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"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

Big time Bubba?

Austin Peay's Bubba Wells hopes to get picked in tonight's NBA draft.



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Nelsen says 'loyalty' was part of firing

Former academic computing director refused to write recommendation letter

By DAN FIELDS
Editor in chief

If you were told by your boss to write a recommendation with your name on it, but disagreed with its contents, would you still follow through on the order?

Harry Nelsen didn't. And as a result, he was fired from his position as the director of academic computing June 12.

Tuesday, Nelsen said that he refused to write a letter to the Faculty Senate recommending that academic computing should continue to fall under the branch of Eastern's business affairs division.

Nelsen said his bosses, Dave Henard, the

associate vice president for information technology services and Morgan Olsen, vice president for business affairs, were the ones that made the request.

But Nelsen said the Faculty Senate wanted just him to make the recommendation independently, without the input of others.

"I knew what the Faculty Senate was talking about in that they wanted an issue of support," Nelsen said. "I was being required to say what the Faculty Senate wanted was

"I really can't tell you (because) it's in the minds of other people. They don't have a reason."

- Harry Nelsen,
on reasons for his firing

not necessary."

Nelsen said he, along with the Faculty Senate, thought it was in the university's best interests to move academic computing to the academic affairs division.

"The Faculty Senate said there was some-

thing wrong with the way academic technology is and said it needs to be decentralized," Nelsen said. "In order to further that process, academic computing needs to be put in academic affairs and not in business affairs.

"I couldn't write the paper (Henard and

Olsen) wanted. I guess I thought they wanted me to make a statement of loyalty."

Nelsen said he can't pinpoint specifically why he was fired, saying that "I really can't tell you (because) it's in the minds of other people. They don't have to have a reason." But he does have a few ideas.

"The only two things I heard was (lack of) teamwork and gross insubordination," Nelsen said.

Nelsen said he doesn't have any regrets on what he did, adding that his job was to make a recommendation based on his own opinion, not others.

"I was doing my job, saying what I felt

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Faculty Senate updated on Edgar's funding plans

Permission given for Nelsen to speak at July 15 meeting

By JOHN BATES
Staff writer

Eastern Lobbyist Chris Merrifield updated the Faculty Senate pending bills of importance to Eastern Tuesday afternoon in the BOG Room of the Library.

"I think we were more successful than not," Merrifield said regarding action in the recently ended legislation session. "I was disappointed with the cuts in higher education."

The Illinois General Assembly has appropriated \$41,870,400 to Eastern for fiscal year 1998, up approximately \$2 million from fiscal year 1997 — but less than what Gov. Jim Edgar had recommended.

All state universities received less than Edgar's recommendations with the exception of Chicago State.

Bills passed by the General Assembly that Merrifield discussed include:

■ House Bill 110, a bill affecting the current pension plan. It would include the phase-in of a provision allowing State University Retirement

System (SURS) participants to retire without a reduction in benefits at any age; the increase of awards cap to 80 percent of the participant's final salary; the change of the graduated formula for benefits to 2.2 percent of the participant's final salary; the requirement of contributions to health insurance coverage for participants retiring after Jan. 1 and have worked for less than 20 years; and the termination of future accrual of compensable sick leave starting in January.

■ State Bill 665, which also has an effect on the pension plan. It allows SURS to implement an optional defined contribution retirement plan.

■ House Bills 190 and 878 allow individual to prepay the tuition for a specified individual under a payment plan.

■ House Bill 923 allows student members of a university's board of trustees to vote and specifies the requirements for student representatives.

■ House Bill 1525 requires state universities to waive 50 percent of the tuition for children of university employees that have been employed for seven years.

All bills are awaiting Edgar's approval or rejection.

In other business, the Senate will invite Harry Nelsen, former director of academic computing, to speak before the next Senate meeting July 15. Nelsen was fired from his post on June 12.



JOHN BATES/Photo editor

Eastern Lobbyist Chris Merrifield discussed recent bills passed by the Illinois General Assembly at the Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday.

Tree removal uprooting controversy on campus

By KARA TONEY
Staff writer

The trees that have been cut down on campus have created quite a controversy, resulting in more than half a dozen people voicing their concerns about four trees that have been removed.

"When people see large trees cut down, it creates quite a concern," Jon Collins, superintendent of grounds, said Tuesday.

The four trees were cut down "to beautify the parking lots with landscaping being done in association with parking lot fees," Collins said. The trees removed include a

Silver maple, Blue spruce, and a Red cedar.

Some people were particularly disturbed by the removal of the American elm, which was located south of Old Main. The area where it stood will be replaced with a patio surrounded by smaller trees.

The tree which created the most controversy, since it was the only one of its

"Eastern has such a beautiful campus and that's mostly because of the landscaping, which is why I don't like to see big, beautiful trees being cut down."

- Joan Henn,
associate professor of mathematics

kind on campus, was the American elm.

Most elms, including the tree removed, have been effected by the Dutch elm disease. The disease is caused by fungus carried by elm bark beetles and smaller European bark beetles. The disease causes the elm to die within four to eight weeks.

Collins said that new landscaping will be done in areas around University Court and

across from Lawson Hall. Approximately 67 new trees will be planted, including four Hybrid elm trees, which are the only elms resistant to the Dutch elm disease.

The planting of the new trees has failed to appease some people's views of the old trees being cut.

"The 67 new trees will not look like the ones they cut down for a long, long time," said Joan Henn, associate professor of mathematics. "Eastern has such a beautiful campus and that's mostly because of the landscaping, which is why I don't like to see big, beautiful trees being cut down."

Spotlight News

Prom teen charged with baby's murder

FREEHOLD, N.J. (AP) – A teen-ager who gave birth at her prom and then returned to the dance floor was charged with murder Tuesday after an autopsy concluded the baby was strangled or suffocated in a plastic bag taken from the sanitary-napkin receptacle in the bathroom.

Prosecutors said 18-year-old Melissa Drexler may have even used the sharp edge of the receptacle to cut the umbilical cord before dumping the body of the newborn boy in a trash can June 6.

"Go tell the boys we'll be right out," Drexler yelled to a friend in the bathroom before coming out of the stall, according to prosecutor John Kaye. He said she put her loose-fitting black gown back on and went back to the prom dance floor, leaving the bathroom splattered with blood.

