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Righter, Rose tackle budget woes



AUDREY SAWYER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

“We have urged the comptroller and the governor to focus on health care and education issues.”

Senator Dale Righter

State senator, rep discuss reform and funding issues

By Jason Hardimon
Campus Editor

State Senator Dale Righter, of Illinois’ 55th District, compared criticizing former Illinois governor Rod Blagojevitch to shooting fish in a barrel.

“Anyone can do it,” he said.

State Representative Chapin Rose, of Illinois’ 110th District, said the ongoing economic downturn, in combination with a misuse of power by the former governor, contributed to growth of the Illinois’ budget deficit.

“In Illinois, the recession, combined with a lack of fiscal discipline by previous administrations, has deepened the state’s dire financial situation,” according to a summary within the Illinois state budget for fiscal year 2010.

Approximately 70 members of the campus community, mostly university employees and faculty, crowded into the Charleston-Mattoon Room at the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Wednesday to meet with Righter and Rose.

The two Republicans discussed

the state’s budget deficit, legislative redistricting reform and education funding.

Rose said the net state budget deficit at the beginning of the next fiscal year is projected to be between \$7.2 billion and \$7.5 billion, despite reports that it could be as much as 12 billion, and cited that neither he nor Righter voted to approve the current state budget on July 15 of last year.

“You can’t just kick the can down the road by voting to borrow more money and figuring it out later,” Rose said.

Righter and Rose agreed that cutting costs would be the most effective way to get Illinois out of the red.

Rose said the state could reasonably cut \$3 billion to \$4 billion without anyone missing it, and that these cuts would improve efficiency.

“This stuff is upside down; there are so many inefficiencies out there,” Rose said.

Righter and Rose said that restructuring is imperative, and that reforming the way in which Illinois draws legislative districts is one of the most important reform decisions Illinois voters could make in the coming elections.

“Budgets come and go, governors come and go, ups and down

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State Representative Chapin Rose

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Tempers flare about tax swap

By Erica Whelan
Student Government Editor

Former student speaker of the senate Drew Griffin paid a surprise visit to the student senate to express his opposition toward the Coles County tax swap.

If the tax swap — which will be voted on in the Feb. 2 primary ballot — receives enough votes from the community, a 1 percent increase in sales tax on certain items will take effect in Coles County to support facilities maintenance in the Charleston, Mattoon and Oakland school districts.

The student senate ultimately voted to approve the resolution with a vote of 16-8-1.

Items that will be exempt from increased taxation include vehicles, medications, farming equipment and most groceries, excluding many prepared foods.

Student speaker of the senate Isaac Sandidge described the debate that preceded the decision as some of the best he has heard since joining the student senate in the fall of 2005.

During a period of audience participation, Griffin appealed to senate members to vote against supporting the tax because he viewed that doing so would defy their du-



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External Relations chair Tommy Nierman questions Jared Hausmann on his Registered Student Organization involvement during Hausmann’s approval to become Chief Justice of the Student Supreme Court. Hausmann was approved to become the Chief Justice Tuesday during Student Senate by a vote of 25-0-0.

ties to represent the student body.

As a substitute teacher in Paris, Ill., Griffin said he works in a building constructed more than 100 years ago where the quality of the facilities are lacking.

“I come from an under-funded district, but even so, we need to stand up for our rights as students,”

Griffin said. “This is shifting the tax burden from public schools and property owners to students, many of whom aren’t even from this area.”

Griffin said in a time when the university is receiving less state assistance than ever toward supporting the campus, there is no guar-

antee that increased property taxes will eventually subside.

He maintained that any benefit Eastern students may reap from the tax swap would be secondary at best.

Conversely, Nahder Houshmand, chair of the student relations

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STATE OF THE UNION

FutureGen advocate reacts to Obama

Kayleigh Zyskowski
City Editor

In front of a joint session of Congress and millions of Americans across the country, President Barack Obama addressed such issues as employment rates, tax reform, education and the Iraq War.

But to some people in Coles County, one of the most important issues Obama spoke on was related to clean energy.

Angela Griffin, the president of Coles County Together, has helped in the efforts to bring the clean coal plant, FutureGen, to Mattoon.

With Obama speaking in favor of innovation and policy supporting clean energy, Griffin said she feels encouraged.

“I heard Obama say ‘America should not settle for being number two when it comes to developing clean energy,’ and he said that more than once,” Griffin said. “He specifically mentioned Europe and China and said they weren’t

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State of the Union

Read more about President Obama’s State of the Union speech on page 6

EVENT

Open Mic brings poems, comedy to life

Searching for future fame brings inspiration to campus

By Heather Holm
Activities Editor

Personal experience inspired contestants at Wednesday's Open Mic Night.

Zach Weislo, a junior music education major, played a song titled "Mr. Nice is Done" which is about one of his break-ups, and about how he is sick of sleepless nights and petty fights.

He came to Open Mic Night because he wishes to become famous one day and said he is trying to get his name out at Eastern.

Weislo has been playing guitar for two and a half years, and writing songs for a year and a half.

He won second place at the Open Mic Night contest, winning a \$25 gift certificate to Wal-Mart.

Marcus May, another contestant, read a poem called "I Have Nothing to Say" which is about things such as how he holds his tongue when he sees an ugly baby or hears someone who cannot sing.

Leentwann McCline, a graduate student in student affairs, came out to relieve stress by performing comedy.

He said he gets his inspiration from life experiences and close friends.

McCline started performing in 2005, and has performed at House of Blues in Chicago and a show in Las Vegas called "Who Got Jokes?" in the past.

The band Somatic won the first place prize, a \$75 gift certificate to Guitar Center.

Somatic played two songs, "Golden Brown" and "Cut Me Out."



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Senior history major Mat Williams (left), senior music education major Ryan Stack (center) and senior elementary education major Nic Parker play an original song from their band "Somatic" at Open Mic Night at the 7th St. Underground.

"People inspire our music, such as friends and loved ones," said Nick Parker, a junior elementary education major and member of Somatic. "I've been involved with music since I was 14 years old."

