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MAP grant hits home at Eastern

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MAP grant’s future still uncertain

Eastern planning for the worst

By Bob Bajek  
Associate News Editor

Junior transfer student Demareo Stone is one of many students who could lose some of their financial aid next semester.

On July 15, the Illinois General

Assembly reduced the Illinois Student Assistance Commission funds for scholarships and grants by half, attempting to balance the 2009-2010 state budget.

This will largely affect the Monetary Award Program grant, as it makes up a significant portion of those commission funds.

Eastern could lose the \$5 million in MAP grants it has received, affecting up to 2,300 Eastern stu-

dents, said Financial Aid Director Jerry Donna.

Donna said the commission is anticipating no MAP funding in the spring, although this is not definitive.

He said the university would know the MAP grant’s status around November, but Donna thinks the state’s budget crisis could make it difficult to maintain the grant.

Stone, who received the Illinois MAP grant this semester and at his community college in the past, could be adversely affected in the spring.

“The MAP grant helped me with my finances at community college,” Stone said. “But junior college is half of what university MAP grants are, so I would take a bigger fall if I didn’t receive my aid.”

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MAP Grant cuts

<b>77%</b> of students receiving MAP grant assistance have a household income of less than \$40,000 per year	<b>48%</b> of students receiving MAP grant assistance have a household income of less than \$20,000 per year	<b>\$5m</b> Eastern could lose the million in MAP grants it has received
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CITY

Voicing concerns over health care



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Peter Andrews, chair of mathematics and computer science, expresses his views in support of government-provided health care as Rep. Tim Johnson’s press secretary, Phil Bloomer, holds the microphone at a town hall meeting Wednesday afternoon at Lake Land College in Mattoon. The college’s auditorium was filled with Rep. Johnson’s constituents who came to voice opinions and concerns about issues in the district with health care taking a primary focus of the evening.

By Stephen Di Benedetto  
City Editor

U.S. Rep. Tim Johnson denounced President Barack Obama’s public health option and compared large government spending to a drunken sailor at a town hall meeting Wednesday in Mattoon.

Johnson, a Republican who represents east central Illinois, said a public option — a federally operated health care system meant to compete with private insurers — would quickly lead to single-payer health care.

He said a complete government-controlled system would diminish treatment and lead to large tax increases during a time of uncon-

trolled spending, citing the bank and auto bailouts as examples.

“We are like the drunken sailor who has had 15 drinks and wants 15 more,” Johnson said.

Most of the people who crammed into the Lake Land Auditorium approved of Johnson’s stance on health care, but a few disagreed, including Eastern students and professors.

Johnson said he prefers reforming association health programs, which currently cannot cover people with pre-existing conditions or extend coverage between individual states.

Johnson said that option, however, is not being negotiated on Capitol Hill, adding he will not

vote for socialized health care.

He said countries with universal health care come to the United States to receive treatment because the United States still provides the best treatment in the world.

Ethan Ingram, a sophomore mathematics major, said many citizens do not believe the current system is the best in the world, adding the United States’ health care system is ranked 35th in the world.

“I’m not accepting the proposition that we have the 35th best system in the world,” Johnson said.

He said he is not against providing coverage for the uninsured, but would not do that through inordinate tax

increases.

In fact, the World Health Organization in 2000 ranked the United States’ health care system 37 out of 191 nations. It is the only major report to rank different health care systems.

Math professor Charles Delman said recorded facts show citizens in Canada, Japan and European countries pay less for universal health care.

“You’ve been conjuring up images of health care systems that don’t exist,” he said, referring to Johnson’s comments.

Johnson said the United States health care

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UNIVERSITY

Textbook Rental on track for new building

Facility to offer 24 hours of operation

By Sarah Ruholl  
Administration Editor

Despite some rain delays, construction of the new Textbook Rental Services facility on Edgar Drive is still on schedule.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said “substantial completion,” meaning the actual construction of the building, is set for Nov. 1. This is in accordance with the original plan.

The facility is slated to be ready for use by students on April 1, 2010. By this time, all of the books will be moved in and the new technology will be in place.

Books will have radio frequency identification chips installed to allow students to efficiently check themselves out. This is part of the effort to reduce waiting time for students.

The 19,200 square-foot, one-floor facility will have extra waiting room inside as well.

“The building had a lot more capabilities for that than we anticipated,” Nadler said.

Having the entire facility on one floor will make finding books faster and less labor-intensive for workers.

“When you’re trying to move books, taking them up and down stairs isn’t very efficient,” Nadler said.

The new facility has many advantages over the current one, located in the old Cracker Box gymnasium in Pemberton Hall. The new facility will feature off-street parking, a shuttle stop and a drop box.

“It will be a huge benefit to the students,” said

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CHANGES

Promoting a comfortable environment

By Sarah Jean Bresnahan  
Campus Editor

Rec Center

Biomeasuring machine

The Student Recreation Center received new lockers, flooring, stationary bicycles, a biomeasuring machine, access desk and wellness counter this summer. Ken Baker, the director of campus recreation, described the biomeasuring machine as something out of Star Trek. A student steps onto the machine, and their height, weight, body mass index and body composition is measured and then printed out for the students. Since the machine was installed, the SRC has had to change the tape three times, Baker said. One role of tape for the machine can give approximately 1,000 print outs.