A grim-looking Drexler, wearing a flowered skirt and a blue denim top with matching nail polish, surrendered with her parents

and stood before a judge Tuesday to face the charges of murder and endangering the welfare of a child.

If convicted, Drexler could get life in prison. Prosecutors said they do not plan to seek the death penalty.

Her attorney entered a plea of innocent on her behalf. She spoke only to answer "yes" to questions from Superior Court Judge John A. Ricciardi.

About an hour later, after posting \$50,000 bail, Drexler emerged from the courthouse and walked into a sea of reporters, photographers and cameramen. She got into a black Chevy Blazer and appeared on the verge of tears.

"She's not very happy," attorney Steven Secare said as he walked alongside the young woman. "She's very nervous."

Drexler's 19-year-old prom date has said that he believes he was the father but that he was unaware she was pregnant.

'Family Affair' star dead

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) – Brian Keith, the gruff star of TV's "Family Affair" and "Hardcastle & McCormick," was found dead Tuesday at his home, an apparent suicide. He was 75.

Keith had been suffering from cancer, said a spokeswoman for his manager, Bob Schiller. Tabloid reports said Keith had lung cancer and emphysema.

"He was a crusty old character, but a lot of fun," said Paul Doherty, whose firm handled Keith's work in commercials. "A wonderful guy, wonderful talent."

Keith appeared in movies throughout the 1950s and '60s, including such light comedies as Disney's "The Parent Trap" in 1961 and "With Six You Get Eggroll" with Doris Day in 1968.

Well-rounded people suffer less from colds, study says

CHICAGO (AP) – Not only is variety the spice of life, it could protect you from the common cold.

People involved in a variety of activities such as work, church, family, soccer and barber shop quartets get fewer colds than those who are exposed to the same number of people but have only a few things to occupy them, according to a study.

The findings, published in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association, bolster the notion that mental well-being affects physical health.

"Someone who works, has a family and goes bowling with a group has an edge on a person whose whole life is work," said Sheldon Cohen, the lead author and a psychologist with Carnegie Mellon University. "A threat at work – while still distressing to them – does not encompass their identity."

The finding is something of a medical paradox. After all, coming into contact with a variety of people exposes a person to more germs.

But one of the researchers, Dr. David Skoner at the University of Pittsburgh, speculated that being happy

and involved keeps a person's immune system strong.

Cohen also suggested that involved people take good care of themselves because they believe their lives have meaning.

Scientists at Carnegie Mellon, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Virginia gave 276 healthy volunteers cold viruses. They found that people with few social outlets were four times as likely to get sick as people busy with six or more activities.

"With each added relationship you have, the less likely you are to become ill," Cohen said.

Cohen said researchers tested participants and ruled out the theory that the involved people had developed immunity to colds from their exposure to many kinds of germs from different people.

Jessie Gruman, executive director of the Center for the Advancement of Health, a health policy institute, said it is time for doctors to realize that social factors affect a person's health.

"They kind of dismiss that psychological and social factors make any difference in health outcomes," she said.

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was wrong," Nelsen said. "Apparently, I was insubordinate because I didn't produce that paper."

Nelsen said he is unsure what he will do now in regards to finding employment.

"My problem is that the easiest thing for me to do is pack my bags and move on to somewhere else," Nelsen said. "But the more I'm embroiled in controversy, the harder it is to do."

"On the other hand, I have a personal commitment of educational technology. It takes a very qualified person to help a university change technology from its

past to what they should be in the future."

The Faculty Senate met Tuesday and noted that Nelsen will speak at its next meeting at 1:30 p.m., July 15 in the BOG Room of Booth Library.

Nelsen is hoping that the group will take into account the events that have transpired and act accordingly.

"What I'm hoping they do, from their perspective, is to be outraged by the idea that a person who was hired to represent their interests in technology can be terminated for attempting to do that," Nelsen said.

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Dancin' machine

Samantha Ellison, a junior at Belleville High School, practices a routine with the University Dance Association in the Library Quad Tuesday.

Clinton hits links after layoff

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) – President Clinton began with some light chipping and felt well enough to play a few holes Tuesday in his first golf outing since knee surgery in March.

Clinton has been working gradually toward getting back on the links. In recent weeks, Clinton has practiced short shots on the White House putting green, roughly 150 feet from the Oval Office.

On Tuesday, the president donned a pale red shirt and blue khakis and made a few practice putts on his putting green. Then he headed out to the Army Navy Country Club to take his recovering game to the next level: chipping at the driving range.

The president went on to play some holes at the country club, one of his regular golfing spots.

Clinton required knee surgery after tearing a tendon in a March 14 fall at pro golfer Greg Norman's home in Florida. In the months since, the president has progressed from painful limps on crutches to slow steps with a cane.

Report: no widespread abuse of workers in Nike's factories

ATLANTA (AP) – Former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, hired by Nike to evaluate its labor practices, said in a report Tuesday that he saw no widespread abuse of workers at the company's shoe factories in Asia.

Young, who made a 15-day visit to factories in the Far East, said they were clean, well-lighted and didn't resemble what Americans would call sweatshops.

Nike, the world's No. 1 athletic shoe manufacturer, has been accused by human rights groups of brutal work conditions and meager pay. One report said supervisors groped

young women as they worked.

"While not a single abuse is acceptable – and there have been such abuses – there was no evidence of widespread and systematic abuse of workers at these factories," Young said.

At the same time, he said the concept of workers' rights is poorly understood in the factories and Nike's code of conduct was not prominently displayed. He said factory workers need a better system for filing complaints and getting them investigated.

"It is my sincere belief that Nike is doing a good job in the application of

its code of conduct," Young said. "But Nike can and should do better." Human rights groups branded Young's report a whitewash and said it fails to focus on the main problem: that workers aren't paid enough to live.

Nike workers were paid \$2.46 a day in Indonesia, \$1.60 in Vietnam and \$1.75 in China, according to human rights groups. But the basic living wage is about \$4 a day in Indonesia and \$3 in Vietnam and China, the groups said.

Young said his consulting firm, GoodWorks International, was not asked to review wages.

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Truth should come out about Nelsen's firing

For the most part, employees are supposed to do what they are told by their boss or bosses. That's common sense in the real world.

