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CAMPUS | TRAGEDY

Friends mourn Schwartz

Student remembered as fun-loving and kind by friends and family

By Jordan Crook

Senior City Reporter

Generous.

Caring. Spontaneous.

All of these terms have been used to describe Eastern student Mark E. Schwartz.

Schwartz was pronounced dead in the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center emergency room on Friday. His funeral was held Wednesday in Pecatonica.

'A dear child'

Mark was described as being a "dear child" by his father John

Mark was full of life, even if he sometimes lived recklessly, he said. John said his son was interested in several aspects of biology, ranging from entomology to botany. His interest in biology led him to intern with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

John said Mark loved movies and animals, which he worked closely with when he had worked at both an animal shelter and a movie theater in Yorkville.

Iohn said Mark had not really become too involved around Yorkville and had only worked there for one summer.

The family moved to Yorkville after Mark had graduated from

Inbox (5) ▼ Profile edit Friends v Networks v Mark Schwartz E. Illinois Alum Networks: Male Interested In: Women Relationship Status: Single Looking For: Friendship September 23, 1985 Birthday: Yorkville, IL Hometown: Political Views: Very Liberal Religious Views: none anymore ▼ Mini-Feed Displaying 10 stories. March 3 David Gerth tagged Mark in 3 photos. 3:12pm

FROM WWW.FACEBOOK.COM

The funeral for Mark Schwartz was held on Wednesday. Schwartz was remembered by friends as generous and funny. Students have been sharing memories of Schwartz on his Facebook profile.

Downers Grove North High School in 2004.

"He was loved by all his family and friends," John said.

Generous and caring

Mark's sensitive and caring nature made many people think of him as a great friend, and his death will leave many saddened.

Bill Cozzens' friendship with Mark began with a simple "Hi" as they passed each other at Carman Hall in 2004.

Cozzens, a senior sociology major, said he had seen Mark around the building and had simply decided to say hi to him one day.

The two became good friends and would often spend time together.

Because of this, Cozzens was exposed to some of Mark's personal-

One that stood out in Cozzens' mind was when Mark would make his garbage disposal speak.

He said Mark would open up his garbage disposal and, in a humorous voice, make it speak.

Tagged in: Wake for Mark E. Schwartz

Along with his humor, Cozzens remembered Mark for his generosity.

"He would give you the shirt off his back if you asked him to," he

What affected Cozzens the most about Mark the most was his open personality.

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UNIVERSITY | ADMINISTRATION

Methven intends to step down as chair

Associate chair also leaving the Biology department

By Stephen Di Benedetto

Associate News Editor

Biology Andrew Methven intends to step down as chair.

Biology Professor Gary Fritz said Methven sent out a memo on Feb. 19 to the biology faculty informing them of his intention to step down

Also in that memo, which The Daily Eastern News obtained a copy of, Methven said he plans to return to faculty status after he steps down.

It is also stated in the memo that Associate Chair Robert "Bud" Fischer has accepted a position at another university, effective May 2008.

The memo does not indicate when Methven plans to step down.

"This whole matter is a deeply personal thing for me," Methven said.

Methven declined further com-

"We had no inkling," Fritz said of Methven's intention to step down. "We were completely shocked."

Fritz said the day before the release of the memo, however, some ANDREW METHVEN | CHAIR OF THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

"This whole matter is a deeply personal thing for me."

President Bill Perry; Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs; Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the college of sciences; Methven, Fischer and the rest of the biology department, notifying them that a vote of no confidence will be placed on a ballot for faculty to vote on concerning Methven and Fischer.

According to the Board of Trustees' Regulations, Section II.B.3.d(7) states that the vote of no confidence is the initial step to remove a chairperson from office.

"In appropriate circumstances, removal of a chairperson from office may be initiated by vote of a 2/3 majority of all probationary and tenured faculty members of the department/division..." the regulation

The regulation also states the president has the final say on whether to remove a chair or not.

Fritz said the vote of no confidence was never taken, and that the vote was postponed because there

Department Chair biology faculty sent an e-mail to was no indication from the memo when Methven was stepping down

> He added there have been no plans thus far to "re-activate" the vote of no confidence.

> Fritz said three biology faculty members sent the Feb. 18 e-mail, representing a group of biology faculty members.

> He would not say who the three faculty members were.

> In April 2006, faculty in the School of Business took a vote of no confidence on then chair Jane Way-

Wayland eventually stepped down as chair and took a position at a different university.

In the memo sent to the biological sciences faculty and staff, Methven said he was going to wait until the upcoming faculty meeting to discuss his intention to step down as chair, but the vote of no confidence required him to immediately announce his intention to step

"I had originally intended to make this announcement in a faculty meeting after the dispensation of the (Graduate Teaching Assistant Program) proposal; however, the impending vote of no confidence requires an immediate response," Methven said in the memo.

The Graduate Teaching Assistant Program committee, referenced in the memo, was put together last fall to recommend potential changes to the department's use of graduate assistants for supervised instruction.

Since April 2007, faculty members from the biology department have voiced their displeasure about the implementation of a teaching program to use graduate assistants for supervised instruction.

Biology faculty members are voting on the GTAP recommendations

The voting started Monday and concludes today, Fritz said.

He said Hanner also intends to meet with the biology faculty on Friday. Fritz added he assumes Hanner plans to discuss Methven stepping down and the future in selecting a

Telephone and e-mail messages to Fischer on Tuesday were not

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STUDENT LIFE | UB

Elections to be held after break

Current chairs leaving due to graduation

By Emily Zulz

Activities Reporter

University Board is in the process of electing a new chair and vice chair.

The current students filling these positions, chair Melissa Schaefer and vice chair Pat LaMorte, are both leaving the board because they are graduating.

Elections will take place after spring break to fill these positions.

Mike Usher, the current comedy coordinator, is currently the only one running for the chair position.

Usher, a sophomore business major, said UB needed coordinators to step up to fill the open spots, but that is not his only rea-

son for running.
"I think I could hopefully improve the board throughout the year," Usher said.

Usher said if he becomes chair he wants to get more people out to more events, as well as bringing more events, whether those events are big or small.

"It's really sad that we have all these big events and we have all of like what, 10,000 students, and we still will only get a fraction of them," Usher said.

He said open mic nights feature good musicians, but only average

UB has had to recently deal with cancellations. Bill Nye canceled his big performance this semester, and Jordan Carlos, the comedian scheduled for Feb. 29, canceled at the last minute.

Usher said these cancellations couldn't be controlled by UB.

"The only thing we can do in the future is not deal with those agents, or get contracts in earlier,"

But even if that is done, Usher said, unforeseen situations can

To become chair, one must have been on the board for a minimum of one year, have and maintain a 2.25 cumulative GPA and be elected by the board.

The process begins with nomi-

After a person is nominated, they prepare a five-to-10-minute presentation to give to the entire

"Every year is a little different," Schaefer said. "Some candidates just come with speeches, others have prepared Powerpoints to discuss goals if elected to the position."

The following week, the elections are held where every coordinator votes.

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EIU WEATHER

THURSDAY



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FRIDAY 30° | 16°

SATURDAY

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Downey Jr. pretends to be black in Stiller film

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In "Tropic Thunder," one of three summer films featuring Robert Downey Jr., the actor appears on screen as a black man.

Downey Jr. plays overly committed actor Kirk Lazarus, a white man cast to play a black soldier in a satire of the performing profession. The film also stars Jack Black and Ben Stiller, who co-wrote, directed and produced it.

"If it's done right, it could be the type of role you called Peter Sellers to do 35 years ago," Downey told Entertainment Weekly magazine.

Stiller said he was "trying to push it as far as you can within reality," with the intent of satirizing over-thetop actors, not African-Americans.

"I had no idea how people would respond to it," Stiller said. But at a recent screening, black viewers liked

the film, he said.

Downey explained that he kept the character from becoming a caricature because he "dove in with both

Paramount is set to release "Tropic Thunder" on Aug. 15.

Hilton to make appearance on NBC's 'My Name is Earl'

NEW YORK — NBC is pumping up the return of "My Name is Earl" with a guest shot by Paris Hil-

Hilton appears as herself in a dream sequence.

Her appearance will come in the one-hour episode on April 3, NBC

'When we wrote the role of Paris Hilton in the script, we weren't exactly sure who to go with for the role," said Greg Garcia, the show's executive producer. "But after an exhausting search we finally settled on a relatively unknown actress by the name of Paris Hilton."