Parker played guitar and sang, while Matt Williams, a senior history major, played guitar, and Ryan Stack, a senior music education major, played drums.

Williams has played since eighth-grade and Stack since freshman year of high school.

"People inspire our music, such as friends and loved ones."

Nick Parker,
junior elementary
education major

Somatic is opening for the band

Howard at 10 p.m. Friday at The Top of the Roc.

Jacob Unterberger, a sophomore, performed two raps, "Free For All" and "I'm Trying to Expand," from an album he produced himself with original songs.

Joseph Hammond, a sophomore psychology major, also decided to rap.

He beat-boxed three songs, "I Need to See You Again", "Died In Your Arms" and "Mr. Stink."

"I Need to See You Again" con-

tained the lyrics "words cannot express how much I love you" and "I have a different heartbeat when I hug you."

"I haven't performed in a while, so I decided to come out and see how people liked my songs," Hammond said.

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CULTURAL TRENDS

What's in a name? Change becoming trend

By Samantha Bilharz
Staff Reporter

The phrase "something old and something new" has a different meaning for many brides when they make what may be their biggest decision about marriage—their name.

The trend of women keeping or hyphenating their names when getting married may seem common, but a national survey done by the Indiana University Bloomington proves otherwise. The survey done by researchers from the IU sociology department found that 71 percent of 851 people interviewed agree that women should change their last name after marriage.

Nowadays, women have more choice. They can take their husband's last name, hyphenate the names together or keep their maiden name.

Many circumstances can influence a women's decision when it comes to her last name: culture, personal beliefs, recognition in an established career, the desire to have the same last name as their children, the desire to have the same last name as their new family.

Lauri DeRuiter-Willems, an instructor in the health studies department, originally hyphenated her last

name because of her career.

"I had an established career as a health care recruiter and had clients tell me that they would only accept calls from people they knew, and they may not remember my new name," DeRuiter-Willems said.

Many years later, she divorced and returned to her hometown of Charleston.

She was then remarried and decided to hyphenate her last name once again, this time because she found that people who have known her for a long time would call her by her maiden name and not her married name.

"Using both names has definitely helped people recognize me when I call or send e-mails," said DeRuiter-Willems. "I have had some funny phone conversations with people who didn't recognize 'Lauri Willems'."

Another influence was that her parents still reside in Charleston.

"Having that connection to them via our name is nice," she said. "There are three daughters in my family, and I guess it's kind of my little way of keeping our family name going, too."

For some women, culture is an influence in keeping their maiden name once married. Culture plays a big role for Assege HaileMariam, an associ-

How to legally change your name

According to Lawyers.com, there are two methods to legally change your name after marriage.

The Common Usage Method — A wife can take her husband's last name by consistently using it after marriage. To do this, the wife must: make sure the new name is on the marriage certificate; obtain a new driver's license and social security card with the new name and contact banks, creditors, insurers and any other entities with whom the wife does business to notify them of the change.

Court Order- The person changing their name must contact the local city or county courthouse for instructions on obtaining the court order. Many states have these forms on the Internet. After obtaining the court order, the person must get a new driver's license and social security card with the new name and update their legal, banking and insurance records.

Information on different counties can be found at <http://www.namechange.law.com/states/ill/illinois.htm>

ate professor of psychology originally from Addis Abeba, Ethiopia.

"In my culture, a woman does not change her maiden name when she gets married," HaileMariam said. "In other words, she does not take her husband's name; rather, she keeps her maiden name."

Personal beliefs are another factor in a women's decision.

Christa Phillips, a sophomore physical education major, is engaged and feels that taking her fiancée's last name

is a personal choice and she wants to have the same last name as her new family.

"I am leaving my family and joining another one, so taking on their last name to me would seem and feel right to me," she said.

Phillips also feels that hyphenating her last name would not work out well for her.

"If my last name was hyphenated with someone else's I believe it would just be too long," Phillips said.

According to Jeannie Ludlow, an assistant professor of English and coordinator of the Women's Studies Program, the ideology behind why some women take their husband's last name is historical.

"The custom of taking the husband's last name reflects a historical understanding of marriage as a patriarchal institution, in which the wife and children were kind of 'property' to the husband," Ludlow said.

Woman hyphenating their last name can be seen as a compromise. This can make both partners and their in-laws happy.

"She can keep her own name and, at the same time, take her husband's name. Some women I know have done this to make their new in-laws more comfortable," Ludlow said.

The trend in name changing can vary depending on the person.

"In terms of trends, we have to recognize that marriage and naming practices are determined not only by national and state laws, but also by religious, regional, community and family expectations," Ludlow said.

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VIEWS



Tyler Angelo

Cell phones
equal poor
etiquette

I see variations of this person everywhere. His cell phone, stuck to, or in some cases, inside his ear, oblivious to the world around him.

Sure, cell phones are an excellent means of communication.

So many of us have them, but I think there are some who should seriously do without. We all know these people, but I'll offer a name for my example.

His name is Jack Kass. Now I'll set the scene. I'm heading to the mall when Jack decides to tag along. I pick him up and we're on our way. I put on some tunes and soon we're enjoying the passing scenery, talking and singing a lyric here and there.

This is all good fun until Jack suddenly gets an incoming phone call.

"Dude, can you turn the music down, I need to take this call," he says.

I oblige, and continue driving, unable to help but eavesdrop on half the conversation. I quickly discover it's about nothing important and is, in fact, the most pointless conversation I could ever help but overhear in my life.

But now I've got to cater to his despicable act of rudeness. I'm kind enough to drive while impolite Jack gets in and takes over my operation.

But it doesn't end in the car. We wait in line at a sandwich shop, and he's talking on the phone as the sandwich artist struggles to get his attention and take his order. And Jack has the gall to carry on the conversation even as he pays the cashier. What kind of behavior is that?

But it's not just my friend. People like Jack Kass are *everywhere*. They're forcing you to listen in on their lives.

Along with the likes of Jack Kass, there are the cyborgs, or people who insert Bluetooth devices into their ears. I remember my first Bluetooth encounter. I walked out of the mall and saw two men wearing identical devices in their ears. They walked at the same pace, creepily mirroring each other. My first thought was, "Wow, real cyborgs walk among us!" It was some "Terminator" stuff in the flesh.