But imagine being asked by a committee to give your own opinion about an issue, and your boss wants you to insert his opinion instead. Obviously, there is a conflict.

The aforementioned scenario is similar to what Harry Nelsen is going through. And from what Nelsen says, this story smells about as funny as Charleston's water.

Editorial

Nelsen, Eastern's former director of academic computing, was fired from his position June 12. He

was replaced by Bill Witsman, a 20-year Eastern employee who formerly held the title of Information Systems and Technical Support Director.

Nelsen said he was fired because he refused to write a recommendation to the Faculty Senate on behalf of his two bosses: Dave Henard, the associate vice president for information technology services, and Morgan Olsen, the vice president for business affairs.

Nelsen said Henard and Olsen both knew that the Faculty Senate wanted him to make a recommendation about whether academic computing should stay in business affairs, or move to academic affairs.

As a result, Nelsen was ordered to recommend to the Senate that academic computing stay under the umbrella of business affairs.

But Nelsen believed that it would ultimately benefit the university if academic computing was moved to academic affairs instead.

Nelsen said since he refused to give the recommendation Henard and Olsen wanted, he was fired.

Henard and the university both have refused comment on Nelsen's firing, saying the issue is a "personnel matter."

If what Nelsen says is true, some type of action to correct this misdoing should occur. The first would be to have Nelsen reinstated to his former position.

The Faculty Senate will next meet next month to hear directly from Nelsen on what events occurred leading up to his firing. Let's just hope whatever action the group decides is fair to all parties.

This isn't something that should be swept away and forgotten. Hopefully, this issue will be addressed and thoroughly researched, so the truth about the whole story will come out in the end.

today's quote

Where is the love, beauty and truth we seek, but in our minds.

-Percy Shelley

Bulls organization should cue off of NBC

Which lineup do you recognize? Michael, Scottie, Dennis, and Phil or Jerry, Kramer, George, and Elaine. Well, unless you have been holding out for the WNBA before you would buy a television, then you probably recognize both.

In fact, even if you do not watch TV, it would be hard not to be familiar with the stars of the Chicago Bulls and the NBC hit Seinfeld. Both are established institutions of the popular culture that produce millions of dollars in revenues for their organizations.

Perhaps a better question is, which of these lineups is more important to those parent organizations?

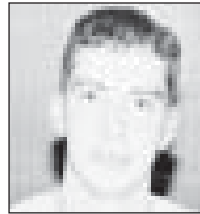
NBC, over the years, has traditionally ridden one Thursday night hit to the top of the network heap. Whether it was "The Cosby Show," "Family Ties" or "Cheers," NBC execs always had one sure thing that gave the network the reputation of being a success.

Now, the sure thing is Seinfeld, and the effects of all of these years of dominance are really starting to show themselves. Last year, NBC was the only one of the three networks to turn a profit. The dominance shown by their Thursday night lineup extends to their news and sports programming.

The disparity in revenue allowed NBC to destroy the competition in the bidding war for the Olympics (they will be on NBC through 2008). In other words, NBC has created a dynasty that is even more impressive when the ever increasing power of cable stations is taken into account.

NBC execs are realistic about the cause of their success and the fragility of it. Company president Warren Littlefield points directly to the Seinfeld for the network's present and future success. The cast members have talked for several years about moving on, but Littlefield has always made it worth their while to stay another year.

For next season, Jerry Seinfeld will make \$22 million plus a share of the profits and Jason Alexander, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, and Michael Richards will make \$13 million each. In all, the next year of Seinfeld will cost NBC \$120 million. Hefty price tag, huh? Compared to other shows and actors it seems ridiculous.



BRIAN ANDERSON
REGULAR COLUMNIST

"... Reinsdorf... would rather mull over his options and toy with the hearts of the Bulls' fans."

But Seinfeld isn't other shows. In fact, it is the first show (besides the Super Bowl) to demand a million dollars a minute for advertising. That revenue alone will cover the cost of the show, not to mention that it buys Littlefield some time to find his next Thursday night hit.

The Bulls are in a similar situation. Five championships in the last seven years, sell outs every night, and more nationally

televised games than any other team. Unlike Littlefield though, Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf does not seem to be as appreciative of his stars.

Michael Jordan (a.k.a. that guy who plays basketball better than anyone ever has) was underpaid for years before he got his due this year in the form of \$25 million. Scottie Pippen, arguably the second best player in the league (I think Grant Hill is better) has seemingly been for sale more often than the Lincoln Bedroom.

And Phil Jackson, while paid decently, has been given too little credit for turning over 25 different players into champions by filling the roles needed by Jordan and Pippen.

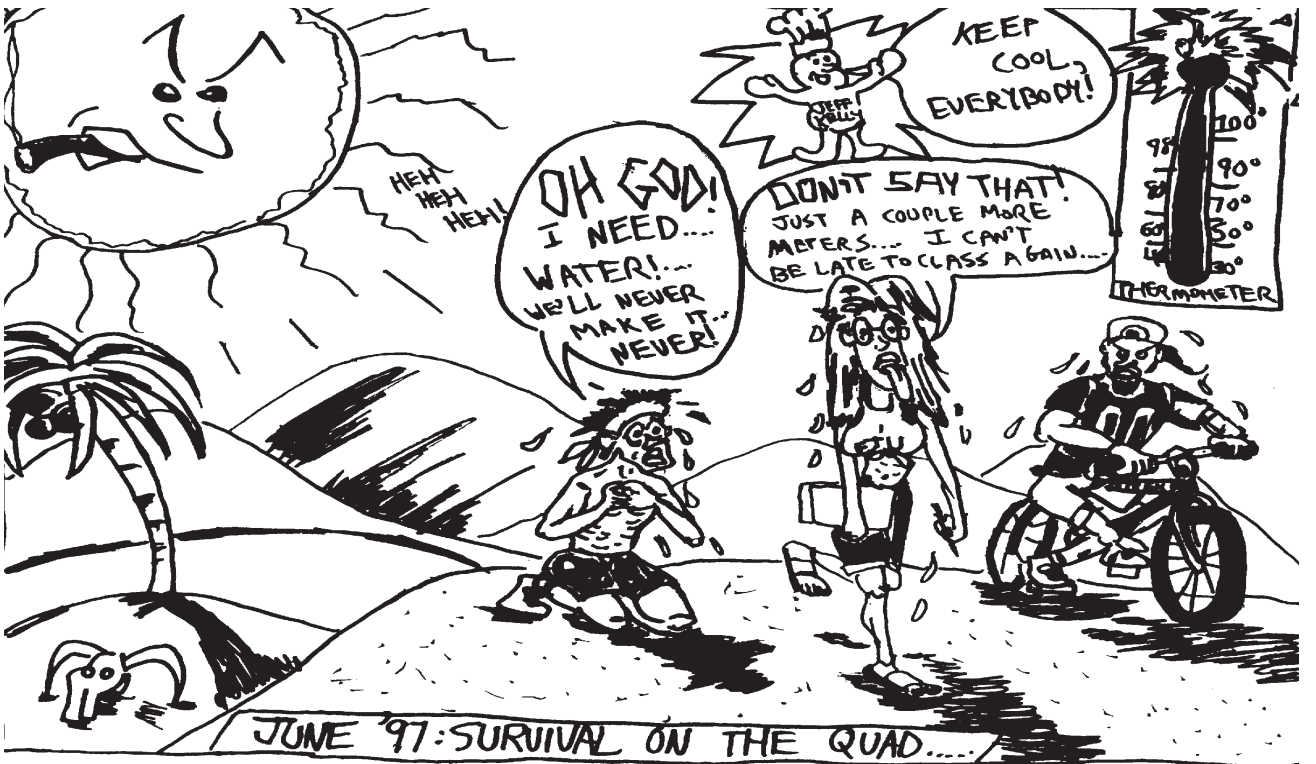
Following this year's championship, Jordan made himself perfectly clear, declaring that he wants Jackson and Pippen back, or else he won't be back. Easy decision, right? You would think.