Rosanna Arquette to portray a 'cougar' on 'Medium'

NEW YORK - It's a family affair on NBC's "Medium."

Rosanna Arquette will guest star on sister Patricia's spooky show this spring, NBC and show producer CBS Paramount Network announced Wednesday.

The episode, scheduled to air April 7, features the 48-year-old Arquette as "a beautiful, calculating 'cougar' who enjoys the challenges of bedding younger men" and pops up in the dreams of crime-fighting psychic Allison Dubois, the networks

The Arquette acting family also includes David Arquette, Richmond Arquette and Alexis Arquette.

PHOTO OF THE DAY

'Low ignition' cigarettes



JULIETTE BEAULIEU | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Nicole Tripplett, a junior environmental biology major, works the cash register at Discount Smoke Shop. Tripplett said the store, at 820 Lincoln Ave., has not seen any loss of business from the state-wide ban on smoking in public places. However, they have lost customers because of a lesser-known law that went into effect Jan. 1. The law, intended to reduce fires, requires all cigarettes sold in Illinois to be "lo ignition" - they extinguish themselves in 30-60 seconds if they aren't being smoked. The special paper used to make low-ignition cigarettes "makes them taste stale," Tripplett said. "We've actually had complaints about it." New York, Vermont and California also require all cigarettes to be self-extinguishing.

WHAT THE... | WEIRD, UNEXPECTED, BIZARRE NEWS

Posthumous spin around race track arranged for NASCAR fan

The Associated Press

TALENT, Ore. — Big George Helms had tickets for last weekend's NASCAR race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, but died before he got to use them. He still made it to the track, though.

At 6-foot-5 and 400 pounds, Helms wouldn't have been able to fit into a race car. But after his death from a heart attack Dec. 28, loved ones decided to try to fulfill the 54-year-old's dream of participating in a NAS-CAR race, and arranged for the former logger's ashes to be driven around the track.

"His friends came up to us during the memorial service and asked us if they could take his ashes to the NASCAR race," said Helms' mother, Dixie Helms.

Driver Mike Harmon taped Helms' urn to the fire extinguisher of his Nationwide Series car during practice last Friday. He told ESPN he could hear someone squealing when he went through a couple of turns.

"I swear I did," Harmon said. "I heard a noise I've never heard before. It happened just one time, through Turns 1 and 2."

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For more information contact editor Sara Cuadrado at slcuadrado@eiu.edu

CAMPUS | HEALTH FAIR

Students say 'aloha' to health

Students drawn to Health Fair featuring nutrition, memorial marathon

By Derrick L. Johnson

Staff Reporter

The Student Recreational Center offered more than just a workout on Wednesday.

The Health Education and Research Center's 10th annual Health Fair offered students information on health topics.

Each year the HERC has to come up with new ideas for the Health Fair in the spring.

This year's theme was "Aloha to Health."

Finding new ideas for the fair is a group effort, said Brandon Thompson, a senior communication studies major.

"What we do each fall is everyone in the office gives their input on what the theme should be," Thompson said. "This year, since the fair is in March, we wanted to focus on something warm."

While the main purpose of the theme was to attract attention, students came for different rea-

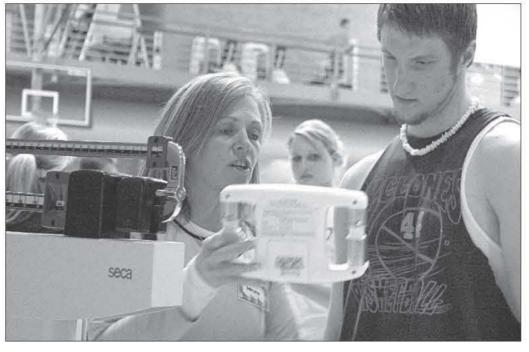
Scott Sakoda came to the Health Fair because he is a health minor.

"I'm here because everything that goes into health studies is here," said Sakoda, a junior kinesiology major. "Pretty much everything I learn in class is presented at this Health Fair.'

Sixty-four different groups participated in the fair. Each group had its own table. The groups all aimed to educate students about various topics such as social, physical and mental.

At one of the tables, students were working on a project for a community nutrition class.

At the table, senior dietetics major Jenny Bey-



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

John Bruns, a sophomore physical education major, does a test to measure body fat at Tuesday's "Aloha to Health" fair in the Student Recreation Center.

ers explained to people what their choices when ordering coffee drinks meant for their nutrition.

"This is so people can change what they order when they get their coffee," Beyers said. "This is to introduce healthy options."

Another group was trying to raise awareness for an upcoming event.

The Physical Education Department and members of the Alpha Phi sorority worked to promote the fifth annual "Run for Shannon McNamara" four-kilometer run/walk.

The event is held to raise money for a scholarship named after late Eastern student Shannon McNamara.

"Every year we do an annual 4K run/walk for Shannon," said Bridget Brennon, a sophomore family and consumer sciences major. "All the proceeds go towards the Shannon McNamara scholarship in the Physical Education Department."

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TARBLE | ART AWARDS

Fantasy hero inspires student art

Award-winning pieces instilled with emotions and past experiences

By Ashley Mefford

Senior Campus Reporter

Ever since Taylor Bennett could draw she knew she wanted to become an artist.

"I kept working at it and rarely changed my mind about working outside of art," said Bennett, a junior 2-D studio art major.

Bennett won two awards at the Art Awards Reception held at the Tarble Arts Center on Sunday afternoon.

The student-submitted works are on display in the Tarble Arts Center main galleries and eGallery through the end of March.

The Art Department has had this art show for 25 years. Awards were given for academic and creative accomplishments. These awards were chosen by the Art Department.

Other awards were given by a group of judges for the All-Student

The judges were Randy Carlson, Bradley University; Steven Hudson, Parkland College; and John Sherman, Notre Dame University.

Bennett won Honorable Mention for a drawing called "Proudmoore" and a Merit Award for a print called

"My inspirations change on a whim," Bennett said. "'Proudmoore' is inspired by fantasy, magical, mystical heroes that have a hint of some sort of spiritual aura."

inspired by women and their obsession with beauty and perfection.



SUBMITTED ART

Through the month of March, The Tarble Arts Center will have on display exhibits of student art which is open to the public. Dan McLaughlin's "Coral Tubes" (above) will be featured at the show.

For Bennett, art is sometimes used as an emotional escape.

"I tend to put a part of me into my art whether it is my physical appearance, my opinions or stories from my life," Bennett said. "It can make me feel angry, confused, sad, happy, amused or even reflective of things about myself."

The award made Bennett realize that she is going in the right direction with her artwork.

"Winning these awards help push me to work harder and top myself for next year's show," Bennett said.

Bennett wants to stay challenged with her artwork and is currently working on including more objects and backgrounds into her drawings.

She also is involved with more 3-Bennett said "Vanity" was D classes such as weaving and jewelry making.

Dan McLaughlin, a senior 3-D



ART AWARDS RECEPTION ONLINE Art Fair Slideshow

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studio art and art education major, won the Merit award for ceramics.

His piece is called "Coral Tubes." McLaughlin gets some inspiration from nature but admitted his inspiration changes with each piece.

When I tend to work with the materials, I change my ideas as the piece is developing," McLaugh-lin said. "Art makes me feel good about myself when I finish a piece, but also developing the concepts behind them can be a challenging and rewarding task."

"Winning this award

me a sense of accomplishment," McLaughlin said.

After winning the Merit Award for ceramics, McLaughlin plans on working on more pieces.

"With a studio art major, we are always working on new pieces, but I am going to continue creating pieces as I have been in the past, and look for new inspiration to help me along the way," McLaughlin said.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS Mounce toxicology results still pending

The toxicology and autopsy results for Eastern student Jesse A. Mounce are still pending, said Coles County Coroner Mike Nichols. Mounce was found dead in his apartment at 1701 Ninth St. on Feb. 8. Nichols said Mounce's death was "apparently self-inflicted." Nichols declined to elaborate on the cause of death until autopsy results are complete.

RHA will meet in Lawson, discuss show

The Residence Hall Association will meet at 5 p.m. today in Lawson Hall. Representatives from Lincoln Hall will discuss their annual fashion show to raise money for RHA scholarships. Representatives for the National Residence Hall Honorary will speak to RHA about a Rollerthon' to raise money for NRHH scholarships.

