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Sweeping out the pool

Panthers swimming sweep
Butler at home.

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Flu season in full swing

◆ *Eastern health service is helping students prevent unwanted illness*

By Katherine Roche
STAFF WRITER

It's that time again.

No, not Christmas time or time for break, it's time for flu season. Many students don't even think about this yearly event because they are worried about wrapping up the end of the semester. That is, until they get sick.

Five recent deaths of children in Utah and Colorado is only the beginning of the nation's worst outbreak in at least 30 years. Lynette Drake, director of Eastern's Health Service, said they will be making adjustments to encourage students to get their flu shots.

"Although we are almost out of doses of

"People need to be cautious this season."

— Lynette Drake, director of health services

the shot, if there are any left at weeks end, we will be setting up small clinics in residence halls and around the campus," Drake said.

Drake added that Health Service usually aims for 1,000 to 1,200 shots per season. This year they have been giving out 10 to 20 shots per day. Drake said they only have about 50 doses left because of the recent popularity.

"We have made sure that getting a flu shot is easy and convenient for students as well as the community," she said. "Getting the shot is free, and people can

walk in during our business hours without an appointment."

Health Services business hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

Drake added there are different reasons to get the shot than to just prevent the flu. The shot also aids in reducing the severity of infection, and it keeps people healthier during the season.

"The shot also helps doctors narrow down diagnosis options if someone has symptoms of the flu," said Drake. "There are multiple strains to the flu. Getting the shot helps pinpoint which one someone has."

Drake also said there are many ways people can avoid the flu. In addition to some of the basics on the list, there are some precautions that most people would not think of.

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"The festivities bring joy to Charleston."

— Donna DeLuca, Charleston resident



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY STEPHEN HAAS

John Dishman, of Bismarck, checks on other carriage horses while he waits for the parade Saturday evening with Chip and Champ, two horses used during the Christmas in the Heart of Charleston event on the Square. Dishman was with Williams' Carriage Service, of Danville.

CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE

◆ *'Christmas in the Heart of Charleston' kicks off the holiday season*

By Alisia Figueroa
STAFF WRITER

Charleston officially kicked off the holiday season with Christmas in the Heart of Charleston, an annual gathering of the downtown merchants on the Square.

The festivities began at 4 p.m. and ended at 8 p.m. last Saturday.

With people crowding the sidewalks, the holiday procession was underway by 6 p.m.

Led by a fire engine, a parade spread holiday spirit to attendees around the

"I like the harmony that euphoniums make. They make me feel connected with the spirit of Christmas."

— Donna DeLuca, Charleston resident

Square.

playing traditional Christmas songs such as "Deck the Halls," the Charleston High School marching band participated

in the event.

A string of spirited characters followed the band.

People who looked as though they walked out of "A Christmas Carol" followed gingerbread men, a nutcracker, fairies, snowmen, reindeer, Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, too.

Skipping elves stopped to dance for a group of families as well.

The festivities included free popcorn, holiday cookies and refreshments such as hot cocoa.

Short skits and dances graced store windows and carriage rides were free to all.

"This is the first year for carriages," Denise Shumaker, a carriage ride helper said.

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DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Jana Johnson stands with Tami Babbs and Kristi Brady, two people that helped her with decorating the Christmas mitten tree in Old Main. Mittens were collected for HOPE and the group will give the mittens to domestic violence victims.

Everyone has their own way of showing holiday spirit. Some dress in festive garb or perform charity work while others decorate ...

A symbol for the season

By Tim Martin
SENIOR REPORTER

This Christmas tree wears more than the usual holiday decor.

Some 150 pairs of winter gloves dangle from this 18-foot high tree located in Old Main. They hang like normal ornaments, and in a few weeks these gloves will be donated to the area's needy and homeless.

"Everyone says decorating this tree looks like it's so much fun," said Jana Johnson, a worker in the president's office, "It is, but it's so much work."

Johnson, along with Tami Babbs, an accounting office employee, thought of the tree's theme, "Giving from the Heart."

The idea for the nontraditional ornaments came from a book Johnson once read where a young girl gives a pair of red gloves to a homeless man. The tree, a project of Johnson's for three weeks, is the centerpiece holiday decoration in the foyer of Old Main.

Yet for all the symbols of Christmas found in that foyer, one tradition isn't present: the massive tree is artificial. As it stands, only the pairs of gloves – and not pine needles – will fall from this tree that took carpenters two hours to assemble.

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HIGH LOW

Tuesday
Rain



50° 35°
HIGH LOW

Wednesday
Rain



36° 21°
HIGH LOW

Thursday
Mostly sunny



40° 20°
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Friday
Partly cloudy



36° 17°
HIGH LOW

Saturday
Partly cloudy



36° 24°
HIGH LOW

Sunday
Partly cloudy



39° 25°
HIGH LOW

Massage clinic offers holiday stress relief

◆ *University Board, Razorz Edge team up to give free massages*

By April McLaren
STAFF WRITER

The stress of preparing for finals and picking out the perfect holiday gifts with decreasing shopping time is enough to make anyone tense. Free professional massages in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union may be just the solution for those tense muscles.

The University Board and Razorz Edge are sponsoring a massage clinic from noon to 3 p.m. today in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"I think it will be a great way to relieve some stress right before finals," Theresa Outman, UB special events coordinator, said.

Students will be able to stop by and get a free 10-minute massage by showing their Panther Card.

The UB has been able to get the word out with flyers and through word of mouth, and Outman expects a good turn out.

"I think having this at the Union is a good location because students will be curious when

they walk by and see people getting massages and will want one too," Outman said.

"And I think I just may have to try it out myself."

Michelle Drum, owner of Razorz Edge, also is excited about the event.

"We have always been actively involved with the university and worked closely with the college students," she said. "It is going to be a good way to get the good news out about massages. Plus it is good name recognition."

Razorz Edge has four masseuses, two of which will offer their services at Eastern. Drum said the salon offers clinics regularly and expects the event to run smoothly.

"All we have to do is set up our travel kit with the massage chairs and we are ready," she said.

The Counseling Center also will have a table at the clinic with anti-stress information and people willing to talk one-on-one about avoiding stress during finals week.

Razorz Edge, which is located on Monroe Avenue on the Square, has been open for four years and has a spa downstairs from the salon. There are half-hour and one-hour massages ranging from 45-65 dollars.



DAILY EASTERN NEWS PHOTO BY COLIN MCAULIFFE

Resses M.A.C. performs at the Club Corleone talent show Saturday night in the University Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Students show off their talent

◆ *Talent show entertains students with on-campus acts, chicago-based groups*

By Eram Cowlas
STAFF WRITER

Students got a chance to showcase their skills at a talent show Saturday night.

The event, Club Corleone, was scheduled to start at 8:30 Saturday night at 7th Street Underground.

According to Willie Bess, main stage coordinator from the University Board, however, a campus scheduling changed the venue to the Grand Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The talent show began at 10 p.m., and students performed everything from a cappella music to rap and flow.

The music spilled across the union, and students came in to watch or participate.

Chicago-based rapper Reese M.A.C. followed the students performances, and his act had students nearly dancing in the aisles.

Reese M.A.C. has performed on campus once before, and the UB brought him back because students seemed to enjoy him.

The headlining act, The Corleone Family, wowed the

audience with their hip-hop act. It was the group's second time performing on campus.

Justin "Insane" Corleone was at the show to support his brothers. He said he is glad the UB holds events like the talent show because it is a good opportunity for students to perform and share their voice with the student body.

He also likes performing at Eastern because it lets him get a feel for how the audience is reacting.

