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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

Sorority hazing leads to probation

By CHRIS SEPER
 Staff editor

Hazing and recruitment violations have led to the one-year probation of an Eastern sorority, according to releases from the Student Activities Office and the organization's national chapter.

Zeta Phi Beta sorority has until Dec. 11 to appeal the probation sentence, which – if no protest is filed – will go into effect immediately after that date, said Ceci Brinker, assistant director of student activities.

"They were in violation of the hazing policy," said Brinker, who gave the sorority its notification letter on Thursday. "We had reasonable and just cause to believe they recruited illegally, and there was definitely mental danger as well as physical."

A representative from Zeta Phi Beta said Sunday the sorority would probably appeal, but it would be done at their discretion.

Brinker said, "We felt very strongly the facts and the statements were substantially lodged. We felt (the members') stories were not as credible as our sources."

The probation ends a month-long investigation into the sorority, beginning in early November. Zeta

Zeta Phi Beta's year punishment inconsistent with past sentences

By CHRIS SEPER
 Staff editor

The situations are being compared like "apples and oranges" by Eastern's assistant director of student activities, but the one-year probation and subsequent punishments for Zeta Phi Beta sorority also clash with past hazing reprimands.

While only serving a year of probation, greek organizations like Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Tau Gamma fraternities were given four-year suspensions for their involvement in hazing violations in February and in 1990, respectively.

"This gets back to weighing the facts, the statements, the testimony of the young women and the sources we had available to us," said Ceci Brinker, assistant director of student activities. "Basically

it's between the national representative, Keith Kohanzo (director of judicial affairs) and myself (as well as) the strong evidence that presented itself."

The punishment still allows the sorority to be viable as a group, but takes away some of its privileges as a greek social organization.

"Emphasis is on trying to educate or re-educate the members," Brinker said. "We want them to contribute to the campus community in a positive way."

Under the probation sentence, Zeta Phi Beta must complete 100 organizational hours of community service and present three greek educational and awareness programs. They are still allowed to

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Phi Beta was placed on interim-suspension during the period, only to have the status lifted on Wednesday when the probation was announced.

During the one-year period, the chapter must complete 100 organizational hours of community service and present three greek educational awareness programs. The sorority is barred from inducting any new members, and it is limited

to four social service activities in the one-year period.

The Student Activities Office, Zeta Phi Beta's chapter adviser and the sorority's state representative will be monitoring the probation.

Any significant violation of the Student Conduct Code or university policy while in a probationary status will likely result in the immediate suspension of the chapter, according to a press release from

University Relations.

If the probation is completed without any breach, the sorority will be put back into good standing with the university.

The punishment is drastically different from the two previous organizations found guilty of hazing. Fraternities Alpha Phi Alpha and Sigma Tau Gamma are still serving four-year suspensions for their incidents in February and in

1990, respectively.

Brinker said violations of national chapter policies, as well as the university's policy, played a role in the sorority's punishment. Turning to the hazing violations, she said several students involved with the sorority came forward to bring the charges.

"When they came forward, we promised them confidentiality," Brinker said. "We want them to continue to go to school."

While refusing to go into specifics, she said the informants revealed hazing activities conducted by the sorority during an initiation period.

In addition to those charges, Brinker said Zeta Phi Beta failed to go through the "detailed" process of reporting and updating its national office on new members. The formal work of filling out forms and following national office guidelines was not done, she said.

It was this allegation that concerned the national chapter the most, she said.

"They did at one point go in the right direction," Brinker said, pointing toward initial contacts made by the chapter. "But the process took a wrong turn."

"It was done behind closed doors," she added.

U.N. aid struggles to assist Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — With armed guards riding shotgun, relief workers Sunday broke through a month-old siege of Mogadishu's port and sent 100 trucks loaded with food roaring off the docks to the isolated northern half of the capital.

More desperately needed food made it to the central city of Bardera, where three relief planes landed as aid workers were down their last 25 sacks of grain.

It was the first food to reach Bardera in nine days, but was not enough to save the 160 people who died of starvation there Saturday, said Ian MacLeod, a U.N. aid spokesman.

But Somalia's anarchy still made it difficult for relief groups to get help to starving Somalis in hard areas, even as 1,800 U.S. Marines made final preparations to come ashore to begin an armed, U.N.-mandated mercy mission.

Aid groups planned to parachute food to tens of thousands of people in villages around Bardera who are trapped by land mines surrounding the city. The international relief agency CARE said air drops, using C-130 cargo planes, would be an interim measure until the situation around Bardera calms.

Relief agencies have cut back staff in Bardera and in nearby Baidoa, where gangs of militiamen have reportedly gone on looting sprees and threatened more attacks. Five Somalis guarding a CARE convoy in Baidoa were killed last week in a looting attack, and the agency was down to three workers in the city on Sunday.

About 28,150 soldiers from the United States and other nations are to participate in the operation to restore order and guard food shipments. The first detachment of more than 2,000 French soldiers will be ready to go Monday, Defense Minister Pierre Joxe said in Paris.

Egypt, Turkey, Mauritania, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates announced Sunday that they would send troops. None released any details, but each appeared to be planning to send several hundred soldiers.

Somalia has descended into chaos since rebels drove dictator Mohamed Siad Barre from power nearly two years ago. Central authority collapsed, and drought and warfare have ravaged the nation.

About 300,000 Somalis have

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DAN KOONCE/Staff photographer

Music for the masses

Rapper Common Sense gets close to the audience at his Saturday night concert. The rap concert was held at the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Prankster makes news of his own

Three members of three different sororities who thought they were getting interviewed by the student newspaper got an unpleasant surprise Sunday afternoon.

Posing as writers for *The Daily Eastern News*, at least one male

student called Alpha Sigma Alpha, Sigma Kappa and Alpha Phi sororities. Saying he was doing an interview, the "reporter" started giving the women a survey, moving onto to more raunchy questions and then getting verbally abusive with the

respective sorority representatives. The caller referred to himself as either "John O'Hara" or "Willis Montgomery." Nobody with those names exists at the university.

- Staff report

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sponsor social or service activities, but are limited to four during the duration of the suspension.

Members will still be able to participate and hold offices in the Black Greek Council, as well as be a part of activities like homecoming and the annual Black Greek Council Step Show.

Restrictions come in the recruitment area, as the chapter will be prohibited from inducting any new members until the probation ends.

"We did not want to deny them rights and privileges to operate effectively as a chapter and limit their activity level," Brinker said. "They'll be doing more educational and social projects that were outlined for them to complete."

While information is being withheld concerning the specific hazing and recruitment violations that convicted the sorority, Brinker said the violations were not at a different "level" than those of Alpha Phi Alpha - who

had allegedly been videotaped beating their pledges - and Sigma Tau Gamma - whose pledge was discovered intoxicated and unconscious in the Library Quad.

"What we're looking at is violations of the hazing policy and the student conduct code," Brinker said. "They vary in terms of severity and how the cases were put together."

"There were several facts and things that weighed heavily in this case," Brinker said. "It was not in the same fashion or form as past cases or similar violations."

Primarily, she said it was the facts and statements from women involved that brought about the different kind of punishment.

"It's something that's important to the university and the national office, that we don't spend so much time putting sanctions on them and prohibit them to be active," Brinker said. "They have a lot to offer the campus. They were in a situation that they did some things wrong."

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died this year from starvation, disease and the fighting. An additional 250,000 could die by the end of the year without help. Some 2 million people, or one-third of the population, are at risk of starvation.

Aid agencies estimate at least half the food donated to Somalia so far has been stolen.

In Mogadishu Sunday, relief workers reopened the port and got food from one end of the divided city to the other unscathed for the first time in more than a month.

Arranging the convoys took two days of negotiations between the two rival clan militias that control halves of the city, but their success raised hopes that more of the food sitting in warehouses

would soon reach the hungry.