But Reinsdorf, ever mindful of maintaining his status as dictator, would rather mull over his options and toy with the hearts of the Bulls' fans. What he may or may not know, though, is that he is also toying with his own financial security.

When Michael Jordan is gone, the good days are over, regardless of who the Bulls draft or receive in a trade. It only makes sense to suck as many years out of this once in a lifetime team as can be had.

You don't see NBC trying to trim costs on Seinfeld to invest in a future show. They are going with their bread and butter as long as they can. It's good business sense.

I know Jerry, there are times when one should keep his cards hidden and try to outbluff others, but these are the guys who paid for the whole deck of cards. Do us all a favor, bring them back for another season, whatever the cost.



Registration office is still overlooked

Dear Editor,

I would like to write this letter to direct attention to a place which has been long overlooked. I am referring to the registration office in the McAfee Gym.

This poor office has been far too long ignored and disregarded when it comes to the updating and refurbishing of departments. We constantly hear about new funds being used to "beautify" our campus and keep offices looking nice. Yet, in the approximately twenty-five years this office has been located here, it probably has never seen any kind of redecorating/repairing efforts other than those absolutely considered an emergency.

This office, unlike many of those lavish offices in Old Main, is seen by

your turn

every student at least once while attending Eastern. Every freshman, transfer student, and many of their parents visit registration. Along with their introductory tour of campus, which is supposed to be impressive, everyone of our new students get to stop by and receive an I.D.

Upon entering, they are greeted with a lovely collage of mix-matched and dilapidated cabinets; old, stained rugs, and scuffed up linoleum. While waiting for their I.D. to be made on a wonderfully outdated system, students and parents have their choice of either lounging on "benches", which would make Mike and Carol Brady proud, or some scenic, folding lawn chairs.

Now don't get me wrong, I love the Brady's and lawn implements as much as the next guy, but for a professional office? I think not! Let's be realistic and practical here.

Old Main has been decorated and redecorated and yet it is not mandatory that every student sees these offices at LEAST once in their college career, unlike the registration office. I would think that Eastern would want to have all of their major offices looking nice, and not just a selected few. Furthermore, I would think that we as a university would want to make a better impression on our incoming students and their parents.

Patrick McKee
Psychology major

Letters to the editor

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Karch Kiraly, right, is all concentration as he waits on the serve. Just back from shoulder surgery, the three-time Olympic gold medalist finished an unc customary 17th in Chicago with Adam Johnson.

By Matt Erickson

Photos by Kerry Lique and

CHICAGO – This one was not a typical day at the beach. Clouds hung overhead, the sun showed no signs of making a guest appearance and Center Court was washed out.

The Association of Volleyball Professionals invaded Chicago last weekend for the \$300,000 Miller Lite Chicago Open, one of the tour's four Grand Slam events this season. And while tournament officials may not have gone through hell, they definitely had to wade through the high water to get the show up and running.

Torrential rains drowned the feature court Friday night, and the AVP had to displace thousands of fans who had purchased bleacher seats for the big nationally televised matches.

But the old adage "The show must go on" took over, and what a show it is.

Ten years ago, who could have ever imagined beach volleyball being played professionally in Chicago? Likely the same people who knew the sport would someday be making a bunch of beach bums millionaires.

These beach bums have no reason to be bummed; they're making a killing and a pretty nice career out of having one giant party every weekend March through September.

Fifteen years ago, the winners of the big tournaments – which were nearly exclusively held in California – got a



When center court got rained out, the tournament had to be moved to the outer courts.

new pair of trunks and a six-pack of suds. If they were playing in a major tourney, they might have gotten their entry fee back in cash.

Kent Steffes, who won a gold medal in the two-man game's first year in the Olympics last summer with all-time great Karch Kiraly, and his new partner Jose Loiola won a cool \$60,000 for their work over the weekend. They're the kings of the beach – for now.

But pro beach volleyball is not just a sport. It's a lifestyle for these lucky bums. And for the fans . . . well, it's no wonder they keep coming back for more.

The AVP specializes in generating electricity among the fans. When it's time for the featured TV match – either on Fox SportsNet or NBC – tour announcer Sam Lagana makes sure the crowd is raging for the millions watching around the country.

"We're going live to NBC in one minute," Lagana

announced Saturday. "So when you hear me say, 'This is the AVP on NBC!,' you people gotta make some serious noise!" The understatement of a lifetime.

The music blares through mammoth speakers, and thousands of young, tanned, toned and half-naked fans make the big show even bigger.