"It's a good event to get students involved. It's a way of expression."

— Amineh Wilson,
junior health studies major

"It feels good to perform in front of your peers," he said.

The Corleone Family hopes to continue performing at Eastern and sharing their messages on life.

Students enjoyed the talent show, saying it is a good way for students to express themselves on campus.

Amineh Wilson, a junior health studies major, enjoyed the talent show.

"It was quite interesting," she said. "It's really good."

"It's a good event to get students involved. It's a way of expression."

Bess said he hopes to have more events like the talent show during the spring semester because he wants to give students a way to express themselves and share their talent with the campus.

He said any kind of act is welcome and interested students should contact him in the Student Activities office at 581-3829.

CORRECTION

An article in Tuesday's edition of *The Daily Eastern News* incorrectly referred to University Police Department Chief Adam Due. The reporter actually spoke to Officer Art Mitchell. *The News* regrets the error.

Charleston Christmas Committee co-chair was featured in Friday's edition of *The News* stringing lights onto a tree outside Coles County Courthouse Thursday. Sims was decorating for the Christmas in the Heart of Charleston event. Her information was not featured with the photo. *The New* regrets the error.

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Holiday fun planned for this week

Hey guys, hope you all had a good weekend. It was the last weekend for both partying and leisure before it's time to open the books that have been gathering dust for most of the semester. Next weekend is the weekend everyone dreads. For some, finals might not cut into asocial life, but most students will be sitting in their rooms or the library with an endless cup of joe reading all those chapters they've been putting off all semester.

Here are some events to serve as study breaks when the coffee turns cold or so much reading has turned brains to mush.



WHAT'S HAPPENIN'

Brittany Robson
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Activities for Monday:

See the holiday happiness in the eyes of children at the Afro-American Culture Center's 20th annual children's Christmas party. This event will be held at The Afro-American culture center, 1525 Seventh St. beginning at 5:30 p.m. Event reservations can be made by calling Priscilla Winger at the Minority Affairs office, 581-6690

Activities for Tuesday:

Join in the spirit of giving by taking part in Eastern and Charleston's "Giving from the Heart" events. Two festive gatherings are scheduled for Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. and Thursday from 9:30-11:30 am in the foyer of Old Main. "Giving From the Heart" will showcase five holiday trees which feature decorations made by students from Ashmore, Carl Sandburg, Jefferson, Lerna and Mark Twain elementary schools. The largest of the trees will feature more than 150 pairs of mittens and gloves which members of Eastern's students and faculty have donated over the past month.

Into the mind of a meth-stricken community



Story by Holly Henschen ♦ Graphic by Mark Johns

Editors Note: This is the fourth in a series on meth amphetamine abuse in Coles County that will run until winter break.

The increase in meth amphetamine abuse in Coles County and the surrounding area has had a significant effect on individuals involved and the community as a whole.

More and more cases related to child neglect and abuse, domestic abuse, thefts, burglaries and assaults all seem to be affected by meth amphetamine use, according to research conducted by drug task force officials.

Police inspectors Scott Standerfer and Dave Chambers have conducted research on meth abuse through their work at the East Central Task Force. Standerfer has 20 years law enforcement experience and 11 years at the task force while Chambers has 13 years experience with six years at the task force.

The East Central Illinois Task force is primarily responsible for Coles, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby counties. It is represented by Charleston, Eastern, Mattoon and Arcola police departments, the sheriff's offices of the counties in which they are active, as well as the State Police and Appellate Prosecutor's Office.

Standerfer and Chambers said they recognized meth abuse as a problem because of the high abuse and addiction rate and dangers associated with its production. They decided to study it to increase their knowledge of the meth-related hazards they deal with on a daily basis. They also wanted to improve their understanding of meth addicts and

why combatting the addiction is so difficult, they said.

Standerfer and Chambers conducted their research through on-the-job observations and interaction with hundreds of individuals involved with meth. They also keep current by reading publications by researchers like themselves.

The officers have delved deep into the meth amphetamine subculture to find a way to circumvent it.

A subculture, they define, is a social group with a national culture that has distinctive patterns. The patterns of the meth amphetamine culture develop through exposure to the peer group. The inspectors said this can be compared to how church peers develop habits similar to each other by belonging to a close group.

Interaction with the group's activities is the beginning of an escalating process, the inspectors said. Users first accept the premise of abusing the body with drugs. Behavior that seems harmless at the beginning gets more serious. Social and self destructive patterns like addiction to meth develop and progress, they said. Interaction with the subculture leads to the decay of values and growing addiction. They said the cycle often leads to participation in other criminal behavior.

People abuse meth for different reasons, Standerfer said. Some have chosen to associate with the drug-abusing element of society. Others have used meth as a weight loss tool. He said this is a thing of the past because of all the information available about meth, any logical person could not believe the addictive drug is a good method of

weight loss.

"The meth high lasts significantly longer than that of cocaine, and in this area at least, it is much easier to acquire," Standerfer said.

There are several ways to be involved in the drug subculture. Each abuser's role of involvement establishes a functional element within the group, the inspectors said. Meth users rely on each other and suck others into the addictive cycle.

The difference between use of meth and other drugs is it is driven solely by addiction, not finances, said the officers. Many users turn to production to support their habit.

Different roles in the meth production process include:

A bulk dealer and a financier, who employ a middle man to transport the drug. This person gets meth to a local dealer who is responsible for distributing it on a street level.

The manufacturer also relies on many users to purchase the supplies needed to produce the meth. The most common method of manufacture in this area is pseudophedrine, lithium, anhydrous ammonia process method, Standerfer said.

Pseudophedrine is sold in pharmacies in the form of cold pills. Lithium is extracted from batteries. Anhydrous ammonia is a farm fertilizer that is held in giant tanks. Kim Fritts of Fritts Fertilizer in Greenup said the business's anhydrous tanks are stolen from them about twice a week.

"Anhydrous is a liquid under extreme high pressure that sucks the moisture out of anything it touches," he said.

Employees are cautious of anhydrous, and wear gloves because

contact to skin causes extreme chemical burns, Fritts said.

Meth production is dangerous and can be deadly.

Inhalation of the toxic fumes emitted during production is the most common danger.

"Other threats include explosion, fire or chemical spills and leaks," Standerfer said.

Community members need to be aware of the signs of meth amphetamine production to reduce their exposure to these risks.

Most meth labs are discovered by a chemical smell, Standerfer said. Other indicators that someone is producing meth include: keeping strange hours and seeming to be awake for days at a time, making large or frequent purchases of items used in production, covering or blocking windows in the home, spending large amounts of time in storage buildings at inappropriate times and having visitors at all hours of the night or leaving and returning at odd hours.

Meth abuse in a city like Charleston has many negative effects on its citizens.

"The people who end up paying for the problems they (meth users) create are the honest, tax paying citizens who reside in those communities," Standerfer said.

Significant increases in health-care and childcare costs, vehicle accidents and property damage, as well as a higher crime rate occur when a meth problem exists in a community, he said.

An overabundance of court cases involving meth amphetamine leads to overcrowding in county jails and

a heavier caseload for probation departments, said Standerfer.

"In the past three years alone, 177 people have been sentenced to the Illinois Department of Corrections solely for meth amphetamine-related charges brought by the East Central Illinois Task Force."

Standerfer's and Chambers' research has also brought them to several conclusions on the effects of meth presence on a community.

The breakdown of healthy family dynamics and existing relationships results in higher incidences of child neglect, domestic abuse and property taxes. The value of the work force declines as well, they said.