-Compiled by News Editor Nora Maberry

BLOTTER

- Jessica Marie Perillo, 23, of Sugar Grove, was arrested around 1:50 a.m. on Friday at Fourth Street and Lincoln Avenue in Charleston on the charge of driving under the influence and illegal transportation of alcohol. Perillo currently works at WEIU-TV as a reporter.
- · On Monday, an assault was reported. The matter was referred to the Coles County States Attorney and the Judicial Affairs office. Eastern Police Chief Adam Due said that two students were arguing and one threatened the other. No physical contact or battery was reported, so the incident was reported as an assault, Due said.

-Compiled by News Editor Nora

CORRECTIONS

- On Page 3 of Wednesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News Mary Anne Hanner, Dean of the College of Science, was misidentified in a cutline.
- On Page 3 of Wednesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News the Life Sciences Department was misidentified in a cutline.
- On Page 5 of Wednesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News Mike Boksa was misidentified.
- On Page 11 of Wednesday's edition of The Daily Fastern New it was reported that the Eastern women's basketball team had not won a postseason game since 1988. The Panthers won a Mid-Continent Conference first-round tournament game during the 1994-95 season.
- The Eastern women's basketball team's next game against Southeast Missouri was incorrectly reported in a cutline on Page 12 of Wednesday's edition of The Daily Eastern News. The Panthers play SEMO at noon on Friday.

The DEN regrets the errors.

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Letter to the editor

Don't forget God's holiness

Professor Baharlou's column, "Another chat with God," in the March 3 issue of *The Daily Eeastern News*, reminds me of me when I contemplate doughnuts and other such temptations.

I want the pleasure without the cost. The professor focuses only on the love of God without dealing with the holiness of God.

God is love but He is also holy, an attribute referenced far more in the scriptures.

There is not space here to respond to all the issues raised by the column, but I chose just one.

The story of Abraham and the sacrifice of his son, Isaac, in the professor's words, foregoing "the greatest love" and conveying "what kind of message...?" poses a question with a profound answer.

The story foreshadows exactly what God Himself did when Jesus was sacrificed on the cross for the sins of all.

He gave up the "greatest love" of a Father and sent this wonderful message.

God loves us so much that "He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

As the ram provided the vicarious sacrifice in the Abrahamic account, Jesus is our substitute and His blood can make us holy so that we can fulfill the purpose of mankind – to worship God and enjoy Him forever.

Human life span even doubled is still a vapor compared to eternity.

We would do well to accept all scripture instead of treating it like a menu full of convenient options.

> Michael Dubois, Sr. Department of student teaching

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Drawn from the news | Andrew Hicks



STAFF EDITORIAL

Super Tuesday, round two

"President Bush even gave his endorsement to

House. Whether this helps or hurts McCain's

campaign, we'll find out in November."

McCain on Wednesday at a luncheon at the White

Yes, Tuesday was an exciting day for four states and four presidential candidates. Super Tuesday II (Super Twosday?) swept the track for the race to the White House, weeding out the weak and diluting the presidential waters – at least for the Republicans.

The states to win were Ohio and Texas and the suspense, no doubt, was killing us.

With little surprise, Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, took everything – Ohio, Vermont, Rhode Island and even Texas – driving Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee to finally concede.

So if you decide to vote Republican, you'll be casting your ballot to the mighty McCain machine in November.

Huckabee said he gives his "commitment to (McCain) and to the party to do everything possible to unite our party, but more importantly to unite our country," in a Tuesday Chicago Tribune article.

Ironically, Huckabee was the one Republican standing in McCain's way for a lot longer than he should have.

But no hard feelings – the endorsement's in the bag and McCain is ready to run the last leg of the race to the Oval Office as the Republican nominee.

"Our campaign must be and will be more than another tired debate of false promises, empty sound bites or useless arguments from the past that address not a single American's concerns for their family's security," said McCain after winning Texas.

For those of us who have been optimistic about the race, all we can say is, "Maybe it'll be different this time."

Maybe it will.

President Bush even gave his endorsement to McCain on Wednesday at a luncheon at the White House. Whether that helps or hurts McCain's campaign, we'll find out in November.

But we all kind of knew Huckabee ran out of steam long ago and that McCain would be scooping up the Republican nomination.

While the Republican race was not surprising, we can't say the same for the Democrats. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama have been playing tug-of-war for the Democratic nominee while McCain swept the Republicans off their feet.

Clinton, still trying to scoop the vote from women and Hispanics, proved her comeback-kid status and won Ohio, Texas and Rhode Island. This ended her recent string of 11 straight defeats in these primaries and kept her in contention.

Obama has the overall lead, though, despite Clinton's recent triumph. Voters are leaning left

OUR VIEW

• **Situation:** Tuesday's primaries thinned out candidates for the race to the White House.

• Stance: The race is still tight on the Democrat side. If Clinton and Obama combined their tickets, Democrats would have a better shot.

this year, as McCain trails Clinton and Obama in the polls overall.

But say President Bush's endorsement for McCain really kicks up the senator's popularity and he gets elected for president in November. What would happen?

Well, we can count on sticking around for a little longer in Iraq. No one really knows whether or not we'd stick it out in Iraq if Hillary takes office. She's been accused of flip-flopping on issues, especially about the war. Obama's campaign isn't so clean, either. He's had a rough cam-

paign, despite his lead in the polls. In the past few months, he's been tied to crooked Chicago businessman Tony

Rezko, and was accused just a few weeks ago of plagiarizing his speeches.

Even on the straight-talk express, McCain's campaign was bruised recently after he was accused of having relations with a lobbyist in a front-page story in the New York Times. He denied the allegations.

So what would become of the United States if Clinton magically pulled ahead of Obama? Well, honestly, it wouldn't be too different than if Obama sealed the presidential title. The two differ on very few policies, which is why they should just join their tickets. Pending on the next primaries (look ahead to Pennsylvania), the Democrats should weigh who's got the solid, unbending lead.

If Hillary and Obama combined their tickets, Democrats would have more of a chance to seal the nomination for president. If Obama leads, put him on the ticket as president and make Clinton vice president, or vice-versa.

The 2008 presidential race has been muddy, stormy and insulting – yet the candidates press on. For now, we hold onto our hats in hopes that someone seals the nominee for the Democrats soon.

Who knows, maybe we'll see a Clinton/ Obama ticket. But we'll see in November whether voters can stand another four years with a Republican in office, despite McCain's efforts to "reach across the isle," or if Clinton and Obama continue their attacks on one another. Either way, the campaign isn't getting any easier.

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"In Texas, Hillary set up a campaign press room in the men's restroom. Just goes to show how much she respects the press."

-Nicole Milstead



SARAH BRESNAHAN

Embrace your opportunities while you can

My Intro to Sociology teacher once said that one of the purposes of college is to find the person you are going to marry.

In my four years of college, I have found people I would marry, people I would love for the rest of my life and people I would not throw a lifesaver to even if they were drowning.

So why do we sometimes end up with people we meet here?

I think this is because we are thrown into a situation that is not normal. We are isolated on a campus, and the pickings have gone from infinite to about 12,000.

We are introduced to people who have the same interests as us, and some people think that having a similar book collection or iTunes list means that you are perfect for each other.

There is no such thing as perfect – even though we romanticize it in movies, books, songs, poems, etc.

There is no one person for everyone. There are, however, people you are meant to be with.

A friend of mine once said that your boyfriend or girlfriend should not complete you, but compliment you.

This person is not going to be amazing and wonderful 100 percent of the time. They are going to have bad days. They are going to have anxiety attacks and call you at 2 a.m., even when they know that you are mad and won't answer your phone.

They are going to make mistakes and blow things out of proportion and sometimes make you hate them.

So what is the difference, then, between those we let go and those we keep? Those we let go, we do so because we realize that their faults outnumber their attributes.

We let them go because they might be a good person, but not a good person for you.

It might be because we were blinded by their beauty or charisma and not realize, until it's too late, that deep down they are empty.

And when you do let them go, you feel broken and betrayed, or relieved and ecstatic.

And the ones we keep? They stay because despite their flaws, you would be miserable without them. They are what keep you sane when the world seems to be crashing down at your feet.

They are the ones who finish your sentences, not because you spend every waking minute together, but because you have the same ideals and beliefs and thoughts.

