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UNIVERSITY | SECURITY

Threat defined

In relation to the recent alleged threats posted on Facebook by Robert Walker, Associate News Editor Emily Zulz sat down with President Bill Perry to define, in general terms, what constitutes as a threat and the meaning of a university ban.

How would you define a threat?

It can be an action on the part of a student. It could be to threaten physical violence, bodily harm to another person.

It could be posting some sort of written notice of an intent to cause harm to individuals or university facilities.



BILL PERRY

physical posting of paper or something like that, or it could be a posting on a Web site or a social network page.

It would have to be something that would cause a reasonable person to be concerned and to believe that there was a potential threat to individuals or to the university facilities with consequences for members of the campus community.

With Web sites, social networks and the vastness of the Internet, does the university try to monitor these things?

We're not monitoring these things. We're not an Internet police or anything like that. Because of the widespread and almost ubiquitous nature of these networks and so on, we become aware of some postings and so forth from third parties.

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UNIVERSITY | POLICY

Cell phone principle to be enacted this semester

Campus-wide policy would recognize faculty's responsibilities

By EMILY ZULZ
Associate News Editor

A statement of principle on cell phone use in the classroom in relation to receiving text messages during emergencies will be in place this semester.

Provost Blair Lord, vice president for academic affairs, said the statement would acknowledge the primary role the faculty has to set the tone

or set the expectations for their environment, but ensure that an emergency text message could get into that classroom in a timely way.

Lord spoke with the Faculty Senate during their Feb. 24 meeting on the topic of cell phones in the classroom.

"It was suggested that if faculty require cell phones to be turned off in a classroom, that there must be some method by which emergency messaging can get to the class," according to the minutes from the Feb. 24 meeting.

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STUDENT | HEALTH

Too much caffeine comes with risks

Healthy diet, sleeping habits help students keep up energy

By JESSICA LEGGIN
Campus Editor

Possible risks such as insomnia, nervousness and an increased possibility of seizures can all be related to caffeine intake.

High-caffeinated drinks, such as Red Bull, 5-Hour Energy and coffee have become the norm for college students in order for them to sustain their energy to stay up and complete various projects or to study for tests.

Some students have made these drinks a part of their daily routine without knowing the consequences or side effects of the constant intake.

Ryan Messinger, health education coordinator for the Health Education Resource Center, said when it comes to energy drinks he feels as if they give off an "illusion" of energy by chemically stimulating the body for a short period of time.

"People need to remember that caffeine is a drug and with any drug it can lead to the person needing more and more to achieve desired results," he said. "This can cause strain on the body."

Messinger said side effects and risks of caffeine intake could vary from person to person.

"Caffeine may also affect certain medications and could aggravate certain conditions such as acid reflux disease," he said.

Acid reflux disease is when acid from the stomach travels to the esophagus, causing it to become irritated or inflamed.

Messinger said there is much



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debate on how much caffeine is deemed acceptable and safe.

"This depends greatly on the person," he said. "In general, it is thought that 200-300 milligrams of caffeine per day should be safe for most people, which is equivalent to three cups of coffee."

Messinger said a cup of coffee every morning is routine for habitual coffee drinkers.

"Some side effects are that many people would find that they may experience is withdrawal-like symptoms such as headaches if they were to forgo their morning coffee," he said. "This just further demonstrates the addictive qualities of caffeine."

Messinger said students should also be reminded that caffeine is

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— Ryan Messinger,
health education coordinator

a diuretic, which will cause a person to urinate more and have their body become dehydrated.

"So it is important for people to remember to consume non-caffeinated beverages and water regularly to keep the body hydrated," he said.

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

DRUMMING AWAY THE AFTERNOON



KAROLINA STRACK | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Matthew Black, a sophomore music major, is silhouetted by the afternoon sun as he looks at his reflection in a window of the Doudna Fine Arts Center while practicing his drumming Wednesday.

CAMPUS | STUDENT SENATE

Campus Safety Week approved

Student Action Team hearing presentation Monday for lobbying

By BOB BAJEK
Student Government Editor

The \$900 proposal for Campus Safety Week was passed 25-0 with one abstention at Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

Student Body President Levi Bulgar worked for the last three weeks trying to pass the event, which will be held April 6 through 10.

During discussion, Student Senate member Chris Kromphardt motioned for a line item vote, dividing the bill into three fiscal parts.

The motion for a line item vote failed 13-12 with one abstention. A two-thirds majority was required.

Student Senate member Brad Sarekian said every part of the bill was

vital and advertisement is needed for the event to be successful.

"How good will this be if no one comes to learn?" he asked.

Senate member Tyson Holder said spending \$900 for a week's worth of events is well worth it, while Senate member Isaac Sandidge pointed out how if the event saves even one student, it is well worth it.

Kromphardt disagreed with Bulgar proposing \$290 for advertising, but agreed with the event.

"I think advertising was a little excessive," Kromphardt said. "I think the group has become too dependent on advertising. We need to focus on other ways because people don't point out to fliers and come. We need to do some word of mouth, Facebook and going out to groups."

Bulgar said he is trying to obtain sponsorship for the event.

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EIU WEATHER

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CAMPUS | PHOTO OF THE DAY

Enjoying warmer weather



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As temperatures reached 50 degrees Wednesday, the campus became filled with students who came out to enjoy the warmer weather. Tricia Garvey, a freshman pre-physical therapy major, and Carissa Westerman, a sophomore fashion merchandising major, listen to music together on top of the Doudna stairs Wednesday afternoon.

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ENTERTAINMENT | A DAILY LOOK

Chris Brown expected in court today

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Prosecutors say Chris Brown is expected in a Los Angeles court today, despite that they have yet to file charges.

District Attorney's spokeswoman Jane Robison said Wednesday that Brown is required to appear based on a date scheduled after his Feb. 8 arrest.

The 19-year-old R&B singer was booked on suspicion of making criminal threats after police say a woman identified him as her attacker.

A person familiar with the incident but not authorized to speak publicly identified the woman as Brown's girlfriend, Rihanna.

Police presented their case weeks

ago, but prosecutors asked for more information. Brown remains free on \$50,000 bail.

A call placed to his attorney, Mark Geragos, was not returned Wednesday afternoon.

Pitt to meet with Pelosi in Washington today

LOS ANGELES — Mr. Pitt is going Washington.

Nancy Pelosi's office says Brad Pitt is set to meet with the Speaker of the House today to discuss the 45-year-old actor's charity efforts in New Orleans.

Pitt founded "Make It Right" in 2007 to help build environmentally sustainable housing for low-income residents in New Orleans who lost their homes during Hurricane Ka-

trina. He was nominated for a best-actor Oscar for "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button."

Hargitay in hospital for collapsed lung

NEW YORK — Emmy winner Mariska Hargitay is in the hospital.

The star of NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victim's Unit" was hospitalized on Wednesday after feeling discomfort from a partially collapsed lung. She is undergoing tests.

Hargitay has been ailing since at least mid-January, when producers announced that she had a partially collapsed lung.

Her spokeswoman, Leslie Sloane, said the actress "expects to be feeling better soon" and that production of the show will not be affected.

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CAMPUS | EVENT

Poetry reading engages audience

Renowned poet performs variety of pieces for large audience

By EMILY STEELE
Staff Reporter

While the lecture hall was not entirely packed in the moments before Anne Waldman took the stage, the loud chatter of students and faculty filled the room with topics ranging from Shakespeare to Lincoln.

As she stepped up to the stage after a brief introduction, the murmurs silenced, phones were turned off and the suspense built.

"This is the Writing Dance," Waldman said, and with that, the poetry session commenced.

Around 80 people attended Waldman's poetry reading Wednesday in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall.

The live performance of an experienced and passionate writer is entirely different than reading their poetry. Waldman's vibrant physicality and her use of song-like vocals and jolting rhythm expressed a style similar to beat poetry.

"You get to see the person talk about her work, there's something about the human voice and what a difference that makes," said John Martone.

Martone, who teaches a creative writing poetry class in the English department, along with members of the women's studies department, helped bring Waldman to campus.

Over the course of the hour the audience was invited to share her experiences and were drawn into a variety of topics.

Waldman performed 10 pieces with themes on the duality of marriage, the ghettos in Venice and society's environmental impact with a poem titled "Manatee Humanity."

Waldman also used a musical arrangement created by her son to

"She's a national treasure, that's the best way of describing her."

— John Martone,
English professor

accompany two of the poems, further engaging those in attendance.

She ended with "Verses for a New Amazing Grace," which drew resounding applause and a standing ovation from the audience.

"She's a national treasure, that's the best way of describing her," Martone said, while introducing her.

Waldman is the author of more than 40 poetry books including "Fast Speaking Woman."

She is a distinguished professor of poetics at Naropa University in Boulder, Colo., where she is director and co-founder of the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics.