It is possible, though, to counteract the damage meth abuse can cause to communities.

Public awareness, the support of the community and aggressive law enforcement are key, Standerfer said.

Abusers should also seek treatment as soon as possible.

"As a person who works in this environment every day, I can tell you that without some form of treatment, incarceration will do nothing to solve the problem," Standerfer said.

Meth users are different from manufacturers, he said. Because of the dangers to the community they create, producers of the drug need to be dealt with harshly and severely.

Law enforcement alone is not enough of a force to stop the drug trend. Community groups must be active in the fight to end meth abuse in the area.

Chambers and Standerfer are also active in speaking to Charleston area students and community groups like the Meth Awareness Coalition.

Holiday concert rings in season with carols

By Nicole Nicolas
FEATURES REPORTER

Eastern's Symphony Orchestra performed its annual Holiday Concert Sunday night in McAfee Gym.

Eastern's Percussion Ensemble, Chamber Ensemble and the University Men's Chorus played with the Eastern Symphony Orchestra.

"It was exceptional. The singers sang beautifully and the orchestra played stunningly," said Richard Robert Rossi, director of orchestral and choral activities.

Admission was free for Eastern students and faculty and five dollars for the general public.

The Orchestra, Men's Chorus, Percussion Ensemble, and Chamber Ensemble are composed of young adults from high school, Eastern stu-

dents and faculty.

All of the performers practice three times a week together and have been working since October on the songs they performed yesterday.

They also practiced last week on Wednesday night and Saturday afternoon for the Holiday Concert.

The Holiday Concert started off with the Orchestra opening with the familiar sound of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite No. 1.

Rossi said the second movement of Antonio Vivaldi, Et in terra pax was mystical.

"The best song was the second movement of Gloria in D Major because we worked so hard on it, focusing the best we could on it," said freshman Dane Thomas, music education major.

The Men's Chorus, Chamber Ensemble and audience stood tall and joined the Orchestra to sing

"O'Come All Ye Faithful."

"I think the very beginning (of), 'O' Come All Ye Faithful' (was best) because we know it so well," said Whitney Darner, senior health and recreation major. "It's always nice to do something the audience knows."

The concert came to a joyful end with "Joy to the World" and an audience member clapping and shouting, "Bravo!" to be heard all throughout the gymnasium.

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EDITORIAL

Drag show sets good example

More than 700 attended Diva 2003, Charleston's first drag show, Dec. 1 in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union, a proud moment for Eastern.

The show was put on by Pride, the campus' gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender/allies group chapter, to support AIDS World Day. The show featured performances by entertainers from Zim Marss Night Club in Terre Haute, Ind.

The large turnout for the event was so unexpected, members of Pride were setting out more chairs as the room filled.

Pride set an example by organizing a non-traditional event, an event that challenges stereotypes. The group took a risk organizing the very first event of its kind not only at Eastern, but in Charleston. The risk proved worthwhile. Students of all backgrounds could enjoy the show together.

Other Recognized Student Organizations should follow Pride's example of pushing the envelope and trying new things.

RSOs should provide new activities which open minds. Campus groups need to continue to offer a wide range of diverse activities and entertainment, as well as encourage and welcome new ideas.

RSOs could find more ways to expose students to topics they don't encounter every day.

The groups can put together information, bring in speakers and hold panel discussions to shed light on controversial issues of race, sexual orientation, race, political views and religious beliefs.

Sharing ideas and bringing them into public discussion is one way to defeat stereotypes that can lead to discrimination.

The more traditionally controversial issues are brought up front, the more people can be thinking of the issues. They can research them on their own and find out more why the issue is controversial in the first place. If people are informed, it's not as easy to make quick judgments and easier to respect others.

Pride and other RSOs can play a vital role in helping inform the campus community. Defeating ignorance can kill harmful stereotypes.

The editorial is the majority opinion of the Daily Eastern News editorial board.

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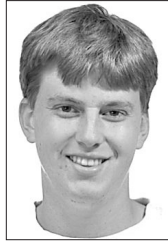
Pride organized Eastern's first drag show. Attendance showed stereotypes aren't always strong on campus.

Our stance

Other RSO's should follow Pride's example by organizing more non-traditional events which challenge stereotypes.

OPINION

Extended hours not best solution



Matt Meinheit

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Here's a shocker for everyone: college students like to drink, always have, always will. That's why the Student Senate recommended a resolution to the Charleston City Council asking for a six month trial period where local bar hours would be extended by one hour on the weekends. To the dismay of many bar goers on Eastern's campus, the council shot down the resolution last week by a 3-2 vote.

There were more reasons than college students liking to drink for the resolution. Student safety and an effort to cooperate with the city to reduce off-campus house parties were two of the driving forces behind the resolution's recommendation.

The resolution was not an example of trying to keep up with other college towns like Champaign-Urbana, which extended its bar hours recently, although the other towns did provide a nice precedent.

Keeping students in Charleston was one of the biggest arguments for the resolution. The Student Senate argued it would be good for the local economy. President Lou Hencken said he wouldn't have to worry about students driving back from Champaign-Urbana after a night at the bars.

City officials were concerned about reducing the number of house parties. The ones that supported the resolution were probably using the logic that if the bars were open an extra hour, all the kids would wear themselves out at the bars instead of going to a house party to drink for an extra hour or two.

That's probably not the way it will work. Students will probably just change their drinking habits.

"All I got in my cup is a stupid kiddy cocktail. Screw this. I'm going to a house party and getting me some jungle juice."

Hencken attributed the desire to extend bar hours to a changing culture on Eastern's campus.

"Students' habits have changed," Hencken said. "It seems like they're going out later."

If the habits of students have already evolved to drinking later, what's to say they won't continue to push back their time to drink after a change in bar hours?

Although the intent in the proposed change was to make an attempt to reduce house parties, "It would have helped, but it would not completely eliminate them," Hencken said. "Would it be the solution to the house party situation? No."

Student Body President Caleb Judy said the resolution was an effort to make a change.

"You don't really know (what effect it will have) unless you try it out," Judy said. "It has something to do with trying to do something positive and it's what the students want."

City council member Lorelei Sims had a different solution to the house party solution. Why not lower the bar entry age to 19.

Woo Hoo! I'm 19 and I'm hanging out at a bar. This is great except for one thing. All I got in my cup is a stupid kiddy cocktail! Screw this. I'm going to a house

party and getting me some jungle juice.

I'm sorry, but if underage students want to drink, they're not going to go to the bar to do it. They will go to a place where someone isn't going to card them. Some place like a house party, perhaps?

Again it comes back to trying to keep students at Eastern. Since Champaign-Urbana allows 19 year olds in the bar, why not Charleston. Hencken said it would just be one less reason for students to leave Charleston on the weekends.

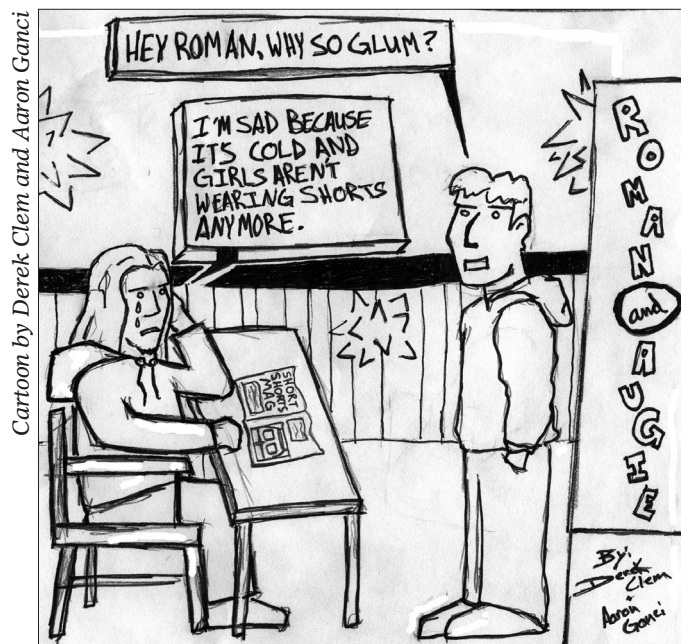
Judy said changing the entry age would have a bigger impact than changing the bar hours.

