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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Candidates debate funding

By Jenna Mitchell
Staff Reporter

Professor Kevin Anderson from the political science department moderated the student government debate on Monday for all candidates for student government executive positions.

Three political parties were represented at the debate including the United Party of Students (UPS), the Party of United Leaders Supporting Excellence (PULSE) and VOLT.

Each position was addressed with previously prepared questions and questions generated by the audience throughout the debate.

A large part of the debate focused on financial issues that Eastern students face.

Michael Stopka, the UPS candidate for student executive vice president and a junior political science major, stressed the need for funding from Springfield and the importance of letting legislators know that Eastern will fight for it.

"We need a fighter and I fight with passion," Stopka said. "I'm not afraid to go out and say what we need to fight for."

While Stopka considers lobbying imperative for the student executive vice president position, Aaron Wiessing, his opponent from the PULSE party, mentioned that he has not lobbied in the past and does not intend to.

"I am not affected by the (MAP)

Grant; however, I do support the lobbying of those who are affected by it," said Wiessing, a freshman pre-business accounting major.

Many Eastern students currently receive the state-funded MAP Grant.

Another funding issue discussed was the recent student fee increase. This was debated among the student business affairs vice president candidates.

Michelle Martin, a current senator and UPS party candidate for student business affairs vice president, mentioned that the fee was necessary to have the proper facilities for successful students.

Ashley Hoogstraten, the PULSE representative for student business affairs vice president, said that while this increase may have been necessary, there should have been a gradual increase.

"I would have voted for the fee in the end, but if I were behind it, I wouldn't have made it as large as it was," said Hoogstraten.

The candidates running for student body president discussed school spirit at length. All of the candidates were asked how they would, if elected to the position, encourage school spirit, pride and activism.

All candidates for student body president touched on the idea of the upkeep of the newly renovated Panther Nation cheer group; however, VOLT candidate Tommy Ni

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DANNY DAMIANI | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Tommy Nierman a sophomore business management major from Woodstock, debates for the position of Student Body President in the Physical Sciences building's Phipps Auditorium Monday afternoon during Eastern's Student Government Debate.

UNIVERSITY

New dean to be hired internally

By Sarah Ruholl
Administration Editor

The Honors College will need new leadership when dean Bonnie Irwin moves to the College of Arts and Humanities on July 1.

Blair Lord, provost and vice president for academic affairs, announced the search for Irwin's replacement through an e-mail sent to faculty, department chairs and deans on April 2.

Lord said he expects to make an internal appointment before commencement on May 8. The appointment would be for a three-year term.

An internal search would be more time and
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CAMPUS

Drake makes debut performance at Eastern

Staff Report

Aubrey "Drake" Graham will perform at 8 p.m. today in Lantz Arena for the first stop on his "Away from Home" tour.

The concert has sold about 3,300 tickets, and tickets will still be on sale before the concert in the Lantz box office.

Tickets will cost \$24 for the general public and \$22 for students. Call in tickets can also be picked up at this time.

Drake first appeared on the Canadian television show "Degrassi" in 2001 and will release his first album "Thank Me Later" in May.

Drake has also appeared in the 2007 movie "Charlie Bartlett."

The opening acts are K-OS and Francis and the Lights.

This will be the first college K-OS will perform at in the United States.

The University Board thinks Drake will bring diversity to the campus.

"He already had celebrity status," said Ceci Brinker, director of student life. "We are excited to bring someone of his caliber of the same genre as last year to campus."

Erickson to perform today

Scott "Renegade" Erickson was scheduled to open the concert as this semester's winner of the "So You Think You Can Rap" contest. Erickson will no longer be performing because of a contract conflict with Drake's management.

Erickson said Brinker told him the UB did what they could to get him on the bill, but Drake's management had the final say.

Erickson said only three students have been able to be the opening act for the spring concert in the last 20 years because of contract issues.

Instead, Erickson will perform at 7 p.m. today at Kahuna's on Fourth Street.

"So, if you don't want to see the K-Os, come see me," Erickson said.

CITY

Council considers increase to water rates

By Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

A raise in the cost of water in Charleston will be under consideration at today's city council meeting.