Even worse is guessing when a Bluetooth is actually using it. Every time I've see someone with the device it's a guessing game — is he talking to me or is he talking on his "phone?"

Now, I'm aware Bluetooth makes hands-free conversation easier. But to me, these people look like they're talking to an imaginary friend.

There is a time and place for the phone; checking out items at the store or riding in the car with a friend is not the time to succumb to a phone call's interruption.

In society today, it's impolite to be on the phone while you're carrying out other duties, even something as small as ordering a sandwich. There shouldn't need to be signs requesting people like Jack Kass to abstain from his phone while in line. Tell your friend you'll call him back. If it's that urgent of a call, what are you doing ordering a sandwich while talking to him? I bet he would think that's pretty rude of you, wouldn't he?

There's too much multitasking today. Focus on one thing at a time and think of the people around you. Don't subject them to how sick last night's party was or what your boyfriend said.

If you share my dread for these particular cell phone users, log on to DENnews.com and share your stories.

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Housing increase one more step
in Eastern's cost-cutting efforts

The Board of Trustees approved a 6.25 percent housing rate increase at Friday's meeting. The state budget is a mess, and the university budget is struggling to keep up.

Eastern is facing a 6 percent, or \$3 million, decrease in its state-appropriated funding for fiscal year 2011, bringing us to fiscal year 2006 levels.

It is a dire situation. We get it. What we aren't getting, though, is money to help pay for this increase. The Monetary Award Program grant is only guaranteed through this semester, and the state budget clearly doesn't have the resources to give it another year, lopping another \$4.8 million off the total sum coming into the university from the state.

This is going to leave many of the approximately 4,800 students who live on campus struggling to make it through the year financially.

The increase is nothing new; housing rates go up every year. And, when looked at objectively, the 6.25 percent is not that bad. In fact, it is the smallest percent increase in seven years.

Consider this, even after the increase, Eastern boasts the second lowest room and board rates of all public universities in Illinois.

Eastern has been doing its part to keep this point of pride.

Most of our food is purchased through a consortium called the Illinois Public Higher Education Cooperative.

Food costs are constantly fluctuating. When setting housing prices for the next year, the university figures in an 8 percent increase in food costs.

Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs, said the university tries to keep an eye on current market prices and purchases less, or none, of products when they are at a high market price.

"Overall, Eastern has been making strides to continue providing quality education at an affordable (well, relatively affordable) cost."

The new Renewable Energy Center is still more than a year away from completion, so the old coal-fired steam plant is still powering the university, keeping us warm in winter, cool in summer and powering our computers.

Like food costs, coal prices are on the rise. Using the consortium, Eastern gets its coal for a slightly lower price.

"There is more cost savings when there is more to purchase," Nadler said. "The consortium gives us more buying power."

This, however, does not mean that when the new power plant is fully functioning, housing rates will go down. The money saved in energy costs will be put toward paying off \$88 million in bonds used to fund the construction over the course of 20 years, so students won't be seeing any relief on utilities until our children are starting college.

About half of the rate increase has nothing to do with food and energy costs, though.

Bathrooms and dining halls are being renovated; sprinkler systems are being installed in residence halls, and approximately \$100 million worth of deferred maintenance is just sitting around, waiting for money to come in and fund the projects.

Overall, Eastern has been making strides to continue providing quality education at an affordable (well, relatively affordable) cost.

We applaud that extra effort, because when the budget is this tight, every extra bit of breathing room counts.

With that in mind, students, please, turn your computer off at night. Flip the light switch off before you go to class. Only take what you will actually eat in the dining halls. And for the love of all that is good, please do not open your dorm room windows in the dead of winter; it's only going to jack up heating costs and make all the rooms around you get hotter as the heater works overtime to keep your room warm.

FROM THE EASEL



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FROM AROUND THE STATE

Big rigs no exception

By The Daily Vidette Editorial Board
Illinois State University

As of Tuesday, in an effort to reduce drivers from being distracted, the Department of Transportation banned all interstate commercial truckers and bus drivers from texting while driving. Anyone who violates this rule faces civil or criminal fines of as much as \$2,750.

These particular drivers are at an increased risk of distraction due to the other communicative devices they use on the job.

Truckers admit to using the computers mount-

ed on the dashboards, which are used to communicate with other dispatchers, while driving.

Research shows multitasking while driving greatly increases the risk of crashing.

Truckers who text are 23 times more likely to get in a crash or near-crash than truckers who do not text, so it is obvious how important it is to have this new rule in place.

Drivers who send and receive text messages take their eyes off the road for an average of 4.6 seconds out of every 6 seconds.

Therefore, at 55 miles per hour, a driver could be speeding down the entire length of a football field without even looking where he or she is driving.

The fact that trucks and interstate buses are approximately 10,000 pounds makes this visualization even scarier.

The new ban only prohibits truckers and bus drivers from texting while driving, so they can still use their other devices while driving, which may be equally as or more distracting. But the DOT is determined to minimize as many driving distractions as possible.

They are working on making more regulations that would govern the use of truckers' computers and other devices, as well as when they would be allowed to talk on their cell phones.

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CITY



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Square boasts hidden retail gems

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By Charles LeGrand
Staff Reporter

Surrounding the Coles County Courthouse in downtown Charleston lays a small, but mighty network of independent businesses that team with energy and productivity. Each business possesses its own individual panache, personality and story. What appears as a rural town square to the aesthetically demanding eye, this network is actually well-known for its products and services.

What’s Cookin’
“What’s Cookin’” Restaurant and Catering was founded by Therese Kincade in 1980. At the time, it had eight tables. Since then, the business has grown and moved into a larger building on 409 Seventh Street. Its strawberry bread, still made from the original recipe, is sold nationally. Dwayne Love’ll has been a kitchen manager at the restaurant for 13 years.
“Overall it’s a wonderful place to work. I’m not going anywhere,” Love’ll said.