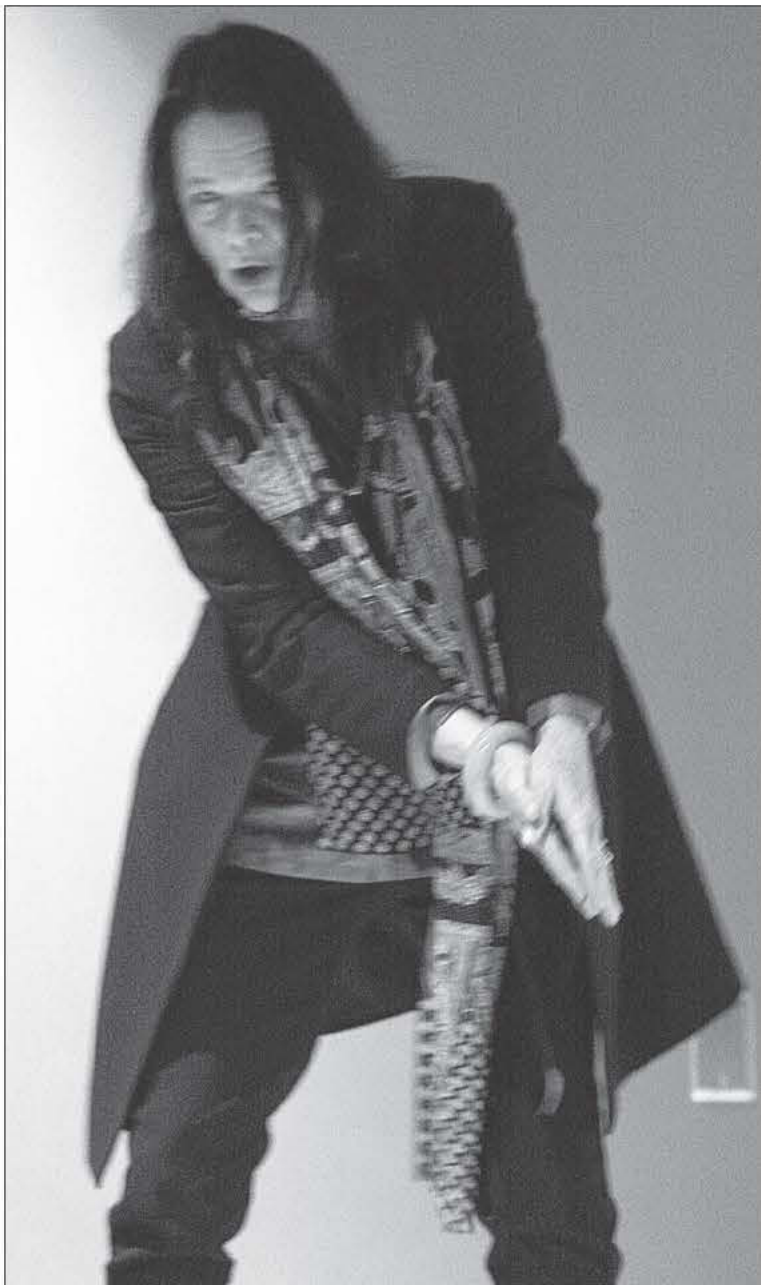
"This is probably one of the better ones I've seen," said Stephanie Pescitelli, a junior environmental biology major.

Pescitelli and Carly Guerriero, a senior women's studies major, attended the event together and said despite the generational gap, Waldman's poetry was a criticism of mainstream culture, which included universal topics that college students could relate to.

"As a poet, she's able to pick apart those things and judge them," Guerriero said.

Gina Lendi, a senior English major and president of the English club, did not attend the reading but said it attracts a lot of attention when someone like Waldman comes to campus.

"I think it provides something different to go to," she said. "It's a way to help make well-rounded



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Poet Anne Waldman performs her poem "Neural-Linguistically: This Is The Writing Dance" Wednesday night in the lecture hall of the Doudna Fine Arts Center.

students."

Pescitelli said the opening of Doudna has given more artists the opportunity to come to campus, helping to create a diverse environment.

"We have the facilities. We should definitely bring in more art-

ists," she said.

The next poetry reading will be by Luisa Igloria on April 6 and 7, as part of the New and Emerging Artists Series in Doudna.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Challenges to gender traditions in the military

The panel discussion "Women, War and the Nation: Feminist Challenges to Gender Traditions and Militarism in Poland, the Philippines and Britain," will take place at 4 p.m. today in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

School of Business brings lecture series

The School of Business will welcome Wendy Perrow, vice president of marketing and alliance management for Alba Therapeutics Corporation, as a featured speaker.

Perrow's open presentation – "You, Too, Can Be an International Marketer! A Global Adventure!" – will start at 2 p.m. March 6 in Lumpkin Hall Room 2020. Admission is free and open to the public.

Opportunity to purchase textbooks now available

The textbooks issued to students may be purchased during regular business hours from now through March 31 at Textbook Rental Service. Textbook Rental's hours are from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bring textbooks at time of sale. No other opportunity will be available to purchase books for this term. For more information, contact Textbook Rental at 581-3626 or visit <http://www.eiu.edu/~textbks>.

—Compiled by News Editor
Matt Hopf

BLOTTER

Christine Calver, 21, of Mahomet, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and a blood alcohol content of more than .08 after a 1:25 a.m. Saturday arrest at Sixth Street and Lincoln Avenue, said the University Police Department.

Tyrone Long, of Chicago, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs after a 10:04 p.m. Saturday arrest near the Student Services building, police said.

Alaa Sweis, 19, of Homer Glen, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, illegal possession/consumption of alcohol by a minor, possession of less than 2.5 grams of cannabis and use of a fraudulent/false ID after a 1:43 a.m. arrest at Ninth Street and Lincoln Avenue, police said.

CLARIFICATION

On page 3 of Friday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News*, it was reported that the owners of Stu's were Nancy and Ken Keating and Jim Severson. The name of the fourth owner, Laura Severson, was omitted.

The DEN regrets the error.

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CAMPUS | MEETING

Helping prevent traumatic brain injuries

Meetings to address veterans with traumatic brain injuries

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

John Jansen, a Charleston resident who attends Lake Land College in Mattoon, received a traumatic brain injury from an improvised explosive device, a roadside bomb, while he served in Iraq from Sept. 2005 to April 2006.

Jansen is a friend of Paul Reid, organizer of the veterans with traumatic brain injuries, meeting today and Friday.

Some symptoms Jansen suffers from are short-term memory loss, anger problems, insomnia and other sleeping problems, post-concussion syndrome, depression, anxiety and alcoholism, among other things.

"I have to take 15 different medications every day and have relationship problems with friends, family

and my girlfriend," Jansen said.

He said he also suffers from physical ailments such as balance problems and cannot work out for more than a half hour daily or he will pass out.

Jansen also had to have his brain rewired.

"There's a lot of people who are having problems," Jansen said. "It is a big deal and a signature of the war, but (traumatic brain injury) has next to no research."

David Mulholland will speak at the two meetings.

"The meeting is supposed to focus on individuals with brain injuries, especially military ones," said Reid. "Myself and Mulholland feel there is not enough focus on returning vets that have been in combat. We will talk about what traumatic brain injury is and what can be done to prevent it."

Mulholland wants to try setting up support systems and rehabilitation centers.

The meetings are open to everyone and Reid hopes this will spread

the word about traumatic brain injury.

"A majority of people know someone who is a veteran or someone who was in war, whether it was the Vietnam War or the Iraq war," Reid said. "They are either related directly or non-directly."

Reid said 20 to 22 percent of all veterans coming back to the United States from the Iraq war have traumatic brain injury.

"That's a very high number, and with (Barack) Obama's new exit strategy where he wants troops to leave by August 2010, a lot of people will come back with this injury," Reid said. "We need support and focus for these individuals."

Mulholland is the founder and president of a rehabilitation center called the Community Neuro Rehabilitation, Inc. located in Westminster West, Vt.

"He's really going to promote this center (at the meetings)," Reid said.

Mulholland has also been trying to talk with different congressmen and senators throughout the U.S. to

try to get funding for the disease.

Mulholland has also been overseas in Europe and Austria talking with different personnel.

"My personal experience with different centers and veteran's hospitals are that they are not very sufficient to veterans' needs and helping with their problems in a quick and swift manner," Reid said.

Reid likes to bring so much attention to veterans because sometimes they are applauded, but the majority of the time that is not enough.

"More things need to be done for those who have made a specific sacrifice to help serve our country," Reid said. "I would like to advocate for those who cannot advocate themselves."

Mulholland is speaking at 5:30 p.m. today and 6 p.m. Friday in the Charleston-Mattoon room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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In troubled times,
dreams can flourish

I just read a report in which the National Association for Colleges and Employers said surveyed companies plan to hire 22 percent fewer grads from the class of 2009 than they hired from the class of 2008.

I've seen recent news reports that graduate college applications are up by more than 30 percent.

I suppose that's because the current senior class has experienced minimal success in finding suitable jobs to start at the end of the semester.

It seems now would be the best time to take a chance and do that one thing you truly want to do, but "fear of failure" would never allow you to do.

I have a friend who graduated from college in December with a degree in history.

He couldn't find a job, didn't get into a graduate program and refused to work a minimum wage position until the economy improved.

I asked him about his reasoning and he said, "If I'm not going to get paid what I'm worth, then at least I'll not get paid what I'm worth while doing something that I enjoy."

So what did he do?

He joined the circus.

How ingenious!

Think about the material this guy can gather about the circus for a history book, novel or screenplay.

Think about the material he can gather for research should he get into a graduate program in the future.

Think about how much happier he'll be doing what he wants rather than by working the "fry-o-lator" at a fast food joint until the job market improves, which could be years.

He followed the interest and desire that he had always pushed aside because of the "fear of failure" that keeps most of us from following our own pipe dreams.

What if he fails to achieve his goal of becoming a ring-master or trapeze artist in the circus?

So what?

He really can't fail at this because at least he went for his dream in lieu of working at a job he despised for a pittance.

This troubled economy may be your only opportunity in life that will allow for you to follow your pipe dream of becoming a street performer, a wandering musician, walking to South America, traveling across the country in empty train boxcars or becoming a crab fisherman in the Ber- ing Sea.

Whatever you do could unlock a new and original storyline that publishers and movie producers have been waiting for.

You might find that you've become an award-winning story writer.

