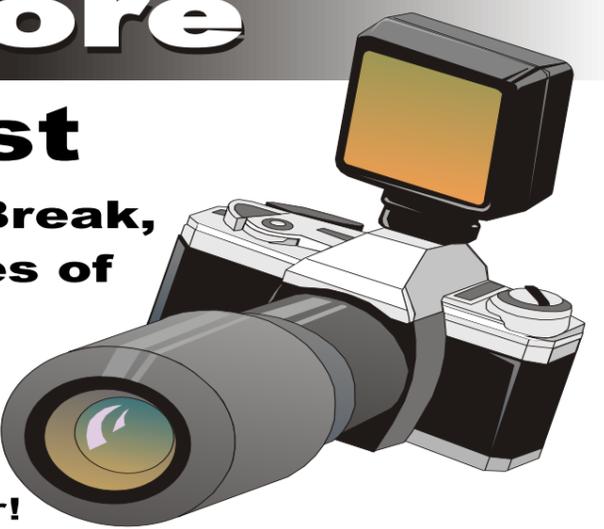
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TENNIS | NOTEBOOK

Thomas makes return to court

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

Junior Chris Thomas came back to singles play this weekend after a previous injury.

Thomas was out the first four weeks of the season with a separated ligament in a finger on his left hand, said head coach John Blackburn.

Thomas won the first set 6-2 and the second set 7-6 at No. 4 singles against Indianapolis on Saturday.

Blackburn said in the second set the other player stepped his game up, and Thomas did a good job of matching it and not backing down.

On Sunday at Illinois State, he lost the No. 4 singles match (6-2, 6-2) and said he did struggle, but not because of his finger.

"It felt great just to be back," Thomas said. "There were no problems with the injury. I had been practicing for awhile so everything went just fine."

Doubles point makes the difference in men's record

Coming off a weekend where the doubles point was the difference maker, the men's tennis team is 6-1 in gaining that point so far this season.

Sophomore Vuk Milicevic said the Panthers get a confidence boost with winning the doubles point.

The team's only loss was at Indiana State, where they also lost the doubles point.

Blackburn said having a 6-1 overall and doubles record is something they take pride in, especially considering they have made some changes in pairs.

Senior Chuck Levaque is now paired with sophomore Jordan Nestrud after being paired with Brandon Lenfert early on. Lenfert is now paired with Thomas while Milicevic is paired with junior Sean Bush.

Blackburn said the reason the doubles point is such a big deal is because it forces the other team to win four of the six singles matches.

"Even though it is just one point it ends up being a pretty big hole for the other team to crawl out of," Blackburn said.

Three individuals remain perfect midway through season

Senior Chuck Levaque, junior Sandra Sasidharan and sophomore Natalie Martin remain undefeated approaching the halfway point of the season.

Because Levaque and Sasidharan play at No. 1 singles and Martin plays at No. 2, Blackburn said they usually face each school's best players.

Sasidharan said this weekend against Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis she felt her record being tested slightly in singles.

"The other girl was really competing and going for every shot, and it was one of those days where I wasn't feeling my best," Sasidharan said.

Sasidharan had to go into a third set on Saturday because she won the first set 6-4 and lost the second 7-6.

Sasidharan won the final set 6-2.

"It is still too early to get too excited about it though we have a

lot of tough matches ahead of us," Sasidharan said.

Sasidharan and Levaque's wins help push Martin to win, too and they motivate each other, Martin said.

"It feels good to be undefeated, but it is more important to me that we are winning as a team and that I am contributing to that," Levaque said.

UPCOMING GAMES

- » Saturday - Men's and Women's vs. Morehead State at Champaign
- » March 14 - Men's and Women's at Jacksonville State
- » March 15 - Men's and Women's at Samford
- » March 20 - Women vs. Saint Louis
- » March 24 - Men's and Women's at Tennessee-Martin

Lantz to host supersectional game



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The Teutopolis Wooden Shoes celebrate after beating the Nokomis Redskins 53-44 last year at Lantz Arena. This year, a trip to the state quarterfinals is on the line for two high school boy's basketball teams tonight. Moweaqua (Central A & M) faces Teutopolis in the Illinois High School Association Class A supersectional at 7:30 p.m. at Lantz Arena. Teutopolis defeated Effingham St. Anthony 48-46 in Friday's sectional championship in Olney to advance to tonight's game. Moweaqua beat Nokomis 58-39 in Friday's sectional championship game in Carlinville to advance to tonight's game. Tickets are eight dollars and will be sold at the door tonight.

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RUNNING WITH THE PACK

March
Madness:
more than
basketball

Who's the bubble team? Has it burst? Are they in or are they out? The national media and ESPN analyzing all these teams could wear one out. Selection Sunday cannot come soon enough.

In reality, it's up to the committee and to the teams to decide in they are in the tournament.