Z’s
Z’s Music and Sound System Services has a similar reputation. Upon entry, the facility appears as a typical music store. However, well-stocked walls, displaying shiny guitars, amplifiers and the like are only a fraction of the business.
Mike Ziebka, the owner of Z’s, said they are a regional touring and production company that has worked with national artists and commercial outfits for roughly 20 years.

Jackson Avenue Coffee
Keeping the locally owned reputation alive for Charleston, on April 26, 2002 owner and founder of Jackson Avenue Coffee, Ryan Dawson, opened the doors of the coffee shop.
Since then, the business has not looked back.
“We always try to do things bigger than us,” Dawson said.
After traveling overseas with a mission organization, Dawson helped establish two coffee houses in China.
“We set up a coffee house in Chi-

na. We actually took the equipment over; did the training,” he said.
Spence’s on Jackson
Just down the road from the coffee shop, located on 772 Jackson Avenue, a small shop owned by Linda Spence, called Spence’s on Jackson, carries a wide variety of vintage and novelty clothing. “I’ve had a lot of kids (students) tell me how comfortable they felt when they came in, because I’m like their mom in a way,” Spence said.

Natural Food and Nutrition
Married couple Dave and Carol Klepzig own and operate Natural Food and Nutrition. A health food store that opened in Charleston almost 10 years ago, the store’s inspiration came from the couple’s peers complaining about not having a health food store in town.
“We both saw that there was a need for a health food store in Charleston,” said Carol Klepzig.

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Obama declares 'I don't quit' in address

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Declaring "I don't quit," an embattled President Barack Obama vowed in his first State of the Union address Wednesday night to make job growth his topmost priority and urged a divided Congress to boost the still-ailing economy with fresh stimulus spending. Defiant despite stinging setbacks, he said he would not abandon ambitious plans for longer-term fixes to health care, energy, education and more.

"Change has not come fast enough," Obama said before a politician-packed House chamber and a TV audience of millions. "As hard as it may be, as uncomfortable and contentious as the debates may be, it's time to get serious about fixing the problems that are hampering our growth."

Obama looked to change the conversation from how his presidency is stalling — over the messy health care de-

bate, a limping economy and the missteps that led to Christmas Day's barely averted terrorist disaster — to how he is seizing the reins.

A chief demand was for lawmakers to press forward with his prized health care overhaul, which is in severe danger in Congress, and to resist the temptation to substitute a smaller-bore solution for the far-reaching changes he wants.

"Do not walk away from reform," he implored. "Not now. Not when we are so close."

Republicans applauded the president when he entered the chamber, and even craned their necks and welcomed Michelle Obama when she took her seat. But the warm feelings of bipartisanship disappeared early.

Democrats jumped to their feet and roared when Obama said he wanted to impose a new fee on banks, while Republicans sat stone-faced. Democrats stood and applauded when Obama

mentioned the economic stimulus package passed last February. Republicans sat and stared.

On national security, Obama proclaimed some success, saying that "far more" al-Qaida terrorists were killed under his watch last year in the U.S.-led global fight than in 2008.

Hoping to salve growing disappointment in a key constituency, Obama said he would work with Congress "this year" to repeal the ban on gays and lesbians serving openly in the military. But in a concession to concern about the move among Republicans and on his own party's right flank, Obama neither made a commitment to suspend the practice in the interim nor issued a firm deadline for action.

The president devoted about two-thirds of his speech to the economic worries foremost on Americans' minds, emphasizing his ideas, some new but mostly old and explained anew, for restoring job growth, taming budget defi-

cits and changing a polarized Washington "where every day is Election Day." These concerns are at the roots of voter emotions that once drove supporters to Obama but now are turning on him as he governs.

Declaring that "I know the anxieties" of Americans' struggling to pay the bills while big banks get bailouts and bonuses, Obama prodded Congress to enact a second stimulus package "without delay," specifying that it should contain a range of measures to help small businesses and funding for infrastructure projects. Also, fine tuning a plan first announced in October, Obama said he will initiate a \$30 billion program to provide money to community banks at low rates, provided they agree to increase lending to small businesses. The money would come from balances left in the \$700 billion Wall Street rescue fund — a program "about as popular as a root canal" that he made of point of saying "I hated."

Acknowledging frustration at the government's habit of spending more than it has — and yet placing much blame on Republicans for record deficits, he said he would veto any bills that do not adhere to his demand for a three-year freeze on some domestic spending (while proposing a 6.2 percent, or \$4 billion, increase in the popular arena of education). He announced a new, though nonbinding bipartisan deficit-reduction task force (while supporting the debt-financed jobs bill). And he said he would cut \$20 billion on inefficient programs in next year's budget and "go through the budget line by line" to find more.

Positioning himself as a fighter for the regular guy and a different kind of leader, he urged Congress to require lobbyists to disclose all contacts with lawmakers or members of his administration and to blunt the impact of last week's Supreme Court decision allowing corporations greater flexibility in supporting or opposing candidates.

STATE

Quinn hopes to save \$200M in deal with union

The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn's administration has struck a deal with the state's largest employees union that saves the state budget less than he hoped.

But an administration official said Wednesday that even with a budget deficit of \$11 billion or more, the Democrat achieved important victories — avoiding mass layoffs, costly

litigation, and setting a "tone" for future cooperation.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees agreed to delay portions of wage increases during the next year and ask members to take voluntary unpaid furloughs in exchange for avoiding most of the 2,600 layoffs Quinn sought last summer.

The layoffs were part of \$1 billion in budget cuts Quinn announced in

June, along with requiring all employees to take 12 unpaid furlough days to save \$310 million.

But that was after Quinn sought wage concessions and voluntary furloughs from AFSCME, budget director David Vaughn said.

"The governor believes we've achieved our basic objective to try to achieve savings through shared sacrifice without creating the more disruptive aspect of layoffs," Vaughn said.

AFSCME filed a lawsuit over the layoffs and a judge stopped them but told both sides to work out an agreement, which they did on Tuesday.

"It protects the essential public services our members provide," AFSCME Executive Director Henry Bayer said in a statement. "Illinois families need those services more than ever in this deep recession."