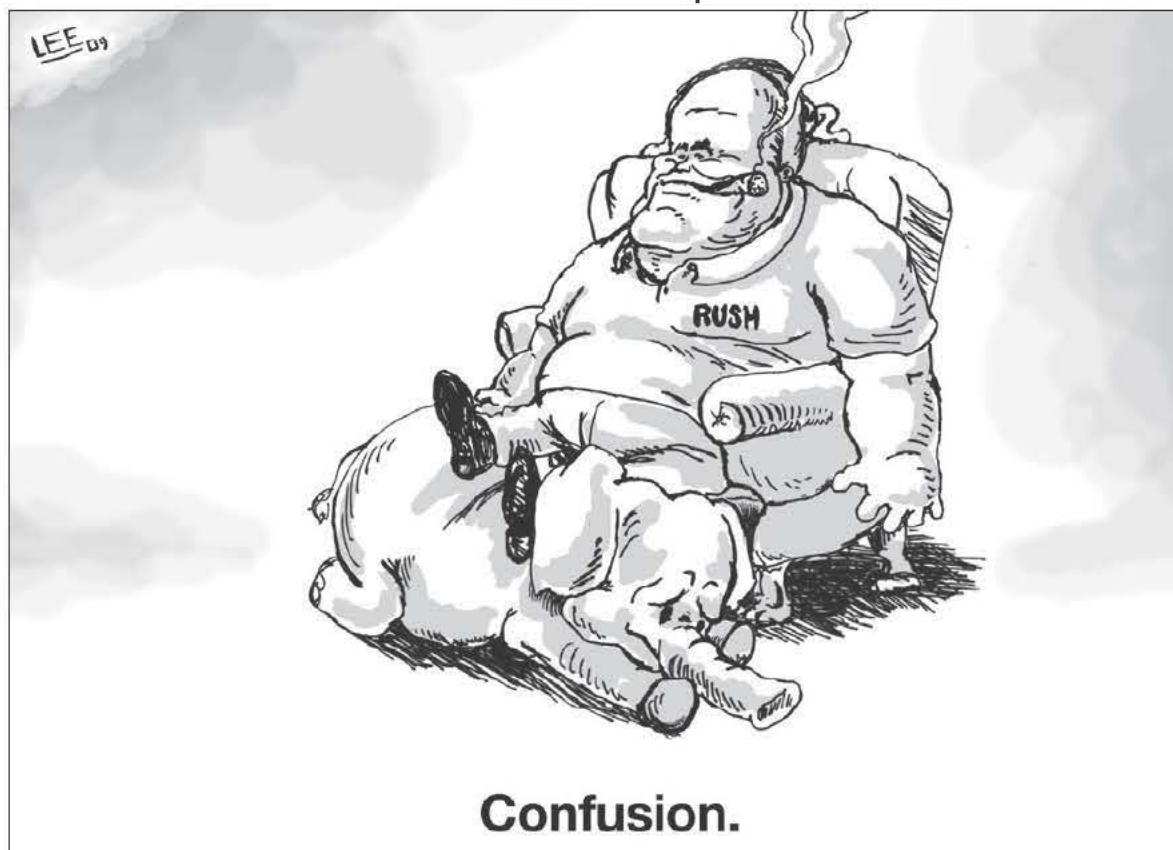
You might find that your pipe dream will lead you to a successful career in your dream job.

But whatever you do, just know that you can't fail when you've got nothing to lose.

When you get a once-in-a-lifetime chance, you've got to take it.

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Drawn from the News | Chris Lee



Confusion.

STAFF EDITORIAL

Walker's banning leaves
questions unanswered

In an age of heightened campus security, it's understandable when a university takes all necessary precautions in order to ensure the welfare of its students.

Unfortunately, it seems that the administration may at times take action without divulging full details surrounding a given incident or without investigating the incident any further before taking action. Such is apparently the case with freshman family and consumer sciences major Robert Walker.

Walker said he was asked to leave Eastern – which he did Saturday on his own free will – after someone reported a Facebook status update to the Student Standards Board.

Walker said the status update read, "In five days things are going down." Other updates reading, "sorry about your damn luck," and referring to Tuesday as "the day Hell will freeze over," when read with the update in question gave a rather cryptic message, but Walker said the phrase "sorry about your damn luck" was from a Total Nonstop Action Wrestling star named "Cowboy" James Storm.

Walker said his status updates are either quotes from wrestling or refer to events that are personal to him – "the day Hell will freeze over" was in reference to his birthday, he said.

According to President Bill Perry in an e-mail sent out Monday, Walker – then unidentified – had returned to his hometown near Chicago and Perry assured students and faculty that the situation was under control.

Walker stated the status update in question was in regards to a birthday party that was supposed to happen Tuesday night in a bowling alley, but the university has so far declined to comment on the threatening messages, so it is uncertain whether the status in question was one of several.

In an e-mail sent out Tuesday, Perry said the university had been declared safe, but the ban was still in effect.

This raises questions about the Standards of Student Conduct. The Standards of Student Conduct say a student may be placed on interim suspension "if the student poses a likely threat" to Eastern. If campus security is no longer an issue, then why is Walker still banned from campus?

Furthermore, if Walker is placed on interim suspension, how will he come back? If he is enrolled, how will this affect his grades? Even though the university and the Eastern police confirmed Walker had left, fliers appeared around the athletic department that included a picture of Walker and stated he had been banned from campus along with the University Police Department's phone number with instructions to call if Walker was seen on campus.

Though the university is doing its best to ensure campus safety, the issue raises some questions regarding free speech.

Are students now subject to discipline based on what appears on their Facebook profiles? If this is the case, there is much to be said about underage drinking and drug use that apparently goes unnoticed. What then? Will Eastern's administrators begin trolling students' Facebook profiles for offensive material?

For now, students may be petrified to post anything that expresses some discontent toward Eastern.

The university has done its job by ensuring the safety of the university, but this misunderstanding should be hammered out as soon as possible to ensure questions from the student body might be answered.

EDITORIAL POLICY

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YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

EASTERN SHOULD APOLOGIZE

If what *The DEN* has reported about Robert Walker's status on Facebook – following removal from campus and results from the investigation – is true, President Bill Perry, the University Police Department and the athletic department owe the campus, community and Walker an apology.

The police department reported to *The DEN* they confirmed Walker was no longer on campus, but found it necessary to post fliers at the basketball game. That makes no sense and should be considered slander con-

sidering all parties involved had concluded there were no actual threats made, since the police department knew he wasn't on campus.

If what President Perry said about finding no threats were actually made is true, the university should not be investigating any further for disciplinary actions. What are you going to do, punish him for being excited for his birthday?

Threats should be taken seriously and I hope the university and police department continue to do so; however, before you ban a student from campus, at least make sure

you're right to ban him. Maybe question him at the police department instead of sending him packing.

If the university administration and police department do not handle the rest of this situation correctly by apologizing and subsequently dropping the ongoing investigation, both departments' reputations will be tarnished. They currently have lost my respect, and may lose others' as well. Admit the mistake and apologize.

Elliott McGill
Senior history major

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» Interview

FROM PAGE 1

You have a student who's posted something. You have the university. Someone else will see the posting and be concerned, and they tell some university office about it. Sometimes it can even come from someone outside the university who's seen it or picked up on it, but we don't monitor these sites.

What does it mean to be banned from the university?

It is within the authority of the university to tell a person they may not come on to the campus. If they then decide to do so, it's a trespass and subject to criminal proceeding.

It would be a directive; it would

be delivered in an official way.

It's not just students to whom this could be applied. It could be non-students as well. It could be employees.

It's an action that's rare, but it's one we take when it's warranted.

Is being banned similar to being expelled? Would that person still be a student?

They could still be a student, but in some sort of suspended status.

If the student is doing what (he or she) is supposed to be doing – going to class, getting their work done, what one would consider normal activities for a student – this wouldn't be something that would come up.

Now, if a student or an employee were to exhibit behaviors, take certain actions that would lead us

to believe they should not come on campus, the individual would be informed of that.

In the case of a student, typically an action that would result in being banned from campus would be an action that caused us concern and would likely be connected with a suspension or some other action like that.

What is the process to determine the length of a ban?

If a ban was put in place that connected with a suspension, for example ... there has to be ... the hearings or investigation that might be connected with resolving the issue that led to the suspension.

Once that is resolved, then it could be that the ban could be lifted or it could be that the ban could be continued.

How is a ban different from being suspended or expelled?

In general, banning someone from campus is independent of these others, but in reality, an action on part of a student that would lead to a ban is likely also an action that could lead to disciplinary processes – the process where the student has an opportunity to respond to whatever concerns the university has raised about the student's behavior or actions.

Could someone be put on a ban first and then go through disciplinary processes?

You could have a student behave or act in such a way that we felt the ban was a very important step to take, to have the student removed from campus.

At the same time, then it may be that the action caused or behavior

that caused the university to institute the ban would be something that would result in a suspension or some other type of action that would cause another proceeding to take place to resolve that.

There's no formula. Each case is individual because each student is individual.

So each case is individual, and the range of actions taken by the university or a combination of actions taken by the university would be the ones the university felt served the best interests of the university and the campus community.

Once a process spelled out in our policies is instituted, then of course we follow that using whatever advisory bodies might be justified in the policy.

It could be an internal governing policy, board of trustee regulations, standard of student conduct.

» Principle

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In October, Lord called for discussion in the Senate on the possibility of a university-wide cell phone policy.

John Pommier, chair of Faculty Senate, said Lord is still looking into a cell phone initiative, but that it has not been completed.

Lord also spoke with the General Counsel on the issue and they checked around for other policies at universities.

"There are not a lot of institutions, at least on their Web sites, that have any formal policies," he said. "There's one private in this state that does have a policy that faculty must allow students to leave their phones on in class."

Lord said, in talking with the General Counsel, they came to the conclusion that if a faculty member felt it imperative to turn the cell phones off, the faculty member would have to have some means for a text message to be received in the classroom and conveyed to the class.

Lord has had discussion and dialogue back and forth with the Senate.

"They seemed to be understanding of the notion that we needed a principle like that," he said.

Lord said this is not a policy yet and the statement has not been converted into a document.

Pommier said when the Senate asked, Lord said he would have a cell phone policy out this semester.

Lord said he is working on a statement that would be not so much a policy as it would be a statement of principle.

This principle, he said, would recognize the faculty's responsibility for setting the classroom protocols and ground rules for decorum. The statement would also make sure faculty could not be in a position of making it impossible for a text message to get through to the class.

"In talking with the Senate, it seems pretty clear the faculty seem to be accommodating to the reality that we need a means for the class to be informed should we send out a message," Lord said.

Once Lord converts the ideas into a statement of principle, he will send it to Pommier and the Senate.

After discussion, the Senate would then affirm the statement or something like it.

"Therefore, it could be viewed as sort of a university expectation," Lord said.