The elder statesmen of the sport – Karch, Mike Dodd, Mike Whitmarsh, Randy Stoklos – are on the downslide of their great careers. The young pups have paid their dues and are getting their moments in the sun – even Saturday in the Windy City when the rays finally poked through the fluffy white clouds.

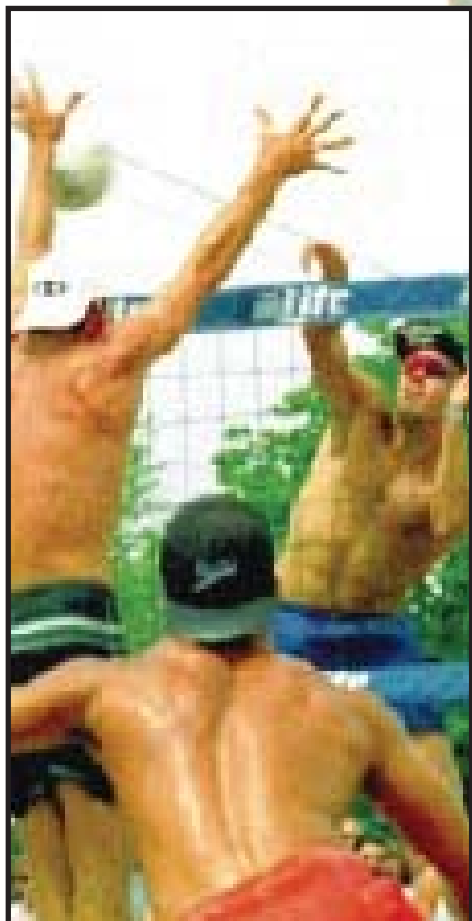
After winning their first-round match Friday, Karch and his new partner Adam Johnson, the event's No. 2 seeds, were knocked into the losers' bracket by Dan Castillo and Ryan Pursley, ranked 19th.

Karch and AJ, two of the sport's truest superstars, then got crushed by Brent Doble and Albert Hannemann, who had the benefit of the Hannemann Contingent (AJ's wife, parents and friends), who cheered with a force 10,000 strong.

As Karch and AJ walked dejectedly away from the court, knowing they would not be playing on Sunday for the first time in the last several years, a fan ran up to Johnson.

"Hey, Adam . . . mind if I get a picture with ya?" No response. Camera clicks. "Hey, thanks a lot. Sorry, man." As in sorry you lost, dude. AJ's expression never changed.

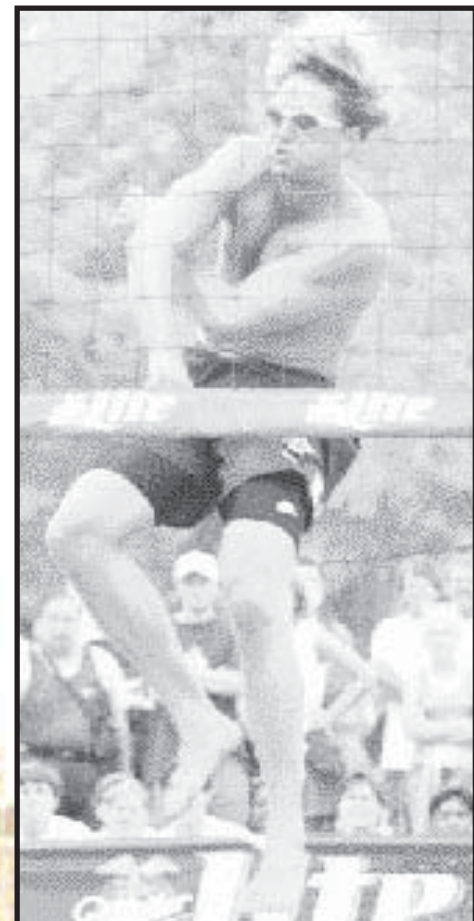
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Bryan Ivie puts up a stuff block on Kent Steffes as his partner, Eric Fonoimoana, plays defense.



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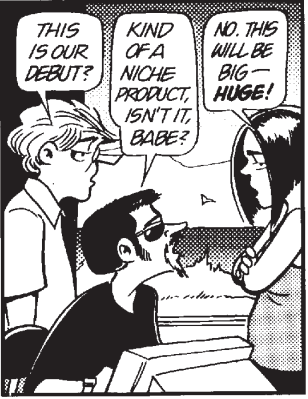
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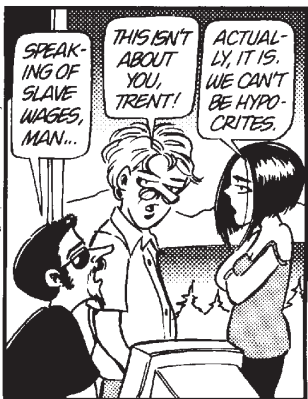
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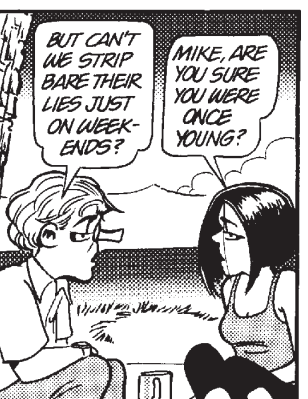
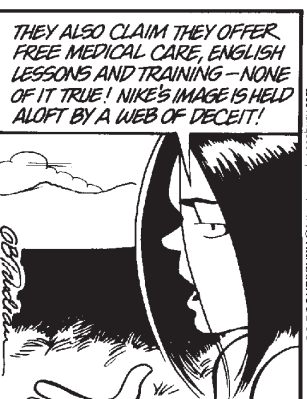
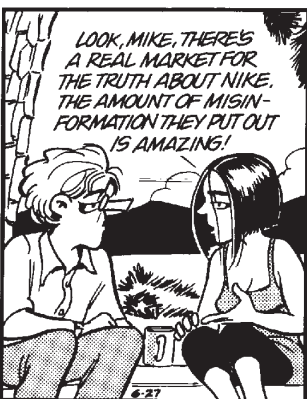
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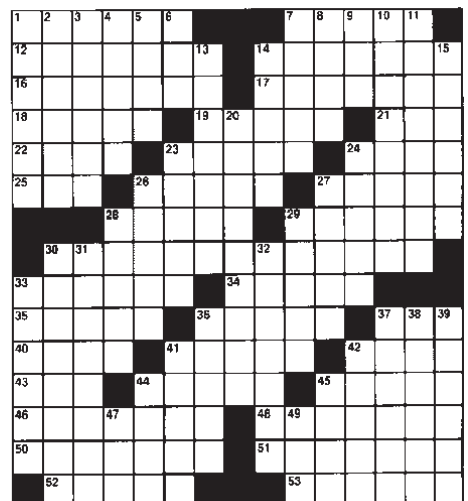
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Futures of Pippen, Jordan secure?