The union's 40,000 members are scheduled to get two pay increases to-

taling 4 percent during the next year, but will give up half of that. However, what they forgo now will be due in June 2011, and earlier if the state generates new revenue, such as a tax increase. That will save \$41 million, the budget office says.

The union will urge members to take up to ten voluntary furlough days, saving an estimated \$77 million. Restructuring of group insurance will save another \$70 million.

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come and go, but there has been one consistent trend in the state of Illinois for the past three decades,” Rose said. “We are the only state in the union that draws legislative maps by picking a lot out of Abraham Lincoln’s hat, and its’ winner take all... that is not healthy for anyone.”

Righter said that more information on legislative district reform could be found at illinoisfairmap.org.

“I think it’s one of the most significant bumps in credibility that the state could give itself,” Righter said.

Neither Righter nor Rose could speculate on whether a budget for the coming fiscal year would be prepared by July, or whether Eastern

would soon receive the remainder of its \$60 million appropriations.

Righter referred to the delays in the payment of appropriations as a cash flow problem.

“We have urged the comptroller and the governor to focus on health care and education issues,” Righter said.

Near the end of the forum, Righter invited everyone in the audience to travel to Springfield and attend a meeting of the Illinois General Assembly.

“You’ll be encouraged by some of the things you see, and you’ll be discouraged by some of the things you see,” Righter said. “The level of uninformed debate there is astounding.”

Although Righter was 10 minutes late for the forum, he stayed to answer questions posed by members of the audience for an additional 45 minutes after the forum was scheduled to adjourn.

Eastern’s chapter of the University Professionals of Illinois sponsored the event.

“It is beneficial for members of the campus community and the surrounding communities to know each other’s concerns and to understand them,” said John Allison, the president of UPI.

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waiting to develop clean energy and we shouldn’t wait either.”

Obama said clean energy is a sector that has the ability to help pull America out of the recession by creating jobs.

“I think he has shown great commitment to investing and using incentives to create innovative new energy and new technical jobs,” Griffin said. “And those are exactly the kinds of jobs that FutureGen will represent.”

Still, the possibility of FutureGen passing through Congress is still unknown, even after the president’s encouragement.

“I don’t know if this has helped,” Griffin said. “Our president’s initiatives are not always the initiatives

ing is a real threat to the environment, and told Congress it was still a good policy to provide incentives for clean energy jobs.

“The leader in clean energy will lead the global economy,” Obama said.

Griffin said Obama making clean energy good from an economic perspective helped as well.

“He took the whole argument for investing in clean energy and moved it beyond the climate change debate, and tried to show it makes good sense from an economic perspective,” Griffin said.

Obama also acknowledged those who do not believe global warm-

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committee, expressed the view that supporting the tax swap would lead to better schools, which would make Eastern look better in turn.

His opinion was supported by Jarrod Scherle, vice president for business affairs, who prepared numbers for the meeting in the effort to put the tax swap in perspective for the average local family.

Scherle said the average family spends about \$200 on groceries per week, many of which would be exempt from increased taxation. As for Eastern students, Scherle speculated that many would not endure a significant impact from a heightened sales tax.

“First off, we’re students,” Scherle said. “I don’t know about any of you, but I’ve got 11 bucks in my pocket right now. With this tax swap, most students would probably have to pay about \$10 to \$20.”

He also encouraged senate members to support the tax swap so to attract potential faculty members who have children that may otherwise look to areas like Champaign, which has implemented a tax swap.

Student body president Michelle Murphy, however, said she will continually refuse to have her name on any tax increase while acting as a representative of the student body.

“A vote against this resolution is not a vote against education,” Murphy said. “We’re going to take the hit, but we’re not going to get any of the relief. They’re not taking money out of your left pocket and putting it back in your right. Remember that.”

Ebony Frazier, chair of the diversity affairs committee, echoed Murphy’s concern.

“I just don’t understand why it would be our responsibility to bail Charleston out of their hole,” Frazier said.

Scott Lambert, vice president for academic affairs, sees otherwise.

“I don’t think we owe anything to this community, because without this school, this community would be nothing,” Lambert said.

This remark was met with outrage from other student senate members.

Eric Wilber, executive vice president, said as a three-year student representative to the city council, he could not disagree more with Lambert’s remark.

“This is not Cook County,” Wilber said, responding to senate members from that area who said they have seen continuous tax increases that promise to support schools with no results. “If we don’t pass this, the school’s maintenance problems won’t get fixed, and that money’s going to have to come from somewhere. Are we going to help support this community that wants us here, or are we going to stick it all on them?”

Tommy Nierman, chair of the external relations committee, agreed and said students, who spend nine months out of the year at Eastern, should take advantage of the opportunity to give back to the community that enables many to continue their education.

Murphy maintained that senate members could still give back to the community without supporting the tax swap.

“This tax increase is permanent. Our residence here is not,” Murphy said. “Don’t vote for this to affect people after you leave. It’s not our place.”