"What's really significant is that this is the first convoy we've been able to move out of the port since Nov. 12, and the first into north Mogadishu since late October," said Rick Grant, a spokesman for CARE, which handles most U.N. food shipments in Somalia. Four convoys of 20 to 30 trucks delivered a total of 1,000 metric tons of wheat, rice and beans to a warehouse in the north.

An additional 11,000 metric tons remain in the port waiting to be delivered. The World Food Program says 1 metric ton of grain is enough to feed 2,500 people a day.

Hungry Somalis in northern Mogadishu have received far less than their countrymen in the

south, despite a formal agreement between the two main warlords calling for equal distribution.

"The south has not only got its full percentage of food, it's got all the benefits of the looting," Grant said.

Mogadishu's port is expected to be one of the first targets of the Marines in three warships off the Indian Ocean coast.

Aid workers and Mogadishu residents say there has been a decline in the number of arms visible in the city and that some gunmen are burying their weapons to prevent American soldiers from seizing them.

There is little evidence of the famine in the capital because so much food destined for far-off areas such as Bardera and Baidoa has been looted.

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F irst H aircut...



MIKE ANSCHUETZ/Senior photographer
 6-year-old Brittni Gentry, daughter of Tracy Gentry, receives her first salon haircut day afternoon at Shear Professionals located at 503 Buchanan Ave.. Beautician owner Brenda Stone will have been in business one year in January.

Physical Plant search opens up once again

By **CATIE BURKE**
 Staff writer

The search for a new director of Eastern's Physical Plant recently reopened after the unsuccessful search temporarily ended last May.

John Dempsey, who was originally chosen for the position last May, accepted the job and later changed his mind for professional reasons, according to Charles Colbert, Eastern's vice president for business affairs.

"The other candidates' backgrounds weren't strong enough, so we closed the search," Colbert said.

Carol Strode is currently serving as acting Physical Plant director.

"We're looking for someone who's had extensive experience in physical plants," Colbert said. "An engineering degree is preferred, but not an absolute requirement."

Colbert said other qualifications for the position include experience in administrative leadership, a thorough understanding of plant operations, financial management and planning experience, good communication skills and a commitment to increasing diversity

within the work force.

The search committee is made up of five people from the Physical Plant, a representative from the dean's council, two Faculty Senate and two Student Senate members, an Affirmative Action officer and the dean of Academic Development, Colbert said.

Applications are due in Colbert's office January 15. The search committee will screen all of the applications, resumes and cover letters.

Colbert said applications should already be arriving, and he expects the screening to begin soon.

"I'll have to wait and see all of the recommendations for the candidates before I can make any judgements," Colbert said.

Eastern will pay the travel expenses of the candidates being interviewed, he added.

"We'll pay for the candidates to come out here and all their expenses while they're here," Colbert said. "We'll also pay for all the ads we place nationally. We place ads in five or six different journals."

Colbert said he couldn't predict at this time how much money the search would finally cost Eastern.

Four killed as fire guts university apartments

CARBONDALE (AP) - Investigators were checking for signs of arson in an off-campus fire that killed four Southern Illinois University students Sunday and left one on a life-support system, police reported.

Seven others also were seriously injured and admitted to hospitals. Six people were treated and released, officials said.

The fire started in one room and was confined to the upper two floors of the three-story building, said Carbondale police Chief Don Strom.

"Investigators are still working at the scene, so it is too premature to go into detail," Strom said. "However, there is every evidence that it was intentionally set." Strom said investigators have no suspects or motive in the fire.

The early morning fire at the Pyramid Apartment complex apparently struck when many of the residents in the building were sleeping.

One who was awake is Kian Teh.

"I was in my room doing homework, and suddenly I hear the alarm ring in the hallway, and I walked out and I saw, my God, the hallway was full of smoke," Teh said.

Teh said he retrieved his passport from his room then ran out of the building, banging on doors along the way.

Teh said he saw at least five people jump-

ing from upper story windows.

"There were two I saw jumping from the third floor, and they fell on the ground, and then the ambulances came by," he said.

Of the four dead and one on life-support, all but one were foreign students, said university spokeswoman Sue Davis. Many of the residents of the apartment complex are foreign students, officials said.

Jerry Thurman, Jackson County coroner and head of emergencies services at the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, said all of the dead, two men and two women, were in their early 20s.

The university identified the dead as: Kimioko Ajioka, 25, of Osaka, Japan; and Ronald A. Moy, 23, originally from China but more recently living in Chicago; Cheng Teck Wong, 23, of Johor, Malaysia; and Lai Hung Tam, 23, of Kowloon, Hong Kong.

The one on life-support is Mazlina Ab Wahid, 28, of Malaysia.

She is listed in very critical condition with burns and smoke inhalation.

Others admitted to hospitals are: Amit Singh, 19, of India; Gergana Mateva, 21, of Varna, Bulgaria; Sylvia Camacho, 27, of Elgin; Fu-Hsiu Chiang, 25, of Taiwan; Simona Dimitrova, 23, of Sophia, Bulgaria; Poh Chun Chew, 25, of Malaysia; and Chanin E. Heid, 22, of Cincinnati.

Two local bars receive fine for serving minors

By **SUSAN KIEL**
 City editor

Local bar owners had no comment Sunday on a Thursday decision by Charleston Mayor Wayne Lanman to fine Friends & Co. and My Place Lounge \$1,000 each for violations of the city liquor code.

Tom Reynolds of Friends & Co., 509 W. Van Buren Ave., pleaded guilty to charges of allowing an individual under 19 years of age to enter his establishment and serving alcohol to a minor.

Ray Epperson of My Place Lounge, 727 Seventh St., pleaded guilty to the charge of serving alcohol to a minor, but pleaded not guilty to the charge of allowing an individual under the age of 19 into the bar.

The fine of \$1,000, recommended by City Attorney Brian Bower, was the maximum allowed by state statute.

Bower recommended Lanman impose the \$1,000 fine and no suspension because it was Reynold's first offense in a 12-month period.

Epperson told the Charleston Times-Courier Friday, "This April I will have been in business for 10 years, and the only other time I violated the liquor code was three years ago. I would like Mayor Lanman to take into consideration my record over the past 10 years."

Lanman said that although Epperson runs a good place of business, the city could not treat him differently than any other license holder who violated the city liquor code.

"Those violations did happen, and no one can deny that they didn't," Lanman said.

The complaints were served by the Charleston Police Department on Nov. 14 after the police conducted an operation they termed a compliance check.

As part of the check, an 18-year-old police informant presented an underage identification card to bouncers at the establishments charged and then tried to purchase alcohol.

With this the second round of compliance checks in two months resulting in six convictions, Bower said the city will begin more strict enforcement of the city's liquor code.

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Beer distributor gets the Gus Bus back on the road

Eastern students will have no excuse for not taking advantage of safe transportation to and from the Charleston community's local bars.

As a result of a \$1,500 donation from a local business, Eastern's Gus Bus program will once again be providing a safe alternative to drinking and driving or riding with a friend who is too intoxicated to drive.

Thanks to the sizeable donation from the Ronchetti Distributing Co. - a distributor of Budweiser Products - the Gus Bus will running every weekend, beginning next semester.

Editorial Eastern's Gus Bus program was implemented two years ago and has faced several problems since it was first started.

The program went through financial problems when the bar owners - the people who originally paid for the service - didn't follow through on the payments. Last year, that problem was fixed when contracts and a prepayment format was used. The bar owners were still financing the project.

This year the program has been delayed again because of a 25 percent hike in the cost for using the bus service so the program needed to look for financial contributors elsewhere.

The Gus Bus has a set route for picking up students from campus locations and transporting them to uptown Charleston. Then the bus picks up students from designated spots and safely takes them home.