The city has set up a capital asset management plan, or CAMP, that allows city officials to plug the appropriate numbers for anticipated upgrades and loan payments into a spreadsheet to calculate the annual adjustment for water sewer rates.

If the staff recommendation is accepted, the new water rate will be \$11.14 as a minimum payment for the first 1,000 gallons or less, up 50 cents. After the initial 1,000, the next 9,000 gallons will cost \$10.95 per 1,000 gallons. If more than 10,000 gallons are used the rate will cost \$10.72 per 1,000 used. Eastern facilities will be charged \$10.72 per 1,000 gallons.

Mayor John Inyart said the water sewer has not been raised for five years. This resulted in the city borrowing money to complete the upgrades done at the water treatment plant in 2005 and the wastewater treatment plant being done now.

"Our goal through the use of this CAMP fund is to be able to fund

those future upgrades out of a capital reserve fund," Inyart said.

The fund is being built at about \$175,000 a year; however, the city has made payments on the upgrades being done now.

"As you can imagine, you can't do both of those things and not keep current on the rates," Inyart said.

The council will also look at amendments to the city's liquor license ordinance for special use permits.

Groups or organizations that want to have alcohol at an event with the cooperation of a current license holder must have special use permits.

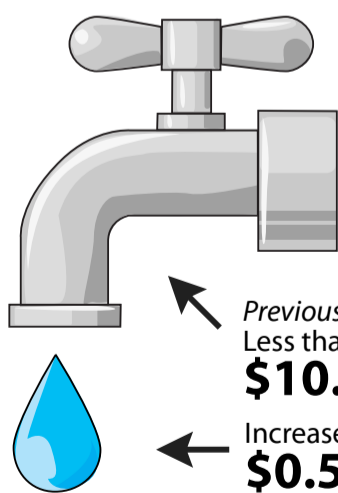
The change will align the special permits with the regulations for Sunday liquor sales.

A request was made for a special use license for an event to be held on a Sunday and, under the current ordinance, the city cannot give the permit for a Sunday, although other liquor license holders can now sell alcohol on Sundays.

"This is simply going to clean up our current ordinance and tie it into our current liquor sales ordinance," Inyart said.

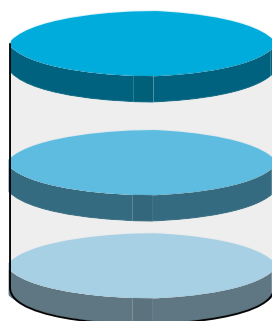
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Proposed city sewer and water rate increases



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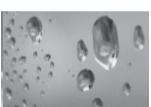


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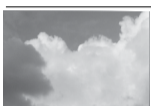
HIGH 81° Plenty of sun in the morning, but more clouds will begin to roll in throughout the afternoon. Very breezy conditions continue through this evening with gusts around 25 mph out of the South. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are expected on Wednesday afternoon. Some storms may be severe.

LOW 61°

WEATHER TOMORROW



Wednesday
Showers & T-Storms
High: 71°
Low: 49°



Thursday
Mostly Cloudy
High: 58°
Low: 39°

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Monthly siren tests today at 10 a.m.

The monthly testing of the weather and non-weather emergency sirens will begin at 10 a.m. today. The weather siren is a singular continuous tone used by the Coles County Emergency Management Agency to alert the community of severe weather.

The non-weather emergency siren will sound a pulse tone at 10:30 a.m. This siren warns the university community about potentially dangerous threats, such as an active shooter, bomb threat, hazardous material spill, etc.

Entrepreneurship minor meeting today

Students interested in completing a minor in entrepreneurship are invited to attend an informational meeting at 5 p.m. today in Room 2020 of Lumpkin Hall. Another session will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the same location.

Pre-departure orientation today

All students participating in faculty-led study abroad programs for Summer and Fall 2010 are required to attend a pre-departure orientation at 5 p.m. today in Room 1205, the Phipps Lecture Hall, in the Physical Science Building.