You keep them because when you look into their eyes, you see yourself how they see you, beautiful and flawed and yet still the most amazing person they have ever met.

I guess the moral here is that you need to be able to figure out what you're looking for, and then go find it.

They might be the slightly-awkward girl who sits behind you in your English class, your friend's ex-boyfriend or the guy who makes your scramblers on Sunday mornings in the dining hall.

Be open to taking a chance, because the people you meet here will affect you for the rest of your life.

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>>> UB

FROM PAGE 1

Schaefer, a senior art education major, said if a committee such as Homecoming has two coordinators, they share a vote.

The candidate wins off based a majority The chair and vice chair are elected to one-year terms. They can run for re-election the following year if they

This is unlike the coordinator positions. Coordinators stay in their position until they choose to step down or move to a different posi-

Ceci Brinker, director of student life, said limiting the chair and vice chair terms allows for coordinators an opportunity for a larger leadership position.

'Obviously having been on the board, and if they've done a good job as a coordinator, I think that's a good way to elevate their status and to recognize their experience and the experiences they have," Brinker said.

Having the chairperson change yearly gives a fresh approach to the position, Brinker said.

"As a coordinator, they've seen how the chairs work with them," Brinker said. "There might be some room for improvement. There might be some room that they can build on what they believe coordinators need and helping them to be successful."

Difficulties

The biggest challenge is the position has more responsibilities and duties. Brinker said chair and vice chair are the two major positions that coordinate and supervise the entire board.

Schaefer said a chair is responsible for advising UB committees, maintaining the calendar of events and presenting additional allocation and fiscal year budget requests to Apportionment Board. They also register for and prepare for the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA) conferences, working closely with Brinker.

Brinker said Usher's track record with the UB comedy series shows he's up for the challenge.

"I think overall, Mike (Usher) has done a very good job in his programming area," Brinker said.

She also said Usher has an overall commitment to UB - not just the

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- · Be prepared for interviews

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comedy committee.

"He's very passionate about being involved in UB," Brinker said.

"He takes a great deal of pride in being a coordinator and what UB represents on this campus and that's something that he demonstrates by talking to people, interacting with people."

Usher said the current chair and vice chair balance UB responsibilities with outside activities. He said he is focused to devote his time to UB and nothing else.

The chair has to deal with every committee and Usher, who said he gets along well with people, said if the chair does not have a good relationship with the coordinators, they do not cooperate as well.

Brinker said Usher already has some established relationships with most of the coordinators across the

Other parts to play

Several other UB positions are also open. They include homecoming elect and concert elect, which are two year positions, public relations, movies, and then possibly comedy, cultural arts and lectures.

There is interest internally within UB for some of these positions and those people will have the opportunity to apply first, Brinker said.

After students within UB have applied and interviewed, decisions will be made and then the remaining positions will be open to the general campus.

All of the elections and interviews will be held after spring break. Applications are being accepted at the Student Activities Center in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union.

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Schwartz

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What impacted Cozzens the most about Mark the most was his open personality.

He said Mark was open about everything with people and, because of his friendship with him, Cozzens said this character trait rubbed off onto him.

"He taught me to open up to other people," Cozzens said.

"Mark was one of a kind"

Kevin Eichhorn also met Mark in Carman Hall during his freshman year at Eastern, where he and Mark lived on the same floor.

He said because the two of them had not been part of a fraternity, though Mark was in the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity for a short while, they became friends and often went to parties around campus together.

What you saw is what you got with Mark," Eichhorn said.

After living in Carman for a vear, he said he and Mark moved into a house on Third Street.

Eichhorn, who has since transferred to the Concordia University in Chicago, said Mark was the one who made living in the house pos-

Mark paid for rent that was supposed to be covered by a third student who was going to live with them but was unable to, Eichhorn

He said Mark was often free with his money around his friends and would usually cover the cost of pizza and other items he and his friends enjoyed.

One such instance with Eichhorn exemplified this trait.

Eichhorn said when he was having a bit of a gambling problem and owed someone \$500, Mark did not even hesitate to loan him the mon-

"Mark was one of a kind," he said.

"A fun person"

As Mark helped out his roommates when they were in need, he also helped his neighbors.

Carrie Hagemann, a senior physical education major, was Mark's neighbor when he lived on Third Street during which time she said she saw him practically every day.

As with Cozzens and Eichhorn,

JANICE COONS | BIOLOGY PROFESSOR

"It certainly leaves an emptiness knowing he's gone."

Hagemann said Mark's generous and humorous personality stood

"He was just a fun person who loved to have fun," she said.

Hagemann said the funniest part about Mark was his ability to laugh at himself.

Hagemann said Mark had a selfdeprecating sense of humor where he would often make himself the butt of jokes and was always the first one to laugh at himself.

Hagemann said Mark would often showcase this humor during parties they would frequently attend together.

One such example was when Hagemann and Mark were together at a party and they were playing the game "Catch Phrase" with some other friends.

Hagemann said Mark was given the game console but failed to press the button necessary to change the word he had to describe.

Mark failed to notice this and proceeded to describe the word again to the amusement of the rest of the party.

Hagemann said once Mark realized what had happened he started laughing with the rest of them without a hint of embarrassment.

Along with this self-effacing sense of humor, Mark was also known for saying random things that others might not wish to say for fear of embarrassment.

Hagemann said these comments would usually arouse choruses of laughter and would usually "put everybody on the floor" laughing.

She also said Mark was generous with his time when he was her neighbor.

Hagemann said Mark would often come over to her house to check-up on her and her roommates to see if they were okay and if they needed anything.

"Interested in other people's lives"

Mark did not limit his friends to those people his age, as shown by his friendship with Stefanie Ghan, a a junior psychology major.

Though Mark was one year ahead of her in high school, Ghan said he treated her like any other friend and was always there to help her. When she came to Eastern she said Mark continued to act this way and helped her adjust to her new college life. Ghan said Mark helped her and her friends get acquainted with Eastern and made her feel included with the rest of the cam-

Ghan said this selflessness was one of Mark's most endearing qual-

"He always seemed like he was more interested in other peoples' lives than he was in his own," she

"Friendly greetings"

Mark's friends were not the only ones who have mourned his death.

Ann Fritz, an associate professor of biology, had Mark in two of her classes two years ago and said she will miss the pleasant greetings they exchanged as they passed in the hallways of the Life Science Building.

Fritz is not the only biology professor who will miss Mark.

Janice Coons, a professor of biology, said while Mark did not necessarily stand out academically in the plant physiology class she taught in 2007, he was always polite and considerate in class.

She said Mark was a student who would not let concerns about class go unanswered. She said he would often come to her office to discuss any problems he had about

Coons said taking the plant physiology class, which is not a required class for biological science students, showed Mark had some interest in botany.

Though she did not know Mark very well, Coons said his death was tragic and a great loss for the

"It certainly leaves an emptiness knowing he's gone," she said.

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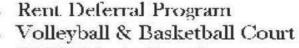
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CAMPUS | EVENT

Little Boy Jr. takes win in heated contest

Battle of the Bands showcases local talent, fan support

By Sara Cuadrado

Campus Reporter

Fans were on the tables cheering for their favorite bands to decide the winner of Battle of the Bands Wednesday night at 7th Street Underground.

In a close call between Learn to Fly and Little Boy Jr., but the latter was ultimately rewarded the prize of \$100 to Positively Fourth Street Records and the opportunity to play a set at Panther Stock, where they will be opening for American Eng-

Dan Lazzarotto, who plays guitar and sang for Little Boy Jr., said winning felt great, but he gave credit to the crowd that came to see them.

The members of the band said

they had only been able to practice three times with their new drummer and keyboard player before the

Matt Caponera, who plays keyboard, said he was worried it would be a mess, but when they played, it just flowed together.

Scott Fritz, who plays the drums, said he just had fun playing with the band in the show.

"And that's what it's all about... and the music," Caponera added.

Four bands each played 20-minute sets. The bands included Friday Night Villain, Learn to Fly, Little Boy Jr. and Hero Complex. Even though the event started out with a large crowd, half of it left before the show was over.

Freshman English major Heather Miller went to cheer on her friend in Little Boy Jr. but left shortly after they finished their set.

Miller said they left because they were only there to see their friends

She said others were probably doing the same.

"It's all we could ask for," Lazzarotto said about their crowd.