Eastern students who will take advantage of the Gus Bus service do owe the Ronchetti Distributing Co. a huge "thank you" for its contribution to keep the program alive. Even though it is in the best interests for distributors and bar owners to fund the Gus Bus program, without Ronchetti's donation, the chances of nightmarish, alcohol-related tragedies involving Eastern's student body could have been severely increased.

Students must remember the purpose of the Gus Bus. It is available to serve as safe transportation to and from the local bars. Its purpose is not to give students the opportunity to go out and get intoxicated.

Now that the Gus Bus will once again be available, we hope everyone will use it.

TODAY'S QUOTE

If you're on the bus, and you get left behind, you'll find it again. If you're off the bus in the first place - then it won't make a damn.

Ken Kesity

Even at age 1,992, he's still alive

I look forward to this Christmas more so than others, all because of what happened last year - my first collegiate Christmas.

It had been an up and down year for both myself and my younger brother - lots of ups and downs for me and, unfortunately, just a lot of downs for my brother.

I had been getting slowly more and more full of myself, getting a good piece of collegiate arrogance. My brother had fallen out on tough times. He was - at that moment - out of school and without a job.

Problems were brewing at home. Once a close-knit family by many people's standards, by the time Christmas came around, the only one comfortable about the home situation was me - only because I thought I had all the answers.

It all came to a head at the breakfast table. My brother got into an argument with my parents, and as I interjected, he snapped at me to shut up. I followed up by attempting to set him straight.

"You don't go to school," I said. "You don't work, you don't do anything."

Dishes, silverware and almost everything else on the table came crashing down onto my head. Most of it shattered on the top of my skull, with one piece of a plate ricocheting into my left shoulder, cutting through a shirt that I still own and wear today.

Following an angry verbal exchange, my brother tore out of the house, all of us in tears and with wounds that went much further than the several stitches I received hours later.

After threats of violence and pressing assault charges, with the help of a local police officer and a lot of family sharing, we all came together enough to make it through Christmas vacation.

My brother and I were expectantly distant the rest



Chris Seper

of the break. Christmas day was especially uncomfortable, as we unwrapped our presents and exchanged some impersonal hugs - all for the sake of the camera and faked Christmas memories.

Christmas seems to get earlier every year. Even weeks before I had finished my Thanksgiving turkey this year, lights were up and trees were getting cut in preparation for Dec. 25.

And with every season, the real reason for Christmas begins to float away. It floats away from those who are uncomfortable about publicly acknowledging the birth of Christ, it floats away from people who attempt to separate the two issues, and from people like me - those who float away from Christ himself.

When I look back at last year, I realize that while my brother had some big problems, my own troubles were just as big - if not bigger.

It's great to see the lights, the trees, Santa Claus and everything else that goes along with a 1990s Christmas. While many people are able to maintain good feelings for more than a few days, it's good to see some come around every year.

But Christmas is more than a celebration of good will. It serves as a day of reconciliation, promises for improvement, of praise and remembrance of the man who gave us so much at such a small cost to us.

The reason for the season, good will towards men and the holiday spirit - all of these things are because of that one birth that occurred so long ago.

Everyone will use this Christmas differently. My Christmas will be spent making up for the last, getting back together with my brother, my parents and my God. I hope everyone out there will also use their Christmastime wisely.

Merry Christmas everyone. And - lest I forget - happy birthday.

- Chris Seper is edit page editor and a regular columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



Your turn...

Errors damage News' attempts at credibility

Dear editor:

Almost every time I read The Daily Eastern News, I am embarrassed for the writers. I am constantly finding spelling and grammatical errors. Don't people ever proofread their work? Especially when it will be printed in a newspaper?!

I don't mean to pick on anyone in particular, but one mistake I saw in the paper really blew my mind. In an article entitled "Gang victim more than just a statistic," (Monday, Dec. 1) a sentence read, "Everybody dreams of getting rich, having children and nice driving a nice car." This is just one example. On several occasions the T.V. listings have pertained to the previous week.

I realize how difficult it must be to produce a newspaper by 8 a.m.

each day. However, I think proofreading must become a priority to receive the respect that is deserved.

Therese Morrissey

Campus should come together in book debate

Dear editor:

I would like to respond to William Addison's letter in the "Your turn..." section, "Buying books brings prestige to the school" (Thursday, Dec. 3). I was amazed someone could think buying books is going to make Eastern a better university.

I will not deny that good books help students, but it is also important to realize that some books that may be chosen could hinder students from learning. From personal experience, I have discovered that there are definite drawbacks to buying books besides the extra cost.

I spent my freshman year at a small, private college where the

teachers chose the books for our use. Not only did I pay the bookstore \$154 for the first semester, but I also found that some of the books were so awful that it was not even worth my time to open them up.

In two particular instances, the books that I paid for had been authored by the person teaching my class. This would not have been a bad thing if these two "authors" knew how to use the English language. One particular text had so many grammatical errors, I actually spent time correcting it.

I hate to say that I did not learn anything from these books that I paid so much money for.

Buying books does not make a university great. I think what makes a university great is when the faculty and students work together to produce the best learning situations possible. I am confident that our faculty can work together to choose excellent books for the students at Eastern. It has always been said that two minds are greater than one - why is this any different?

JoAnna Wolaver

Early retirement program down but not out

By DAVID M. PUTNEY
Administration editor

Although the bill outlining the Five Plus Five early retirement program sat on the sidelines during the General Assembly's fall veto session, the bill's sponsor is not giving up on early retirement.

Rep. Mike Curran, who submitted the bill, said he has assurances a pension bill for university, secondary and primary teachers will be put up for a vote in the General Assembly's January session.

Curran, D-Springfield, said the bill may come up as an altered version of the Five Plus Five plan, the State Universities Retirement System's 10-and-30 plan or even as one of several other plans being considered by his office.

Even though the sponsoring representa-

tive hasn't given up on Five Plus Five, the State Universities Retirement System is writing it off as a dead issue.

"I think it may be because it is very expensive and nobody knows how they are going to pay for it," said Dennis Spice, SURS director.

Five Plus Five would have given professors over 55 years old with 30 years on the job five years of service credit and five years of age credit to use toward retirement. It came under increasing fire from SURS, which said it would cost the system \$14 million in the first year.

Unions such as the Illinois Educator's Association, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and the American Federation of Teachers, all endorsed Five Plus Five. However, the University Professionals of Illinois,

Eastern's teachers' union, backed the 10-and-30 plan.

Ten-and-30 would allow teachers to retire with 30 years of service without penalty. Increases in pension requests would be funded by universities and the retirees themselves.

Mitch Vogel, Illinois UPI president, said he has seen a major shift of support from Five Plus Five, which has all but left it dead. He predicted any pension bill that comes before the General Assembly will be based on the 10-and-30 plan.

"We had opposition from the universities, and we found out what the universities wanted and we tailored a bill for them," he said. "The advantage of this bill is it helps more people, and it pays for itself."

Curran's said negotiations on the bill for

January are still underway, so he can't comment about which pension plan will be submitted in the next session.

He said if Five Plus Five is resubmitted, it may be rewritten to include a provision that 35 percent of the savings generated from early retirements be channeled back into the system to pay for the increase in pension claims.

Roland Sundberg, Curran's administrative adviser, said Five Plus Five still has wide support, and 66 representatives have asked to co-sponsor the bill. Curran said the strong opposition from universities, SURS and governing boards have led to the his office's consideration of a rewrite.

"I think we had the votes," he said "The way it has been for the past few decades is the pensions are worked on in an agreed-on basis. Both sides have to agree."

Nutcracker shows ballet fantasy land

By ELIZABETH RAICHLER
Activities editor

An audience of Charleston residents and Eastern students were enthralled by the graceful story of "The Nutcracker" performed by the Ballet Theater of Pennsylvania Friday evening.