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» Drinks

FROM PAGE 1

Messenger said he also wants students to know that some of them might be sensitive to caffeine.

"I want to stress that some people may be very sensitive to caffeine at even low doses which may cause adverse health effects,"

he said. "Also, the FDA advises that pregnant women should consume caffeine in moderation."

Messenger said students do not always have to look toward high-caffeinated drinks for energy.

"The best way to obtain high energy is through a well-balanced array of foods that will sustain energy," he said.

Messenger said a healthy diet and good sleeping habits can cause a student to keep up their

energy.

"Regular sleeping, going to bed at the same time every night and waking up at the same time every morning, exercising and eating nutritious foods and snacks to sustain energy throughout the day," he said. "Also taking measures to reduce stress since it can be quite an energy drainer."

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» Senate

FROM PAGE 1

The Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Council each have tabled resolutions worth \$200 of possible co-sponsorship for a future vote. Also, Facilities, Planning and Management will give \$500, replacing a lost sponsorship.

Student Action Team letterhead was passed unanimously for \$120. This is for mailing material to state representatives, especially for the Renewable Energy Center.

In other business, Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, said the Student Action Team will meet Gary Reed, director of Facilities, Planning and Management, and Paul

McCann, interim vice president for business affairs, at 7 p.m. Monday in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union. They will present on how to lobby for the steam plant more effectively.

"My freshman year, former (vice president for business affairs) Jeff Cooley and Gary Reed came in and talked about the coal plant center and I learned how to lobby for it," Wilber said. "I wanted to give our members the opportunity to learn about it so they could be more prepared on how to lobby for it."

Student Senate member Andy McLaughlin is trying to work on off-campus tenet rights. Students need to know about what landlords are required to fix and other issues, he said.

"Oftentimes, I don't know what my rights are and I want to compile that information because it seems that tenets don't step up and find out their rights," McLaughlin said.

Jose Alarcon, co-chair for the Internal Affairs Committee, said one member has three absences and two have two. Three absences are required for removal from the Senate.

Alarcon said only Saribekian, Kromphardt and himself signed up to help Wilber tabling for registering students for the city election. Wilber said during the meeting he thought the number was low. Also, only Holder has done tabling for Student Government, Alarcon said.

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CAMPUS | ARTWORK

Hyper-realistic exhibit to end with artist's lecture

Artist Armin Mersmann presents portrait-like art; lecture on artwork

BY EMILY ZULZ
Associate News Editor

Armin Mersmann's portrait-based drawings on display through today at Tarble Arts Center are often described as more realistic than photographs.

But these drawings go beyond the simple portrait, said Michael Watts, assistant dean for the College of Arts & Humanities.

"They all have a sort of edgy quality to it," he said.

Mersmann will present a lecture at 7 p.m. today to discuss his artwork. An informal reception will follow the lecture and will close Mersmann's exhibit.

Succeeding the reception, the artwork will be packed up for Mersmann to take with him.

Watts described Mersmann's hyper-realistic artwork as having a psychological under-

"They're not just pretty drawings. They go way beyond that."

— Michael Watts, assistant dean for the College of Arts & Humanities

tone.

"They're not just pretty drawings," Watts said. "They go way beyond that."

He said Mersmann's drawings are not straight portraits, but that they have something underlying.

"There's a strong conceptual quality to the work behind the surface," Watts said.

Mersmann, who was born in Remscheid, Germany, now resides in Michigan. He immigrated with his parents to the U.S. in 1962.

Mersmann, once a successful portrait artist in Chicago, now serves as museum school manager and exhibit preparatory for the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Arts and the Midland Center for the Arts in Mid-

land, Mich.

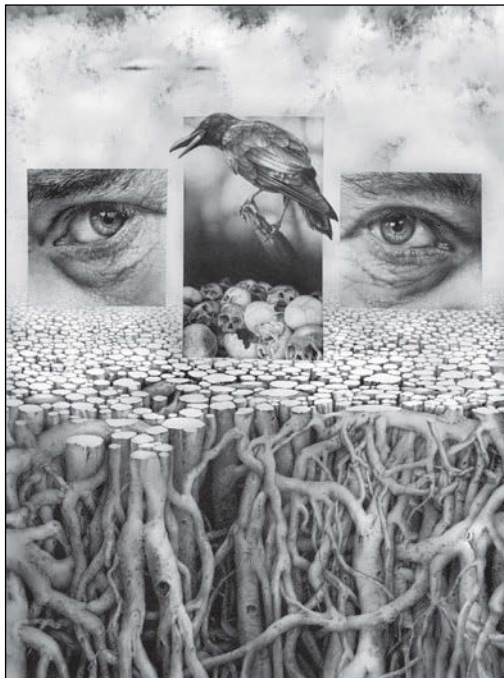
His artworks have been shown in more than 150 exhibitions regionally, nationally and internationally.

Mersmann's exhibition, titled "Drawing In Circles," is currently on display in the Brainard Gallery in Tarble.

Admission is free and the public is invited.

While on campus today, Mersmann will also visit with studio art graduate students all day to critique their work. He will also meet with students on Friday to do a demonstration from one of his artworks.

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Armin Mersmann said this portrait-based drawing called "Stripped" is a very powerful expression of deep seated feelings.

EVENT | CONCERT

Lupe Fiasco tickets available to general public on Monday

Students wanting to go should buy tickets soon

By HEATHER HOLM
Activities Editor

More than 850 tickets have been sold for the April 4 Lupe Fiasco concert in Lantz Arena.

On Monday, 520 were sold and 271 were sold Tuesday.

Tickets are only available to students this week for \$10 each.

Tickets go on sale to the general public starting Monday and will

be \$20 each.

Students can only purchase tickets at the discounted price if they present their Panther Cards.

"So far, tickets have only been advertised to students," said Ceci Brinker, director of student life. "This number is only after two days."

Students can still buy tickets at the discounted price of \$10 each next week, but Brinker suggests all students get their tickets this week.

"They should get their seats early on the floor because when

they go on sale to the general public, it is first-come, first-serve," she said.

Sheila Hurley, University Board concerts coordinator, thinks these sales are a good start.

"I would advise students to get them soon because there is only a limited amount of floor seats," Hurley said.

There are 3,500 total tickets and about 800 floor seats.

Floor seating is standing room only, also known as festival seating.

There is reserved seating in the

balcony.

Hurley thinks there will be some seats left over for the general public, but that the tickets are selling out pretty fast.

"I don't think there will be any floor seats left for the general public," Hurley said.

She said tickets will be on sale up until the show, or until tickets are sold out.

Students can purchase their tickets at the box office located in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union any time from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through

Friday this week.

The number for the box office is 581-5122.

Shwayze and "So You Think You Can Rap" winner Ian Winston will be the opening acts.

As for costs, Brinker said everything is still projected.

"We haven't finalized sound and lighting or all other support areas like crews," she said. "We will have finalized costs after the show."

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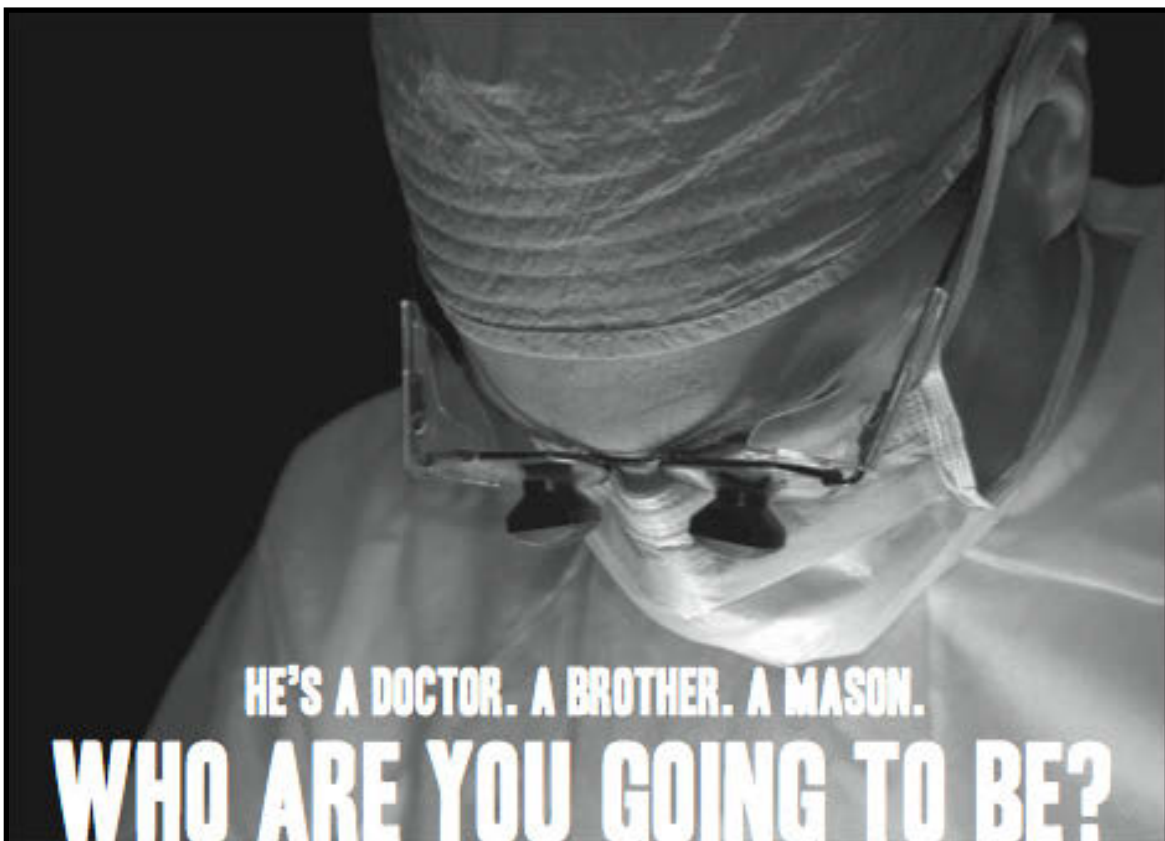
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STATE | VOTERS

Chicago board wants mail-in special elections

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Board of Elections unanimously recommended Wednesday shifting to a mail-in system for single office special elections, saying such a system would lower expenses and probably increase voter turnout.