Yes, March Madness is basketball-oriented. The term originated in Illinois.

Don't get me wrong, the action is amazing. The pre-tournament analysis bogs one down. This March Madness is crazy.

Eight different commentators have to tell people why Virginia Commonwealth needs to win its tournament, or why Kansas State only needs a win against Texas Tech to make the tourney.

Don't get me wrong. The small schools like Wichita State or Bradley making a deep run into the NCAA Championships is exciting.

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SOFTBALL | NOTEBOOK

Lineup features three slap hitters

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Angela Danca, Megan Nelson and Lauren Brackett's main job is to get on base and score runs.

All three are left-handed slap hitters who try to use their speed to their advantage.

Brackett, a freshman outfielder from Aurora, leads the team in hitting (.375) and also has a stolen base.

Danca, a sophomore outfielder from Naperville, is close to matching her last season total of five RBIs.

She already has four RBIs this year and is hitting .286.

Last year, she finished the year hitting .203.

Nelson, a freshman from Normal, has filled in for the injured Chelsy Iapala in center field.

Nelson has only hit .237, primarily out of the leadoff spot, but has five RBIs and leads the

team with four stolen bases.

"Their job is to make the defense nervous and then get on base so they can steal and score runs," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette.

Schuette said the key statistic she looks at with those three is on-base percentage.

Brackett leads all starters with a .412 on-base percentage, while Danca's on-base percentage is .333 and Nelson's is .275.

Coppert ranks second in RBIs

Second baseman Sarah Coppert had 14 RBIs last year after starting 52 games.

This year, Coppert is second on the team with 8 RBIs.

"Sarah has matured definitely from last year," Schuette said.



Angela Danca
Sophomore outfielder who has four RBIs this season.

"She's always been very talented, but now she's trying to take a little bit more leadership."

Coppert is also second on the team in doubles (four) and has a .297 batting average.

Iapala cleared to play again

The sophomore from Stanwood, Wash., has been limited the entire season because of a right shoulder injury.

But now, Iapala is cleared to play again, Schuette said.

Iapala was fully cleared Thursday, but Schuette said the competition in the outfield doesn't guarantee Iapala a return to the starting lineup.

Last year, Iapala started 50 times.

Team to leave Thursday

Eastern leaves Charleston Thursday morning at 1 a.m. in order to travel to San Jose, Calif., to compete in the National Invitational Tournament, starting

Friday.

The team will bus from Charleston to Indianapolis with the team's scheduled flight set to leave at 5 a.m., Schuette said.

The team will fly from Indianapolis to Chicago then from Chicago to San Francisco.

The Panthers have six games in three days this upcoming weekend.

This includes a game against national power California.

The Golden Bears are currently ranked 18th in the nation.

Eastern also added a game during its stay in California with the Panthers playing Iowa State on Sunday in San Jose.

The Panthers will also play Saint Mary's (Calif.) in a game next Tuesday at Moraga, Calif.

Schuette said the team will use its off day on Monday to tour San Francisco including landmarks like Fisherman's Wharf and Alcatraz, the former federal prison near San Francisco.

MEN'S BASKETBALL | INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI



ERIC HILTNER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Morehead State freshman guard Cordaryl Ballard watches for senior guard Josh Gomes to make a move during the Jan. 28, 2006 game in Lantz Arena. Gomes is currently playing basketball in Poland. Gomes is beginning to learn the Polish language to live more comfortably.

Finding European education

Two former Panthers play professionally overseas

By Matthew Stevens
Staff Reporter

Since 1951, many Eastern students who graduate have gone on to graduate school to acquire a master's degree.

While the university won't add Henry Domercant and Josh Gomes to its statistics, both of them would argue they're getting paid to receive a European education in basketball.

"I almost feel like I am attending a master's class in professional basketball," Gomes said.

Gomes averaged 13.1 points per game in his four-year Panther career and was signed by AZS Koszalin in Poland.

Gomes had never left the country before venturing into professional basketball, which



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Henry Domercant, a 2003 graduate, now plays with Olympiacos, a Greek team.

was the same for the man who he was supposed to replace at Eastern – Henry Domercant. Now they are both being paid to play in front of high intensity crowds similar to the famous

European soccer crowds – a stark contrast to the atmosphere both had seen at Lantz Arena.

"The fans go crazy," Gomes said. "It is not weird for me to see 25 policemen with security dogs here, fans throwing bottles at the team's bus after the games, drums and all types of horns going off the entire game."

Domercant tested the waters for the NBA draft as a junior, came back for his final season and left Charleston as the Panthers' all-time leading scorer with 2,602 points. In the 2003 draft, 58 names were called without one being Domercant's.

"Those who missed out on Henry really missed an opportunity to coach a great player and person," said Rick Samuels, Eastern's former head coach, after the draft.

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