New Lockers

Baker said the main reason for the remodeling was to promote cleanliness and give students an easier way to access the different aspects of the SRC. Eric Wilbur, the executive vice president for Student Government, said Baker came to Student Government last January to get ideas about ways to improve the SRC. A main topic of that discussion was the instillation of lockers to replace the cubbies that students used to store personal items while at the SRC. Student Government sent the proposal of installing new lockers to the Apportionment Board, who decides how student fees are spent, and was approved. Originally, AB thought they could only pay for 63 new lockers, but Baker said the SRC now has 139 lockers available to students. The lockers cost approximately \$12,000 and have self-programmable locks, so students will not need a key or quarters to use the lockers. In addition to the new lockers, flooring and furniture, the access desk and wellness counter have now been renamed “totaleiu.”

Resident Hall

Lawson

Each summer, various residence halls receive upgrades. Lawson Hall's second and third floors were renovated over the past two years. The third floor of Lawson received new furniture, carpeting and electrical wiring. Last year, Lawson's second floor was transformed from faculty offices into a space for visiting groups, complete with private bathrooms and fully furnished rooms. All of Lawson also received a new sprinkler system. The remodeling contains a complete overhaul of each individual room, with new carpeting, stackable furniture and new electrical wiring. Andrews Hall has three and a half floors and Lawson four floors that still need remodeling. Mark Hudson, the director of housing and dining, said these would not be done until after the Lincoln renovations.

Renovations have been going on for about 10 years in the residence halls, and will continue for another four or five before all of the halls are completed.

Douglas

In Douglas Hall, the bathrooms were remodeled last year to 7 private bathrooms in each communal bathroom area. The private bathrooms include a shower, sink, toilet and mirror. Floors still have a communal sink area. The total renovation cost for Douglas, including new sprinklers and an electrical upgrade, cost \$3.5 million. The remodeling in Douglas was chosen after a student survey showed Douglas residents were the least satisfied with their bathrooms, said Mark Hudson, the director of housing and dining.

Technical

Clean Access

Another change students will notice is that Clean Access is no longer used in the residence halls as a means for connecting to the Internet. Last spring, ITS and housing and dining did a joint survey about Clean Access. The results showed that students were frustrated with the system. Greg DeYoung, the associate director of ITS, and his staff, researched different products to replace Clean Access and discovered that many universities were using SafeConnect. Hudson said that Cord Hackett, the administrative coordinator for user services at housing and dining, called these other universities, including UCLA, to see how the program affected their students. The representative from UCLA said that the calls to their technology help desk dropped 94 percent after the product was installed. SafeConnect was built for the education market, said Hudson, and gives students more leeway with their Internet connection. For example, with Clean Access, if a student got a virus on their computer, they would be kicked off instantly. With SafeConnect, the student is notified of the problem and given 24 hours to fix it before they are disconnected. Stevenson also received a technological change with the instillation of wireless Internet throughout the entire building. Hudson said that 18 hubs were installed in suites that had been mapped out, and the hubs are so powerful that they can be placed in one suite and give access to all the suites surrounding it, including those on the floor above and below.

EVENTS

The UB previews events

By Kayleigh Zyskowski  
Activities Editor

The University Board is winding down from a busy weekend of events but the members will kick into high gear soon, as the school year is about to unravel. UB Chair Mike Usher said he is pleased with the ideas and the work the members are putting in so far. “This past weekend we had everyone show up and do their share of the work,” Usher said. “It’s nice to have everyone doing what they are asked to do. Also, the ideas some of the chairs have had will be great to see play out later.” Lauren Phillips is the “Mainstage” chair for UB and said she is looking forward to starting a new event this year, a singer and a songwriter competition. The date is set for Oct. 14 in the Seventh Street Underground. “We gave the rap (fans) ‘So You Think You Can Rap?’ and we thought it would be fair to see what the singers can do too,” Phillips said. Singer Kailin Garrity will be a special guest at the event. The winner will have the opportunity for a 10-hour recording contract with Jim Thompson, Phillips said. Matt Caponera, “Comedy” chair, has new ideas for this year as well. Caponera is in the process of starting a monthly comic newsletter with the working title being “The Monthly Eastern Jester.”

He said his hopes are to have a monthly issue of the newsletter with entries from any student on campus. “It would be an outlet for anyone to put their comedy into something legit,” Caponera said. The newsletter will include comedic material from students, short stories from classes, funny text messages people have received and possibly the scripts resulted from the improvisation groups on campus. “I definitely think people will pick it up because we always have the (Seventh Street) Underground full when comedians come and we had 10 people in ‘Last Comic Standing’ last year,” Caponera said. Caponera said he would like to have the first issue out by next semester.

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## VIEWS

# Illinois needs a financial 'MAP'



**Bob Bajek**

Unbalanced budgets and deficit spending. The Illinois General Assembly, with former Gov. Rod Blagojevich at the helm, violated the Illinois Constitution for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 to the detriment of the state's finances.

This year, Gov. Pat Quinn decided to actually follow this legal document and practice fiscal responsibility, so he put the budget at \$25.32 billion for 2010, saving the state about \$3.87 billion from last year.