CHICAGO (AP) — As the NBA draft approaches, the rumor mill churns, Scottie Pippen's stomach turns and Chicago fans do slow burns.

By late Wednesday night, Pippen should know if he is staying or going. And the future paths of Michael Jordan, coach Phil Jackson — and of the entire Bulls organization — should be clearer as well.

Bulls general manager Jerry Krause refuses to discuss specifics but acknowledges he is listening to offers. Rather than lose Pippen as a free agent a year from now, the Bulls could decide to trade one of the best all-around players in basketball history.

Right now, however, everything is just a muddle of rumors and speculation surrounding the NBA champions.

Pippen to Golden State for Joe Smith and the eighth-overall draft pick. Pippen to Denver for Antonio McDyess and the fifth selection. Pippen to Philadelphia for Jerry Stackhouse and the No. 2. Pippen to Boston for multiple draft picks and players. Pippen to Seattle for Shawn Kemp. Pippen to New Jersey for who-knows-what.

The only thing for certain is that Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf said last week the futures of Jordan and Jackson won't be determined until after the draft, when Pippen's fate likely would be decided.

"Then we'll be in a position to talk with Phil about whether he wants to coach," said Reinsdorf, who is concerned about the age of his team's marquee players. "Then, if we know Phil wants to coach that team, we'll talk to Michael."

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drafting a nice, young power forward and starting from scratch. Why not try Bubba Wells from Austin Peay? Frankly, at this point, the Bulls would be better off going with Austin Powers than Rodman. At least he dresses better.

Rodman's prediction that he'll be back gives to much credit to the Jerry Brothers. That assumes that they'll be smart and keep together the same exact team that won them two consecutive titles.

The Jerrys will be smart because they won't sign Rodman for another season of circus sideshow acts. It's one thing to win titles and have your opponents' respect. But these guys are winning titles, and they're not getting much respect because Rodman is leaking on their shoes and telling them it's raining.

Once Rodman is out of Chicago, Bulls fans will completely forget their temporary fascination with The Worm and

things will return to their natural state. Chicagoans will realize what a piece of sludge this guy is, and they'll hate him once again. Just like the good ol' Detroit days.

Rodman thinks he'll be back, but it will only be in the wrestling arena. Reinsdorf and Krause need to keep the team together, and they'll do that by putting Rodman on the first bus out of town. He was never *really* part of the team anyway.

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that will impact our team and staff very positively."

Being a native of Wisconsin, Peterson is happy to return to her home state.

"It's been a dream for me to get back to the state — get back to my family," Peterson said.

Peterson is no stranger to the Big Ten Conference, either. She finished her master's degree in educational psychology at Indiana University in 1995, and while there she served as a graduate assistant for a year. She then became a full-time assistant with scouting, recruiting and on-court coaching duties from 1992-93 before joining Eastern.

So returning to the Big Ten is also a source of some of her excitement.

"Being at Indiana gave me some insights into the caliber of players and type of players (in the Big Ten Conference) and you look to recruit at this level," Peterson said. "The Big Ten is one of the top three programs in the nation, and I'm just excited to have this opportunity."

Wisconsin, too, is among the up-and-coming programs for women's basketball. That, coupled with the fact her job is in her home state, makes Peterson excited for the change.

"I know that this program is one of the fastest rising programs in the country," Peterson said. "I'm real excited to be a part of it and at the same time be able to get back home."

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The 76ers, Celtics, Nets and Grizzlies have been heavily involved in trade discussions.

"Everything's available after No. 1," one Eastern Conference general manager said. "Everything has been available for months because this draft is regarded as such a weak one."

"There aren't many centers or power forwards, but the draft is loaded with small forwards and shooting guards," Blake said. "And there are a lot more point guards than we've had in recent years."

Among the players expected to be picked among the top 10 are

high school forward Tracy McGrady of Mt. Zion (N.C.) Christian Academy, who signed a \$10 million sneaker endorsement contract last week, and Kentucky sophomore Ron Mercer, whose stock has dropped considerably since mid-March when he was expected to be the second or third player chosen.

Antonio Daniels of Bowling Green and Billups are considered the top two point guards and Battie, Van Horn, Colgate junior Adonal Foyle, Villanova forward Tim Thomas and Iowa State's Kelvin Cato are in the top echelon of big men.

Among the lesser known players who should go in the middle-to-late first round are Austin Croshere of Providence, Danny Fortson of Cincinnati, Maurice Taylor of Michigan, Derek Anderson of Kentucky, Olivier St. Jean of San Jose State, James Cotton of Long Beach State, Bubba Wells of Austin Peay, Kebu Stewart of Cal State Bakersfield, James Collins of Florida State and John Taylor of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Center Chris Antsey of Australia and forward Marko Milic of Slovenia are two foreigners who may be selected in the first round.

Sports Shorts

Albert gets new lawyer

NEW YORK (AP) — Sportscaster Marv Albert has changed lawyers for his case involving a charge of sexual assault in Arlington, Va.

Albert was charged with biting a woman and sexually assaulting her in his hotel room after midnight on Feb. 12.

Albert said Tuesday that he has retained Roy Black, a trial lawyer who has represented William Kennedy Smith and Kelsey Grammer among others. For the past 20 years, Black has taught at the University of Miami Law School.

Black replaced Washington, D.C., lawyer Gerald Treanor, who voluntarily removed himself from the case.

"I have nothing but the highest praise for Gerry Treanor, who has so skillfully and professionally represented me not only before Virginia court system, but before the media, as well," Albert said.

Albert, NBC's lead announcer for NBA games, was indicted last month on charges of forcible sodomy and assault.

The 41-year-old woman told investigators she has known Albert for about 10 years and that he invited her to his room that night.

Albert has not formally entered a plea in the case, but has denied any wrongdoing. The trial is scheduled for Sept. 22.