The board members made the recommendation in the wake of Tuesday's special primary to fill the 5th Congressional District seat recently vacated by Rahm Emanuel, which

cost an estimated \$1.75 million but saw low voter turnout.

Only 18 percent of the eligible voters in Chicago cast ballots on Tuesday, and the turnout in suburban precincts was even lower — only 10.8 percent, said board chairman Langdon D. Neal.

The April general election will cost another \$1.75 million, Neal said.

"In the City of Chicago alone, this election cost about \$33 per ballot," Neal said in a statement. "These

costs would have been even higher if this were a special election for alderman in one ward. But more importantly, that \$1.75 million translates to money for real jobs in an economy that can't afford to lose any more."

Under the proposal, already used in the states of Washington and Oregon, secured drop-off boxes are set up in each neighborhood if voters do not want to send in ballots by mail.

The board would also have the option of keeping early voting cen-

ters open.

Such a system is feasible, but implementing it would be up to the Illinois General Assembly, rather than the state board, said Ken Menzel, an elections specialist with the Illinois State Board of Elections.

State Rep. Elaine Nekritz, D-Des Plaines, chairman of the Illinois House Elections Committee, said she could not comment on the proposal before seeing it, but felt the committee would be willing to consider it.

WORLD BRIEFS

The Associated Press

Wanted for war crimes: Sudan's president

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — The president of Sudan became a wanted man Wednesday when the International Criminal Court charged him with war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur.

President Omar al-Bashir's government retaliated by expelling 10 humanitarian groups from Darfur and seizing their assets, threatening lifesaving operations, a U.N. spokeswoman said.

Clinton accuses Iran of seeking to intimidate

BRUSSELS — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton swiped hard at Iran on Wednesday, accusing its hardline leaders of fomenting divisions in the Arab world, promoting terrorism, posing threats to Israel and Europe, and seeking to "intimidate as far as they think their voice can reach."

NATION | SAFETY

Border drug violence leads to armor-plated vehicles

The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The drug violence in Mexico has gotten so bad that booming numbers of Mexican and American professionals are having their cars fitted with armor plates, bulletproof glass and James Bond-style gadgets such as electrified door handles and push-button

smokescreens.

Until recently, it was mostly movie stars, business moguls and politicians who took such precautions. But now, industry officials say, the customers include factory owners, doctors, newspaper publishers and others who have business on both sides of the border and fear killings, kidnappings and

carjackings by drug dealers or people in their debt.

The customers "don't have to be very big," said Mark Burton, CEO of International Armoring Corp. of Ogden, Utah. "This becomes almost a necessity."

One San Antonio company said it expects a 50 percent increase in business this year. The modifications

typically cost \$80,000 to \$100,000, and they are being done not just on limousines, but on Toyotas, Hondas, pickup trucks and SUVs.

"I feel we need to be in a cocoon that is impenetrable," said a businessman who runs factories in Texas and Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and has gotten two Chevrolet Suburbans armored since October 2007.

Charleston Country Club Open House

The Charleston Country Club Board of Directors is hosting an open house on Friday, March 6th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Club. They are extending an invitation to the EIU community to take advantage of special membership rates offered on this night only. The social hour will include complimentary appetizers, wine, and music provided by any EIU Jazz duet. Casual dress is preferred and the Dining Room will be open Friday night if you would like to have dinner after the open house.

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» Schneider

FROM PAGE 12

Holtz was the OVC Player of the Week and May was the OVC Pitcher of the Week.

Holtz demonstrated why she deserved the award. She led all Panther batters with a batting average of .750 and a slugging percentage of 1.250. Her two biggest hits came against North Carolina Central, where Holtz hit a double and a two-

run home run en route to going 6-for-8 during the game. Holtz would eventually finish the three-game Kennesaw State tourney with four RBIs and zero strikeouts.

For the first time in her Eastern career, Holtz started at catcher for back-to-back games, including starting all three games during the tournament.

After the tournament, Eastern softball head coach Kim Schuette said Holtz played well and worked hard with the pitchers.

May earned her second OVC honor of the season after earning All-NJCAA honors last season at Heartland College.

Against Kennesaw State, May pitched a complete game, striking out 10 batters and only walking one. May also pitched another 2.1 innings during the weekend, striking out four with no walks.

At the end of the weekend May finished with a zero ERA, while holding opposing batters to a .188 average.

While both players had a successful weekend, May's overall statistics and Holtz's fielding skills have also been constant throughout the season.

May is currently 5-1 with a 1.20 ERA in eight appearances. She has 36 strikeouts while only pitching 40.2 innings. May has also only allowed 27 hits, while holding opposing batters to a .194 batting average.

Holtz made herself noticeable by her perfect fielding percentage.

Holtz hasn't committed any errors in her nine appearances playing catcher this season. The Panthers will need both May and Holtz to continue to improve their current play, as well as improved play from the rest of the team, if they expect to be successful this season. But more importantly, with both being sophomores, the Eastern softball team has players they can build around.

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» Pitching

FROM PAGE 12

Junior pitcher Mike Recchia started the game with three scoreless innings, allowing only one hit and one walk with a strikeout.

Red-shirt freshman pitcher Mike Martin (1-0) relieved Recchia, allowing one hit and the Salukis' only run in two innings of work.

The win was Miller's first of his college career in his first appearance of the season.

A combined effort between junior pitcher Josh Wilson, Kreke, and Derbak combined for four innings pitched allowing no runs and one hit.

Schmitz said the group did an amazing job, especially against a team like the Salukis.

He said he wasn't sure what they would get out of Wilson because he had some arm troubles last season, but that he did a great job.

Senior third baseman Zach Skidmore scored two runs while going 4-for-5 from the plate with four singles.

Derbak was also solid at the plate with three hits in five at bats with one RBI.

In addition to succeeding at the plate and on the mound, Schmitz said the team played excellent on defense as well.

He said both junior Chris Ulrey and Wilson made terrific plays in left field, while Skidmore made a play at third base that got them out of a jam.

Ulrey and Wilson got some of their most extensive playing time of the season in the game and Schmitz said they both did a good job in the role.

"We think that we have 14 guys on our team that can play well and contribute," Schmitz said. "We are trying to make sure we keep everyone involved."

Saluki senior pitcher David Kington (0-2) allowed two runs on nine hits in five innings of work.

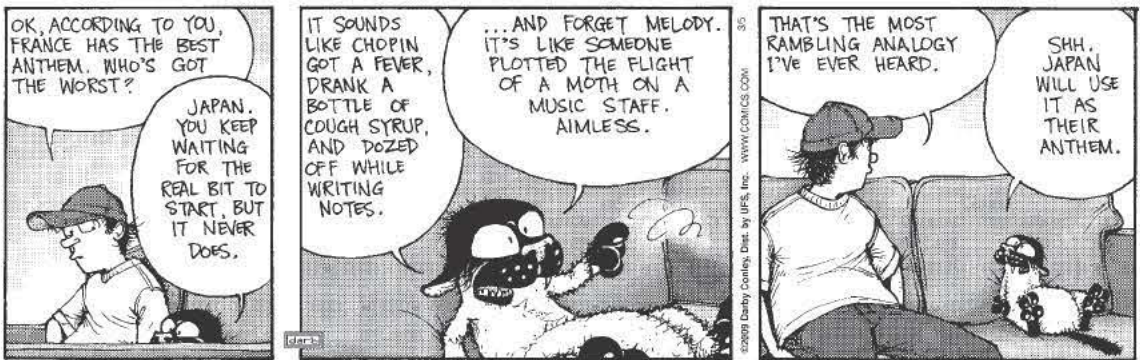
Eastern's next game will be 10 a.m. Saturday when they take on Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Louisville, Ky.

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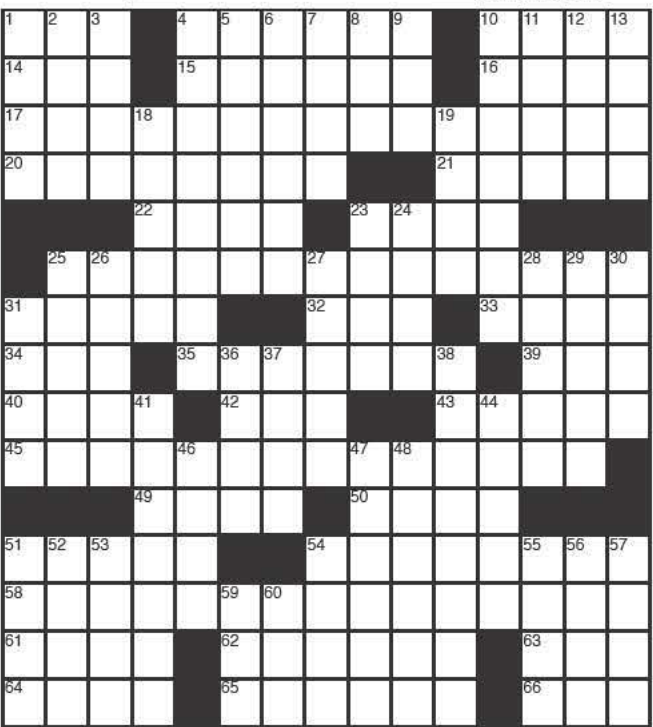


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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



» Escape

FROM PAGE 12

Blackburn said the duo was strong in the tie-breaker and thinks they won five of the first seven tie-breaker points.

Eastern junior Jeff Rutherford and freshman Matyas Hilgert won at No. 2 doubles 8-5 against the Braves (5-5). Rutherford and Hilgert defeated Bradley junior Richard Robertson and Bradley freshman Mitch Osborne.

Eastern freshman Jamie Firth and freshman Drew Grimaldi lost at No. 3 doubles 8-3 to Bradley senior Michel Macara-chvili and Bradley senior Evgeny Samoylov.

Nestrud, Milicevic and Firth all picked up singles victories with two three-set match victories.