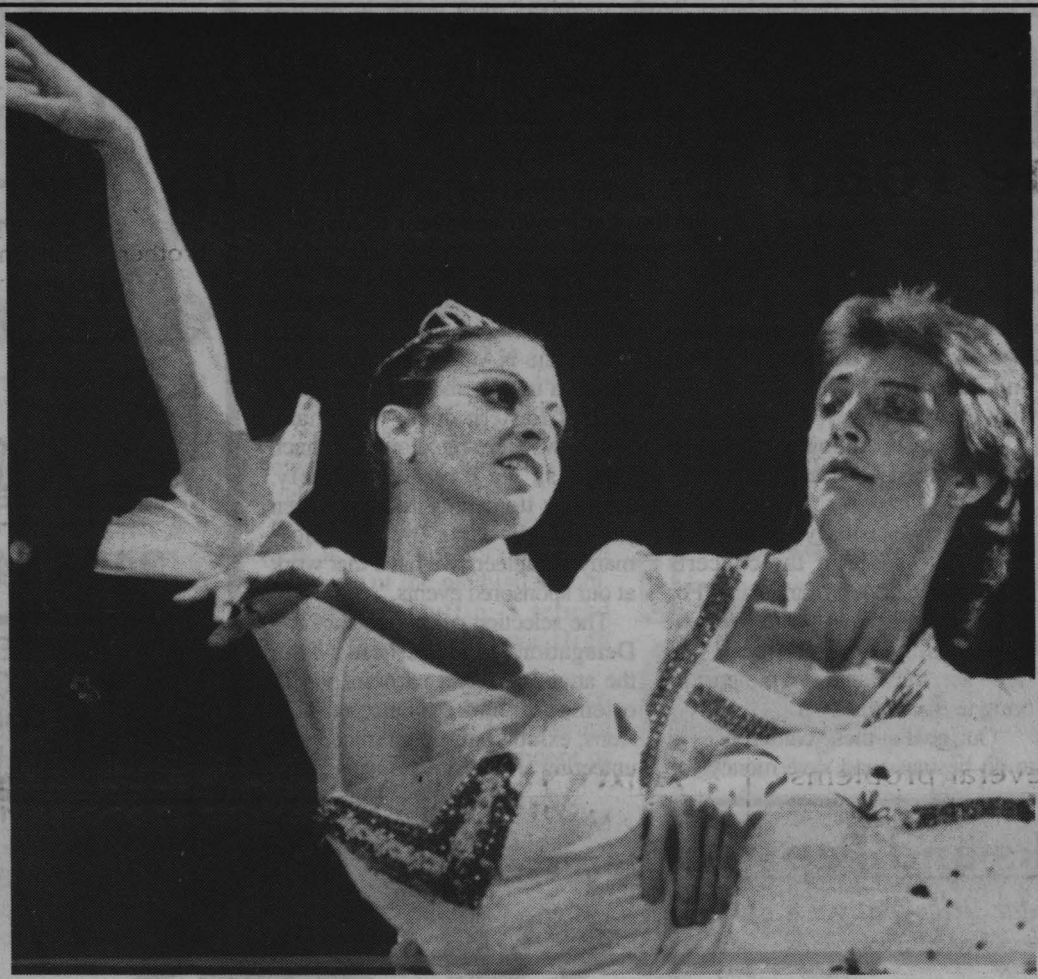
McAfee Gym was transformed into a Christmas land of fantasy to entertain the holiday spirits of young and old as the dancers whisked each member of the audience into Clara Stahlbaum's dream about a toy soldier.

The set design with its lights and special effects enhanced each scene. The costume designs were especially magnificent, complimenting the ballerina's graceful moves.

Act One introduced the main characters during a Christmas party given by Mr. and Mrs. Stahlbaum in their holiday home. The precisely choreographed waltz scene with child dancers from the local Jacqueline Bennett Dance Center enlightened the hearts of the audience.

During the fight scene between the Nutcracker and the Rat King, special light effects and streamers enhanced the intensity of the dancers. Clara's dream of trying to recapture her beloved toy seemed to become a reality.

Act Two was even more impressive. Observers of Clara's dream were drawn into the crisp and solid moves of the duet dances. The Ballet Theater of Pennsylvania moved in perfect synchroniza-



Clara and the nutcracker dance the night away Friday evening in the Ballet Theatre of Pennsylvania production of The Nutcracker.

tion, and the power of the male ballet dancers stimulated the jumps of the ballerinas.

By a showing of applause, the most inspirational scene of the Nutcracker ballet was the duet of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Sugar Plum Cavalier.

The performers awed the audience with their careful movements and stylistic grace.

This scene truly captured the beauty of the ballet.

The Nutcracker Ballet was sponsored by Eastern University Board Performing Arts Committee and the company's tour is funded by grants from the Pennsylvania Council on Arts, the Grand Marnier Foundation, the Harkness Foundation for Dance and Absolut Vodka.

MARI OGAWA/Photo editor

Freezing weather to remain

By JOHN FERAOK
Campus editor

With a light snowfall Sunday morning, Eastern students can expect the temperatures to hover around the freezing mark during the upcoming week, according to Richard Wise, an assistant professor in Eastern's geography/geology department.

"The temperatures will likely stay around 30 degrees, possibly hitting a high in the 40s," Wise said Sunday.

He added the normal temperature reading for this time of the year is in the 23 to 45-degree range.

"Right now, we've usually been around 3 or 4 percent below the normal temperature, especially over the last couple weeks," Wise said.

Along with the colder temperatures, Wise said there is a possibility of precipitation later this week.

"There's a storm on the West Coast right now that will be making its way into the Midwest sometime this week," Wise said. "On Thursday, we might see a moderate storm. It could even be here as early as Wednesday."

"Northern Illinois will likely receive about two to three inches of snowfall," Wise added. "However, that storm might miss us, and we could wind up with rainfall."

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Student Senate interest slips

By MELISSA GOODWIN
Staff writer

Election year 1992 has ushered in a political renaissance. Voting registration is up and political awareness has reached an all-time high through most of the nation - but not at Eastern.

Campus political participation has dipped to what may be an all-time low. For example, only eight students attended the Student Senate meeting Wednesday night.

Speaker of the Senate Luke Neumann said student political participation on campus is at an all-time low.

"We want to put the student back into the Student Senate," Neumann said.

Surveys on campus issues were taken during the last senate election to try to increase student interest. Senate members have also tried to raise political awareness on the national level by registering students to vote.

Senate member Tom Puch said an estimated 1,000 students were registered to vote during the senate drive.

Neumann said the senate is currently working on a

program called The Roundtable. It would involve a forum of senate members and students who would travel to residence halls upon request to speak about racial diversity.

"Students are unaware that their participation might make a difference," said senate member Laura Dill.

At the end of each senate meeting, members of the senate open the floor to the audience. Students are then allowed to present any issues they wish to discuss with the senate.

The senate has also set up a suggestion box in the walkway of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union for students wishing to keep their anonymity.

Dill said the suggestion box was another way to allow students to address problems on campus.

By next semester the senate is hoping to start a newsletter that would cover Student Government and map out campus events.

The senate is comprised of 30 students who represent three different districts: on-campus, off-campus, and at-large. Senate members must reside in the district they represent through their full duration of office.

University Board wins top award

By JOHN FERA
Campus editor

Competing against universities such as Ball State, Southern Illinois University and Loyola, Eastern's University Board came out on top and was chosen as the Outstanding Conference Delegation at the National Association of Campus Activities.

Approximately 600 people from 80 other colleges and universities attended the NACA conference in Indianapolis, Ind.

"We were by far the best delegation," said Brad Kirk, UB chair. "By having so many others on the board in terms of experience and talent...this is one of the most talented boards Eastern's had in a

long time."

Kirk said UB was able to view entertainment acts at the conference.

"Basically, it's like an electronic show," Kirk said. "Different agencies show their entertainment acts and school agencies decide who they want to book."

Kirk explained how the business aspect of the UB's transactions take place.