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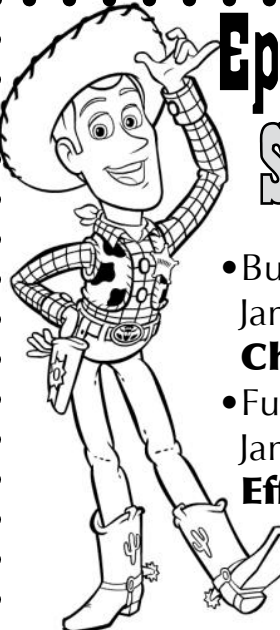
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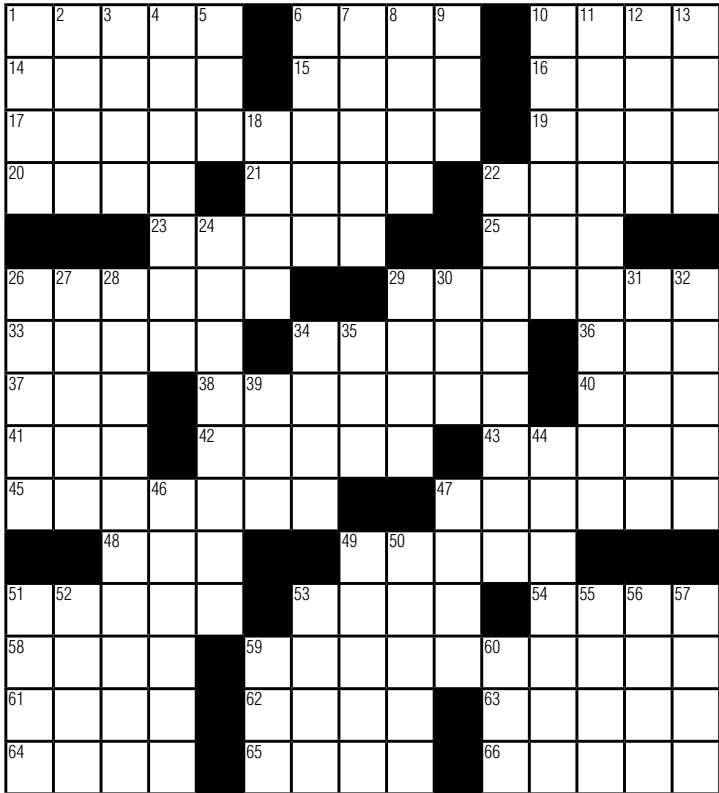
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- 62 Tough trip
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- 12 Novelist Turgenev
- 13 Cartoon chipmunk
- 18 Ship-to-ship call
- 22 2008 World Series champs
- 24 Like tank tops
- 26 Tube
- 27 "Is anybody listening ...?"

- 28 Impossible to change
- 29 "____ oui!"
- 30 Tylenol competitor
- 31 Flight support
- 32 Itsy-bitsy
- 34 "The Tonight Show" piece
- 35 Onetime C&W channel
- 39 Chaney of "The Wolf Man"
- 44 "The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight" novelist
- 46 Judge's announcement

- 47 Made without milk or meat
- 49 Feeling ho-hum
- 50 Squat's opposite
- 51 River that ends in Tarragona
- 52 Put out
- 53 Midnight alarm giver
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The Panthers are also attempting to fix a cold streak. Eastern dropped four consecutive games against OVC competition before edging last place Tennessee Martin (2-16, 0-9 OVC) 60-46 Saturday.

Junior guard Curry McKinney said he and his teammates are try-

ing to address their shortcomings. “We are trying to rebuild after a four-game losing streak,” McKinney said. “This is the first win, so we want to keep it rolling. We aren’t scared of (Tennessee Tech).”

Even though McKinney’s team was up by 12 points early on against

the Skyhawks, they battled back to a 43-42 deficit and hung around until the final minutes.

McKinney knows his team has to tighten up its execution when ahead.

“We’ve just got to keep up the heat,” he said. “We started off and

we’re making some shots, and we kind of backed off because we were leading. We’ve just got to keep it up.”

Miller said the Golden Eagles are a dangerous team and a complete effort is required for success.

“Those guys play well, and Ten-

nessee Tech got a big win the other night beating Austin Peay,” Miller said.

The Golden Eagles beat the Governors 94-90 Jan. 21.

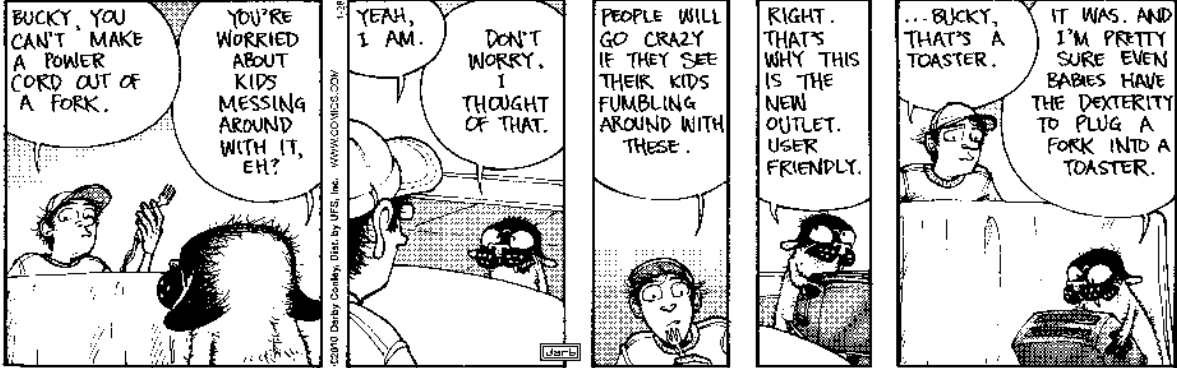
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Sallee said Tech’s offense is going to offer a big test to his defense in that Eastern cannot get caught up in trying to stop Hayes, as her teammates can score well.

“You have to be able to guard her as much one-on-one as you can so that you can rebound and keep the other ones from killing you too,” Sallee said. “If you get caught up in stopping Tacarra Hayes, they’ve got enough weapons that they can beat you with.”

Eastern’s defense will be working to stop all of the Golden Eagles’ weapons, Sallee said.

“To be honest, I don’t know that I have a game plan that can shut them both (Hayes and Cook) down,” Sallee said. “I think you have to keep them from exploding and understand that good players are going to score some points.”

Tech has one of the best home records in the OVC at 6-2, and senior guard Dominique Sims said she understands that every time they enter the Golden Eagles’ gym, it is not an easy task to walk out with a win.

“Every time we come in their gym — just the aroma from their fans — they’re a tough team to play in that

aspect,” Sims said. “They play really well at home, so we just have to be disciplined, so we have to remember what we are there to accomplish in order to do it.”

To prepare for a tough four-game road trip, Sims said the team is working on the most important things.

“We are basically just resting our bodies right now, getting ready for this long road trip,” Sims said. “We play some pretty big competition. (Thursday), we worked on our rebounding and got a lot of shots up. Obviously, that’s important for us.”

Sallee said he hopes the team remembers its mindset from the two-game road trip from Jan. 14 to Jan. 16, when the Panthers won two games.