—Compiled by Associate News Editor
Sarah Jean Bresnahan

An unexpected shower



NIKE OGUNBODEDE | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students walk and laugh in the south quad Monday afternoon after a sudden, but brief downpour of rain. Shorts and T-shirts become more visible as the warm weather becomes present on campus.

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Keeping your fish alive

Online Editor Sam Sottosanto shares her bad experiences with fish this year. She has found tips on how to keep them alive. Read her animal blog on DENnews.com.



Spring break memories

Students share their experiences from their Alternative Spring Break trips in a slideshow on DENnews.com.



Summer scrubdown

Find out about the new hunting and fishing club, and why they are cleaning out Lake Charleston in a video on DENnews.com.

BLOTTER

A black BMW was reported damaged while parked at Greek Court. The incident is under investigation, the University Police Department said.

A blue Ford was reported damaged Friday while parked in E Lot. The incident is under investigation, the UPD said.

Where will **UB** this week?

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EVENT

Diversity wall to be built to combat hate

By Jason Hardimon
Campus Editor

Walls have traditionally been built to act as barriers, but today a wall meant to eliminate them will once again be erected at Eastern.

The Residence Hall Association will be cosponsoring a series of events this week to promote social justice and diversity, the most prominent of which being the construction and demolition of a 4 foot tall by 44-foot-long cinder block "diversity wall."

The wall represents the barriers of hatred and intolerance that separate human beings, and its demolition will represent the tearing down of the barriers between Eastern communities, according to the RHA's Web page.

The wall will be built at 1 p.m. today in the Library Quad and all are invited to participate in the Thursday demolition following a ceremony featuring a keynote address from Lisa Taylor, a professor in the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, at 12:15 p.m.

Jake Nees, a sophomore sociology

major and head of the RHA programming committee, is leading the project.

Nees said the RHA provided 198 blocks, all of which were hand painted within a two-day period. Members of the campus community coated the blocks with words or phrases that have hurt, offended or marginalized them.

Nees said the RHA sponsored diversity week for the first time last year, and that there were mixed feelings, but altogether it was a good learning experience.

The wall, Nees said, was a big shock for a lot of people last year, but when the blocks were being painted in preparation for the wall's construction today, people who inquired about their purpose said they remembered the program.

"It was something that stuck with people," Nees said.

Mark Hudson, director of university housing and dining, is an adviser for the RHA. Hudson said last year the wall was named the best diversity program in the nation for the month of April by the National Association of College and



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Miranda Ambuske, a second year graduate student and an ally to the LGBT community, answers audience members questions during the Social Justice and Diversity panel in the Lumpkin Hall Auditorium Monday evening.

University Residence Halls, the largest and oldest student run corporation in the United States.

"I think that speaks for itself in terms of the impact it had," Hudson said.

Hudson said so often people say things without even thinking about them.

"I think the point of the wall is you need to think about what your words

mean to other people," Hudson said.

Nees said the "Writing on the Wall Project" began at the University of Utah, and was brought to Eastern by two students who attended the 2007 NACURH conference in Oklahoma.

The wall at the University of Utah was 9 feet tall, but RHA adapted the program to make the wall at Eastern safer for members of the campus community, Nees said.

Hudson said that being exposed to diversity is important to an individual's development.

"We live in a global society, we live in a world that's connected by the Internet and trade, and our country is becoming more diverse all the time," Hudson said. "I think the more one can be exposed to people of different backgrounds, the better equipped you're going to be to be contributing member of society, and I think college is a great opportunity to get that exposure."

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STATE

Higher education to be discussed at board meeting

By Erica Whelan
Student Government Editor

The Illinois Board of Higher Education board meeting will take place at 1 p.m. today in Chicago and will address concerns voiced by student representatives who serve on the student advisory committee.

On the last weekend of March two

student government representatives from Eastern traveled to Illinois State University to advise the IBHE on student issues.

Brad Saribekian, chair to the public sector and a sophomore accounting major, said members of the committee examine whether projects are favorable by questioning how students were involved in the planning process

and how they feel toward it.

"If we can say 'yes' with ease, then we are more than happy with university advancement," Saribekian said. "However, if the student body was passed over and they are strongly against it, we are able to bring the students' voice to the IBHE, thus giving the students their lost voice."