However, his red pen struck out the Illinois Student Assistance Commission's scholarship and grant fund of \$440 million from the last year in half, with 25 percent in reserve. This leaves \$165 million for state grants.

This means 100,000 students would miss out on need-based financial aid even with a "fully funded" budget. The ISAC's main resource, the MAP grant, has been cut by \$170 million.

With half the necessary funds for Illinois' college students, the MAP cut will most likely affect 150,000 in the spring semester.

How will this potential disaster affect Eastern? Quite a bit.

About 2,300 students, nearly 20 percent of enrollment, would be affected in the spring semester if worse comes to worst and Eastern loses its \$5 million in MAP moneys, said Jerry Donna, director of financial aid.

"For those where the MAP grant makes all the difference, it will be a real sad day if someone can't come to school because of losing it," Donna said.

I could not agree more, Jerry.

One of the students affected is Demareo Stone, a junior transfer student. The MAP grant was his bread and butter during community college and it would put him into a bind if his state grant were discontinued, Stone said.

"The MAP grant helped me with my finances at community college," Stone said. "But junior college is half of what university MAP grants are, so I would take a bigger fall if I didn't receive my aid."

Stone said he would reluctantly resort to this option.

But student debt has soared nationally over the last 20 years; with the College Board reporting this month a median-level college debt is at \$17,700 for a bachelor's degree.

Eastern's endowment is not high, which makes it difficult for students to obtain institutional scholarships. The university's foundation lost more than 26 percent of its value during the course of 2008, falling from \$45.6 million to \$32 million.

Donna said this is tough on him because he wants students to have less debt but Financial Aid has to resort to getting federal, parent and private loans, and obtaining private scholarships and extra work opportunities.

Eastern is trying its best, but the \$800,000 in stimulus money for work-study does not even remotely cover the cost.

How can we fix this mess? Contact your state representatives and write to them at [www.ilga.gov/](http://www.ilga.gov/) why the MAP grant is vital to keep.

Our General Assembly needs to know the burden these cuts will have on students and their families and the state economy.

The state should not burden students into deeper debt to cut its own.

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# THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

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## DAILY EDITORIAL

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

# Vice & virtue in Booth Library upgrades

Booth Library recently upgraded its computers with new 20-inch Apple iMacs on a couple of its floors, each costing \$1,239 each.

Forty of these computers were put in the third floor reference room and were paid for by the library fund, which is derived from state-appropriated money.

The remaining 61 are located in the fourth floor computer lab and were purchased by the Academic Technology Advisory Committee through the technology fee.

These computers carry both Windows and Mac operating systems, while the 40 on the third floor carry only the Windows operating system.

The fourth floor lab is an ideal setup. Now Apple and PC users have a choice between operating systems.

The reboot, too, is very reasonable; we tested it out ourselves and, given we weren't in any kind of rush to print any homework for class, we thought it was worth the minute-or-so wait.

And, for the most part, it's always great to know we have updated computers on campus.

As reported in Wednesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, the last computer upgrade was in 2005 when Booth purchased 55 19-inch Gateway computers at \$1,493 each, which is about \$250 more than the new iMacs the lab now boasts. This is a considerable difference considering the Gateways in total cost nearly \$7,000 more and provided six fewer computers with only a PC operating system. So if you really think about it, this is a stellar deal and worth every penny.

But Booth also used part of the library fund to replace 60 computer chairs in the fourth floor computer lab, each new one costing about \$367.

That number seems extravagant for a simple chair without any arm rests. The fourth floor lab really needed new chairs — the old ones were hanging by a thread, with the foam busting out of the fabric and the wear and tear showing in new ways every day — but spending this much money on each individual chair, or about \$22,000 total, is way too much.

Regardless of quality, a reasonably priced chair costs less than \$200. *The DEN* editorial board searched the Staples Web site and found a number of chairs that appeared to be roughly the same or better quality than the chairs in Booth's fourth floor lab. We sat in the lab's chairs and weren't impressed; nothing about the seated experience screamed '\$367.'