"(Changing the entry age) would make a much bigger difference," Judy said. "Changing the hours is a smaller step, but still a good step in the right direction.

How much of a difference will changing the bar entry age really have on the amount of house parties? If you're not aware, Charleston used to have a bar entry age of 19, but in the early '90s, the city council changed it to 21. Hencken said things really weren't that different when the entry age was 21.

"We had house parties before the bar entry age was 19," Hencken said. "Do we have more now? I don't have statistics to prove that."

House parties are here to stay, but the situation isn't helpless. What will have the biggest effect on house parties is the behavior of those that attend, not the hours of the bars or the entry age. Students have to take responsibility for their actions and try not to embarrass themselves and their peers.



YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Number Ones' review unjust

I would like to issue a rebuttal to Ben Erwin's warped rant about Michael Jackson's latest release, the "Number Ones" compilation CD he chastises as merely "cookie-cutter." Normally, Erwin is a journalist I hold in high esteem for his ability to use words like "bucolic" in context and make his prose sing with intelligent, obscure observations. However, I vehemently disagree with the turn his music review took on Dec. 5. It seems to me the content of his review has nothing to do with the artist he trashes, and everything to do with Erwin's own vanity as a writer.

Granted, I have not questioned him about his mindset when he chose this particular album for his next "review" topic, but I have a good idea.

It seemed to me that Erwin sat down and decided it would be fun to dethrone Michael Jackson's 20 year

solid-gold reputation as the King of Pop, because it would be timely in light of his current media crisis, and in my opinion, a hilarious challenge.

Why not jump on the bandwagon and finish off MJ's reputation by kicking him when he's down and condemning a lifetime magnificent musical achievement as "dated" and "trite?"

If Jackson is really just a shadow of himself, why did Alien Ant Farm's 2001 cover of his classic, "Smooth Criminal" bring a whole new fan base to a band that released its debut album in 1999? If Jackson's legacy was really in question, I doubt that such current artists as Usher and Justin Timberlake would be riding on his coattails by honoring his dance moves, fashion and famous falsetto so heavily in their own acts.

Erwin attempted to tarnish two of Jackson's most famous

and loved hits, "Billie Jean," and "The Way You Make Me Feel," citing them as "creepy" in today's political content.

However, it was ultimately Erwin's sacrilegious allegation that "It's a bit too presumptuous to say Jackson never had talent as a singer or songwriter" made me irate. Well gee, good thing he didn't attempt to go there. And as far as his troubles with distinguishing, "what Jackson really sounds like," it's amazing that Jackson's voice is instantly recognizable on every continent of the globe.

It's even more amazing that in late 2003 his music is still in heavy rotation at Stix,

where everyone on the dance floor inevitably tries in vain to imitate signature dance moves from Michael's videos and concerts, or just rocks out because they can't get enough.

Michael can't be dethroned, and not even clever verbiage can touch his genius.

The "lack of" instruments were what made the songs revolutionary - because they were something different.

Regardless of the drama surrounding Jackson's personal life, the material on this album has proved itself to be not just timeless, but invincible.

Amee Bohrer
senior journalism major

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Committee vows to fix Panther Express bugs

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The Student Senate Shuttle Bus Committee is currently working on several projects intended to create a smoother shuttle bus system for students.

Committee Chair Adam Howell said the shuttle bus is very important to the Student Senate.

"The shuttle bus system is one of the best aspects we have," Howell said.

The Student Senate recently passed a bill allocating \$278.40 for a new Shuttle Phone service.

The committee is currently working on the phone hotline, which would have information boxes for Bus 1, Bus 2 and then a third box to ask questions or give comments, Howell said.

The third box will allow callers to leave a message and then a committee member will return the call with answers.

"We definitely need as much feedback as we can get," Howell said.

Committee member J.C. Miller said the hotline will work better than before, but still needs work.

"It's better than it was, but it's still kind of confusing," Howell said.

The shuttle buses cost \$222,000 a year, but Howell said the buses are worth the money.

"They are incredibly expensive," Howell said. "A lot more people ride these than people think."

At the Nov. 19 senate meeting, senate member Alecia Robinson and Kyle Donash, chair of the external affairs committee, said the phone hotline was a good idea.

"People don't have to worry about reading it," Robinson said.

"It's definitely a step in the right direction," Donash said.

The committee also is working on a designated driv-



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Students exit the Panther Express shuttle bus at Park West Tuesday afternoon.

er bus, much like the "Gus Bus," which was a bus at Eastern in the early 90s that went to the bars at 1 a.m. and drove people home, Howell said.

"It worked just great for three years," Howell said.

Howell said he would like to work with fraternities or sororities on the project because they have a similar program of their own.

"They've been doing this for years," Howell said.

The committee also just put out new schedules on Dec. 1, but plans to create a new schedule that would be easier to read than the currently available blue schedules, Howell said.

The new schedules would have color-coded maps and outlined time slots so there would be no confusion when students look at them.

Howell created a program called "Senate Ride Along," which would have senate members ride along on random routes.

"Just to make sure they're going to the right places," Howell said.

The committee also is working on revamping the shuttle bus Web site and placing advertisements in the buses, Howell said.

The committee is out to make this year worthwhile for the shuttle bus, Howell said.

"It needs to be very efficient," Howell said. "There is unlimited potential for this system."

He said there has been discussion about the committee leaving Student Senate and going to administration.

"It does take a lot of work," Howell said. "I would like to see it stay student-run."

"I don't care if it kills me, this is going to be a professional system."

Walk illuminates problem areas

By Brian O'Malley
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

The October light walk, wherein administrators check the campus for dark or unsafe areas, helped Facilities Planning and Management put together a list of problem areas on campus.

The light walk was held on Oct. 28 with members of Facilities Planning and Management, Student Senate, University Development and Recycling Committee, University Police Department and also President Lou Hencken.

Gary Reed, Interim Director for Facilities Planning and Management, said the light walk is one of the only times he receives feedback from students.

"The light walk is an important element in gathering student concerns about good security on campus," Reed said. "Knowing where students' concerns exist helps us make optimal decisions on lighting improvement."

Reed said he compiled a list of problem areas to be worked on by his department.

Items included on the list are the addition of blue light emergency phones north of O'Brien Stadium and near Old Main, light fixtures at McAfee Gymnasium, in Stevenson courts and others, Reed said.

Previous light walks have helped gather information about problem areas, fix problems and find new problems, Reed said.

Some of the problems are planned to be worked on immediately, but the needed expenses have yet to be paid.

"These projects are being estimated, but funding is not certain at this time," Reed said.

Lisa Hall, University Development and Recycling Committee member, said she will



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Gary Reed (right), interim director for facilities planning and management, points to a lightpole during the light walk Oct. 28 while talking to Ryan Siegel.

be happy to see changes made.

"It's good that the president and the people who went on the Light Walk with us took it serious," Hall said. "They're really seeing through what we were trying to do with the Light Walk."