Saribekian, who has been attend-

ing meetings since December 2008, represents all the public universities in the state, which each get one vote in matters addressed by the board. As an executive member of the committee, Saribekian gets an additional vote.

In the past, this committee has supported full funding of the Monetary Awards Program.

Saribekian and Eric Wilber, stu-

dent government executive vice president, spoke in favor of the renewable energy center at the committee meeting.

"We attested that students were in strong support of the project and it was mission-critical," Saribekian said.

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VIEWS



David Thill

Coleman's getting hot, hot, hotter

As I walked to class yesterday, I couldn't help but notice the gorgeous weather. It was the kind of perfect, warm, sunny day that seems to put almost anyone in a good mood.

The wind blew ever so gently as to kick up just enough of a breeze to brush past and bring with it the scent of spring and renewed life.

Passing through the doors of Coleman Hall, I couldn't help but notice the temperature rise just a few degrees, but I would not be deterred. Even the prospect of three hours of classes ahead of me could not wipe the smile from my face or bounce from my step.

There is just something about that new spring scent that always gets me going.

Little did I know, though, that the slight increase in temperature when I entered the building was merely a precursor for what would ensue and that delightful smell would soon melt away and be replaced by something far more sinister.

Walking into my classroom, the temperature immediately shot up by at least 10 degrees. The acrid stink of human sweat was everywhere. Even at 11 a.m. it was already filling the room, and half the class hadn't even shown up yet. I hadn't even sat down at my desk by the time I started sweating bullets.

As my professor double-checked to make sure all the windows were, indeed, open, one person suggested we move class outside. Another asserted that no; in fact, it was hotter outside than in.

"Dear Lord," I thought to myself. "This poor fool is already being affected by the heat. He has already developed some twisted Stockholm Syndrome, in which staying inside this room and melting is better than being outside with that perfect breeze!"

During my second class, my professor informed us that after speaking with the ever-present powers that be, the air conditioning in the building would not be turned on for quite some time.

Dread overcame me. When any state government-run entity tells you something will be done quickly, it takes an eternity. How long could "quite some time" actually be? I mean, this is only the beginning of April, and temperatures are in the "absolutely perfect" range. What will happen in a couple weeks when the mercury starts to rise?

I understand the university is facing hard times and conserving energy is a logical and easy way to save a few dollar bills here and there. I even appreciate the sentiment.

But, let's face it, one cannot focus and learn when they are more concerned with the ever-growing wet spot on their lower back.

We are students, not soldiers of war. I simply can't take this sweat-box-style torment!

In all seriousness, I am aware of more than a few classes that were released early yesterday due to the heat in Coleman Hall, and, as previously stated, this is still early April. Temperatures outside are quite low and yet the unreasonable amount of warmth generated by 30 bodies crammed into a room with little more than a series of glorified cracks somehow still called "windows" is already climbing to intolerable heights.

Please, administration, we know you must save money everywhere possible. But we simply can't concentrate while melting away. Please turn on the air conditioning in Coleman Hall. After all, nobody likes the smell of B.O. and it certainly isn't conducive to learning.

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Transition to electronic billing saves money, helps environment

Eastern will soon be taking one more step into the future and save a healthy chunk of money all in one fell swoop.

The university will soon switch to delivering bills to students electronically. The switch, along with the change to electronic check transmission on March 16, will ultimately save the university more than \$46,000.

This would make up nearly 1.5 percent of the potential \$3.12 million in cuts from state funding Eastern may face in the near future.

We appreciate and applaud the change to electronic billing for numerous reasons.

As the world continues to rocket into and through the digital age, more and more usage and understanding of computers will be required and most college students already use computers on a seemingly endless basis already.

The switch will also cut down significantly on the 103,000 paper bills that went out last year.

While non-current students will continue to receive paper bills, they only make up 20 percent of all students being billed. Thus, our basic math points to a reduction in nearly 80 percent of paper waste generated from sending out paper bills.

In this day and age, more and more environmental and ecological responsibility is an absolute necessity. It is comforting to see Eastern continue on its already impressive track record of operating on a green mind set.