Adri Andreou, a senior elementary education major, agreed with Miller that people probably left after they heard the band they wanted to

Andreou said she came in to the show late but thought it was especially impressive for something East-

Lauren Phillips, a sophomore communications studies major, emceed the event and sang original songs for the crowds in between the sets. Phillips said she plays a lot of Open Mic nights so University Board asked her to emcee the show.

She said she was glad to have a variety of bands performing.

"The bands all had a unique style," Philips said.

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Adam Schneider, the bassist from Learn to Fly, performs at the Battle of the Bands contest at 7th Street Underground Wednesday night.

UNIVERSITY | STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Senate attendance and productivity questioned

Possible dinner cancellation prompts discussion, debate

By Rick Kambic

Student Government Reporter

Alison Kostelich, student vice president for academic affairs, said she would cancel the Murder Mystery dinner if student senator attendance does not improve.

"I only have 32 confirmed guests to the teacher student interaction murder mystery dinner," Kostelich said. "It will be canceled by Friday if the numbers do not double.'

Senator involvement was discussed heavily during Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

Kostelich said members of Faculty Senate questioned her effectiveness in communicating to the senate about Tuesday's faculty forum after several invitations were offered.

"We had perfect representative attendance with Angelina, Erin and myself attending the faculty forum, but only one other student showed up," Kostelich said. "I just want to express the faculty senate's disappointment because they wanted some student feedback."

As for the Murder Mystery dinner on March 18, half of the 32 attendees are the faculty guests.

Kostelich said only five of the 16 students are from the senate, and the event is not a free dinner for the student government.

"If all the senators attend, then that would be half the needed people," Kostelich said. She then asked why senators voted yes to the resolution if they were not willing to support the event.

Levi Bulgar, student executive vice president, also questioned senator productivity when he answered questions about his resolution for 12 new computers.

"There is no reason why people are on Myspace in the office," Bulgar said. "There are some things going on that have no university or SGA purposes.'

He said new procedures for how and when to use the computers will be developed, as well as how to

A resolution to hire Scott Murray as the Student Government marketing director also sparked a senator involvement debate. Murray would get paid \$10 per hour, up to \$500 per semester, and senator Adam Martinelli asked why senators, were not delegated such responsibilities.

He said appointments could be narrowed to attain senators with such skills. Bulgar said with current senator involvement, there would be even less incentive for the member to do good quality work when a paid consultant could be held to hirer standards.

Kostelich presented her concern of senators not distributing the produced fliers. She said she was the

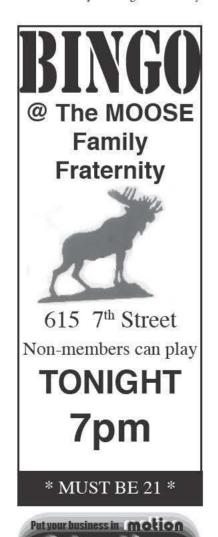
only person distributing fliers for her murder mystery event and now she is in a situation where the event may not happen because of low turnout.

Other senators questioned the means by which Student Senate Speaker Megan Ogulnick selected Murray as the recipient of the job and why he would get paid more than minimum wage.

Ogulnick said she knows him and has seen his work, but he is a professional consultant who charges twice as much to other companies for sim-

sAll four resolutions were tabled until the March 19 meeting.

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BIOLOGY | INSTRUCTIONAL

Students teaching students

By Barbara Harrington

University Reporter

When Stephen Warner was an undergraduate student, he was "scared to death" to talk to his professors.

If he was having trouble in a class, Warner, a graduate student studying stream ecology, said he would go to the teacher's assistants for help.

As a graduate assistant responsible for teaching a biology lab, Warner said he thinks he is able to connect with his students better than most professors.

Vincent Hustad, a graduate student studying fungal ecology, said he feels the same way.

"We're really not even five years older than most of these guys," Hustad said. "I think that makes them feel more at ease with us."

Hustad and Warner both teach BIO 1001, an introductory lab for non-majors.

Recently, faculty members within the biology department have voiced concern about the department deciding to use graduate assistants for supervised instruction. The decision to implement that program happened in April 2007.

Hustad and Warner said they do not think the controversy within their department has had much effect on them. "It's separate from this," Hustad said. "A lot of the controversy has been over the implementation, rather than the execution. I haven't really seen anything negative between me and the other graduate students. They have been completely supportive."

Preparing for labs

Hustad said lesson preparation for the labs is a week-long process.

The teaching graduate assistants meet with lecture instructors and Bud Fischer, the graduate program coordinator, every Monday. The group discusses what will happen in lab the coming week and makes sure the material between lab and lecture sessions matches up.

After the Monday planning session, the graduate students look through the labs individually and decide how to present the information to their class.

"I have a lab manual from last semester and I made marks where we had issues before," Hustad said. "So I look over the problems that weren't covered last semester and just try to think of different ways to make more sense."

During the labs, faculty members stop in to make sure everything is running smoothly, Hustad and Warner said.

Last semester the graduate assis-

tants were evaluated up to three times on their presentation, clarity, communication and other teaching factors.

The lab courses are taught on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

On Friday, the students meet with the program coordinator again to discuss how the labs went. In addition to sharing ways to improve the labs, the graduate students are given reading assignments on teaching each week. The assignments are also discussed on Friday.

"I never realized until I started this program all of the literature that was out there, as far as really helping you become a better educator," Hustad said.

Teaching a lab course

Before being able to instruct a lab course, graduate students have to spend one year as a teacher's assistant.

Warner said during this time, the graduate students observe the labs and how the professor teaches the material to students.

The week before they started teaching, Warner said the graduate students learned different teaching philosophies, how to handle a classroom and what common problems arise in class from a retired professor.

Although Hustad and Warner said they felt well prepared when it came time to teach in Fall 2007, they admit they were quite nervous.

"Both of my parents are teachers in high school and both of them say the first day of school is always nerve-racking," Warner said. "I mean you've got 32 new faces and names to learn. But after that, we're completely comfortable with the students."

Although Hustad will start at the University of Illinois to earn his Ph.D., he said he would eventually like to teach.

"I think that a true scholar shares their knowledge with people and that there's no more true, scholarly thing that you can do than teach people," he said. "It is actually really cool seeing that 'ah ha' moment in students when they finally get something."

When he started the graduate program, Warner said he wasn't sure if he would eventually want to become a teacher. He decided to use the opportunity offered by the biology department to find out if teaching was what he wanted to do after receiving his master's degree.

"It's not something I necessarily think I want to continue for the rest of my life," he said. "Becoming a manager or stream biologist, I'm going to be in charge of educating the public and communicating with interns and teaching skills I think are

going to be vital."

Christopher Hanlon, coordinator of English department graduate studies, said he thinks graduate students across campus have been affected by this controversy, creating misconceptions about graduate assistants teaching.

"When I hear some faculty lashing out and swinging blindly at the quality of teaching of other GAs in other departments— departments they don't know anything about—that bothers me a great deal," Hanlon said. "I've heard generalizations being made about GA teachers on campus that just make me wince."

While some have argued having graduate assistants teaching goes against what Eastern advertises, Hanlon, Hustad and Warner said the experience is essential, even for those who aren't going on to teach.

Some have compared the amount and level of graduate assistant teaching at Eastern to that at U of I.

"It upsets me because I know some of the GA teachers in our department are really some of the finest teachers I know," Hanlon said. "You know, they can't defend themselves, they don't have a voice or a microphone like faculty do on this campus."

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UNIVERSITY I APPORTIONMENT BOARD

AB meeting times could change for next year

By Kevin Murphy

Associate Sports Editor

The Apportionment Board has had trouble with attendance in the past. AB wants that to change next year.

AB normally meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday in the Arcola/Tusco-la Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, but a proposal at tonight's meeting could change that for the next academic school year.

Some AB members disagree with the proposal.

"A lot can change," said AB member Eric Wilber. "I don't know if we want to lock next year's AB into a certain time."

The change would be made to mainly benefit faculty members of AB.

Faculty representatives often have trouble meeting because they don't live close to Charleston, and it makes it difficult for them to travel, said AB chairwoman Leah Pietraszewski.

Karen Gaines, a biology professor, and Michael Mulvaney, a recreation administration professor, are the two faculty representatives on AB. A third faculty position is open.

Pietraszewski said at last week's AB meeting, Gaines did not want to be a member of AB.

"She has other obligations at night and a family at home that she understandably wants to spend time with," she said.