Hall said certain areas on campus, like the area after the Doudna Fine Arts Center renovations, might need improvements.

"There's always going to be need for new improvements," Hall said.

The committee organized the walk and invited people they felt would be useful in finding problems, Hall said.

"It's going to be very beneficial every semester," Hall said.

Local kids lead 'Snow Queen' on the Square

By Blake Boldt
STAFF WRITER

The final showing of the seasonal play "The Snow Queen" will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Charleston Alley Theatre.

Tickets are sold out for the last performance, which has been the case for every show.

The play's director, Jeri Matteson-Hughes, remarked, "I'm very pleased with the interest level for this production."

The theater was full the entire weekend, Matteson-Hughes said.

She believed this proves the community's desire for this type of entertainment.

"The Snow Queen" is the story of Greta and her best friend Kai.

Greta is played by 11-year-old Charleston resident Megan Kuhn while Braydon Babbs, 10, plays the part of Kai.

The protagonist, Greta, is a female character, a rare occurrence in literature.

Kai chooses to journey with the Snow Queen to the North when the Snow Queen places a piece of glass in Kai's eye and his heart so

he is unable to "see" properly.

Greta sets out to rescue him. Along the way, Greta meets many people willing to help find her friend.

Greta's goal is to find a way to correct Kai's vision so they can leave the Snow Queen. Her journey is a challenge which tests her faith and strength.

This play, which is directed by Matteson-Hughes, is a Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale adapted by Bernice Bronson.

When asked what makes this

show so special, Matteson-Hughes said, "The kids. The kids simply don't get enough opportunities these days."

"It is wonderful to see the enjoyment that everyone has when performing, especially the younger actors."

While past shows have included Eastern students, this one consists solely of Charleston residents. The actors range in age from 10-65.

Matteson-Hughes said the theater tried to meet the needs of area youth by providing them

with a chance to show their talents.

The play was performed Friday night and Sunday afternoon, with two shows Saturday. "The Snow Queen" was part of the Christmas in the Heart of Charleston Festival.

The next season for the Charleston Alley Theatre begins with "An Evening With Yates," which is slated for January or February.

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Longtime employees recognized for service

By Dominique A. Brown
STAFF WRITER

Eastern faculty members were honored last week for the services offered to the university in their time on staff.

Faculty members from different departments were presented with service awards Tuesday, Dec. 2.

There were 285 faculty members awarded for their continuous service to the university. To be chosen, the candidate must have worked for Eastern for at least five years.

For the fifth year, the recipient is awarded with a certificate reading, "Certificate of Appreciation Presented to (name) in Recognition of Dedicated Service." Every fifth year after

that, the certificate is awarded along with a pin.

The award ceremony and luncheon was organized by Elizabeth Kastl, who has worked in Eastern's human resources department for three years.

"I enjoyed watching all of the recipients get their awards, and I plan to receive the award in the near future," Kastl said.

Robert Wiseman, who works at the Media Center on campus, received an award for his 45 years of service.

Myrna Thomason and Karen Sollers, both members of the academic affairs department, received a service award this year. Thomason has been a faculty member of Eastern for 35 years and Sollers for 15 years.

Years of Service

- ◆ 45 years: Robert Wiseman
- ◆ 35 years: Donald Sundheim and Myrna Thomason
- ◆ 30 years: Kathleen Bennett, Clarence Blanchette, Lynnette Lasky and Danny Metzger

Thomason has always worked in Booth Library. She began as a key punch operator and is currently a library technical assistant. Some of her jobs included ordering and processing books and paying invoices.

"I think the entire ceremony was wonderful, and it was an honor to be a recipient," Thomason

said.

In the future, Thomason plans on receiving more service awards because she does not plan on retiring any time soon.

"It made me feel good getting the award," Sollers said. "I enjoyed the ceremony very much."

Donald Sundheim, assistant professor in the foreign language department, received an award for his 35 years of service.

"It seems like yesterday that I began working here," Sundheim said. "It's kind of sad, though, because almost none of the people I came with are here. They are either retired or have passed away."

Sundheim had a slightly different outlook on receiving the award. He was happy and fortu-

nate to receive the award, but said service should come naturally in the workplace. Being awarded for it was just something extra, a nice gesture, he said.

"You do your work, but years of service are just something you don't think about being awarded for," Sundheim said.

Aside from the award giving, attendees said they really enjoyed Eastern's catering, consisting of roast beef, chicken, vegetables and salad.

"The ceremony was absolutely wonderful," Kastl said. "Aside from the enjoyment of watching everyone receive their award, the second best part of the luncheon was the catering. It was one of the best buffet style meals I have ever eaten."

"They had a great meal for



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Rock me, Fadproof

Fadproof performs for students Saturday night in the Pemberton Hall lobby.

Flu:

Shots only part of the solution in influenza protection

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"People need to be cautious during this season," Drake said. "Avoiding sick people, exercise, eating right, getting enough sleep, not sharing everyday items like cigarettes and drinks and frequent hand washing are all good steps to take to stay healthy."

When trying to stay healthy, avoiding exposure to sick people is sometimes not an option for students. Caraley Ready, a sophomore business major, said living with six girls and trying to stay healthy is hard to get away with.

"If one person in my house gets sick, we all get sick. There is only so much we can do to prevent that," Ready said. "Me and another roommate got our shots, but our house is still disgusting. It's very easy for us to get sick."

Ready also said sleep does not come easy, and her house is far from immaculate because of the number of people living there.

"We try to clean, but it just doesn't work out," she said. "Within an hour the house is messy again. And when I think of sleep, I think of being woken up every hour and being tired all day."

"If one person in my house gets sick, we all get sick."

—Caraley Ready, sophomore business major

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Christmas:

Charleston provided host of festive activities for local families

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A line composed primarily of families with small children was never less than 30 people long.

Live music filtered through the windows with a jazz performance inside Jackson Avenue Coffee at 8:30 p.m.

Magician Andy Anderson appeared at Teen Reach, and children could have their photo taken with Santa.

In the windows of MG&G Human services, German Shepherd mix puppies and tiny kittens played and entertained passers by.

The Coles County Animal Shelter has displayed animals during Christmas in the Heart of Charleston for four years.

"There's lots of neat store fronts," Donna DeLuca, of Charleston, said while standing in front of a storefront displaying the three kings.

DeLuca said she arrived with her husband for an evening of holiday spirit after a friend told her about the event.

"The festivities bring joy to Charleston," she said.

Tim Dean, a junior psychology major, and Rachael Temes, an undecided freshman, also enjoyed the event, finding themselves drawn to the live music.

"I like the harmony that euphoniums make," Dean said. "They make me feel connected with the spirit of Christmas."



Braden Martin (left), 8, of Charleston, acts as Joseph in a live nativity scene with the help of two angels, Stella Winkleblack (center), 8, of Ashmore, and 4 year-old Stacy Doty, of Charleston, Saturday night in the front window of Ruffalo Cody on the Square. The nativity scene was one of many events during the Christmas in the Heart of Charleston. The children are all students from Coles County Christian School.

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First half troubles too much

By John Hohenadel
SPORTS REPORTER

The first 10 minutes of Saturday's game against Indiana State dictated the way the entire contest would be played.

On the first offensive play of the game, David Moss got the ball on the right wing, drove past junior guard Derik Hollyfield and finished with a dunk as he touched the backboard on the way down.

Moss said he got a good pass, and the opening in the lane was a little bigger than he expected.

"It was like the Red Sea parted," Moss said. "I had to dunk that one."