Nestrud defeated Fraychineaud 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2 singles. Milicevic defeated Samoylov 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 at No. 3 singles.

"They really battled," Blackburn said. "It ended up being in the stronger players in the end. I think we showed good mental toughness."

Firth defeated Robertson 7-6 (4), 6-1 at No. 5 singles.

"Jamie Firth played his best singles match of the year," Firth said. "He did a great job with his focus and executing shots and played with a lot of intensity and confidence in key moments."

Rutherford lost to Romic 7-6 (6), 6-1 at No. 1 singles. Hilgert lost to

RESULTS

Eastern 4, Bradley 3

Doubles:

- 1. Nestrud/Mililevic (EIU) def Romic/Fraychineaud (BU) 9-8(2)
- 2. Rutherford/Hilgert (EIU) def Robertson/Osborne (BU) 8-5
- 3. Samoylov/Macara-chvili (BU) def Firth/Grimaldi (EIU) 8-3

Order of finish: 3,2,1

Singles:

- 1. Milos Romic (BU) def Jeff Rutherford (EIU) 7-6(6),6-1
- 2. Jordan Nestrud (EIU) def Callen Fraychineaud (BU) 4-6,6-3,6-4
- 3. Vuk Mililevic (EIU) def Evgeny Samoylov (BU) 2-6,6-1,6-4
- 4. Michel Macara-Chvili (BU) def Matyas Hilgert (EIU) 6-2,6-3
- 5. Jamie Firth (EIU) def Richard Robertson (BU) 7-6(4),6-1
- 6. Mitch Osborne (BU) def Drew Grimaldi (EIU) 6-2,6-3

Macara-chvili 6-2, 6-3 at No. 4 singles. Grimaldi lost to Osborne 6-2, 6-3 at No. 6 singles.

The Panthers return to action against Butler at 1 p.m. Friday in Indianapolis.

"We need to improve our doubles," Blackburn said. "We can be more intense. Once we can get the lead, we need to close out."

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PANTHER BRIEFS

Softball game postponed

The Eastern softball team's home opener against Indiana State on Wednesday at Williams Field was postponed.

The Panthers (8-4) will play at 4 p.m. March 13 at Williams Field. The Panthers lead the all-time series 42-26.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS | SPOTLIGHT

Young class can make difference for Panthers

Four freshmen
to support squad

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's tennis team is young.

This season the Panthers (3-6) sport four freshmen.

Although their record is not where they would like it, Eastern head tennis coach John Blackburn believes the team has continually improved throughout this season.

He has especially noticed the improved play of the freshmen.

Shannon Brooks, Amanda Dibbs, Annie Egan and Juliana Frey have been making a difference.

Blackburn said in tennis it is common for freshmen to come in and make an immediate impact.

"In tennis, you typically only carry six to eight players, and a lot of times the number of players dictates the level of action they will see early on," he said.

Blackburn quickly mentioned that each freshman has improved on something since coming to Eastern. He said that in both the singles competition and doubles events, he saw improvement from his players.

"Juliana and Annie seem to be able to play longer points and matches, while Shannon brings a really good all-court game," Blackburn said. "Amanda brings a very aggressive game and hits a very heavy ball that is difficult for oppo-



ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Eastern junior Hayley Homburg hits the ball back to her partner during tennis practice on Feb. 26 in Lantz Fieldhouse. Homburg is the only junior on the Eastern women's tennis team this season. The Panthers are relying on four freshmen to carry them through the rest of the season. The Panthers are 3-6 this season.

nents to deal with."

Dibbs agreed that the freshmen have made strides this season, but there is also room for improve-

ment.

"I've tried to improve my match play and just trying to make sure I'm ready for each opponent," she

said.

Dibbs credits her sister Liz with getting her interested in tennis and said her parents Dotlyn and Bri-

an also encouraged her. Her mom played tennis at Connecticut.

Dibbs is currently 5-4 in doubles play this season.

While Egan is only a combined 1-3 in doubles play, she is 4-5 in singles matches.

Egan said while her record has struggled, she has continued to learn and work on little things.

"We've tried to do a lot of work on my strokes and the technique of my serve," Egan said. "Practicing on these things has helped me learn and with practice, I'll be able to improve."

Egan said she really took an interest in tennis during her high school career in Rochester. Egan was heavily influenced by Rochester's High School coach Bill Gaffigan and credits him with her early progression in tennis.

Rounding out the freshman women's tennis roster is Brooks and Frey.

Brooks is currently 2-3 in singles competition and a combined 3-4 in doubles competition.

Frey is currently having the best season statistically out of the freshmen with a record of 5-3 in singles competition and 4-5 in doubles competitions.

As Blackburn mentioned, Frey's strength remains in her late-match strength. Out of her five single wins, three have come in the last three sets of play.

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KANDACE ARNOLD

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

Thrower has won multiple championships

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

Eastern junior thrower Kandace Arnold wanted to improve the strength of her legs in high school.

That is when she started throwing, became good and realized her potential to be a college thrower.

"Track motivates me to do well in everything, as well as inspiring me to encourage others to do their best," Arnold said. "Without throwing and the track team, I don't know what I'd do. Track really is my life."

Eastern head coach Tom Akers believes Arnold is a strong competitor.

One of the main attributes that Akers believes she possesses is the ability to not waste an opportunity.

"One of the main things we have told the indoor track team this season is to not waste any opportunities," Akers said. "If you look at her performances week in and week out, I think you can see that she has improved and given her all with each competition."

Arnold took advantage of her opportunities this past weekend at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships; as she won the 20-pound weight throw with a throw of 58 feet, 7.5 inches, and the shot put with a throw of 46 feet, 10 inches.

This is not the first time Arnold has done well at the OVC Championships.

She won the shot put and the discus at the OVC Outdoor Championships last season. She notched the school record in the discus at the NCAA Regionals at the end of the outdoor season.

She won the indoor shot put and was second in the weight throw as a sophomore.

As a freshman, Arnold was second in the discus at conference during the outdoor season and won the shot put as a freshman.

During the indoor season as a freshman, she finished third in the

shot put and was fourth in the discus.

Arnold holds multiple records including the weight throw during the indoor season. She is second in the shot put and the discus for the outdoor season.

Eastern throwing coach Jessica Sommerfeld said that Arnold's success at the 2009 OVC Championships was a reflection of her hard work and dedication.

Sommerfeld said Arnold's hard work could be shown in her determination even with a style change.

"Primarily, Kandace has only been a two-turn thrower, but as the year has progressed, she has continued to improve with the three-turn technique," Sommerfeld said. "Going into next year, we intend to continue to work with her on the three-turn technique."

Along with Arnold's continued physical improvements, she also developed into a leader for the team.

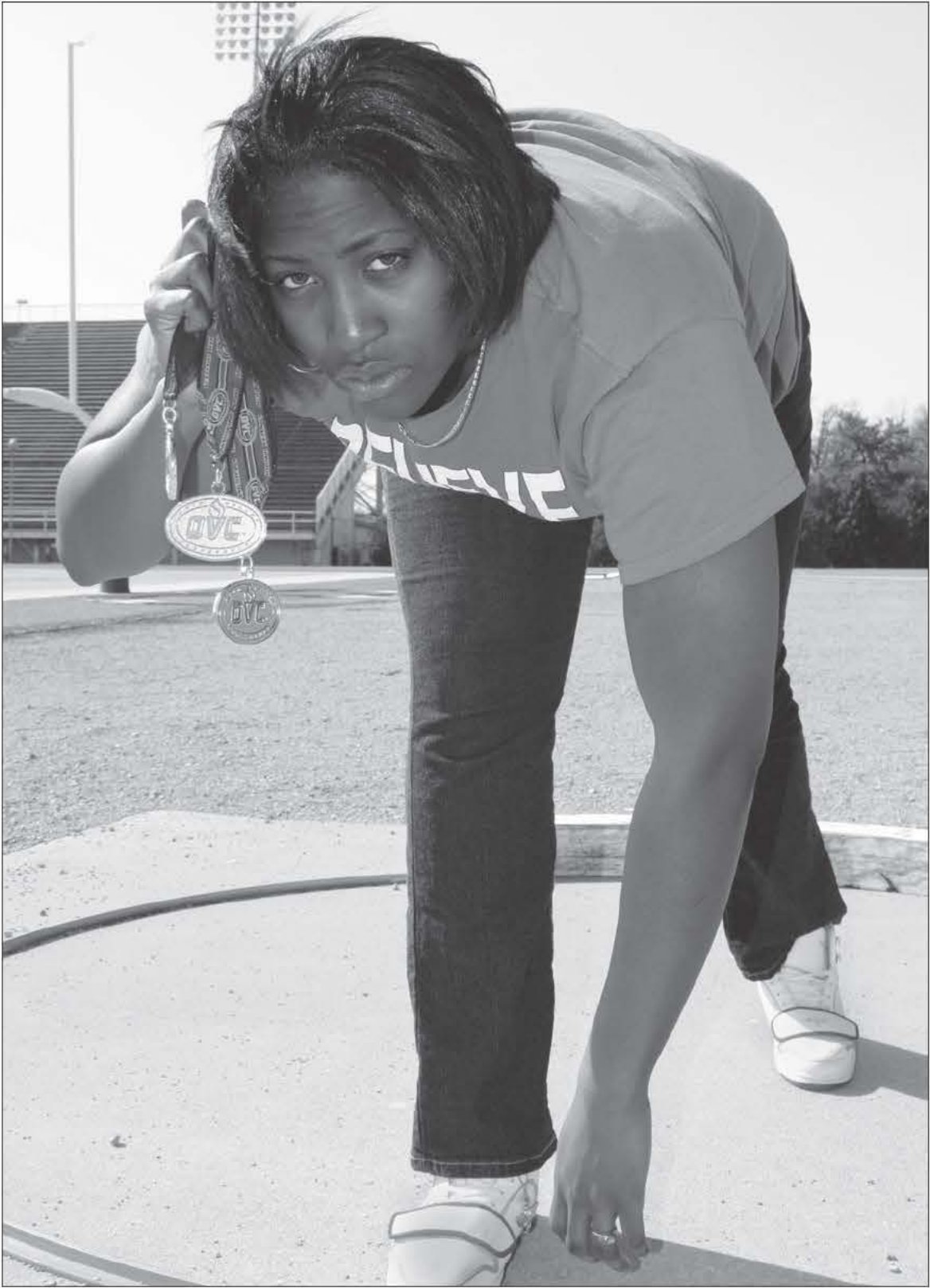
Akers and Sommerfeld both said early in the season Arnold did not view herself as a leader, but during the course of the season, the team began to look to Arnold for advice and inspiration.