Eastern has proved over the years that it is a front-runner in recycling and energy consumption reduction and to take this step to eliminate so much unnecessary waste is heartening to students as we can take pride in our univer-

"We appreciate and applaud the change to electronic billing for numerous reasons."

sity's continued and never-slipping commitment to helping the environment.

Linda Coffey, university bursar, said it would become vital for students to check their Panthermail accounts, as that is where they will receive their electronic bills after May.

Many students may not check their Panthermail accounts on a regular basis. Yes, while much of what is sent there can be a tad useless, for example, seemingly endless e-mails offering jobs too good to be true or asking to fill out a survey completely unrelated to the college educational experience.

However, EIU Alerts are sent via the Panthermail accounts and there is a good portion of relevant and useful information that comes via Eastern e-mail. By enacting electronic billing, Eastern will force students to pay attention to their Panthermail accounts on at least a somewhat regular basis.

Students ensuring they are checking their Panthermail on a regular basis seems to be the only aspect of this change that would require some getting used to, and it is a minimal one at that because one would assume the average student checks his Panthermail account on at least a semi-regular basis.

So as far as the university goes, this change is yet another step in the right direction. The advent of electronic billing succeeds in both keeping our university green and saves money when money is not easy to come by.

The administration has been good at adapting new money-saving techniques and this is another one.

Hopefully, there are more to come.

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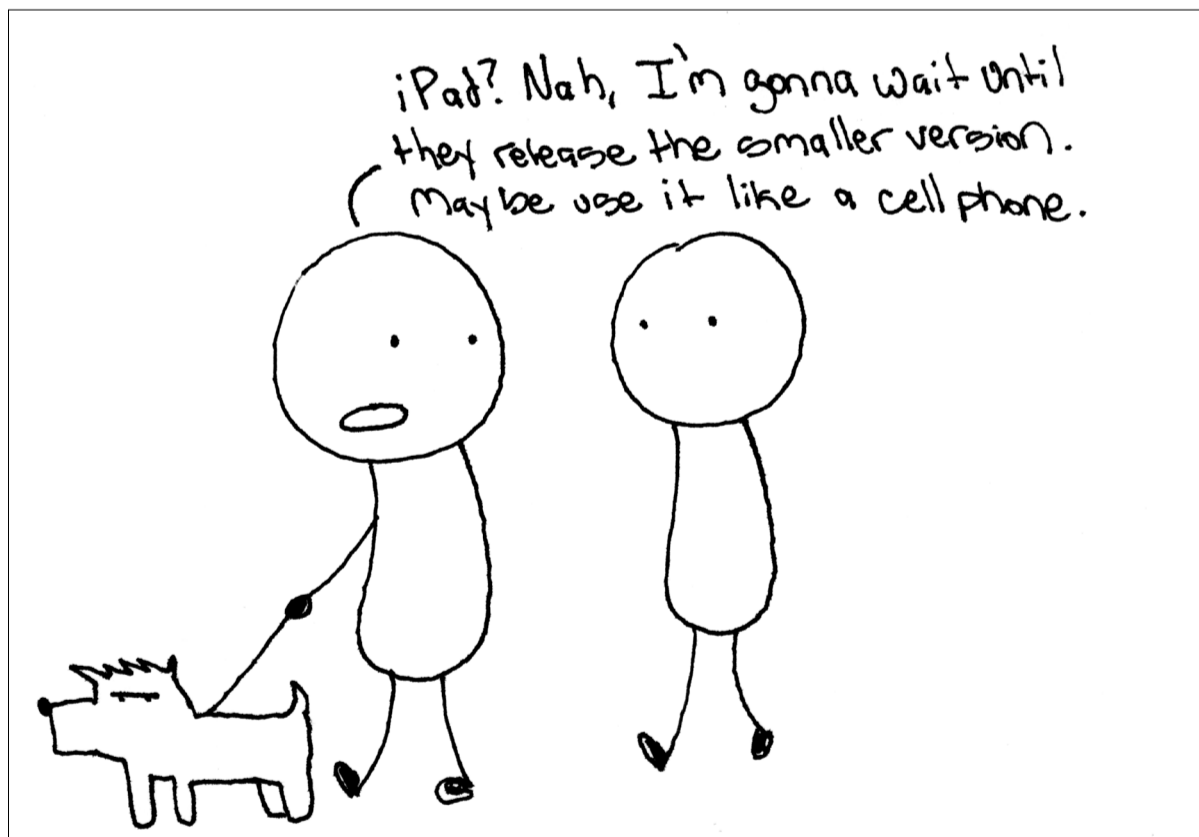