Unfortunately, it simply didn't get any better for Eastern.

Moss was too much to handle for Hollyfield as he drew his second foul with 17:51 in the first half.

"Derik needs to stop getting stupid fouls and getting himself out of sync," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said.

Red-shirt freshman Cortez Forte came in to guard Moss as he did a few times in high school when Moss' Thornwood played Forte's Lyons Township.

"We ran two plays for David, the rest he found by himself," Indiana State head coach Royce Waltman said. "Moss was hard to handle."

Forte wasn't able to stop Moss, but after Forte picked up two quick fouls he settled down and was able to contain Moss.

"When I played him in high school he was tough to defend then too," Forte said. "He's just such a good scorer."

Waltman was impressed with his team's defense and said defense was its strong suit against the Panthers.

The Sycamores had endless opportunities because of their tough defense and poor shooting of the Panthers.

David Roos provided some offense for the Panthers, scoring their first six points and going 3-7 from the field and 2-2 from the charity stripe in the first half.

However, Moss was not to be outdone.

"I just saw opportunities and our guys just executed," said Moss who scored the Sycamore's first 12 points.

Moss was 4-8 from the field, (1-2 from three-point range in the first half) and 6-6 from the free throw line. As a team, the Sycamores shot 13-25 (52 percent) from the field, while the Panthers shot just 8-30 (26.7 percent) in the first half.

Waltman knew the Sycamores needed a boost after losing their last game 86-48 to Penn.

"We played poorly against Penn," Waltman said. "We worked hard all week and tonight we got back to playing like we know we can."

Stevens:

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calling some players out and challenge them to finally perform what they are capable of.

Eastern's all-time leading scorer, Henry Domercant, said last season that sophomore Josh Gomes had to step up when he left because there's no other option. So, why not stand up and say that scoring less than double digits and taking less than 10 shots in three of the first four games is unacceptable?

How about explaining to Jesse Mackinson and David Roos that allowing a dunk and backdoor lay-up on the Sycamores' first two possessions is not exactly an example fundamental defense.

Couldn't he take Derik Holyfield to the side and explain that if he's going to quit putting out any type of effort after getting early, and according to Samuels "stupid" fouls he possibly let Samuels know so he can sit the rest of the game.

Saturday night's game at home against the Missouri Valley Conference's worst team was supposed to reflect two things - how good the Panthers were going to be this year and how much pride this squad has in itself, it's program and it's institution.

To be fair to the Panthers, maybe both those mysteries were solved, and it's possible we just don't like the conclusion. I would like to see how this team would react if they were challenged in a public forum; it's amazing what transpires when your ego is bruised.

Thankfully, the Panthers will compete against NAA member Saint Francis University of Joliet Wednesday, they'll win that one right? Stay tuned. It's going to be a long year.

DePaul improves to 4-1

Chicago, IL (Sports Network) - Delonte Holland scored 22 points in leading the DePaul Blue Demons to a 77-74 victory over the Bradley Braves in non-conference action from Allstate Arena.

Holland finished the game 7-of-11 from the field and a perfect 8-of-8 at the foul line. Andre Brown recorded a double-double for the Demons (4-1), with 14 points and 14 rebounds, while Drake Diener chipped in 12 points.

Phillip Gilbert paced the Braves (5-2) in defeat with a game-high 25 points behind 5-of-11 shooting from long range. Marcell Sommerville added 14 points and seven boards, while Mike Suggs turned in 14 points as well.

The Braves shot 46.9 percent from the field in the first half, including 6-of-13 from long distance, as they opened up a 46-28 lead at the break.

In the second stanza, the Demons hit on 51.6 percent of their total shots and converted 14-of-16 free-throw attempts, as they came from behind for a three-point victory.

◆ Murray State remains undefeated with win

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Cuthbert Victor scored 26 points and grabbed 20 rebounds as Murray State defeated Western Kentucky 100-95 in two overtimes on Sunday.

Rick Jones added 18 points and Adam Chiles and Chris Shumate scored 12 points apiece as Murray State (6-0) continued the best start since 1998-99, when the Racers won their first nine games.

Antonio Haynes scored 23 and Mike Wells had 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Hilltoppers (0-5), who are off to their worst start since the 1999-2000 team lost its first five games.

Anthony Winchester sank a 3-pointer with 13 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 80-80. Wells forced a second overtime with a 3-pointer that tied the game at 89-89 with five seconds left in the first extra session.

Sweep:

Senese gets his 12th individual victory of year

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and we expected him to be the best coming into the season."

Senese picked up his 12th individual win on the season with a time of 1:46.29 in the 200-yard free. Normally competing in the shorter 50-yard free, Padovan switched the events for his talented freshman and the move paid off for the Panthers.

"We wanted to try some people in different events," Padovan said. "It's not very often that Senese will swim the 200-yard for us except during the 800-yard free relay at the end of the season in the Midwest Classic Championships. This meet was a good opportunity to use him in the 200-yard swim."

The men also received first-place finishes from senior Rich Wahlgren in the 50-yard free (21.88), junior Eric Petersen in the 100-yard free (49.39) and freshman diver Dave Trabilsky who won the one-meter diving event.

Eastern (5-2) has now won four dual meets in a row, and Padovan said the

confidence on the team is increasing with each win.

"They're happy with what they accomplished this season even in the two losses and especially in the Louisville loss," Padovan said. "This is a much better team than what we had at this point last year."

The women broke out of their two meet funk and improved to 2-5 overall with a 123-91 victory over the Bulldogs.

Sophomore Jenny Curry won for the fifth time in the last three meets to pace the Panthers. Curry took home the top spot in the 50-free (25.82) and the 100-free (55.81) last Saturday after winning the 50-free against Saint Louis and both events versus Evansville on Nov. 15.

Despite the recent wins, Padovan said Curry is still looking for more.

"Jenny is getting frustrated with her performance," Padovan said. "She swam better last year, but she will come out of it and rest always helps things."

Senior Jordan Sherbrooke added another win to her impressive Eastern career with an impressive time of 1:59.70 in the 200-yard free. The Avon, Ind., native was over two seconds quicker than second-place finisher Catie Scott (2:02.08) of Butler.

"This is a much better team than what we had at this point last year."

—Ray Padovan

The Eastern women won the first five events of the meet to open up a commanding lead. Juniors Rachel Willenborg and Lindsae Blades along with sophomore Meghan Glow and freshman Brittany Wininger all added victories in the rout.

Padovan was able to get switch up some of his swimmers in different events, and the teams competed in the 400-yard individual medley (won by Eastern's Claire Garvey) which is used normally in championship meets only.

Despite the win, Padovan wasn't ready to admit the women have put their early season troubles behind them, but for the first meet since the Thanksgiving break he was pleased.

"We still have some people who need to improve because we're usually better than this," Padovan said. "We didn't shake off all the rust from over the break, but it was a solid meet."



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JACKSONVILLE 66 EASTERN 56

Dolphins' inside presence beats Panthers

◆ Eastern was out-rebounded 48-36 and 24-13 on the offensive boards

By Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern women's basketball team is still looking for its first Division I victory as the Panthers (2-3) fell 66-56 to Jacksonville (2-2) as they leave the state of Florida with nothing but a sunburn.

The back and forth contest between two schools looking for an identity was knotted at 28 after the first 20 minutes of play. The smaller Jacksonville team, who failed to start a women taller than six-feet, was able to dominate the Panthers in the post, outscoring them 12-8 in the paint.

The Dolphins were able to effectively box out the taller Eastern post players and finished the game out-rebounding Eastern 48-36 and 24-13 on the offensive end.