“We are going to have to go on the road like a couple weeks ago and mentally be really, really good and have a certain amount of toughness in us that just refuses to lose,” Sallee said. “If we can go down there with that type of attitude, then we will give ourselves a chance.”

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Top Cat
with Kandace Arnold, senior thrower

Swinging back into the last groove

By Kevin Murphy
Staff Reporter

Kandace Arnold relaxes only for a second.

She is nervous before she throws, but that is nothing new for the senior thrower on the Eastern track team.

But the real nerves and tension came for her and Eastern assistant track coach Jessica Sommerfeld last season.

A new coach, new techniques and a new environment at practice were conditions Arnold was not used to.

Eastern hired Sommerfeld to assist with the men and women throwers in August 2008 to replace Mary Wallace, who moved into Eastern's sports administration.

But Sommerfeld got in Arnold's face — something Arnold was not a fan of — last season.

"Last year was a nightmare," Arnold said. "It was hard for us to get along. I would hate for us to have to go through that again." The coaching change for both the athlete and the coach was somewhat tense.

"She was a 180 from coach Wallace," Arnold said. "Coach Wallace was chill, laid back. (Sommerfeld) was in your face, 'Yeah, let's get pumped up.' I was like, that's not how I am."

After the end of the outdoor season, the relationship changed. The two had plenty of chats and those conversations have roused Arnold toward finishing with a strong senior season.

"It took awhile for her to gain confidence in me," Sommerfeld said of last season.

While the atmosphere is not Arnold's top choice, she enjoys Sommerfeld's coaching.



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior Kandace Arnold enters her last season as a thrower on the Eastern track and field team under the guidance of coach Jessica Sommerfeld. After a rocky season in 2009 the two have learned how to work and respect each other.

"I kind of wish I could start over with when I first met her," Arnold said. "It was so bad but we really enjoy each other now."

Besides the adjustment period with a new coach-athlete relationship, Som-

merfeld had Arnold rehaul her technique.

That did not help matters in their once rocky relationship, but eventually Arnold adjusted.

"I did a lot of changing, a lot of

thinking," Arnold said. "She knows what she's really talking about."

Those techniques included getting her hips wider and preventing gliding, which produces the opportunity for a bigger throw.

Arnold's chance to finish as the top women's thrower in program history is almost planted, given her Ohio Valley Conference titles and school records.

Arnold started strong this season, with three first-place finishes, and in the first meet of the season, taking the indoor shot put record.

She owns the indoor 20-pound weight throw and outdoor discus records. She also has the second best mark in the outdoor shot put and hammer throw in program history.

She won the shot put and weight throw as a junior during the indoor season. Also, she won the shot put and placed second in the weight throw as a sophomore during the indoor season.

She holds the top marks in the OVC in both indoor events this season.

In the outdoor seasons, Arnold won the shot put as a freshman and sophomore. She also took the discus title as a sophomore.

Last season, she took second and third in the shot put and discus, an event which motivates her for this season.

"Last year, I was really sad. I cried," Arnold jokingly said. "That hurt. You can't win everything. That's going to make me go even harder. I can't control what other people do."

Sommerfeld, a former conference champ, knows Arnold has no ceiling for her senior season.

"She hasn't reached her potential by any means," Sommerfeld said. "54 feet is not impossible for (her). She's a very athletic person, and I don't think she's come close to her potential yet."

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BASEBALL | PRESEASON RANKINGS



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Eastern senior right-hander Josh Mueller throws during practice Wednesday in Lantz Fieldhouse. Mueller is the top-ranked pitcher in the Ohio Valley Conference, according to "Collegiate Baseball."

Polls high on Eastern prospect

By Dane Urban
Staff Reporter

Eastern baseball has been projected to be the top team in the Ohio Valley Conference for the upcoming 2010 season along with junior pitcher Josh Mueller who is projected as a high draft pick in the MLB Draft.

Collegiate Baseball has placed the Panthers on top of the OVC in its Jan. 8 season preview.

In the 2009 season, the team went 36-14 overall and won the OVC regular season title with a 14-4 mark.

In 2008, Eastern won the OVC tournament for the first time since 1997 and played Nebraska and Oral Roberts in the NCAA Regional tournament before dropping out of the competition.

The Panthers also had three players drafted in the MLB Draft last June: Tyler Kehrer, Brett Nommensen and Jordan Kreke.

Assistant coach Skylar Meade feels confident about his team's ability to overcome the pressure of the preseason projection.

"That's how I would like to have it every single year," Meade said. "If we are picked to win our league every preseason, it means that we are doing some things right."

The Panthers are walking into a 2010 season with their heads held high on top of the conference, junior pitcher Mike Recchia said.

"We got a lot of new guys (and) young guys, but we feel that they can come in and get the job done," Recchia said. "We can be just as good, maybe even better than we were last year."

The players' goals have not changed and they feel that if they stick with this mindset they will succeed

"Our goal is to win the OVC, but I think above that we want to have our guys to just act how they have," Meade said. "If they keep working hard, doing the extra things, I think that's going to make guys that are younger keep the tradition going."

Along with the team being projected to win the OVC title this season, Collegiate Baseball ranked the Panthers' Mueller as the number one pitcher in the conference. Mueller said he does not feel the pressure of being ranked the top pitcher.

"My mindset isn't any different," Mueller said. "It's great to see that, but it doesn't really mean anything right now. I still have to go out there and perform."

Last season, Mueller started 13 games going 8-1. He also led the team in strikeouts by fanning 64 batters in 78 innings.

The team and the coaching staff are happy for Mueller, "You're proud to have your guy thought of so highly by the league," Meade said. As another top pitcher in the conference, Recchia said he feels like you have to stay humble and realize that the team comes first.

"Me and Josh try to put that in the back of our heads for a little motivation," Recchia said. "We don't try and think of it. We want to go out there and try to pitch the best we can and win games for our team."

Panthers will start their journey towards another OVC championship Feb. 19 when they open up in Southern Louisiana at Hammond, La.