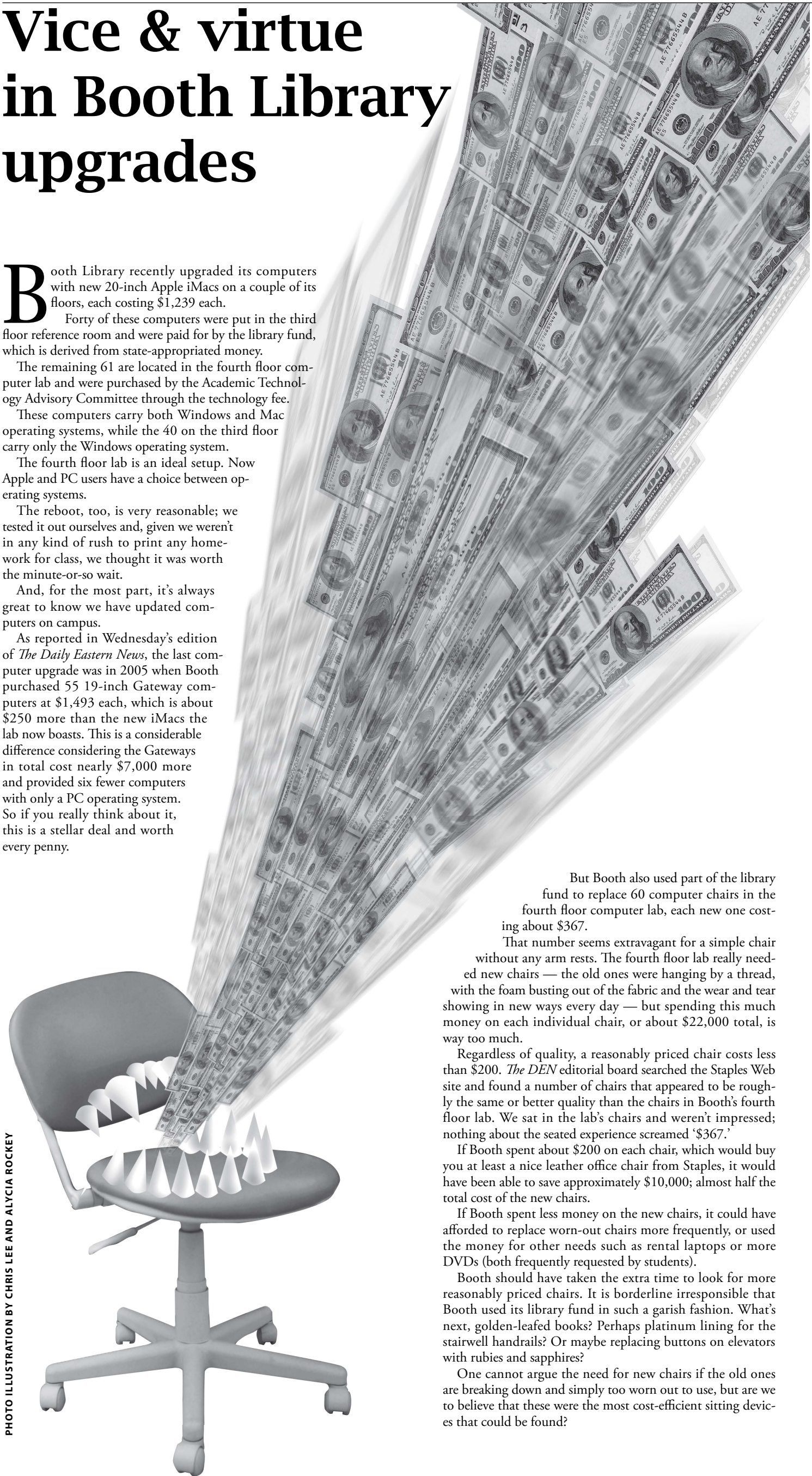
If Booth spent about \$200 on each chair, which would buy you at least a nice leather office chair from Staples, it would have been able to save approximately \$10,000; almost half the total cost of the new chairs.

If Booth spent less money on the new chairs, it could have afforded to replace worn-out chairs more frequently, or used the money for other needs such as rental laptops or more DVDs (both frequently requested by students).

Booth should have taken the extra time to look for more reasonably priced chairs. It is borderline irresponsible that Booth used its library fund in such a garish fashion. What's next, golden-leafed books? Perhaps platinum lining for the stairwell handrails? Or maybe replacing buttons on elevators with rubies and sapphires?

One cannot argue the need for new chairs if the old ones are breaking down and simply too worn out to use, but are we to believe that these were the most cost-efficient sitting devices that could be found?

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CAMPUS

DJ collects on overdue payment

Emily Steele  
Student Government Editor

An overdue payment from the former student body president was revealed at the Student Government executive board meeting Wednesday night.

Levi Bulgar, 2008-2009 student body president, entered into a verbal contract at the end of last semester without the knowledge of any other Student Government members. Bulgar agreed to pay the disc jockey for a campus safety event \$75, but the money was never approved.

After receiving an email from the DJ, Student Body President Michelle Murphy agreed to honor the contract and bring the amount up for approval at next week's senate meeting. The DJ cannot be paid until Student Government approves the expenditure next week.

"It was a verbal contract, so we were not in the know," Murphy said.

Continuing his work from the previous semester, Mark Olendzki, vice president for student affairs, researched for a potential Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender resource center over the summer.

Olendzki spent time looking at

"Only when we act together with students can we get something done."

Mark Olendzki, vice president for student affairs

similar programs offered at schools in Illinois, but deficient space for a group office, no department affiliate and lack of interest has stifled the center's progress.

"If this is something we're carrying a torch for and the student body doesn't agree, it won't work," Olendzki said. "Only when we act together with students can we get something done."

In other business

Senate member Jarrod Scherle has been appointed as the new vice president for business affairs by Murphy after Tyson Holder's resignation. Scherle will be officially nominated at next week's senate meeting, where the student senate speaker will then hold an open floor vote.

Eric Wilbur, student executive vice president, is working on splitting the responsibilities of his current position into two separate positions. Once the proposal is complete it will be submitted formally for a vote by the senate.

Panther Palooza, an annual recruiting fair for Registered Student Organizations, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept.15 at the South Quad. Space is limited to 70 to 100 tables. RSO's can register at the student government office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Student Government has plans to find a new Web master to update and run its Web site.

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Carol Miller, director of Textbook Rental Services. "They're the one's we're concerned about."