Suns' Johnson not retiring yet

PHOENIX (AP) — Phoenix Suns guard Kevin Johnson, who toyed with the idea of retiring after last season, is returning for one more year and a reported \$7 million salary.

After the Suns were eliminated from the playoffs by Seattle in the first round last month, the three-time All-Star said he would call it a career at age 31.

"I intended to play 10 years and that would be it. At the end of the

season, I still felt that way," Johnson said Tuesday at a news conference at America West Arena. "But Jerry (Colangelo) said we had to talk. I dug down deep in my soul for a decision and this is it."

If Johnson had retired, the Suns would have dropped their rights to him and used the \$7 million he was paid last season to offer deals to other free agents, including Phoenix players Rex Chapman, John "Hot Rod" Williams and Mark Bryant.

Justice, Berry divorce finalized

ATLANTA (AP) — David Justice and Halle Berry are officially divorced.

The couple, in a joint statement released Tuesday, said terms and conditions of the divorce were confidential.

"Miss Berry and Mr. Justice each have the highest respect for the other personally and professionally and they both deeply regret that the marriage was not a successful one," the statement said.

"They express their hope that

they will remain good friends." A Fulton Superior Court judge signed the final order June 20 in the ugly divorce of the former Atlanta Braves outfielder, who now plays for the Cleveland Indians, and the actress.

The split was finalized the day after the couple met in Senior Judge Joel Fryer's chambers.

"The terms are confidential for reasons that are obvious," said Berry's lawyer, Shiel Edlin. "I can say that they parted friends."

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News, and Sports Illustrated have all jumped on the Bubba Wells Bandwagon.

Austin Peay head coach Dave Loos said Wells proved he can handle the spotlight by the way he dealt with all the distractions he faced last season — from the injury to the comeback to the press about the injury and comeback.

"With everything that went on around him with all the distractions, it amazed me what he got accomplished," Loos said. "It

seemed to make him even more focused."

And does Loos think Wells can make the Big Show? He said he has the attitude to make it, anyway.

"You had to love his attitude (last season)," Loos said. "He is such a competitor. He wants to win and that's all he thinks about when he steps on that court."

And very likely, he'll be making one NBA team very happy next season with that will to win.

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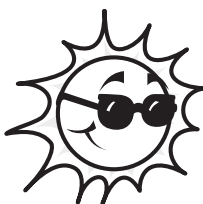
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Sports



MATT ERICKSON
Managing Editor

No matter what he might say, Rodman's gone

The NBA Draft is here again. Definitely one of the highlights of summer sports. Yeah, sure.

About the only thing more boring to watch than the NBA Draft is a WNBA game. But I had my fun with that Monday.

But this year, things might be a little bit more exciting than usual. Sure, we'll get the usual footage of pimple-faced geeks holding up their new teams' jerseys. And we'll have to listen to the experts comment on how great they were in college, and why they'll need to really suck it up to make it in the NBA.

What will be fun for me this year, though, will be waiting around to hear the trade announcements. One in particular: Scottie Pippen.

Now, it's not that I don't like Pippen. I think he's great. I give more credit to him than Michael Jordan for those five world titles. Then again, some people also think I'm an idiot. I just despise the Bulls.

But if the Brothers Jerry, Reinsdorf and Krause, have any sense at all, they'll keep Pippen around. I'm not counting on him leaving. Which means Jordan can keep his bags unpacked, and Phil Jackson can loosen up his purse strings in preparation for that big Rick Pitino-like salary.

Guess who's going to say bye-bye? Yup. Your friend and mine, Dennis Rodman.

Rodman went on ESPN's "Up Close" Monday and said that Jordan, Pippen and Jackson would be back. He said that any trade rumors involving Pippen, and there are a ton floating around out there, are just because the media is trying to make some headlines.

But the most shocking thing he said: *he* will be back. Dennis, what makes you think in a million years the Bulls would want you back?

About the only way Rodman will be wearing a Bulls uniform next season is if he decides that he'll play for free. That ain't going to happen. Not when there's big bucks to be made in the world of professional wrestling.

Rodman doesn't deserve to be back. I know . . . I said the same thing last year when the Bulls won the title. And lo and behold, the Worm returned. But this is a whole new year.

Jordan, Pippen and Jackson all know they don't need Rodman to win. They did better when he was babying injuries or sitting out for kicking photographers in the jimmy or for working on his squared circle maneuvers by head butting refs.

The Bulls would be better off
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Wells likely 1st Round pick

Austin Peay forward thought to be draft's 'best offensive player'

By **MATT ERICKSON**
Managing editor

Not since Popeye Jones has the Ohio Valley Conference seen a player dominating enough to be considered an NBA draft possibility.

Until now.

Charles Wells shares Jones' penchant for nicknames and also his NBA potential. "Bubba" Wells, the OVC's Player of the Year in 1996-97 and Male Athlete of the Year in 1995-96, is a sure-fire pick in tonight's NBA draft in Charlotte.

Wells, 6-5 and 230 pounds, ended his career at Austin Peay State University as the school's all-time scoring leader after averaging 31.7 points per game, an all-time best for a Governors player.

That total was unofficially the nation's best, although Wells didn't play in enough games to technically qualify. He missed the first 12 games of the season after suffering from a stress fracture in his left tibia that needed a steel rod to heal.

His first game back against Southeast Missouri, he tossed in 39 points in just 28 minutes. Oh . . . and he hit seven treys. Not bad for a power forward. Wells also had three games with 40-plus points for the season.

Fortunately for the Panthers, they only had to face Wells once. The game in Lantz Gym against Austin Peay Jan. 2 was the last one Wells missed. In February in Clarksville, Tenn., Wells hit for only 26 points in the Governors' victory.

Marty Blake, the director of the NBA's scouting service, said Wells is one of the draft's standouts in a year of potentially weak choices.