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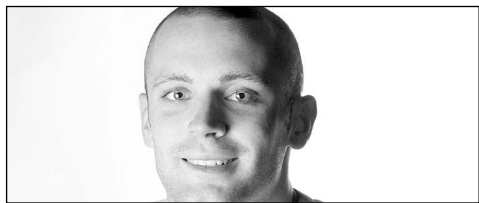
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VIEWS



Bob Shaughnessy

Akers excelling as track coach

Do great players make great coaches? This is a question sports fans have been asking themselves for many years. Many people believe Phil Jackson would not be the coach he is today without Michael Jordan and Kobe Bryant. Others believe Jackson helped these players reach their full potential. For a professional coach, it is easier to debate this topic because they have these players given to them. For a college coach, it is not so simple. College coaches must recruit players and persuade them to come to their school. Recruiting is not an easy task while coaching at a school like Eastern. Track and field head coach Tom Akers has accomplished the goal of recruiting some of the best talent around and helping them meet their full potential. Akers has shown this by winning 10 of the last 12 Indoor Ohio Valley Conference Championships. Akers not only brings in great talent, he also hires successful coaches who push the athletes to be OVC contenders annually. In 2007, Akers brought in Olympic contender JaRod Tobler to coach the long jump. Tobler had four successful seasons at Eastern and is now training in California to be in the 2012 Olympics. Two seasons ago, assistant coach Jessica Sommerfeld joined the staff and is now the throws coach. Sommerfeld had many accomplishments when coaching at South Dakota State and TCU. She also competed in shot put at Rice University where she was the Western Athletic Conference’s champion in that event. When Sommerfeld heard of an assistant coach opening at Eastern, she could not help but jump at the opportunity. She said Akers and the perspective position were major contributors to why she came to Eastern. “Coach Akers has a great tradition of track and field,” Sommerfeld said. “The facilities are great and the education here is great. When you have all that, why wouldn’t you want to come?” With only two coaches on the staff now and two volunteer coaches to help along, both Akers and Sommerfeld will have their hands full while they try to continue the program’s winning tradition. “It’s obviously a position we don’t want to be in, but it’s a situation were in,” Akers said. “So like we told the team the other day, there’s no use complaining about it. We just have to set our minds to the task at hand. We just have to get the job done. We are going to work together to accomplish the goals that we set at the beginning of the season and there’s no reason why we can’t accomplish them.” Akers said he would like to finish his career at Eastern. “This is an enjoyable place to be and I take a lot of pride in what I’m doing,” he said. If he stays, this great coach will continue to develop great players.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL | EASTERN AT TENNESSEE TECH, 5:30 P.M.

Panthers prep to battle Eagles

Team looks to play good defense

By Alex McNamee
Assistant Sports Editor

In the teams’ first meeting, Eastern (12-8, 8-1 in the Ohio Valley Conference) defeated Tennessee Tech (8-11, 3-6 OVC) 79-68. But even in defeating the Golden Eagles, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee said he thinks Tech might feel like it let one get away. “I’m sure they felt that they let one get away when they played us here — and they’re going to want to even that match-up,” Sallee said. Sallee said his players have their work cut out for them, especially against two of the OVC’s top six scorers in sophomore guard Tacarra Hayes (16.5 points per game) and freshman guard Kellie Cook (12.8 ppg). “The thing that they have the ability to do is be really explosive, and if Tacarra Hayes and the Cook kid get going they can put up a lot of points,” Sallee said. “They’ve

shown the ability that they can just flat out out-score people.” Eastern witnessed that explosiveness first hand on Jan. 4, when Hayes and Cook put up 22 points a piece against the Panthers. Senior forward Maggie Kloak said the defense let Tech’s guards drive too much against them on Jan. 4. “I think our defense is going to be huge,” Kloak said. “We know we can make baskets on offense — we have 12 players who can get out on the court and do that for us — that’s not our problem. Defense is going to be big this road trip.” Hayes was named the OVC Player of the Week Monday, after posting a school-record 39 points in a win over Austin Peay. “Hayes has a really good offensive game,” Sallee said. “She can shoot and she pulls up and has a very quick release to it. She’s got a dribble-drive turnaround fade away that is pretty much seen in the NBA. The deeper she gets, the better it is.”

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Eastern freshman guard Kelsey Wyss drives the ball to the hoop during the games against UT Martin Saturday afternoon in Lantz Arena.

MEN’S BASKETBALL | EASTERN AT TENNESSEE TECH, 7:30 P.M.



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Eastern junior guard Tyler Laser looks for someone to pass the ball to during the game against UT Martin Saturday night in Lantz Arena.

Round two calls for more defense

Panthers, Skyhawks scored 190 total points in first meeting

By Bob Bajek
Sports Editor

The Eastern’s men’s basketball team’s defense is not used to giving up so many points like they did in a 97-93 overtime victory Jan. 4 against Tennessee Tech in Lantz Arena. This time around, Eastern needs to contain the Golden Eagles’ offense 7:30 p.m. today at Cookeville, Tenn. This match-up is important for the Ohio Valley Conference standings, as the Panthers (11-9, 5-5 OVC) and Golden Eagles (10-10, 4-5 OVC) will battle for fifth place in the league. Eastern head coach Mike Miller said his team needs to bear down defensively to pull out a victory. “The second round, we talk about you got to continue to progress and move forward,”

Miller said. “It certainly will be a challenge. A couple weeks ago here, both teams scored very well. We are going have to kind of clean up a couple things, get a better offensive flow and keep working on that defense.” The Panthers will have to watch out for senior guard Frank Davis and sophomore forward Kevin Murphy. Davis and Murphy drilled Eastern for 27 and 17 points, respectively, on Jan. 4. “Frank Davis and Kevin Murphy are having great years for them and they had good games here,” Miller said. “But their inside guys, too, like (red-shirt sophomore forward) Bassey Inameti (can have) a double-double.” Davis leads the Golden Eagles by averaging 15.1 points per game. Murphy adds 15 ppg. Senior guard Elijah Muhammad and freshman forward Jud Dillard also tally double-digit marks. With this fire power, Tennessee Tech pours in 76.2 ppg, second in the league behind Murray State. Eastern is seventh, scoring 67 ppg.

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