Pietraszewski said she has talked to a couple of AB members about the time for next year's AB, but there's no definitive plans to change the time.

This year AB has canceled three meetings.

Two meetings were canceled due to weather conditions. Another meeting was canceled due to a threeday weekend.

AB plans on meeting tomorrow, despite winter weather that affected the area on Tuesday.

"After looking at the weather forecast, there should be no reason for a cancellation," Pietraszewski said.

Wilber said the main attendance problem of AB is whether or not they know if the meeting is going to be held.

In other business, AB will read and listen to more budget proposals.

AB advisor Ted Hart will present the AB budget. The University Board will also present their budget.

Wilber said he expects the budget for UB to be higher because AB cut around \$70,000 from UB's proposed budget.

"In the past it's gone pretty smooth," Wilber said. "Everyone pretty much knows it works."

Wilber said the budget proposals will be voted on March or in early April.

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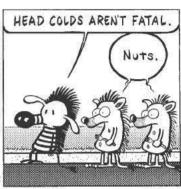
SAEYC-WEIU TV presents two Literacy Workshops March 19th. 1st workshop 7-8 p.m., Sesame Street Healthy Habits for Life; 2nd workshop 8-9 p.m., Science Fun with Fetch. Both in Buzzard Room 1103. Register at www.eiusaeyc@yahoo.com by March 7. First 25 to register get free literacy kit.

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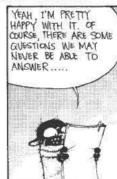






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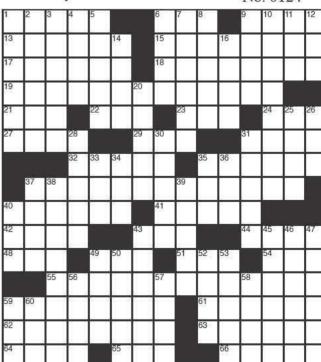
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FOOTBALL | PROFESSIONAL CHANCES

Burge stays prepared for the NFL

Former Eastern safety playing indoor football to stay conditioned; Packers deny signing

By Scott Richey

Sports Editor

Tristan Burge is still holding out hope for the National Football League.

Burge, a former Eastern safety, was signed and released twice by the Green Bay Packers during the 2007

Burge was invited to the Packers' rookie mini-camp in May but was not offered a contract. Burge was added to Green Bay's practice squad on Oct. 22 but was released one month later.

Burge is now playing for the Rock River Raptors in Rockford. The Raptors are an indoor football team in the Continental Indoor Football League.

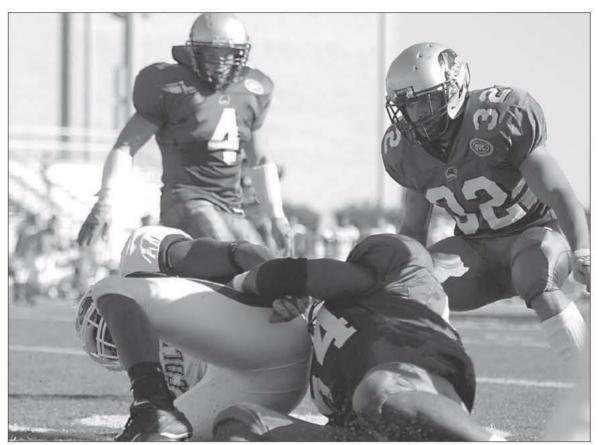
Burge said he is playing with the Raptors to remain football ready. He said no professional teams at higher levels would be interested if he took a year off from football and did not stay in shape. Burge said it was nice to have the chance to be on the field hitting people.

Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni said it is good Burge found a team to play for while he waits on the NFL. He said Burge's time on Green Bay's practice squad wasn't all action.

"I knew he was anxious to get back on the field," Bellantoni said. "He was really anxious to hit somebody."

Burge said his agent its still talking with the Packers.

"They're trying to wait until after the draft to see if they'll bring me back," Burge said about the Packers' intentions. "We're still pushing this NFL thing because that's where my



FILE PHOTO | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Former Eastern football player, Tristan Burge (No. 32), currently plays for the Rock River Raptors in Rockford for the Continental Indoor Football League. He was released from the Green Bay Backers during the 2007 season.

agent thinks I should be."

Burge said the New Orleans Saints also offered him a tryout, but they are also waiting until after the draft to make a decision.

"All Tristan needs is to be in the right place at the right time with a coach that likes him," Bellantoni said about Burge's chances to sign with an NFL team.

Bellantoni said Burge has a good chance to make an NFL team if given a shot because he could be a good role player on special teams to start.

"He was one of the hardest workers we ever had (at Eastern)," Bellantoni said. "His size and speed numbers are as good as anybody in the NFL. I encourage him to keep chas-

OTHER FORMER EASTERN PLAYERS IN THE PROS

os.	Name	Team
QB	Tony Romo	Dallas Cowboys (NFL)
QB	Mike Donato	Corpus Christi (Texas) Sharks (afl2)
VR	Ryan Voss	Swarco Raiders (Austria)
QB	Justin Midgett	Les Argonautes (France)
OB	Terrance Sanders	Utah Blaze: Practice Squad (AFL)

ing it because I think he can do it."

Burge said he learned a lot from Green Bay veteran cornerbacks Charles Woodson and Al Harris, but it was a humbling experience to be released.

"I thought I would be activated (from the practice squad)," Burge said. "I just got a phone call, and they said, 'We're going to have to release you. We think you can play for us, but you don't know the system at this point."

Burge said he thought he would be activated because another Packers' safety was injured, but Green Bay decided to sign a veteran instead.

"It's kind of disappointing because you go from an All-Star in

BURGE AT EASTERN

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2004	30	61	91	2
2005	56	30	86	4
2006	48	70	118	2
Totals	148	168	316	9

college to nothing," Burge said.

Burge said he is enjoying his time with the Raptors.

"It's a lot less organized than the NFL, but the talent level is still pretty good," Burge said. "That was the one thing coming out of college: (The Packers) didn't say I played against top-tier talent. If I can show them I can compete with top-tier talent (with Rock River), I can get my foot back in the door."

Rock River's next game against the Kalamazoo Xplosion is on March 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Burge said Canada is his next option if he doesn't get an offer from an NFL team. He said he would play in Canada because he still wants to make a living playing football while finishing his degree at Eastern.

But Canadian football is not his only option.

"There's also a new league coming out in August that (Dallas Mavericks owner) Mark Cuban is starting," Burge said. "The base pay is like \$150,000."

Cuban is one of the primary investors of the United Football League.

The league's Web site said it plans to have franchises in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Memphis, San Antonio and other cities "underserved in professional football" in August 2008.

Scott Richey can be reached at 581-7944 or at strichey@eiu.edu.

PANTHER BRIEFS

Tickets on sale for women's basketball semifinal game

Eastern women's basketball tickets for Friday's Ohio Valley Conference tournament semifinal game against Southeast Missouri at Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tenn., are on sale for \$22.

Amy Reis, Eastern's director of marketing and promotion, said tickets are available for both the semifinal game and Saturday's championship.

rne and Saturday's championship. Fastern fans can pick up their tick ets at the Panther Ticket Office in Lantz Arena.

Fans can also get tickets through the Municipal Auditorium Web site at nashvilleauditorium.com.

Tickets can be purchased through ticketmaster.com or charged by phone at 615-255-9600. Reis said Eastern will not provide a fan bus for the OVC Tournament because of Spring Break.

The Panthers (18-12) defeated Ten

nessee State in the OVC quarterfinals on Tuesday night.

Softball player dislocates thumb in Sunday's game

Eastern softball player Angela Danca dislocated her left thumb in Sunday's game against Jackson State, but the junior is unsure how long she will be out with the injury.

Eastern head coach Kim Schuette

said the centerfielder, who currently leads the team with a .444 batting average, dislocated her left thumb when she tried to slide into second

Eastern hosts JUCO track championships this weekend

Eastern will host the National Junior College Athletic Association's Indoor Track National Championship on Friday and Saturday at Lantz Fieldhouse.

The meet will start at 9 a.m. Friday with the men's and women's pentathlon and end at approximately 3:40 p.m. Saturday with the finals of the women's 1,600-meter relay.