"For her to come out and start the competition with success in her OVC events, it really inspired the team throughout the rest of the meet," Sommerfeld said. "We had three conference champions and (Arnold) took two out of the three. Her performance got the team a little more excited and it seemed to carry over into the rest of the events."

Arnold possibly might have had extra motivation to place first in the weight competition, as she was ranked second in the weight throw heading into it.

"Going into the event I was not ranked number one, and it really began to get me focused even more," Arnold said. "I knew I was going to have to fight to win the weight throw and the shot put, and after I accomplished that, I was extremely pleased."

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Junior thrower Kandace Arnold won three gold medals on Friday and Saturday at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships. Arnold won the shot put, the 20-pound weight throw and received a medal for the team title.

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BASEBALL | EASTERN 5, SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CARBONDALE 1



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Eastern senior infielder Zach Skidmore practices on Feb. 18 in Lantz Fieldhouse. The Eastern baseball team defeated Southern Illinois Carbondale 5-1 on Wednesday at Abe Martin Field in Carbondale. Skidmore went 4-for-5 with two runs. Skidmore posted his second career four-hit game.

Pitching comes through

Five pitchers deliver on the mound

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

The Eastern baseball team's pitchers came through on Wednesday afternoon. Five different Panthers pitchers

combined to give up only one run and three hits as Eastern downed Southern Illinois Carbondale 5-1 Wednesday. The Panthers (4-2) notched 15 hits in the contest, with senior shortstop Jordan Kreke knocking in two runs. The game was scoreless until the top of the fourth inning when Kreke scored on a two-out single from junior designated hitter Richie Derbak.

The Salukis (3-7) responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the fourth on a ground out from junior infielder Wade Dutton. Eastern took the lead for good in the top of the fifth with a two out, bases loaded single to third base from junior first baseman Alex Gee that put the Panthers up 2-1. Eastern added one run in the seventh and two in the eighth

to secure the victory. "I thought we were aggressive today at the plate," Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz said. "We got 15 hits, and I was pleased with how we were swinging the bat even though we left a lot of runners on. Either way, we were able to hit the ball hard."

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MEN'S TENNIS | EASTERN 4, BRADLEY 3

Panthers escape with win on the road

Intensity, focus lead to win in Peoria

By KEVIN MURPHY
Sports Editor

The Eastern men's tennis team scratched out a win against Bradley on Wednesday. The Panthers defeated Bradley 4-3 at the Clubs at River City in Peoria. The Panthers (6-4) have won two of their last three matches. Eastern won at No. 1 doubles and No. 2 doubles to earn the doubles point. Eastern also picked up three singles tennis victories. Senior Vuk Milicevic and senior Jordan Nestrud won at No.1 doubles 9-8 against Bradley senior Milos Romic and Bradley junior Callen Fraychineaud. "They had a game plan," said Eastern head coach John Blackburn. "I wasn't nervous watching the end of their match. They had the confidence."

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ERIN MATHENY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS
Eastern senior Jordan Nestrud backhands the ball during tennis practice on Feb. 26 in Lantz Fieldhouse. Nestrud and the Eastern men's tennis team defeated Bradley 4-3 in Peoria Wednesday afternoon.

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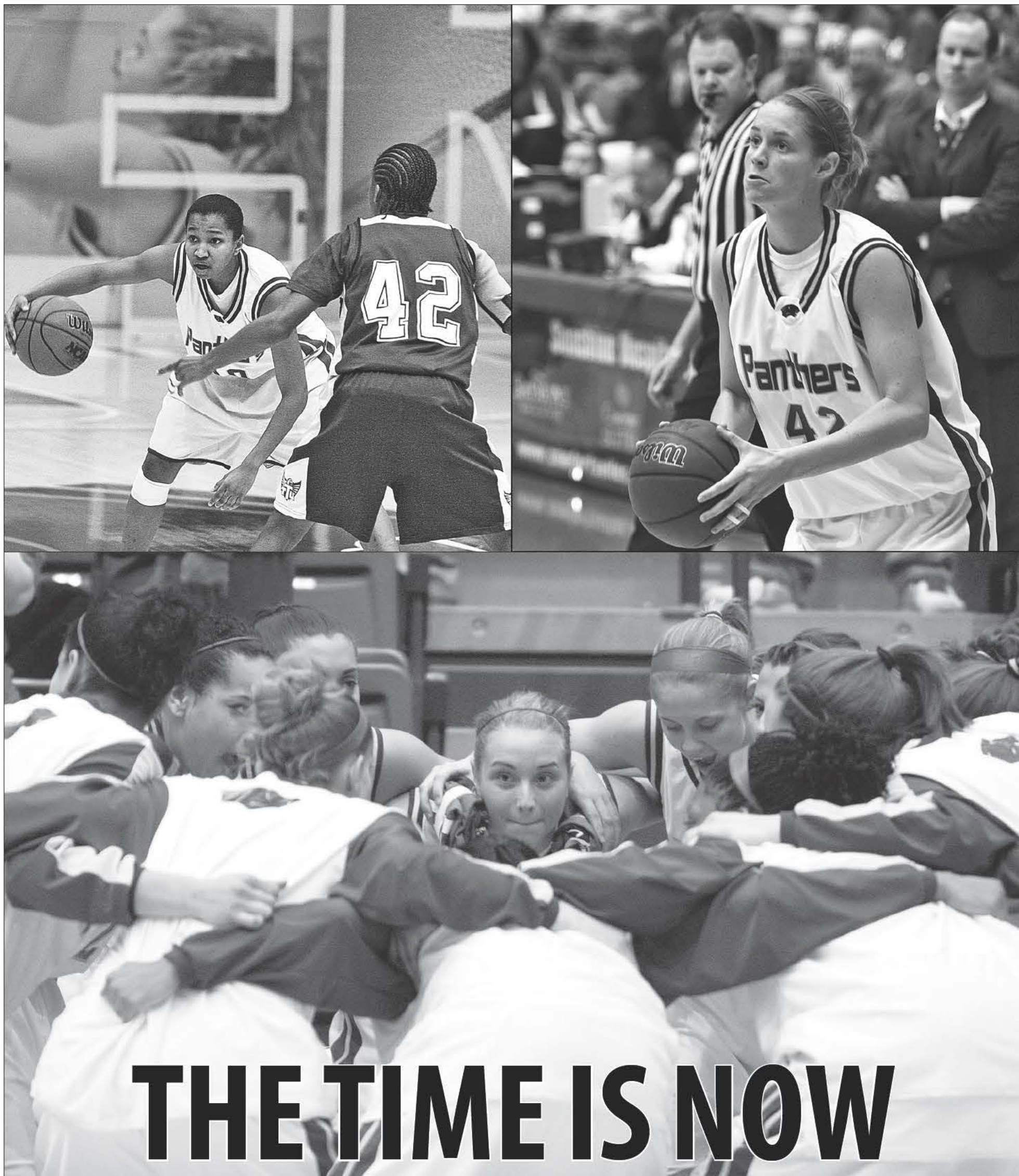
Young athletes help team

Two reasons for the success of the Eastern softball team (8-4) this season has been the play of sophomores Kiley Holtz and Amber May. For the second time in a span of three weeks, Eastern's softball team had players who took both Ohio Valley Conference weekly honors. Holtz, a third baseman/catcher, and May, a pitcher, were the recipients of the awards.

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TOP LEFT: Freshman guard Pilar Walker looks for an opening while being guarded by Tennessee Tech senior guard Meagan Lyons on Jan. 29 in Lantz Arena. **TOP RIGHT:** Senior guard Lindsey Kluempers squares up to take a shot against Tennessee Tech Tuesday in Lantz Arena. **BOTTOM:** The Panthers huddle prior to starting lineups introductions Tuesday night.

Two more victories would make program history



COLLIN WHITCHURCH

In no way is the Eastern women's basketball team content with earning its trip to Nashville, Tenn., which they did Tuesday night by beating Tennessee Tech 71-65 in Lantz Arena.

For a team that jumped from 10 wins four years ago to an Ohio Valley Conference Tournament title game berth a year ago, anything short of a championship would be considered a disappointment.

But that should come as no surprise.

"Our ultimate goal is to win the tournament, and we feel like settling for anything less would be a shame," senior forward Rachel Galligan said. "That's what we're after, to win a championship. We've worked this hard to get this far, and it'd be a shame to let it slip away."

This Panthers squad came into

the season with soaring expectations, going beyond any in program history, and they met them.

Sure, they came up a hop, skip and jump shy of a regular season title, but they know that as great as a regular season title would have been, only the conference tournament champion earns a bid to the Big Dance, aka, the NCAA Tournament.

But even with those expecta-

tions, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee would not consider this season a disappointment, regardless of what happens this weekend.

"It's hard to look at a 23-plus win season and think you're going to be disappointed," Sallee said. "But clearly after last year, our goals centered around getting back down there and winning this thing."

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Bus gives fans a chance to cheer

Seats for OVC trip given on first-come, first-serve basis

By NEIL SCHNEIDER
Staff Reporter

Following the Eastern women's basketball team to Nashville, Tenn., will also be the Eastern fan bus.

The Student Government, University Board, Apportionment Board, Student Life and the Eastern athletic department put this year's fan bus together. The bus will carry a total of 53 passengers and will cost \$1,593.

Ryan Gilmore, director of marketing and promotions for the athletic department, said it was a great deal for Eastern to get this charter bus in comparison to prices for other charter buses.