"What we usually try to do is block-date some of the concerts with other schools," Kirk said. "For example, we'll work with Western Illinois University and book the same act, thus lowering the cost to bring in that entertainer."

"Our goal at these conferences is to do business and save money for

the university," he added.

UB's chair also mentioned some of the events that took place at the Indianapolis conference and how Eastern was chosen as the top school.

"At the NACA conference, we set up a tent to show what the UB here at Eastern does," Kirk said. "Also, we were rated on how much business we have done lately. Another item they look at when judging the UBs includes how many volunteers we have that work at our sponsored events."

The selection of the Outstanding Delegation Award is based upon the attendance and participation in orientation and educational sessions, exhibit halls, conference volunteering and spirit day.



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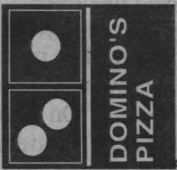
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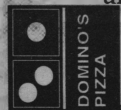
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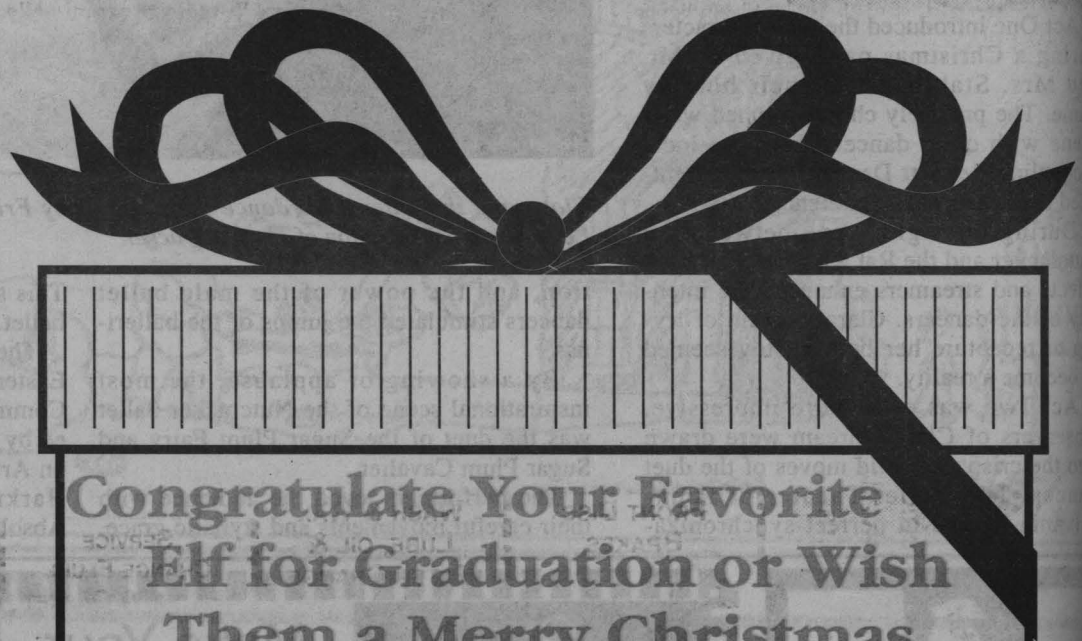
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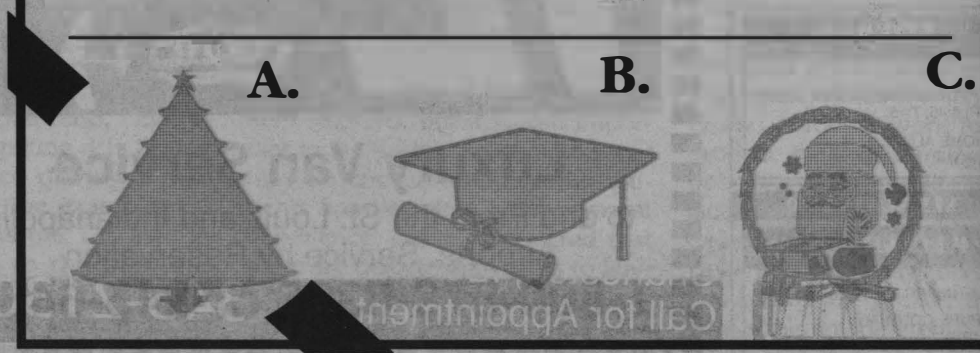
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Holiday Blood drive Andrews

TONY PEREZ
writer

The American Red Cross attempt to get Eastern and people of Charleston to "Join Our Lifesaving Team" donating blood at a special holiday blood drive from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday in Andrews.

The American Red Cross collected 1,216 pints during a four-day blood drive in September at Lantz Gymnasium. That was 284 pints of their goal of 1,500.

David Cline, blood services consultant of the American Red Cross, stated in a press release that nearly 20 percent of all blood collected in the United States comes from university and high school students.

This will be the last opportunity for many Eastern students to give blood before the holidays, he stated. "We hope that they will stop by to give blood before they leave."

To be eligible to donate blood, a person must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good physical health. Sixteen-year-olds may donate with parental consent.

Health care reform receives new ally

NEW YORK (AP) - The insurance industry took a big step toward shaping health-care reform Thursday by proposing a sweeping plan for universal coverage that would be financed partly by taxing Americans with generous benefits.

The Health Insurance Association of America, which represents 270 commercial insurers, said the draft proposal approved by its board will "jump-start health-care reform."

A cornerstone of the plan is to cut costs and provide a package of "essential" benefits to all Americans - including the 35 million currently uninsured.

Those are goals championed by President-elect Clinton, who vowed to unveil his own health-care reform plan within his first 100 days in office.

Clinton spokesman George Stephanopoulos said it was a breakthrough for the insurance industry trade group to "come around and say that we need a national health-care system."

But the association's proposal reflects insurance-industry thinking long before Clinton's victory, as it became clearer that the nation's \$800 billion health-care system was out of control.

The proposal should give insurers a more influential voice in the reform process.

"They've got to get out... avoid significant government regulation," said James Buckley, a principal with KPMG Peat Marwick, a large accounting and consulting company.

Stephanopoulos said the group has a right to try to influence future legislation.

Master storyteller to tell literary tales

An English teacher from Ottawa High School will be telling Eastern students stories about venomous chewing tobacco and roosters Monday night.

Starved Rock story teller Bill Myers will present a collection of literary and folk tales, poems, ghost and children's stories at 7 p.m. in the third floor lounge of Coleman Hall. This program is sponsored by Eastern's English Club.

The story teller spins tales from farm life to family living along with humor and suspense to entice his audience.

Myers, who was a finalist for the Illinois State Board of Education "Teacher of the Year" award in 1980, will present such famous

poems as "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost; the rocky mountain tall tale, "The Venomous Chewing Tobacco," and his original tale, "The Rooster Story."

According to a press release, Myers is a master storyteller - a yarnspinner of the old high school, said John H. Duffin, a retired administrator of Ottawa High School.

Along with his other credits such as the "Excellent Teacher" Award from Regional Superintendent of Education in 1989, he also has his own weekly radio program called "Myers' Back Porch" where he retells his stories on the air waves.