-Compiled by Associate Sports Editor Kevin Murphy and Sports Editor Scott Richey











KANDACE ARNOLD

Top Cat is a weekly feature that displays one of the top athletes from the past week and gives a profile of the player and moments from the

HISTORY A STONE'S THROW AWAY

Sophomore sets school record in weight throw at OVC Indoor **Championships**

By Micky Deming

Staff Reporter

Kandace Arnold delivered her best performance in the most important meet of the indoor track sea-

The sophomore from Evergreen Park began her weekend at the Ohio Valley Conference Championship on Friday evening with the shot put. She won the event with a throw of 48 feet, 3.5 inches, which ranks third all-time in Eastern history.

She performed even better on Saturday in the weight throw.

Arnold finished second with a throw of 58'6.75", which set a school record.

Arnold said she did not expect to win heading into the shot put. Some of her opponents were ranked ahead of her based on previous performance during the season.

"I just wanted to do my best and compete," Arnold said, "The girls ahead of me are such great compet-

But that attitude changed after her performance in the shot put. With most of her throws around 44 feet this season, she said she was shocked by her shot put of more than 48 feet on Friday.

"It made me think, 'Wow!" Arnold said. "I really can do whatever I put my mind to."

Her teammates knew of her potential and have tried to encourage and build her confidence since the day she started at Eastern. Junior thrower Nicole Walcott said she expected Arnold to perform well at the conference meet.



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Sophomore thrower Kandace Arnold recently won the shot put at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships. She also set personal and school records in the weight throw. Arnold said she was surprised by her shot put throw because it was four feet more than her season average.

"I just try to remind her of how

good she is," Walcott said. Junior thrower Angela Stoczynski has spent plenty of time with Arnold. She is happy to have watched her progress the last two

"Not only am I impressed with what she did over the weekend but just her as an athlete." Stoczynski

Stoczynski said Arnold's continued improvement and ability to reach new peaks sets Arnold apart from her competitors. She reached a new peak last weekend, as her weight throw and shot put were both personal records.

ARNOLD'S PERFORMANCE AT THE OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

• Arnold won the shot put with a throw of 48 feet, 3.5 inches. The Evergreen Park native finished second in the 20-pound weight throw with a toss of 58'06.75". The throw was a personal record and set a school record in the event.

The OVC Championship meet was a perfect time for her best throws.

It is the most important of the season, and when the athletes want to be at their absolute best. Regardless of what the competition did, Arnold wanted to have her best possible performance.

"I've never been so focused in a meet," she said.

Her mental preparation was important in her success.

The day of the meet she was just in the zone mentally," Stoczynski

With all she accomplished in just this weekend, Arnold is still just a sophomore and has much to look forward to. Walcott says there are bigger things to come from Arnold.

In the immediate future Arnold is focused on this year's outdoor track season. She wants to qualify for the Regionals of the NCAA Championship by meeting the qualifying

While she has that to look forward to, Arnold is not going to forget this record-breaking weekend anytime soon.

"I can't stop thinking about it," she said. "It just feels great."

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Sallee didn't put together that non-conference schedule. His predecessor, Wunder, developed it instead. His second year opened up with a game against No. 22 Southern California in a tournament in Hawaii. Talk about a drastic difference compared to the 2004 opener at home against NAIA opponent Saint Fran-

The 2005-06 team struggled initially, losing its first six games. However, the more difficult non-conference schedule had a different effect once OVC play started, and those losses soon turned into wins.

But the team, which featured a core of six freshmen taking up a majority of the minutes, faded late in the season, losing their last six regular season games and barely sneaking into the OVC tournament as the eighth seed. They then had to travel seven hours to Cookeville, Tenn., and take on a more experienced Tennessee Tech team. Cookeville was where Sallee experienced his first conference tournament loss at Eastern at the hands of legendary Tech head coach Bill Worrell.

The learning curve was supposed to be near completion enter-

ing Sallee's third year. The program had expectations for the first time in years. Combine that with the return of OVC Freshman of the Year Rachel Galligan for her sophomore year, plus a talented freshman guard in Jessica Huffman, the team had the makings to finish in the top four of the league.

For whatever reason, the team never established itself as a legitimate contender in the OVC. The loss of guard Megan Edwards to a seasonending torn ACL in the team's second exhibition game surely had an effect. Huffman was thrust into the point guard role, a role not necessarily suited for the shoot-first, passsecond mentality Huffman had as a

Galligan also had to deal with being the focal point on every team's scouting report, and - with no other real inside post presence - had to single-handedly score 20 points every game for the Panthers to have a chance.

The team started a swoon shortly before Christmas that didn't end until mid-January with seven straight losses, including six OVC defeats.

Then inconsistent play hit Sallee's team the remainder of the '06-07 season and the Panthers did not qualify for the OVC Tournament.

Questions abounded at the start of this season. Will the talented junior class finally play as a cohesive unit? How will Edwards play after missing a year because of her knee injury? Who will complement Galligan in the post? What will the athletic department do with Sallee's contract, which expires at the end of this season?

And at the beginning of this year, those questions weren't answered with the Panthers' 0-7 start. But once OVC play started, and ironically, after Galligan and Huffman were out with injuries, Eastern found its niche, winning six of its first seven league games.

Suddenly, the season wasn't lost and the Panthers continued on a roll for the rest of the season. Galligan became healthy, Edwards regained her freshman form and Huffman kept from shooting Eastern out of

The contribution of sophomore Maggie Kloak in establishing a second post presence for the Panthers can't be overlooked either. And neither can this team, when three months ago fans were preparing for another long winter of losing.

But not now.

Winning - and contending for NCAA tournament berths- are the only words Eastern currently knows.

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WOMEN'S RESULTS

Team

Date

Result

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Nov. 1	Truman State	W 87-44
Nov. 4	Chicago Odyssey	W 79-73
Nov. 9	Illinois	L 86-56
Nov. 11	Illinois State	L 81-68
Nov. 15	at Missouri	L 69-51
Nov. 20	at Illinois-Chicago	L 58-62
Nov. 24	at Toledo	L 72-66
Nov. 27	at Bradley	L 83-57
Nov. 29	Indiana State	L 76-85
Dec. 1	Loyola of (Chicago) W 70-52
Dec. 6	Tenn. Tech*	W66640T
Dec. 8	Tenn. State*	W 65-57
Dec. 19	at Morehead State*	⁺ W65-55
Dec. 21	at E.Kentucky*	W 91-86
Jan. 3	Murray State*	W 62-59
Jan. 5	SEMissouri*	L 55-51
Jan. 7	at Austin Peay	*W 72-55
Jan. 10	TennMartin*	L 66-64
Jan. 12	E.Kentucky*	W86810T
Jan. 17	at Tenn. Tech*	W 72-66
Jan. 19	at Tenn. State *	W 69-56
Jan. 26	Morehead State*	W68-52
Jan.31	at Jack. State* W 8	33-81 2OT
Feb. 2		6-80 2OT
Feb. 7	Austin Peay*	W 67-48
Feb. 9	at TennMartin*	W 63-57
Feb. 14	at SE Missouri*	L 46-41
Feb. 16	at Murray State*	L 59-62
Feb. 21	Illinois Tech	W 74-30
Feb. 28	Jack. State*	W 71-68
March 1	Samford*	W 68-60
March 4	Tenn. State@	W 65-51
March 7	SE Missouri@	Noon

* Ohio Valley Conference game @ OVC Tournament Game

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Martin (5-0) has not lost a singles match this season. She said the injury was a non-factor at this point for Thursday's match.

"I rested a lot over the weekend and got treatment," Martin said. "It's not serious."

Eastern defeated Bradley last season, 5-2.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Last Friday's results in Normal Illinois State 4, Eastern 3

Records: Eastern (5-1); Illinois State (3-4)

1. Sasidharan (EIU) def. Miller (ISU) 6-4, 6-3.

2. Zubkova (ISU) def. Homburg (EIU) 6-0, 6-1.

3. Allgire (EIU) def. Parent (ISU) 6-2, 3-6, 10-5.

4. Parke-Bedard (ISU) def. Huck (EIU) 6-1, 6-2. 5. Hrovatic (ISU) def. Harmazy (EIU) 6-2, 6-0.

6. O'Riley (ISU) def. Larson (EIU) 6-3, 6-0.

1. Parke-Bedard/Miller (ISU) def. Martin/ Homburg (EIU) 8-4.

2. Sasidharan/Huck (EIU) def. O'Riley/Zubko-

3. Parent/Hrovatic (ISU) def. Allgire/Larson

NATIONAL SPORTS

Cleveland at Chicago

NBA Houston at Dallas 9:30 tonight on TNT

7 tonight on TNT



MATT DANIELS

Program on right

Brady Sallee had a hard time putting into words the significance of Tuesday night's Ohio Valley Conference quarterfinal win against Tennessee State. Which is saying something for the usually quick-witted Eastern women's basketball head coach.