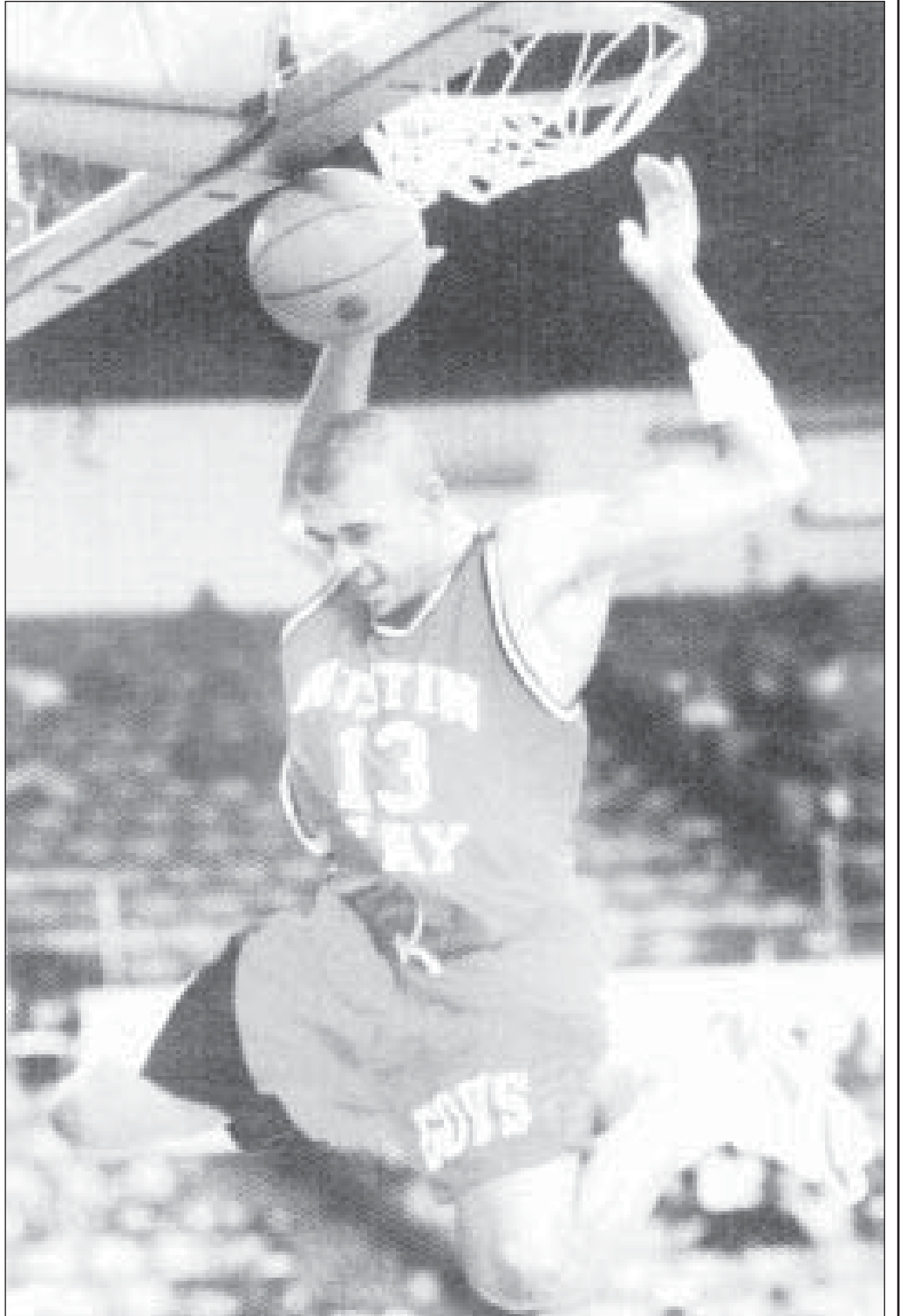
"There are 20 to 30 guys who are going to be good players," Blake said, calling Wells the "best offensive player" among this year's senior class.

And there is much to be said about a player who has been called "perhaps the most popular player in OVC basketball history - a true cult figure" by the league's director of media relations, Rob Washburn.

But probably the most remarkable thing about Wells is not his ability on the basketball court, not the fact he is a scoring machine who has the opportunity to become a rookie of the year candidate in the NBA and not the fact his name is Bubba.

It's his comeback from injury that proves his resilience. After returning from the leg injury, he was featured on the front page - not the *sports* front page, but *the* front page - of *The Los Angeles Times* in a story called "The Man of Steel." NBC's *Today Show* ran a seven-minute feature on his remarkable return in February called, appropriately, "The Real Rod Man." *USA Today*, *The Sporting*

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OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE

Austin Peay's Bubba Wells is thought to be a likely middle to late first round draft pick in tonight's NBA Draft. Wells was the 1997 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year. One analyst called him the "best offensive player" of all the seniors eligible for the draft.

Duncan draft's only certainty

By The Associated Press

Depending on who's talking, tonight's NBA draft is either dreadfully weak or deceptively loaded.

At least one thing is certain: Tim Duncan will be chosen first overall.

The San Antonio Spurs own the No. 1 pick in Wednesday

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night's draft, which will be held at the Charlotte Coliseum. Barring an overwhelming trade offer, the Spurs will select Duncan and welcome aboard one of the most well-rounded players to enter the league in years.

After that, anything is possible.

The Nos. 2 through 7 picks belong to Philadelphia, Boston, Vancouver, Denver, Boston and New Jersey.

And that order may be different by the time commissioner David Stern makes his second or third trip to the podium.

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Peterson heading to native land

Hoops assistant takes new position with UW-Madison

By **MATT ERICKSON**
Managing editor

Former Eastern women's basketball assistant coach Kate Peterson has a new job. The four-year Panther will be the new assistant coach for the University of Wisconsin-Madison this fall.

Peterson, 27, from River Falls, Wis., graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens



Kate Peterson

Point. During her playing days, she was a four-year starter and earned all-conference honors.

While a senior, she was a Kodak All-American and set an NCAA Division III record for three-pointers per game in a season with 3.85.

Peterson came to Eastern in 1993 as head coach Dave Klein's chief assistant coach and chief recruiter.

Jane Albright-Dieterle, the head women's coach for Wisconsin, announced Peterson as an addition to her staff last Wednesday. She said in a release Peterson has the coaching skills necessary to continue to advance in her career.

"I have observed Kate for sev-

eral years and consider her one of the bright young coaches coming up through the ranks," Albright-Dieterle said.

She said Peterson's abilities as a recruiter and her personality traits will benefit her team in the upcoming season.

"She is a tireless recruiter and has wonderful on-court coaching abilities. She has the type of personality

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