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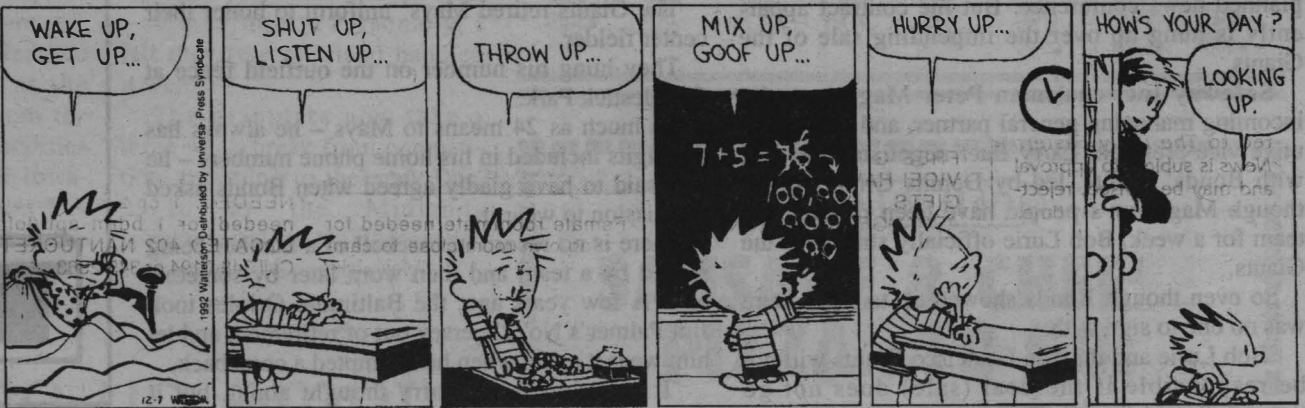
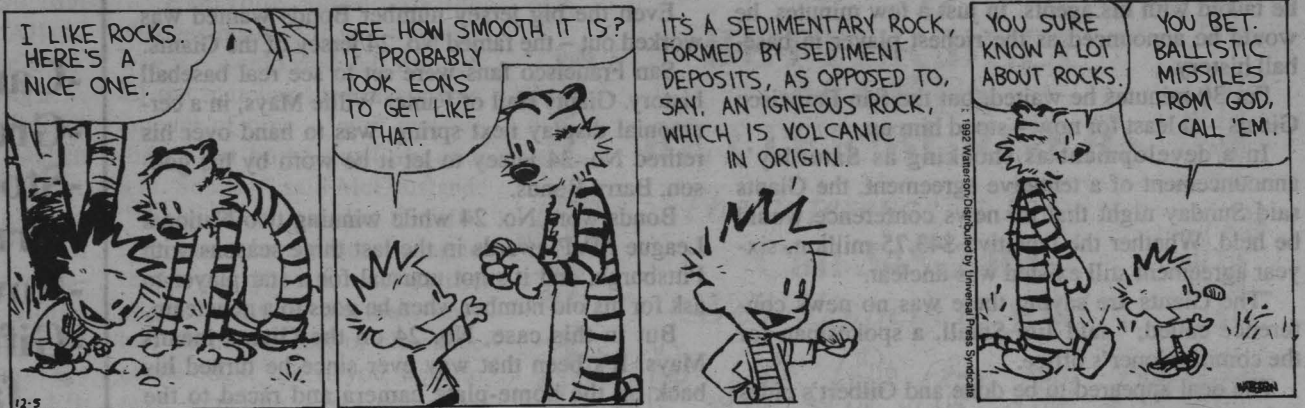
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Giants having trouble signing Pirate outfielder

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Barry Bonds was standing about 30 feet from the podium, smiling as he talked with his agents. In just a few minutes, he would be announced as the richest player in baseball history.

For 30 minutes he waited, but the San Francisco Giants - at least for now - stood him up.

In a development as shocking as Saturday's announcement of a tentative agreement, the Giants said Sunday night that no news conference would be held. Whether the tentative \$43.75 million, six-year agreement still existed was unclear.

"The Giants are saying there was no news conference called," said Jim Small, a spokesman for the commissioner's office.

The deal appeared to be done and Gilbert's aides informed reporters late Saturday night of the planned news conference. But the contract apparently is hung up over the impending sale of the Giants.

Safeway Inc. chairman Peter Magowan, the incoming managing general partner, and new executive vice president Larry Baer negotiated the deal with Bonds' agents, led by Dennis Gilbert. Even though Magowan's people have been running the team for a week, Bob Lurie officially still owns the Giants.

So even though Bonds showed up to sign, there was no one to sign with.

"Bob Lurie and the San Francisco Giants will not be responsible if the deal (sale) does not go through," said former Giants general manager Al Rosen, a close Lurie associate.

Management lawyers, speaking earlier in the day on the condition they not be identified, questioned who would be responsible for the contract if the sale isn't approved by owners. Gilbert was confident

Saturday night that the hurdles with the transfer had been worked out.

Even the big jersey number Bonds wanted was worked out - the famed No. 24 jersey of the Giants.

San Francisco fans were set to see real baseball history. Giants Hall of Famer Willie Mays, in a ceremonial display next spring, was to hand over his retired No. 24 jersey to let it be worn by his godson, Barry Bonds.

Bonds wore No. 24 while winning two National League MVP awards in the last three seasons with Pittsburgh, and it's not unusual for a star player to ask for his old number when he goes to a new team.

But in this case, No. 24 on the Giants means Mays. It's been that way ever since he turned his back on the home-plate camera and raced to the wall to rob Vic Wertz at the Polo Grounds.

The Giants retired Mays' uniform to honor their center fielder.

They hung his number on the outfield fence at Candlestick Park.

As much as 24 means to Mays - he always has the digits included in his home phone numbers - he was said to have gladly agreed when Bonds asked permission to wear it.

There is no record in baseball of a number being retired by a team and then worn later by someone else. A few years ago, the Baltimore Orioles took Jim Palmer's No. 22 jersey out of retirement and let him wear it again when he attempted a comeback.

"It was something Barry thought about, but it wasn't a deal-breaker or anything," said a source close to the negotiations.

Mays has always played a prominent role in the Bonds family. He helped Bonds' father Bobby break into the Giants' outfield in the early 1970s, and was named godfather when Barry was born.

Jim Abbott dealt to Yankees

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - Jim Abbott, the one-handed pitcher who overcame long odds to become a successful major leaguer, was traded from the California Angels to the New York Yankees on Sunday night.

The 25-year-old left-hander was sought by the Yankees for months, and finally was sent to New York for a package that included infielder J.T. Snow,

left-hander Jerry Nielsen and right-hander Russ Springer.

Abbott was 7-15 with a 2.77 ERA last season for an Angels team that went 72-90. He pitched well, throwing seven complete games, but the Angels didn't give him very much support, scoring just 2.6 runs per game.

He was 18-11 with a 2.89 ERA in 1991, the best season of

his big league career, after going 12-12 in 1989 and 10-14 in 1990. The 1988 U.S. Olympic team star from the University of Michigan is 47-52 with a 3.49 ERA for his major league career.

Switching teams figures to be a help for Abbott. He is 19-27 with a 3.78 ERA at Anaheim Stadium and 28-25 with a 3.20 ERA everywhere else.

Smith to remain with Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Ozzie Smith has decided to stay with the St. Louis Cardinals for the rest of his career, his agent said Sunday night.

Smith's agent, Debbie Ehlmann, said that Smith, 37, agreed to accept the Cardinals' offer of a \$3 million salary for 1993 and each remaining season in his playing career. The only catch is he must have 400 plate appearances this year to be cleared to play by an independent physician.

Smith also gets a six-year, \$1.2 million personal services contract that will take effect upon his retirement.

"All along I've stressed how important it was to spend the rest of my career in St. Louis," Smith said. "Why, at this stage of my career, would I want to go anywhere else? I'm looking forward to it, I really am." Ehlmann sent an acceptance to Cardinals general manager Dal Maxvill in Louisville on Sunday night. She said the Cardinals' so-called lifetime offer was the reason Smith decided to remain with the team.

"From day one, we wanted Ozzie to come back and be part of our ballclub," Maxvill said. "We think we have a good chance of winning (the NL East)

in 1993.

"We're looking forward to him helping us over the hump so we're happy he's agreed to terms." Smith, who has been with the Cardinals since 1982, had been seeking a guaranteed two-year deal. Public sentiment seemed to shift to the team after the Cardinals released details of their offer to Smith to the media on Nov. 22.