But he is right in saying the Panthers' 65-51 win was a "huge first for our program."

That's exactly what has happened during the last four years for Eastern's women's basketball. It has slowly become Sallee's program and Friday's semifinal game against Southeast Missouri in Nashville, Tenn., is another chance for Eastern to experience another first under Sallee.

Sallee came to Charleston four years ago with the program in despair. Linda Wunder had compiled a horrendous 36-101 overall record in five years prior to Sallee's arrival.

Much work needed to be done to restore Eastern's women's basketball to the prominence it had when it started Division I play in

Every year from its Division I inception, until 1991, all the program knew was winning.

Then losing seasons for 15 of the next 16 years followed.

By the time Sallee arrived on Eastern's campus in April 2004, the women's basketball program hadn't had a winning season in a decade.

Then athletic director Rich McDuffie said the hiring of Sallee was easier "because he promised success right away.

Well, that success didn't come right away. It didn't even come his second or third year at East-

Granted, Sallee's teams won 10 games each of his first three years, a notable accomplishment considering the program hadn't won 10 or more games three years in a row since the mid-tolate '90s

But Sallee's first team, which put together a 10-17 record, had lightweight non-conference schedule that didn't fully prepare them for OVC play. That was evident with the Panthers' 3-13 league record his first year.

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FOOTBALL | COACHES

Wittke returns to Eastern

Former offensive coordinator back at old position after six years

By Scott Richey

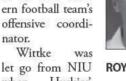
Sports Editor

The search to find the Eastern football team's new offensive coordinator is finished.

Roy Wittke, the Eastern offensive coordinator from 1990-2002, returned to the Panthers after coaching stops at Arkansas, Arizona State and Northern Illinois.

Eastern interim athletic direc-

Ken Bakconfirmed Wednesday on Wittke was hired to be the Eastern football team's offensive coordinator.



ROY WITTKE Huskies' when

head coach Joe Novak retired following the 2007 season, and former Southern Illinois coach and current NIU head coach Jerry Kill was hired.

"This profession is an interesting profession to say the least," Wittke said. "You never know from day to day what might happen. We're thrilled to be back (at Eastern). It's a tremendous place to be. We're grateful for the chance to be part of a great community, a quality university and an outstanding athletic department and a tradition-filled football program."

The offensive coordinator position became available when former offensive coordinator Jorge Munoz left to become the passing coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Louisiana-Lafayette, a Football Bowl Subdivision school.

"(Wittke's) a man I have great affection and respect for," said Eastern head coach Bob Spoo. "It was a sad day when he left. I was thrilled (to bring him back)."

Spoo said the timing of Munoz leaving and Wittke being available was perfect.

"Getting jobs is a matter of timing I've found," Spoo said.

Spoo said Wittke is passionate about his work. He said if Eastern's players emulate Wittke, they could be successful.

"(Wittke) has tremendous poise under fire," Spoo said. "Consequently, (he's) able to think rationally and doesn't let the emotions of the game get to him. He's an outstanding player caller as a result of that."

Baker said Wittke would officially assume the offensive coordinator role

Until then, Wittke has been meeting with players and coaches and evaluating Eastern's offense.

"We've got a quality core group of players returning," Wittke said. "The most obvious thing is we have a depth and a core of returning lineman up front which I think is important."

Wittke said the biggest question marks at this point are at wide receiv-

WITTKE'S RESUME

Years	Title	School
2008	Offensive Coordinator	Eastern Illinois
2007	Offensive Coordinator	Northern Illinois
2006	Offensive Coordinator & Quarterback Coach	Arizona State
2003-2005	Quarterback Coach & Passing Game Coordinator	Arkansas
1990-2002	Assistant Head Coach & Offensive Coordinator	Eastern Illinois
1985-1989	Quarterback Coach & Offensive Coordinator	Central Missouri Stat
1982-1984	Running Backs Coach	Montana State

er and running back.

"That's not a negative," Wittke said. "That's just where you took the biggest hit. You lose your top receiver (senior Micah Rucker) and your top rusher (senior Ademola Adeniji). There's a lot of yards and a lot of touchdowns that need to be replaced."

Eastern might replace those yards and touchdowns with a change to the spread offense. Spoo re-emphasized his intention to look into adopting the spread.

"He knows ahead of time what my thoughts were, but I want to give him the latitude to decide on exactly what we're going to do," Spoo said. 'I think the spread offense will be a part of that."

Wittke said he had experience running the spread as the quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator at Arkansas.

"We weren't a true spread team (at Arkansas), but we did a number of things with (quarterback Matt Jones) with a quarterback-run game," Wittke said. "Bottom line is we have to do what's necessary to put our best playmakers (at Eastern) in a position to make plays. If that involves giving the quarterback more of an opportunity to do that, that's what we have to

Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni is the only current Eastern coach who was with the team during Wittke's first stint as offensive coordi-

"It's awesome (to have Wittke back)," Bellantoni said. "He was a great coach when he was here, and he's a better coach now."

Bellantoni said Wittke's offensive plan involves several shifts and motion that can create mismatches on the field.

"From a selfish standpoint I'm very excited about that because it's going to make practice a little bit harder on (the defense)," Bellantoni said. "I think our offense benefits, and I think our defense benefits (with Wittke on

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WOMEN'S TENNIS | EASTERN AT BRADLEY

Panthers focus on individual skills for Braves

Last weekend's loss doesn't phase women; players still confident

By JC Clark

Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's tennis team has focused on its individual skills

The Panthers will concentrate their efforts against Bradley at noon today in Peoria.

"Everybody's had a thing or two they've been working on this week," said Eastern tennis head coach John Blackburn.

Individual improvement is something the women's team may need against what Blackburn feels is a deep and aggressive team in Bradley. However, he also said Bradley seems to have been improving this year.

"They're a team that's gotten better as the (season has gone) along," Blackburn said.

Junior captain Natalie Martin expressed similar sentiments concerning Bradley's abilities and stated the team cannot afford to take any of their opponents lightly.

"You just have to bring your 'A' game no matter who you play," Martin said.

The Braves (2-2) lost to Indiana-Purdue-Ft. Wayne, 6-1, and Eastern defeated IPFW, 7-0 earlier this



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Freshman Abby Allgire practices her serves in Lantz Fieldhouse during tennis practice. Allgire and the women's tennis team prepare for Bradley at noon today in Peoria. Allgire is 4-1 at No. 3 singles this season.

season. The Panthers (5-1) lost their first match of the season on Friday 5-2 against Illinois State in Normal.

Although freshman Cara Huck noted the team's hard work in practice this week, she also said attitude will be a contributing factor to the team's success against Bradley.

"I think we need to be positive and stay focused," Huck said.

The Panthers traveled to Peoria for the Bradley Invitational during the fall season.

Senior Sandra Sasidharan and Natalie Martin played their way to a Flight A Singles co-championship.

Martin and sophomore Hayley Homburg took home the Flight A Doubles title.

Homburg finished as a runnerup in Flight B singles after an injury default in the title match.

After facing Bradley in the fall, Huck said Bradley was a very talented team, but she still likes Eastern's chances.

"We feel very confident about what we can do this weekend," Huck said.

Blackburn said ISU's strong victory in last weekend's loss came down to simply being outplayed.

Blackburn said the loss put some of the team's weaknesses on display.

Although disappointed with losing, Martin said the blemish on the team's record has not set them back.

"The team has responded very well to it," Martin said.

Martin did not compete in singles action against ISU because she had a pulled hamstring.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

WOMEN'S TENNIS Today at Bradley Noon - Peoria

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S INDOOR TRACK Friday at Last Chance Meets All Day - South Bend, Ind.

WOMEN'S GOLF Friday - NIU Invite | All Day - Sebring, Fla.

SOFTBALL Friday at Florida Gulf Coast | 10 a.m. - Boca Raton, Fla.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL OVC TOURNAMENT Friday vs. Southeast Missouri Noon - Nashville, Tenn.