With the drop box, students will insert their I.D., which will open the box, and they can place their books inside to be scanned and a receipt will print out.

The radio chips used for self-check-out also enables the drop-box service.

"That turns Textbook Rental Service into a 24-hour operation," Naddler said. "They'll be scanned in, then inspected when they've arrived."

To save time, he recommends students bring in any books they know

are damaged to avoid follow-up.

The building will also feature geothermal heating and cooling and high efficiency lighting among other energy-saving measures.

"It's definitely in line with the institution's values on sustainability and in line with the students' desire to be as green as we can possibly be," he said. "I think it's going to be the kind of facility students will be proud of."

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Students pack Textbook Rental to get the new semester's books on August 20.

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system needs improvement but is not broken. He said those countries with universal health care, such as Canada and Japan, are taxed to "the glut."

Peter Andrews, chair of the mathematics and computer sciences department, said citizens having to wait for treatment and receiv-

ing poor care because of a universal health care system is a figment of Johnson's imagination.

"We cannot have this debate dishonestly," Andrews said.

Johnson's town hall meeting in Mattoon was his eighth during Congress' August recess. He has held meetings across east central Il-

linois, including Danville, Paris and Robinson, and intends to hold additional meetings later this fall.

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GRANT, from page 1

If the grant is discontinued, Stone might have to add to his debt burden for his undergraduate studies.

"Most likely, I could take student loans out," Stone said. "Even if I reduced my class load, it would be a tough spot to be in."

Lori Wolc, a senior early education major, also receives the MAP and would have to look for outside help.

"I would probably have to take out more student loans, which is going to

be really hard to take care of when I get out of school," Wolc said.

To combat the situation, Eastern's administration is pushing the General Assembly to retain the grant. Students and parents are also writing letters contacting their state representatives about the MAP being invaluable.

"All the institutions are letting the state know the importance of the grant," Donna said. "We are still hoping there will be enough push on the

legislators to actually come through with the money."

Eastern is planning alternatives for students to pay for their education. The university acquired \$800,000 in stimulus money. President Bill Perry and Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, might use this for a work-study program.

The program, in its planning stages, would have former MAP students working for faculty and departments

in a more academic focus.

Donna said this possibility would be for students that are identified as the most needy, for example, with an expected family contribution of zero.

According to an Illinois Student Assistance Commission report issued in February, 77 percent of students receiving MAP grant assistance have a household income of less than \$40,000 per year, and 48 percent are reporting less than \$20,000 in house-

hold income.

"For those where the MAP grant makes all the difference, it will be a real sad day if someone can't come to school because of losing it," Donna said.



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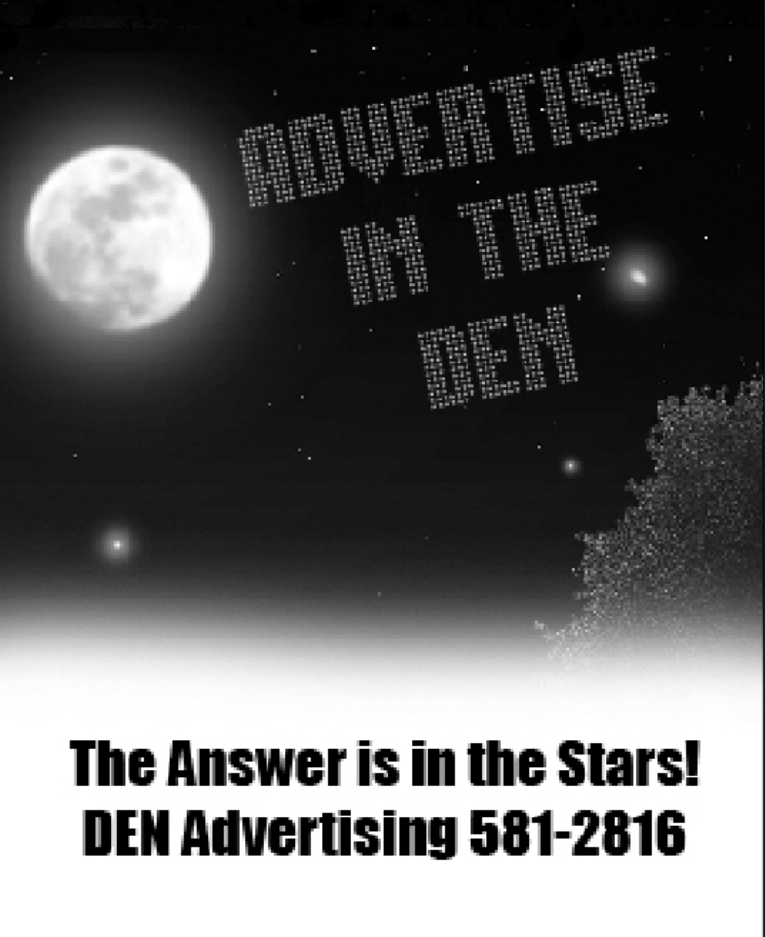
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Brad Earl (left), second-year graduate assistant, coach talks to Brad Peters (center), first-year student assistant coach, and assistant coach Dino Raso (right) after practice Wednesday.

are all former members of the Panthers who have joined the team to help coach for the 2009 season.