Eastern's leading scorer, Pam O'Connor, was able to get enough touches to record 15 points and eight rebounds to lead the Panthers in both categories.

The junior center was countered by the Dolphins' power forward Yolisha Jackson, who recorded a double-double by earning 17 points and 12 rebounds.

The Jacksonville squad was led by guard Rebecca Montz who earned 23 points.

Within the nine minute and three minute mark left to go in the game, Eastern cut the Dolphin lead to a single point three times but never actually took the advantage in the second half.

Jacksonville was able to outscore Eastern 9-2 by hitting its free throws from the charity stripe.

Eastern had two other starters in double figures with Meghan Sparks scoring 11 points on five of 11 shooting from the field. Senior guard Lauren Dailey also paced the Panther perimeter threat by posting 11 points as well and continued the Eastern streak of hitting a three-point shot in 60 consecutive games.

Freshman point guard Meghan Casad struggled in her first out-of-state road game by turning the ball over five times and providing only four points and one assist. Casad was unable to find her jump shot, as she connected on only one of seven shots from the field.

The deciding factor of this saw-saw battle was the inability of Eastern to hit a field goal within the final 6:25 of play.

Eastern will take its quest for a Division I win as they travel Tuesday to compete against Savannah State.



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Sophomore guard Megan Sparks drives toward the basket during last week's women's basketball game against Indiana-Northwest.

WRESTLING

Ziminski takes first at Northern Iowa Open

◆ Junior Jim Kassner places fourth at 197 pounds

By Dan Renick
STAFF WRITER

The Panthers got their first individual champion of the season at Saturday's 53rd Annual UNI Open while two seniors sat it out.

Junior Pete Ziminski won the heavy-weight division and junior Jim Kassner took fourth in the 197-pound division at a tournament that welcomes perennial powerhouses Iowa, Illinois and Michigan. Seniors Pat Dowty, and Matt Veach didn't compete in the Panthers' last open meet of the year.

Ziminski, who has placed in all of the Panthers' opens this year, was seeded second in his weight-class but proved he deserved to be No. 1. Ziminski had a first round bye and recorded a 36-second pin in the second round.

In the quarter finals he defeated Illinois' Matt Fletcher 5-2 to send him to the finals against the top seed Mike Engallmann of

Minnesota State. Ziminski had another close victory in his first championship match of the year, going the full seven minutes and winning 3-1.

The seventh-seeded Kassner won his first two matches by decision, outscoring his opponents 17-1.

In the quarterfinals he defeated the No. 4 seed in his division 14-7, but was pinned in the second period of his semifinal match. Kassner won his first match of wrestle backs by a walkover forfeit and lost the consolation match by another walkover forfeit.

The Panthers received another good performance out of redshirt freshman Kenny Robertson. Robertson, who has placed in all of his opens this year, lost by an 8-5 decision in the first round, but came back with two pins and two wins by decision. Robertson's wrestle back was cut short when he was shut-out in a consolation quarter-final loss.

Eastern will now move on to dual matches starting on the road as they travel to Bloomington, Ind., to compete against Indiana Sunday.

Woes:

Roos leads Panther scorers with 15

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The team still hasn't found a player who can lead the offense as a solid scorer, and many of the players are pushing hard to improve the offense.

Senior leaders Jesse Mackinson and David Roos, as Coach Samuels recognized, are not lacking in emotion but are lacking in control of their offensive skills.

"Jesse (Mackinson) is just way out of sync right now," Samuels said. "We need to get him into a Lamaze class or a deep reading relaxation class, because he is just pushing too hard right now."

Mackinson finished the game with five points and three turnovers in his 23 minutes. The highest scorer for the Panthers, and only player in double digits, was senior forward David Roos with 15 points.

Things got so bad for the Panther offense that the only bright spot, according to Samuels, was back-up point guard Joey Cortez.

Cortez played 11 minutes for Eastern, and in that time sparked the offense a little with six points and three assists.

The next game the Panthers play will be against the NAIA member team St. Francis on Wednesday, also at Lantz Arena.

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Panther sports calendar		
TUESDAY	W Bball at Savannah State	7 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	M Bball vs. St. Francis	7:05 p.m. Lantz Arena
SATURDAY	Track at Indiana State	
	W Bball at Chicago St.	1 p.m.
	M Bball at Evansville	7 p.m.
SUNDAY	Wrestling at Indiana Duals	All Day



**THROWING
HEAT**
Matthew Stevens
SPORTS EDITOR

Eastern could use a wakeup call

The Panther statistics of Saturday night's first half performance at home against Indiana State were highly deceiving. Eastern actually played worse.

The Panthers shot 27 percent from the floor, including two of 10 from beyond the arc, got out rebounded and oh yeah, there was that 10 minute stretch where not only did Eastern start out in a 25-9 hole, but Indiana State sophomore guard David Moss had Eastern beat by himself 15-9.

I suppose it could've been worse; we could've sold out Lantz Arena for this "Border War," but instead only 2,617 people witnessed this embarrassment.

The inevitable question needs to be asked: what does Eastern head coach Rick Samuels do to stop the bleeding?

There is officially one option left for the Eastern coaching staff: call some people out and do it quick before the Ohio Valley Conference season begins.

Samuels needs to take a page from the coaching book of Michigan State head coach Tom Izzo, whose team lost by 22 points to Duke in a game where the starters emotionally quit after halftime.

After witnessing one of the worst home losses in Spartan history, Izzo decided to put all of his cards on the table and figure out if his team had any heart. Izzo immediately unleashed one of the most honest and respectable speeches I've ever heard out of coach.

"There is no question that I owe an apology to all of you because that was a disgusting display of basketball," Izzo said. "It just got to a point where it didn't seem like we wanted to play, and this is my responsibility, so I owe an apology to 15,000 people."

Izzo went on to challenge and call out his stars players.