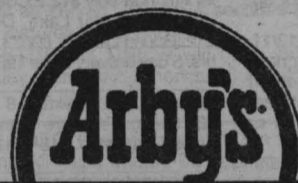
The Cardinals had faced a deadline of midnight Monday night to decide whether to offer Smith salary arbitration. If that deadline had passed, St. Louis could not have signed Smith until May 1.



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Wrestlers' progress shown at weekend's tournament

JEFF GLADE
writer

... showing steady improvement that had left them on the brink, the Easterners are finally beginning to see the light of success after last weekend's Northern Iowa

... Stan Gress made it to the top of the podium, taking fifth place at 190 pounds with a 4-1 record to take the first Panther of the season, while Smerz at 134, Joe Rock at 142 and Darnell at 167 all came just one point short at taking their turn on the mats with 3-2 marks.

... the entire team wrestled quite well even though we had one person actually lose," said wrestling coach McCausland. "Darnell's sudden death overtime to

fall one win short of a place, and Steve and Joe also lost some close matches. All of these guys are right at the brink of having a breakthrough ... what's going to cause it I don't know, but it is going to happen soon.

"You know the kids have to be doing something right when they do this well in a tournament of this size," added McCausland. "This tournament had 330 entries, or an average of 33 to a weight class and to just win a majority of your matches is an accomplishment."

The tournament was marked by some controversy, as the matches were moved from the UNI-Dome to smaller facilities because of the Northern Iowa-McNeese State Division I-A football playoffs. That left the matches to be battled on smaller matches in much tighter quar-

ters. "Everyone agreed to the changes because it was the only way we would ever get through all the matches in a reasonable amount of time ... as it was we didn't get home until about 5 a.m. Sunday," said McCausland. "The problem was that the officials had a hard time coming to terms on what to call at the edges. Many of the mats only had about two feet of clearance at the edge, and if you were to take someone down and miss the mats you could end up with a serious injury. Personally, I felt they (the officials) handled it well."

The grapplers now take a three week break from competition, returning to the mats Dec. 29-30 at the Midlands Invitational at Northwestern University in Evanston.

Swim teams come up empty

MATT MAHARG
writer

... swimming teams lost against Evansville at the Lantz Pool, as the Aces defeated the men 163-135 and topped the women 170-122.

... coach Ray Padovan said both teams were well and things were fairly competitive, but it was one event which seemed to doom the Aces' team from coming up with a victory.

"We thought we could beat them in the breast competition, but they had one person in particular who really out did everyone else in the pool and that really proved to be the difference in the meet," Padovan said.

... Eastern, Debbie Habben finished first in the 500 and 1,000-yard freestyle events, setting up with a time of 11:13.2 in the 1,000. She then came back and finished second in the 500 freestyle, something she normally doesn't do in.

... Beasey finished first in the 100 and 200-yard butterfly and Ronae Scheuer had a double victory in the 50 and 100-yard freestyle. That was much the bulk of the scoring for a women's team that has had as many newcomers as returning swimmers this year.

... pretty hard to tell where we are as a team now with the women," Padovan said. "It's a mix of new and old people that I really want to see go on."

... men's team was fairly close to Evansville,

but Padovan still said the Aces were in control from start to finish. Eastern's Bret Killus finished first in the 1,000 freestyle with a time of 11:06.3 and Jason Wrone turned in an exceptional performance in the 200 butterfly according to Padovan.

Other people who figured in Eastern's chances were Brian Huey, a first-place finisher in the 100-yard backstroke, and Shawn O'Neil, a double winner in the 50 and 100 freestyle.

"Overall, we had a number of people turn in their best time in several events which was good to see considering it's so early in the season," Padovan said.

The women are at 3-3 and the men are 2-3 heading into an invitational at Indianapolis Friday. The invite is being hosted by Vincennes and will bring seven other teams, including Valparaiso, Butler and St. Louis University.

Padovan said that each team would be limited to two people per event and would be taking about half of the team.

"I'd say everyone there will be pretty balanced. Nobody should be able to run away with it," he said.

After Friday's action, Eastern will be off for a while, but then will return to school on Dec. 28 in preparation for the Ft. Lauderdale trip over the last half of the Christmas break.

This will start what annually is the turning point of the season for the swimming team as they gear up for a heavier schedule starting in January.

Losses

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... of the Eastern State lead, but that was as it got to the end of the game.

... Friday's game the only Eastern had was a 3-0 victory in the game of the year on an Eric free throw in Andre's field.

... fact, the Panthers held the lead for the first time in Eastern scoring drought led the first half. The Bucs led the next nine points to take a 9-3. The Panthers got to

within 9-7 before East Tennessee State went on a 19-0 run and taking a 28-7 lead. The Bucs went into the locker room with a 34-13 lead at half time.

The second half, though, was a

bit more even. The Panthers were only outscored by two, 34-32, by the Buccaneers.

Eastern's center Curtis Leib scored 14 points and pulled down six rebounds for the Panthers

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Johnny Hernandez	0	5	0-3	4	6	4	4	1	25		Johnny Hernandez	0	3	0-2	0	0	0	3	1	24	
Troy Collier	0	2	1	2	2	2	2	18		Troy Collier	1	4	0	0	0	2	4	4	25		
Kurt Comer	2	3	1-2	2	7	0	0	12		Kurt Comer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
Louis Jordan	1	3	1	2	3	0	0	10		Louis Jordan	8	15	2-5	4	5	22	4	1	30		
Darrell Young	2	3	0	2	4	3	4	23		Darrell Young	2	6	3	7	7	10	1	24			
Eric West	2	5	0-2	2	4	6	5	1	24		Eric West	3	9	1-3	1	2	8	6	31		
Andre Rodriguez	4	12	0	0	8	6	0	27		Andre Rodriguez	1	5	1	2	3	0	0	22			
Steve Nichols	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	8		Steve Nichols	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4			
Derrick Kelley	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	13		Derrick Kelley	1	3	0	0	2	5	1	24			
Curtis Leib	5	9	4	8	14	6	0	26		Curtis Leib	3	7	1	2	7	2	0	17			
Walter Graham	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3		Walter Graham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Totals	17	49	1-8	14	27	49	33	10	200		Totals	19	53	3-10	10	18	51	39	8	200	

East Tennessee State											Weber State										
Trazel Silvers	FG	FGA	3-pt	FT	FTA	TP	Reb.	A	MIN		Al Hamilton	FG	FGA	3-pt	FT	FTA	TP	Reb.	A	MIN	
Trazel Silvers	8	10	2-2	0	0	18	9	0	27		Al Hamilton	9	21	0-1	2	3	20	8	3	34	
Jerry Pelphrey	4	9	0-1	3	5	11	4	0	18		Stan Rose	4	4	4	3	5	11	2	0	19	
Darell Jones	0	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	20		Jeff Lentfer	0	0	0	1	2	1	2	2	23	
Jason Niblett	1	7	1-3	0	0	3	5	6	30		Mike Sivulich	1	2	3	7	5	1	5	31		
Eric Palmer	3	7	2-3	0	0	8	4	2	19		Jason Kaiser	6	12	1-6	1	2	14	1	3	26	
Tony Patterson	4	8	0	0	8	5	2	15		Ryan Kaps	1	3	1	2	3	1	0	20			
Andy Pennington	4	9	4-6	0	0	12	0	2	28		Johnnie Moore	1	3	5	9	7	8	2	30		
Justin McClellan	4	7	1-1	2	2	11	2	0	22		Phil Mendelson	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	8	
Phil Powe	0	0	1	2	1	4	0	15		Ron Coleman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9		
Robert Spears	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6		Totals	22	45	1-7	16	30	61	30	18	200		
Totals	28	61	10-17	6	10	72	38	13	200		Totals	22	45	1-7	16	30	61	30	18	200	

Score by periods				Score by periods			
	1st half	2nd half	Final		1st half	2nd half	Final
EASTERN	13	36	49	EASTERN	29	22	51
E. Tenn. State	34	38	72	Weber State	36	25	61

Football player runs show at Early Bird Invite

By **BRIAN HARRIS**
Staff writer

The early bird gets the worm - and the school record and qualifies for nationals.