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FROM AROUND THE STATE

My backbone

By Chelsea Peck
The Daily Vidette
Illinois State University

From huge mistakes to little mishaps, friendship fallouts and relationship heartbreaks, there has always been one man who has been by my side through it all.

He's been my backbone through the years.

You could say I'm a daddy's girl, but you could also say I'm blond, sarcastic or short. It's just a part of who I am.

Dad's always been there for me through anything, which makes it easy to say I am my daddy's little angel.

I've always lived to please my parents. Hearing the words, "we're so disappointed in you" feels like a wrench being turned and turned into my heart.

But, it is always a good day when they say they're proud of me. Dad's word especially so.

He always wanted me to be a better person than he ever was, which I never understood because I've always thought of him as such an amazing person in my life.

Yeah, I'm sure he made mistakes when he was my age, but who doesn't?

He pushed me to follow my heart when choosing my major in college and has always encouraged me to follow through with anything I

sign up for.

He once told me when I wanted to call in sick to work, "Pecks don't quit."

That motto has stuck with me throughout my life and I have yet to quit on something I've started, and I'm proud to say I only missed one, maybe two days of work in high school.

The best word to describe my dad would be genuine.

He almost always has a smile on his face, he turns anything into a joke and isn't afraid to speak his mind. He knows when to get serious and he knows when to spoil me silly.

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erman went into detail when introducing new ideas. Nierman discussed the ideas of a senior class ring and freshman leadership organizations, which he brought back from the Conference on Student Government Associations he attended in March.

The drawing of the ballot for upcoming executive elections will take place at 4 p.m. today in the Student Activities Center.

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cost efficient than an external, nationwide search, Lord said in his announcement. He said one reason the search is internal is that a nationwide search would need to begin in the fall.

The new dean will be the third head of the Honors College. The Board of Trustees officially established the college in 2003.

Irwin and Herb Lasky, the first dean of the college, were both hired internally.

Patricia Poulter, associate dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, will convene the search committee, comprised of volunteers from the Honors College, a faculty senate representative and a student representative.

The committee will review applicants starting on April 12. Interviews are expected to begin April 26, Poulter said.

All tenured and tenure-track faculty are eligible to apply, but the position description, linked in the e-mail said it is desirable for the faculty member to have administrative expe-

rience. The position description will be posted on the Academic Affairs' Web site later this week.

The college recently underwent an external review, which Lord said revealed opportunities for the college that he expects the new dean to pursue.

Essential duties of the position include "oversight of the University's support of students in national scholarship programs, undergraduate research projects and thesis competition."

Other qualities Lord said he wants for the position include a commitment to ethnic and gender diversity.

The new dean will develop fundraising efforts and programs for the college. Eastern will kickoff the public phase of a large capital campaign in the fall. The campaign will continue throughout the three-year term.

Interested faculty can send a letter of interest and resume to Karen Johnson in the provost's office.

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Members of the city council will discuss two bid awards for upgrades within the city.

The first bid for water main materials for 20th Street has been awarded to Midwest Meter from Edinburg for \$84,095.

The second is for a new pump and motor for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The pump is one of the two main machines that pump the water out of the sewer and up to the plant. The pump is now beyond the point of repair.

By replacing the pump and the motor at the same time, the city will be able to save up to \$5,000.

"Right now we only really need the pump, but the motor is just as old," Inyart said. "It makes sense to replace

both of them, because we rely heavily on these."

Harold and Robin Woods, of 103 Walnut St., have filed a petition requesting permission to build a porch on their property despite specified building codes.