Earl, a 2008 graduate, worked as a graduate assistant last season and is an assistant coach this season. Peters and Hansen, who graduated last year, have joined the coaching staff for their first year as student assistants.

Peters was the leading scorer for the Panthers last season with 10 goals and second on the team with six assists. He ended his Panther career with the fifth most goals in program history (33), tied for ninth in assists (18) and seventh in points (84).

Peters, who majored in kinesiology and sports studies, said he thought about coming back to help coach last spring because he did not have an opportunity to continue his soccer career.

“Coaching seemed like a good idea if playing didn’t work out,” he said. “There was an opportunity for me to do graduate school and get an assistantship so whatever I could do to help I obviously wanted to do.”

Peters said his roles include coming out to practice every day, helping to set up, working with the forwards and doing speed and agility drills.

He said the coaches are friends on and off the field, which allows a comfortable learning atmosphere where he can learn to be a better coach.

“To be around guys who taught you play soccer and now are teaching you how to coach, it’s a good thing,” Peters said.

Hansen also majored in kinesiology

and sports studies. He started 15 of 19 games for the Panthers last season, recording 62 saves with a 1.79 goals against average.

He said after the season he talked to Eastern head coach Adam Howarth about what it would take to become a college coach. When he found out he had made it into graduate school he decided he would help with the Panthers.

“I had helped coach teams in the community so that was not hard, but the coaches have taught me how to deal with colligate athletes,” Hansen said.

Howarth said the best part of the new coaches joining the staff is that they can also relay messages to players.

“They can get on people, it is not just my voice all the time,” Howarth said. “I try to do as good a job as I can getting on people, but they’re able to get them as well.”

He said not only can they show them what to do, but they can praise them when they need it as well.

Another benefit for the team is that all three assistants can still play. Howarth said the team does not have a gigantic roster and if it is needed, those guys can help with scrimmages.

Hansen said it is hard knowing his playing career is over, but being a coach and helping make the younger players better makes it much easier.

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learn and trying to make a contribution to our organization.”

Walters understands the cut-throat-like business of the NFL.

“I’m a rookie,” he said. “I can only control what I can control. There’s no secret formula.”

Eastern defensive coordinator Roc Bellantoni has been keeping up with Walters regularly.

“It’s been really, really hard for him,” Bellantoni said. “I think he knew it was going to be tough. It’s tougher than what he thought it would be.”

When Walters didn’t do well or had rough days, Bellantoni encouraged him and reminded him he is a good player.

“He’s at the bottom of the food chain again,” Bellantoni said. “He has the talent to do it.”

Walters said the reps keep increasing as he said he got about 15 or 16 reps in the second preseason game against the Minnesota Vikings.

“It’s all football,” Walters said. “The coaches are basically giving me an opportunity.”

Bellantoni noted that many players and coaches were huddled around the TV watching replays to

Chiefs preseason schedule

August

15 - vs. Texans (L, 16-10)  
21 - at Minnesota (L, 17-13)  
29 - vs. Seattle, 7 p.m.

September

3 - at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

source: kcchiefs.com

see Walters play in the fourth quarter.

“I thought he played pretty well,” Bellantoni said. “He looked like a guy that belonged out there. It’s been an eye-opening experience. No matter how it turns out, it’s going to help him in the future.”

The future could be the team, the practice squad or the United Football League.

“It’s a business,” Walters said. “I hope things work out. Nothing’s promised.”

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college, but I work out even more now because this is my job now,” Galligan said. “I need to go about this professionally. They do a lot of distance running over there, sometimes running three miles before practice. Before this summer I would not have been able to do that. I’m in very good shape right now though.”

Sallee, who recruited Galligan

out of high school as part of his first recruiting class as head coach, said he has talked to her about once a week throughout the summer. He said the success she is having and the realization of her dream gives him the satisfaction as if he were his own daughter.

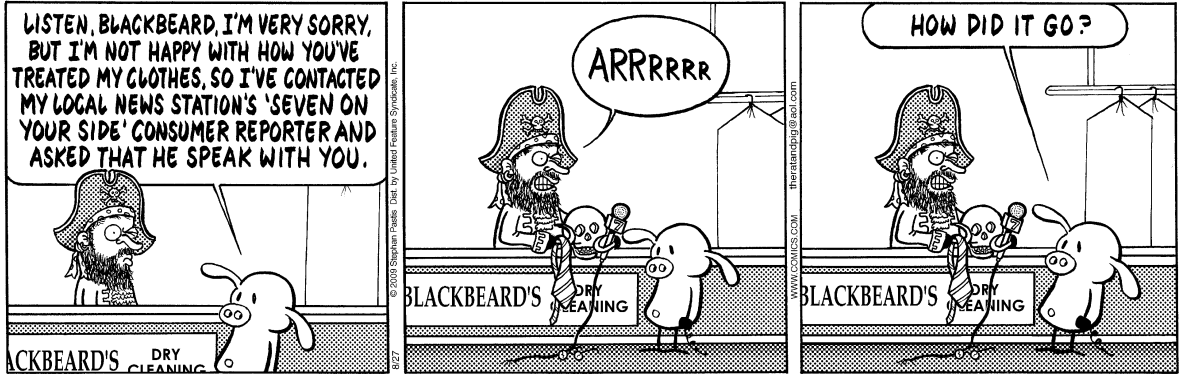
“I don’t know if I can put into words how proud I am of her,” Sallee said. “She’s so excited and

ready to go. I’m confident she’s going to be just as successful there as she was here.”