At the Early Bird track and field invitational in Lantz fieldhouse on Friday, Eastern's Obadiah Cooper, who is a member of Eastern's football team, too, won the 55-meter dash in national qualifying time. He later won the 200 with a school and fieldhouse record flash of 21.80 seconds.

Cooper's time of 6.26 seconds in the 55, which was a new fieldhouse record by .07, just missed the school record of 6.21 set by Claude Magee in 1984, but was faster than the NCAA provisional standard of 6.28.

Cooper, a transfer from San Bernadino Valley Community College in California,

recorded his blazing sprint double after only a week of practicing with the team.

"That was one of the most impressive debuts I have ever seen," said head coach Neil Moore. "Those times were run on pure ability. He's only been with us a week, and hasn't had a lot of time to work on his start. He certainly can do even better I'm sure."

The meet was unscored, and included teams from Memphis State, Vincennes, Parkland, as well as individuals from Illinois State, Southern Illinois-Edwardsville and Purdue.

Cooper's record-shredding efforts overshadowed many other top performances by Panther tracksters in the team's first official competition of the indoor season.

Donny Rice, second behind Cooper in the 55, recorded 6.44, which ranks him 10th on Eastern's all-time list. Cooper's

time ranks him third.

Thrower Brent Miller had expectations of hitting the NCAA qualification standard in the 35-pound weight (64-9 3/4) after marking 65-feet at the team trials, but could only manage 61-2 3/4 to win the event Friday. However, that distance was still 22 and one-half inches further than his best throw last season. He also won the shot put at 52-10, with teammate Dave Myerscough placing third in both throws.

The jumps proved to be a strong point for Eastern as Tyran Cox Bey and John Lewis took second and third in the triple jump, while Dan Julian and Neal Trentman took second and fifth in the high jump.

Julian, who stands a mere 5-foot 8, cleared 6-feet 8, which ranks him ninth in school history.

Jeff Morello won the pole vault at 14-6 1/4. Teammates Eric Postma, Bryan Rebham and Todd Benton, who cleared 14 feet 1/2 inches, took third through fifth place.

Aside from Cooper and Rice, the most impressive performance for Eastern on the track was Scott Touchette's winning 8:29.14 clocking in the 3,000-meter run.

Jim Sledge continued his hurdles domination from last season. The fieldhouse record holder at 7.43 seconds, won the 55-meter high hurdles by a meter in 7.63, he was also third in the 200 and the lead off leg of Eastern's mile relay which placed second.

"It was a good opener," Moore said. "We had a lot of good performances that were overshadowed by Cooper, who really blew the top off things. I think we're going to have a lot of fun this year."



FILE PHOTO

Sophomore Andre Rodriguez takes a shot over a defender in Lantz Gym. The Panthers dropped a pair of games at the Boilermaker Invitational at Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind.

Panthers drop two at Purdue

By **KEITH FARROLL**
Sports editor

Eastern's men's basketball team would like to forget this weekend at the Boilermaker Invitational.

The Panthers lost to Weber State Saturday night, 61-51, after getting embarrassed by East Tennessee State, 72-49, Friday night.

Samuels said the number of turnovers his team committed started his team's chemistry to break up. Eastern had 29 turnovers against East Tennessee State and 26 turnovers against Weber State.

"Turnovers started accumulating and I think that got to our players," Samuels said.

He said one of the reasons for the high number of turnovers was the absence of regular starting point guard Derrick Landrus, who missed the weekend recovering from a concussion that he received last Tuesday against the

University of Maine.

"We are playing forty minutes with someone who hadn't played that position for forty minutes before," Samuels said of the point guards Troy Collier and Johnny Hernandez seeing some weekend action. "We are all making adjustments."

"But the silver lining to Landrus' injury is that guys are getting the experiences they need to have to be more productive. Johnny was thrust into a role, as Troy was, that he wasn't prepared for in pre-season practice."

Although the lowlights stood out more so than the highlights throughout the weekend, Samuels did see some things that he liked, especially Saturday.

"We defended as well in the second half Saturday as we have in a long time," Samuels said. "If we can establish a defense, our offense will come along. Our timing is way off. We didn't break down in all areas Saturday."

Samuels was also pleased with

Louis Jordan's 22 points in Saturday's contest.

"He scored well for us, but there are some things he still needs to work on," Samuels said. "Without him we would have been in trouble. He was in a pretty good flow offensively."

In Saturday's game the Panthers couldn't produce any kind of a run to recover from a seven-point, 36-29, first half deficit. In fact the closest, Eastern got to Weber State was within five points, 48-43, with 8:05 to play.

In the first half, Louis Jordan scored the first eight points of the game for the Panthers over the first five minutes. But after that, the Wildcats went on a 18-4 run over the next eight minutes to extend the lead to 25-15. Weber State's Al Hamilton scored eight of his game-high 16 points on that run.

Eastern got to within four

Lady Panthers still searching for first win

By **RYAN GIUSTI**
Associate sports editor

Once again turnovers plagued the women's basketball team as it lost both games this weekend in the University of Texas-Arlington/Sheraton Classic Tournament.

The Lady Panthers, 0-3, committed 88 turnovers in the two games after committing 32 in their season opening loss to the University of Missouri. On Friday, Eastern lost to host Texas-Arlington 64-49 and Saturday it lost to Baylor 88-37 in the consolation game. Texas-Arlington went on to win the tournament by beating Wichita State 68-61 in the championship game.

"Obviously, there's lots of room for improvement," Eastern coach Barbara Hilke said. "We had way too many turnovers and I feel without so many of them that we can play with those teams."

In Friday's loss, the Lady Mavericks of Texas-Arlington raced out to an early lead and a solid second half by Eastern was not enough to catch them. The Lady Panthers committed 28 turnovers in the first half as Texas-Arlington raced out to 28-14 halftime lead.

The second half was a little better as the Lady Mavericks outscored Eastern by only one point, 36-35. Eastern cut down on its turnovers as well but still finished the game with a total of 40. Despite the high total of give-aways, the Lady Panthers still found themselves within striking distance late in the game.

"We felt we had thrown away every opportunity and then we look up at the scoreboard with five minutes left and realize we're still in the game," Hilke said. "We know that if we can control the passing lanes, we're going to win some ball games."

Senior co-captain Sheriel Brown led the way for the Lady Panthers, scoring 11 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. Freshman guard Kenya Green

also stepped up to contribute 10 points and 12 rebounds. The Lady Panthers did outrebound the Lady Mavericks 48-27 and out shot them from the field by a 43 percent to 36 percent margin.

Eastern faced Baylor on day two of the tournament and the Bears were not as kind to the Lady Panthers as they mauled Eastern with their press. The Lady Panther's committed 48 turnovers to run their season total to 120 in their three games this season.

After building a 39-18 halftime lead, Baylor went on to outscore Eastern by 30 points in the second half. The 88-37 loss was Eastern's worst of the season.

"Against Baylor we were really disappointed," Hilke said. "We felt we came so far in the UTA game and thought we could control the ball better. But their press was too much for us."

Eastern did not have any players in double figures in scoring. Once again it was Brown and Green leading the way as they both scored a team high eight points. Green, moving to forward, collected a team-high 11 rebounds.

"Kenya Green had a great outing rebounding," Hilke said. "She's a great kid and a hard worker and she gives Sheriel some major help at the post position."

Hilke said she did see some positives in the weekend as the Lady Panthers outrebounded their opponents in both contests.

But she said her young team will have to go through some growing pains before they get completely adjusted to college basketball.

"We're going to take some lumps but we just have to keep learning," Hilke said.

Eastern will have a few more days off before opening its home season with a game Thursday against the Evansville Purple Aces in Lantz Gym.