The house is built five feet from the property line, and the city ordinance requires 25 feet distance for a structure, like a porch, to be built.

"This has gone through the Zoning Board and they have found no problems with the request," Inyart said.

The council will also address significant changes to the bed and breakfast ordinances.

In that past, the information about this particular establishment has been placed throughout the many different

titles of the city code. This will combine all of the bed and breakfast requirements into one place.

"This will make the code easier to find and make sure there is no contradictions within the language," Inyart said.

The council will vote on a street closing for the Third Annual "Kick Butts" Anti-Smoking 5-K Run/Walk to be held April 10. The race route will go through the block of Division Street to 14th Street, and between Polk Avenue and Monroe Avenue.

Finally, Inyart will reappoint Don Schaefer to the Airport Authority Board.

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STATE

Feds want to keep evidence sealed

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Prosecutors requested permission Monday to file a document outlining their corruption case against former Gov. Rod Blagojevich under seal in order to keep evidence secret.

They apparently acted in an effort to prevent the defense from claiming later that potential jurors were prejudiced by the release of explosive evidence only two months before the trial was to start.

The government said in its three-paragraph request to the court it was acting "in an abundance of caution" to allow the defense and the judge to review the evidence before potential jurors could hear about it through the news media.

Much of the evidence against the impeached governor and his brother, Robert Blagojevich, was made public at the trial of convicted fixer Tony Rezko and in court papers already filed in the Blagojevich case, the government said.

Prosecutors said, however, that they

wanted to be particularly careful with remaining evidence since the first steps in the jury selection process, largely conducted by mail, are under way or soon will be.

Blagojevich is charged with scheming to sell or trade President Obama's former U.S. Senate seat and using the powers of the governor's office to raise campaign funds illegally.

Blagojevich attorney Sheldon Sorsky said he had no opinion on whether the document should be filed under seal.

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BASEBALL | NOTEBOOK

Pitching rotation being shaken up

By **Bob Bajek**
Sports Editor

The Panthers (6-20, 2-4 Ohio Valley Conference) are gearing up to play Illinois College (9-5) at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Coaches Stadium.

Head coach Jim Schmitz wants to explore his pitching options during this week's games.

"Really, we're trying to find a couple guys in the Illinois College and Chicago State games," Schmitz said.

Schmitz said junior relief pitcher Mike Martin (0-3, 11.25 ERA) will start against Chicago State and see how he does in a long game situation.

"When a pitcher only works a couple innings and doesn't throw much, it is hard to get sharp," Schmitz said. "We've got to get up to seven pitchers sharp, and we are in the five range."

Schmitz said seven solid pitchers are needed to be successful in these weekend series.

Also, the coach is switching closers.

Junior pitcher Dillon Roark (1-1, 8.27 ERA) was two for two in save situations Friday. He pitched 1 2/3 innings, giving up zero runs and having one walk and strikeout. The one run scored in the second game was charged to sophomore starter Mike Hoekstra (2-1, 3.81 ERA)

"It's been a closer in progress and closer by committee," Schmitz said. "We've changed it and (junior pitcher) Rich Ruff didn't work out. But Dillon doesn't seem to be too upset out there. He is very calm and that is one of the keys to being a closer."

Schmitz said Matt Miller does not do well against lefties. Tom Kimbro—who pitched one inning this season—might be the one to get lefties out and Miller righties out. Kimbro might be the next set-up man.

"Maybe that is something that will give us some consistency, but right now, we are keep moving things in and out and that makes it hard on the players," he said. "We will take the blame for them not playing well because their roles are not well defined."



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Junior shortstop Cam Strang throws the ball to first base Friday afternoon during the weekend series against Austin Peay at Coaches Stadium. Strang had two hits and one RBI.

Junior pitcher Matt Miller (0-6, 5.64 ERA) was not able to close out game one Friday against Austin Peay. On Saturday, Miller gave up four runs in 2/3 of an inning.

Fielding continues inconsistency

This weekend saw some great plays by the Panthers but also some mistakes.

Eastern is eighth out of 10 teams the OVC in team fielding percentage (.954)

with 45 errors, five from this weekend.