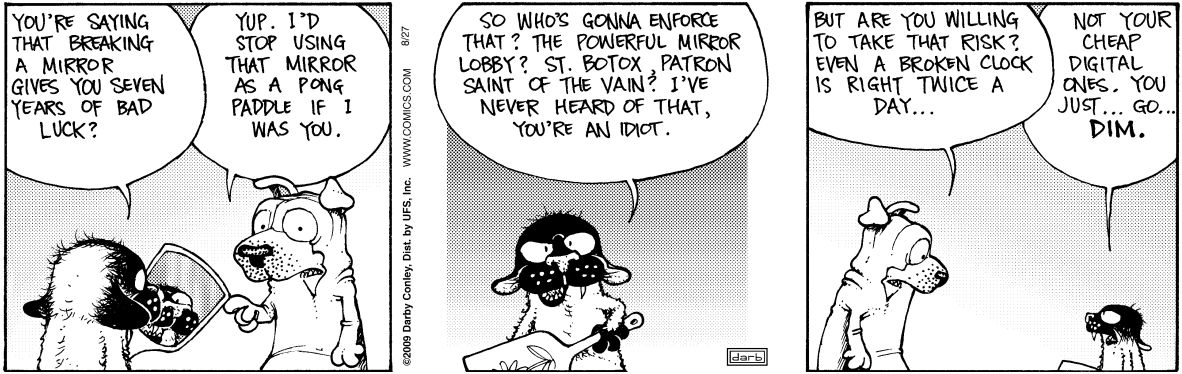
For Galligan, heading to Spain is going into a world of unknowns. But she’s brushing up on her Spanish and is eager to get started.

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20 Bullet train type  
22 Go for  
24 Hosp. locations  
25 Innards  
27 Common sports injury site  
28 Certain occupation  
31 Milo's canine pal  
32 See 4-Down  
33 "Star Trek" empath  
34 Animal control officer  
36 Folded corner  
37 Trail  
38 1927-31 Ford  
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44 Hibernia

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46 G.I.'s ID  
47 Person who raises and sells pups  
49 City containing a country  
50 Big rig  
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55 Cans  
56 Entertains  
58 "Holy moly!"  
59 20 places?  
60 Cry that may accompany pounding  
64 Using base 8  
66 Steal  
68 \_\_\_\_ Miss  
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23 K2 locale  
26 Mac, e.g.

27 Many a Kirkuk resident  
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39 Cornwallis's school  
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43 Parts of box scores: Abbr.  
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52 A little nuts  
54 Feature of a pleasant summer day  
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# Alumni making department proud

## Walters catching on in K.C.

Linebacker trying to make team as undrafted free agent

By Kevin Murphy  
Staff Reporter

Like the rest of the Kansas City Chiefs, former Eastern defensive end Pierre Walters is unsure if he will make the roster as a rookie.

As new head coach Todd Haley told the *Kansas City Star* earlier this week, no one has officially made the team.

“Not in my book,” Haley told the newspaper. “I’m not trying to start controversy of any kind. It’s more of a point that we’re starting from ground zero and we’re going to earn the right to be Kansas City Chiefs.”

For Walters, who received a free-agent invitation after the NFL Draft, he’s excited to showcase his skills and possibly earn a roster spot.

“We’re not disrespecting anybody,” Haley told the *Kansas City Star*. “We’re just keeping our word.”

Walters has appeared in both preseason games with the club mostly on special teams, but he has had some defensive series at linebacker.

Walters relishes his time on special teams because he knows he’s building a film resume of special teams highlights.

“It’s been a lot of hard work,” Walters said. “It’s been a real stressful time. You want to stand out.”

Walters is in the process of transitioning from defensive end to linebacker, which he admits has been rough.

“That’s still a work in progress,” he said. “It’s about me taking it one step at a time.”

One of the biggest accomplishments is that he’s been able to learn the playbook.

“That was a huge hurdle,” he said. “I know my assignment.”

With the roster unsure, Walters knows making a team won’t be easy, especially with massive roster cuts around the corner. NFL rosters have to be cut to 75 players Tuesday and then 53 players Sept. 5.

Oh, and add that there are 12 linebackers on the Chiefs’ roster, and it doesn’t get any easier.

“He is an outstanding young man who is competing and working very hard in camp,” said linebackers coach Gary Gibbs through an e-mail. “He is very diligent in terms of trying to

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## Taking her game to Spain

Former Panther great continues career overseas

By Collin Whitchurch  
Sports Editor

After a freshman campaign that put her on the map as a future basketball star, Rachel Galligan sat down with Eastern women’s basketball head coach Brady Sallee and outlined a route that could possibly take her to the professional ranks.

“We sat down and said ‘OK, here’s what we have to do’, Sallee said. “We knew what she was capable of and thought she could definitely play pro ball. For it to actually come to fruition is a neat thing.”