"You think about a lot of charter buses and a lot of them go way over \$1,593," Gilmore said. "I think the last time we got a charter bus to go to Tennessee Martin, the price was (more than) \$2,000, so it's nice to have gotten a good price."

Blue Crew member and senior communications major Omar Solomon recalled that the fan bus idea was started when Solomon and a couple friends wanted to get people more involved with the success of



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Members of the "Blue Crew" cheer as senior forward Rachel Galligan and head coach Brady Saltee wave to the crowd after Galligan was honored for becoming Eastern's all-time scoring leader before the start of the team's Ohio Valley Conference Tournament game against Tennessee Tech on Tuesday night in Lantz Arena.

the team.

Solomon soon contacted Gilmore and from there, the idea was put together for the fan bus to make its return.

"I really think that this fan bus is for the students and to recognize all our student-athletes," Solomon said.

The process of putting the fan

bus together got started rapidly, but ran into a small complication in the form of a miscommunication about the way students would get an opportunity to be on the bus.

Originally, the AB thought students were going to be chosen by lottery, but after a Student Senate hearing on Feb. 26, it was decided

that students would be given the opportunity to be on the fan bus by a first-come, first-serve basis.

Otis Seawood Jr., UB special events coordinator, said after speaking with numerous students, it was clear they wanted an opportunity for the first-come, first-serve basis.

"When you look at a lottery, it's all about the luck of the draw," Seawood said. "When you go first-come, first-serve, it shows who really wants to come and wait for tickets to go on-sale, as opposed to those that just want to put their name in and let it get picked."

Solomon said having a first-come, first-serve basis shows the level of dedication that certain students are willing to display to support their team.

"If you truly support Panther athletics, the best way to show it is to have a first-come, first-serve basis," Solomon said. "By doing it this way, it shows who is truly dedicated and wants to be a part of this experience."

Senior forward Rachel Galligan joined other members of the team in attending a Student Senate meeting to lobby for the fan bus. She said she believes the fan bus will help the team out as they have played so well at home during the season and having fans on the road will be great.

"It was great getting the fan bus approved and with 50-something fans and the Blue Crew," she said. "Our fans can get pretty rowdy."

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Familiarity gives team advantage

Lady Tigers, Panthers faced five days ago

By **COLLIN WHITCHURCH**
Assistant Sports Editor

The Eastern women's basketball team may experience déjà vu Friday.

The Panthers travel to Nashville, Tenn., to take on Tennessee State in the semifinals of the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament at 2 p.m.

The last time they made the trip to Nashville was on Saturday in an 89-79 victory in the Gentry Center.

While Friday's game will be in the Sommet Center, it is only a 10-minute drive for the Lady Tigers. Still, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee sees the quick turnaround as a positive.

"I think it's an advantage for us in that maybe we don't have to do a whole lot because we're familiar with them," he said. "We know the game plan. We're focused more on resting. A well-rested team is just as important as anything else."

Senior forward Rachel Galligan said she is not worried about the fact that the Lady Tigers will be playing so close to home, and believes enough Eastern fans will make the trip and keep TSU's home-court advantage at bay.

"It helps this year that we got the fan bus approved so we'll have 50-something students, the band and the cheerleaders there," Galligan said. "So we're going to have people down there too, and our crowd is pretty rowdy with the Blue Crew and every-

one."

The Lady Tigers took care of Southeast Missouri Tuesday night in Nashville to advance to the tournament's semifinals. This will be Tennessee State's fourth consecutive game in Nashville.

But the fact that the game is in the 18,500-capacity Sommet Center as opposed to the Gentry Center, which holds 8,000 less fans, makes the home-court advantage less of a factor, according to Sallee.

"The arena itself will really neutralize the crowd," he said. "It's such a big place, neither team is really used to playing in that kind of atmosphere."

With all the hype of the OVC Tournament, the home-court advantage and the familiarity of the opponent set aside, one thing Sallee knows for sure is that Tennessee State is a dangerous team.

"At the end of the day they've got kids who can flat play and (senior guard Kendra) Appling, (sophomore forward Jasmine) Smith and (senior forward Tiffany) Jackson are as good as anybody in the league."

The Panthers and Lady Tigers faced each other in last season's OVC Tournament first round, with the Panthers coming out victorious in Lantz Arena.

Galligan said she thinks last year's experience also gives the team a boost.

"Anytime you've been through something once and know what to expect, that works to your advantage," she said. "We're a veteran group,



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Eastern junior guard Dominique Sims attempts to block a Tennessee Tech player as she drives to the basket during Tuesday night's first round Ohio Valley Conference Tournament game in Lantz Arena.

almost all of us have experienced the whole atmosphere and build-up. I think that works to our advantage."

The winner of Friday's contest will face either top-seeded Murray State or fifth-seeded Austin Peay in the OVC Tournament Championship at 3 p.m. Saturday.

The Panthers lost to Murray State four straight times, including in the OVC Tournament title game last year, but did beat Austin Peay in both of their meetings this season.

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Regardless of what happens this weekend, this year's squad will go down as the best in school history, with the only team you could possibly argue against it being the 1987-88 team that went to the NCAA Tournament. That team won 22 games – which was a program-record at the time. This year's squad won its 23rd game of the season Tuesday.

But winning the tournament would cement its status in Eastern lore.

It would be something to remember, something to be proud of and something that 10, 15, 20 years down the road students and alumni would remember when they see the banner hanging high in Lantz Arena.

Can they do it? Absolutely. But this team knows the challenges that lie ahead.

Not only do they have to face a Tennessee State squad that has a 10-minute drive to the Sommet Center in Nashville, but the top-seeded, and arch-rival Racers likely await in the title game.

The Panthers have lost four straight games against Murray State, including an OVC Tournament Championship game loss to them a year ago, a loss that left a bitter taste in the players' mouths that still lingers today.

Win or lose, in championship or defeat, this year's team will go down in history.

But history's final page has yet to be written.

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Families come together as program does

Parents, relatives travel to cheer on team in Nashville, Tenn.

By DAN CUSACK
Staff Reporter

Twenty minutes before the start of the Eastern women's basketball game against Tennessee Tech on Tuesday night, the stands behind the Panthers' bench looked more like a family reunion than a basketball crowd.

Parents of the players screamed across the bleachers to one another, embraced each other as they traveled up the stairs to their seats and talked as if they had been friends since birth.

Joanne Canale, mother of senior guard Ellen Canale, said that not only have the players come together on the court, but the whole program has as well.

From coaches, to players, and to parents, they have become one big family.

"All the parents travel together, when we're all together I talk to everybody," Joanne Canale said. "I love this group of people. That just shows you how good the girls are, they come from great families."

Darrell Sims, Sr. father of red-shirt junior guard Dominique Sims, said he has adopted each one of the women on the team like they were a member of his own and is proud of their achievements.

Joanne Canale said she would do anything for the team, which includes making the team dinner.



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Senior forward Lindsey Kluemper's father, Kurt Kluempers of Indianapolis, high-fives members of the "Blue Crew" as they rush the crowd after the team's victory against Tennessee Tech Tuesday in Lantz Arena.

"We like to cook for them, and they'll eat anything," she said. "It's been fun."

For these parents, not traveling to see the women play in Nashville this weekend would be nothing short of sacrilegious.

Sims, Sr., who lives in Wichita Falls, Texas, said he has attended about 75 percent of the women's games this season.

"I have to take a plane to get there," he said. "That tells you how far it is."

Sims, Sr. said they will have seven or eight family members at the game including family from Texas and Louisville, Ky.

Ralph and Joanne Canale said they were at the OVC Tournament last season, but this year it would be more exciting if they could win the whole

thing.

They said they don't buy their tickets until they reach the stadium because it is general admission and typically does not sell out.

They will also have a large number of people on hand to support the Panthers.

"Ellen's sister and brother-in-law are going to be there," Ralph Canale said. "Our real good friends coming from

the Detroit area (are also coming)."

Senior forward Lindsey Kluempers' family will be in a unique situation this weekend.

Not only is their daughter playing in her final OVC Tournament, but Lindsey's sister Kristen Kluempers is a freshman forward on Murray State's squad.

"This is a better story," Lindsey's father Kurt Kluempers said. "When the core class came here they were a little down and out. This group has really built up and done a nice job. Last year at the same time is where they sprung forward, and I think they're going to do it this year too."

Kurt Kluempers said their hotel room will be filled with six or seven people, including a couple of hangers-on. In addition, the room will have two different rooting alliances.

"It's going to be odd because in our room we are going to have Lindsey's boyfriend and Kristen's boyfriend, who is a Murray State guy," he said.

Regardless of whether the women cut down the nets or not, the Panther parents could not be more proud of their daughters.

"(It has) been a great season for our girls," Ralph Canale said. "We have been here for four years, since the first season in, and every year we have seen them get better and better. We have all just kind of gelled together this year and we are ready to kick some butt."

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2009 Ohio Valley Conference Women's Basketball Tournament

SEMIFINALS

No. 1 Murray State (22-7)

Friday, 11 a.m.
Sommet Center
Nashville, Tenn.

No. 5 Austin Peay (15-15)

No. 2 Eastern Illinois (23-8)

Friday, 2 p.m.
Sommet Center
Nashville, Tenn.

No. 3 Tennessee State (18-12)

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Saturday, 3 p.m.
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Eastern (23-8)

Head Coach: Brady Sallee (72-76)

Probable Starters

Pos.	Name	Yr.
F	R. Galligan	Sr.
F	L. Kluempers	Sr.
G	D. Sims	R-Jr.
G	E. Canale	Sr.
G	M. Edwards	Sr.

Key Reserves

Pos.	Name	Yr.
F	M. Kloak	Jr.
G	A. Thomas	Jr.

Tennessee State (18-12)

Head Coach: Tracee Wells (49-93)

Probable Starters

Pos.	Name	Yr.
F	J. Smith	So.
F	T. Jackson	Sr.
G	C. Hicks	Sr.
G	K. Goodwin	Sr.
G	K. Appling	Sr.

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