The top play was in the final inning of game two Friday when Governors' senior centerfielder Jared DeLong had an RBI single to Eastern freshman centerfielder Daniel Rowe. Rowe threw to sophomore catcher Gerik Wallsten to mow down senior pinch runner Chris Lewellyn at the plate for the 4-3 win.

"It was so exciting," sophomore left-fielder Ben Thoma said. "Everyone was quiet and all of a sudden, everyone blew

up."

Sophomore third baseman Zach Borenstein made a solid play in the sixth inning of game one. Runners were on the corners for Austin Peay when DeLong had a hit.

Governor third baseman Shayne Martin slide to home but Borenstein got the grounder and threw Martin out.

"We were on our safety squeeze defense; basically, I'm playing up and waiting for the bunt," Borenstein said. "A

lefty was up so I knew it was coming down the third base line. The runner was even with me, he put down a great bunt, but I broke in when it was hit and Gerik made a great tag."

However, Borenstein said he lost his footing in the ninth inning of game two as he had a throwing error to first base to blowing a chance at the last out.

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SOFTBALL | EASTERN AT SAINT LOUIS

Mistakes to be fixed against Billikens

By **Alex McNamee**
Assistant Sports Editor

After getting swept this weekend, the Eastern softball team is ready to get back to business starting with a mid-week doubleheader against Saint Louis today beginning at 4 p.m. in St. Louis, Mo.

The Billikens (18-12, 6-0 Atlantic 10) are always an interesting test for the Panthers, who were swept in a doubleheader against them last season by scores of 11-10 and 19-2.

"It's always a tough game against Saint Louis," junior pitcher Amber May said.

Saint Louis is a different looking opponent than Eastern (15-14, 7-3 Ohio

Valley Conference) as they like to play scrappy.

"It's a different type of game," head coach Kim Schuette said. "They run, try to take the extra base and try to do suicides."

The game one starter of today's doubleheader will be May, who said she is feeling better after a weekend sweep against OVC foe Morehead State.

May lost both of her starts last series, despite only allowing seven hits in two games.

"My arm isn't sore and I feel good," May said. "The day off was tremendous and it was a good Easter. Time to get back to work."

May (9-9) wasn't helped out a bit by the defense behind her in the final game

this weekend as they committed six errors.

"We came out looking alive, and then on defense I wasn't sure what happened," May said. "I couldn't throw a strike to save my life."

Some errors were mental, while some were physical, and Schuette said she wasn't angry about the physical errors because those happen.

"There were some balls that should've been caught that weren't," Schuette said. "Those are the three or four bad errors."

Being a Division I program, Schuette said the mental errors shouldn't be something you can't handle as a coach or player.

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TRACK | NOTEBOOK

Pole vaulters set up personal bests

By **Kevin Murphy**
Staff Reporter

Freshman Abby Schmitz continues to make leaps and bounds in the pole vault.

Schmitz cleared 11 feet, 0.25 inches, a personal best, which allowed her to finish in third place at the Big Blue Classic Friday afternoon at O'Brien Field.

"It's nice," she said. "It feels rewarding."

Her vault moved her into fourth place all-time.

Schmitz never vaulted above 9'6" in high school. She never won a sectional

meet. She never qualified for the state championships, which are held at Eastern.

"It was really positive and exciting to hit," she said. "It's hard to be happy with what I got and but also be OK, and I'm ready to get the next height."

Schmitz is only the fourth female pole-vaulter to vault over 11 feet.

Freshman Scott Mammoser also set a personal best of 15'7" but finished second to senior Dorrian White who had a vault of 15'7". Mammoser finished second because he missed more attempts at the height.

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EASTERN SPORTS SCHEDULE

Women's tennis
Today at Southeast Missouri
2 p.m. - Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Baseball
Today vs. Illinois College
3 p.m. - Coaches Stadium

Softball
Today at Saint Louis (DH)
4 p.m. - St. Louis, Mo.

Men's tennis
Wednesday vs. Southern Illinois
3 p.m. - Darling Courts

Baseball
Wednesday at Chicago State
3 p.m. - Chicago

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7:30 p.m. on CSN