Galligan signed over the summer to play with Club Baloncesto Conquero in the Spanish Women’s League. She leaves Friday for Huelva, located in the southwest corner of the country.

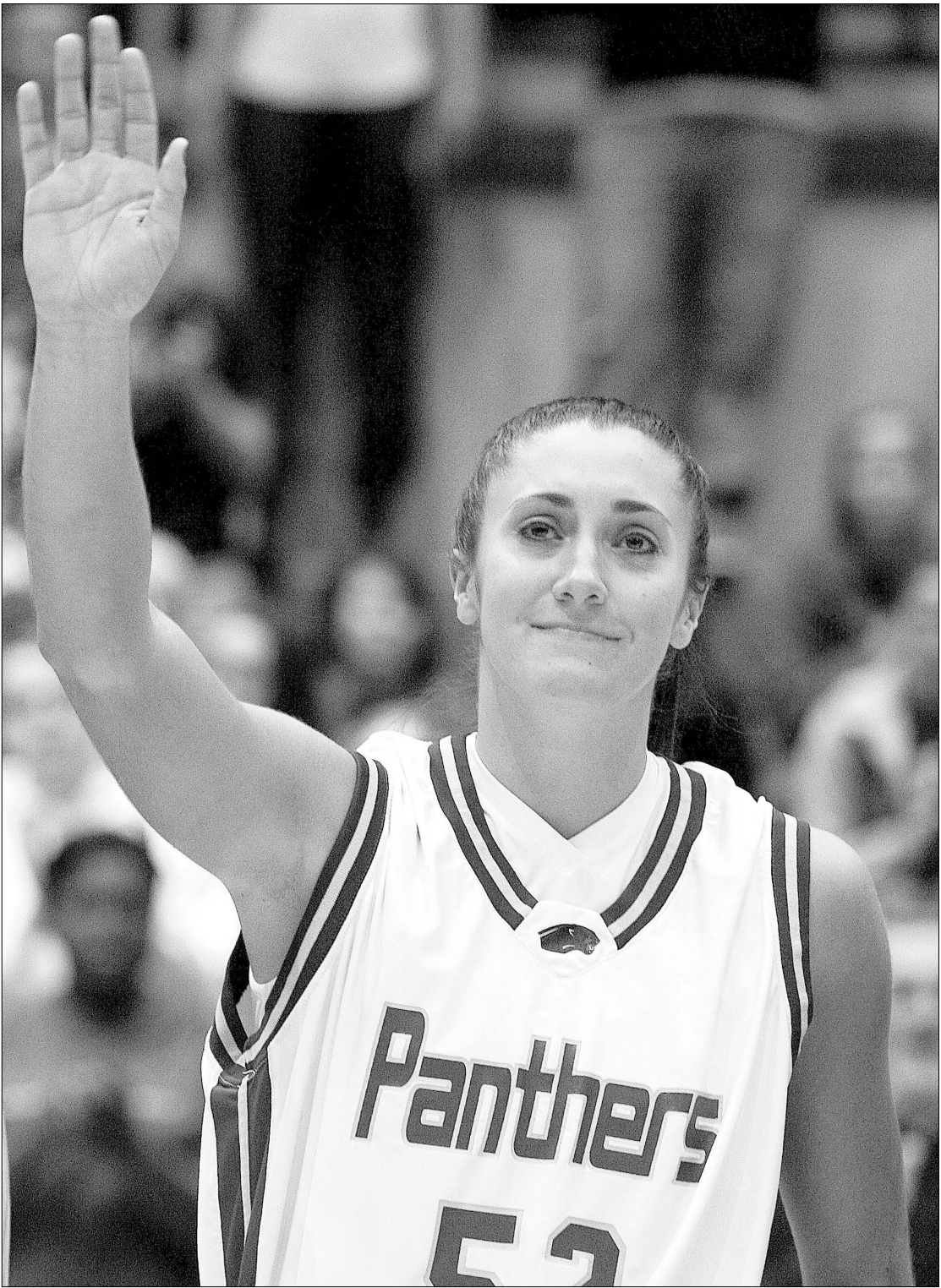
With just a few days left before Galligan embarks on her career as a professional basketball player, she’s going through a wide range of emotions.

“I’m nervous, scared, excited. But this past week or so I’ve just gotten really excited,” said Galligan, who ended her Panther career last spring as Eastern’s all-time leading scorer. “I’m looking forward to going. I’ve waited a long time and now it’s just a matter of time.”

Galligan has been working out in her hometown of Bloomington since she graduated in May, although she did return to campus to work with Sallee at the camps the school hosted. She said she’s been working out practically non-stop and is in the best shape of her life.

“Obviously I worked out a lot in

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Former Eastern forward Rachel Galligan waves to the crowd after accepting her framed jersey following the Senior Night game Feb. 21, in Lantz Arena.

## Former greats enter coaching ranks

By Dan Cusack  
Assistant Sports Editor

Former Eastern soccer players Brad Earl and Brad Peters looked

right at home playing together Wednesday in the practice fields behind Coaches Stadium.

The two graduates teamed up for a two-on-two game with the rest of

the current men’s soccer team and they looked like it was the 2007 season, winning every single game they played.

“We are veterans,” Peters said.

“We have been around longer than them; we know the tricks.”

Earl, Peters and Mark Hansen

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