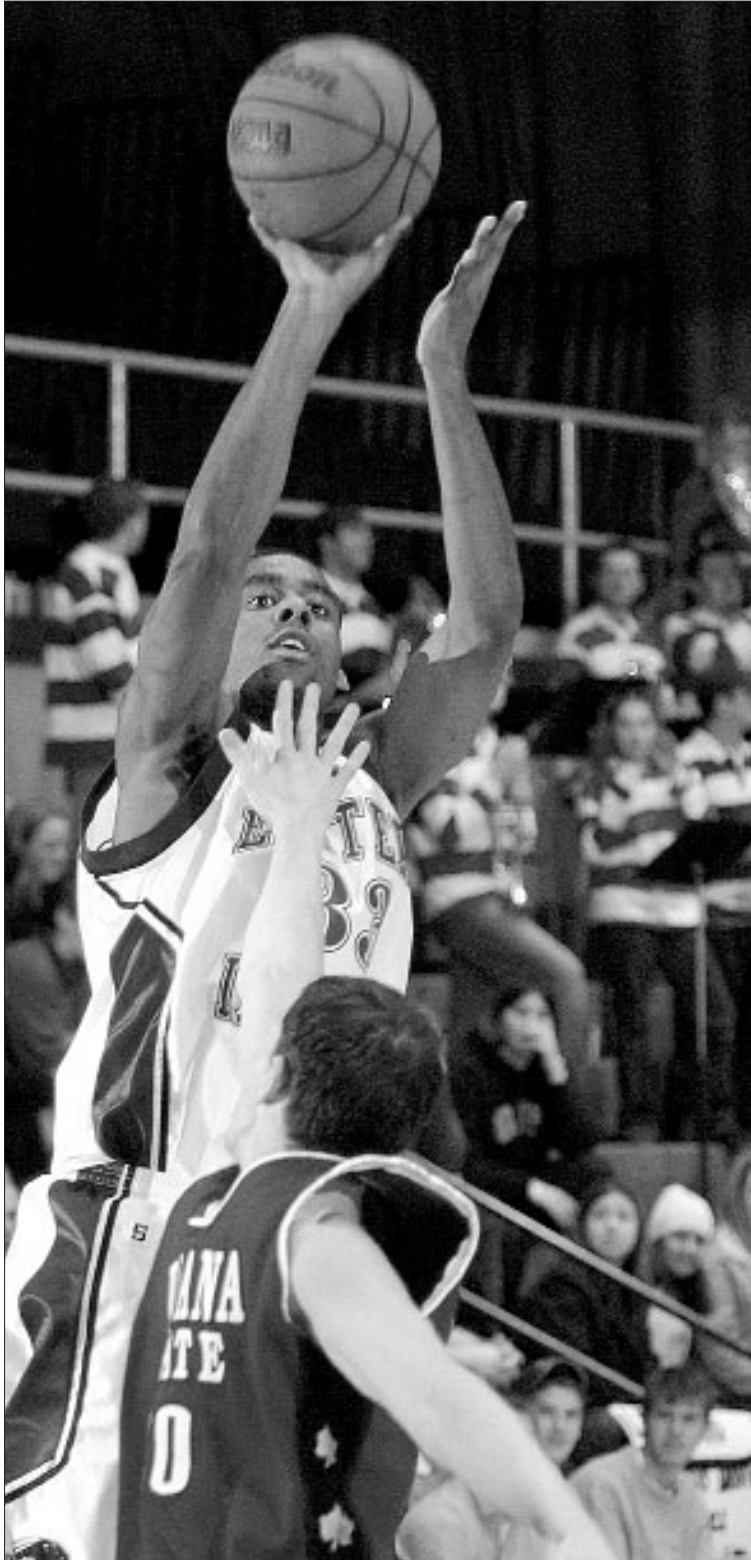
"I don't think that I have ever been more disappointed in the team's performance in the nine years that I have been a coach here. We had a couple of players who played awfully hard, but there are a couple of guys where, there is no sense kidding anymore, you better start playing," Izzo said. "The buck stops here and I have to find a way to change the mentality of this team because right now, we are a soft team.

So, the only difference I see between the Spartans and the Panthers, besides the obvious, is Michigan State gave a good effort against Kansas, quit against Duke and lost in overtime to Oklahoma. Also, this weekend 70,000 people will be attendance (that's right, for a basketball game) at Ford Field with the belief Izzo can circle the wagons against Kentucky. On the flip side, Northern, Wisconsin, Illinois-Chicago and Indiana State aren't exactly quality opponents.

So, what's the harm in Samuels pulling a Tom Izzo and

INDIANA STATE 71 EASTERN 56

Offensive woes continue



Red-shirt freshman guard Cortez Forte stretches to shoot a three-pointer over Indiana State University red-shirt freshman guard Russell Trudeau Saturday night in Lantz Arena.

◆ Panthers shoot under 40 percent as their winless streak hits four

By Aaron Seidlitz
SPORTS REPORTER

A slow start led to a lopsided loss for Eastern Saturday night at Lantz Arena. The way the Panthers (0-4) played showed no signs of progression against Indiana State (2-2) as the Sycamores led by 15 points, 71-56, as the game came to an end.

After Eastern's home-opening loss to Illinois-Chicago, the Panthers'

coaching staff thought the basic concepts of team defense and motion offense were going to be in better shape going into Saturday's game.

But not only did the Panthers still struggle with their man-to-man defense, they also could not find a rhythm offensively.

Throughout the first half of play, the Panthers may have played their worst basketball of the season. Eastern fell behind the Sycamores right after the jump ball.

In the beginning of the game, Eastern could not contain the Sycamores' top scorer, sophomore guard David Moss of Chicago. Moss scored the first 12 points of the game for Indiana State, and by the time his scoring barrage had ended, the Panthers found themselves losing by a score of 12-4.

"He (Moss) is a good player whom I have played against since high school," red-shirt freshman guard Cortez Forte said. "He knows how to score and is a tough guy to defend. The downfall for us against him was letting him get to the charity stripe. If he's at the line, it's an automatic two points."

Moss backed up Forte's words, as he finished the game with a perfect 10-10 from the free throw line.

Moss and the rest of the Sycamores also showed how tough it has been for the Panthers to defend the post, as Indiana State started the game by pounding the ball down low.

Moss's first points were on a dunk, and he followed that with two trips to the free throw line as

Matchup breakdown



56 Eastern Illinois (0-4) vs. 71 Indiana State (2-2)

	FG/FGA	POINTS
EASTERN:	22-56	56
ROOS, David	5-10	15
MACKINSON, Jesse	2-6	5
GOMES, Josh	3-8	7
SINCLAIR, Jake	0-2	1
HOLLYFIELD, Derik	3-6	9
PATTERSON, Aaron	2-3	4
WRIGHT, Jason	1-6	2
FORTE, Cortez	2-4	5
GOBCZYNSKI, Andy	1-3	2
CORTEZ, Joey	3-4	6

INDIANA ST.:	23-45	71
GREEN, Catrell	1-4	3
HOWARD, Marcus	5-8	12
MOSS, David	6-9	23
SCHNITKER, Tyson	2-3	5
EVANS, Darron	1-3	4
ANTOINE, Wilfred	1-3	4
DAANISH, Amani	1-2	2
GRAY, Eric	3-4	10
MORRIS, Ted	2-3	4
SAMS, Jake	1-3	4

he was fouled on lay-up attempts. "Experience can't be an excuse this time because it doesn't take time to assert yourself defensively," Eastern head coach Rick Samuels said. "Right now we're not in shape and don't defend as solidly as we need to."

"We aren't even going to prepare for St. Francis (the next game) because we have a lot of things we need to correct right now if we are going to have any success this year."

The Panthers' soft defense, particularly in the first half, put the team in a hole they could not get out of even though they played more solidly on defense in the second half.

"I don't understand why we came out flat in the first half. We were all ready to go before the game started and then we just didn't play as hard as we needed to," Forte said.

But the lack of emotion in the game wasn't the only problem for the Panthers, as, once again, the offense didn't show any signs of becoming consistent.

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SWIMMING

Panthers sweep Bulldogs at home

◆ Men win 117-86 while women get 123-91 victory

By Michael Gilbert
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The Eastern men's and women's swim teams showed little rust in their first dual meet in nearly three weeks as both squads defeated Butler University Saturday at Lantz Natatorium.

Behind strong performances from freshmen Tyson Beaman and Bill Senese, the Panthers made short work of the Bulldogs with a 117-86 victory.

Against Saint Louis on Nov. 20, Beaman was victorious in the 100-yard breaststroke and the Texan went the distance in the 200-yard breaststroke against Butler for his second career win. With a time of 2:18.03, Beaman was more than three seconds faster than his closest competitor.

Not only were Beaman's first-place points important for the Panthers last weekend, but, as Panthers head coach Ray Padovan noted, so is his versatility. Beaman can swim in a plethora of events and has come on fast the past two meets.

"Tyson is an important person because he can fill a need for our team," Padovan said. "We have two other swimmers in the breaststroke, but Tyson is the best



Junior Freda Young comes up for air Saturday afternoon while swimming the 200 meter butterfly during the swimming meet against Butler in Lantz Natatorium.